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## WHALEY URGES THAT WEST TEXAS CENSUS BE COMPLETE

Stamford, December 22.—West Texas should take a full census of its inhabitants in order that it may have proper representation before the world and may overcome the "balance of power held by East Texas", declared Porter A. Whaley, General Manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, in advocating selection of only the best enumerators, and extending these the utmost co-operation.

"West Texas will show a startling growth when the 1920 census figures have been released. The census begins January 2nd. From 1900 to 1910 West Texas showed an increase of 75 per cent. Despite the depression of 1918 it is expected to duplicate this in 1920.

"It is important that the West get a careful, complete check. This section will get its deserts in the way of new representatives at Austin to help secure needed legislation."

## NEW PRESIDING ELDER VISITS METHODIST CHURCH

Rev. R. A. Clemens, of Plainview, new presiding elder for this district of the Methodist Church, presided last Friday evening at the Methodist Church at the First Quarterly Conference of the church at Floydada. Saturday he spent with other churches in the county, and Sunday afternoon returned here, preaching at the evening hour to a large audience at the church.

## ONE WEEK OF HOLIDAY VACATION FOR SCHOOLS HERE

One week is being given by the Floydada Public Schools for the holiday vacation.

The schools will re-open on Monday morning, December 29th.

## HERE'S A BELATED SUGGESTION FOR SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus has very few hours yet to make his arrangements to take care of all the kiddies, and it is altogether possible he may not get to all the things this little girl wants. However, he will doubtless do his best.

Here's what she says:

DEAR SANTA CLAUS:

"I want a doll, a doll bed, a doll chair, a book, a grape fruit, some candy, some apples, some oranges, some nuts.

Olive May Liston."

## MEALER-FANNING

Miss Ola Mealer, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. O. A. Mealer, of this city, and Ruel W. Fanning, son of Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Fanning, were married Sunday afternoon at 2:30 at the Baptist Parsonage Rev. W. A. Darden officiating at the wedding.

The couple will make their home northeast of Floydada a short distance, where Mr. Fanning will farm another year.

## EXPRESSION CLASS RECITAL HAS GOOD CROWD

A good sized audience heard the recital given Monday evening at the High School Auditorium by Mrs. J. C. Wester's Expression Class.

The program was thoroughly enjoyed by those present.

## SUBJECTS FOR SERMONS AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

Following are the subjects for the sermons at the Baptist Church on Sunday, December 28th.

Morning service, 11 a. m., "Worthy Religious Ideals."

Evening service, 6 p. m., "Hitherto Hath the Lord Helped Us."

## RALLS COUPLE MARRIED

B. M. Naylor and Miss Cleatus Seeds, of Ralls, were married in Floydada Sunday afternoon at the Baptist Parsonage, Rev. W. A. Darden officiating.

## HESPERIAN BEING ISSUED EARLY

The Hesperian is being issued two hours ahead of time this week because regular publication is Christmas, and the paper comes but once a week.

The office will be closed all day Christmas, re-opening Friday morning.

## COLOR PHOTOGRAPHY HAS BEEN INVENTED

London, Dec. 7.—A secret emulsion, invented by a Russian professor, which, it is asserted, will make color photography possible for everybody, is about to be introduced into this country. The problem of making the process capable of snapshot as well as time work is claimed to have been overcome and the exposure can be as rapid as with the ordinary emulsion, thus fitting the invention for moving picture work also.

Special cameras and plates will be on the market shortly and the cost of a colored film is expected to be only 15 to 20 percent higher than the ordinary black and white type.

## R. CARTER DEAD

R. Carter, father of Mrs. M. D. Stephenson, of this city, died Wednesday of last week at his home in Weatherford, Texas, following an illness of several months. Mrs. Stephenson left for that place upon receipt of the information that her father was dead.

Mr. Carter lived in Floyd County for three years, until a few months ago when they went to Weatherford. Prior to his coming here he resided at Wolfe City for a period of thirty years. He was a native of North Carolina and fought during the Civil War as a soldier of the Confederacy. Coming to Texas he amassed considerable property and was a widely known character in Hunt County, which was his home the principal part of his residence in Texas. He was 75 years of age when he died. The remains were shipped from Weatherford to Wolfe City for burial.

The surviving children are: Mrs. M. D. Stephenson, of this city; Mrs. J. W. Morris, of Weatherford; W. A. Carter, of Albany; Mrs. W. S. Nelson, of Fillmore, Oklahoma; A. S. Carter and Miss Urma Lee Carter, of Weatherford.

## B. Y. P. U. PROGRAM

For Sunday, December 28th. Missionary meeting.—China. Byron Clark, leader. Scripture: Psalms 124 and 34:5-15. Dr. Hicks and Mrs. Brannen.

Introduction—Mrs. Darden.

1. Antiquities and resources of China—Mrs. Daniels.

2. The religious life of China—L. T. DuBois.

3. The friendliness of China to the United States—Earl Norman.

4. Our Opportunity—Ford Butler.

5. Demand of China—Miss Hamilton.

Special music by Misses Haygood and Hamilton.

## MARRIAGE LICENSES

The following marriage licenses were issued by County Clerk Tom W. Deen during last week:

December 20th, Mr. Ruel W. Fanning and Miss Ola Mealer.

December 18th, Mr. C. Bagwell and Miss Lurine Joiner.

R. H. Keasler has sold his farm in Blanco Community to J. R. Hall and J. V. Greer, and with his wife left last week to spend the winter in California.

Miss Jennie Lewis left the latter part of last week for Dallas, where she will visit with friends, going from there to points in Missouri to visit with relatives.

Attorney P. B. Randolph, of Plainview, was transacting business in Floydada Monday.

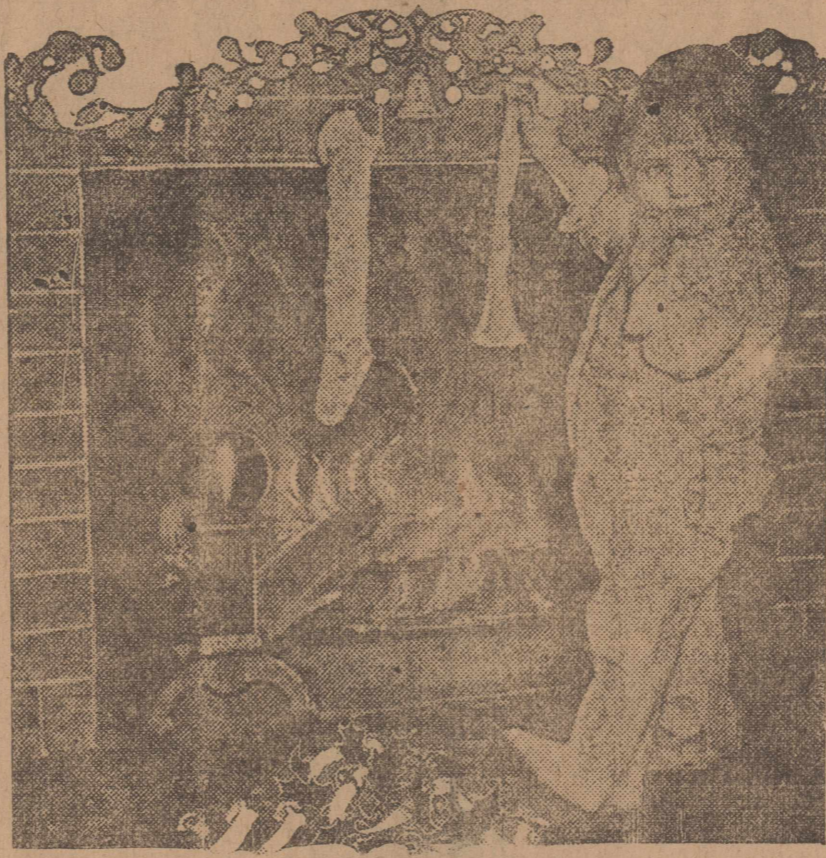
Misses Ethel Tubbs and Pearl White, who are teaching this year in the public schools at Amarillo, came in Friday to spend a two-weeks vacation visit with their parents. Miss Pearl is teaching in the Johnson Street school and Miss Ethel in the Junior High School.

Miss Fannie Matthews, who is teaching this year in Lubbock County, came home last Friday to spend the holiday season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. K. J. Matthews, at Mt. Blanco.

V. O. Vaughan, of Cisco, Texas, is here on a visit with H. N. Porterfield and family.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Byars, of Lockney, were visitors in Floydada Saturday.

## Hanging Up the Stockings



## Christmas Classic in Author's Hand

"A Visit From St. Nicholas," Written by Clement C. Moore 100 Years Ago and Known to Every Child

*'Twas the night before Christmas, when all through the house  
Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse;  
The stockings were hung by the chimney with care,  
In hopes that St. Nicholas soon would be there;  
The children were nestled all snug in their beds,  
While visions of sugar-plums danced in their heads;  
And mamma in her 'kitchen, and I in my cap,  
Had just settled our heads for a long winter's nap;  
When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter,  
I sprang from the bed to see what was the matter;  
Away to the window I flew like a flash,  
To open the shutters and throw up the sash;  
The moon on the breast of the new-fallen snow,  
Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below;  
When, what to my wondering eyes should appear,  
But a miniature sleigh, and eight tiny reindeer,  
With a little old driver, so lively and quick,  
I knew in a moment it must be St. Nick.  
More rapid than eagles his courses they came,  
And he whistled, and shouted, and called them by name;  
"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer and Vixen!  
On, Comet! on, Comet! on, Dunder and Blitzen!"  
To the top of the porch! to the top of the wall!  
Now dash away! dash away! dash away all!"*

A LITTLE book bound in red morocco holds the kernel of the children's celebration the world over of Christmas. To look at it no one would dream its hidden words are even now vibrating in the hearts of countless children, yet the charm its bright covers embrace is perennial. It is the manuscript of the famous children's classic, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Clement C. Moore almost a hundred years ago, and dedicated to his own children in particular, and, as it has since proved, to childhood the world over.

