

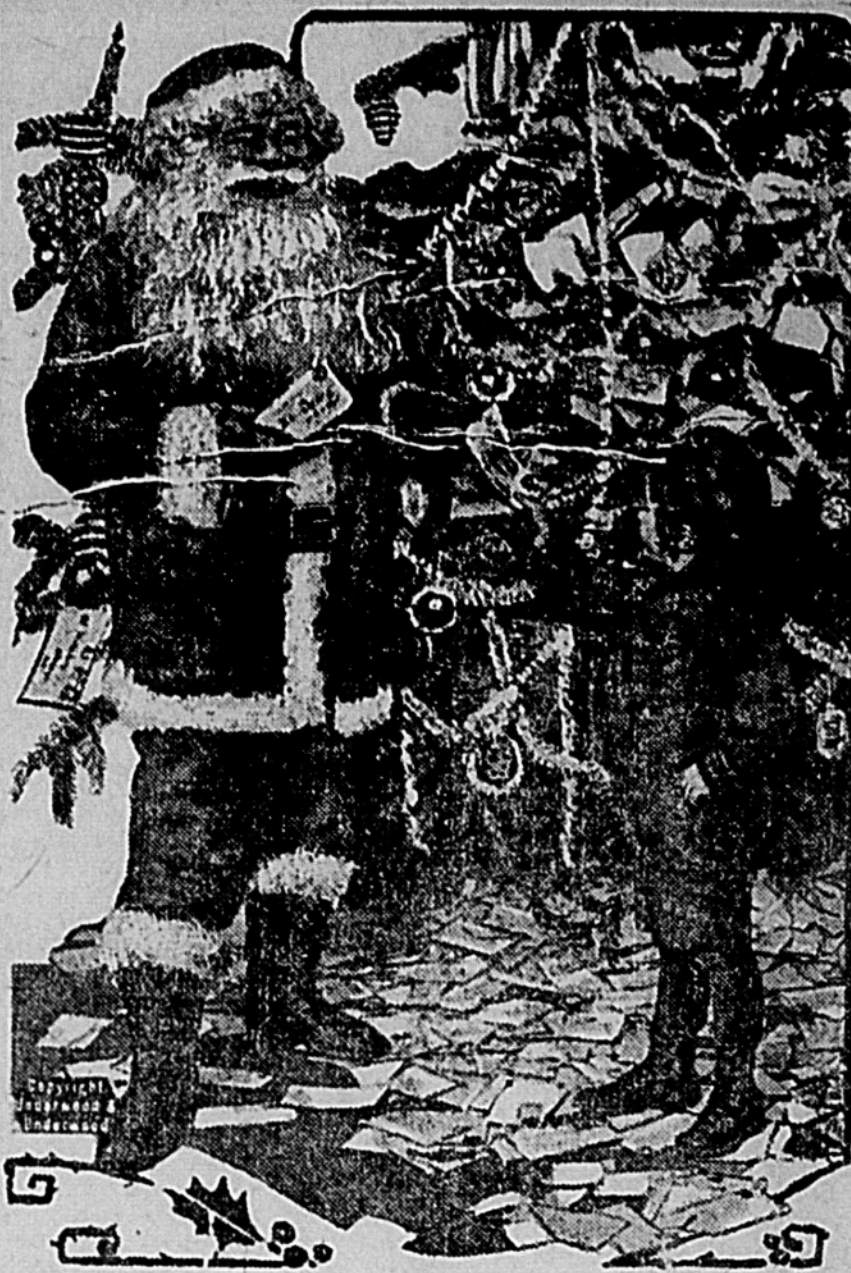
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All Letters Have Been Read



at Day Long Ago

By F. H. SWEET

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...pleasing, church bells are ringing
in a message across the white snow,
...brings, he us are bringing
ago that first were brought ago ago
things that make one's heart
often and glad
be on that Christmas day
Ages ago.

...church bells are chiming
their greetings across the deep snow,
...fresh hope to the hearts that are
...ing
...in search of that feeling of glad,
...on the shepherd's fold
Ages ago,
...they were called by the
...Star's leader glad.

at Christmas
brought to Him

LAURA ELAINE CAMERON

His Old MANNERS
of Clarkson's
store he felt
that Christmas was
indeed going to be
a dreary time for
him and his fam-
ily. His hands
were clenched
tightly as he came
out into the glare
of sunshine, and his face
a dull red—the hue which
over a man's face when insult
lation has come to him.

Twenty years of service to old
n, twenty years wherein he
en the best that was in him
in who was reputed to be the
temperated man in all Wash-
e had just been told that from
his services would be dis-
with, and all because of a
mistake that had been made.
Clarkson in the blind rage
had taken hold of him, had
the shoulders of Manners.

Hard, he told himself as he
along, that a man who had
the best of his life in service
cast away like an old glove,
be that he was not as com-
as other men, he told him-
of the hurt of dismissal had
from deeper into Walter Man-
than it would have done in
of another man, for always
been possessed of the feeling
was not quite as capable as
en. Something within him al-
led to belittle him to himself,
though he had often fought
is feeling and had tried to
himself that he did as good
or trer work than some. In spite
it came every now and
torture him. Now, in the face
of dismissal, it came with
orce, and he told himself over
again that he was a failure
old Clarkson would not have
out. He never stopped to
at perhaps it was the long
ion with a man of Clarkson's
it had made him so diffident
is own worth.

readed the thought of going
nd telling his family the bad
He reproached himself that he
broken away from old Clark-
years before when he had an
on young Peters, who had just
ne to Washburn, and who had
de such a success. But then,
ya, the fear of himself kept
n accepting and he had stayed
borne the ill-temper of old
arkson since. His forty-five
ung heavily upon him as he

...and he looked with dread to
re, for his family was just at
when a steady income was an
necessity.
...ddered now as he thought of
as, when only a few hours
had been living in happy an-
m of the day. He had planned
y things, so many little sur-
that would bring joy to his
es; but now that was all over,
could he enter into the spirit
tmas, weighed down with care
ad of the future as he was

...r Manners had always been a
o set a great stress upon duty,
e went along now the thought
him that a real duty to his
lay before him. For he felt
would be inflicting a great

Bargains at Toyland

Tell the Children about Santa Claus and bring them to see these entertaining, pretty yet inexpensive toys; you can easily find out what they want most. They will be delighted with the wonderful array of interesting playthings which we have provided.

The low prices we are quoting will allow you to buy liberally and make this Christmas the Merriest ever.

Just received full run of sizes in Mens' all Leather Coats at the Lowest possible prices, THESE MAKE USEFUL PRESENTS.

All Wool Over Shirts in all the sizes give useful presents. They last. Ladies and Childrens Carpet Slippers, \$1.00 and up, Silk Hose, Ties, Safety Razors and Jewelry, infact we can supply your entire wants for Christmas.

(Star Brand All Leather Shoes are Found Here.) Give us a trial we appreciate Your Trade.

The Racket Store

The Star Laundry,

The Star Laundry of Rising Star, solicits your laundry work. We make a specialty of family laundry. All work guaranteed. Leave at Young's Barber Shop. Star Laundry, Rising Star, Texas.

Mrs. J. S. Wagoner, of Winters, subscribed for the Review last week.

Again Saturday, they come to Cross Plains—The streets and side walks were crowded, as well as the stores. Glad to see so many people.

Cross Plains Merc. Co.

Has a nice line of useful Christmas Presents, something for member of the family. Come in and look them over.

And about the Price, remember our regular price most times is a little below other people Sale Price.

Lots of good merchandise all over the House. Get a Blanket and keep warm.

Cross Plains Merc. Co.

Greetings and Wishes

There is so much more to business than achievement—there is the most friendly relation that exists between us which makes it a pleasant thing to wish you a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Farmers National Bank



OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

"A Bank of Personal Service"

NO REVIEW NEXT WEEK TAKING OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

There will be no Review published next week, as has been the custom for past years. The Review force will take Christmas vacation, the only one for the year. A few days rest will enable us to start the New Year off with new vim and pep.

We are sure our readers will not complain, as Christmas only comes once a year.

