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SNOW FLURRY ACCOMPANIED BY COLD

Three Inches of Snow Monday Night is Followed by Lower Temperature.

A three-inch snow Monday afternoon and night fell in Floyd and adjacent counties, becoming lighter toward the north, the fall barely covering the ground at Amarillo.

The snow was accompanied by wind from the north-east, and was followed by the coldest temperature of the season. The thermometer registered 10 degrees above zero, Tuesday morning at 6:30.

Tuesday and Wednesday were clear and crisp, with slightly higher temperature throughout both days.

Lightning and thunder accompanying the snow were peculiar phenomena Monday night.

J. R. McPeak's Bond Set at Six Thousand Dollars.

The bond of Jim McPeak, charged with the killing of S. D. Bishop, Monday night, December 18th, has been set at \$6000.

At the preliminary hearing in Justice Gaither's court, beginning last Thursday afternoon and completed Friday morning, Justice Gaither set the bond at \$8000. The case was appealed to the District Court on a writ of Habeas Corpus Saturday. Judge Joiner conducted the Habeas Corpus hearing Monday at Plainview in chambers, reducing the bond to \$5000.

T. F. Houghton is the attorney representing the defendant. Attorney C. C. Penry has been employed as special prosecutor to aid District Attorney Geo. L. Mayfield in conducting the case for the state.

J. C. Garrison Keeping Books for Houston Lumber Concern.

J. C. Garrison, who last week sold The Movie Cafe to Roy & Pack, has gone to Houston, near which place he has a position as book keeper with a lumber concern. His family will join him there at a later date.

J. F. Liston is here on short visit with his brother, L. H. Liston, arriving Monday of this week. Mr. Liston will probably return to Floyd County to live early in 1916.

Typewriter paper at Hesperian office.

CHAMBER COMMERCE TO ELECT OFFICERS

Call is Made for Regular Meeting of Body Monday Night, January Third.

The Floydada Chamber of Commerce will hold a meeting on Monday night, at 7:30 p. m., January 3rd, 1916, at the county Court Room, for the purpose of electing officers for the ensuing year. All members are requested to be present. All others who want to see a Better and greater Floydada and Floyd County, are cordially invited to attend our meetings.

Geo. A. Lider, Secretary.

Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson Hosts at Cafeteria Christmas Dinner.

One of the most unique events of the Christmas festivities was a twelve o'clock dinner given by Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Donaldson at their home on last Monday. The guests included both ladies and gentlemen. To give a home like atmosphere to the affair, the ladies were asked to wear their aprons and the gentlemen their best pair of overalls.

At the dinner hour each guest was supplied with a generous sized tin plate, a knife, fork and spoon and told to walk into the dining room. The sight that they beheld there caused a smile of bliss to spread over the countenance of each one. In the center of the dining table was an immense Christmas turkey surrounded by every thing needed to complete a delicious dinner. When the guests were informed that they were to be served cafeteria style, they lost no time in helping themselves. For over an hour the feasting went on.

After spending the remainder of the afternoon in pleasant conversation the guests departed declaring Mr. and Mrs. Donaldson to be the most novel entertainers and best cooks in town.

The following were the invited guests: Mr. and Mrs. Key Green, Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Green, Mr. and Mrs. Starks, Mr. and Mrs. Bob Henry, Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Henry, Dr. and Mrs. Geo. Smith, Mr. and Mrs. Borum, Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Buckingham, Mrs. Viles, Mr. and Mrs. Featherston, Mr. and Mrs. John Farris, Miss Ida Lee Miller, Miss Savage, Miss Ivey.

Presbyterian Pastor to Wed at Wichita Falls Sunday.

Rev. B. L. Bailes, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church of Floydada, will wed next Sunday at Wichita Falls.

He will leave Friday morning for Wichita Falls.

The bride-to-be is Miss Laura Gant.

The Family Wash

Is the big question in Floydada homes. Let me solve the question in your home. Rough dry work, 8c per lb.; mangul work, 3c per garment. I come get the clothes, and return them to your door. Good work guaranteed. Representing the Panhandle Steam Laundry. Deliveries Friday each week. Have your laundry ready Monday mornings. Telephone 159 or leave work at Palace Barber Shop next door P. O.

D. E. PITTS

BLANTON GALLOWAY MURDERED SUNDAY

C. R. Blaine, of Miami, is Charged With the Crime.—Refused Bail.

Blanton Galloway, a half brother of Mrs. L. A. Marshall, of this city, was killed last Sunday night about 8:15, in a tent, which was the residence of Mrs. Beedy McNeely, a sister of Mr. Marshall.

C. R. Blaine, of Miami, is charged with the murder. The latter was remanded to jail last Tuesday afternoon following the examining trial held in Justice Gaither's court. Four witnesses were examined.

Mr. Galloway's death was the result of wounds caused by knife stabs, one in the left leg near the groin and one in the abdomen just below the ribs. The stab in the leg severed an artery from which the deceased died in five or ten minutes. Witnesses stated that the wound in the abdomen was about two and a half inches deep.

Mr. Galloway ran from the tent in which he was stabbed, about 150 feet to L. A. Marshall's barn. He expired just as friends found him, while lying on the ground. The body was removed to Mr. Marshall's residence, and Justice Gaither was called to hold the inquest.

Mr. Blaine, who is charged with the crime, was arrested Monday morning about 8 o'clock at his home in the old gin office building, by City Marshal Tom P. Steen, and lodged in jail.

Mrs. Beedy McNeely, who was the only eye witness to the stabbing, testified at the hearing that Mr. Blaine, the defendant, came to her tent about 7:30 or 8 o'clock Sunday evening while she and her brothers' brother-in-law were sitting talking. According to her testimony Blaine left this time, but came back in about fifteen minutes and demanded entrance. Upon being refused he forced his way into the tent and advanced upon young Galloway. The latter backed to the rear of the tent and picked up a small rocking chair. He hit Blaine over the head about the same time that the latter stabbed at him with a knife. The two men clinched, and Galloway freeing himself, ran for the entrance. About this time the lamp was knocked over and Mrs. McNeely did not see the actions of either of the men following this. As she ran for her brother's house her screams attracted her brother, and the brothers of the deceased who ran out to find him practically dead.

C. R. Blaine had been in Floydada about three weeks. He appears to be about 38. He had been near Flomot picking cotton during the fall. He claims Miami, Texas, as his home and has a daughter there in school. He has two small sons with him.

Young Galloway came to Floydada just a few days before Christmas to spend the holidays with his sister, Mrs. Marshall, and mother and brothers, John Galloway and Menefee McClellan. Mrs. Galloway and sons have been living here about four months. Blanton Galloway was preparing to leave Monday morning for New Mexico to file on land. He was 21 years old.

No motive has been ascribed for the killing. The evidence and testimony tend to prove the theory that the accused was drinking.

Blaine was seen Monday morning by a Hesperian representa-

BIG DEVELOPMENT IN FLOYD COUNTY

1915 is Biggest Year in History in Point of Development and Settlement.

The banner year in seven years of rapid development in Floyd County is 1915.

The year has seen approximately 200 new farms opened and improved with dwellings, fences, barns and other improvements, at an outlay of approximately \$275,000. Adding to this \$275,000 worth of improvements for one year, the value of the land added by cultivation, the wealth added to Floyd County's worth this year due to improvements alone is about \$325,000.

Good crops almost without exception have also been great factors in adding wealth to the county's coffers this year. Cotton products have been worth to date \$150,000 with a small part of the crop yet to gather.

An estimate of the value of the grain surplus marketed during the 1915 season is hard to determine. This may roughly be figured at one thousand carloads of threshed grain, with safety, and approximating a gross value of \$300,000.

More than one-half of the surplus crop has been marketed but not three-fourths of it, according to the belief of grain dealers. Nor does this take into account the large amount of feedstuffs that will be fed out and marketed on the hoof.

FLOYDADA GROWS, TOO.

The growth of Floydada has kept pace with the development of the county. 31 new dwellings have been built within the city limits. Four brick buildings have been built in the business section at a cost of \$20,000, and improvements and additions to other buildings bring this total to \$30,000. Approximately \$75,000 has been added to the working strength of the businesses of Floydada, including three new firms and the capital added to businesses already in operation.

Not the least part of the improvements of 1915 have been the additional sidewalks built. A mile of new side walks have been laid and several blocks are under contract for construction as soon as the contractor can begin them.

1916 OUTLOOK GOOD.

Present indications point to a much larger sidewalk building program for 1916 than the 1915 era has been. With the contracts already made and those in view three or four miles of new walks during next year is not too large a prediction.

Building of residences, both

five, but made no statement.

GALLOWAY FUNERAL WEDNESDAY.

Funeral services for Blanton Galloway, brother-in-law of L. A. Marshall, killed Sunday night were held Wednesday morning at eleven o'clock at the Marshall home, and burial followed in Floydada Cemetery.

All the immediate relatives of the deceased were present at the funeral, which was delayed from Tuesday afternoon to await the arrival of two sisters, Mesdames Tom Price and A. O. Woody from Lawton, Okla. L. A. Marshall met them at Roaring Springs Tuesday afternoon.

Rev. B. L. Bailes, pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian Church, conducted the services.

Deceased lived here last year and worked for the Marshall Grain Company.

J. D. PRICE AND MRS. VILES ARE MARRIED

Prominent Dry Goodsman and Pres. Chamber Commerce Wed Christmas Day at Tulia.

J. D. Price, senior member of the firm of Price-Foster Dry Goods Company, and president of the Floydada Chamber of Commerce was married to Mrs. Virginia Viles, for seven years the popular proprietress of the Viles Hotel, at Tulia on Christmas Day. Rev. G. B. Airhart, pastor of the Baptist Church of Tulia, officiated at the wedding held in the parlors of The Hotel Tulia.

Following the day spent in Tulia, Mr. and Mrs. Price went to Amarillo where they spent Sunday and Monday, returning to Plainview Tuesday afternoon to spend Tuesday and Wednesday with Mr. Price's sister, Mrs. M. D. Leach, and other relatives.

They returned home Wednesday afternoon, and have had a hearty reception from their friends, who are warm in their expressions of best wishes and congratulations.