This season it has as its companion in the library of the New York County Historical Society in Central Park West a photographic copy of the original text enlarged sufficiently to enable it to be easily read, for though the original chirography is quite remarkable for a man of Dr. Moore's years—eighty-two when he indited the poem—it is fine and old-fashioned, and therefore somewhat difficult to read. The innovation has proved a rare treat to the library patrons, and it is interesting to note with what reverence it is handled by men and women whose childhood days are long past, yet whose holiday memories are still bright. Two pages and a half are consumed in committing the poem to paper, and the repetition of the old familiar lines brings to mind pleasant thoughts of the season, for no one has ever visualized our American Christmas from the children's viewpoint as has Clement C. Moore in his rare little poem.

The lines were written as a Christmas gift for the author's two young daughters nearly a century ago, but it has since become a progressive gift to countless other girls and boys. Accompanying the original manuscript when it was presented to the society by T. W. Moore, a relative, some fifty years ago, is a letter in which the writer tells how the verses came to be written and how it happened that they were eventually published. Mr. Moore lived at the time in a handsome house overlooking the Hudson, at Ninth Avenue and Twenty-third Street. Then Chelsea, like Greenwich Village, further south, was quite remote from the city. Each was largely populated by the Dutch settlers from Nieuw Amsterdam. Living near his country seat was a portly, rubicund Dutchman, who suggested to him the idea of making St. Nicholas the hero of a Christmas piece for his children. It was, however, with no thought of its ever being published that Mr. Moore wrote the poem, but the lines were copied by a relative of the author in her album. From it another copy was made by a friend of hers from Troy. Some time later, much to the surprise of Dr. Moore, it was for the first time published in a newspaper. By such small chance was this choice little poem saved for posterity. In those days there was no such celebration of Christmas as is now the case, but Dr. Moore, having absorbed the ancient traditions of his Dutch neighbors, wove them into the poem for his children. He did more than that, for he built up around the central thought an interpretation which has gradually come to be our own. As some one has so aptly said, it has become so much part and parcel of our literature that it seldom occurs to people it ever had an author. Since for nearly a hundred years American children have been fed on it, it has now become theirs in very truth.

Sam Dane, of Lubbock, was a business visitor in Floydada last Friday. A. S. Cummins, of Lockney, was a business visitor in Floydada Monday.

## GINS RECEIVE CAR OF COAL; OIL PRACTICALLY GONE

Now its coal that has saved the situation for the gimmers. With practically no fuel oil left and their car somewhere enroute gins are assured of a chance to go ahead with their operations by the receipt the first of the week of a car of coal, which has been divided up among them.

By the intermittent use of the two kinds of fuel, and the mixture of "bollies" with the two the gins hope to keep going straight through the season without further let ups.

Total figures for the season Tuesday at one o'clock were 4,526 bales. All three of the gins have been going steadily, except for the loss of time due to the fuel shortage.

## THREE PUBLIC CHRISTMAS TREES ARE PLANNED

Three public Christmas Trees are announced for Wednesday Evening, Christmas Eve Day, in Floydada, and The Hesperian has been definitely assured that Santa Claus will visit at each place in person during the evening, so that all have a chance to see the old fellow and greet him.

At the Methodist Church the evening's program begins at 6 o'clock promptly. A program has been arranged, following which Santa Claus will make a short visit and the distribution of presents will be made.

At the Presbyterian Church the program begins at 7 o'clock, and C. L. Bolding, superintendent of the Sunday school there, says that Santa Claus will visit them next. He will bring or leave something for everybody who comes.

The program at the Christian Church will begin at 7:30, and after the program Santa Claus will come and the distribution of presents from the tree made.

At all three of these churches a cordial invitation has been extended to everybody of the general public to be present and take part in the pleasures of the evening, arrangements having been made to see that everybody present is not forgotten. And the buildings will all be lighted and warm whether the weather be good or bad, it is declared. Whether the programs were arranged to follow each other in sequence purposely to keep from rushing old Santa too much or whether it is merely a coincidence, is not known in this office. The thing of it is, he is going to be at each place and later in the night will visit in the homes of the town and country.

Many home Christmas trees will also be held, cedars galore being sold at numerous stores in town.

## 14th CENSUS ENUMERATION BEGINS JANUARY SECOND

The fourteenth decennial census of the United States of America will be held in January, beginning on January 2nd, and it is the hope of the Census Bureau to make this a most thorough enumeration not only of the entire population of the nation, but also of its wealth and resources. With this end in view the president has issued a proclamation calling on citizens to respond promptly to questions of enumerators, thus hastening their work and making the census more thorough. Enumerators are required to take oath under penalty not to divulge information given them in their capacity as enumerators.

C. P. Julian, of Sunset, his wife and daughter, will very likely have charge of the enumeration in all parts of the county except Floydada. Mr. Julian has been named as enumerator for precincts three and four and his wife and daughter have been named as his assistants. His application is also in for the appointment as enumerator for precincts one and four, excepting the territory covered by the city limits of Floydada. For this place W. I. Allen, of this city, will very likely be appointed. He has been recommended for the place, has been forwarded papers by District Director Caperton for application, which he filled out Monday of this week.

Miss Marguerite Viles is home to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives. She is attending Baylor Female College at Belton.

Lorraine Nelson left Monday for Austin to spend the holidays with his brother, E. C. Nelson, Jr.

J. D. Merriman, Jr., is spending the Christmas holidays with his parents at their home in Wheeler, Texas.

## H. H. ALLEN AND MISS RUTH BURROWS MARRIED

Yesterday afternoon at 6:30 in Plainview Miss Ruth Burrows and Mr. H. H. Allen, of this city, were married, Rev. G. I. Britain of that city officiating.

After their marriage the couple left for a trip of ten days or two weeks duration in Kansas City and nearby points, which they will spend with relatives.

Miss Burrows has been chief operator at the local telephone office for the past eighteen months. She is the second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. A. Burrows and has been practically reared here. Mr. Allen is proprietor and manager of the Allen Battery Station, coming here last year following his discharge from military service.

They will return to Floydada after the holiday season and make this their home.

## SPECIAL EXAMINATION FOR TEACHERS JAN. 2-3

A special examination for teachers will be held on Friday and Saturday, January second and third, to be held in Floydada, according to arrangement made by Judge J. W. Howard.

Judge Howard had just received word from Miss Blanton to the effect that the examination should be held in which he was asked to give publicity to the fact.

## COAL RESTRICTIONS EFFECTIVE UNTIL SHORTAGE IS RELIEVED

That all coal now being forwarded by the carriers to consumers of the country is emergency coal, and that it is to be distributed in small amounts to those actually in need of fuel, and that relief of the shortage is not yet in sight, sums up the fuel situation this week, from the point of view of W. L. Boerner, local representative of the National Fuel Administration.

Last week a car of coal reached Floydada on which no restrictions had been set. Agent J. M. Hughes and Fuel Administrator W. L. Boerner were soon after its arrival informed, however, that the restrictions had not by any means been raised and that the issuance of coal in small amounts was not only expected of the community but that it would be a part of the scheme to distribute it in this manner until the situation is relieved.

Two cars received this week are being distributed only to persons who have less than 500 pounds of coal, the Coal Permit system still being used. All coal now being shipped here from the mines is emergency coal, and until the actual needs of the people of the territory are taken care of, the limit of 500 pounds will not be raised. "We hope this will be soon," Mr. Boerner said Tuesday. "Whether or not it will remain to be seen. 'Until we can see a small surplus ahead not only at the mines but on the local yards it would be folly to raise the restrictions with the hardest part of the winter still ahead of us, and the prospects for plentiful coal anything but reassuring."

One of the cars of coal received this week here was spotted Tuesday morning and doubtless, with a 500-pound limit, will last two or three days. Farmers and others are busy about the car all the time loading out.

## BROTHER OF J. F. BLANTON DIES OF PNEUMONIA

J. F. Blanton returned home this mid-week from Bells, Grayson county, where he had been at the funeral held for his brother, W. B. Blanton, 47, who died at that place last Thursday after a week's illness from pneumonia.

The funeral was held and interment made at Bells, J. F. Blanton having left for that place Thursday morning of last week immediately upon receipt of the news of his brother's death. The deceased was cashier of The First National Bank of Bells. He leaves a wife, two sons and a daughter. He is also survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ben Blanton of Whitewright.

BORN—To Mr. and Mrs. Lee Rusling, Tuesday, December 16th, a daughter.

Olin B. Scott spent the forepart of the week in Tulsa on business for the Olympic Theatre.



A Very Merry Christmas  
and a  
Happy New Year  
to all

—Is the wish of this bank to its friends and  
customers, old and new, here and everywhere



**The First State Bank**  
OF FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Paid-in Capital	- - -	\$30,000	LEE MONTAGUE, President; W. D. LONG, Vice President; T. S. STEVENSON, Vice President and Cashier; IRVIN BISHOP, Assistant Cashier
Earned Capital	- - -	20,000	
Total Capital	- - -	\$50,000	
			DIRECTORS: Lee Montague, W. D. Long, T. S. Stevenson, W. I. Allen, H. L. Puryear, R. E. L. Muncy, S. A. Greer.

### READY TO SERVE YOU at the Movie Cafe

We are pleased to state that we have everything straightened out and arranged at our new location to care for our trade and will be glad to have you come in, eat with us and make yourself at home. We are always on the lookout for means to make ours a better cafe, and we will give the best eats and service all the time.

### Movie Cafe

W. E. PACK, Prop.

Nice Rooms in Connection.

## COTTON SEED

We are still buying COTTON SEED and want yours. We will make it to your interest to come and see us before you sell.

Call at the store, or better still just catch your seed at the gin, go weigh on the PUBLIC SCALES. The weigher will tell you where to unload,—either at the warehouse or in the car.