LOOK!

Monday night Dec. 24th, at the M. E. Church of Dressy, there will be a basket fruit supper for the benefit of the orphans home. Public cordially invited.

J. W. Westerman, one of our readers renewed his subscription a few days back.

Mrs. N. A. Newton of Quanah is a new reader of the Review.

J. C. Calvin and wife, of Burkett, while trading here this week, stated that if the roads were put in condition they would read the Review, and trade in Cross Plains.

BUSINESS MEN EXTEND THE SEASON'S GREETING

In this issue of the Review, most of the business men are using printers ink to extend the compliments and greetings of the season. Read each one.

COME TO CROSS PLAINS AND MEET YOUR FRIENDS

Your friends will be here Saturday—and again Monday. Meet them here, and get ready for Christmas and the new year.

Mrs. F. S. Bond and daughter, Miss Pauline, and Freida Wagner, came in Sunday from Abilene, to spend the holidays at home.

Verdette Lancaster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hale Lancaster, is visiting in Fort Worth.

Mrs. Tige Gilbert of Putnam is visiting relatives here this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Amos Paschal and son James, who have been visiting in El Paso for three weeks, have returned home.

Yuletide Greetings



In wishing you a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year may we express the hope that we will continue to merit your confidence and good will.

Pure Drugs Here

The City Drug Store

G. O. MOORE ET AL. MAKE NEW LOCATION EAST OF TOWN

C. O. Moore et al. are making new location east of town, off setting Pennant Oil and Gas Co's Teston No. 4. The C. O. Moore Acker No. 2 is underreaming at 1600 feet.

T. B. Slick was drilling at 2400 feet on his Faulkner No. 1 Wednesday. While Shaffner Bros. are drilling at 2470 on their James No. 1.

T. B. Slick and Stone and Co. are spudding on their Chess Barr No. 1.

The Junior Oil and Gas Co. on the T. C. Thorne No. 1, are reported drilling at about 1900 feet.

O. V. Goldrich et al. are shut down on their strickland No. 1, at 2560, for the holidays.

Local operators are expecting to have considerable activity in the local fields after the first of the year. The new year is expected to bring a number of new locations, extending each of the local fields, as well as further developing the present confines.

J. B. Moore of Cottonwood called in and renewed his subscription to the Review, Saturday. The Review has a large number of readers at Cottonwood, and all have renewed but two, and in addition, we have received several new subscriptions from that community. If you are one of those two who have not renewed, do so before the year is out.

A letter from Ben Russell, County Agent, who makes regular ginning report on cotton, states that Calahan county ginned 11,803 bales prior to Dec. 1, as compared with 10,697 for the same period last year.

Box Supper

Liberty school box supper for school benefits was a success. 20 boxes in number and proceeds were \$66.15; the highest box sold brought \$8.25 prepared by Eva Hargrove, and bought by Euell Vestal.

A Splendid Gift

Why not send the Review to your boy, girl or other loved ones, during the coming year, as a Christmas Gift? They will appreciate it, and it will last them a year, and remind them of your thoughtfulness. Start the Review to them now.

J. D. Baker and family moved here last week from Winters. This is their former home. The Review joins in extending them a welcome.

C. D. Baird of Dressy is among the number who renewed subscription to the Review, Saturday.

I want a home. I am 73 years old; I have some means, member of the Church of Christ. W. F. Elliott, May, Texas.

Doke Westerman subscribed for the Review this week.

T. B. Baum and family, have moved to town from their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. V. V. Hart and daughter, Miss Elizabeth, left Sunday for Mincola, to spend the holidays.

Leroy Butler and Vincent Hart motored to Gisco, Sunday.

Notice

Telephone office will close Dec. 25th from 10:30 a. m. to 4:30 p. m. and from 7:30 a. m. to 9:30 p. m.
M. L. Benson, local manager.

THE ARGUMENTS AGAINST THE RAISE IN SCHOOL TAX

(By School Supr.)

At the recent mass meeting for the purpose of discussing the school tax raise, the opponents of the measure were given an opportunity to state publicly their objections to it, but none offered to do so. It seems that they are "still hunters" and prefer to do their work in a private way, not giving publicity to their views.

Nevertheless, certain arguments against the tax are being "handed round"; if reports are true. It shall be the purpose of this paper to answer in a brief way some of them.

It is offered in objection that taxes are too high already. We readily admit that taxes are burdensome—they always are. But the cost of public education is the price that Americans must pay for the growth development, and perpetuation of her great free, democratic institutions. These institutions protect, by the training and education which they afford our citizenship, the lives, liberty, and property of all, and therefore, should be supported by all to the full extent of necessity. It is stated that the proposed increase will double the school tax. Such is not the case, for, if the measure carries, the bond tax levy can, and will be, cut from 25c to 10c or at most, 12c. Therefore, the tax then could not exceed 85c or 87c. Furthermore, it shall be the duty of the Board to levy each year only such a rate as will be necessary to maintain the school for that year, for the election order reads, "not to exceed one dollar", and that counting in the 25c bond tax rate. Then the extra tax could not add more than \$3.50 tax per year to property assessed at \$1,000; less than one copper cent per day. Who would refuse that to the cause of our local school, when the need is so urgent?

Some argue that we have too much free school. That idea is the most primitive possible. For more than a century Americans have been wedded to doctrine that democracy can be preserved only by the education of the masses, and that the only and fair way is at public expense. The farmer is told that since he cannot always send his children to school in the early fall that it is unfair to him to pay tax for the support of a nine month school.

If the length of the school were the sole consideration, the contention might be tenable, but if there is more than another who deserves and should have a school where there is an adequate number of teachers and the best school comfort and equipment, it is the pupils that come in late from the farms.

The farmer boy or girl coming into school from six weeks to two months behind, and finding poor seats, poor equipment, and the teacher over crowded can hope for little or no personal attention which he needs so badly, and without which he is doomed to almost certain failure; if not failure, to promotion on very indifferent knowledge of the subject matter in his grade.

Again, since comparatively few of them can have the privilege of going to college, they deserve to graduate from the best equipped and most efficient high school possible.

Give the farmer's children a square deal. Another argument is that the school building is about to fall down and it may be necessary at most any time to construct another. The writer taught school ten years ago in a brick building in a much worse condition than the one we have. That building is standing today and school is being taught in it for eight or nine months in the year.

The spirit of this joyful holiday season gives us a keener appreciation of old associations, and our cordial relations with you prompts us to extend to you many good wishes for

A Merry Christmas and a Very Prosperous New Year

JOE H. SHACKELFORD'S
Lumber, Paint and Hardware Store

The Home of Sherwin-Williams Paints

CROSS PLAINS

TEXAS

It is not reasonable to suppose that the present structure can contain our school indefinitely, but with proper repair, it will do so for some years to come. There is nothing more certainly writ than that we must build a school in the house we have before we attempt to erect another. When that time comes there is margin enough in our present bond tax rate to provide funds for a new structure.

Yours for a better school.
R. H. McAdams.

Len Irvin and family are leaving for Olton, in Lamb county, where they have purchased a home. Mr. Irvin was formerly deputy sheriff of Eastland county for five years, and was well fixed, as he had several producing oil wells in Eastland county. Their many friends regret to see them go, but wish them well. They read the Review.

Mrs. Ben Hart of Cisco is visiting her parents. Mr. and Mrs. Eager, of Cottonwood.

Mrs. H. Bedding of Wichita Falls is spending holidays with her sister, Mrs. Ed Henderson.

REVIVAL CLOSED AT METHODIST CHURCH WAS SUCCESSFUL

The revival meeting at the Methodist church closed Sunday night. There were a large number of conversions and reclamations. Interest and attendance were good. The services were very beneficial.

Rev. R. B. Freeman of Abilene, did the preaching. A. R. Wells of Dallas, was the song leader.

R. Cordwint of Cottonwood came in and renewed his subscription for the Review this week, which leaves only one subscriber in that community who has not renewed to date.

W. C. Wilkinson and wife and Taylor Bond and Miss Hazel Door motored to Eastland, Saturday night to see "The Bat".

Mrs. Netherton of Abilene is spending holidays with her sister, Mrs. C. D. Baird of Dressy.

Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bryson have returned from Winters, where they visited with their children.

Season's Greetings

The officers and directors of this bank extend heartiest Christmas Greetings, with the sincere wish that your New Year may be a very Happy and Successful one.

A GUARANTY FUND BANK

The First Guaranty State Bank
CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

J. A. Barr, President
C. C. Neeb, vice-Pres.
John Newton, E. I. Vestal, W. S. Hinds, Henry James and M. E. Wakefield, Directors

Merry Christmas

Hall's Catarrh Medicine

will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.

Avoid & Relieve COLDS INFLUENZA MALARIA

BY TAKING WINTERSMITH'S CHILL TONIC



TO-NIGHT Tomorrow Alright

Chips off the Old Block

DON'T NEGLECT

Shave, Bathe and Shampoo with one Soap—Cuticura

AS SURE AS DAWN BRINGS A NEW DAY

SURE RELIEF FOR INDIGESTION

BELLANS

Say BAYER ASPIRIN

ASPIRIN

Demand Genuine BAYER ASPIRIN—Insist Unless you see the "Bayer Cross" on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer Aspirin proved safe by millions and prescribed by physicians 23 years for Colds Headache Neuralgia Lumbago Pain Toothache Neuritis Rheumatism

MOTHER! GIVE SICK BABY "CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP"

Harmless Laxative to Clean Liver and Bowels of Baby or Child.

Even constipated, bilious, feverish, or sick, colic Babes and Children love to take genuine "California Fig Syrup."

"CASCARETS" FOR LIVER AND BOWELS—10c A BOX

"DANDELION BUTTER COLOR"

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SOCIALIST SCORES POINCARE'S POLICY

BLUM DUBBED "PRO-GERMAN" AS HE BLAMES NATION'S TROUBLES ON PREMIER

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OLD HUMBLE OIL NOT VIOLATING LAW

Breach of Antitrust Statute, De spite Fact 60 Per Cent of Stock Held by Standard

Austin, Texas—The Humble Oil and Refining Company of Houston, notwithstanding that 60 per cent of stock is owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, is operating lawfully and is not violating a Texas anti-trust law, Judge George Calhoun of the Fifty-Third District Court of Travis County, held in rendering judgment for the Humble company in the suit brought against it by Attorney General W. Keeling, in behalf of the State of Texas.

Judge Calhoun held that the mere fact that a foreign corporation owns stock in a domestic corporation does not constitute that the foreign concern is doing business in the State of Texas. Notice of appeal to the Third Court of Civil Appeals was given by the Attorney General. Judge Calhoun announced his decision immediately at the conclusion of argument in the case.

The Attorney General sought to have the charter of the Humble company forfeited and also asked penalties against that company alleged violation of the Texas anti-trust laws in that the company is operating its business in this state, when a majority of its stock is owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey, a corporation which was fined \$500,000 under a judgment entered at Green Bay, Wis., in 1913 for violation of the anti-trust laws, and which, under a judgment, was banished from Wisconsin.

In the trial of the suit against the Humble company, the defendant company admitted that 60 per cent of its stock was owned by the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey and there was evidence given that the Standard company that owned more than the Humble company it did not own stock in any Texas corporation.

Testimony was given that stock of the Humble concern was sold to individual who later proved to be a representative of the Standard company. There was also testimony that the business of the Humble company, since its organization, had been controlled by its officers and directors, who, with few exceptions, are the same as at the time and it was further testified that the Humble company does not own a private or leased telephone wire outside of the State. The defendant company, while admitting the Standard Oil company owned a majority of its stock, contended that such did not constitute a violation of the Texas anti-trust laws in Texas, and this contention was sustained by Judge Calhoun.

TEXAS HELIUM FOR DASH TO THE POLE

On Basis on Which Denby Favors Sending Big Dirigible on Trip

Washington.—Instructions have been sent to the naval Arctic expedition by Secretary Denby to consider possible use of the naval airship Shenandoah in the contemplated flight next summer to the North Pole on the basis that the ship should be inflated with the inflammable helium gas for that purpose.

Secretary Denby's position is that any increase in efficiency which might result from substituting the more buoyant hydrogen for helium would not warrant exposing the ship and her people to the added dangers involved in the use of an inflammable gas like hydrogen.

The Navy Department, moreover, has been satisfied with the test of helium gas for aircraft inflation since the war. The source of the supply for helium gas for the United States derives from the Government helium plant at Fort Worth.

Foreign Vessels Watch Situation.—The reports emanating from Hongkong that marines from foreign warships here have taken over the customs house are unfounded. The officers of foreign forces here, which comprise four British, two French, two American, one Portuguese and one Japanese gunboats, are, however, watching the situation carefully.

Poultry Auction Postponed.—Denton, Texas.—The auction of poultry and other farm products to be held Dec. 15 by the Chamber of Commerce, has been postponed until Dec. 23 because of the addition of dirt roads in rural communities of the county.

Judge Brooks Ill at Austin Home.—Austin, Texas.—Suffering from a broken blood vessel sustained during a hunting trip, Victor L. Brooks, former district judge and widely known lawyer, is in a serious condition at his home in this city. Judge Brooks was brought to Austin immediately following the injury. He had killed a buck and brought it back to camp. In an attempt to hang up the carcass to prevent it from coming prey of wild hogs or olives Judge Brooks ruptured a blood vessel.

\$4,000,000 TO TEXAS CHRISTIAN UNIVERSITY

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Fort Worth, Tex.—Texas Christian University has become the beneficiary of the \$4,000,000 estate of Mrs. Mary Couss Burnett of this city in addition, Mrs. Burnett gave the instruction \$150,000 cash for a library building which will be erected as soon as plans can be drawn and contracts awarded. President Edward McShane Waits of the University said this is one of the largest gifts ever made toward education in the South.

The gift was made through a declaration of trust, which was filed Wednesday morning by W. H. Slay of Slay, Simons Smith, attorneys who handle Mrs. Burnett's affairs. Trustees appointed by Mrs. Burnett will have charge of the fund. Mrs. Burnett will act as chairman of the trustees during her life, after which W. H. Slay will be chairman. Other members of the trustees are Dr. Charles Harris, Mrs. Ollie Lake Burnett, Mrs. Ella Burdick, president of the city, and John Sweet, president of the Farmers State Bank of Mexico.

All the real and personal property of Mrs. Burnett is included in the gift. This consists of an undivided half interest in the 6666 Ranch in Carson and Hutchinson Counties, with an acreage of 107,000, on which two of the largest gas wells in the United States are located; one-fourth interest in the mineral rights on 12,000 acres in Wichita County oil lands, half interest in the Burk Burnett Building at Fourth and Main streets, Fort Worth; all interests in the Reynolds Building at Eighth and Houston streets, Fort Worth; the family residence, one of the finest in the city at 1424 Summit avenue, and some eight or nine other smaller pieces of real estate, all personal property in stocks, Government bonds and various other securities of a value approximating \$1,000,000.

One-fourth of the net income from all these properties will go to the university annually during the life time of Mrs. Burnett, and after her death the entire net proceeds will be given to the institution. After the death of the benefactor, the affairs will continue to be administered by the trustees until all members appointed by Mrs. Burnett have died, then after a lapse of twenty years the estate will go as a body into the hands of the university.

The only exception is a gift of \$12,900 made to a negro orphanage at Gilmer, for the purpose of maintaining a chair of domestic science. Texas Christian University was selected to receive the gift after a consideration extending over seven years, Mrs. Burnett said. She said she wanted her properties to go to the maintaining of an institution of learning so that the youth of Texas would be assured of a full opportunity to make the utmost of their lives. It is her hope that T. C. U. will be maintained in such type as to attract students from all parts of the United States.

OPENING STEPS IN INQUIRY STARTED

U. S. To Have Same Powers As Allies in German Investigation

Paris.—The United States will have precisely the same powers as England and France in the coming inquiry into German finances, and the American experts will be on the same footing as others in the expert committees, according to a member of the reparations commission.

