Sincere Greetings to you-



1924-1925

With sincere greeting and all good wishes for Christmas happiness, and may the strength of true friendship bring you peace and comfort in mind, body and estate, and may the coming year broaden your pathway of endeavor and give you an overbrimming measure of all the good wishes of

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OF CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS "A Bank of Personal Service"

WEDDING BELLS RINGAS CHRISTMAS DRAWS NEAR

Sunday Miss Eya May Parsons and Slack, of Burkett were married The bride formerly resided here parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chris much happiness.

night, Miss Opic Webbol b Ranch and Bill Bryant of this city were married at Baird, surprising many of their friends. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Webb.

All of the above contracting parties are of prominent families, and are very popular among their large circle of them best wishes.

John Proctor of Pioneer and Miss Eumarried here last Saturday, Rev. Brabnumber of well wishing friends here.

Congratulations. Who will be next? ring a number of times during Christ- and Bachus filling station would im mas week. Wonder who it will be.

Jenks and Bob Garrett of Jayton; Mrs. Mosley and Mrs. Baum, of Lamesa; Bailey Bingham and family of As-Mrs. Lavert Lane are here to be with

MORE NEW BUSINESS FOR CROSS PLAINS

H. A. Pace Motor Co is installing a paint and top shop, on the first floor. The paint room will be dust proof. Mr. Pace has secured the services of Mr. Garrett of Gorman for this department. Their many admiring friends Only recently Mr. Pace installed a Battery department.

Jim Bachus and W. D. Clapp are putting in garage, located just across from Boydstuns. They expect to be open for business by the first of the year. The building now on the lot will triends who will join in extending to be remodeled, and given a stucco front with concrete driveway and side walk This side walk it is underla Hodnett of Rising Star were also stood, may cover the entire length of that block, now unimproved, as other ham officiating. They have a large property owners, it is thought will concrete in front of their adjoining lots.

A concrete sidewalk extending It is thought that wedding bells will from W. E. Butlers to the new Little prove the appearance and add to the property value on that street.

L. A. Jarvis and Ray Jackson, ownpermont; Dick Garrett of Acme and leased the Magnolia filling station of their father, R. B. Garrett who is seri- this week to take charge Mr. Jackson will manage the business here,

New Garage

ers of the Quick Service Station, have Rising Star, and Mr. Jarvis is leaving

Hundreds of Christmas Gifts

This store is filled with Christmas merchandise. Hundreds of articles that are suitable to give to your wife, your children, sweetheart, mother or father.

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Read the League's messages in Farm and Ranch and Holland's Magazine

On the Long, Long Journey



FIRST ANNUAL TO TRY

coss Plains' first Ann al Poutry Show held here Monday and Tuesday of merce. F. M Gwin, Rev. Littleton, this week, was a notable success-ex- J. Henkle and Henry Williams deserve ceeding the fondest expectations of the poultry enthusiasts.

There were 75 entries made, with a total number of 211 chickens, 10 turkeys and 7 peafowls. The exhibit building was crowded both days. The interest manifested was a pleasant surprise to all, it being the initial exhibit. Entries were made from Eastland, Coleman, Brown and Callahan counties. Expert poultry men were here to judge the birds, and praised the exhibit as being without precedent for a first show.

Practically all breeds were entered in the show, with White Leghorns and to be remembered by all present. Rhode Island Reds heading the list in number of entries.

Plans will be put on foot for a big four-county show next year. Keep that in mind and make preparations for all their friends. accordingly.

The list of prize winners was received too late to give a complete and detailed prize list. A list of the winners is given below on their respective breeds, but not specified:

ious breeds shown:

B. M. Baum, Porter J. Davis, E. P. Wm. Neeb, V. McDonough, C. R. are thoroughly established as Proficient Woody, Mrs. Saunders, Luke Clark, in the culinary art, in the minds of Mrs. H. J. Head, Dave Clark, Joe Mc- those present. Donough, C. C. Kimbrough, Mrs. F. A. Warren, R. L. Poe, H. W. Strackbine, Mr. Townsend, called on a number of Jackson, Guy Ray, Grady Davidson.

Winners of second prizes: E. P. Watson. Porter J. Davis, John Lilly, Wm. Neeb, W. M. Mayfield, Fred Stacy, Mrs. J. Worth Joyce, Dave Clark, Joe McDonough, C. C. Kimbrough, J. H. Littleton, L. F. Neeb, R. L. Poe, H. W. Strackbine.

Winners of third prizes: Porter J. Davis, E. P. Watson, H. C. Williams, Loren Barr, Mrs. W. O. Spencer, Luke Clark, Joe McDonough J. H. Littleton, R. L. Poe, Carl Haley, H. W. Strackbein.

Purple ribbon Grand Champions of of the entire entries were awarded as follows: Cock, Rhode Island Red, Mrs. Saund-

ers, owner. owner.

Pullet, White Leghorn, R. L. Poe,

Grand Champion young pen, R. L. Grand Champion old pen, Mrs. H. J. Head, owner.

was awarded first prize on Bronze pen, Remember the date. and C. R. Woody first prize on Bronze

gobbler. Mrs. H. J. Head was awarded second prize on Bronze pen and R.

his Poultry Show was fostered by the Cross Plains Chamber of Com- shurdown on top of sand on their J. W. much credit as they worked hard and gave much of their time toward making and Davis et al are drilling at 1100 feet the show such a success.