## Morris-Nelson

TELEPHONE 42, FLOYDADA, TEXAS

### TO CUT APPROPRIATIONS ONE BILLION DOLLARS

Washington, Dec. 18.—All general appropriations of 1921 will be pared down "in accordance with the strictest economy," excepting the Postoffice and Navy Departments, the estimates of which are less than for the present year. Majority Leader Mondell of Wyoming told the House today when the first urgent deficiency bill of this session was brought up.

Greatest reductions would be made in the army and fortifications estimates, he said, the former request totaling \$982,800,020 and the latter \$177,793,330, an increase of more than \$106,000,000 over the present appropriation.

The balance of estimated liabilities over receipts, Mondell said, is \$3,050,508,574.

Total estimated receipts, he added, "are notable in that they carry no estimate of receipts on account of interest on our loans of nearly \$10,000,000,000 to foreign governments. This interest, if paid, would increase our receipts and lighten our burdens for the year by nearly \$500,000,000. Funding of interest on foreign obligations for two or three years would increase foreign loans at least \$2,000,000,000 above the present figure.

"The fact that such action has been taken by the Secretary of the Treasury," he explained, "reduces our incomes or increases our outlays \$500,000,000 annually."

Congress should cut the estimates at least \$1,000,000,000 and refuse every request which is not imperative, he added. No provisions for increased pay for officers of the army or navy or the nurses' corps, nor estimates for loans, bonuses or development projects benefiting ex-service men, are made in any of the appropriation bills.

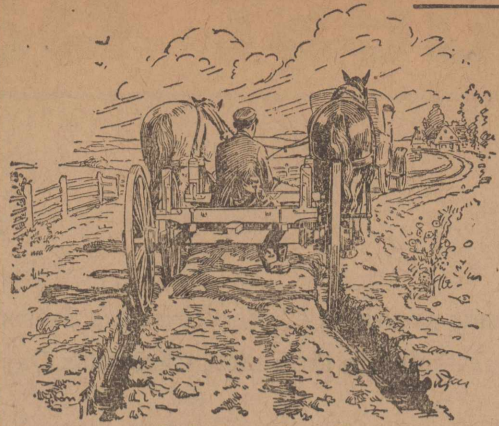
### OKLAHOMA PAPERS FIND PAPER DIFFICULT TO GET

Oklahoma City, Dec. 18.—Existence has been a precarious matter for the Daily Oklahoman and the Oklahoma City Times since the white paper shortage became acute thirty days ago. On several days the arrival of large express shipments of paper saved the two newspapers from suspension and on another day but for the use of a special train to save a wrecked car of paper the Daily Oklahoman would have been unable to publish.

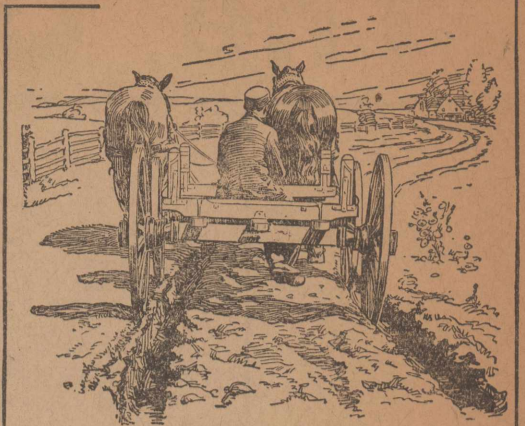
THE NORTHERN STATES HAVE ADOPTED THE 56" AUTO TRACK WAGON

## Which Wagon?—

The One that Fits the Road—or the One that Rides the Ridge



Recommended by the Government. The standardized wagon fits the prevailing track made by automobiles and is the wagon you will want to buy.



This Wagon is Out of Date. This 60" wide track wagon no longer fits the roads when they are muddy and soft.

WOULDN'T you rather buy the style of wagon recommended by your Government, especially when it is designed to pull easier, ride smoother, and last longer—the wagon that fits the roads and does not ride the ridge?

The Standardized Weber "Auto-track" Wagon saves wear on itself, other wagons, automobiles, and rubber tires.

The Weber fifth wheel and swivel coupling wagon is either sold at a price much too low or most other wagons are sold at prices much too high, quality considered. Compare and draw your own conclusion. To date the leading wagon manufacturers of America have sold at the most conservative estimate 100,000 standardized auto-track wagons. From this introduction it is but a step to universal use of this type of wagon. Wouldn't you rather be identified with progress and recognized as an up-to-date farmer by doing your hauling with such a wagon than to be classed as an unprogressive "back number" by buying a 60-inch wide-track wagon, thereby helping some manufacturer and dealer to "unload" an obsolete type? Think it over—and then come and see us about a standardized auto-track Weber.

O. P. RUTLEDGE

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

THE SOUTHERN STATES HAVE ADOPTED THE 56" AUTO TRACK WAGON

## PRICE-GOEN SELLS FOR CASH

The publishers watched the progress of the car in question from the mill to Kansas City and breathed easy when it passed Bartlesville, only to have all hopes shattered by a wreck fifty miles from Oklahoma City which ditched the precious car of paper. Immediately orders were secured from the headquarters of the road for an emergency wrecking crew which made a record run and brought the paper into the press room at Oklahoma City ten minutes before the starting of the press.

F. O. Larson, business manager of the Tulsa World, went to Kansas City Tuesday, employed a special engine and crew and personally hunted down a lost car of paper and started it on its way to Tulsa. But for Larson's ingenuity The World would be unable to publish Thursday.

The Oklahoman and Times have maintained a fourteen-page maximum for daily editions for more than two weeks. All display matter, signatures, cuts and illustrations have been eliminated from classified sections. Practically no foreign advertising has been used for a week. More than 700 inches of local business was eliminated from The Times Thursday. The publishers estimate that they have refused \$25,000 worth of advertising during the crisis.

### WAR ON HIGH PRICES STARTED BY WOMEN

Chicago, Ill., Dec. 18.—Women of Illinois will lead the campaign against the high cost of living. A woman is to take charge of the entire state organization being formed to batter down prices. Her powers, it is expected, will be even greater than those of Major A. A. Sprague, Fair Price Commissioner for the state.

Mrs. Maude R. Turley, organizer of the woman's division, issued her first communication to the women of the state today.

"Stop buying," she said, "refuse to pay luxury prices and unreasonable costs for the common foodstuffs."

"Buy only what is absolutely necessary now."

"Stop eating dollar a dozen eggs and 90 cent butter."

"Postpone purchase of the fur coat and expensive suit for the present and watch prices tumble."

"You are 90 per cent of the purchasing power in Illinois. Use that power this minute and watch the results while you carry out your other plans."

### NATION'S CROP VALUE MORE THAN EVER KNOWN

Washington, Dec. 12.—Record prices and bountiful productions sent the value of farm crops harvested

No agents No commissions

## You cannot buy art treasures of memorials at a bargain counter.

Don't buy a pile of ancient and inferior stock from the man who offers you nothing but a cheap price.

Permit us to assist you in the selection of a beautiful and appropriate design, and execute it in an artistic and enduring manner, with a fair return for our ability and investment.

Buy the GRANITE everlasting from the

## South Plains Monument Company

Plainview, Texas

Orders placed now can be delivered before Christmas.

## Travel East? GO ON THE LINE CAR

We make the trip DAILY, rain or shine, except SUNDAY. Car makes direct connections east and north. Going or coming you make money going the LINE CAR ROUTE. Round trip fare, MATADOR or ROARING SPRINGS, \$4.00.

C. C. WRIGHT, Manager

# PUBLIC SALE!

At my place 8 miles east and 3 miles south of Floydada; 1 mile east and 1 south of Baker School House, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock a. m.,

## Monday, Dec. 29th

I will sell the following described property:

### 26 HEAD LIVE STOCK

- 1 Span mare mules, 17 hands high, 9 years old.
- 1 Mare mule, 16 hands high, 4 years old.
- 1 Horse mule, 15 hands high, 6 years old.
- 1 Span mare mules, 15 hands high, 5 years old.
- 3 Horse mules, 15 hands high, 5 years old.
- 1 Span horse mules, 14 hands high, 3 years.
- 1 Work horse, 9 years old.
- 1 Saddle pony, 6 years old.
- 1 Driving mare, 6 years old.
- 1 Mare, broke to drive and ride, 3 years old.
- 1 Team bay colts, 2 years old.
- 1 Black Percheron Stallion, 17 hands high, 5 years old.
- 1 Black Spanish Jack, 15 hands high, six years old. A good one.
- 3 Good jennets.
- 1 Black Jersey cow fresh in a few days.
- 1 Jersey cow, giving milk.
- 1 Yearling heifer.
- 1 White face steer calf.

### FARMING MACHINERY

- 1 Champion header, cut about 400 acres.
- 1 Deering row binder in good shape.
- 1 Success Sulkey Plow and breaking attachment.
- 1 Katydid Breaking Plow.
- 3 Cultivators.
- 1 Two-row planter, with disc openers and Cotton attachments.
- 1 Slide go-devil. 1 Knife go-devil.
- 1 Drag Harrow. 1 14-Inch walking plow.
- 1 one-row lister with cotton attachments.
- 1 High wheel wagon.
- 1 Low wheel wagon, bundle frame and box.
- 1 Two-seated hack.
- 1 Fuller & Johnson Pump Engine, in good running order.
- 4 Sets chain harness and a few collars.
- 1 Set double driving harness.
- A good anvil and vice and a lot of other small tools.
- 4 Dozen Plymouth Rock hens. Some good roosters.

TERMS OF SALE: Sums \$10 and under cash. On sums over \$10, 12 months time will be given on bankable notes bearing 8 per cent interest, or 3 per cent discount for cash. All stuff to be settled for before removal.

## Free Lunch on Ground

L. H. HART, Owner

T. J. Allen Auctioneer

S. E. DUNCAN, Clerk

this year to the unprecedented total of \$414,092,740,000, exceeding the value of last year's crops by almost \$1,500,000,000. Final estimates of production were issued today by the department of agriculture and statistics were based on prices paid to producers December 1. The area of harvested crops this year was more than 260,000 acres larger than last year, amounting to a total of 359,124,473 acres. Corn easily maintained its place as king of crops, with a value of \$3,934,234,000, while cotton

with a total value of \$2,332,913,000. The hay crop was third with \$2,290,087,000.