Not even the intimate friends of the couple were apprised of the forthcoming event, and the announcement of the wedding came as a complete surprise.

The popularity of both parties makes the consummation of this pretty romance of more than passing interest.

Mr. and Mrs. Price will be at home at the Viles House on West California Street.

Cashier's Aim Fatal.

Hugo Okla., Dec. 28.—Claude Jones, who, with Walter McFarland, robbed the bank of Grant, at Grant, Okla., near here yesterday, died today of gunshot wounds. McFarland's condition is serious and his recovery is doubtful.

Jones and McFarland were shot by Cashier Webb after they had robbed and were making away with about \$4,000 of the bank's funds. The money was recovered.

Prof. R. R. James, wife and two children, left this morning for their home at Lovington, N. Mex., after spending Christmas with the family of E. C. Nelson, E. C. Nelson Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. James are former school mates.

in town and in the country surrounding has not abated to any appreciable extent. The opening of the spring will see 100 front-feet more of brick buildings. A number of residences are now under contract.

133 POLL TAX RECEIPTS ISSUED

Property Tax Payments are Being Made Very Slowly, too, This Year.

Out of approximately 1500 receipts and exemptions for poll taxes to be issued this year, only 133 receipts and two exemptions had been issued up to nine o'clock this morning. Collector A. C. Goen says payments are unusually slow this year.

There are approximately twenty-five hundred names on the property assessment rolls from which tax receipts are made up. To-date three hundred and twenty-four receipts have been issued out of the twenty-five hundred.

The last two or three days have seen no unusual activity on the part of tax payers.

If payment began steadily on January first, the tax collector would have to issue an average of seventy receipts a day.

Miss Bessie Viles Resigns Place in School Faculty.

The Floydada Public School Board have advices from Miss Bessie Viles to the effect that it will not be possible for her to continue her work in the local school during the second half of the year, owing to illness of relatives. Miss Viles' home is at Cooper Texas.

7-Year-Old Daughter of Mrs. J. C. Thomas Died Tuesday.

Ruth the seven-year-old daughter of Mrs. J. C. Thomas, died Tuesday night about 9:30.

Funeral services were held Wednesday afternoon at the cemetery.

The child's father was judge of the Floyd County Courthouse from the time of its completion until the time of his death early in this year.

The mother and children have the sympathy of friends in this and other communities.

Dr. A. R. Taylor and wife, of Vernon, are visiting here with Rev. H. E. Smith and wife, Mrs. Taylor's parents.

Will Graham was in town from the southeast part of the county Wednesday, shaking hands with friends.

John Block, of Estancia, N. Mex., is in Floydada visiting with his mother, Mrs. E. J. Block. He arrived last Friday.

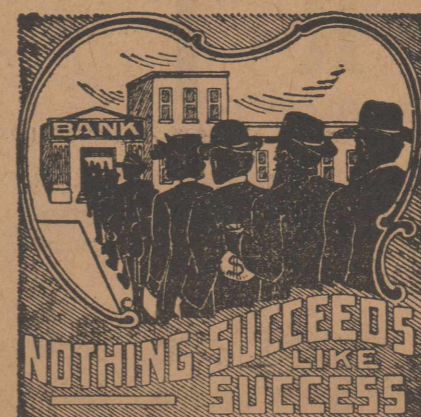
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By coming to us for accommodation

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS,

WISH to Extend Thanks to Their Hundreds of Good Customers and Friends in Floyd and Adjoining Counties for the Patronage and Good Will During the Year now Closing. This Store Has Made It an Aim to Serve Their Patrons in the Most Highly Satisfactory Manner in Our Power, and We have been Rewarded by the Confidence of a Long List of Good Customers.

Our 1916 Resolution

Is to make our store better and give our customers even better service than we have been able to give during 1915.

Our sincere hope is that 1916 may be good to each of you and that the cordial relations now existing between ourselves and our customers may be strengthened by the cords of mutual confidence and fair dealing.

C. SURGINER & SON

Floydada,

Texas.

Many Floydada People Spending Holiday Season Out of Town.

Among the large number of Floydada people who are visiting relatives and friends elsewhere this year, not previously mentioned are the following:

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Callihan, who are at Celina, Texas, having left last week.

Miss Nora Henderson, who is spending the holiday vacation at Mt. Pleasant with home folks.

J. H. Green, who is at Denton, where he has children attending the College of Industrial Arts.

Mrs. O. B. Olson and children are visiting at Abilene.

Miss Eunice Mann, who is visiting with relatives at Tucumcari, N. M.

Mrs. W. M. Massie and children, who are spending the holidays at Weatherford with relatives.

Miss Bessie Viles, who is the guest of home folks at Enloe, Texas.

Miss Anna Irick, who is visiting her parents in Plainview.

Miss Prudence Moorhouse is

the guest of friends at Lubbock during the holiday season.

F. E. Savage and wife and children, who are visiting at Denton.

Seed Oats for Sale.

Pure Red Rust Proof seed. Clean last Year's crop, heavy yield. See H. E. Cannaday, or phone 144.

Howard Lands on the Market

(Formerly the old F Ranch.) Easy terms. 6 per cent interest. In small or large quantities. Located in Floyd, Motley, Briscoe and Hall Counties. Rich plains and Fertile Valleys.

A variety of soils and locations in a country fast growing famous for its productiveness of cotton, maize kaffir and many other crops.

Address, W. M. Massie & Bro., Floydada, Texas. tf.

Thoroughbred Poland China males for sale, also some fine fall pigs. See H. E. Cannaday, or phone 144.

LA GRIPPE GRIPS UNITED STATES

Malady Menace in Many States. West Texas has Full Share Of Victims.

La grippe in the United States has grown to such proportions that it is attracting widespread attention in the medical world. The disease is particularly malignant in many states. Pennsylvania and Illinois are apparently the greatest sufferers. Associated Press dispatches state that the total number of victims in Pennsylvania, reported, exceed 100,000 persons. Chicago has almost an equal number in the public schools alone.

Reports from widely scattered points prove that the southwest is also in the grip of the disease. West Texas is no exception. A number of cases are reported locally.

Who you need expert well drilling quick, see or write W. O. Tye, Floydada, Texas. 4tc.

Christmas Marked by Giving Merriment and Feasting.

The giving of gifts, merriment and feasting were the outstanding features of a very pleasant Yuletide in Floydada.

Christmas trees at the churches and in many of the homes on "The Night before Christmas" were sources of much pleasure for both old and young, and Santa Claus is known to have visited every home in town, so far as can be determined.

Christmas dinners were served at many homes and everybody was either entertaining friends or being entertained by them.

O. B. Olson is spending the holidays at Abilene.

Blacksmith Has Right to Protect His Dignity.

Columbus, Ind., Dec. 26.—E. H. Kinney, a local justice of the peace, holds that a man has a right to protect the dignity of his own business.

C. C. Richardson, of this city, filed an affidavit against Warren Fuller, a blacksmith, charging him with assault and battery. Fuller pleaded not guilty. Testimony at the trial showed that Richardson took a horse to the Fuller shop to be rough shod. Richardson asserted that another horse was run in ahead of his and he "had lost his turn." He is said to have called Fuller a liar and Fuller grasped him by the shoulders turned him around and pointed toward the door.

Justice Kinney said Fuller was technically guilty of assault and battery because he had touched Richardson in a rude, insolent and angry manner. But he acquitted him because he thought there was considerable provocation and he considered a man has a right to use a little force as long as he is upholding the dignity of his vocation.

See J. A. Lowry & Son for blacksmithing, horse shoeing and wood work. tf.

Getting His Revenge.

Here is a new motor car story. A farmer strolled into a motor sales house, says the Toronto (Kan.) Republican.

"What's that worth?" he asked pointing to a small car.

"Five hundred dollars," was the reply.

"And that?" pointing to a better car.

"Seven hundred and fifty dollars."

"And that there one?" pointing to a seven passenger with a jerk of his thumb.

"That one is a fine car and is

worth \$1,200."

"I'll take it," said the farmer. "The car is cash, you know," said the salesman.

"Yes, I got the money," said the farmer, as he pulled a roll of bills out of his pocket and peeled off twelve \$100 bills and paid for the car. "Now, you'll show me how to drive the critter?"

"Sure," said the salesman, "that's a part of the sale."

So they started out, and after going three miles overtook a man in a wagon with a mule team. The salesman tooted and honked and honked and tooted but the man with the mules refused to heed. Finally the farm-

er said:

"This is my car, ain't it?"

"It is," said the salesman.

"And I paid for it?"

"You did."

"Then," said the farmer, "you run right over that sunnavigun; that's the way automobile drivers done with me!"

Livestock for Sale.

I offer for sale some work mules, buggy, saddle and work horses, Jersey Grade and Red Poll milk cows, 50 head of hogs all sizes and ages. Cash or good notes. Call Saturdays, or phone 195 Floydada, before coming.

K. J. Matthews, Mt. Blanco, Texas. 2tp tf.

Why Pay Rent

When You Can Own a Home With Rent Money.

For the next SIXTY DAYS we will offer the man who wants a home in this section of the Plains country, the best opportunity that he will ever have to own one.

We are offering a limited number of 160 acre farm tracts, well improved with five room modern cottages painted and papered, with nice screened in porch in front and back, a nice barn which is also painted, well and windmill and water piped into the house, land all fenced and cross fenced also will fence ten to fifteen acres hog proof, water from 35 to 80 feet, with a very small cash payment down balance ten years. SIX PER CENT. No payment of principal until the end of second year, then only \$200 a year.

We only have a limited number of these bargains, all ready to move into, with these terms and will advise any one wanting a home to come at once and investigate. You cannot afford to turn these down. All situated from one to two miles from town and railroad, in shallow water.

We handle nothing but bargains and are closing sales every day.

Our extremely low prices on the above mentioned well improved tracts are within the reach of the poorest man who wants a home.

DON'T PASS THIS UP.

J. B. DOWNS LAND & CATTLE COMPANY

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\$700.00 The Price, At Your Door.

Let me show you the biggest automobile-value that has ever been offered in Floyd County this year.

J. L. SHAW, Distributor,

Lockney,

Texas.