C. P. MOTOR CO. HAS ELABORATE MONTHLY BANQUET

Thursday night of last week, the Cross Plains Motor Co. enjoyed their monthly celebration in the form of a interest. The new Era Syndicate are banquet. It was an elaborate, yet an drilling at 900 feet on their Prater No. informal affair, and an occasion long 2. Calvert Bros. are drilling at 300

Those present included the entire force with their families, and a few friends. Mr. Townsend stated that he regretted that they did not have room

When all had arrived, they were instructed to find their place cards, then after invocation by Rev. Littleton, all proceeded to eat, and it was a most sumptuous repast, to speak mildly. The first course consisted of turkey with dressing, cranberry sauce, potato Winners of first prizes from the var- chips, creamed peas, pickles and olives, and fruit salad, while pie alamode and coffee constituted the second course, Watson, W. L. Steele, H. C. Williams, and the ladies who prepared same

Between courses, the toast master, J. E. Henkel, L. C. Nichols, S. R speakers, who responded with spirit and eloquence, the general theme being co-operation. Those who spoke were F. M. Gwin, Rev. Henry Littleton, Geo. B. Scott, G. E. Nicholson, of the visitors, J. O. Butler, Ralph Chandler, Jim McGowen, E. R. Wagner, Bowden Freeman, J. B. Taylor, C. V. Ramsey, Jim Phillips, Bruce Burkett, of the firm, and last but not least Mrs. Townsend, who represented the ladies, made a short talk that was appreciated very much. The principal speakers of the evening were, Rev. Littleton F.M. Gwin, R. F. Townsendowner and J. O. Butler manager of firm.

The room and main office was artistically decorated in the seasons colors, with Christmas tree decorated very attractively, reflecting the spirit of the hour. There were about fifty people Cockerel, White Leghorn, R. L. Poe, present and all enjoyed themselves im-Hen, White Leghorn, R. L. Poe, ant memory to each of them. mensely and it will always be a pleas-

Notice

I will be in Cross Plains, Friday Dec 26th and 27th two days only, to regis-In the Turkey exhibit Mrs. Jim Barr ter your cars. Bring your 1924 receipts.

W. C. White, Tax Collector.

Appreciation:

Not because it is an honored custom but because of the Sincerity of our APPRECI-ATION we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past twelve months, and we wish you a good old MERRIE CHRIST-MAS and Happy, Prosperous NEW YEAR.



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

In the Cross Cut section, Moore and Wilson finished their Williams No. H. Hanke was awarded first prize on 1, this week. This well is a commercial gas well making good dry gas.

Conway Bros. and Bob Gilman are Newton No. 3, and are running piping and will drill in a few days. Swartz on their Newton No. 2

Mahlstedt Mook Oil Co. are drilling at 1100 feet on their Newton No. 3.

T. B. Slick's wildcat on the Chambers track is drilling at 2930, this is a deep test. Canyon Oil and Gas Co. and M. E. Wakefield are drilling at 900 feet on their Elsberry No. 1, in south west part of field, developement of this well is being watched with keen

et on their Prater No. 1 west edge of this field.

of articles will be run covering the activities of the Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. J. O. Butler and little son James, are spending a few days with relatives, at Gorman.

NO PAPER NEXT WEEK TAKING OUT FOR CHRISTMAS

There will be no Review next week. as has been the custom. The force will take the week off and the shop will be closed. If you have any job printing, get it in this week. You will note that we are publishing our Christmas issue this week. Read it from "kiver to kiver" -- Read the ads and the seasons greetings of your business friends, as well as the news and special features-

K. K. K. Banquet

Last Thursday night, the local order of the Ku Klux Klan, put on a big banquet, with an estimated attendance of 100 members including a number of visiting speakers, from Fort Worth-Worth, Coleman, and Eastland, some local speakers were also on the program. The speakers told of the accomplishments of the Klan in erecting homes for the protestant orphan children. One of these homes is located at Begining with our next issue a series Dallas, it stated. The lunch consisted of cake pie and coffee.

> R. F. Townsend and O. J. Butler, owner and manager of the Cross Plains Motor Co. attended the Ford dealers meeting in Dallas, this week.

Greetings to You



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and

Happy and Prosperous New Year!

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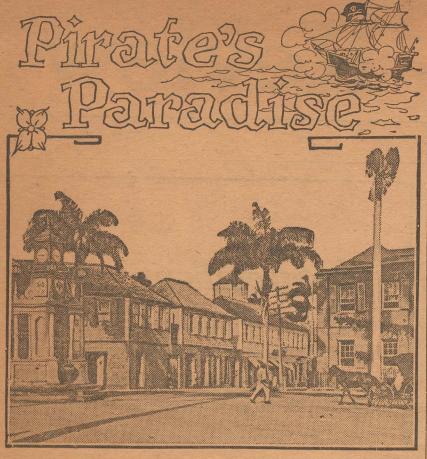
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Town Square in Basseterre, St. Kitts.

