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ATES MEAS- S OF RELIEF FOR FARMERS

ch in the House of Repre-
Dec. 14, Hon. Marvin
eated measures of relief
of our country which
e speedily inaugurated. The
e are some extracts taken
e Jones' speech:

ate situation confronts the
of this country—not fanci-
eal. Wheat, corn and cot-
e as live stock are selling
e cost of production. Relief
e given, or the farms and
e of this country will be de-
e. In this problem every man,
e child in America is vitally
e. Everything in this coun-
e depends upon the pros-
e of the producer.

first place the net earnings
e Federal Reserve system, al-
e accumulated should be author-
e to the farmer and stock-
e. The organized banking ma-
e of this country too long has
e limited to the commercial in-
e whereas back of industry, nec-
e is the producer. If the pro-
e fails, the business man must
e go to the wall. Nearly \$100,-
e could be furnished at once un-
e plan.

Treasury Department should be
e to immediately revive the
e Finance Corporation, and
e h it to extend credits to the
e eers.

absolute embargo should be
e upon the importation of wheat,
e, cotton and wool, so that the
e of bushels of wheat and
e products could be kept out of
e country until a living price for
e products is restored.

gain, inasmuch as we are to have
e tariff to help pay the war debt, it
e should be placed upon raw materials
e as well as the finished product. The
e doctrine of free raw materials and a
e protective manufactured product is a
e vicious one. Requiring the pro-
e to buy everything in a protected
e market and to sell in a free one
e means bankruptcy for the farmer and
e merchant. In other words the tariff
e should be uniform. There is no es-
e scape from this logic, and this has
e been my position since I first began
e to study public questions.

This is not a local question, it is an
e American problem. Fifty-two per
e cent of our people live in cities and
e towns of more than 2500 people.
e When tillage begins the other arts
e follow, "the farmers therefore are the
e founders of human civilization." The
e farmers and ranchmen throughout
e this nation are expecting us to do ev-
e erything possible; the demand is
e pressing and immediate.

HAS MANY CURIOS CARVED FROM WOOD

A News representative had the
e pleasure of being in the home of Mr.
e and Mrs. Lat Johnson, 3 miles north
e of Thalia, one evening last week. Mr.
e Johnson is not only one of the best
e and most substantial farmers in the
e prosperous community around Thalia,
e but is a sculptor of more than ordi-
e nary ability. He showed us many
e trinkets and curios he had carved
e from wood. He also had some of these
e erected in bottles, which appeared to
e be almost impossible until he explained
e how it was done.

And by the way, Mr. Johnson in his
e boyhood days served an apprenticeship
e in a country newspaper office and
e has experienced some of the troubles
e that go with the business. He lost
e the end of the forefinger on his
e right hand in a George Washington
e hand press, which perhaps prevented
e him continuing his work as a type-
e setter.

Mr. and Mrs. Johnson were among
e the early settlers of this county and
e have one of the best farms and coun-
e try homes in the Thalia community.
e The home is lighted with an acetylene
e light plant, and is surrounded by big
e trees.

HALF-INCH RAIN

Thunder and lightning, hail and
e rain characterized the weather change
e Monday night from that of balmy
e spring-like sunshine of several weeks.
e The hail was unusual for the time of
e year, and in some portions of the
e country is reported quite heavy.
e Tuesday it was found in drifts. The
e rain amounted to nearly half an inch
e and will be of benefit to the growing
e wheat.

The temperature dropped to 24
e Tuesday night, the coldest spell we
e have had.

QUANAH SETS PRECEDENT

However much we may disagree
e with Phebe K. Warner on some things
e she has to say, we must endorse what
e she has to say about the Teachers'
e Institute at Quanah last week. It is
e not so much about the Institute as
e the splendid reception Quanah gave
e that body of visitors.

"Up, down, over and at Quanah,
e last week," the writer says in the
e Star-Telegram, "something new hap-
e pened. Not only new but extraordi-
e nary. Something almost unheard of
e in the realm of civic hospitality."

Then the writer enumerates the oc-
e casions on which all towns litterly
e spreads themselves in the exhibition
e of hospitality, such as the Methodist
e Conference when the best bunch of
e yellow-legged roosters are cooked up
e and handed out free of charge to
e hungry preachers. When the church
e women of the country meet in your
e town to discuss ways and means to
e educate the little children of China
e and South Africa. People always
e take the delegates into their homes
e and give them the best treatment
e possible. The same thing is true, says
e the writer, with the Cattlemen's Con-
e vention, the Club women's convention,
e and so on, and everybody in the town
e favors turning the town over to all
e these and showing them a good time
e and a free stay, to which there is no
e objection. Then the writer adds:

"But when it is announced that the
e Teachers' Institute is to be held in
e your town for a week, what happens?
e As a rule, everybody has something
e important to do that week. And
e these are some of the remarks you
e hear. 'They are being paid for their
e time, let them go to the hotel.' 'They
e get a salary, let them pay their
e own bills.' 'I haven't time to fool with
e the teachers. I'm too busy.' 'They
e would have their board to pay if they
e were teaching.' 'What's the differ-
e ence whether they are teaching or
e attending the institute?' 'Why, if I
e were to board these teachers for a
e week they would save just that much
e money off of me.' 'Pshaw! Can't no-
e body work me that way!'

"And yet, and yet, and yet! The
e Teachers' Institute is to the teacher
e and the school just exactly what the
e conference is to the minister and the
e church, the club women and the club,
e the cattleman and the cattle. The
e only differences are, the teacher is
e most often some young woman strug-
e gling to educate herself or help sup-
e port an invalid mother, husband or
e dependent children. The teacher pays
e all her own traveling expenses and is
e required by law to go to the institute
e or she cannot get her salary for the
e time. The Teachers' Institute is for
e the sole purpose of studying better
e ways and means to educate our own
e children instead of the children of
e Europe, Asia and Africa. Its object
e is to build up our own country and
e develop our own educational system,
e and yet, how little attention do most
e of us give to our Teachers' Institute!"

"Now, here comes a marvelous
e change. A new order in social af-
e fairs. It came last week at Quanah,
e Texas, when the citizens of Quanah
e opened the doors of their hearts, their
e homes and their city to the Joint
e Teachers' Institute of King, Motley,
e Cottle, Foard and Hardeman Counties
e from Dec. 13 to Dec. 18, and by so do-
e ing placed the teachers of these five
e counties on the same social level with
e the ministers, the church women, club
e women and the cattlemen. The citi-
e zens of Quanah met these 216 teach-
e ers at the trains with their cars, took
e them to their homes, gave them the
e best they had, entertained in honor of
e them at one of their beautiful churches
e and made them feel so welcome and
e so happy that for once in their lives
e they were all glad they were teach-
e ers. It turned the Teachers' Insti-
e tute into a real, rare treat, instead
e of a long drawn out dread and placed
e the work of educating our own
e children on a level with the ministry,
e where it ought to be, and on the level
e with the education of the heathen and
e the club work of the State."

HEATING PLANT INSTALLED

Paul Tinsley has been here this week
e installing the hot air heating plant at
e the new Methodist church. The plant
e is now ready for operation and the
e Christmas exercises will be held to-
e night in the main auditorium. A
e new piano was bought last week for
e the main auditorium so that the old
e piano could be used in the basement
e by the Sunday School.

Church services will be held in the
e main auditorium Sunday.

A Donley County lad 14 years old
e has accumulated in two years a herd
e of 19 registered hogs from a bred gilt
e which cost him \$73. He has sold \$400
e worth of hogs during that time.

NOW IS TIME TO CULL FLOCK SAYS THE HOME AGENT

Since Miss Goodwin came to take
e up her duties as home demonstration
e agent she has been over quite a lot of
e the county and has been making a
e survey of her work. Speaking this
e week with reference to one depart-
e ment of her work, that of poultry, she
e says she finds a number of good
e chickens in the county, and she is
e anxious to be of service to those in-
e terested in the poultry business in any
e way she can.

"One of the most essential things
e now," she said, "is the culling of the
e flocks, and I shall be glad to give my
e service to anyone in this respect."

It should be understood, of course,
e that Miss Goodwin has reference only
e to good breeds. She could not be ex-
e pected to cull a bunch of mongrels,
e because they do not need to be culled.
e Such a bunch of chickens can not be
e improved very much and consequently
e time is wasted with them.

Speaking further with reference to
e the possibilities of the poultry busi-
e ness in this country, Miss Goodwin
e thinks conditions here are very favor-
e able from the standpoint of health
e of fowls and the usual plentifulness
e of feed. She says also that there are
e fewer pests in this country than in
e the East to annoy one in the poultry
e business.

PUT YOUR MONEY IN THE BANK

As we come to the close of the year
e and are disappointed in some of our
e financial calculations let us reflect a
e moment and "count our many bless-
e ings." It is true that a bale of cotton
e nor a wagon load of feed will pay the
e same amount of debts it did last year,
e but after mature reflection can't we
e realize that it was unreasonable for
e us to expect prices to continue so far
e above the general average.