Wheat, combining the winter and spring crop, was fourth with \$2,028,522,000.

Mrs. Grady Vaughan left Friday morning for Plainview to visit for a week with the family of John Vaughan. Grady will leave for that place Christmas morning and after a short visit there they will proceed to New York City to make their home.

# The Oldest Bank in Floyd Co.

Sends greetings of the Christmas Season to all its Friends and Customers.—Old and new,—May you and yours enjoy to the fullest Christmas Day and the remainder of the Holiday Season.

## To you, who have made 1919 the greatest year

In many respects in the career of this institution, we express our appreciation. If you have been pleased with the service we have been able to give you, the pleasure has been mutual, because we have delighted in being in position to take care of our friends and customers.

## To those who have not been our customers

We extend a hearty greeting and suggest that Christmas times are "get acquainted times." If we can serve you, you'll find that careful attention to the details of your financial affairs can be depended upon here, and that, come good or bad times, this bank is ever watchful for the protection of the best interests of its patrons.

# THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

**OFFICERS:**

C. Surginer, President  
E. C. Nelson, Vice President  
S. E. Duncan, Cashier

**DIRECTORS:**

C. Surginer  
J. B. Jenkins  
E. C. Nelson  
Thos. Montgomery

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**POLITICAL ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The following named persons have authorized The Hesperian to make the announcement of their respective candidacies for the office indicated over their names, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary in July, 1920:

- For Tax Assessor:  
D. I. BOLDING.
- For County and District Clerk:  
MISS LOLA WALLING.
- For District Attorney 64th Judicial District:  
CHARLES CLEMENTS, of Plainview.

Egg nogs will be few this year for the annual Christmas celebration, on account of the shortage of sugar and eggs.

While the southwest has been enjoying balmy weather the past few days the northeastern states especially have been having some extreme weather. Points in that section experiencing as low as 22 degrees below zero weather. The United States is big that the weather man has to like turns with the various sections of the country. He can't give everybody the same brand all the time.

The number of people who took the astrologist more seriously than he expected, is doubtless astounding to the professor who made the announcement of the sunspots due last week, and on whose predictions so many folks based their expectations of the world's end. The professor said there

would be extremes of weather beginning the 17th. And he was right, so far as this country is concerned. Who can remember so many pretty days in a row in December as has been in evidence in Floyd County the past few days. And who knows but that tomorrow or next day may bring the other extreme?

At last the deportations of Russian Reds from the United States to their former homes has started, nearly 500 of them leaving the United States the first of the week for an unknown port in "Red" Russia. It is a notable fact that these "reds" packed all the warm clothing and food-stuffs in their personal belongings that were possible. In Russia they are said to have as "Red" a government as the reddest red could wish, which should apparently fully satisfy Emma Goldman and the rest.

Peculiar the credulous mood people are now in. Any kind of a rumor gets full credence. Apparently folks are looking for somebody to come along and abridge their rights, and make themselves ready for any eventuality. Recently at Memphis, in Hall County, a rumor was spread that one package per day could be mailed at that post office, and some of the people with many distant relatives were worrying about having to make a daily pilgrimage to the office to get their unteem presents in the mail.

The higher courts have passed favorably on the law which permits women to vote in Texas, and accordingly women who plan to cast ballots in the elections this year should be buying their poll tax receipts. The law grants only the privilege of voting in the primaries, but all officials of the state and county from constable to governor will be chosen in the primary, which amounts to practically the same thing in the end. If the women show enough interest in the matter, they will doubtless be granted full franchise rights soon. At least they can vote for officials who have the inclination to grant them this right.

Prices of cotton cannot be maintained at present levels as long as the steadily declining exchange market continues to pile up a barrier against the exportation of the staple, is the

viewpoint of D. E. Lyday, president of the Texas Farmers' Union, expressed in a statement issued last week, in connection with the calling together of farmers and business men at a meeting in Dallas to discuss the situation, with officials of the Federal Reserve Bank. With cotton one third short of the world's demands farmers face a ruinous market if the exchange situation is not in some manner remedied. England, German and French exchange is the lowest in history.

The Hesperian is indeed hopeful that Floydada will have another impediment removed from the pathway of its growth in the establishment of an uptown express office by the express company during the next twenty to thirty days, the possibilities to our mind, being largely increased by the fact that officials of the company have paid the town a visit and looked over the situation for themselves. One fact which will possibly work against us is the unsettled state of affairs in the nation's financial and economical fabric. This plea is being used largely by companies serving the public at present and it is a mighty one, too. However, the need for an uptown express is a real one at Floydada. Not only this but it seems to be evident that the company is maintaining the kind of service asked for here in other towns which do not give the company as much business as is given by Floydada. Having committed themselves to this proposition it may at least be figured that Floydada business people are going to stand pat and win or lose on the justice of their cause.

**COUNTY PARKS**

The News has for several years past endeavored to interest the people of both city and country in the matter of county parks. It has not only attempted to show, and it believes successfully, the need of such recreation centers; but it has also reminded its readers that such places will be practically impossible of attainment within a few years, for the very reason that land values are constantly increasing, and therefore the necessary area for county parks will be more and more difficult to obtain as time passes and prices go upward. It may not be out of place to again, in a few words, present some of the reasons why county parks should be

a feature of every county: (1) They would give a place where the people can gather in large numbers for meetings of a public nature, where matters pertaining to the public good may be discussed and acted upon. (2) They would afford a place where various public amusements and sports may be indulged and witnessed in comfort and under attractive surroundings. (3) They would furnish beauty spots where those who need recreation and rest, whether from the city or country, may go and spend delightful hours, or even days, in quietude and peace. (4) In many cases land for county park work purposes may be obtained without cost, public-spirited citizens being glad to donate a sufficient acreage for that purpose, especially since there is much land in every county well adapted to park purposes which is now adapted to agricultural pursuits. Such land is sometimes better adapted to the purpose than is more valuable ground, for the reason that it may be rugged and some of it rough but at the same time picturesque and beautiful from a scenic standpoint. (5) If a number of these parks are established in the county, they are likely to be situated sufficiently near rural schools to be available for the children to use to a greater or less extent. In fact, they should be located so as to make at least one of them within easy reach of the people in each section of the county.

These parks would also have the effect of bringing the city people and the country people together oftener, with the result that they would have a better understanding of each other's needs, likes and dislikes. This should be, and doubtless would be, helpful in the adjustment of many matters which now go by default for lack of such acquaintanceship and knowledge of one another's needs. Automobiles and interurban cars are helping greatly in this direction, and county parks to be used for the purpose here indicated would make these more effective and increase the number of occasions for city and country coming together in a co-operative effort to promote the common good.

Representative John Davis of Dallas county introduced and had passed by the Texas Legislature a year or so ago a law enabling the counties to establish county parks by permitting them to levy a certain limited tax for that purpose. We believe that Lubbock county, one of our far western, but very progressive counties, is, so



## COMING! OLYMPIC THEATRE

FLOYDADA  
SPECIAL ATTRACTION

Mary Pickford  
in  
"The Hoodlum"  
Thursday, January 8th

— ONE DAY ONLY —

Bigger than "Daddy Long Legs." Don't miss her latest picture of 1000 laughs.

Reserved Seats Now on Sale.

far as The Dallas News knows, the first to take advantage of the law referred to. The enterprising and progressive Chamber of Commerce of Lubbock, county seat of the county of that name, took up this matter and had it presented to the people at the last election. The people in turn saw the good to be derived from the establishment of these parks, and so voted the tax more than the two-thirds majority necessary to carry it. —Dallas News.

Doris Armstrong and Hollie Pool, who are attending St. Mary's Academy at Amarillo, came home Friday to spend the holiday vacation.

Judson Wyman, who is attending Baylor College at Waco this year, is home for the holidays to visit his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Wyman, having arrived Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. R. T. Miller and daughter, Miss Sudie, are home for the holiday season visiting relatives. Miss Sudie is attending West Texas State Normal College at Canyon and they are making their residence there for the winter.

G. M. Armstrong was down two or three days the latter part of last week and the first of this, visiting at the parental home.

W. M. Windsor returned home the latter part of last week after several weeks spent at Wichita Falls, Burk Burnett and Fort Worth.

F. L. Hargis, wife and son, are here from Merkel, Texas, to spend the holiday season with relatives.

Carbon Paper and ribbons at The Hesperian Office.

# Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to one and all.

## BROWN BROTHERS

**EGGS! EGGS!**  
 Condimental Poultry Mixture is an egg producer and also cures Roup and Sore Head. Condimental is a mineral Tonic, that takes the place of the green food that your hens can't get in the Fall and winter. Every box sold under a printed guarantee. A 60c box will furnish fifty hens for four months.  
**FOR SALE BY**  
**P.T. Rucker Produce**  
 EXCLUSIVELY

**BREEDEN'S RHEUMATIC COMPOUND**  
**FOR RHEUMATISM SOLD EVERYWHERE**  
 Sold By Woody Drug Company  
 Miss Marie Henry is at home from Denton to spend the Christmas holiday season. She is attending the College of Industrial Arts at Denton.

**The Hesperian Want Ad Department**  
 Barbed wire at \$4.50 at Kirk & Sons. 42-1tc  
**WANTED TO RENT**  
 125 acres of land, third and fourth. See G. I. or R. G. Dunavant. 41-2tp  
**FOR SALE—Choice White Wyan dotte cockerels, \$2.50 and up. Some are prize winners. Write or see W. W. May 2 1-2 miles northeast of Mickey. 41-3tp**  
 For work horses, mules or mares see Jno A. Hollums, at my office. 42-2tc.