"America's Riviera," the old Spanish main, including the shores of the islands and mainland of the Caribbean, is a peaceful land now, but only a few centuries ago it was the paradise of pirates. The Sixteenth century privateers and pirates-fearless, erratic, adventurous spirits - though they turned the Caribbean waters into a veritable Spanish cockpit, at the same time discovered lands, developed the art of seamanship, and added greatly to the world's knowledge of natural history and geography.

Shortly after the discovery of America, Spain, at the height of her power, claimed all of this domain as her own, and trespassers were regarded as pirates. Though the richest half of Europe was then emptying gold into the coffers of Aragon and Castile, it is estimated that one-third of the imperial revenue came from Spanish colonies in the New world.

But Spain was not permitted to establish her sway in the Western hemisphere unchallenged. Both England and France were puissant rivals.

With the English seamen of the Sixteenth century, who were gentlemen adventurers swearing allegiance to Elizabeth, came French corsairs, Dutch zeerovers, and nondescript bands of smugglers, slavers, traders and privateers to infest the West Indies.

This motley crew was followed by buccaneers in the Seventeenth century, and by ordinary pirates in the Eighteenth.

As a consequence, there is scarcely an island among the hundreds in the Caribbean that has not its story of these early adventurers, and many bits of land reveal today definite marks of their handiwork. There is not a stretch of coast 20 miles in length which does not have its story of buried treasure.

Buccaneers Were Tolerated.

There was practically no colony in the island-dotted Caribbean which had vessels in its harbors. Tortuga, off the northern coast of Haiti, and Jamaica were veritable pirate strongholds, while Martinique, Curacao, St. Kitts, and Barbados befriended them and encouraged their trade.

The home governments of France, England and the Netherlands found it good policy to countenance the buccaneers and to wink at some of their activities. The council of Jamaica even went so far in 1666 as to enumerate in its minutes 12 good reasons for granting commissions to privateers; for, this august body said, they furnished the island with necessary commodities at easy rates, bringing them coin, bullion, cocoa, logwood, indigo, and cochineal; helped they had for sale; furnished work for various kinds of artisans; brought across the Azores and home. slaves to cultivate the plantations; furnished a navy for the island; and often, in intercepting Spanish messages, furnished the governor of the colony with valuable information.

was St. Christopher, or St. Kitts, as west of the Gulf of San Miguel. Old it is now often called, one of the Panama, founded in 1518, was the me-Leeward islands, half way between tropolis of the Isthmus then as New Porto Rico and Dominica. It was dis- Panama is today. It was probably the covered by Columbus on his second richest place in all America, since it voyage to America and called by him was the market for the whole of the after the saint whose name the great | west coast, as well as for the spices discoverer himself bore.

able inch of its deep and fertile soil is cultivated, St. Kitts is povertystricken, owing to overpopulation. Its 70 square miles are encircled by a good road, and the heart of the Panama City was founded a few miles island is made up of a series of peaks farther west. broken by wild ridges and ravines, which culminate in a great quiescent volcano towering more than 4,000 feet above the sea, in whose crater there lies a peaceful lake.

No place can claim a fuller measure of pirate lore than Tortuga, a small cathedral, its eight convents and the island located opposite Port de Paix, off the northern coast of Haiti. It the superior of anything to be found is heavily wooded, rugged, and sparse- on the two continents. Portions of ly inhabited, and for those who are the old Gold road, along which the ignorant of its past there is nothing tiny bells of the heavily laden mules about it to arouse curiosity; but to used to tinkle, can still be followed for those who know its history it is an miles toward Porto Bello, though in enchanted isle, for it is alleged to many places it becomes an almost uncontain more buried treasure than any recognizable trail through the forest.

(Prepared by the National Geographic So- other spot in the Antilles. For 30 years ciety, Washington, D. C.) after the buccaneers were driven from St. Kitts it was such a stronghold for the "brethren of the sea," that even the mighty king of Spain, with all his ships and men, could not break it up. Tortuga the Headquarters.

In its prime, when it was the headquarters of the buccaneers, this sink of the West Indies was spoken of as 'the common refuge of all sorts of wickedness and the seminary, as it were, of pirates and thieves," though it was admitted that the outlaws themselves lived together in orderly fashion, without bolts or bars on their

The reason for the choice of Tortuga as a resort lay in the fact that its harbor was easily defended, and that it gave an easy access to the Mona and Windward passages, the usual routes followed by the ships of Spain in their voyages to and from Cartagena, Porto Bello and Vera Cruz.

Here the freebooter had a home; on the beach he careened his ships and divided his pieces-of-eight, and inthe town of Cayona he set up such lares and penates as he had, rested from his labors, and cursed or swaggered over his luck. In the later days of piracy it became the seat of operations of the French corsairs, the English repairing to Jamaica.

It was in Tortuga that the men who thought it their right to prey upon the commerce of Spain acquired the name of buccaneers. One of the chief reasons for the choice of Tortuga as a pirate colony was its nearness to Halti and the bucans, or cattle from which they could obtain their meat supply. The meat was cut into strips and hung from frames over a slow fire

to smoke. The Indians, who taught the settlers the process, called both the place where the curing was done and the dried meat itself bucan, and as the cattle-hunters usually presented a bloody and forbidding appearance, they

were termed buccaneers. In the latter half of the Seventeenth any scruples against allowing buc- century Jamaica was the stronghold of caneers to build, fit out, or repair their | the English buccaneers. Morgan, the greatest and most sagacious of the pirates, planned most of his expeditions in Port Royal, which had the reputation of being the richest and wickedest spot on earth. And proud the city was of its notoriety.