Don't Gamble on Cotton.

The South fed herself in 1915 and as a consequence produced a small cotton crop which sold at satisfactory prices. A big crop the year before sold at poor prices, and, without feed or food, put Texas in the hole. We had the same war in 1914 as in 1915, and we are likely to have it for a year longer. The difference in results is the difference between food-feed cotton farming and all-cotton farming.

The man who relies upon all-cotton farming in 1916 is speculating on weather, boll weevil and war. That's a desperate chance. The man who relies upon food and feed crops for his sustenance and makes cotton his surplus have something for paying debts, or for accumulation, whether cotton sells for 15 cents or 5 cents.

The cotton crop of 1915 was fully five million bales less than the crop of 1914, and it proved to be all that the world would buy at profitable prices. If the war continues there will not be demand for any more cotton than was produced in 1915. Even if the war ends, the exhaustion of Europe will be so complete that the spinning industry will not become normal for many months.

Feed-feed-cotton farming is Safe Farming.

All cotton farming is a gamble. Don't gamble.

Clarence Ousley.

Hog Cholera at Nazareth.

Dr. W. A. Curtis, special inspector of cattle in this district, left Monday morning for Nazareth, west of Tulsa, where it is reported there is an outbreak of cholera in hogs which were imported from Kansas City.—Plainview Herald.

Viles Hotel Changed to Rooming House Only.

Beginning last week the Viles hotel, one of the leading hosteleries of Floydada for five years, has changed to a rooming house only.

Mrs. S. V. Viles continues in charge of the house.

Poultry Raisers, Attention!

We expect to ship a car of poultry at some date in January. Please watch for the announcement of the date and prices.

Marshall Grain Co.

Harry Dawson, who is attending Rice Institute at Houston, and Stokie Bishop, who is attending Seth Ward College, are among the students who have returned from school to spend the holiday season with relatives and friends at home.

Carrier of Wilt Disease.

Recent investigations by plant pathologists of the department have established that the striped cucumber beetle plays an important and direct part in spreading the bacteria of wilt of cucumbers, melons, and squashes. In addition the experiments seem to show that the hibernating beetle can carry the infection from one season to the new plants of the next year. The fixing of the responsibility on this beetle, long suspected of being a carrier of wilt, gives an additional reason for controlling this pest of the cucurbits.

In the experiments, as reported in the Journal of Agricultural Research, the investigator grew cucumber vines in beetle-proof cages in two fields in Long Island, where in 1914 about 75 per cent of the cucumber vines were destroyed by wilt. Some of the test plants were thus kept absolutely free from beetles while beetles recently out of winter hibernating quarters were introduced purposely into other cages.

The experiments established absolutely that the beetle carries wilt during the growing season from infested to other plants. In all cages from which beetles were excluded the plants remained free from the disease in both fields, although wilt infested plants were growing all around these cages. On the other hand, wilt was found in the cages only when the striped cucumber beetle had access to the plants. In one cage, supposed to be free from beetles, wilt was observed just starting on the tip leaf of one plant at a point gnawed by a beetle. Careful search of this cage disclosed a striped beetle. After the beetle had been removed, and the one wilted plant had been taken out, no further signs of the disease appeared in that cage.

The cage experiments indicate that wilt bacteria is carried over the winter by hibernating beetles and are inoculated into the next crop of cucumber plants when the beetles feed upon the young leaves. The results seem to indicate however, that not all hibernating beetles carry the disease over the winter, but that only some of those that presumably have fed during the previous season upon wilted plants infect the next years planting. These facts were established by placing in certain of the cages hibernating beetles procured before they had had any opportunity to feed upon recently diseased plants.

A part of the plants gnawed by these beetles became infected with wilt, while nearly 200 plants from which beetles were excluded remained free from the disease throughout the season.

Pool Hall Open at Childress; Matter will Go Through Courts.

Childress Index: Onley Jordan, who has been running the bowling alley, has closed the alleys and had them stored.

Mr. Jordan informed our reporter that he would open a pool hall in the building just as soon as the tables can be assembled. Mr. Jordan says a recent ruling of the supreme Court holds the pool law invalid, and upon this decision he will open for business.

County Attorney Williams states that he has been informed a complaint will be filed against Mr. Jordan as soon as he opens his tables for play. The complaint will be accepted by Mr. Williams and then the affair will be carried through the courts, Mr. Jordan running the hall during the litigation. He will resort to an injunction to prevent the officers from closing his doors.

We are informed pool halls are now doing business at Quanah and Clarendon.

Paper Runs without Copy.

The office of the Calico Rock (Ark.) Progress runs without copy. Neil Brooks is editor, compositor, devil and pressman, and sets from mental notes. It is quite common for him to work a day at the case without exhausting his mental copy.—Texas Journalist.

Scientists Object to Bath of New Born Infants.

Boston, Dec. 26.—Drs. F. G. Benedict and F. E. Talbot of the nutrition laboratory of the Carnegie institution announce to the National Academy of Sciences in its proceedings for December the results of a study on the physiology of the new-born infant.

They find that the new-born infant is not supplied with a superfluous amount of carbohydrate (starches and sugars) to burn during the earlier period of insufficient flow of milk, and the predominance of the consumption of body fat suggests the possible necessity of supplemental feeding of carbohydrates.

Profound disturbances of the temperature are found to accompany the bath of the infant following its birth, and there are great fluctuations in the heat values for the first day. This makes it worth while considering whether it might not be well to defer the bath for a day to permit the infant's heat regulating mechanism, which appears to be deficient at birth, to have a longer period of adjustment to the new conditions of external life.

City of Hereford Deeded Lake for Park by Owner.

Hereford Brand: The City Commission has accepted a deed from the former owner conveying the lake to the city upon the conditions that the city will drain it within two years from January 1, 1916 and that it shall be made into a public park as fast as the city's finances will permit, for the benefit of the public generally.

Roy & Pack Are New Owners of the Movie Cafe.

Roy & Pack, a firm composed of G. L. Roy and W. E. Pack, recently here from Wolfe City, are owners of the Movie Cafe, which they recently purchased from J. C. Grrrison who established the popular restaurant some eight months ago.

The deal was consummated last week.

10 Cent Delivery Service.

Light deliveries made anywhere in town on quick notice. Phone 81. Charlie Steen, tf.

The Diamond From the Sky

By ROY L. McCARDELL

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CHAPTER IV.

What Will the Harvest Be?

A FRENZY of fear and rage overcame her when she found herself in the madhouse to which Judge Stanley had committed her without warrant of law, and she screamed and struggled. The matron and a burly warden overpowered her with difficulty, placed her in a straitjacket and threw her upon the cot in the cell and locked the clanging door and left her.

A wild idea suddenly seized Hagar. She staggered to her feet and gazed around. Above her cot, some eight feet from the floor of the cell, was a small barred window. Hagar listened for a moment at the iron barred, heavy oak door; then she backed toward the table and pressed the lacings that held the sleeves of the straitjacket against the flame of the candle. The leather thongs in the eyelets at the back of the straitjacket smoked and burned; then, with a great effort, she parted the smoldering thongs. To release herself from the straitjacket, now her arms were free, was but the work of a few moments.

Mounting the table, she drew up the oak stool and with its sturdy legs she pried the bars from their cemented sockets. The ground was only some ten feet below. She held to the ledge of the window a moment and then dropped. She struck the earth without injury and made off in the darkness, a free woman.

On this very night Colonel Stanley had sent for the doctor to take away the little girl.

At Stanley hall the old nurse was preparing little Esther for the night journey. In his library Colonel Stanley gazed in the lamplight at the diamond from the sky and the sealed document he had prepared that would betray the Stanley secret. He heard the sound of the opening of the long French window by the fireplace, and there he saw Hagar entering, disheveled, panting, but resolved to have her own. At this apparition the colonel arose and faced the wild intruder. "I have come for the child!" said Hagar hoarsely. Colonel Stanley felt a sudden pang through his heart. It was the last shock the doctor had foretold for him. He gave a moaning, inarticulate cry and sank back a dead man!

Hardly knowing what she did, Hagar swept into her bosom the diamond from the sky and the sealed document with other papers on the table. Then, turning, she softly opened the library door and as softly crept up the stairway. Led by unerring instinct, she opened the door upon the landing and entered the room where the child, her own son, the putative heir of Stanley hall, lay sleeping. She marked the elegance of his surroundings as the risen full moon shone in the window, lighting it fully. What should she do? If she left her child here she would be cheating the cheaters. What would be the wild and lawless upbringing she could give her son in comparison to all that would be his as heir of Stanley hall?

As she faltered, she heard footsteps outside, and, gazing out cautiously, beheld the old colored nurse descending with the little girl, the rightful heir of Stanley hall. Hagar huddled upon the landing place and listened. A wild shriek arose from the colored nurse as she entered the library and discovered her dead master. Then the bell rang in the servants' quarters from the nervous pull on the bell rope of the old nurse in the library. And shortly afterward Hagar could hear the nurse was joined by old Ned, the colored butler.

Just at this instant Dr. Lee drove up outside, and soon the great knocker on



The Colonel Faced the Wild Intruder.

the front door was clamoring its summons through the house. Two old servants rushed to the door and broke

the news of the tragedy to the friend of the dead man. Hagar stole unseen down the staircase and into the library once more. There, cloaked and hooded, stood the little girl whimpering "Wake up, daddy, and kiss me!" Hagar paused. "An eye for an eye!" she muttered. Then, lifting the little girl in her arms, and stifling her cries of fear and alarm, Hagar, with her burden, passed out of the low French window by which she had first entered and closed it after her.

As the doctor with the two frightened colored servants stood over the dead man in the library, and before the old nurse had noticed the absence of the child, Hagar had come around the mansion to the front. Loosening the strap that held the horse, she entered the doctor's carriage, still holding the

frightened little girl so its cries were silenced, and drove away.

The next morning the news of his enemy's death reached Judge Stanley. With it were vague rumors and whispered suspicions. Other news came, too—news of the escape of the gypsy mad woman and the disappearance of Dr. Lee's horse and buggy. The judge stayed not to rejoice at the death of his enemy. He refused even to tell his wife what strange business called him hence, with a pistol in the holster at his saddle side.