Opening steps toward participation by Americans in the inquiry were made recently in a conference between Col. James A. Logan, American unofficial observer on the reparations commission, and Louis Barthou, French president of the commission. It is understood that Logan gave Barthou suggestions as to names of Americans who would be acceptable to the United States as members of the committees, and the reparations commission will send invitations to these men.

By agreement with Washington, it has been decided to publish the letters exchanged between Logan and Barthou in regard to the inquiries. The letters define the authority of the experts making the inquiries and the extent to which the United States will participate.

Fire Damages Smelting Plant.—Amarillo, Texas.—A fire of unknown origin at the smelting plant northwest of town caused damage to the extent of \$1,000.

School and Road Bonds Approved.—Austin, Texas.—The Attorney General's Department has approved a bond issue of \$306,000 of Palo Pinto County road district No. 1, the bonds being payable serially and bearing 5 1/2 per cent interest.

Tax Assessor Elected.—Amarillo, Texas.—George M. Waddill has been elected to the office of Tax Assessor and Collector for the Amarillo Independent School District at an annual salary of \$3,600. He succeeds B. F. Newbold.

Texas News.

Vincent Rendon Quijano, formerly of Mexico City, has arrived in Corpus Christi to assume the position as Mexican consul in that city. Quijano succeeds F. Ballesteros, who has resigned his post and will go to Mexico City.

Tick eradication work will be continued in Webb county, it was decided Monday by a committee of 12, appointed at a called meeting of more than 100 representative cattlemen of the county.

The attorney general's department has approved a \$400,000 bond issue of Passadena independent school district, in Harris County, bonds payable serially, 5 per cent.

More than \$100 has been realized this year from one pecan tree by C. W. Kunkels, one mile north of Christoval. Mr. Kunkels reported in Christoval that he had gathered 500 lbs. of pecans from the one tree on his place.

That Henderson and Rusk County will have a fertilizer manufacturing plant in another year is now pretty well understood, as there is now a deal being put through to purchase the Henderson oil mill to convert it into a plant of that kind.

Headquarters for District 18 of the state highway department of Texas, comprising 22 South Texas counties, with approximately 1000 miles of state highway, have been opened in Corpus Christi, with T. H. Spence, formerly of San Antonio, as divisional engineer in charge of the local office.

The pecan crop in the Wharton section is turning out exceedingly good. Up to date six carloads have been shipped this season from Wharton to the markets. Each car contained 30,000 pounds of nuts, the pecan growers realizing a nice sum. Several more cars will be shipped before the end of the season.

In pursuance to two hearings on the subject, one held last March and the other in September of this year, the railroad commission has promulgated its order revising the rates on lumber in Southeast Texas territory, the order being effective fifteen days after publication and not later than February 1, 1924.

Although cotton exports decreased at the port of Houston during the month of November, oil exports were so large that the total value of exports for last month exceeded the value of October exports by more than \$100,000. Total valuation of exports for November amounted to \$32,535,577, as against \$26,520,886 for October.

In the last week 40 carloads of cattle have been shipped through Rockdale, Texas, to market from the Mataro ranch, one of the largest in the Panhandle. This is taken to indicate that range conditions are good. About 20,000 head of cows will be retained on the ranch this winter. Grass has started and the cattle are expected to winter well.

All state warrants issued prior to Sept. 1 may now be cashed, according to C. V. Terrell, state treasurer, who announced this week that the general fund had to its credit \$145,227.49. The next warrants to be paid will be those with number 1. The deficiency in the state fund now is nearly \$4,000,000, Mr. Terrell announced.

Houston's building inspector has given out figures that show Houston building during the last five years in the year 1918 Houston's total building was \$1,794,105, and in the eleven months just past the building has reached a total of \$1,771,314. In addition to this, more than \$50,000,000 in real estate transfers have changed hands in Houston, figures show.

Additional motor service between Mission and Brownsville went into effect Sunday. The morning motor from Mission makes connection with the main line passenger at Harlingen, which arrives in Brownsville at 11:45. The motor remains in Harlingen until 2 p.m. and then proceeds to Brownsville, arriving at 3 p.m. On the return trip the motor leaves Brownsville at 2:45, arriving at Mission at 6:30.

The railroad commission has authorized the following rates on crude sulphur, not ground or refined: carloads, from Gulf Hill to Sugarland when routed via Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railway and Sugarland railway, minimum weight, 40,000 pounds per car, 11c per 100 pounds; to Galveston, Houston and Texas City, when routed via the Gulf, Colorado & Santa Fe railway and Texas City-Terminal railway to Texas City, minimum weight 50,000 pounds per car, except when the weight carrying capacity of a car used is less than weight carrying capacity shall be the minimum weight, 8c per 100 pounds.

At a meeting of the stockholders of the Nacogdoches and Southeastern railroad, held at Nacogdoches recently, the following officers were elected: E. A. Frost, Shreveport; President; F. T. Whitely, Shreveport; C. W. Nelson, St. Louis; Judge S. W. Blount, Nacogdoches, vice president; C. G. Grubb, Nacogdoches, secretary-treasurer; S. W. Dowell, Shreveport, assistant secretary-treasurer. The Nacogdoches & Southeastern is now operating 31 miles of trackage, extending from Nacogdoches to Camp Pearing.

COOLIDGE IS TO ENTER PRIMARIES

THIS COURSE HAS BEEN MADE NECESSARY BY SENATOR JOHNSON'S CAMPAIGN.

FRIENDLY' CONTESTS LIKELY

BY EDWARD B. CLARK
Washington.—As soon as the President has delivered his message to congress, and judgment can be formed by him and his political advisers as to the attitude of the country toward his recommendations, plans will be made to carry the contest for the Presidency's renomination into every primary state in the Union.

This seems to be the intention of the President's friends. It is perfectly true that it was hoped by the administration's advisers and political friends generally that the field would be left clear for his renomination and that a strong fight for convention honors might be avoided. The entrance of Senator Johnson into the campaign, plus the belief that others are to enter it, seemingly has made it necessary for the friends of Calvin Coolidge to meet the opposition in the various states which have primaries there to contest for the favor of the delegates to the convention.

Now it seems likely that Mr. Coolidge will enter into the California primary, which is Senator Johnson's home state. It is also possible that he may not enter into the primaries in some other states, provided certain other candidates who are opposed to Senator Johnson shall elect to enter. Such cases might be those of Hoover in California, Lowden in Illinois, and possibly others in other states.

May Throw Strength to Coolidge.
Now, of course, if any candidate for the Republican nomination is going to enter into a primary contest seemingly in his own behalf, but really in behalf of somebody else, but it seems entirely probable that if some candidate who has the President's views of matters shall enter into the primaries, he may be entirely willing, if he sees that he cannot get the nomination, to throw his delegate strength to the President.

This sort of thing has been done years in and year out, and it is, of course, entirely legitimate from the political standpoint, because as the argument is, if a man believes in certain methods of government he should see to it that those methods are put into service by himself, if he can be nominated, but if not, by some one who thinks as he thinks.

Washington is tremendously interested—and tremendously is used advisedly—in the Senator Johnson campaign. Johnson is a good campaigner. He is a forceful speaker and he has thousands upon thousands of friends who believe in him today as they believed in him when he and later when he fought as the champion of Theodore Roosevelt for the national vote on the Bull Moose ticket.

It is understood in Washington that Senator Johnson will make his campaign largely upon a plank of no American interference in foreign affairs. Up to this time there has been no intimation from the White House that the President thinks that American should attempt to enter the League of Nations, or attempt to do anything else which looks like entrance into active participation in European troubles, but of course it is true that President Harding suggested American membership in the World court, and President Coolidge, his successor, has suggested a financial conference on German reparations matters.

Two Sides of the Argument.
The political friends of the President believe apparently that he is no more than Senator Johnson, desires active participation in European matters. They urge that the financial mission plan, and the World court plan, if by any chance the President makes connection with the main line passenger at Harlingen, which arrives in Brownsville at 11:45. The motor remains in Harlingen until 2 p.m. and then proceeds to Brownsville, arriving at 3 p.m. On the return trip the motor leaves Brownsville at 2:45, arriving at Mission at 6:30.