Do we realize the advantage we
e have over some counties in the State?
e We have both cotton and wheat to
e sell, more feed and live stock than is
e needed for home demands. Contrast
e this with what conditions would be if
e we did not have these products and
e had to borrow money to buy these
e actual necessities. Perhaps a few
e farmers have not a supply of meat,
e lard, milk, butter, chickens and eggs.
e Very few men can offer a reasonable
e excuse for not growing these things.

There is another thing that some
e well-to-do farmers and stock raisers
e practice that is against their own in-
e terests and that of the community.
e Where is your money? Everything
e shows that the banks in our town are
e in first-class condition. So, instead
e of carrying money around in your
e pockets or hiding it away in some un-
e safe place, why not put it in their
e care and let it go into circulation and
e in this way you will the better
e protect yourself and help the banks
e to assist your neighbors.

It is alright to provide shelter and
e store wheat and cotton on the farm,
e in this way you have good collateral
e for credit.

But the only safe place for money,
e however small the amount, is in the
e banks.—A FARMER.

LOTS OF HOGS MAKE BIG QUANTITIES OF LARD

Sam Russell says we got him into
e trouble by reporting the fact last
e week that he had killed 6 hogs that
e made 41 gallons of lard. He finds
e that nearly everybody has killed hogs
e and several of them have beat his
e hogs making lard.

Will Ferguson says, "I killed three
e that made about 22 gallons." Judge
e Cole, living here in town killed one
e that made seven or eight gallons and
e John Bell got 70 gallons from six 10-
e month old pigs. But Sam, no doubt,
e would feel that his hogs ought not to
e be put up against registered Poland
e Chinas, for some of John's pigs were
e registered. But Charley Gafford
e comes along and says he made 30
e gallons of lard from three hogs.

We feel like taking Sam's side of
e the hog business because he did not
e give this out for publication, else he
e could have made it a little better if
e he had desired, but for better reasons
e than that—he had not rounded out his
e shoats with corn, as some of the oth-
e ers did, which makes quite a differ-
e ence.

The point is that the people in
e Foard County are living at home this
e year as much perhaps as ever before,
e because they have made the feed and
e the country is full of good hogs which
e are now being slaughtered for the
e winter meat. After all, the low price
e of cotton and wheat is not going to
e keep our people from getting by.

POULTRY AND COWS PROVE MONEY MAK- ING PROPOSITION

R. E. Sparks was in town Saturday
e from Foard City and renewed for the
e News and the Star-Telegram. He
e has not been making Foard County
e his home but a year or so and is not
e fixed up just like he wants to be, yet,
e but is rapidly working toward that
e end.

We have had occasion before to call
e attention to the fact that he is a firm
e believer in keeping good stock on his
e place, and that idea he exercises in
e the actual doing of the thing. The
e aim is to make the Sparks farm one
e of diversification, as we understand,
e perhaps not so much in the matter of
e crop growing but in the addition of
e good stock, including thoroughbred
e Jersey cows and purebred White Leg-
e horn hens. Of course with these on
e the farm, feed will be one of the
e principal crops to be raised. This is
e a fine combination for almost any
e country, and none offers better op-
e portunities along this line than Foard
e County.

Judging from what Mr. Sparks says,
e Mrs. Sparks has the management
e principally of the poultry department,
e so to speak. "I thought she was
e making a great mistake," he said,
e "when she paid \$75.00 for a rooster.
e I thought a chicken was a chicken,
e but I have learned different. My
e wife borrowed \$500 from me to put
e into the chicken business and it was
e not long until she had paid that back
e and I have been borrowing from her
e since."

He said they had a pen of five
e White Leghorns at College Station
e taking the test for egg production by
e the trap-nest method. This is the only
e bunch of chickens sent from this
e county to be trap-nested. When the
e year's test is over he will know ex-
e actly what their record is.

Mr. Sparks is interested in the
e poultry business and says he is work-
e ing to the point where he can give it
e more of his time. The foundation for
e their stock came from Michigan and
e he says those interested in the poul-
e try business in the State say the
e birds on the Sparks' farm are as good
e as can be found in Texas.

HENRY HARGROVE NOW GENERAL FREIGHT AGENT OF ORIENT IN TEXAS

San Angelo, Dec. 20.—William Henry
e Hargrove of San Angelo, better
e known in Texas railroad circles as
e Harry Hargrove, has advanced
e another step with the Kansas
e City, Mexico & Orient railroad. Mr.
e Hargrove's appointment as general
e freight and passenger agent of the
e Texas division, effective Dec. 15, was
e announced Saturday.

Mr. Hargrove succeeds M. Roulet,
e who came to San Angelo March 1,
e from Wichita, Kan., where he was con-
e nected with the Missouri Pacific sys-
e tem. Mr. Roulet was with that line
e fifteen years. He will remain here,
e in charge of the office, as Mr. Har-
e grove will continue "on the road"
e most of the time.

In becoming general freight and
e passenger agent, Mr. Hargrove will
e retain his position as general live-
e stock agent, which he has held since
e 1918. For several years prior to the
e taking over the railroads by the gov-
e ernment, Mr. Hargrove was both live-
e stock and commercial agent. He has
e been with the Orient since 1909, serv-
e ing here as cashier for several years.

NEARLY ELEVEN MILLION BALES COTTON GINNED

According to the government re-
e port to Dec. 13, there had been 10,-
e 878,265 bales of cotton ginned, as
e compared with 9,396,646 at the same
e date last year. Nearly one and a
e half million bales more have already
e been ginned than at the same time
e last year.

The report would indicate that
e American Egyptian cotton is coming
e into favor rapidly and that the sea
e island variety is going out. Last year
e only 27,000 bales of the former were
e ginned at this time, while the number
e at this time is just about twice that
e number. Sea island last year had
e reached 6,236 bales; this year only
e 1,291.

Texas leads this year with 3,601,351
e bales, while South Carolina comes
e second with 1,364,660. Virginia has
e the smallest amount of any state
e whose crop is recorded, 12,376 bales.

Mrs. W. A. Mussetter of La Grange,
e Mo., is here visiting her daughter,
e Mrs. J. S. Ray, having come from Ft.
e Worth where she has been visiting
e relatives.

ALL OVER TEXAS

According to Hess & Skinner, engi-
e neers of Dallas, more road construc-
e tion is now in progress in Texas than
e in any other state of the Southwest.
e Most of this is on designated high-
e ways of the state. The fact that Tex-
e as is leading is due to the government
e and state aid which has been extend-
e ed. About \$100,000,000 has been
e spent on our highways since the pro-
e gram was adopted about two years
e ago. A large per cent of the roads
e are gravel with concrete foundation.
e Cherokee was the first county to
e build a road across its boundaries,
e which is 50 miles in length and which
e was finished last year. Rusk Coun-
e ty is said to have started on a pro-
e gram involving an expenditure of
e \$100,000. Childress has recently let
e a contract for the construction of a
e stretch of highway in that county.
e Lamb County has also let a contract
e for the construction of 25 miles of
e gravel highway. Cottle County is
e soon to let a contract for 34 miles.
e The same spirit of road building is
e being shown in various portions of
e the state.

While road construction is going on
e in many portions of Texas there are
e some places where the people have
e not yet waked up to the need of bet-
e ter roads. For instance, it is report-
e ed that six miles north of Paris there
e is a young man who is coining money
e pulling people across a mudhole. He
e charges \$2.50 for pulling an auto
e across the mudhole and has a string
e of them most of the time and some
e have to wait for service. It is not
e stated whether or not the young fel-
e low has a water system in operation
e to keep the hole muddy, but the av-
e erage traveler does not seem to be
e concerned about the matter. What he
e wants is to get across the mudhole
e and he is willing to pay his \$2.50 for
e the service, so why should the young
e man worry? Still, we have troubles
e of a similar nature nearer home, es-
e pecially when one wants to get across
e Pease or Wichita.

Vernon, Texas, Dec. 18.—John R.
e Allen, a farmer living fourteen miles
e from Vernon, this morning killed his
e wife by blowing off her head with a
e shot gun and killed himself by cutting
e his throat with a knife.

Allen, who was 28 years old, was
e well known in Wilbarger County.
e Two small children who were in the
e house at the time of the tragedy
e were rescued by men near by before
e they could be harmed. A brother of
e the dead man grappled with him to
e prevent further self-injury after he
e had stabbed himself several times in
e the chest, but was unable to prevent
e his slashing his throat.

Allen is said to have been acting
e queerly for the last three weeks, and
e doctors are said to have pronounced
e his case brain meningitis. Not until
e this morning did he display any signs
e of violence.