In a narrow defile in the Blue Ridge Judge Stanley tracked down his prey. Hagar had abandoned the doctor's ex-haunted horse and the now broken gig and, bearing the child on her strong shoulder, was climbing the rocky trail when she heard the rattle of horse hoofs and heard the voice of Judge Stanley call upon her to halt. She



Wasting His Substance in Riotous Living.

turned to see the judge on horseback down below, his army pistol leveled at her.

Hagar held up the child, not so much to shield herself as that its pretty innocence might soften the hard heart of the relentless pursuer. But, whether by accident or design will never be known, the heavy explosion of the pistol echoed among the rocks. The bullet whistled past the flinching Hagar and the terrified child. The horse reared at the crack of the pistol, throwing his rider, breaking the neck of the vengeful judge and dashing his brains against a jagged rock.

Raising the child to her shoulder and supporting her there with her strong right hand, Hagar looked down upon her dead persecutor and called upon him, with a gypsy's curse, the death of the vultures she had predicted for him when first they met. Then she climbed over the summit of the ridge with her precious burden and was gone.

Eighteen years have passed since Judge Stanley's shattered body was found in the mountains, the seal of death upon his lips.

Behold Arthur Stanley 2d, master of Stanley hall and wasting his substance in riotous living.

Behold Dr. Henry Lee, pressed with the weight of years, guardian of the heir of Stanley and wondering what will the harvest be?

The old colored nurse is dead, as is also the old colored factotum, Ned. There is none alive that knows what really happened on that tragic night and in the tragic time that followed save the venerable old doctor and the gypsy woman whom he has sought for secretly, but in vain, through all these years.

While Arthur Stanley 2d carouses with his cousin and other wild companions at Stanley hall and while old Dr. Lee muses in his study and wonders what will the harvest be, the harvest is close at hand. Fate, weaver of destinies, in the shape of Hagar comes upon the scene.

If the doctor has wondered in his hate of one dead man and his love for another he has not done wrong Hagar, queen of the gypsies, wonders, too, if her vengeance has not gone all awry. Esther Stanley, or, as she is known, Esther Harding, is a beautiful and sweetly dispositioned young woman now. The wild mother love Hagar bore for the son that was sold from her has passed to sweet Esther. So it is that Hagar returns to Virginia, resolved again to sacrifice her very heart. A wild gypsy camp is no abiding place for a fair young girl of gentle blood.

Hagar knows all the documents she took from Stanley hall when she abducted Esther, knows them by heart, as she knows every facet on the diamond from the sky, which she wrung that night from the dead hand of Colonel Stanley. She would see her boy

again in his manhood. The wild hope possesses her that he may fall in love with Esther and that the secret that only two living people know shall rest lightly with the dead when Esther is mistress by marriage, if not by right, of Stanley hall.

Her message for Dr. Lee is a written one. It reads:

"I have come back after eighteen years. I have had my revenge, but I love the girl. What shall be done with her?" HAGAR HARDING.

Esther only learns from the kindly lips of the doctor and the tremulous ones of her supposed mother that a new life has opened for her; that she must take her place in the society of the countryside as the adopted daughter of Dr. Lee, as long arranged. This is all she knows; this is all she is told, as with her belongings she bids a weeping adieu to the stern but kindly gypsy woman she has known as mother all her conscious years. And she rides away as the doctor's daughter from the gypsy camp. With Esther the doctor takes the diamond from the sky, demanded of Hagar as part of Esther's inheritance.

Hardly has the doctor's carriage departed than Luke Lovell, Hagar's head man, is given command to strike camp. In an instant all is bustle and confusion. Within an hour Hagar and her tribe are on their way.

In three months, though the proud women of the neighborhood look askance, Esther is the belle of the countryside. The vine clad porch of the doctor's old house sees nightly gathered there the young sparks of Fairfax.

Then comes a night in June, and in the moonlight are four young men, all paying court to the happy Esther. Chief among them are the Stanley cousins, Arthur and Blair. Some slight attention to his cousin, Blair, rouses Arthur to a temper of jealousy. Prettily rebuked by Esther, Arthur leaves in a huff. Then Esther vents her coquettish displeasure upon the till then triumphant Blair, and he, now angry also, arises and departs, leaving the field to two swains.

In his study that overlooks the gardens at the side the old doctor is gazing wonderingly in the light of the study lamp at the great diamond.

Sulkily straying by the house, in his jealousy and anger, Blair Stanley sees the light gleaming from the study. Curious and not overnice in his curiosity, he peers through the window. He starts back, clinching his hands. He remembers now the oft whispered suspicions of his mother: "Dr. Lee was alone with Colonel Stanley when he died. Who else but he has taken and hidden away the Stanley heirloom?"

The obsession of the desire for this priceless Stanley heirloom has been born and bred in Blair Stanley. He hies away, but that night, when the swains have long departed and the good doctor and the fair Esther have long retired to slumber, Blair Stanley returns prepared to break in and bear away the diamond from the sky.

In the library at Stanley hall the young heir of Stanley muses and dreams in softened mood of Esther. His guitar lies near him, and he picks it up and gently strums it. In his mind's eye he sees himself serenading sweet Esther Lee, as she is now called, and begging her gentle pardon in the moonlight should she come to her window to listen. The romantic idea suits his mood. He takes the guitar and hastens again to the doctor's house.

Blair Stanley has clambered through the study window, closed it and drawn the shade. He has softly lit the doctor's study lamp and rifled the drawer of the old secretary and the cash box it holds. He has seized the diamond from the sky and clasped it in agitated ecstasy upon his bosom. Then upon



Some Slight Attention Rouses Arthur's Jealousy.

his guilty ears falls the strain of a guitar. He hides the diamond and the chain and locket that holds it beneath his collar and under his shirt.

Meanwhile, sleeping the light slumber of the aged, the old doctor has been aroused by the opening of the window. Candle in hand, he descends to his study and enters just as the last gleam from the diamond in the lamplight is shrouded by the shirt of the thief in the night. There is a quick, sharp struggle. Frenzied with fear and covetousness and resolved to do murder rather than lose the long-coveted heirloom, Blair Stanley, maddened with fear and rage, strangles the old doctor till the weak old man falls back in his chair, his heart stopped in death. Then the murderer backs from the window, where the strains from the guitar, strains of a love song, tinkle in the night.

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With quinine selling at five times the price we used to pay for it, this old-fashioned treatment the doctors are giving for the grippe is liable to make a "riot call" necessary. Trouble again—so many officers sick, there'd be nobody to answer the call.

A Tip For Our Women Readers.

II Kings, 21:13: "And will wipe Jerusalem as a man wipeth a dish and turneth it upside down."
 That ought to make him come across and help in the kitchen a little, if he is a believer in the precepts of Holy Writ.

The Span of a Life Measures Great Changes.

Many people habitually look at the changes of sentiment and conditions in terms of years and half-years. Viewed in this light the change in the sentiment toward whiskey seems slow. But the span of a life is a short time. Sudden and violent changes are not good for the body politic,—or at least have not appeared so in the history of the past.

In the Congressional Record may be found a speech of Channcey M. Depew, dealing with his youth. Speaking of drinking and temperance Mr. Depew said. "At that time temperance was unknown. It was an insult to refuse a drink. Most of the public men whom I met in the legislature died from alcoholism."

Sixty years ago, refuse to drink with a friend, and make a mortal enemy; In 1915 drink with your friends and lose your job. Do changes come so slowly after all?

What Does Floydada Need Most?

Every good citizen is vitally interested in seeing Floydada and Floyd County grow, and it follows that every good citizen has a definite idea of the things that Floydada needs most to make it grow. The Hesperian wants these ideas. The Hesperian wants to present these ideas to the citizens of the town for their consideration.

The composite ideas of the people of the town, crystallized into a definite town-building program, would add immeasurably within the year of 1916 to the worth of the community as an economic and civic unit.

To this end The Hesperian will publish a series of interviews in January. You may be the first to be interviewed. Let's have something definite happen. Better an error of commission, than one of omission.

Be ready when the interviewer gets around with his pad and pencil.

Also, watch the live reading matter the interviews will make.

Editor Dalton of The Estelline News, is of the Irish Irish. He is pained to learn of the sufferings of the Irish on Gallipoli Peninsula. He says:

We, of course, sympathize with all those peoples, regardless of nationality, who are suffering because of the war in Europe; but, because of our national descent, and of our present predicament, we are peculiarly affected by the fresh horrors reported from Gallipoli, where, it is said, many Irish soldiers have died of thirst. The unspeakable Turk, barbarian that he is, shows a devilish ingenuity in devising the means of torture most objectionable to his victims. We suppose that they dispose of prohibitionists by drowning.

He is greatly pleased to read another paragraph in the papers, however, from which it would appear that, "The British troops at the Sulya and Anzoc districts of Gallipoli Peninsula, who have been inflicting great injury and slaughter upon the enemy have been withdrawn without the Turks becoming aware that their enemies had quit killing them."

AN EDITORIAL OF THOUGHT FOR THE NEW YEAR

From The Youth's Companion.

The end of the year—and such a year! The saddest year in the history of the world. And the new year opens in such circumstances that the word "happy" prefixed to our greetings will seem like the gloomiest mockery, for the horrors and distress and hate that are rife in what we term the civilized world bid fair to increase before the close of another December.

We have no heart to review in detail the record of 1915. Indeed, the war has been the one prolonged event that puts every other event into obscurity; and the story of the war is an almost unbelievable record of fresh nations joining in the fray, of great battles and heart-rending destruction of life, of advance and retreat on many battle fronts—all without any decisive action to foretell victory for either side or an end to the bloodshed.

Even in our own country the war overshadowed all else almost as completely as if we were a party to it. The one comforting fact is that we have not been drawn into it. But our very neutrality has made us unpopular with the people of every belligerent nation. From both sides we have suffered grievous and unredressed wrongs—wrongs on the sea and on the land, at home and abroad: the drowning of peaceable and helpless civilian travelers, interference with our legitimate commerce, and destruction of our industrial plants by domestic enemies who have acted either upon their own impulse or upon the incitement of governments beyond the ocean.