**NOTICE OF STOCKHOLDERS' MEETING**  
 Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of The First National Bank will be held on Friday after the second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1920, the same being Friday, January 16th, A. D. 1920, at the First National Bank, Floydada, Texas, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year and for the transaction of any other business that may come before them.  
**E. C. NELSON,**  
 Vice President. 42-2tc.  
**WANTED—To buy residence. What do you have to offer. G. W. Gilbert at Seale Dry Goods. 42-2tp**  
 Remember the Sealey Mattress at Kirk & Sons. 42-1tc

**FLOYD COUNTY LAND WANTED**  
 I have several buyers for Floyd County land. If you have land for sale list it with me and I will do the rest. W. B. Hollums, Anson, Texas. 41-6tp.  
 Nearly all of that car of Moon Bros. buggies booked. If you want one you must act now. Kirk & Sons. 42-1tc.  
 For marble monuments see S. B. McCleskey. 9-tf  
 Miss Mollie Cram Spirella Corsiere. 4tc

Choice residence lots for sale in any part of Floydada. R. C. Scott. 25-tfc  
 Liberty Bonds or Vendors Lien Notes will buy nice home in Floydada Easy terms. See W. M. Massie & Bro. 25-tfc  
**LOST—Near Bosley residence 1 gown in small sack, blue braid on neck. Return to Mrs. J. L. West. 42-1tc.**

## Acknowledgment and Appreciation

We take this means of stating to you that we appreciate your business. We trust that you have been as well pleased as we have been. Our business has grown beyond what we expected, and we will not forget our business relations in the past.

To our old customers, we say, we will try to serve you better.

To others, we say, give us a trial.

To all, we say, let us serve you, our motto during the coming year. We handle the best, medium and cheap, furniture and hardware.

LET US SERVE YOU

# Kirk & Sons

**GARNER BROS.**  
 UNDERTAKERS and EMBALMERS.  
 We have just added an Auto Hearse to our already excellent equipment. All calls answered promptly day or night.  
**PLAINVIEW, TEXAS**

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**CHILDREN'S PRIVATE SANITARIUM**  
 For Medical and Surgical Cases  
 Phone No. 177  
**FLOYDADA, TEXAS**

**R. C. SCOTT**  
**ABSTRACTS OF TITLES**  
 Notary Public and Conveyancer. Complete Abstracts to all lands and lots in Floyd County. 20 years experience with Floyd County land titles.  
**DEEDS**  
 And other instruments of writing prepared. If you are getting a loan let me bring your Abstract to date.  
**Room 7, First National Bank Building**

**PLEASE PAY UP**  
 We appreciate the business you have given us during 1919, and our collections have also been good. However, there are a few accounts outstanding and we ask that these come in and make settlement of their accounts in some manner before January 1st, as we want to clean up and straighten out our 1919 business before beginning on the New Year.  
 Your prompt attention to this request will be appreciated.  
 42-1tc W. H. SEALE, Dry Goods.

**FOR SALE—Practically new Oliver typewriter in first-class condition. Miss Lucy Crum, at Gamble Land & Cattle Co. office. 40-3tc**

**FOR SALE—Nice 4-room residence on West Virginia Street. See J. M. Rector for prices and terms. 41-4tp**

**FOR SALE HOGS**  
 25 head of meat hogs, 25 head of sows will find pigs soon, 30 head of shoats. Immune from cholera. Price 14 cents per pound. William Ramsey, Foch, Texas. 41-2tp

**WORK MULES**  
 I have for sale ten or twelve spans of well matched young work mules from 3 to 6 years old. All native stuff, good condition and ready to go to work. See the mules in my pasture 4 miles south of Floydada. Roy Curry. 40-3tc

Just a few more Hoosier cabinets at the old price at Kirk & Sons. 42-1tc

Get one of those big oil heaters at Kirk & Sons. 42-1tc

**FOR SALE—My house and five lots in northwest Floydada. Will sell house or lots separately. Terms. T. H. Benton. 42-2tp**

**ABSTRACTER, NOTARY PUBLIC.** That's my business. R. C. Scott. Room 7, First Nat'l. Bank Building. 25tfc

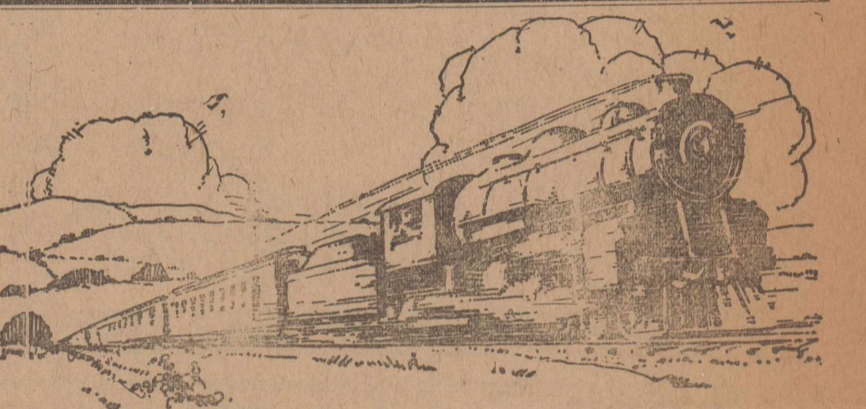
**WELL LOCATED LAND AND LOTS FOR SALE**  
 As administrator of the estate of W. T. Montgomery, deceased, I have for sale several choice residence and business lots in Floydada; also 80 acres of land adjoining town and 33 1-3 acre block close in.  
 If you are looking for something good in locations either for a small farm or for business or town residences see me at my office, basement of court house, and let me go over these propositions with you.  
 27-tc. J. C. GAITHER.

**NOTICE**  
 Beginning January 1st, 1920, we will only deliver orders amounting to \$2.50 or more. Star Cash Grocery Company. 40-3tc

**FOR SALE—2 sections of land situated in Floyd County 10 miles Southwest of Floydada, about 2 1-2 miles from the town of Petersburg, within a quarter of a mile of school and church. Survey Numbers—Section 36 in block K, containing 614 1-2 acres, about 300 in cultivation, land is fenced and cross fenced, plenty of water, windmill and tank, 6 room house on property, also other buildings. Also Section 33, in block K, across the public road from Section 36, containing 640 acres, land is smooth, no lakes, fine water. Will sell both tracts at the right price, one third or fourth cash, balance on time. For further information write A Zundelowitz, Wichita Falls, Texas. 41-tf.**

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**GENERAL LAND AGENTS**  
 (The Senior Land & Abstract Business of Floyd County.)  
**BUY, SELL, LEASE OR EXCHANGE LAND**  
 Any size tracts through Northwest Texas, especially through Floyd and other Counties of the beautiful Plains. Render and Pay Taxes, Furnish Abstracts, Perfect Titles Etc.  
**NON-RESIDENT LANDS A SPECIALTY**  
**W. M. MASSIE & BROTHER**  
**FLOYDADA, TEXAS**

**ARTHUR B. DUNCAN**  
**GENERAL LAND AGENT AND ABSTRACTOR**  
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 —ADDRESS—  
**ARTHUR B. DUNCAN**  
**FLOYDADA, TEXAS**



The railways of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railways.  
 —United States Senator Cummins.

## Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

and he will tell you that American railroads are the best in the world.

He saw the foreign roads — in England and France, the best in Europe — and in other Continental countries — and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world — we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings — and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen — in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men — the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

*This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives*

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# 1919

## Has Been a Good Year With Seale Dry Goods

We appreciate the business you have given us.

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You will find us at all times striving to give you the best merchandise possible at the lowest price possible for good merchandising. Live and Let Live is our Motto.

# W. H. Seale, Dry Goods

WEST SIDE FLOYDADA, TEXAS

**PACKERS TO CONFINE OPERATIONS TO MEAT AND PROVISIONS BUSINESS**

Washington, Dec. 18.—The Government's anti-trust action against the great meat packers, begun at President Willson's direction last summer as part of the fight on the high cost of living, has been compromised un-

der an agreement by which the packers will confine themselves hereafter to the meat and provision business. An injunction decree to which the packers have acceded will be entered in the Federal courts to make the agreement binding. Under its terms the big five—Swift, Armour, Morris, Wilson and Cudahy—have agreed: To sell under supervision of the

United States District Court, preferably to the live stock producers and the public, all their holdings in public stockyards and newspapers. To dispose of all their interests in public cold storage warehouses, except as necessary for their own meat products. To forever disassociate themselves with the retail meat business. To forever disassociate themselves with all "unrelated lines", including wholesale groceries; fresh canned, dried or salt fish; fresh, dried or canned vegetables; fresh, crushed, dried, evaporated or canned fruits; confectioneries; syrups; soda water fountain supplies, etc.; molasses, honey, jams, jellies and preserves; sauces, relishes, etc.; coffee, tea, chocolate, cocoa, nuts, flour sugar rice, and cereals (with an exception to be noted); bread, wafers, crackers, biscuits, spaghetti, vermicelli, macaroni, cigars, china, furniture, etc. To forever abandon the use of the branch houses, route cars and automobile trucks comprising their distribution system, for any other than their own meat and dairy products. To perpetually submit to the jurisdiction of the United States District Courts, under an injunction forbidding all the defendants from directly or indirectly maintaining any combination or conspiracy with each other or any other person or persons, or monopolizing or attempting to monopolize any food products in the United States, or indulging in any unfair and unlawful practices.

**GOEN & CLARK**  
General Real Estate Agents

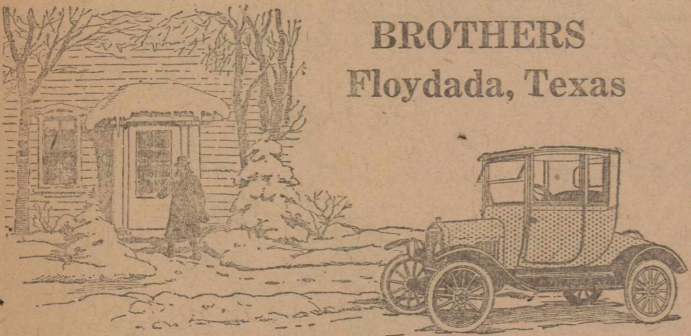
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Floydada, Texas



Probably there is no other car that every day in the year meets the demand of the physician as does the Ford Coupe, with its permanent top, its broad seat and deep upholstery, its sliding plate glass windows, by which in a minute the car is changed from a closed car to an open car. Equipped with an electric starting and lighting system, demountable rims with 3 1/2 inch tires all around and embodying all the established merits and economies of the Ford car. Let us look after your Ford car and you will get genuine Ford parts and skilled workmanship.