It is reported that approximately
e \$2,000 will be saved to the property
e owners of city property in the city
e of Waxahachie annually on their in-
e surance through a movement put un-
e der way to give the students of the
e Waxahachie public schools thorough
e instructions in fire prevention. The
e city council and the school board have
e co-operated to take advantage of the
e offer of the State Fire Commission
e to increase credits from 1 to 2 per
e cent on the key rate in towns where
e precautionary measures against fire
e are taught in the public schools.

An East Texan is said to have real-
e ized a fancy profit from a couple of
e cars of ribbon cane shipped to the
e West where it was bought and chewed
e by people while they were discussing
e politics. But that's taking an unfair
e advantage of the tobacco grower,
e whose product would go begging if
e the practice, as above cited, were to
e become general enough to affect an
e abandonment of the long used and
e much relished weed.

The Texas winter wheat acreage is
e estimated at 1,834,000 acres, which is
e half a million more than last year.
e The condition of the crop is 89 per
e cent of normal, which exceeds that of
e the same date last year by 10 per
e cent and better than that of the ten
e years' average by 6 per cent.

The Sixth West Texas Poultry
e Show was held at Plainview, com-
e mencing last Thursday and lasting
e until Tuesday. More than 2,000
e birds were entered and nearly all the
e towns in the Panhandle were repre-
e sented. Prizes to the amount of
e \$3,000 were awarded the winners.

CHRISTMAS SPIRIT SHOWN TO MANY BY HOME PEOPLE

One of the best ways, in fact the
e only way, to get real happiness out
e of life is to help somebody else to be
e happy. We are coming to realize this
e truth more as the years go by and
e the thought is finding expression in
e act among our people more. What is
e that but the living of the Christ life
e to a higher degree? It is a mistaken
e idea that the world is not growing
e better. There is more sin and mean-
e ness in the world than ever, but it is
e also true that there is more good.
e Our country is heeding the call for
e help to sustain life among the people
e of China, 15,000,000 of whom are now
e in actual need and who will perish if
e not aided. Their needs have been
e made known to the world and all over
e the country people are responding to
e them, perhaps not as they ought to,
e or as they could do, but to an extent
e that will wonderfully help.

The collections at the churches here
e last Sunday were applied to a relief
e fund to be sent either to the Armen-
e ians or to the Chinese and the con-
e tributions were enlarged above the
e ordinary collections. The aggregate
e of such an effort throughout the
e country will amount to a substantial
e sum.

Then in every community there are
e needs to be taken care of at home. In
e this way the Goodfellows organiza-
e tion of Crowell performs a work of
e charity that would otherwise not be
e attended to. What this organization
e has done is not great, but does
e but it does help. The Goodfellows have
e a small fund on hand which is being
e distributed among orphans in town or
e in the country, as the needs are
e brought to the attention of the or-
e ganization. And we might say for
e the benefit of any who may be in the
e class of those to whom this can be ex-
e tended, the matter should be brought
e to the attention of Claude A. Adams,
e the secretary of the organization. Amounts
e already having been distributed among
e the needy here will be sufficient to
e help gladden the hearts of those who
e might not otherwise be remembered
e during the holidays.

Besides, there will be individual
e manifestations of this spirit among
e many of our people. That is highly
e commendable and will not only bring
e happiness to others but will have re-
e flect action on the givers in making
e them the happier by reason of having
e remembered somebody else.

FOARD COUNTY GIRL MARRIES VERNON MAN

On Wednesday evening of this week
e a beautiful wedding was solemnized
e at the home of the bride's parents
e in the Ayersville community when
e Miss Essie Shultz was married to Mr.
e Clarence D. Haney, a young business
e man of Vernon.

Promptly at 7:30 o'clock as the
e strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding
e March, played by Miss Myrtle John-
e son, piano, and T. B. Klepper, violin,
e penetrated the rooms, the young
e couple preceded by Rev. J. B. Henderson,
e entered the living room where in the
e presence of a large crowd Bro. Hen-
e derson said the words that united the
e lives of these estimable young people.

Mrs. Haney is the youngest daugh-
e ter of Mr. and Mrs. D. M. Shultz, and
e has been teaching classes at Thalia
e and Margaret in music and expression
e for some time. She graduated from
e the Crowell High School in 1917 and
e continued her studies in the Vernon
e school taking special training in mu-
e sic and expression.

Mr. Haney is the son of Mr. and
e Mrs. Mode Haney of Thalia, and is a
e successful business man of Vernon,
e at which place they will make their
e home.

They were the recipients of many
e beautiful presents.
e After the ceremony hot chocolate
e and cake were served the guests in the
e dining room, during which time vocal
e and instrumental music was enjoyed.

MAN KILLS WIFE AND THEN HIMSELF

Chillicothe, Texas, Dec. 18.—John
e Allen, a well-known citizen of this
e county, living north of Chillicothe,
e shot and killed his wife at the Allen
e home this morning. Allen used a
e shotgun, the load of shot entering
e Mrs. Allen's head, which was almost
e torn off by the discharge.

After killing his wife, Allen ac-
e cused a large butcher knife and cut
e his own throat, dying within a few
e minutes after inflicting the wound.

Merry Christmas

We wish each and every one of our customers and friends the greatest enjoyments of the holiday season. We also wish to thank you for your business for the year soon to end.

Our business will be closed on Christmas day.

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Can Save Every Day

On Groceries

The Industrial Transportation Co. offers you an opportunity to save every day. We have no special prices for a day, but challenge the world on regular prices. We want to move our stock as quickly as possible, as we are to get our goods after the first of the year from the Stamford warehouse, which will enable us to sell a good deal cheaper.

A Few of Our Every-day Prices

Smith's Best Flour, per 100lbs.	\$5.75		
8 lb. Cottolene	-	-	1.60
6 lb. Crustene	-	-	1.50
1869 Coffee which we think is better than White Swan, 3 lb. bucket	-	-	1.30
Flagship Coffee 4 lb. bucket	-	-	1.00
Peaberry, per pound	-	-	25c
Spuds, per peck	-	-	50c
Kerosene Oil, per gallon	-	-	20c
Gallon Apricots	-	-	90c
Gallon Peaches	85c	No. 2 1/2 Corn	15c
Gallon Apples	85c	No. 2 1/2 Hominy	17c
Gallon Bl'kberries	1.10	Matches	6c
10 lb. Honey	3.00	All Cane Syrup	1.40
No. 2 1/2 Tomatoes	15c	Xmas Oranges, doz.	60c

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Any one caught hauling wood or trespassing in any way on the Hallsell ranch will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law.—B. J. Glover, Foreman.

Picture show at the opera house Tuesday, Friday and Saturday nights beginning promptly at 7:45.

THALIA ITEMS
(By Special Correspondent)

Miss Ora Pittillo is very ill with pneumonia.

Will Johnson hauled cotton to Crowell Saturday.

Gordon Davis was transacting business in Crowell Thursday.

Dick Swan and family transacted business in Vernon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe French were shopping in Crowell Saturday.

Claude Abston was here Sunday from Rayland visiting his parents.

Miss Vivian Parker of Ayersville attended church here Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Luke Johnson were business visitors in Vernon Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Wood and Grandpa McDaniel were in Crowell Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Harley Capps of Crowell attended Sunday School here Sunday.

Elbert Scales and Jesse Davis of Crowell were in Thalia Sunday afternoon.

Mrs. Wood Roberts is spending the week with her sister, Mrs. Hiram Grey.

Miss Lula Bowley was sick Monday, Miss Myrtle Huntley taught school in her place.

Mrs. Alice Shultz and little daughter of Vernon attended church here Sunday.

Bill and Keeb Short and sister, Miss Sherley, were shopping in Crowell Saturday.

Mrs. D. M. Shultz and daughter, Miss Essie, were in our city one day last week.

Miss Charley Wayland spent Sunday with Miss Alline Gamble at Ayersville.

Mrs. Nash and children of Crowell visited her sister, Mrs. Grover Phillips Saturday.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist church tonight for the town and community.

Mrs. Jeffie Wood and children of Crowell spent several days with her mother here last week.

Mrs. J. A. Abston returned home Thursday from a very pleasant visit with relatives at Rayland.

A sweet little baby boy came Saturday, the 18th, to brighten the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hiram Grey.

Charley Wisdom and family, Pete Gamble and family were here Saturday looking for Santa Clause.

Misses Lula Bowley and Mattie Belle Choat returned here Saturday from the institute at Quanah.

Mr. and Mrs. Grover Phillips spent Sunday in the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Sims, east of Thalia.

Bro. Henderson of Margaret filled his regular appointment at the Baptist church Sunday and Sunday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Burress and daughter, Miss Knoxie, were shopping in Foard County's capital Saturday afternoon.

Emmett Powell returned to Crowell Sunday afternoon after spending the week-end with his parents near Rayland.

Miss Alline Gamble of Ayersville spent awhile in the home of her sister, Mrs. Walter Johnson, here Saturday evening.

School opened Monday with the pupils and teachers in their respective places after being closed a week for the Teachers' Institute.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Rennels of the Rayland community came to our city Sunday afternoon to bring their son, Emmett Powell, this far on his way back to Crowell.