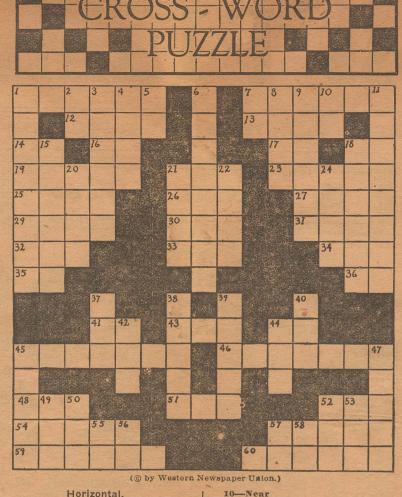
Cartagena and Panama.

The destination of most of the ships which sailed from Spain to America was Cartagena, a town on the northern coast of Colombia. Its massive stone walls survive to speak their strength in the early days. The wealth of the western coast of South America was gathered first at Panama, then hauled by mules across the isthmus and deposited at Porto Bello, near the mouth of the Cascajal river, until it could be poor planters by buying the provisions | shipped to Cartagena; thence it was taken out, through the Caribbean sea,

Every year there was gathered in Old Panama the riches of the Incassilver bullion, silver plate and precious stones-gold from the mines at Cana, the richest in America at that The nursery of all the English and time, and pearls from the Pearl river French colonies in the West Indies in the Gulf of Panama, just to the and silks of the Orient, and it kept in Though today almost every avail- touch with the towns along the east

coast through the Chagres river. It was able to hold its own against all enemy expeditions until it was destroyed, in 1671, by Henry Morgan.

Where desolate ruins are now, once there flourished a city reputed to have a population of 30,000. Its 200 houses of European elegance and 5,000 of the common kind, its mint, its hospital, its hundreds of warehouses, its king's stable, made it the equal or



1—Bluish gray mineral
7—Sudden gust of wind
12—Benediction
13—Narrow flat-bottomed bont 14—Northwestern state (abbr.) 17-Three-toed sloth 18—Of age (abbr.) 19—Old oriental coin 21—Distress signal (abbr.) 23—Seamen's tales 25-Above 26—Fate 27—Buckle or clasp

29-Crack that admits liquid 31-Repetition 32—Skill 33—Jewel

34-Ancient Hebrew measure

35—Steam vessel (abbr.) 36—Pertaining to 41—Impersonal pronoun
43—The land of the free and the
home of the brave (abbr.)
44—Part of "to be"
45—Director of a ship

46-Instrument to determine direction
48—Point of compass 51—Spread to the wind 52—Implement for rowing 54—Unit of measurement 57—Small sailing vessel -Banner 60-Order of parasitic fungi

1—Boats used in Venice 2—Note in musical scale 3—To go on shipboard for a journey

4—At no time (abbr.)

5—Indefinite article

6—Fore and aft-rigged vessel

7—Country in southern Euro
(abbr.)

8—Lunding place 8—Landing place 9—Member of church

Vertical.

10-Near 11-Shore toward which wind blows 15—Those who plunge into 18—Implement to hold vessel in

place 20—Shipshape 21—Hit hard 22—Prow of a vessel 24—Instrument of torture 37—Set of implements
38—Sailor's sleeping quarters 39-Pleasure vessel 10-Mischievous child 42—Sailor 44—Girl's name 45—Craft propelled by paddling

47—Propellor of a steamer 49—Woman under religious vows 50—Printers' measures 52—Military supplies (abbr.) 55—Islands in English channel (abbr.)
56—For example (abbr.) 57-Prefix

The solution appear in next issue, Solution c ek's Puzzle.



ERY RHYME



BARBER, barber, shave a wig, To see if it won't grow, Poor Dolly's hair's been falling out For 'most a week or so, And may be if it's cut a bit, It may improve, you know.

Find two other customers. Upper right corner down, along cushion: upper left corner down, along should er.

Work of Ancient Scholar

Hipparchus of Nice about 162 ing the latitude and longitude of each. | Men's society in New York.

For Mutual Benefit

A Consumers' league is an associa-B. C. is credited with the determination of persons who desire, so far as ermen had raised the point that the tion of latitude and longitude as well possible, to do their buying in such a statute applies to fish taken from as with the discovery, during astro- way as to further the welfare of those public waters only. The contention nomical work done in the island of who make or distribute the things of the Game, Fish and Oyster de-Rhodes and at Alexandria, of the pre- bought. The movement started in partment was that the State is enmade a catalogue of 1,080 stars, giv- time was taken up by the Working sold in Texas, regardless of origin,

Condensed Austin News

Attorney General Keeling has approved \$50,000 waterworks bonds for Brownfield, Terry County, serials

Secretary of State Jeff J. Strickfand, is in Oklahoma, where he delivered an address at the annual meeting of the Motion Picture The atre Owners of Oklahoma. * * *

Miss Katherine Fiset of Austin has been named secretary to John G. Willacy. State Tax Commissioner, to fill vacancy caused by promotions. Miss Fiset is the daughter of the late Franz Fiset. well known Austin lawyer.