**BARKER BROTHERS**  
Floydada, Texas



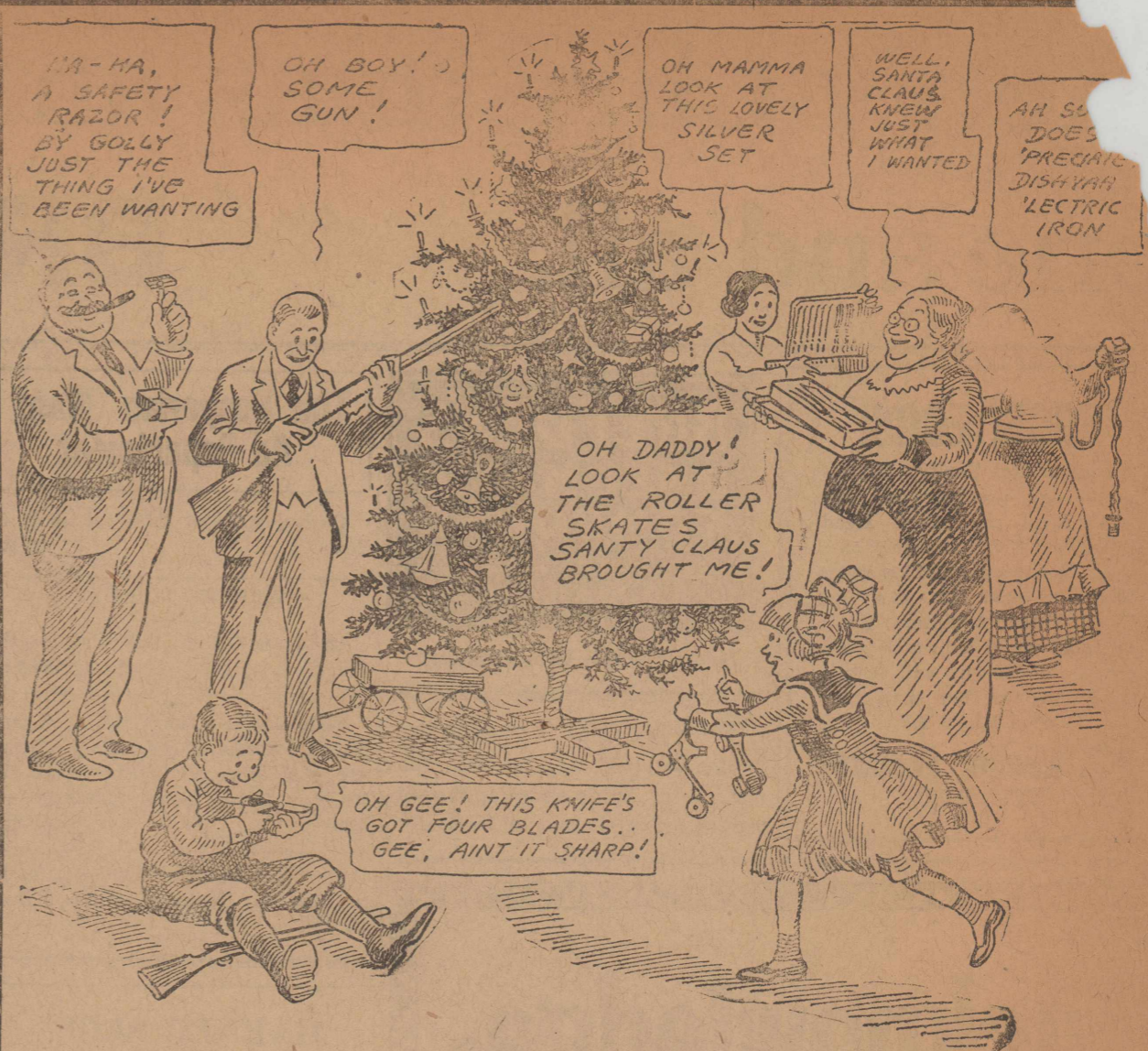
**NEW TRIAL GRANTED WHEN JUROR EATS WITH LITIGANT**

A lawsuit with a rather unusual sequel was tried in the District Court here this week. The plaintiff was A. F. Luse and the defendant the First State Bank & Trust Company. The suit involved a lot of complicated dealings in cattle and, after a tight battle, the jury awarded Luse a certain amount.

The unusual sequel followed when counsel for the defendant filed a motion for a new trial on the ground that one of the jurors had eaten dinner with the plaintiff during the course of the trial.

A new trial has been granted, on this point, it is understood.—Hereford Brand.

Judge L. S. Kinder, of Plainview, was a business visitor in Floydada last mid-week.



**Here it is---The Hardware Christmas**

We told you it would be a Hardware Christmas, and do they look happy, well "I'll say they do."

Just think of the ducks and quails and bears and lions that Brother Bill may kill with that shotgun or rifle, or whatever it is, and think of the hundreds of "before breakfast" home-made shaves Dad will get out of that razor. And think of the healthy exercise for little sister and the sore fingers for little brother and the carving set and silver.

You see we haven't exaggerated a bit, because there are a hundred other Hardware things we could have hung on this tree if we wanted to. But there's enough to prove what we said it would be—"A Hardware Christmas," and a Merry Christmas. See you next week.

**C. SURGINER & SON**

Telephone Number 24

Floydada, Texas

**PUBLIC SALE**

At my farm 8 miles west of Floydada, 1-2 mile south of Sand Hill School House, beginning promptly at 10 o'clock a. m.,  
**MONDAY, DECEMBER 29th**  
I will sell the following described property:

**FARMING IMPLEMENTS**

- 1 Emerson 3 disc plow.
- 1 Good Kentucky Drill.
- 1 Good disc harrow, nearly new.
- 1 Good Drag Harrow.
- 2 Good mole board plows.
- 1 8-inch turning plow.
- 2 P. & O. Listers.
- 1 John Deere 2-row go-devil.
- 1 One-row go-devil.
- 1 Cultivator.
- 1 McCormick Row Binder.
- 2 Wagons, high wheels.
- 1 Good set of leather harness.
- A lot of chain harness.
- 1 Maxwell Car, in good running order.
- 1 Ford Car, in good shape.
- 1 Saddle.
- 1 Nelson Concert Grand Piano.
- 1 Duofold. 1 Library Table.
- 1 Round Dining Table.
- 3 Iron beds. 2 Art Squares. Dresser.
- 1 Sewing machine, Singer.
- 1 Kitchen Cabinet.
- 1 New Perfection Oil Stove.

- 1 Hot Blast Heater.
- 1 Cook Stove.
- 15 Gallons home made syrup.
- 10 Gallons pure hog lard.
- Other things too numerous to mention.

**LIVESTOCK**

- 12 Head of good work stock, Horses, mares and mules.
- 1 Horse colt.
- 1 Good Jack. 2 Jersey milk cows.
- 1 Bald faced milk cow.
- 1 Holstein milk cow.
- 3 Good 2-year-old heifers.
- 2 Heifer calves.
- 1 Bull calf.
- 1 Registered Duroc male hog, 6 months old.
- 10 Good fat hogs, will run from 275 to 400 pounds.
- 2 Good Duroc Jersey sows, with 8 pigs each, 3 weeks old.
- 1 Poland China sow, with pigs 3 weeks old.
- 1 Red sow with pigs 3 weeks old.
- 23 head of nice shoats, average about 100 lbs
- 10 or 12 Good Sheep due to lamb April 1st.
- A nice lot of R. I. Red Chickens, and a few Leghorns.

**TERMS OF SALE**—Sums \$10 and under cash. On sums over \$10, 12 months' time will be given on bankable notes, bearing 10 per cent interest, or 5 per cent discount for cash.

**FREE LUNCH ON GROUND**  
G. W. JOHNSON, Owner      W. H. SEALE, Auctioneer

**THE TEXAS COTTON CROP**

(By F. N. Gray, Texas Cotton Crop Specialist, Bureau of Crop Estimates, United States Department of Agriculture.)

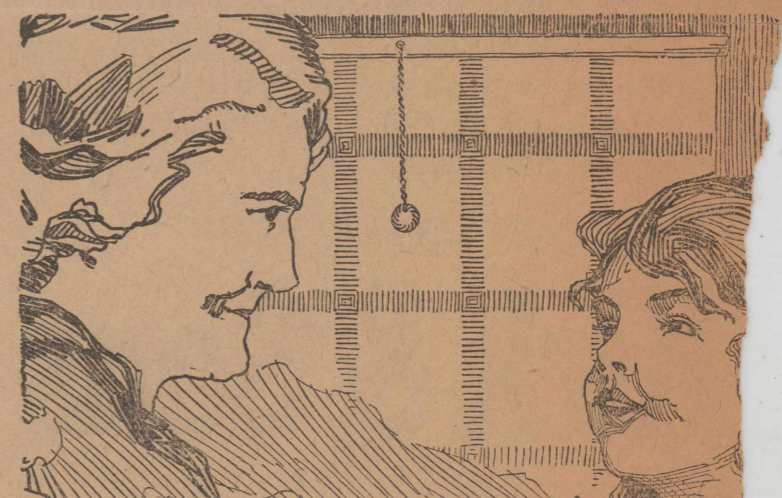
Houston, December 13.—The final estimate shows the Texas cotton crop to be practically the same in number of bales, as last year's short crop. Both years' crops suffered alike throughout the seasons, from extremes of weather influence, but the excesses were the opposite in character in application to areas affected. Last year, because of prolonged drought, the west half of the state made little cotton, while the east half, with necessary moisture, made a splendid crop. This year, with excess of moisture throughout and multiplied insects of every known kind, the eastern belt has suffered in almost equal proportion therefrom, as did the western belt last year from excessive drought.