Miss Eveline Gaines, teacher of the Ayersville school, left Saturday to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents at Annona. She was accompanied by her cousin, Cloeman Banister.

Lat and Will Johnson, Mr. and Mrs. Jeff Fleming and daughter, Mrs. Frank Richter, John Thompson, Jr. and wife and sister, Leona Thompson were among the visitors to Crowell from here Saturday.

Ab Lawrence and family of Lorenzo came in Friday to spend the Christmas holidays with their relatives. They will go from here to Dallas where Mr. Lawrence will undergo an operation on his eyes.

The boys and girls who came home from the State Normal at Denton to spend the Christmas holidays with their parents are as follows: Robert and Arthur Davis and Tom Johnson; Misses Knoxie Burress, Leta Haney, Opal Cato and Myrtle Huntley.

Suggestions For Your Christmas Gifts

Although we have cut out the full page as appeared last week, we have not withdrawn our very attractive prices. They are still in effect.

So, as furniture is something that each member of the home can always enjoy and lasts almost indefinitely, we suggest you make your selections from our stock of

Rockers, Rugs, Davenports, Library Tables, Chifforobes, Dining Room and Bed Room Suites, Kitchen Cabinets.

If it is for the young lady--
A Red Cedar Chest is very appropriate.

For the young man--
A Chifforobe or Trunk.

For the little boys and girls--
The Flivver, a sure winner.

For Baby--
Fine Red Carriage, Buggy, High Chair or Rocker.

For Mother--Anything mentioned first above.

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FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKER

MARGARET MUSINGS
(By Special Correspondent)

We are having a foretaste of winter, thermometer at 12 above this morning.

Mrs. Cherry has gone to spend Christmas with her son, Herman, at Clinton, Okla.

The farmers are bringing in their wheat to make room for the large crop now growing.

Dick Bond has sold his residence in Margaret and proposes to make Crowell his future home.

A fine shower with hail and thunder came to us on Tuesday night. It was beneficial to young wheat and helped to pick the cotton.

The sale at the Allison Mercantile store is a success and if they continue the people will stop sending off their money for goods. Fair prices will hold the trade.

Frank Hembree has loaded out a car and gone to his new home in Hale County. We regret to lose Frank and his wife but our loss will be their gain if they want good citizens.

Frank Kirkman is here from his ranch in New Mexico. He gives glowing accounts of his home out there, but has failed so far to persuade that girl to go back with him. "What is home without a wife?"

The new electric light plant has started and Mr. Roden is giving us good service. We have a light in the morning to get up by which is a great convenience. Our only kick is that they stop too early at night. They spoiled a good pinochle game last night by shutting off the gas.

Every now and then we get a gin man who is too honest to suit the oil mill that owns the gin and he has to go. Our ginner, Mr. Melvin, who has been giving good satisfaction to the farmers has failed to enrich the oil mill and has to go. How long, O Lord, before the cotton gin and the oil mill will be divorced?

Thompson at Swaim's Garage, 29p. 12x14. See Annie Campbell or J. E. Dresser and a new 2-room house, 4-barner, 3 dining chairs, one oak. For sale at a bargain—One oil stove. Get that silver chest for her Xmas present at Self's Hardware Store.

BEAVER NEWS
(By Special Correspondent)

Jesse Scott and wife have moved to Crowell.

Santa Claus will soon be here, everybody be ready to greet him.

A half-inch rain fell Monday night which will benefit the wheat crop.

Miss Mattie Meason of Crowell spent Sunday with Miss Edith Stone.

W. B. Jones and family are spending the holidays with relatives out on the Plains.

Mr. Mahn is spending the Christmas season with his daughter who lives at Denison, Texas.

The fruit supper given at the home of Rev. J. P. Tye Saturday night was enjoyed by a large crowd.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Golden and son, W. C. Jr., spent Sunday with Jim Blazg and family at Foard City.

The road workers are progressing nicely on the highway that is being built through this community now.

Brown Guess and Lonnie Johnston left Friday for Oklahoma to visit relatives and friends during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Statser of Bakerflat community visited the latter's par-

ents, Mr. and Mrs. Draper this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Tye of Crowell spent Saturday night and Sunday with John Vegene and family of the community.

There were two singings in the community Sunday night, one at home of C. L. Gray and the other at the home of Mr. Woodard. Both were enjoyed very much.

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For A Happy Xmas

For all our friends and customers we wish a very, very happy Christmas and a great 1921 all the way through.

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PLAINVIEW POINTERS
(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. Will Morris are entertaining a new boy.

K. B. Pool and wife were shopping in Vernon Saturday.

Mrs. J. R. Coffman was shopping in Crowell Saturday.

A large crowd attended the party at Clara Skipworth's Thursday night.

Emmett Powell of Crowell spent Sunday with his mother's family, Mrs. John Rennels.

Sam Seales and wife and Grandma Seales of Crowell spent Sunday in the Dick Coffman home.

Joe Coffman left Friday for Wichita Falls where he has a position with the Continental Supply Co.

Mrs. Huntley left Monday for Vernon where she will spend the holidays with her son, Joe, and family.

Mrs. Maynard and daughter, Annie, left Saturday for Sweetwater where they will make their future home.

Elmerlee and John A. Brimberry, Hall Kennedy and Miss Eulareal Driskell left Friday for Houston County to spend the holidays with relatives.

Robert and Arthur Davis, Carl Matthews and Miss Myrtle Huntley came in Saturday from Denton where they had been attending school. They will spend the holidays with relatives here.

FOR SALE OR TRADE

80 acre farm, 4-room house, cistern, well of neverfailing water, good orchard, out buildings. School house on place. Located near Rochester, Haskell County, on Orient railroad. Will sell at a bargain or trade for house in Crowell. Apply to Dr. Hart at Crowell. tf

Have your eyes tested and glasses fitted at A. C. Gaines' jewelry store by a graduate optician. Examination free. Prices reasonable.

One high-bred registered Jersey bull kept at the Collins wagon yard, \$5.00 when service is rendered. tf

For Sale—10 head of young registered Hereford calves, papers furnished.—J. E. Bell. tf

Pleasure of Giving

It is more blessed to give than to receive, and the act of giving always brings a feeling of joy and happiness to the heart of the giver. No other time is more appropriate for giving than during Christmas-tide, when joy and good cheer fill the hearts of all.

In making your Holiday purchases we ask that you will inspect our line of gifts. We have anticipated your wants and are offering a nice line in

Doll Toys	Stationerys Ivory
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Beauty Sets for the women and Xmas boxes of cigars for the men, also a line of fine candies for all the family.

Yours for service and to please.

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IN accepting our sincere good wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we trust you will permit a word regarding our service for the coming year.

This has been a banner year for us; we trust it has been such for you.

For the part you have had in our increased business we are deeply grateful—we pledge you a service for 1921 that considers only you and your needs.

May we not be favored with a continuance of your patronage?

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The EMPTY STOCKING

*There's an empty stocking hanging from many a little bed,
Where a God-blown dream hangs over each sleeping curly head;
And the vision gathers nightly of a day that's soon to come,
Where little feet should patter to the music of the drum.*

*But out where splendor centers in the mansions of the great,
No call will go unanswered, no toe will vainly wait;
The Christmas horn will summon—the Christmas drum will roll
The tide of joy in magic through the gateway of each soul.*

*There's an empty stocking hanging by many a wind-blown door,
That must wait in vain for Christmas, in the gray haunts of the poor;
And eyes that now shine brightly shall, through a rain of tears,
See nothing there on Christmas but the sorrow of the years.*

*But where one gift would brighten the dark of weary days,
No reindeer's hoof will thunder o'er Poverty's drear ways;
And so, for God's white season—for some wee dreamer's cause—
Don't you think that you might whisper just a word to Santa Claus?*

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THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, Owners and Publishers

Entered at the Post Office at Crowell, Texas, as second class matter.

Crowell, Texas, December 24, 1920

One half the students in Harvard University, 6,000 in number, are said to be working their way through the University. Some are spending a portion of their time as hotel clerks, waiters, chauffeurs, window cleaners, woodchoppers or any other honorable employment whereby they may procure funds with which to continue school work, which fact emphasizes the saying that where there is a will there is a way. The fellow that is nursed through school has to be nursed after he gets through.

It is a mistaken idea that people do not live as long now as they used to. Recent statistics, if we are not mistaken, show that the average length of life has been considerably lengthened within the last few years, and as for there being some very old men and women, quite a number too, there is no lack of proof. One example is that of S. T. Curry, aged 91, who lives in Harris County and still manages a ranch in that country.

One unit of the Vernon warehouse is now filled with cotton, having a capacity of about 1500 bales. The second unit has been completed and is now being filled. Wilbarger farmers will thus be enabled to hold their cotton until the price advances, and in the meantime get loans on it that will help them get by. But best of all, their cotton is not exposed to the weather.