On the other hand, the friends of Senator Johnson, and of others who have made a gain of the World court and financial commissions and other things of American suggestion are entering wedges for League of Nations membership and that if the present administration shall succeed itself the country will find itself drifting into full participation in all the European difficulties. So as a matter of fact, it seems as if the primary contests for Republican convention delegations have resolved themselves into campaigns against Europe as their basic issue, although as Mr. Coolidge's friends seem to agree and seem to believe, there is no reason to think that he wants to go much farther afield in Europe than Senator Johnson does himself.

Domestic issues, of course, will enter more or less into the coming primary campaigns. In one of Senator Johnson's statements, he has spoken of advocacy of progressivism as opposed to what is called radicalism in legislation. Some of the members of the Republican party who seemingly have gone afield into radicalism support neither President Coolidge nor Senator Johnson.

Revolt Threatens in House.
The situation in the house of representatives at this writing is something

like that of thirteen years ago. The progressives, or radicals as some people call them, have served notice that their conservative Republican brethren will not be allowed to organize the house unless an agreement is reached in advance on legislation that is to be proposed.

In a way the situation is like it was in the time when the house was revolting against so-called "Cannonism." In the day when Roosevelt was president the trouble began between the progressives and the conservatives, but it was not until later, in the Taft day, that the thing actually became a revolt. It is an exact fact, however, to say that today there are not as many progressives, liberals or radicals, call them what you will, who are in actual revolt against conservatism, or as it used to be called, reaction, as there were in that elder day.

Nevertheless there are about forty progressive Republicans in the lower house of congress today who can block majority action if they choose. In fact, if something more than a baker's dozen of them should agree to do it things would be blocked, for the balance of power would be theirs because of the small majority by which the Republicans hold the representative chamber.

Can't Afford to Quarrel.
At this writing no one can foresee the issue of the thing which soon is to come, but it can be taken for granted probably that compromise will bring about some solution, because no party in congress which is in a majority can afford, especially in a presidential election year, to allow factional troubles so to disturb it as to jeopardize the success of the party's campaign for continuance in power.

Representative John M. Nelson of Wisconsin is the one who gave notice to the house leaders of Republicanism that unless there was some decided change made in the intended program of the conduct of house affairs it would seem necessary to the progressives to block the regulars' organization plans on the day that congress meets, and of course on the days succeeding.

The purpose of the progressives is, as another has put it, "to force if possible acceptance by the Republican majority of reforms in house rules, regulations and management, and an acceptance in principle of the major provisions of a legislative program to be formulated and presented. Guarantees of acceptance and pledges of performances will be required from the Republican majority before the house organization can be effected, if the progressives succeed in their plans."

Now it has been said right along that the Republicans will have great trouble in organizing the house when congress meets. This sort of thing has been said before, but there are a few days yet in which the progressives and conservatives can take counsel together and agreement. Generally speaking, at this writing, therefore, it seems to be believed that Republicanism will organize the house according to the will of its more conservative members and that they will be compelled to make comparatively few adjustments in retrograde legislation.

Deadlock Is Possible.
Of course things may turn out differently. The organization of the house may be derailed, and the trouble may last for some days until one side or the other yields, but while it is possible that both sides to the controversy might be willing in certain circumstances to make a hard fight of it, the chances seem to be that they will come together fairly quickly if not in brotherly agreement.

One of the reforms which the progressive-liberal-radicals are demanding is the taking away from the house rules committee of the authority to prevent votes on legislation when committees. Moreover, the progressives are to ask larger representation on the committee and the foreign commerce and steering committees.

In the past the rules committee frequently has prevented proposed legislation from coming to a vote. There have been cases when favorable committee reports have been made on legislation which the majority in the house thought they would like to see enacted. It has been in the power of the rules committee to see to it that this legislation should not come to a vote.

Of course if it was apparent that a majority of the dominant party could vote down the legislation, all would be well, perhaps, but what the majority of the majority has feared at times was that a combination of a minority of their party with the Democrats would put bills through which the party leaders thought were unwise.

The Symptoms.
The method man came in, hitched up a chair, felt the lady's pulse, took her temperature, looked profound, shook his head and asked about her symptoms.

"Is this way, doctor. I seem to have a stitch in my side. Can you tell me the cause of it?"

"The doctor looked more profound and put a keen question on his face."

"Him. Have you been in one of those knitting marathons?"

"Are you the defendant?" asked a man in a court of justice when he encountered a negro.



LOGIC

Harold, age six, and his sister, scarcely two years his senior, were playing when Mrs. Lynn called to them: "One of you children run upstairs and get me a spoon of black thread."

"You go, Harold," said Florence.

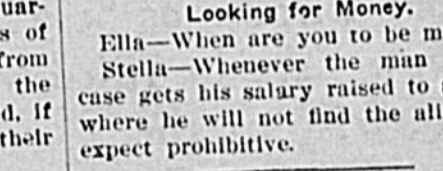
"I'm tired."

"I am tired, too; you go, yourself."

"Well, Harold, I'm older than you, and I've had more time to get tired. You go." This line of reasoning was almost too much for Harold, but he finally rallied with:

"I don't care if you are older and have had more time to get rested. You've had more time to get rested, too. You go."

THE COBBLER'S AWL



The Beet—Tell me, why are you called the Irish Cobbler?

The Potato—Oh, because I give my all to the service of man, I suppose.

Joy Ride.

The "Joy ride" finds a sudden stop. "Hat greives the merry-maker. You're lucky if you meet the cop. And not the undertaker."

Looking for Money.

Elia—When are you to be married?

Stella—Whenever the man in the case gets his salary raised to a point where he will not find the alimony I expect prohibitive.

After the Wrong Game.

"Maud is forever fishing for compliments."

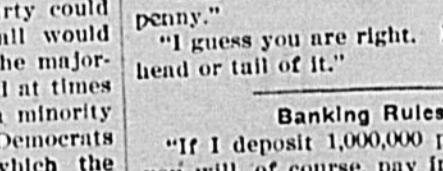
"Perhaps that is why she doesn't land a husband."

No Joke.

Blinks—The world is running to wheels.

Jinks—But the pedestrians are running from them.

AS USUAL



"I hear your husband is very attentive."

"Yes—to every lady but me."

Increasing Responsibility.
Cur laws have run a curious course. Since distant days of yore, when what we have, we can't enforce. We go and get some more.

A Big Help.
Fast—Now that your son's a partner instead of an employee, does he help you much in your business?

West—More so. He never shows up at the office at all now.

The Trappers.
"How things have changed since the old barnstorming days."

"Yes; just imagine a movie actor peeping through the curtain to count the house."

Apt Comparison.
"This book is as bright as a new penny."

"I guess you are right. I can't make head or tail of it."

Banking Rules.
"If I deposit 1,000,000 paper marks, you will, of course, pay interest?"

"On the contrary, we shall have to charge you storage."

Clipped From Exchange.
"Who's your cook now?"

"Della."

"Della, who?"

"Della Kateseen."

HE'LL GET IT, ALL RIGHT

Moose—Look at that pig eating all the cheese. Here's where I get mine.

Whom have you forgotten? Waterman's Ideal Fountain Pen. It is not too late to send them. FORTY years ago its reliability and greater convenience began teaching handwriters the world over the fountain pen habit. Today the constant need for Waterman's Ideal by every man, woman and child makes it the most useful and most wanted present that money will buy. Waterman dealers everywhere are ready to aid you in making an appropriate selection.

INDIGESTION, GAS, UPSET STOMACH. "Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest, surest relief for indigestion, gases, flatulence, heartburn, sourness, or stomach distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief. Correct your stomach and digestion now for a few cents. Druggists sell millions of packages of Pape's Diapepsin.—Adv.

Two pleasant ways to relieve a cough. Take your choice and suit your taste. S-B or Menthol flavor. A sure relief for coughs, colds and hoarseness. Put one in your mouth at bedtime. Always keep a box on hand.