What the future has in store for Europe, and what for us, no

man knows. The countries at war are increasing their armies and extending their activities. Our government still has many unsettled and serious differences with the governments of belligerent countries; and the beginning of the new year finds us with our patience strained almost to the breaking point. May God grant that a righteous peace may soon put an end to the strife and anxiety that now prevails all over the globe!

I'D RATHER BE SQUARE.

I'd like to be rich, and I wonder who wouldn't,
 And yet if it cost me what some people pay,
 I'd like to be rich and find that I couldn't,
 There's too much worth while that is lost by the way.

To sacrifice friends and ideals to surrender—
 My heart and my conscience, my soul and my mind—
 And sell all my dreams for a dollar-mark splendor,
 Would leave me too poor for the riches I'd find.

I'd like to be rich, there's pleasure in money—
 It's good stuff to have, and it's good stuff to spend,
 It helps you to pay for your milk and your honey,
 And gives you a chance to be nice to a friend.

I'd like to be rich, but I'd never be willing
 To pay such a price as some men do for gold—
 The cost is too high and the pace is too killing,
 And too many things must be bartered and sold.
 —Childress Index.

THE DIAMOND FROM THE SKY

If you are interested in seeing a beautiful, romantic story—full of heart interest—if you enjoy excellent photography—stirring action—remarkable motion pictures and a \$10,000.00 prize offer open to YOU—see Lottie Pickford in "The Diamond From The Sky" at leading theatres

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Synopsis and Second Installment in this issue.

Pictorial story at the Mc and Y Theatre Saturday Afternoon and Night.

WHAT ARE WE HERE FOR?

If you've never made another have a happier time in life,
 If you've never helped a brother through his struggle and his strife;
 If you've never been a comfort to the weary and the worn.
 Will you tell us what you're here for in this lovely land of morn?

If you've never made the pathway of some neighbor glow with sun.
 If you've never brought a bubble to some fellow heart with fun;
 If you've never cheered a toiler that you tried to help along,
 Will you tell us what you're here for in this lovely land of song?

If you've never made a comrade feel the world a sweeter place
 Because you lived within in and had served it with your grace;
 If you've never heard a woman or a little child proclaim
 A blessing on your bounty—you're a poor hand at the game!

—Anonymous.

New Years Greetings from FAIR STORE

We send you our best wishes for the future and promise our best service for the coming year.

In line with the above we take this space to tell you of reductions one of our Tailoring companies have just offered.

- E 2007 \$16.00 C \$14.00 Smart cassimere suiting.
- F 2026 18.00 E 16.00 Novelty weave blue serge.
- G 2078 20.00 E 16.00 Novelty weave blue serge.
- H 2126 22.50 F 18.00 Swell shade of blue in neat worsted.
- H 2169 22.50 F 18.00 Soft finish diagonal worsted.
- H 2183 22.50 G 20.00 Novelty weave blue serge.
- J 2191 25.00 G 20.00 Handsome olive covert cloth.
- J 2192 25.00 H 22.50 Oxford mixture covert cloth.
- J 2195 25.00 G 20.00 A better class worsted cheviot.
- J 2202 25.00 G 20.00 Handsome soft finished worsted.
- J 2231 25.00 G 20.00 Neat stripe design in worsted.
- J 2240 25.00 G 20.00 Blue diagonal worsted.
- J 2245 25.00 G 20.00 Swell tartan check worsted.
- J 2254 25.00 G 20.00 Styleish grey check design.
- J 2270 25.00 G 20.00 A beautiful worsted fabric in blue.
- K 2273 27.50 G 20.00 A very neat design in worsted.
- K 2274 27.50 G 20.00 A nobby effect in finished worsted.
- K 2278 27.50 H 22.50 A rich, fashionable, soft worsted.
- K 2281 27.50 G 20.00 An exceptionally swell suiting.
- K 2282 27.50 H 22.50 A very handsome fabric in blue.
- K 2283 27.50 G 20.00 A swell blend of rich tones.
- K 2293 27.50 G 20.00 A refined design in worsted.
- L 2304 30.00 H 22.50 An exceptionally swell fabric.
- L 2307 30.00 H 22.50 A better class fabric.
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- J 2352 25.00 G 20.00 An exceptionally swell overcoating.
- J 2353 25.00 G 20.00 Fine Kersey Overcoating.

Above prices are for 3 piece suits made to your measure and delivered to you without charge. All other items in their sample line remain the same price as before, but the first price were good values. Their workmanship is good and they will have satisfied customers. BRING THIS LIST WITH YOU AND PICK YOU OUT A NEW SUIT.

Newell-Liston Co.

Poll tax paying time again. You have only 31 days longer. 1916 is election year and the taxes have to be paid, anyhow. Pay 'em now.

Life, after all, is just one thing after another. We are just through the Early Christmas Shopping hurry, when Christmas itself and the hurry of the last Christmas purchase is on us. Then comes the New Year and poll tax paying time, and somebody says, "Pay your poll tax early." Well, it has to be done, so it had as well be early as late. And besides, you avoid the rush.

I want to rent a farm with 125 acres in cultivation, on third and fourth, by Jan. 10. Good teams and tools. Phone 192-12. 1tp. H. L. Casebeer.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Surginer returned Tuesday from Amarillo, where they spent Christmas with Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Ivey.

Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, 1916. For Treasurer Floyd County: MRS. ADDIE THAGARD. For Sheriff & Tax Collector: J. B. JENKINS.

Notice to The Farmers.

Start the New Year right by insuring your property in the old reliable St. Paul Fire & Marine Insurance Co. Robbins, Darsey & Fields, Office Rear First State Bank. Itc:

Dr. L. V. Smith returned home last week from Chicago where he spent some three weeks in study of special work of his profession.

Mrs. N. W. McCleskey, daughter and son, are spending the holiday season in Hale Center with Mrs. McCleskey's parents. Mr. McCleskey spent Christmas Day in Hale Center.

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Some Old Monster Guns

In no previous war have great guns been so powerful or so essential to the fighting armies; nevertheless, howitzers and mortars are by no means the product of this generation.

One of the first mortars that astonished the world was "Mad Meg of Ghent" which was made in 1382. The gun in still preserved in Ghent. It was made in two parts, which screw together.

Another famous gun was mounted at Edinburgh Castle. That was not very successful. In its first place it was so heavy that its weight nearly wrecked the bridge that lead from the castle moat.

Fifty years later, a Greek cannon founder who worked for Mohammed II made a gun of bronze that performed good service in the siege of Byzantium in 1453.

The heaviest type of mortar ever made—and the least destructive, for it has never been fired—is the "Zari Ruschka" at Moscow. It is 114.8 centimetres caliber and weighs 36,000 kilograms. It was cast in bronze by Andreas Tschachoff in 1586.

Junior Missionary Society Program.

For Sunday, January, 2. Leader—Mary Vena Bartley. Song No. 44. Prayer. Bible lesson—The Child that was born in Bethlehem; Matt. 2:1-11. Roll Call—Answer with Christmas wishes for the children of the world.

W. R. Cope and family will leave within the next week for Mineral Wells to spend two or three months. Mr. Cope has not entirely cleared himself of the rheumatism and hopes that a few weeks at the Wells will effect a permanent cure.

Mr. Farmer, Stop, Think!

What it means to you if you lose your home or barn by fire. You may be protected if you will only phone Robbins, Darsey & Field, agents for fire, hail and livestock insurance.

Andrew Callihan, of Big Springs, is visiting with relatives in Floydada. He is a son of J. A. Callihan.

Sneriff A. C. Goen returned Wednesday from Lamb County, where he spent several days on business.

STRAYFD—Dark brown, 3 year-old pacing filly, branded H on left jaw. Finder notify C. Snodgrass.

Mrs. O. P. Darsey and son left last week for Vernon, Texas where they are spending the holiday season with Mrs. Darsey's parents.

Charlie Moore is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Moore. He is attending the normal school at Denton.

by passion is not manly, but mildness and gentleness, as they are more agreeable to human nature, so also are they more manly, for in the same degree in which a man's mind is nearer to freedom from all passion, in the same degree also is it nearer to strength.—Marcus Aurelius.

May Do Good Work Unknowingly. Chemists show us that strange property, catalysis, which enables a substance while unaffected itself to incite to union elements around it.

Fallacy of "Getting Even." "Gettin' even with an enemy," said Uncle Eben, "ain't giueter do no mo' dan add de waste of a whole lot of valuable time an' energy to de harm he has already done you."

Worth a Strike. It seems about time for social leaders to rise in their might and demand an eight-hour night.

Lucky Chaps. Life offers some men a bed of roses, and sends it up on approval, too.

Always Well to Go Slow. Beware of undertaking too much at the start. Allow for accidents. Allow for human nature, especially your own.—Arnold Bennett.

IMPOSSIBLE RANK.

"The drum major of that corps is only nineteen." "Don't believe it. A minor can't be a major, too."

"Lively Tom"

One Christmas game that is as old as the records of games is usually known by the name of "Lively Tom." A small stick is lighted at one end and allowed to burn for a few minutes until, when the flame is extinguished, there remains a lively glowing point.

Yule Log and Joyous Revel. The still observed custom of Merrie England of bringing in the Yule log with much ceremony and "joyous revel for both young and old" may be very charmingly adapted to the uses of a Christmas eve party.

It is constructed of cardboard or light wood and is hollow, with a convenient door through which the gifts have been put inside before the ceremony of bringing it in is commenced.

Some Yuletide Tests.

Little Elsie—Santa Claus doesn't go around in a motorcar, does he, mamma? Mamma—Why, certainly not! He still drives his reindeer, darling.

Thirty-seven young ladies of the congregation had in mind thirty-seven pairs of slippers for the curate for Christmas.

But one young lady made known her intention. And when the day arrived the curate received one pair of slippers and thirty-six dressing gowns.

Milly (in horrified whisper)—Mamma, Willie is an infidel! Mamma—An infidel? Milly—Yes. He said he don't believe there's any Santa Claus.

"What is the baby crying about?" "Oh, nothing much. He only wants to eat the Christmas tree."