It has been announced that Stamford is to have a daily newspaper within the next few weeks. There are few towns the size of Stamford in which daily newspapers have proven a success. No longer can a paper be run on hot air and compliments from its readers. When newsprints soar around the 15 cent mark nothing short of old hard cash will keep one off the auction block.

If the passage of the Federal Road Bill is effected by the present congress, which carries an appropriation of \$400,000,000 Texas will get \$24,000,000 of the amount. This is to cover a period of four years, with an annual allowance of \$6,000,000 for the state, and will become effective next June.

An anti-strike bill has been introduced and passed in the Senate, but was prevented from going to the house by a motion by Senator La Follette to reconsider. If the bill should become a law it would mean the end of railroad strikes, which have heretofore effected the entire nation.

A poultryman at Decatur, Texas, realizes an income of \$66 per month from 180 White Leghorn hens. The low price of cotton does not worry that fellow, except for the effect it has on his neighbors.

PRICE DEFLATION PERIOD IS PASSED

Dallas, Dec. 20.—In discussing the deflation of price situation, M. H. Wolfe, one of the leading cotton operators in the Southwest said:

"The process of deflation in prices is over.

"Having been closely allied with business interests for more than thirty years I have carefully watched the ups and downs of commercial and financial conditions in this country and in Europe. All of the ear marks indicate that the period of depression has reached the limit and from now on we may confidently look for a gradual improvement in all lines. We need not hope to recover as rapidly as deflation was accomplished, but all will be better off by slow stabilization of all commodity prices together with the sane and equitable re-adjustment of wages for all classes.

"During the period of the war the people became intoxicated with financial prosperity which reached the limit early this year.

"Suddenly the country faced the serious question of returning to normal condition and was upset by the fact that the high cost of living prohibited equal adjustments being made among all of the people. Then it was the deflation began and continued until it has reached the point where it seems perfectly safe to resume normal operations in all lines of trade and manufacturing enterprises.

"The financial conditions in Texas and in America are perfectly sound and are far better than existed in former periods of depression and there seems to be no occasion for any un-casiness and all that is needed now is for everybody to drive right on doing business at the old stand and pay no attention to any barking on the side of the road."

YOUNG PEOPLES MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Young Peoples Missionary Society met Dec the 1st with Mrs. Everett Bell.

A very interesting lesson on the missionaries in Korea was discussed and enjoyed by all.

After the lesson dainty refreshments were served by the hostess.

At our business meeting which was held two weeks later at the church, the officers were elected for the next year.

The society voted to contribute one hundred dollars on the purchase of a new piano for the church.

A committee was appointed to make plans for work for the society for the month of January, and to give a report at the next meeting. Several new members were enrolled.

The next meeting will be Dec. the 28th with Mrs. Henry.—Press Reporter.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM Section A

Leader—Leslie Hart.

Song.
Prayer—Led by Junior President.
Bible Lesson—Jesus, the Great Teacher on Prayer.

(a) Teaching others to pray, Luke 11:1-15; 18:1-8.—Mildred Cogdell.

(b) Teaching the meaning of prayer, John 14:13; 15:16.—Frances Clover.

Story—"Crowded Out."—Katherine Clark.
Song.

JUNIOR LEAGUE PROGRAM

Where did God place man when he created him? Gen. 2:8.—Mildred Donaldson.

What description have we given us of this garden? Gen. 2:9.—Eva Meason.

Was man in the garden of Eden? Gen. 2:15.—Mary Ragland Thompson.

Did God permit man to eat the fruit of this garden? Gen. 2:16.—Vergie Donaldson.

Were they forbidden to eat of the tree of life.—Marion Cooper.
Did man obey God's command?—Georgia Ribble.

Emperor's Splendid Tomb.

The body of Napoleon III lies in a tomb in the church of St. Michael at Farnborough, England. This chapel was built by ex-Empress Eugenie as a memorial to her husband. In the crypt also is placed the tomb of her son, the Prince Imperial, who was killed while fighting with the English army in Zululand. The church is a magnificent building of white stone, and stands on the brow of a hill. It is surmounted by a tower and pinnacled with dozens of small shafts. The empress used to visit the chapel daily. Ten priests were constantly employed by her to say masses for the dead.

Glad She Does.
"How you can stand your wife's spending her time at club and suffrage meetings beats me. If I were you I'd tell her she should be home doing the cooking."

"I'll be hanged if you would, if you knew what kind of a cook she is."—Boston Transcript.

Gifts That Make a Merry Christmas

LAST THE WHOLE YEAR THROUGH
Now Is the Time to Select Your Gifts

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Watches, Clocks, Watch Chains, Rings, Cuff Buttons, Scarf Pins, La Vallieres, Belt Buckles, Locketts, Watch Chains.

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Market Page
Sport Section
Woman's Page
State News
Goldberg's Cartoons
Editorials
A Serial Story
Abe Martin
Luke McLuke
Bushnell's Cartoons

Even though the second-class postage rate was again increased July 1st, white paper costs more than last year and freight rates doubled, we are making a bargain offer. Fort Worth subscribers are paying \$1.00 per month, \$12.00 per year, so you can readily see that we are making a sacrifice. A Daily and Sunday newspaper costs over \$15.00. We've cut the price to the reader in Half.

Leave your order at this office or your postmaster, rural route carrier, or our local agent will gladly take your order. Remember this offer expires midnight, Dec. 31, 1920. SPECIAL OFFER GOOD ONLY IN TEXAS AND OKLAHOMA

Greetings

The spirit of the season prompts us to express to you appreciation of our pleasant business relations during the past year and to most heartily wish you health and prosperity for the coming year.

M.S. Henry & Co.

THE HOUSE OF SERVICE

In Algerian Bazaars.

Cobbled steps mark the ways of the Moors in the Kasbah, the native quarter of Algeria, and once the traveler leaves the streets where street cars clang and Europeans walk, he must climb. Peppercorns and onions hang in rosaries beside bazaars. Mosques are hidden here and there in nests of houses, and cafes are open to the street with the guttural gossip of the Arab drinkers and the click of dominoes drifting outward.

Sandals of leather, laced and filled with golden threads, are made by black-eyed Arab girls with long, soft eyelashes. Some of these girls are only twelve years old, but married; and they sit on carpets, twittering through their veils at passersby, meanwhile embroidering deftly the things they have to sell for gold.—Century Magazine.

First Girl Ever Photographed.

While France claims to have invented photography through the genius of Daguerre, the painter, America is proud of the fact that it was one of her sons who photographed the first face.

After years of patient labor Daguerre succeeded in taking sunlight pictures of scenery on a sensitive plate.

This was in 1839, and a year later Prof. John W. Draper of New York took a photograph of his sister Dorothy, the first person to have her likeness reproduced on a prepared background with the help of the sun's rays.

It took an hour to take the photograph, and the picture may still be seen.

Building a Concrete House.

An English engineer is building one-piece concrete house walls with a central air space by erecting the core first and moving the outer mold upward as the concrete is poured.

Strayed or stolen from

farm dun colored horse male three, branded Z on left jaw, please notify T. J. or R. W. B.

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A Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year to You All

Most heartily do we extend the Season's Greetings to you, one and all.

To our patrons and friends: For your loyalty and support during the closing year, we thank you. Our appreciation is heartfelt and sincere.

To all:

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Christmas

We all appreciate the season's greetings by our friends but the measure of happiness these bring us is insufficient to satisfy ones real needs. We are happy to be numbered with those who thus give expressions to sincere feelings. We are happy that you are happy, and the more so, if by any service we may have rendered, that has been made possible.

Let all be said that may, and the fact remains that each of us fashions his own life and works out his own fortune, which alone can bring enduring happiness. We can only help, a privilege we ask for the coming year.

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CROWELL, TEXAS

Model Bakery bread now 10c a loaf.
Xmas gifts that will last at Owl Drug Store.

Thomas Hughston was here the first of the week from Quanah.

Let your next tire be a Kelly-Springfield.—Self Motor Co.

Lost—Crank for car. Finder leave at Swaim's garage.—J. E. Bell.

Electric heater, toaster, grill, iron, for her Xmas.—J. H. Self & Sons.

Magic Marvel works wonders. Ask those who have used it.—L. D. Phillips. tf

Fifty and twenty-five year guarantee on silverware at J. H. Self & Sons.

For Sale—An extra good Jersey cow, now fresh.—Roy Todd, Thalia route. 29p

W. R. Vaughn and Assistant Manager Davis, of Quanah were here one day this week.

John Rasor came in last week from Dallas where has been attending a business college.

Jim Shook and wife and baby and J. L. Miller and wife made a visit to Texico this week.

Lost—On streets of Crowell one large black veil. Finder please return to News office. 29p

G. G. McLarty was here this week from Vernon visiting his son, Gilliam McLarty, and family.

I am prepared to repair your car, truck or tractor at your home. Call L. E. Hart, phone 139. tf

Rue Brown and Frank Kirkman came in this week from New Mexico where they have land claims.