Walter Gerron, inspector for the Railroad Commission, has made a report on the Trinity & Brazos Railroad. He finds that property in the best physical condition in ten years, while the road is maintaining its train schedules with regularity. * * *

John M. Scott, Commissioner of Insurance, has gone to St. Louis, Chicago and New York on official business. In New York he will attend the winter session of the National Association of Insurance Commissioners, which has an important pro-

The Attorney General approved \$65.000 waterworks bonds for Rusk, serials, 6s. These bonds were not only given official approval but "hearty approbation" by Assistant Attorney General Carl F. Gibson. who passes on bond issues and whose former home was in Rusk.

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Dr. C. W. Ramsdell, professor of American history at the University of Texas, will address the annual meeting of the American Historical Association, at Richmond, Va., Dec. 27-31. Dr. Ramsdell will speak on "Problems of Public Morals in the Confederacy,"

Six Texas towns have adopted the standard milk ordinance recommended by the State Board of Health and ten more are expected to pass it before Jan. 1, according to Dr. Malone Duggan, State Health Officer. Paris, Abilene, Denison, Clarksville, San Angelo and Weatherford have passed the final reading.

Attorney Gen.-Elect Dan Moody has told friends of his first appointment in the department and it is to retain Miss Mary Maguire as secretary to the Assistant Attorney General in charge of bonds. Miss Maguire has held that position for a number of years and in that time has written the certificates for millions of securi-

The State Treasurer issued a call to pay State warrants up to and including warrants No. 14.250, issued since Sept. 1 last. and representing \$454,385. This leaves the net deficit in the general fund at approximately \$2,000,000. With the payment of tax money the deficit is expected to be reduced from now on.

Texas Industrial Traffic League in ession in Austin adopted importuning Texas Congressmen to support the \$7,634,496 appropriation asked for the Interstate Commerce Commission next year and oppose cut to \$4,913.500 on the ground that rate hearings and decisions already slow would be delayed even more.

Gibb Gilchrist, State Highway Engineer says he will attend the highway conference in Dallas, called by the Fergusons to consider the highway problems of Texas, and that he will take all the available information his department affords. Mr. Gilchrist offers to give every possible assistance to the conference.

Net railway operating income for the nine months terminating Sept. 30, last, aggregated \$21,607,898, an increase of \$8,151,505, over the same nine months of 1923, or 60.58 per cent. This is the best showing ever made by Texas railroads. During the nine months of the year the operating revenue was \$157,799,289, an increase of \$14,235,221, or 9.92 per cent. The operating expenses were \$122,757,252, an increase of \$3,913,549, \$122,767,262, or 3.29 per cent. * * *

Dr. H. T. Mussellman, editor of the Texas School Journal, Dallas, has been appointed secretary to Gov. Neff. filling the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mrs. Espa Stanford nearly a month ago to become a member of the State Industrial Accident Board. Dr. Mussellman will devote most of his time to compiling of reports and gathering information from the various departments of the State required to be furnished by the Governor to the Legislator.

The State Game, Fish and Oyster Commissioner is authorized to collect a fisherman's tax as well as dealer's tax on all fish taken and sold from private waters, according to an opinion given by the Attorney General's Department. Certain fishcession of the equinoxes. He also England in 1890, and about the same titled to taxes on all fish taken and



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BRITAIN RECEIVES UNITED STATES WAR

CLAIMS RIGHT TO COLLECT REPARATIONS UNDER DAWES PLAN

HOLDS FIRM ENGLAND

American Note Received, But May Not Be Acted Upon Until Next Week.

British Foreign Office the American of Fort Worth has in contemplation. reply to the communication from the the Dawes plan.

The reply, drafted by Secretary Hughes, is understood to firmly support the position that the Washington Government has every right acpowers to make its collections under the Dawes plan.

The reply rejects the British coneffect that the United States, not being a party to the Versailles treaty or the Dawes plan, has no right to any shares of the money collected thereunder. American claims total by Germans.

President Coolidge is reported as being opposed to any plan for submistribunal of the adjudication of war claims against Germany under the Dawes plan. His position also was said to be unchanged regarding war debt funding to the United States by rance and other powers.

Mr. Coolidge is known to be conollection is established beyond ques- receive \$1,400 and others \$1,500. ion by treaty agreements.

The President's position that there no need or referring the subject NAVAL MEASURE IS claims collections to a tribunal for judication is understood to be sed on the belief that whatever lifferences may exist between the Bill Authorizes Building Program to United States and Great Britain can be adjusted by regular negotiations onducted through representatives th etwo Governments.

feels it as evident that the poof the Washington administrawhich has been outlined to the and associated powers by Amor Kellogg during the London ested Governments as the negoations now being carried on between Washington and London pro-

While he is being closely advised regarding the agitation by a part of which was defeated. the London press concerning the United States there has been no change in the position steadfastly taken by the executive on the question and he sees no occasion for giving American newspapers materials to answer the arguments advanced by London papers.