The Christmas Tree. The Christmas tree is rooted deep in love; its verdant branches tower far above; its fruit are emblems of a fairer clime; its odors whisper of a happier time.

Cannot Keep It Down. Merit may be kept at the foot of the class for a while, but it will come to the head in its own good time.

Our New Year's Greetings

We want to say to our many good friends and customers that you helped to make 1915 a good year for us. We indeed enjoyed and appreciated your loyal patronage. We trust that every one who spent as much as a dollar with us, were pleased and that you will all be our friends during 1916.

We come now to offer our sincere Thanks for every kindness or favor extended us during 1915. We want you to know that we have an appreciative heart and try not to let our friends be any better to us than we are to them.

We want to ask that our customers continue to drive into West Plains Lumber Company's Yard, and do business with us during 1916. To those who may have never dealt with us at all, we extend to you an invitation to place your account with us and thereby join our large army of good men who do business with us, and if you do, then we will do all in our power (that is reasonable) to merit your patronage and make you an everlasting friend.

It is said that we carry the largest and best graded stock of lumber and building material in the county. We make quality equal the price. We give you what you buy.

We hope that 1916 will be good to every friend of ours, and if there is anyone who is not a friend our's, we also wish you well.

Our gates and doors are thrown open for 1916 business, and if you are worthy, we are ready to be your friend. We expect to make 1916 the greatest year in our history. Come join with us, and help us make it and we will help you.

Yours very truly,

West Plains Lumber Co. A. E. JOHNSON, Manager.

Kansas City Live Stock Market Report in Detail.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec. 27th, 1915. Small receipts of cattle arrived today, 6000 head, and sales were strong to 15 higher on killing grades. This was a continuance of the tendency last week. Stockers and feeders sold steady to strong.

J. A. RICKART, Market Correspondent.

Whitlock and Boy-ed Sail.

New York, Dec. 28.—Among the passengers to sail today on the steamship Rotterdam are Brand Whitlock, American minister to Belgium and Captain Karl Boy-Ed, the recalled naval attache of the German Embassy at Washington.

At the Christian Church.

Bible school at 10 a. m. The election of officers. Future work.

Communion, 11 a. m. Preaching 11:15, subject, "That that challenges the best in man."

Preaching, 7:15 p. m. We extend a cordial invitation to all.

Our aim: Better organized church and Bible school.

Our slogan: Everyone busy. J. F. Mathews, Pastor.

T. J. Graham, of Petersburg, who has been at Jester, Okla., with a son the past several months, is in Floydada this week.

Mr Graham plans to winter at Sulphur, Okla.

LOST.—Boys brown dress coat near M. E. Church. Finder please return to E. P. Thompson, etc.

Mrs. C. H. Owen arrived last week from Paris, Texas, joining her husband here.

Try an ad iner.

The Main Garage

Extends New Year's Greetings to its Customers and the Motor-Owning Public in General.

Your continued patronage in 1916 is solicited and will be highly appreciated.

H. O. POPE, Proprietor, Floydada, Texas.

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Misses Lola Walling and Pearl Miller spent the latter part of last week in Plainview, with Miss Miller's mother, returning home this week.

Floyd County Land to farm lease and to sell. Call on or write W. H. Freeman, Lockney, Texss. tf.

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

New Serial Interesting Feature.

The new serial story running simultaneously in The Hesperian and the MeandY Theatre, the pictorialized novel, "The Diamond from the Sky," is proving an interesting feature.

The opening chapter was shown at the MeandY Saturday afternoon and evening to good crowds.

The second installment appears in The Hesperian this week and at the MeandY Saturday afternoon and evening.

Editors will Have Newspaper Week

Editors of Texas are expected to attend very largely what is termed "Newspaper Week" which is to be a feature of wide interest and which will be held in Austin the third or fourth week in March next.

Newspaper men from all over the state will go to Austin. Five days will be consumed in the study of problems peculiar to the newspaper business.

Seventy-five newspapers have given notice that they expect to attend Newspaper Week.

W. M. Colville is managing for the Woodridge Lumber Co., in the absence of F. S. Truitt, who is in Gainsville.

Will Moore's Residence Saved From Fire by Quick Wits.

Will Moore's residence was saved from fire last Saturday evening about 7:30 by the quick action of Louie and Frank Moore and neighbors. They formed a water carrying brigade that had the fire under control soon after it was discovered.

The blaze caught on the roof of the porch, which was burning fast when discovered, and would have soon destroyed the house.

Mr. Moore was away from home at the time the blaze occurred.

W. M. Colville has moved to his new residence on South Wall Street.

No Commission Charged on Farm Loans

We are in position to make farm loans at 9 per cent ANNUAL INTEREST net, with no commission charges.

Gamble Land & Cattle Co., Floydada, Texas.

Dallas Men Dig for Treasure Hidden by Bandits 50 Years Ago

Dallas, Texas, Dec 18.—T. B. Stacy, age 65, with eight partners are today digging a quicksand bed on the Buzzard Spring bed, east of the city limits, for two million dollars, alleged to have been buried by Robert's gang, Jesse James and Cole Younger, fifty years ago. The place was formerly a rendezvous cave of Roberts and the gold was buried shallow in chests and iron receptacles.

Stacy received information from a negro woman, who died ten years ago at the age of 104, that she formerly provided food for robbers, who told her that if they never came back from some raid, she might have the gold. The gang was annihilated about fifty years ago. Since that time the cave sunk into quicksands and is covered by several feet of water. Stacy has been grappling for the treasure ever since and brought an iron kettle to the surface, about five years ago, but it slipped back.

He took eight men into partnership with him on July 17, installed a gasoline pump and announced that it was an irrigation project. The real story leaked out today.

Strayed or Stolen.

One black mare mule, 15 hands and one inch high, little bluish or wire cut on ear. Will pay \$5 reward for same delivered at Floydada.
J. H. Shurbet, 2tp.

Revenue Stamps on Poll Taxes Not Required.

War revenue stamps will no longer be required on orders for poll taxes in accordance with a letter and circular received by County Tax Collector Charles A. Tosch yesterday from A. S. Walker, Collector of Internal revenue.

This letter and circular formally announced the revocation of a former order holding poll tax orders subject to the stamp as a sort of power of attorney.

Poll tax orders may be given by persons not living in cities. In rural communities it is common for one resident to take poll tax orders for a large number.

Following a notice appearing in the The Dallas News to the effect that the poll tax orders had been freed from the revenue tax. Mr. Tosch wrote to collector Walker for direct information. The letter was received in reply yesterday. The circular is addressed to all county and State tax collectors.—Evening Journal.

Large Increase in Output of Texas Mines in 1915.

The output of Texas mines for eleven months of 1915, with an estimate for December, from preliminary figures reported by Charles W. Henderson, of the United States Geological Survey, amounted to \$2,500 in gold, 705,000 ounces of silver, 250,000 pounds of lead, 50,000 pounds of copper, and 216,451 pounds of zinc. The greater part of the output of silver came from the Presidio silver mine and cyanidation mill, in the Shafter district in Presidio County. Some silver and copper were produced at Van Horn, Culbertson County, and some lead and zinc in the Sierra Blanca district El Paso County.

"Some Collection Box."

Under this appropriate heading, an American religious weekly gives an account of a unique collection box said to have been invented by an Oklahoma man. If a member of the congregation drops into it a 25 cent piece or a coin of larger value there is silence. If he contributes a 10c piece a bell rings; a 5c piece sounds a whistle; and a cent fires a blank cartridge. If any one pretends to be asleep when the box passes, it awakens him with a watchman's rattle and a kodak takes his portrait.—Tit-Bits.

INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS CONVENTION JANUARY 15, 1916

Will Inaugurate General Campaign For Home-grown Living on The Farm.

With both farm prosperity and general prosperity for 1916 depending upon the cash crop being surplus, or a profit above the farm living expense, the Texas Industrial Congress will make its annual convention to be held January 15, 1916, an inauguration of a general campaign for the home grown living on the farms. The program is being prepared with this end in view, and every man who is interested in putting a firm foundation under his business in 1916 is urged to participate. The purchasing and paying power of the average farmer is limited, not only by yields much lower than his land is capable of producing, but because he lives too much from the tin can and paper sack, and the ownership of his crop passes from him before it is ready to harvest. The business interests of the state suffer so from this cause.

Following the convention, the Congress invites correspondence from commercial secretaries and public spirited business men everywhere with a view of cooperating with them in working for such a diversity of the 1916 cropping system in their sections

Is Your Title Good?

Do You just think its good or is it?

You may want to sell your farm, or your lots most any time. If you do not want to sell, you don't want to take chances on a law suit over a home you have paid good money for. Have your title investigated and brought down to-date.

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A Call.

I hereby make a call for the Floyd County Farmers' Union to meet at Floydada, Texas, on Monday, January 3rd, 1916, at 10 o'clock a. m.

All members and delegates are requested to be present.

Yours Fraternally,
J. S. Dickey,
President.

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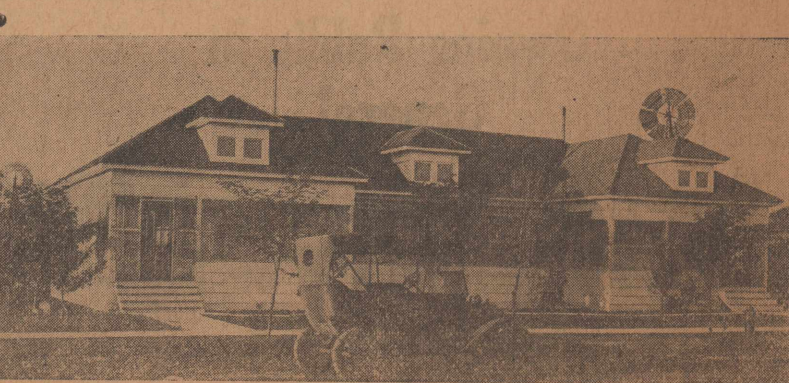
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The year is drawing to a close. Our business has surpassed our most ambitious expectations, and we wish to thank you individually for the generous patronage you have accorded us and the co-operation you have rendered in making possible the heavy increase in volume of our business. Our policy will still be the same in conducting our business--i.e.--**STRICTLY CASH**. By this method we know we can serve you better and save you money on your Groceries. We promise you we will still hold the price of Groceries down to the very lowest possible margin of profit that can be given. We will open no accounts with anyone. Pay cash and we **K-N-O-W** you will save money.