Mrs. W. S. Bell visited relatives at Gracemont, Okla., last week, returning home Wednesday of this week.

Full blood Rhode Island Red hens for sale, \$1.25 each.—Mrs. O. M. Grimm, 1 mile south of Thalia, Tex. 30

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

1921 model Buicks.—S. S. Bell.

Model Bakery bread now 10c a loaf.

Cash only after January 1st.—Self Motor Co.

Magic Marvel! Magic Marvel!—L. D. Phillips. tf

Get a tricycle for the boy at Self's hardware store.

We have what you want for Xmas.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Jesse Moore and wife are visiting relatives in South Texas.

On January 1st we are going to sell for cash only.—Self Motor Co.

Save your meat with Wright's condensed smoke.—Owl Drug Store.

An 8-lb. boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Sink the latter part of last week.

Mrs. Albert Magee and Mrs. Bert Bain are visiting relatives at Burk-burnett this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry Pressley were here Wednesday from the Talmage community attending to business.

Buicks.—S. S. Bell.

Gifts for everybody.—Owl Drug Store.

Try our special dinner on Sundays.—Sanitary Cafe.

We have what you want for Xmas.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Let your next tire be a Kelly-Springfield.—Self Motor Co.

Lost—Cameo pin on streets of Crowell Tuesday.—Ella Edgin. 29

Make your boy happy Christmas—give him an air rifle.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. John R. Graham are spending the holidays with relatives at Decatur.

Strayed—A white mare mule, about 14 hands high. Notify J. A. Brown, Crowell, Texas. 29

Gordon and Valmer Bell are at home from the Powell Training School in Dallas to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Georgia Pittillo and daughter, Miss Mabel, are at home for the holidays from Dallas when the latter attends the S. M. U.

Miss Evaline Gaines, teacher of the Ayersville school, left last Saturday for Texarkana to spend the Christmas holidays.

Wanted—To rent a farm near Crowell with cotton to pick for good crew. Write J. M. Fisher, Box 52, Rotan, Texas. Reference furnished if required. 29p

Miss Ann Morris, who has been in charge of the millinery department at Self's dry goods store, left Tuesday for Henrietta where she will spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. J. S. Ray returned Wednesday from a visit with her mother in Fort Worth. She also made a trip to Milford College at Milford, Texas, and was accompanied home by Misses Jennie Belle and Martha Louise Ray.

Arthur Davis and Tom Johnson were in town yesterday from Thalia. They have just returned from Denton where they attended the State Normal College. Mr. Davis will teach at the Rayland school the remaining part of the winter, while Mr. Johnson will return to Denton.



WOULDN'T IT BE WONDERFUL, IF AT CHRISTMAS-TIDE, WE COULD SOMEHOW OR OTHER, WITHOUT WORDS, AND WITHOUT FEELING IT TO BE A DUTY, SIMPLY CONVEY TO EACH OTHER THE REAL FEELING WHICH WE HOLD IN OUR HEARTS FOR THOSE WE LOVE?

FLOWERS NESTLE 'NEATH SNOW IN FROZEN GROUND, BUT SOON WILL SMILE, AND THEN THE LITTLE FLOWERS WILL BUD AND BLOOM.

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Remember the kiddies. We have toys priced right.—Owl Drug Store.

Why not give her a cut glass water set for Christmas?—M. S. Henry & Co.

Gilliam McLarty and family leave today for Vernon to spend a few days with relatives.

T. B. Beown is here from Gainesville visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Brown, and many friends.

Mrs. Lee Allan Beverly and Allan are visiting Mrs. Beverly's parents in Wichita Falls this week.

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Miss Frances Clark is at home from the C. I. A. at Denton to spend the Christmas holidays.

Miss Litha Crews came in this week from the State University at Austin to spend the holidays.

J. B. Andrews was here Sunday from Vernon visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Andrews.

Marion Hughston made a trip to Vernon Wednesday and was accompanied home by Mrs. W. S. Bell.

Strayed from my place a red pig weighing about 50 lbs., barrow. Notify me and I will pay for trouble.—Elmer Roberts. 29p

Mrs. J. B. Harrison and children are here from Paducah and will spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Andrews. Mr. Harrison will also be here today.

Miss Maye Andrews is at home from Vernon where she has been for the past three months taking a business course at the Holcomb's Training School. She completed the entire course, bookkeeping, short hand and typewriting in three months which is indeed quick work.

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GAMBRELL TELLS ABOUT EUROPE

Dr. J. H. Gambrell and Dr. E. Y. Mullins returned a short time ago from Europe where they had gone as representatives of the Southern Baptist Convention to study the conditions and needs of the people of those countries and Dr. Gambrell has given in a brief form a summing up of those conditions. This is first hand information and we think it will be interesting to our readers, some of whom will not have seen it in the dailies. This is what Dr. Gambrell says:

"Two weeks ago today we lunched with Lloyd George at his official residence in London. He is easily the most masterful man in public life in the world today. He is a little Welshman and his head seems to have been made a good many numbers too large for his body. He is agile as a cat. He does not mind running across party lines anywhere to win what he regards as the necessary victory.

Interested in U. S. Election
"An English Barrister gave us on a train the general British estimate of Lloyd George. It was short—"Nobody likes him, but we can't do without him." No other man appears who could handle the complex situation in England and in Europe."

The Premier was keenly interested to have his visitors' ideas as to the reason of President Wilson's defeat. He agreed with them that a want of tact on his part went a long way toward explaining his political tribulations.

"At first I did not like him," Lloyd George said, "but laboring with him at the peace conference I became warmly attached to him."

After his statement that "All Europe is trembling," the Premier added that only England was able to help, and that England was so burdened that it could not do what was needed to be done.

"Then looking me straight in the face," Dr. Gambrell went on, "with eyes that scintillated and penetrated, he said that 'We need America. All Europe needs America. We need the moral forces of America and the material help of America.' And I think that nobody could have even a moderate understanding of the situation without feeling that Lloyd George was right.

"America has lost very much by not being in the League of Nations. If America comes in under Harding's administration with any sort of limitations she can shape the destinies of the world by simply doing right. This she can do without in the least impeding her own autonomy.

"I am satisfied Lloyd George expressed the seasoned opinion of Europe with respect to America.

Turning to Religion
"All Europe has completed a cycle.

Autocracy, both in religious and political life, is practically down and out in Europe. They have kings in several of the governments, but as a man in Norway explained, 'They don't bother anybody.' The government everywhere is in the hands of the people. The unsolved problem is: Are the people sane and sensible enough to rule?

"At the bottom of the Irish trouble is religion. This is not admitted by the Sinn Fein element, but no matter which way you turn if you stick a pin in a Sinn Feiner a Catholic will jump, and if you stick a pin in a Unionist, with about the same regularity, a Protestant will jump. They have internal war in Ireland in its very worst form, and all friends of the Irish and of humanity must deplore much that is going on.

"The efforts to terrorize the British by the waylaying of policemen and the killing of officials, and the burning of warehouses in England, can never succeed. What has happened as a result is that the English nation has been unified against the Sinn Fein element. The vote given Lloyd George a few days ago in Parliament reveals an overwhelming majority for his policies."

Speaking of conditions in the several countries visited, Dr. Gambrell said:

"There is not a nation in Europe that is normal, though the Scandinavian nations are in good condition. We did not enter Russia, but skirted along the border for hundreds of miles. There was no way to get in. The word that came to us from many coming out of Russia confirms the general impression of instability.

"We did go into Germany. There are certain outstanding facts concerning that country. They know that they were whipped, but the national spirit is strong and they are diligently seeking a way out of their present very unhappy situation. We were there in August. Everybody was rationed and the rations were not sufficient to maintain life at its best.

"We were greatly impressed with the attitude of the Germans. Freely admitting their defeat and the disaster that came to them, they are not hopeless and not fawning. Many of them would differ widely from American public opinion as to the Kaiser and the underlying causes of the war, but no one believes the old regime can be re-established. Even Von Tirpitz, the most ultra of the junkers, admits that they must find a new policy.

"Their Prince Max while we were in Germany, in an extended article, widely approved, said that Germany must seek her future not along the Bismarkian lines, but along lines of fraternity and service to the world. I think that is the prevailing sentiment in Germany.

"Germany in the future will have a large place in Europe, but it will be a regenerated Germany.

"We gave several weeks to the countries which before the war made

up the Austrian Empire. Territorially, Roumania was greatly helped, its population being more than doubled by the annexation of territory taken from other nations. The Roumanians have a king whose wife is an Englishwoman, but like all the other kings of Europe, he is only an ornamental figurehead. The country has land of great fertility, equal to the best in Texas, and the people, who were stripped bare during the war, are hard at work with hope and courage. There is much poverty and no little suffering.