MRS. CAL COOLIDGE

Mrs. Coolidge Made Doctor of Laws By Boston University Friday.

Boston, Mass.-Mrs. Calvin Coolidge and Dr. Marion Talbot, dean of years." women at the University of Chicago, have received the degree of doctor of laws from Boston University at the induction of Mrs. Lucy Jenkins Franklin as dean of women. conferring the degrees, President Lemuel H. Murlin characterized the recipients as follows:

"Grace Goodhue Coolidge-student, university graduate, teacher; daugb- came up before the committee." ter, wife, mother; in every station exemplifying the finer qualities of mind and heart we most admire in women; your own works praise you; you have gained the confidence, admiration and love of the American

'Marion Talbot-daughter of piouate and postgraduate of Boston University; distinguished as student, teacher, author, administrator; by example and precept a persuasive and effective influence in broadening and enriching educational opportuni ties for the young women of Ameri-

6-Year-Old Boy Bakes Record. Weatherford, Texas.-Lonnie Stover, 6 years old, has picked 963 pounds of cotton this fall. He has averaged 45 pounds a day, the biggest day

was 65 pounds.

Alaska Cut Off From World Seattle, Wash.-Alaska has been cut off from the outside world by cable because of a break in the Seattle-Sitka line and the Seattle Ketchi-Kan cable, twenty-five miles north of here. Breaks in the cable between Ketchi-Kan and Wrangel and Petersburg and Wrangell also were reported. Messages are being forwarded to the Puget Sound naval station at Bremerton, where they are sent by naval radio.

OBSERVATION WARD URGED FOR INSANE

Where Patients Will Be Examined and Classified

Austin, Texas.—Adoption by the coming session of the Legislature of recommendations which have been prepared by the State Board of Control will result in the carrying out of the board's plan for better medical treatment of patients confined in the various institutions for the insane in the State, according to an an-Washington.-Ambassador Kellogg nouncement by the board and such has reported to the State Depart- action would obviate the enactment ment that he had delivered to the of a law which Senator R. A. Stuart

The budget for insane asylums re-London Government questioning the cently adopted by the State Board of right of the United States to collect Control provide for increase in salwar claims from Germany from ben- aries of first assistant physicians, efits received by that country under who shall be graduate psychiatrists, and other assistant physicians. These increases are asked with the view of applying the most modern methods in the treatment of the insane. In each asylum it is planned to provide corded to the allied and associated an observation ward where patients will be thoroughly examined and classified, the most acute cause being separated from the others. Eftention which was to the general forts will then be concentrated on those patients classified as curable. The board had discussed the feasibility of establishing a common hospital for observation work to be located at some central point, but it about \$250,000,000 and are for dam- found that this would be too expenage to American lives and property sive. In the opinion of board members, the providing of an observation ward in each institution would be more practical and less expensive. sion to the world court or any other Such wards would save the expense of sending patients to the general observation ward from the institutions in which they are confined.

Salaries of first assistant physicians would be increased from \$1,-800 to \$2,000 per annum, with board Bonn and Breslau. Starting on a miland laundry, if the Legislature fol- itary career, he became a Lieutenvinced that the American position lows the Board of Control's recomregarding claims collection is per- mendations. Salaries of other asectly understood by foreign Govern- sistants would be increased to \$1,800. 1906. He served as Secretary of ent interests and that the right of At the present time some of these Legation at Rio Janerio, Christiania,

APPROVED BY SENATE

Cost \$110,000,000.

Washington.—The Senate has approved the naval construction bill authorizing a program expected to cost \$110,000,000.

The bill provides for construction of eighty-eight cruisers, six gunboats to be used on the Yangtse River in rence, will be recognized by the China and the conversion of six battleships from coal to oil burners.

was held up by a motion by Senator King (Dem.) of Utah to reconsider,

Appropriations for the program question of war debt funding to the will be asked in the navy supply bill for the next fiscal year, Chairman Hale of the Naval Committee announced.

sition, demanding again "an exhauspartment.

He declared the department "inefficient and not up to the standards expected by the American peo-

"There is a feeling," he continued, "that there is inefficiency in the personnel of the navy. In my mind there has been a distinct deterioration in the navy in the last four

He favored consideration by the navy of the air and submarine problems, and served notice that when the navy supply measure came up he would ask further inquiry into navy conditions.

Chairman Hale said Senator King's resolution for a naval inquiry "would receive every consideration when it

British Note Received.

Washington.—The State Department has received a communication from the British Government explaining the attitude of Great Britain on the question of the collection of war damage claims from Germany reparation plan.

Premier Akel Resigns

Reval, Esthonia.—Premier Akel has tendered his resignation owing to ill. health. M. Jaakson, former Minister of Justice, has been invited to form a new Cabinet.

Accept Strike Basis.

Havana. Cuba.—The striking sugar mill workers have accepted in principle the basis for ending their strike proposel by President Zayas and already accepted by the mills.

State Dairy Herds Free of Diseases. Austin, Texas,-The State Live Stock Sanitary Commission has certi- natural desire for beautiful clothes, fied to the State Board of Control Miss Freddie Beasley, 16 years old, hat dairy herds at the insane asy- tried her hand at bootlegging, she ums at San Antonio and Terrell are told the City Criminal Court. "I was stitutions, except those in Austin, are decided to try to sell it and buy the coat." Freddie gave the cops a three-Those in Austin are within the city mile chase before they captured her imits and for that reason dairies automobile and five gallons of liquor. an not be maintained.