Again thanking you individually for your liberal patronage, we promise we will continue to strive to merit your friendship and patronage. : : : : **REMEMBER** : : :

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Ohio Farmers Use Cream Separators to Save Kick in Cider.

According to a special news dispatch from Marysville, Ohio, farmers in the vicinity of New Carlisle have found a way to "beat" the local option laws. Thousands of gallons of cider were made in that section this fall and farmers have discovered that by running it through a cream separator the water is extracted, leaving little but the pure alcohol remaining. "It's got an awful kick," declared one farmer, who allowed his barrel of cider to sit in the warm November sun two weeks before giving it the cream-separator test. Since his discovery others are filling their cellars with jugs of the extract juice to tide 'em over the winter months.

For Sale.

An excellent quarter about 3 miles south of town. Cash or credit. Fred Brown. tf.



"Bell" Connection Solves Farm Problems

Said a prosperous and up-to-date farmer: "We like to joke the women-folks about using the telephone, but I guess we men use it as much as they do. We find the Long Distance Bell connection feature of our service a wonderful convenience."

Have you a telephone connected to the Bell System?
Ask our nearest Manager for information, or write

The Southwestern
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TEXAS U. CORRESPONDENCE COURSES PROVE POPULAR

Many Texas Boys and Girls do University Work While Remaining at Home.

University of Texas.—Registrations in the Division of Correspondence, Extension Department, of the University of Texas, have reached a total for 1914-15 of 1432, as against a total registration for 1913-14 of 1159. Nor is this all. Dr. L. W. Payne, Jr., head of the division, points out that registrations this fall show an increase over registrations during last fall. Registrations last fall were particularly heavy, because many were kept away from college on account of the unsettled conditions following the outbreak of the European war, and consequently took correspondence courses instead.

"One remarkable thing about students taking University correspondence work," said Dr. Payne yesterday, "is the very high percentage of students who complete the courses undertaken. Our books show that 94.42 per cent of those undertaking credit courses complete them."

"Since the division was inaugurated in the fall of 1909, there have been over 5600 registrations. In the first five years of the division there were 2868 registrations completed, the passes being 60.66 per cent, the quits 38.56 per cent and the failures .76 per cent.

"Two years ago the division founded a correspondence scholarship, which is granted to students who complete with a B average as many as fifteen correspondence courses; that is, the equivalent of five full courses toward a degree. This scholarship exempts a student from matriculation fees when he en-

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ters upon residence work in the University. Under this plan scholarships have been awarded the following students: Sarah L. Clapp, Bowie; E. V. White, Denton; Edna Graham, Cleburne; Pauline Warner, San Angelo; Erma Gill, Houston, and Jas. Bailey Wells, Jr., Gonzales. Several students have completed the required amount of work with a B average and will be entitled to a scholarship when they enter the University."

Paderewski's Pupil.

Paderewski arrived in a small western town about noon one day and decided to take a walk in the afternoon. While he strolled along he heard a piano, and following the sound came to a house on which was a sign reading:

"Miss Jones. Piano lessons 25 cents an hour."

Pausing to listen he heard the young performer trying to play one of Chopin's nocturnes and not succeeding very well.

Paderewski walked up to the house and knocked. Miss Jones came to the door and recognized him at once. Delighted, she invited him in and he sat down and played the nocturne as only Paderewski can. After spending an hour correcting her mistakes, Miss Jones thanked him and he departed.

Some months later he returned to the town and took the same walk.

He soon came to the home of Miss Jones and looking at the sign read: "Miss Jones. Piano lessons, \$1 an hour. (Pupil of Paderewski)"

Illusions.

"All right behind there?" called the conductor from the front of the car.

"Hold on," cried a shrill voice, "Wait till I get my clothes on!"

The passengers craned their necks expectantly. A small boy was struggling to get a basket of laundry aboard.

MONEY.—Making your loan with James Brown saves the agent's commission. They take nothing out. Office at City Hotel, 116p.

Have your pictures, paintings and diplomas framed to order at Wilson's Studio. tf.

C. S. Jones, wife and son are spending Christmas week in Petrolia on a visit with Mr. Jones' father.

For marble monuments, see S. B. McClesky. if.

LARGE ROOM—To rent for light housekeeping or as rooming place. Parties without children desired. References asked. Phone 21. tf

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In announcing the purchase of the Movie Cafe from Mr. J. C. Garrison, we wish to assure the public that we want to make

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Better and better all the time. It will be a clean place in every respect. We cordially invite gentlemen to bring their wives and children when desiring to lunch away from home.

Assuring you that we shall make every effort to make this restaurant everything it should be to enjoy your fullest support, we are,

Yours very truly,

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS.

It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill.

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Greetings

Our business the past year has been the best we have ever had. Thanks to our friends and customers. With your help we are going to make it better next year. We are prepared to give you better dollar for dollar service than ever before. Hoping to enjoy your continued patronage and wishing you a very prosperous New Year.

Haines-King Co.

FOUR SALE - Second hand buggy and harness and a span of young work mules. Apply at Williams Bros. 2tc.

T. R. Allowed Costs of Suit.

Syracuse, N. Y., Dec. 28. - Theodore Roosevelt was today allowed \$1,442.12 against William Barnes as costs and disbursements in the recent trial when the jury dismissed the \$50,000 libel suit brought by Barnes.

Justice Andrews, who conducted the case, also signed a new order refusing to set aside the jury verdict and denying a new trial.

For Sale.

Fresh young milk cows. C. C. West, 15 miles S. E. Floydade, Stp.

Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Buckingham have as their guest during the holidays, their cousin G. W. Stevart, of Bluff City, Kansas.

Start the New Year right - Subscribe for The Hesperian.

POLITICAL PRAYER MEETINGS

It is a sad day for Christianity when the church bells call the communicants together for a political prayer meeting. Such gatherings mark the high tide of religious fanaticism, put bitterness into the lives of men; fan the flames of class hatred and destroy Christian influence in the community. The spirit actuating such meetings is anarchistic, un-Christlike and dangerous to both church and state.

The success of the nation is in the hands of the farmer.

Work for the best and the best will rise up and reward you.

Tenant farming is just one thing after another without a pay day.

New Year Chimes

By MINNA IRVING

Stop thief!
The old year goes
O'er the drifted snows,
And the gray old year hath brought me grief.
He hath stolen the bud and the dancing leaf,
And the dear little robin that used to sing.
At my window sill in the balmy spring,
And the rapturous kisses my lover gave.
He hath hidden him, too, in a narrow grave,
Deep down from the light of the broad, blue sky,
And so through the rush of my tears I cry:
"Stop thief!"
As the old year goes
O'er the drifted snows,
For the gray old year hath brought me grief.

All hail!
The new year comes
With the beat of drums
And clangor of bells in the windy vale.
He bringeth the song of the nightingale,
And, what if his robe is fringed with snow,
The April buds on his bosom blow.
He sendeth a new love unto me
From an ancient country across the sea,
And far to the south we will sail away
Through the purple dusk of a perfumed May.
All hail!
The new year comes,
With the beat of drums
And music of bells in the wintry vale.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

Peter Radford

On Advertise It In Texas.



As a citizen of Texas and one intensely interested in its material development, I want to add my approval to the "Buy It In Texas" movement. Commercial patriotism and business pride are the foundation stones of success in industry and no country can become supreme in commerce and trade without it fostering a spirit of friendship and partiality for its own products and institutions. It is the spirit of the hive that makes the wheels of industry turn and each community should be a progressive unit in our industrial universe. All things being equal the farmer should patronize the local merchant who is always a good citizen, a heavy taxpayer and friend of the farmer. The farmer ships train loads of raw material to out-of-state and foreign markets and factories that meet on their way car loads of finished and foreign grown products coming to Texas. Any effort to minimize this economic waste ought to be encouraged.

But as a farmer and a friend of the manufacturer and merchant I want to suggest an "Advertise It In Texas" movement. The manufacturer and jobber may blow loud blasts on the horn of patriotism but if they will put an "ad" in the newspapers of this state making a business presentation of their goods they will find it far more effective than waving the star-spangled banner.

The farmer is as much interested in the price of the things he has to buy as in the price of the things he has for sale and the advertising columns of his newspaper is his price list. The price is the thing and the farmer wants the figures in cold type. The politicians give him all the patriotic buncombe he cares for.

Business enterprise is a far more successful salesman than business patriotism and organized enterprise among merchants will become as important a revenue producer as organized patriotism among the people.

There are many most worthy organizations working to promote commerce and trade but we seldom find organized effort to promote the press, yet it is recognized as the most powerful agency for progress the world has ever produced. We have all sorts of days calculated to promote business such as Trades Days; Dollar Days; pay days and why not have a press day and all business concerns advertise the things they have to sell and everybody subscribe for the local paper and all delinquents pay a year in advance. There is nothing so elevating in civilization as the smile of an editor and nothing will contribute more toward the welfare of a community than the prosperity of the press.

The Farmers' Union is a friend of the press and its members subscribe for a liberal number of newspapers and periodicals and it is the best investment a farmer can make. There is no news so valuable as store news; no information so interesting as market demands and no tragedy so entertaining as the rise and fall of prices and no page more closely studied by the farmers than the advertising columns of the press.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

C. E. Schaff

On the "Katy" Going to Market.



When the "Katy" takes her market basket on her arm and starts down the thoroughfares of trade, the manufacturer smiles, the merchant takes off his hat and the farmer sees a prosperity special coming his way. She buys with the economy and wisdom of a frugal housewife, but she spends millions; and every dollar she invests circulates through the various channels of business until it finally reaches Mother Earth.