"Hungary was first separated from Austria and then dismembered so that there are about 7,000,000 or 8,000,000 people in what is called the new Hungary. They are an educated, high-class people. Racially, they are Magyars, while the Roumanians are of the old Roman, Latin stock.

Hungarians Discouraged
"We had an extended interview with Count Apponyi, who speaks English well and was one of the commissioners sent to sign the peace treaty on behalf of his country. He is a man very wide culture and information. He expresses the well-nigh universal Hungarian discontent with the Treaty of Versailles and sees for Hungary a gloomy future. The treaty took away all the coal land and all the wood land. But they have a wonderfully rich farming region, lying in the valley of the Danube, and will in time rise. But everything for the present is unsettled. There is quite a contingent in Hungary that wishes to establish a monarchy and enthrone some member of the old Hapsburg dynasty.

"Austria is the most down-and-out part of Europe. The old empire had near 40,000,000 people. The new Austria has around 7,000,000, more than half of whom live in the cities. They have no coal, no wooded lands and their farming land is not rich. Exchange is so against them that they cannot buy at all in foreign markets. Their factories are idle. Vienna, one of the most beautiful cities of Europe, is filled with the idle people and vast numbers of them would starve were it not that American organizations are supporting 2,000 kitchens. The people are wretchedly underfed and are subject to the ravages of many diseases. It is a situation that all the civilized world ought to give attention to.

France at Work
"France is making excellent progress toward re-establishment of all her industries. The people everywhere are at work with both hands in the most practical ways. Along

the battle front they have gathered up the unexploded shells, filled the shell holes and made excellent crops.

"In Italy things are shaky and almost anything could happen in a week.

"Spain was not in the war, but was deeply affected by it. Liberal views have penetrated Spain in an almost unthinkable way, religiously and civilly. Religion is free, and there are open advocates of the entire separation of church and state. This last is the unfinished work of all Continental Europe. While religion is free, the union of church and state continues.

"Lloyd George describes the condition of Europe as that of a sick man. Even England is far from well, though England is the one strong hope of Europe for the immediate future."

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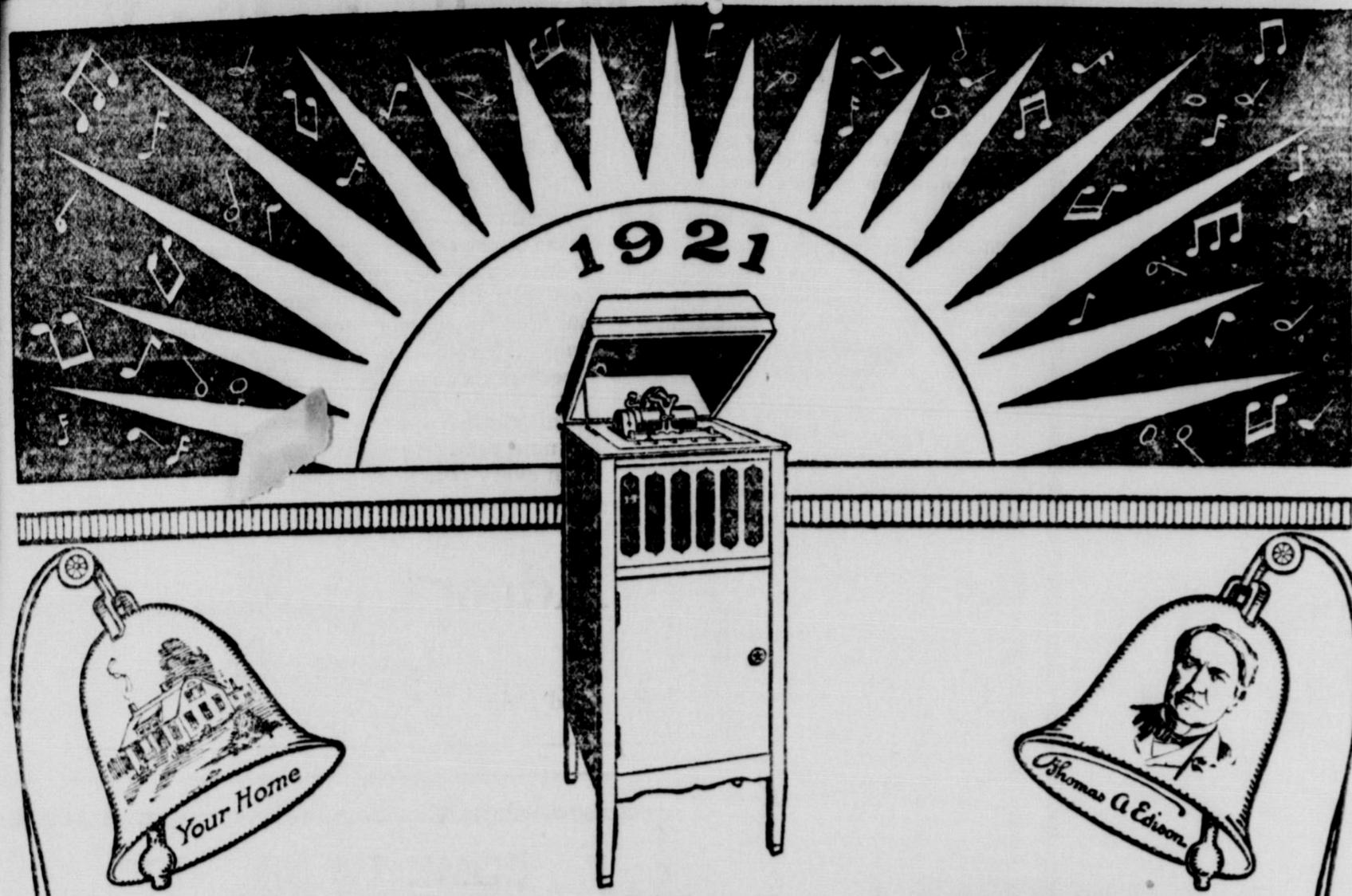
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Christmas Classic in Author's Hand

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

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

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

This season it has as its companion in the library of the New York County Historical society in Central Park West a photographic copy of the original text enlarged sufficiently to enable it to be easily read, for though the original chirography is quite remarkable for a man of Dr. Moore's years—eighty-two when he indited the poem—it is fine and old-fashioned, and therefore somewhat difficult to read.

The innovation has proved a rare treat to the library patrons, and it is interesting to note with what reverence it is handled by men and women whose childhood days are long past, yet whose holiday memories are still bright. Two pages and a half are consumed in committing the poem to paper, and the repetition of the old familiar lines brings to mind pleasant thoughts of the season, for no one has ever visualized our American Christmas from the children's viewpoint as has Clement C. Moore in his rare little poem.

The lines were written as a Christmas gift for the author's two young daughters nearly a century ago, but it has since become a progressive gift to countless other girls and boys. Accompanying the original manuscript when it was presented to the society by T. W. Moore, a relative, some years ago, is a letter in which the writer tells how the verses came to be written and how it happened that they were eventually published.

Mr. Moore lived at the time in a handsome house overlooking the Hudson, at Ninth avenue and Twenty-third street. Then Chelsea, like Greenwich village, further south, was quite remote from the city. Each was largely populated by the Dutch settlers from New Amsterdam. Living next his country seat was a portly, rubicund Dutchman, who suggested to him the idea of making St. Nicholas the hero of a Christmas piece for his children.

It was, however, with no thought of its ever being published that Mr. Moore wrote the poem, but the lines were copied by a relative of the author in her album. From it another copy was made by a friend of hers from Troy. Some time later, much to the surprise of Dr. Moore, it was for the first time published in a newspaper. By such small chance was this choice little poem saved for posterity.

In those days there was no such celebration of Christmas as is now the case, but Dr. Moore, having absorbed the ancient traditions of his Dutch neighbors, wove them into the poem for his children. He did more than that, for he built up around the central thought an interpretation which has gradually come to be our own. As some one has so aptly said, it has become so much part and parcel of our literature that it seldom occurs to people it ever had an author. Since for nearly a hundred years American children have been fed on it, it has now become theirs in very truth.

For Sale—Some home-made syrup at \$1.25 per gallon. Bring buckets to put it in.—Lee Ribble. 29p

You can't get better glasses than ours at any price.—J. S. Chilton with A. C. Gaines, the jeweler.

MIGHT BE HISTORIC VESSEL

History of English County Tells of the Capture of "Mayflower" by Dunkirk Privateers.