MARX'S CABINET READY TO RESIGN

CLAMS REPLY To Provide an Observation Ward Baron Ago Von Maltzan Named to Succeed Dr. Ottl Weidfieldt as Ambassador.

> Berlin.—The Cabinet headed by Chancellor Marx has decided to resign owing to the refusal of Foreign Minister Stresemann's Folks party to enter a four-party coalition Government which would include Socialists, Marx has arranged an interview with President Ebert to determine the date of the Cabinet resignation.

The formal resignation of the Cabinet probably will take place in a few days. In sources close to the Chancellor it is indicated that the upshot of the situation is likely to be the formation of a Bourgeois bloc ,to include the Nationalists. This development is expected, partly because the Nationalists desire to try their hand at governing and partly because their opponents wants to maneuver them into an impossible position, expecting their efforts to collapse after the first of the year when the entente declines to evacnate the Cologne zone.

The Republicans, thereupon, will The Socialists on the other hand, announce that "they do not intend to immediately. be terrorized by 100 Nationalists," and declare that they have reason to believe that President Ebert will ask Chancellor Marx to form a new Cabinet.

If the latter eventually comes to pass, Marx must approach the Socialists for co-operation.

Baron Ago Von Maltzan has been officially appointed as German Ambassador to the United States to succeed Dr. Otti Wieldfieldt.

Baron Von Maltzan is 47 years old and a native of Mecklenberg. He was educated at the University of ant of Dragoons in 1898, but entered the Foreign office as an attache in and St. Petersburg, and in 1912 became Councilor of Legation at Pekin where he remained until China entered the war against Germany. He Foreign Office for the last three

ASKED COOLIDGE'S /

Seek Inclusion Conpus Christi-New Orleans Intercostal Canal.

Washington.-The National Rivers and Harbors Congress adopted a The measure was passed by the resolution proposed by Roy Miller House and Senate last session, but of Corpus Christi for a committee to confer with President Coolidge for growers have produced a crop this his active aid in passage of the total of \$53,500,000.

Senator King reiterated his oppo- ommended that the pending bill alent to 13,153,000 bales. should be divested of some of its Based on the farm price of cotton Hall's Catarrh This with the Los Angeles harbor and bales. and improvement of the Hudson the total.

Representative Dempsey of New mitee reporting the bill, in a speech before the Rivers and Harbers Con- been 16,136,000 bales in 1914. gress referred to these as the three important adjunct in handling the country's commerce. He pointed out ned 95.8 per cent of the crop. that the canal touched the only Freeport.

The following are attending the coll of Corpus Christi, chairman of ceding five years. the Nueces County navigation district; Roy Miller, Corpus Christi; neers in educational progress; grad by he United States under the Dawes J. S. Cullihan and Lynch Davidson, Stewart, Galveston; George D. Anderson, Beaumont; W. E. Lea, Orange, and Wilbur Judson, vice pres-Company.

Accuse Ex-Molder Official.

San Francisco, Cal.-John Metcalf, former president of the San Franhere on charges of atempt to commit of B. S. Edwards, a nonunion molder. have also got the habit.

Tries Hand at Bootlegging.

Atlanta, Ga.—Responding to a egistered and free of diseases and broke and wanted a new coat," she producing an ample supply of said. "A friend told me where I All State eleesemosynary in could get a load of whiskey, so I She paid a fine of \$50.

FARM-LABOR BODY **CONVENTION OPENS**

Farmers' Council Representative Suggests Remedies for Evils Confronting Agriculturists.

Texarkana, Texas.—The annual tonvention of the Farm-Labor Union of Texas assembled at the W. O. W. Hall here with the State President, A. M. Hillard, of Canton, Van Zandt County, presiding. The morning session was devoted to the seating of the 133 delegates.

The afternoon session was devoted to an address by G. B. Terrell, State Commissioner of Agriculture, upon co-operative marketing and its relation to finance and legislation.

There were fifty-five counties represented at the beginning of the session and additional delegates are coming in on incoming trains.

The State convention of the Texas division, which will last three days, will be followed here by the national convention of the Farm-Labor Unions of Texas, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana, Mississippi and Florida.

It is expected the discussion of be able to say that the Nationalists marketing plans for the coming year have failed to accomplish anything. will consume most of one day. Election of officers likely will take place

Radical changes in the marketing plans of the organization are proposed, to make the plans of selling applicable to the increased membership.

The present State officials of the Texas division are A. M. Hilliard of Canton, State president; E. H. Campbell, Blooming Grove, vice president; M. Green, Dallas; G. W. Fant, Linden; A. C. Howerton, Sanger; R. A. Land, Lindale; M. E. Mote, Childress and U. P. Boswell, Tanglewood, constitute the State executive

A committee consisting of Jake Bailey, Winnsboro; R. R. Tribble, Aubrey; J. A. Smith, Jefferson; T M. Newell, Bonham; J. A. Johnson, Childress; H. E. Tunnell, Grand Saline, and T. W. Moss, Brownsville, was appointed for convention duties. An open session was held at which Ben C. Marsh, Washington, D. C., has been an Undersecretary in the representative of the national farmers' council, made an address on agricultural conditions and needs as they now exist and suggesting remedies for existing evils.