A Remedy for Piles. Ask your Druggist (whom you know) what he knows about PAZO OINTMENT as a Remedy for Itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. 60c.

CONSTIPATION. Take a good dose of Carter's Little Liver Pills—then take 2 or 3 for a few nights after. They cleanse your system of all waste matter and regulate your bowels. Mild—as easy to take as sugar. Genuine Bear signature—Sanitool.

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Our Wish

We wish to thank each and every one for your business of the year just about passed and gone. Let's not lose sight of the value of our knowing each other. Let's capitalize our acquaintance.

So make our store your store.

WISHING YOU

A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

CLARK'S GROCERY

If Your Barn Burns Down--

Will you be financially able to rebuild it? Will you be able to replace your feed, harness, and other necessary farm implements? Why not protect yourself with Insurance? We have some very attractive Policies.

BARR & HART

Insurance Of All Kinds
Office Over Farmers National Bank

Merry Christmas

and a



You will always find a welcome at the
CROSS PLAINS MERCANTILE CO.

An Old Fashioned Greeting

Each year about this time you begin to receive them; some "hoping" and others "extending" to you and yours the Compliments of the Season. To all our friends and customers, of long or short duration, we want you to know during this Holiday Season we extend

An Old Fashioned Greeting W. E. BUTLER

Nolan Duncan returned Monday from Houston with his little son who was operated on for false growth on his neck.

The Misses Ellis of Atwell, were hoping here Monday.

Renerick Clark of A. M. college, is expected in this week to spend the holidays at home.

The Star Laundry,

The Star Laundry of Rising Star, solicits your laundry work. We make a specialty of family laundry. All work guaranteed. Leave at Young's Barber Shop. Star Laundry, Rising Star, Texas.

For Ford Truck bodies & cabs See Williams Planing Mill.

FIRE THREATENED TO DESTROY RESIDENCE HERE MONDAY

A fire supposed to have been caused from a gas stove, came near destroying the nice residence of Joe Shackelford here Monday. Mrs. Shackelford had stepped over to a neighbor's and fire caught while she was away, but it was discovered and overcome, after doing considerable interior damage.

Miss Thelma Hazelwood, niece of Mrs. Wren, is taking Christmas in Cleburne.

Arthur Layton, band master, leaves this week to spend the holidays in Dallas, his former home.

The Misses Ruby and Myrtle Atwood, students of Simmons College, are back for the Yuletide season.

Tom Ray Wilson who is in school at Coleman, is home for Christmas. His room mate, Joe Trammel, came home with him.

Arthur Sawyer and family of Eastland, visited relatives here last week, while enroute to their new home in west Texas.

Mrs. Hampton and little son, of DeLeon, have been visiting several days with Mr. and Mrs. Hampton, of this community.

Mrs. Morris of Dallas is visiting her brothers, H. D. and J. C. Freeman of this place.

Carl Klutts sold his farm last week to Wallace Jones. Mr. Klutts will move to the farm which he recently purchased from Ed Odum.

Mrs. Morris of Corsicana, is taking the holidays with her sister, Mrs. W. F. Connelly of Dressy.

Mrs. Mary Derrington of Merkel, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Champion of Cottonwood.

A "White Gift" Christmas Program

To be given at the Presbyterian church, Sunday, Evening Dec. 23, at 7 o'clock.

Music.
Prayer.
Welcome, Tom Bryant, Jr.
Song, "The Little Ones of Bethlehem."
Pantomime, "The Three Wise men"
Scripture Lesson, Junior Boys.
Pantomime, "The Christ Story."
Pageant, "Together Shall they Sing"
Presentation of "Gitts."
Music.
Benediction.

Notice

Dr. Vaughn, Veterinary Surgeon of Eastland, will be in Cross Plains each Third Monday, to treat all curable disease. Bring your horses and mules and have them examined for bad teeth. Remember the dates, on Third Monday. Dr. Vaughn.

Gifts Worth While

A high grade full nicked six pound electric iron (written guarantee from manufacturer that element will not burn out) send to you by Insured Parcel Post Prepaid for only \$4.50. Send me your order and check today. John C. Sherman (Electric Dealer) Cisco, Texas.

Try the new LAXATIVE LIVERGARD

for ordinary and chronic constipation, inactive liver. Though in its action does not gripe; safe for babies, children and grown-ups. Sample on request.

LUNGARDIA

for quickly breaking up dangerous colds; removing the most stubborn Coughs; healing to sore throat.

Lungardia Co., Dallas, Texas.
For sale by John Tyson

DR. HENDERSON

Manager Coleman Cotton Co. Will be at Dr. Price office Burkett, Texas, Dec. 10th

We wish to Thank

the Good People of Cross Plains and surrounding territory who have given us their patronage during the past year.

May this Christmas be one of joy to you and yours and the New Year hold for you only prosperity and success

We solicit and will appreciate your business for the coming Year

The Model Store

SELLS FOR LESS

Our Wish For You



In keeping with the spirit of this joyful season, may your Christmas be a Merry and joyful one and the New Year be filled with happiness for you and yours is the wish of the



CROSS PLAINS MOTOR CO.

Greetings of Yuletide Season

A Merry Christmas

from the Store of Toys

A Happy New Year

from the Store of Gifts

Cross Plains Hardware Co.

Our Best Wishes

Without the door let sorrow lie
And if, for cold, it happens die,
We'll hurry 't in a Christmas eve
And evermore be merry.



Cross Plains Drug Store

"Neighborly Service"

We Wish You

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Visit us when in town. Your patronage solicited and appreciated. Service and satisfaction assured.

CLUB CAFE

Wishing You

Merry Christmas and a most Prosperous and Happy NEW YEAR

If there is any thing in our line you may need during Christmas and the coming year, let us serve you.

Orr's Drug Store

Greetings

While wishing you a Merry Christmas may we hope that the gates of happiness will swing wide open to you bringing good times for 1924.

Little & Bachus Garages

The Neeb Produce Co.

extends to you

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Interest is getting to be lively on the subject of proposed additional school tax measure which is to be voted on Dec. 29th. We are publishing one article on the issue by Mr. McAdams, School Supt. But we are forced to leave out a number of other articles both for and against the measure due to the fact that we up-to-our-ears in Christmas job printing and advertising which has forced us to leave out several articles on the tax question as well as other news matter, being unable to get to all of it. We trust that our readers will understand the situation and not feel offended if we happen to leave out some article or item which they have handed in for publication. Christmas only comes once a year.

The Review is requested to announce that there will be a Christmas program at the Baptist church Sunday night. All are invited. There will also be a Christmas tree Monday night.

Other churches will also have trees, we are informed.

Oak Lewis made a business trip to Fort Worth this week.

Mrs. John Sindorf visited in Cisco Saturday

Mrs. Bennett of Wichita Falls, is visiting her son, B. J. Garner.

Mrs. J. C. Pullen has just returned from a week's visit in Dallas.

Miss Bertie Lee of Deer Plains, visited here Monday.

J. W. Hevner and wife of Sabanno were trading here this week.

Mesdames Owen and Alfa Bond of Cottonwood, were recent visitors here.

Misses Allie May and Velma Newby of Strawn are visiting their sister, Mrs. Earl Root.

Phil and Dee Anderson spent Sunday with their parents at Rising Star.

W. J. Brown subscribed for the Review this week.

For Sale or Trade

1 1/2 lots in best part of Cross Plains, East front, fine Oak trees. Will sell on Easy terms, or take a piano, phonograph, or Furniture as part of full payment. Can't use Automobiles.

J. E. Henkle, Second Hand Store.

Deer Plains News

Our school recessed Friday for institute and holidays. The teachers have purchased some new equipments for the school rooms and school grounds which make it more interesting for the pupils.

Moving seems to be the order of the day. Len Irvin and family left Saturday for Lamb County, where he bought a farm in the summer.

Rich Holder is now moving to Len's farm here. George Miller is going to move to the Lilley place where Rich is moving from.

Burriss Irvin is moving to the Irvin old home place, just vacated by W. J. Brown. Several of our community attended the box supper at Liberty Friday night despite the cold weather.