The late date of killing frost, as of November 12, materially added to the crop in that part of the state, unaffected by insects.

Picking has been most unusually delayed by bad weather in nearly all districts, but particularly so, in the west center and northwest, where but little over half of the crop was picked by December, account of heavy yield, shortness of labor and high cost of picking, amounting to as much as \$60.00 per bale.

The estimate for Texas, of 2,700,000 bales, 500 pounds gross weight, is based on 1,293,240,000 pounds of lint, picked from 9,984,000 acres, of 10,755,000 acres estimated planted and standing June 25, which shows an abandonment of 7 per cent since that date because of inability to cultivate account of continuous rains. The average yield of lint cotton per acre for the state, is estimated at 150 pounds. Last year's production of cotton was 2,696,561 bales, 500 pounds gross weight, and the 5 year average 1913-1917, (census) is 3,723,128 bales.

The average yield of lint cotton per acre by districts, is as follows:  
Northwest—(usually 8 per cent of crop) composed of 30 counties, yield 255 pounds.  
North (17 per cent of crop) 16 counties, average yield 135 pounds.  
Northeast (13 per cent of crop) 20 counties, average yield 110 pounds.  
West center (6 per cent of crop) 26 counties, average yield 252 pounds.



**Everybody Pleased**

Every person, from grandmother down to the smallest child, is pleased with BELLE OF WICHITA Flour, because they know just what good things can be baked with it. If the folks at the table are divided and hard to please, there is one certain solution: Order a sack of BELLE OF WICHITA Flour TODAY.

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LAKEVIEW MERCANTILE CO.



**WARREN & TUBBS**  
GENERAL REAL ESTATE AGENTS

DEALERS IN FARMS, RANCHES AND TOWN PROPERTY

See us for Bargains. Room 10, First National Bank Building, Floydada, Texas.

Center (31 per cent of crop) 29 counties, average yield 133 pounds.  
East (7 per cent of crop) 21 counties, average yield 48 pounds.  
South (14 per cent of crop) 29 counties, average yield 80 pounds.  
Southeast (4 per cent of crop) 12 counties, average yield 40 pounds.

**GOES TO FLOYDADA**  
A deal was made last week where-

by T. S. Stevenson goes State Bank of Floydada and active vice president "Mick" is a Silvertown many friends here who in the business with Silvertown Star.


Mr. and Mrs. N. Hill, left the es month for Corp spend the remain that section.

**Kodak Finishing  
and Enlarging  
WILSON STUDIO**

**Dr. W. M. Fulbright**  
PHYSICIAN AND SURGEON

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**Glasses Fitted**  
By Modern, Scientific  
Methods

**Wilson Kimble**  
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OFFICE ROOMS 11 and 12  
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Diseases of Women and  
Children a Specialty  
FLOYDADA, TEXAS  
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## Farm Loans a Specialty

Loans made five, seven, or ten years, with prepayment privilege. No inspection fee, no fee to examine title. You don't have to take stock or stand for anybody else's debt. You get all you borrow. Reasonable rates and prompt service.

**W. D. SMITH**

Room 6, National Bank Building Floydada, Texas

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### TEXAS WINTER WHEAT

The Texas winter wheat acreage planted this fall is estimated to be 1,077,000 acres which is but approximately 55 per cent of the planted acreage of 1918.

This marked reduction has been caused almost wholly by the excessive fall rains which prevented preparation and seeding, although labor scarcity and the high price of labor has also been a factor.

The greatest acreage reduction has been in the black land belt of north Texas where but about 25 percent of last years acreage has been planted. In the panhandle and upper plains section it seems that conditions have been more favorable and that the plantings will be about 65 per cent of the acreage planted last year. Since this section includes 53 per cent of the total acreage of the state it has helped bolster up the state's acreage.

The present condition of the crop for the state is 79 percent of normal. Figures for the State and for the United States follows: Texas, 1919 acreage, 1,077,000; 1918 acreage, December revised, 1,959,000; condition 79 per cent. United States, 1919 acreage, 38,770,000; 1918 acreage, December revised, 50,489,000; condition 85.2.

### HOG CHOLERA PRECAUTIONS WISE, SAYS DR. NYE

Dr. Nye, representative of the Bureau of Animal Industry, Hog Cholera Control Service, spent last mid-week here with County Veterinarian M. F. Husky and County Agent W. H. Darrow, and with them made a tour of the county tracing down hog cholera rumors, also visiting points in Crosby County.

Dr. Nye is doubtful whether any of the cholera cases reported in this county really have been cholera. He thinks that the larger per cent of the cases of deaths in herds here have been due to pneumonia, practically all cases of sickness among hogs being among herds shipped from other altitudes.

However, Dr. Nye declares there is no doubt that cholera exists among at least one herd in Crosby County, a herd of hogs from South Texas being badly infected. So far as was learned no definite measures are being taken to prevent the spread from that herd, and he declares that strict obedience to the rules of the quarantine laid down by the Commissioners'

Court of this county, will be the pari of wisdom for every hog owner in the county.

Among other suggestions made, Dr. Nye said that the best place for the purchase of hogs from areas which have cholera is at the stockyards. All hogs shipped from yards are carefully inspected before being allowed to go out as feeders or stockers, the danger of loss from cholera thus being reduced to the minimum.

### SINGING HOGS INSTEAD OF SCALDING THEM

Why worry about having the water just right for scalding hogs? We don't. After the hogs are killed, we take a rag that is partly filled with gasoline and rub the upper side of each carcass. When we have rubbed on about a half pint of gasoline, we use a torch and ignite the gasoline. The flame sings the hair from the carcass. Then we turn the carcass over and singe the other side. It takes about a pint of gasoline for each carcass. Do not pour the gasoline; rub it on. After singing the carcass, scrape then just as if they had been scalded; then wash them.

One of the biggest advantages of singing is this: we can rub the gasoline into the depressions and wrinkles on the head—into corners where it is almost impossible to scrape. One of our neighbors uses a gasoline blow torch for these corners about the head.—Farm Journal.

### ALL CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENTS MAY BE BEATEN

Austin, December 16.—Tabulation of returns so far received by the State Election Board on the constitutional amendments of Nov. 4 show that all six amendments and the resolution for a constitutional convention were defeated, W. A. Keeling, a member of the board, said today. The board will adjourn without declaring the result until returns from forty-three counties, which are missing, can be obtained, Keeling continued.

He said that votes from these missing counties are expected to bring the Galveston bond amendment and the Confederate pension amendment enough votes to carry them.

### A TRIBUTE TO THE MEMORY OF BENNETT JEFFARES

It saddens the heart to chronicle the death of friends, and especially when it comes to the flower of youthful manhood, just awaking to the ambitions of life. But death is no respecter of persons. It is the one thing that comes to one and all alike, sooner or later.

On Friday evening, December 5th, God, in His infinite wisdom, saw fit to call the spirit of Bennett Jeffares from its earthly tenement to live, henceforth, in the mansion not made with hands. Bennett had been a patient sufferer for two years of that dread disease, consumption. His parents, thinking to benefit his health brought him to the plains of Texas from their home in Georgia, only to die among strangers apparently, but in his short stay among us the chords of friendship had been formed so strong that numbers were made sad at his early demise.

Bennett was only nineteen years old and had his health permitted, he would have graduated this year from high school, having already won two scholarships in the Boys' Corn Club Contest of the State University of Georgia, and received his certificate of honor from that institution for the years of 1917 and 1918.

When one is so young and possesses that rare virtue, ambition to excel in the better things of life, we wonder sometime that God should call them to himself and apparently thwart the influence that must surely emanate from such a life. But it is not for us to question the divine will of "Him who doeth all things well," and may we bow in humble submission, knowing that there will be no more suffering or future sorrow lying in store for him here, but eternal joy and happiness in the Great Beyond.

### —A FRIEND.

### DO YOU KNOW?

Do you know the young fellow who works for \$25.00 a week and who is wearing a new winter suit that cost \$85.00?

Do you know the housewife who is ashamed to be seen with a market basket on her arm or to carry home a brown paper bundle?

Do you know the manufacturer who, when the price of raw material and overhead goes up 5 per cent and the cost of labor advances an equal amount, adds 25 per cent to the price of his goods?

Do you know the girl working for \$18.00 a week who is buying and wearing a \$350.00 fur coat?

Do you know the man who lets a "fresh" clerk sneer him into buying a \$15 hat for fear he'll seem "cheap"

when he can buy a satisfactory hat for \$7.00?

Do you know the man who has traded his War Savings Stamps or Liberty Bonds for the promise of 100 per cent profit in a stock company backed by a dishonest promoter?

Do you know the married couple who do not think enough of their children to teach them to save by buying war savings stamps?

Do you know the person who lets the desire of the moment destroy the results of days and weeks of thrift and saving?

Do you know the person who thinks it is not necessary to save?

Do you know the man who says that the Government Savings securities, Liberty Bonds, War Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates are too slow or too small or too old fashioned for his investments?

If you do, you know pretty well what is the matter with lots of people today.—Bulletin Treasury Department.

### TAKES AGENCY FOR CASE TRACTORS AND SEPARATORS

John H. Reagan has been named by the Case Harvester Company, as their agent in Floyd County.

He will deal in the company's general line of harvesting machinery, specializing in tractors and separators.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Ball and children of Bovina, Texas, are here on a visit with Mrs. Ball's parents, Mr. and Mrs. O. F. Battey, of Lakeview, having arrived last Friday. Ever since the Battey family moved to the plains several years ago all the family have gathered in a reunion each Christmas at the parental hom, and the family will all be together again this year.

Mrs. P. D. Haney, formerly Mrs. Emma Reno, by which name she will be remembered by friends here, underwent a major operation at Lubbock last Thursday and is recovering satisfactorily, according to advices received the first of the week by her brother-in-law, Judge E. P. Henry, who spent Thursday and Friday there.