Mr. C. E. Schaff, President of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Lines, when asked to list for the information of the public the purchases of that road during the last twelve months, said in part:

"In normal years, the M., K. & T. Lines consume a diversity of no less than four thousand articles, ranging in size from a paper of pins to large locomotives and cars. She patronizes liberally almost every line of trade, and during the twelve months preceding July 1, 1915, her purchases from the various dealers in lumber and ties amounted to approximately one million one hundred and ninety-three thousand dollars; from the iron and steel industry, nine hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars; from the printer and stationer, one hundred and thirty thousand dollars; from the generous veins of Mother Earth in coal, two million, eight hundred and twenty-five thousand dollars; and in metals, thirty-one thousand dollars, which includes lead to the extent of two thousand dollars. In addition to this, seven hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars was expended in other various materials and supplies for keeping her property in a healthy and working condition, or a grand total aggregating five million, eight hundred and twenty-one thousand dollars.

These enormous figures represent purchases during a 'lean' year. Naturally the road increases purchases when the shop chimneys are continually smoking and a full dinner pail is in the hands of all her thousands of toilers every day.

Most of this tremendous sum in its final destination reaches the soil, for labor is a heavy item of expense in every article the "Katy" purchases and her own payroll approximates \$12,000,000 per annum, which is spent in the main for products raised on the farm."

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

C. E. Schaff

On the "Katy" Paying Her Bills.



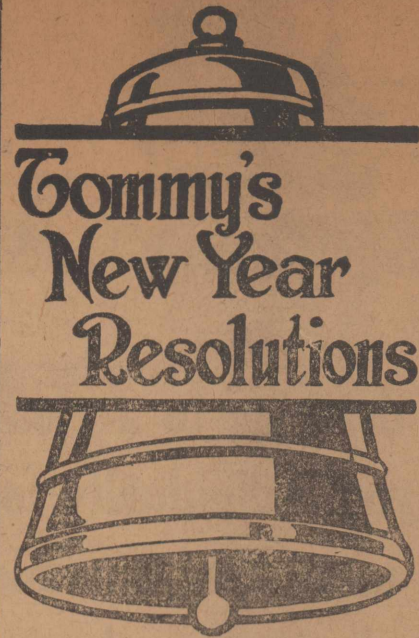
When the "Katy" pays her monthly accounts, she reaches down in her stocking and pulls out a roll of bills large enough to burn up a wet mule. If she paid off her annual accounts in silver dollars and stacked them one upon the other they would reach sixty-eight miles high, would fill sixty-three box cars and weigh one thousand two hundred and fifty tons. Lying side by side along the track of the Missouri, Kansas and Texas Railway, they would reach from Galveston to St. Louis, and double track from St. Louis to Sedalia. When she opens the pay car door twenty thousand men struggle to "touch the hem of her garment," and when she pays her other expenses as many more smile upon her. Her money speaks every language, visits every clime and is changed into the coin of every nation.

Mr. C. E. Schaff, President of the M., K. & T. Lines, when asked to give the disbursements of his road, during the past year, said in part:

"Comparatively few people appreciate what tremendous sums of money are distributed by the railroads of the country. Last year the 'Katy,' for example, paid out in wages of employes alone over twelve million dollars, and disbursed for material and supplies nearly three million. The locomotives handling our last year's business consumed coal to the value of two million nine hundred and thirty thousand dollars, and the tax gatherer came in for the neat sum of one million three hundred and twenty thousand dollars; other operating expenses aggregated over three million dollars. Interest amounting to nearly six million five hundred thousand dollars was paid to thousands of bond holders.

There were millions of transactions involved in the receipts and disbursements and there is hardly a bank in the world which did not handle some item in connection with the M., K. & T. business last year.

Consider for a moment the millions of people outside of railway employes who are indirectly benefited if not entirely dependent upon, the greatest of all industries of the United States."



RESOLVE first, He never fight less imo fought.

Resolve two, He never agin as Teacher less she Gits on My nerves dreftfully. He try being Patient in School.

Resolve three, He never eat another bite after ime full. Enuff is enuff fer Any Ole persin.

Resolve four, He try to live so as to be elected Some Day as kaptin of Our football team. Its a Honorable Job, and I want to be honorable most all ways.

Resolve five, He never, never tell stories. The old Bad Man has got it in fer fellers what Fib to their Maws and Paws.

Resolve six, He not make ugly faces ner laugh at gurls Any More. They kant help being Gurls. Natcher made em what they are, and Boys should feel sorry for em.

I gess this Is enuff fer This year. So He ring off and shut up my Rezoive book till next year.

A NEW YEAR'S APPEAL.

Prisoners For Debt Used Day to Tell of Their Unfortunate Condition.

The newspapers of a century ago afford ample evidence of the cruelty and futility of one of the laws of the day - namely, the punishment of debt by imprisonment, says Alice Morse Earle. It was an utterly hopeless task for any imprisoned for debt ever to expect to be released save by pardoning, and the sufferings of such prisoners was extreme, as they had no charity funds to draw upon to mitigate the woes and misery, the filth and horror of their surroundings. These unhappy men often chose the opening of the new year - a time of gladness and hope to the world in general - to appeal for aid in their utter forlornness, and in the newspapers at the close of the year appeals for help printed through the pity of the publisher of the news sheet, and in early January sometimes humble thanks for gifts from generous citizens. Here is an advertisement from the New York Gazette, January, 1751:

Thrice happy, whose tender Care Relieves the poor Distrest.

When Troubles compass them around The Lord shall give them Rest.

We, the poor Prisoners confined in the Gaol of the City of New York, do take this public Opportunity of returning our most humble and hearty Thanks to our generous but unknown Benefactors for relieving us this severe Season when we were almost perich'd with Cold and Hunger, by sending two Quarters of Beef, one Cord of Wood, Twelve Shillings in Money and three dozen of Loaves of Bread, which was fairly and justly distributed between us. And that God Almighty may give them Health and Happiness in the present Life and Eternal Happiness in the next are the sincere wishes and Desires of THE POOR UNFORTUNATE PRISONERS.

Strange New Year Celebration.

What probably is the strangest New Year's rite is held in the Cevennes mountains, in southern France. At the last evening mass of the old year the herds and flocks of the peasantry are gathered before the portico of the little stone church high up on the mountain side and are blessed by the priest and sprinkled with holy water by the acolyte, who follows him in order that this the sole wealth of the countryside may increase and prosper during the year to come. The slight at the holy hour is wonderful. As the church bell tolls above them the frightened animals bleat and bellow and try madly to escape. First the oxen are blessed, then the cows, next the sheep and lambs and finally the goats and pigs. - Chicago Tribune.

New Year's Day in March.

New Year's day used to fall in March, not in January, and there was a good deal of sense in this, for, even as the world's first year was supposed to have begun in the sprouting of leaf and grass, so each New Year's day was set for the season when Nature began to wake after her winter sleep.

Dec. 31.

Best day of all the year, since I May see thee pass and know That if thou dost not leave me high Thou hast not found me low, And since, as I behold thee die, Thou leavest me the right to say That I tomorrow still may vie With them that keep the upward way.

Best day of all the year to me, Since I may stand and gaze Across the grayish past and see So many crooked ways That might have led to misery Or, haply, ended at disgrace; Best day since thou dost leave me free To look the future in the face.

Best day of all days of the year That was so kind, so good, Since thou dost leave me still the dear Old faith in brotherhood; Best day since I, still striving here, May view the past with small regret And, undisturbed by doubts or fear, Seek paths that are untrod as yet. - Chicago Record-Herald.

When the New Year Arrives

AT certain periods of the year there are certain diseases that sweep the country. In the spring influenza afflicts mankind; in the summer, rose fever, and in the early autumn the hay feverites snuffle and mangle the English language. But with the beginning of the year an epidemic of a disease of the most virulent sort spreads over the civilized world, causing ninety-nine out of a hundred of its inhabitants to raise their right hands involuntarily and swear by all that's holy they will hold fast to the straight and narrow path forever and forever.

The symptoms of the disease are always the same. It is better and more generally known than the common cold; it is more regular in its appearance, and more persons suffer from it than from any other affliction, yet physicians and bacteriologists have never found a remedy or isolated its germ. This microbe, once taken into the system, can never be eliminated. The same victims suffer from it year after year, and each year end hundreds of thousands of new sufferers join the ranks.

The disease first makes its appearance in December. A victim beams beatifically around a poker table and announces, "Well, boys, I swear off on the 1st."

Jan. 1 arrives. Simultaneously several hundred million persons rise, yawn and glance at the calendar, involuntarily the muscles of the right arm contract, elevating that member toward the ceiling. In a state of temporary stupor the victim voices good intentions. Some of the more serious cases even rush off to a lottery public to record these thoughts in black and white and pay said money \$5. The stupor is attended by either a lapse of memory or a distorted mentality. In the first case the victim has entirely forgotten his attack of the year before; in the second he says, as he has



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said almost every year of his life: "Oh, this year it will be different. I'm not going to bust 'em this time." This is the crisis of the disease; now comes the slow recovery.

So many persons suffer in this country from the disease that it might almost be called a national question. Its seriousness lies in the effect upon some of the largest industries of the country. Manufacturers of expensive feminine apparel, cigar stores, hundreds of other institutions that give our country its envied reputation for progressive and enterprising business and mammoth hit and hard. In most cases the recovery is rapid; the only few of the resolution have been known to reappear later than noon of the next day.

Perhaps, one of the most affected industries is that of the insurance companies. To prevent the New Year's disease from taking its toll, and to try the case of prevention with recovery, dictation to the insurance company is another general custom and is a logical effect of the disease and physical.

In from five to ten days the statistics show a marked improvement in its course. The victim begins to feel himself again. He drops his head to full height, voices his intentions, and resumes what's the use? and resumes the normal mode of life with renewed vigor. If he's a smoker he smokes more often for a few days; then gradually habits become normal until the next attack gives a new impetus. This is shown by the consumption of cigars. During the first few days of January fewer are smoked than at any time during the entire year. The consumption gradually increases as patients recover and reaches its maximum Jan. 8, after which is a gradual falling off to normal. - Albany Knickerbocker-Press.

Pope's Welcome to New Year.

It is the universal custom among the Jesuits to hold New Year's eve services in their churches and chapels throughout the world. At the Gesù church, in Rome, the pope always attends the service in person. The service consists of "The Miserere" and the benediction.