The Rev. T. L. Saunders of our community, preached at Sabanno the second Sunday. We understand that he will preach there the second Sunday in each month the coming year.

Bill Shirley visited his uncle at Pioneer last Sunday.

John Holder and family of Cross Plains spent Saturday night and Sunday with Rich Holder and family.

J. H. Harris and daughter, Mrs. James Westerman, and children of Sabanno visited at the home of Jess Lilley, Sunday.

Correspondent.

Mr. and Mrs. A. G. Crabb and daughter, Miss Vernie, have returned from a week's visit in Ft. Worth.



May Your Christmas Morning Be Glorious and Your Smile of Christmas Cheer Spread on Throughout the Year

Mrs. McGowen's Fashion Shop

Christmas Greetings and

and Best Wishes for

The New Year--1924

We take this opportunity to again express to you the greetings of this joyful season; may it find you happy, healthy and prospering, and may the new year bring you blessings suitable to your needs.

We trust that our friendly business relations will continue on thru the New Year. You will continue to receive the same dependable service here as you have always done.

B.L. BOYDSTUN

"Where it Pays to Trade"

Electric Theater

—Thursday 20th—

"Danger Trail"

James Oliver Curwood

—Friday, 21st—

Neal Hart; Pueblo

—Saturday, 22nd—

Wm. Fairbanks in

"Western Adventure"

—Monday, 24—

Hoot Gibson in

"Rambling Kid"

Tuesday, 25

Jack Hoxie, in

"Sheriff Eternal Hope"

—Wednesday, 26—

Kenneth Harlan and

Mildred Davis

"Temporary Marriage"

LOTHER THOMASON

DENTIST

Office Over Guaranty State Bank Cross Plains Operations done under nerve blockin

Slip on Ford Roadster bodies, at Williams Planing Mill.

GREETINGS

While extending the season's greetings may we hope that the gates of prosperity will open wide and bring to you and yours good times and good cheer throughout the New Year.

Neeb's Service Station

"Where Service is a Pleasure"

We Wish

to thank our many friends and patrons for their liberal patronage during the year, and we take this method of conveying our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

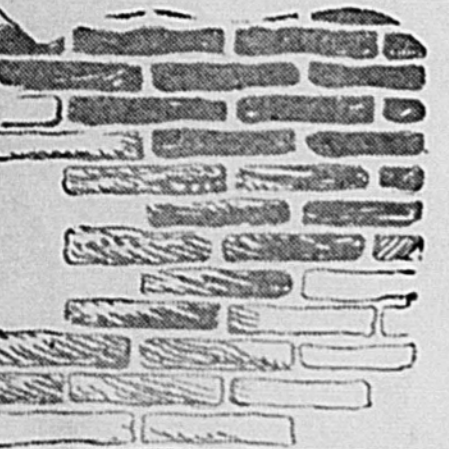
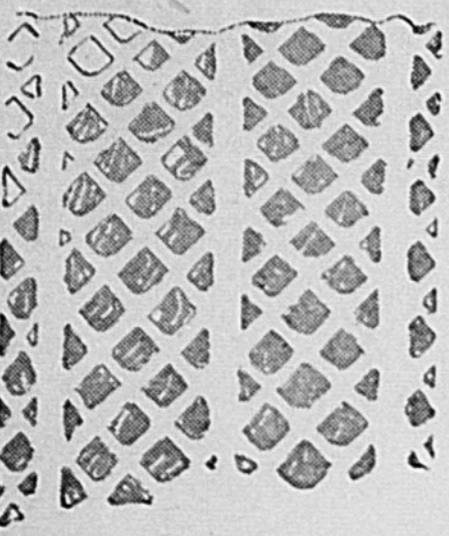


C. P. FURNITURE CO.



The Christmas Spirit

by Katherine Edelman



Who would not be merry, who would not be glad, when all over the earth there can be heard the jingle of Santa Claus' sleigh bells, the patter of his reindeer's hoofs and the chuckle of the jolly little man?

Who would not be merry when everywhere we see eager, expectant little children, their eyes and feet dancing in happy expectation of the joy which they know is coming?

Who would not be merry and glad at the sight of full stockings by the chimney, the gaily-ornamented tree with gifts on every bough?

Who would not be merry and glad at the thought of the gathering and feast that make Christmas a celebration of the home and of family ties?

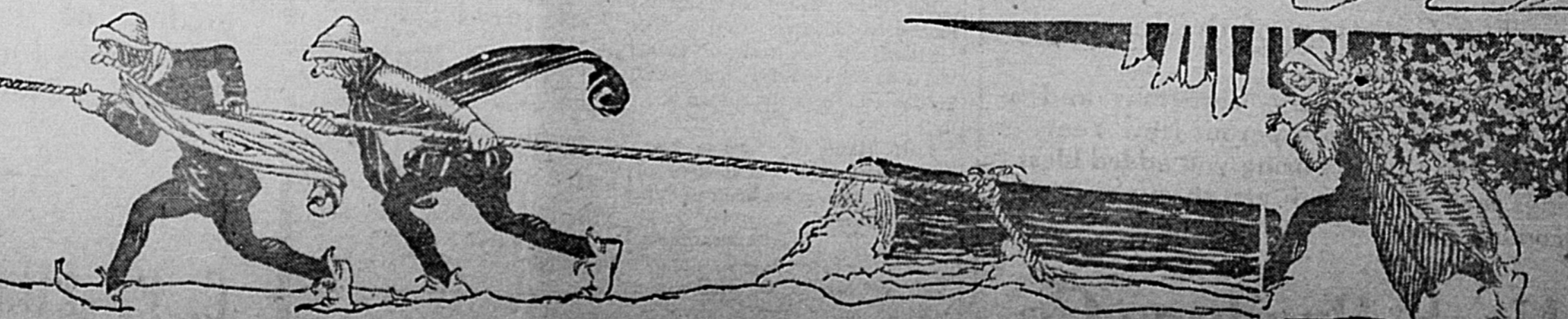
Who would not be merry when everywhere we look we see men and women at their very best, filled deep with the spirit of love and giving—when everybody seems to have been touched by the magic hand of Christmas?

Who would not be merry when in every home there is happy whispering and planning and streets and shops are filled with a gladsome throng all bent upon the most unselfish mission in the world: to help bring joy to others?

Who would not be merry and glad when the whole country is radiating peace and joy and good cheer: when the Christmas spirit has spread itself like an encircling mantle over the nation?

Who would not be merry and glad and of good cheer in the conviction that some day, when the Christian citizen serves God in relation to his home, his community and his nation, there will be literally "On earth peace, good will toward men."?

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Diamonds of Malopo

by VICTOR ROUSSEAU

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EDITOR SAM

SYNOPSIS—Winton Garrett, twenty-five and just out of college, calls by appointment on Archie Garrett, his New York cousin and executor, to receive his inheritance of \$100,000. Archie, honest, an easy mark and a fool for luck, assures Winton that he is practically a millionaire, as he has invested all but \$10,000 in a rubber plantation in either the East or West Indies and in a controlling interest in the Big Malopo diamond mine, somewhere or other in South Africa, sold him as a special favor by a Dutch promoter named De Witt. Winton, en route to his mine, finds the town of Taungze wildly excited over a big strike at Malopo, including the 35-carat "De Witt diamond." Two coach passengers are a disreputable old prospector, Daddy Seaton, and his daughter Sheila. On the journey a passenger, who turns out to be De Witt himself, insults Sheila. Winton fights De Witt and knocks him out.

CHAPTER II—Continued.