Aldeburgh, the little fishing town on the Suffolk coast, has, it is not at all improbable, the right to claim the Mayflower, the Pilgrim Fathers' famous ship, as her own. Aldeburgh, Woodbridge, Southwold were ship-building centers at the time of the Spanish armada and after. In 1590 Aldeburgh is recorded as possessing 24 fishing vessels of 20 tons each, of which 16 were new within eight years. At the close of the sixteenth century and at the beginning of the seventeenth the east coast of England was suffering heavily at the hands of the Dunkirk privateers. A 1628 certificate specifies 13 Aldeburgh ships, of the value of £6,800, lost between 1625 and 1627, of which four had been taken by the Dunkirkers. Of these 13 vessels two were of 350, two of 320, and two of 300 tons. In the "Victoria History of the County of Suffolk," the chapter on Maritime History, a footnote states that one of these 13 ships was a Mayflower and that not improbably this was the Pilgrims' vessel.—Christian Science Monitor.

Chemical Rubber Found.

The motorist who has been buying new tires will be pleased to read that Berlin has apparently produced at last an ersatz, or substitute, rubber which compares well, in essential qualities with the vegetable product and costs about two-thirds less. It is wholly a chemical compound. It may be used not only for tires, but for every sort of rubber goods.

But this statement is based only upon reports considered trustworthy. No facts have been made known by the Germans as to the possibilities of production upon the great scale necessary for successful competition with genuine rubber, nor has the substitute been actually put on the market.

LINEMAN FOUND WIRE THIEF

Bull Moose Was Culprit Who Had Disturbed the Telephone Communication of Many Counties.

When the bull moose in the following story became tangled in a mass of telephone wire, it took a careful rescuer to get him free. The incident occurred in the Maine forest region north of Bangor. In the Electrical Experimenter, the lineman who was sent out to repair the damage describes his experience:

I took up the trail, and a couple of miles down, near Daisy Dam, I found the slack wire and the break, but, to my surprise, I could find but one end. Finally I found the other end 500 feet farther on. What had become of the 500 feet?

I soon found out when I got back to the break in the line. There stood a bull moose as big as a truck horse, looking straight at me, as much as to say, "Here's your old wire. Come and get it!"

The moose stood just at the end of the road, with six or eight turns of wire twisted tightly round his horns, several turns round his neck, and 300 or 400 turns of slack behind him.

Sneaking round, with the moose watching me all the time, I managed to get hold of the slack wire and hauled in until I got the end, when I made fast to a big tree. Then, cutting a good-sized sapling, I started toward the moose.

He began to sidle round, with head down, mane bristling and blood in his eye; it looked like war. Pretty soon, however, he managed in his circling movements to make a turn round another tree, which gave him much less scope, and when the wire came taut with his constant traveling he stumbled over it and fell in a heap.

Now was my chance! I sneaked up as close as I dared—maybe within 15 feet—and snipped off the wire with my pliers.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

A Christmas Kiss



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**WHALEY AND NEFF
TALK RECLAMATION**

Stamford, Texas, Dec. 18.—Porter Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, arriving here today after a short trip to Waco, Dublin and other points, announced that while in Waco he had seen Governor-Elect Pat M. Neff, and had talked to him, and that Mr. Neff expressed himself as being very favorably disposed toward the State's interesting itself in a direct way with the various irrigation and reclamation projects now under way or proposed.

Mr. Whaley, representing the West Texas Chamber, pointed out to Mr. Neff that it would be possible and constitutional under the general welfare clause of the Constitution for

the State itself to carry forward these projects. Texas is the only State in the Union that has not yielded up its homestead lands to the Federal Government. As a consequence, the Reclamation Department of the Federal Government, in fostering and developing such works, neglects Texas, preferring naturally to instigate and carry its enterprises in States where it owns the lands. Under these circumstances, Mr. Whaley thinks, the only logical thing to do is for the State of Texas to undertake its own development program.

Favorable to Plan

Up until this time, all such projects in this State have necessarily been planned and worked out by autonomous units within the State in co-operation with commercial organizations. It is felt, however, that a much greater measure of progress would be obtained if the State took over the whole program. Governor-elect Neff informed Mr. Whaley that if the West Texas Chamber of Commerce would write the proper measure for introduction in the Legislature that he would give it his support. He said that, of course, he could not give a blanket approval to any such bill that might be written in. He would want to study it first, but he made it plain that he is "solid" to the general idea, and would do all in his power to advance it after his induction to office.

Mr. Whaley announced today that he would call a meeting of all those interested in the framing of such a bill within the very near future, probably at Wichita Falls sometime between now and the first of the year.

Excellence Need Fear No Rival.

Multitudes of employees constantly live in terror of some one who, they fear, is after their place. They are suspicious of office politics, suspicious that somebody working close behind them is trying to crowd them out. What is the result? This fear and suspicion interferes with their advancement to the place above them. Instead of looking back and thinking of the men after their place they should, instead, look about to the man above them, and be prepared for an advance when there is a vacancy. Perfect yourself in your line of work and you need never have any fear of others' rivalry. There is always room at the top for the man or woman who has stamped the trademark of individuality, superiority and distinctiveness upon his or her work. Such a one need have no fear of the usurpation of his rights by others. His position is assured.—Orison Sweet Marden in the New Success.

SEES WEAK POINT

Old Man Sykes Recognizes Flaw in Optimistic Armor.

Little Run-In With His Better Half at the Breakfast Table, However, Showed Him the Road to Victory.

Old Man Sykes has become enamored of the cult that enthrones mind over matter and teaches that a man's happiness or misery in the world is determined by his mental outlook. Sykes reaps happiness from the mere fact of telling himself that everything is all right whether it is or not.

We are all, of course, merely having a little run-around here on earth between the cradle and the grave, and we are sure to meet with much unhappiness. Knowing this, and that no matter what happens in the meantime, we shall all make the same earthly finish, one might as well be good natured about it and get all the joy out of existence consistent with the laws of health and longevity. So Sykes is probably quite right about it, Glenn M. Farley writes in the Seattle Post-Intelligencer. From a peevish and irascible individual, exceedingly sensitive to contact with every small unpleasantness, he has acquired an elephant hide for trouble. He was knocked down by an automobile the other day, sprawling on a muddy crossing, and picked himself up blithely, remarking smilingly to the careless driver that it was a beautiful day, but that it would probably rain before morning. The driver thanked his stars that the man was a nut and drove on. Sykes has passed through many of these tests and concluded that he had his armor all on.

But one morning the coffee was a bit off and Sykes remarked upon it pleasantly; Mrs. Sykes let him have the whole coffee pot in the neck. Her stomach has been bothering her lately, and she was in no mood for levity. And the regrettable part of the whole business was that Sykes let go of himself and swore fluently. Mind stepped out for a few minutes and matter reasserted itself. It was an awful fall! But it taught Sykes a lesson.

He sees now that he can do nothing with the mind-over-matter theory unless he leads Mrs. Sykes along the same path, and it is hard to argue with her when her stomach is not working right. She often comes to breakfast feeling that she could bite a spike in two if she had it; and then Sykes springs his mechanical smile and rids himself of some persiflage, and if there is anything handy she throws it at him.

Sykes is now intriguing craftily to get her on a bread-and-milk diet and slip in a few charcoal tablets, feeling that she will have one of the sunniest dispositions in the world when her stomach is right. So the happiness of the Sykes family is tied up to the possibilities of bread and milk and charcoal tablets.

Upon such trifles as these hang the happiness and content of whole nations.

Preserving Forest of Marmora.

Two Englishwomen, Oxford forestry students, pay a tribute to the work done by the French in the protectorate of Morocco during the last nine years.

The very valuable forests of Marmora, which is the largest and most productive known forest of cork oak, has been surveyed, divided into compartments, they report, and fire-breaks have been made in it, which are used as motor roads, the first roads in the protectorate. Destruction of the forests by natives fighting for possession, by fires, and by indiscriminate charcoal burning has been stopped. Gangs of native charcoal burners have been organized under French foresters, and native opposition conciliated by monthly grants of charcoal.

In the Mogador and Agadir district, the forests of Argan, trees resembling the olive and bearing a similar fruit, yielding oil, were suffering from inroads of sand. These have been stopped by plantations of tamarisk and Aleppo pine. In the treeless districts trees have been planted in and near the towns for ornament and shade. These included eucalyptus, mulberry, plane, Aleppo pine and young poplars.

Tales of the Weird and Horrible.

A symptom of the renaissance of medievalism in Europe is the appearance of a magazine devoted entirely to the horrible and uncanny. Der Orchideengarten, published by Munich. In this "Garden of Orchids" are to be found the most shivery tales of Poe, Maupassant, Hawthorne and Hugo, intermingled with modern psychic stories, while the old "Dance of Death" woodcuts find congenial companions in the futuristic monstrosities. There is a book department for the review of fantastic literature of all countries and ages. It would seem that the people of central Europe would have had enough of horrors during the last six years, but apparently they, like their ancestors of the middle ages, seek relief from the pain of the present in weird imaginings.—New York Independent.

Tracing River's Course to Sea.

A block of wood was cast into the Yellowstone river 11 years ago, by a resident of Glendive, Mont. It is slowly drifting to the sea. The inscription made upon it by the man who started it has been added to by two other persons, who picked it up and started it again on its way. It was last seen at Washburn, N. D.

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