Audrey Hodges and wife, of Briscoe County, visited here the latter part of last week with Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Stevenson. Mr. Hodges returned home the first of the week.

## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year



Closing our books for the year without thanking our many friends for the business they have given us would be like leaving one of our principal debts unpaid.

Our biggest asset is the good will of our customers, and we appreciate each and every one's share in this business friendship.

May 1920 bring a lasting peace and to you greater prosperity and happiness.



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**S. E. Duncan**  
Representative

## DODGE CARS

We are now in a position to accept orders for early deliveries on DODGE CARS.

Dodge Touring Car, f. o. b. Plainview, \$1225  
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Plainview, Texas

**A  
Christmas Carol**

"What means this glory round  
our feet,"  
The Magi amused, "more  
bright than morn?"  
And voices chanted clear and  
sweet,  
"Today the Prince of Peace  
is born!"  
"What means that star," the  
Shepherds said,  
"That brightens through the  
rocky glen?"  
And angels answering over-  
head,  
Sang, "Peace on earth, good-  
will to men!"  
'Tis eighteen hundred years  
and more.  
Since those sweet oracles  
were dumb;  
We wait for Him, like them  
of yore;  
Alas, He seems so slow to  
come!  
But it was said, in words of  
gold,  
No time or sorrow e'er shall  
dim,  
That little children might be  
bold  
In perfect trust to come to  
Him.  
All round about our feet shall  
shine  
A light like that the wise  
men saw.  
If we our loving wills incline  
To that sweet Life which is  
the Law.  
So shall we learn to under-  
stand  
The simple faith of shep-  
herds then,  
And, clasping kindly hand in  
hand,  
Sing, "Peace on earth, good-  
will to men!"  
But they who do their souls  
no wrong,  
But keep at eve the faith  
of morn,  
Shall daily hear the angel-song,  
"Today the Prince of Peace  
is born!"  
—James Russell Lowell.

Mrs. R. E. Fry left the latter part of last week for Denver, Colorado where she will spend the holidays on a visit with her brother and sister, Dave and Miss Wynette Britton.

**ANOTHER MURDER MYSTERY  
IN COTTLE COUNTY**

Paducah Post:  
Who was the man, what was his name, where did he come from, what was he doing and how he met his death? are the many questions that baffle the sheriff and his force and all others who try to solve the mystery of the bleaching bones that were found last week on Pease river.  
Several days ago a farmer who lives in that section of the country was out trapping. His dog got hold of a bone and began to growl. This attracted the man's attention, as the dog was acting in an unusual way. He went to where the dog was and found the bleaching bones of a human being. This was found about 100 yards north of the deep canyon on the east side of Pease river, where the railroad crosses, and about 100 yards to the west of the railroad right-of-way.  
Sheriff Wright was informed of this matter and he at once went to make an investigation. The skeleton was so secluded that after a search of three or four hours they had to go to the man's house who had found it to get him to locate it for them. The skeleton was found on the spot above described, in a deep draw and under a cluster of cedar.  
Sheriff Wright is of the opinion that foul play was the cause of the death, but no clue has yet been secured regarding the killing. It is very evident that the body had been dragged from the railroad track to where the bones were found, as a pocket knife, a razor, a looking glass and several other little articles were found in direct line from the railroad track to where the bones were found.  
A number of things were found around the skeleton, including the man's shoes, which were of a workman's nature, with extra heavy soles and hobnails. Many bits of his clothing were still there, and some of them showed that blood was on them. There were a number of pieces of silver found, consisting mostly of a half dollar, some quarters, nickels and dimes. A scrap of paper was found on which this wording could be made out: "DONLEY CO." and about half of the "U" for the next letter visible. Other scraps of paper were found, but there is nothing sufficient to indicate the man's identity or his

whereabouts. There were a number of other little things that were found, such as a box of some kind of salve, and things that a man would naturally need.

One of the things that leads the sheriff to believe that foul play was used is the fact that it showed that a fire had been built up over the body. The bones and pieces of clothing found scattered all around a pile of ashes, and the signs of where a fire had been built.

It is evident that this skeleton has not been bleaching in the hot sun and cold northerners of the Pease river for more than two years, for a fence was built right along where the bones were found two years ago. Also the shoes and bits of clothing indicate as much, for the leather on many parts of the shoes still has a bright cast and does not show the impression weather would make on them for any great length of time. However, every particle of the flesh was gone from the bones, and many of the bones could not be found.

Perhaps this will always remain a mystery, but the Sheriff is doing all in his power to make identifications and to find some cause of the death, but the chances that it will go down as mysterious as the Spilker case of fifteen years ago.

**HALE COUNTY JUDGE CANDI-  
DATE FOR DISTRICT ATTORNEY**

Judge Charles Clements, of Hale County, has authorized The Hesperian to make the announcement that he is a candidate for the office of District Attorney of the 64th Judicial District, which includes Floyd, Hale, Lamb, Briscoe, Swisher and Castro Counties. His candidacy is subject to the Democratic Primaries next July.

Mr. Clements was formerly county attorney of Hale County, and is now serving his second term as county Judge of that county.

"I believe in the enforcement of the law without fear or favor," the judge said in making his announcement, "and if chosen by the people of the district as their attorney will use my every effort to make them an efficient and worthy officer."

As county attorney of Hale County Mr. Clements was diligent in the performance of his duties, and as county judge his rulings have been firm and impartial, and his work for the betterment of the rural schools of the county has also been a feature of his administration.

Following his graduation from the Plainview high school Mr. Clements went to the Law Department of the University of Texas, where he graduated with high honors, and following his graduation was selected by the faculty of the institution as quiz-master in the law department.

He plans to make as full a canvass of the district as the duties of the office of county judge will permit.

**IN MEMORY**

Earl David French was born in Bell county, Texas, April 25, 1893. He was the third son of Mr. and Mrs. G. D. French. In this instance there seems to be more truth than poetry in the old proverb "The third always charms," for he always seemed to charm his friends by his strong personality, divine thoughts and words.

When Earl was fourteen years old, his family moved to Plainview, Texas, where he entered high school completed the course and graduated with high honors of his class. The next year he attended the Methodist College, Seth Ward. He was valedictorian of the class of 1912-13.

During his school days at Seth Ward, he gained the undoubted confidence of both teachers and students. His comrades always knew where to find him and what to ask of him. He was always ready to lend a helping hand to his fellow students, classes, society, and all college activities. He was one of the college's strongest declaimers, orators, and debaters and always represented his society and the college in contests.

In November 1913, he, with his father, mother and two brothers moved to their farm four miles south west of Floydada. He has made his home near this place the last six years, but has spent a part of the time in South Texas, Mexico and the army.

In all walks of life and at all times and places he proved himself to be a gentleman in the full sense of the word. He was always meek, humble and sincere, seeing the good in others, doing his part, and expected others to possess the same winning characteristics. He was always careful in selecting and forming friendship, and never expected more of his friends than he could give. Every one esteemed his friendship. His daily life was above criticism, and his presence seemed to fill the atmosphere with admiration, respect and reverence.

From early childhood he loved his home, his country and his church. He

was always loyal and faithful, and was ever ready to respond to the call of duty. Words cannot express this characteristic better than one of our poets who said:

"Duty makes us do things well, but love makes us do things beautifully."  
During his illness and the intense suffering, he was always kind and patient, and when too sick to express his appreciation with words, he showed it in his facial expression.

He never felt the least excited or doubtful about his heavenly home, but had the satisfaction and sweet assurance that all was well with his soul. What a consolation it is to know where to find our friends and loved ones! What a debt we owe to our God for having permitted us to have such a friend; a friend who was a God-loving man, and one who will be remembered by his Christian influence and what he has done.

"Where he may lead I'll follow,  
My trust in Him repose;  
And every hour in perfect peace  
I'll sing, He knows, He, knows.

My name and my place, and my tomb  
all forgotten,  
The brief race of time well and pa-  
tiently run,  
So let me pass away, peacefully,  
silently,  
Only remembered by what I have  
done."  
—A FRIEND

**RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT**

Whereas an all wise Province has deemed it best to remove from our midst our beloved Sunday school superintendent, Brother Earl French, therefore be it

Resolved, by the Methodist Sunday school Floydada, Texas, that we express our deep sorrow because of his death,

Be it further resolved, that to us he has been a faithful superintendent and his work among us has been crowned with great success and it is to be deeply regretted he was taken away so early from the work. Be it further

Resolved, that the Sunday school extend to the relatives of the deceased their heartfelt sympathy for them in their bereavement. Be it further

Resolved, that a copy of these resolutions be kept on the records of the Sunday school, a copy be printed in the local paper and a copy be sent to his parents, Brother and Sister G. D. French.

J. M. Willson  
Bernice Henry  
Jessie Green.

—Committee.

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# A Very Merry Christmas

To all our Customers and Friends and Thanks for the Wonderful Business we have enjoyed.

It is with genuine pleasure that we extend on this Christmas Eve Day Heartiest Greetings of the season to our large list of Friends and Customers, and wish for each of you a Merry Christmas. May you and yours have a full complement of the Christmas Day Cheer and Happiness.

In more ways than one 1919 has been a wonderful year with us. We have had a full share of the prosperity which has been vouchsafed the people of Floyd County; We have added many new names to the list of our customers; and we have been able to serve them, in spite of scarce and high merchandise, better than ever before.

For the part you have had in making this a banner year for us, we want to express deep appreciation; and we hope that the cordial relations which have existed between this store and the buying public may be continued next year and always.

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Let us sell you a cockerel to add color and type to your flock. Prices \$2.50 and up. Come and see our birds.

## Allen & Trammell

Floydada, Texas

## Laundry Notice!

All Laundry Customers are requested to bring in their Laundry without fail on—

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so as to get it back from the laundry the same week.

Our laundry advises us that on account of shortage of labor we must get our work to them Tuesday to get delivery the same week, which makes it necessary for us to get all laundry in Monday's.

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That car of furniture came as we expected. Look it over and see if it is not the best car that has come to Floydada. We will be glad to show you our furniture, as it speaks for itself.

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