De Witt was unconscious and breathing heavily. Somebody ran back for water. Another man produced a flask of brandy and got some of the contents between De Witt's teeth. Presently De Witt began to splutter. He sat up, saw and recognized Winton, and his eyes filled with deadly hatred. "I'll get even with you for this," he mumbled. But there was no more fight in him. Sollicitously attended by the little clerk whom he had ousted from his seat so unceremoniously, De Witt staggered back to the coach, resuming his old place in the corner, with his hat pulled over his discolored forehead. He looked so abject and crestfallen, with his swollen lip and bruised jaw that Winton almost felt pity for him. But it was certain that De Witt deserved no pity. The man was a bully and a cad and had got his deserts. After the coach had started, Sheila Seaton bent forward and spoke to Winton. "I don't know how to thank you," she said, with a catch of her breath. "Nobody else would have dared to do what you have done." "I think most men would have done so," said Winton. "You don't know who he is. He is Judge Davis' man. Nobody would dare to thwart Joe Davis. The judge stands behind Mr. De Witt in everything." "Who is Judge Davis?" "The president of the Diamond Fields Syndicate. And the landroast." "What's that?" Winton asked. "The resident magistrate and judge. You see, Malopo is really a native protectorate, and there isn't any legislature or law, so Judge Davis can do anything he pleases. You are a stranger, aren't you? But you don't speak like an Englishman." "I'm an American, and I know nothing of this country," answered Winton. "I only landed a week ago. I came out to—He checked himself—"to take up a claim in Malopo." They were bending close toward each other. The creaking of the coach made their words inaudible to the others, who, having discussed the amazing incident to their satisfaction, had settled down to sleep through the glare and heat and dust. Winton cast a glance toward Daddy Seaton. The old man, having assuaged his thirst with plentiful gulps of whisky, was fast asleep in his corner. "You have made a terrible blunder," said the girl earnestly. "You had better take the next coach back. Really, you had better, because nobody can fight the judge, and Mr. De Witt is his right-hand man." "Well, see," said Winton grimly. "In the mean time, won't you tell me why—why he thinks he can insult you?" She smiled wearily. "In a frontier settlement women do not expect courtesy," she answered. "On the contrary," answered Winton. "I don't believe these men"—he looked round the coach—"would not protect you in an emergency, unless—"

"If De Witt thinks he has a over your father—" Winton b...
"The girl placed her hand...
"My father's life is...
"He comes of a good English...
"You'll hardly believe it...
"once an officer in the army...
"he settled down in the Coloi...
"then—this happened, and it b...
"and ruined his life. When I...
"remember him, we were wan...
"anywhere for more than six...
"He had no friends of his own...
"became coarse in his speci...
"uneducated man. And in th...
"covered that he lived in ter...
"De Witt.

"Five years ago you were...
"Johannesburg. Father is an...
"tive linguist, and he was...
"manager of a mine there...
"little home, and we were ha...
"thought our troubles were...
"Then Mr. De Witt met fr...
"forced him to do some croc...
"for him in connection with...
"mining interests. After that...
"on our travels again...
"We went to Malopo with...
"rush of prospectors and stay...
"year. Then Judge Davis...
"pointed landroast by the g...
"and went there to form the...
"We had known that Mr. De...
"connected with him, and he...
"soon after. Father urged m...
"But I was tired of wander...
"a position in a hotel, and...
"father was safe after so lo...
"Father went away without...
"and afterward I got a lette...
"in Rhodesia. Then Mr. De...
"to the United States, and...
"father to return.

"For a long time he wo...
"at last he believed that M...
"was gone for good, and I...
"to come back to Malopo...
"weeks ago, Mr. De Witt re...
"knew me, and he—look a f...
"He promised me father sh...
"nollected, I went to Taun...
"to meet father, and—you...
"rest."

She shivered at the re...
"that came crowding in upo...
"upon remained silent for a f...
"But an instinct made hi...
"head, and looking across t...
"saw De Witt watching him...
"and the hate and rage u...
"showed him that the fight...
"had been only the first r...
"conflict."

"I thank you very mu...
"confidence," he said to She...
"to be your friend in Mal...
"She shook her head in v...
"leaning back, closed her...
"they traveled on through...
"dust, stopping only at the...
"and eating indifferent me...
"foods at wayside stores...
"coach rolled through the...
"the distant hills that r...
"any nearer. Winton slep...
"through a night that see...
"awakening at every bu...
"ping, until they came in...
"the cold dawn.

CHAPTER I

Ned Burns—Wat...
"The coach deposited...
"passengers in front of t...
"market square...
"Miss Seaton, I'm goi...
"and your father with y...
"said Winton. "And I...
"service in any way that...
"He handed her his c...
"became aware that De V...
"ing close at his side an...
"his shoulder. He tur...
"the man moved away...
"Had he read the man...
"not fainter, but Wint...
"preferred to maintain t...
"being unknown, in vie...
"tion. He arranged to...
"held until he had foun...
"then, returning, foun...
"her father had quietl...
"The busy day had be...
"ing beams of the rising...
"shirts of gold upon...
"across the square, in...
"equipped transport: the...
"life breakfast in num...
"in the tiny spaces bet...
"with their spans of l...
"whirls were dancing ev...
"ing against the buildi...
"ing those who happ...
"The stores were ope...
"driving back from the...
"and peddlers were...
"waves."

Malopo was abou...
"Taungze, but, being a...
"not a railroad one, he...
"more prosperous, asp...
"old-clothes shops were...
"ful. Many of the b...
"ric

A Merry Christmas To All

AS a busy world pauses at this glad Christmas time to bring its gifts to those whose hearts will glow in the thought of being remembered, may each of us, thankful for the good things that have come to us during the year that has gone, think of the unremembered ones and be ready to help share the burdens of those less fortunate than we and may we do our bit in relieving the suffering of the world. May we assist in making impossible the empty Christmas stocking--the greatest tragedy in all childhood--finding in the joy of unselfish giving a fitting reward for our thought and for our gifts.

We wish you a very happy and prosperous New Year.

Higginbotham Bros. & Co

Turkey Dinner
CHRISTMAS DAY at the
Grace Hotel

GREETINGS!

We wish you the season's greetings, hoping that your Christmas may be a most happy one, and that the New Year may bring you added prosperity.

We assure you of our keen appreciation of your past patronage and co-operation, and hope that our pleasant business relation may continue through the New Year.

WEST TEXAS UTILITIES CO.

Coming Real Soon Glen D. Brunk's Original **BRUNK'S** Comedians

The World's Greatest Repertoire Show

Band and Orchestra

Wishing Everybody (Man Woman, Child and Baby)

A Merry Christmas and
and Happy New Year

GLEN D. BRUNK

There will be a box supper at the Methodist church Friday night. A special program will be rendered, and band concert free. All are invited.

Mrs. B. J. Garner left for Indiana where she will visit her mother. Her sister will join her at Tulsa, and make the trip with her.

Mr. and Mrs. Cavanaugh of Route 1 were trading here a few days back.

Rev. Andy Foster who is attending college at Abilene, is back home to spend a few weeks before returning to college.

Miss Alice Hankie has returned from a visit with relatives in Archer Co.

A. L. Fulton and family of Sweetwater, visited last week with Virgil Fulton and family, of Cottonwood

Miss Mary Moragne who is attending college at Denton, is home for the holidays.

Miss Lillian Jones who has been in Dallas for some time, is back with the City Drug store.

Mrs. Jim Lawrence and children of Wichita Falls, are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Alice Henderson.

Lost—A casing and demountable rim somewhere on Route 2. Will pay reward for recovery of same. M. C. Baum.

Mrs. Fred Stacy and the Misses Jeanes of Dressy, were in shopping this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Evans Ellis motored to Brownwood, Monday.

Christmas Greetings

Wishing you the Season's Greetings and assuring you of our keen appreciation of your good will and patronage.

Mrs. Corrie B. West
Milliner

GREETINGS

We want to thank each one of you for the patronage you have given us, and we hope that our aim of dealing fair with you has been proven in a way that we are worthy of your confidence.

We assure you that we appreciate your business and the association of all good people and trust that we may have a continuance of same.

And as the days of this year are numbered and the new one is approaching, we extend to each one our wish for a happy Christmas and Prosperous New Year.

Joyce Drug Co.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

With pleasure as we approach Christmas Day and the New Year we extend to our friends and customers the greetings of the season. May this Christmas bring you much happiness and the New Year prosperity and blessings which you deserve.

And it is our wish that our pleasant business relations will continue throughout the coming year, and our purpose will be to conduct our business in a way that will merit your confidence and co-operation.

The Racket Store