RWAYS BILL 13,153,000 BALES COTTON IS 1924 ESTIMATE

Worth More Than One and Two-Third Billion Dollars, Counting Seed.

Washington.-American cotton year with a value of two-thirds bil-River and Harbor authorization bill lion dollars for lint cotton, linters pending in Congress, calling for a and cotton seed. A preliminary estimate of production, announced Mon-In his annual message to Congress day by the Department of Agriculthe President approved the policy ture, placed the quantity of lint of waterway improvement, but rec- cotton at 6,289,187,000 pounds, equiv-

tive and comprehensive investiga- projects. There is no definite in- on Dec. 1, which was 22.6c per pound, and comprehensive investigation as to what projects the this year's production is valued at formation as to what projects the this year's production is valued at Treatment, both President had in mind, but it is \$1,421,356,262. In addition, the value being generally acepted that the of the cotton seed will be approxireference to elimination did not in- mately \$200,000,000 and the producclude the intercostal canal extending tion of linter cotton probably will from New Orleans to Corpus Christi. run into eight or nine hundred thous-

This year's crop will be the fifth river call for about \$38,400,000 of largest in history in point of value, being exceeded in the value by the *crops of 1917, 1918, 1919 and 1923. In York, chairman of the House com- point of size, the crop is the ninth largest grown, the largest having

Almost 93 per cent of this year's most important projects in the bill, crop had been ginned prior to Dec. and referring particularly to the in- 1, the Census Bureau reporting the tracostal canal said that on account actual ginnings at 12,225,025 bales of the high costs prohibiting ail- to that date. Last year 90.9 per cent road construction this would be an of the crop had been ginned to Dec. 1, while in 1922 there had been gin-

The average weight per running sources of sulphur to be found in bale this year is estimated by the the Southwest, being at Gulf and Department of Agriculture at 499.8 pounds, compared with 498.5 last year, 501.7 in 1922, 489.5 in 1921 Congress from Texas: Robert Eris- and 504.5 in the average of the pre-

W. C. Reick is Dead.

New York.-William C. Reick, for-Houston; Harry Black and Maco mer owner of the New York Sun, Evening Sun and the Journal of Commerce, died here at the home of his daughter, Mrs. Henry S. Stearns, ident of the Texas-Gulf Sulphur Jr., after an illness which dated from a stroke of paralysis he suffered while in Bermuda in October.

South America Gets 'Em New York .- The Pacific liner Ebro cisco local of the International Iron carried a consignment of 5,000 cross-Molders' Union is held by the police word puzzlies abroad when she sailed for South American ports. Exporters murder as a result of the shooting declare that many South Americans

> Identifies Skeleton as That of Wife. New Orleans, La.-The finding of a woman's skeleton, clothing and other articles, half buried by fallen leaves and weeds in a thicket off the New Orleans-Chefmenteur road, fifteen miles north of here, partially unraveled a mystery of four months. Julian Delhom identified the clothing comb, a shoe and a wisp of hair tangled in a gold barrette, as that worn by his wife when she disappeared from their home on August 8. The skull indicated the woman had been shot near the right eye.



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IN HUMAN experience there is no page more replete with joyous association. The first Christmas we remember only as described in sacred story, and we visualize its influence through the spirit exemplified in the lives of our fellows

The next Christmas we cannot recall. We may have lain in trundle-bed or cuddled in a mother's arms. That was a hallowed Christmas!

Then followed anniversaries teeming with visions of sleighs, Santa Claus, candy and toys, when the veriest romance of Yuletide was so real! We never forget those days.

But how mystically they merge into another epoch. With the diminishing vision of Santa we become aware of a better Christmas in the conscious love and loyalty of others.. And then---

In years that follow, the Christmas season becomes richer and more beautiful. It has lost the confusion of toys and confections. But in all these years there has been growing a tree that is ever green--upon it a thousand glittering spangles--hallowed memories of those who played with us around our earliest Christmas trees, or shared the season's festivities in later years.

Refreshing are the recollections that flood upon us as a newer generation takes our place in the pleasures and happy illusions of Christmas.

May this Yuletide be brighter and happier than all that have gone before.

Higginbotham Iros. & Co.

Mrs. L. M. Bond has gone to Atlanta will be gone several weeks she states.

Charley McDonough, of Arkansas, has moved here with his family. They formerly resided here.

natiey of Gormon and Mrs. Mamie Hunter of of Marshal, joined the big family of Review readers, this

South Plains Land

Easy crop payment, \$5 cash assume school debt due 1950, balance like rent 1-3 and I-2 of crop- Write today. The Blalock Co. Littlefleld,

G. M. Clark and family of Carbon Willis Brown, Sunday,

Mrs. C. C. Neep and children, of recently visiting Mr. Neeb's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Neeb.

Yuletide Greetings

To my friends and patients, who have so faithfully supported me in the past, and hope you will continue to in the fu-

May you have a happy New Year and may Gods' richest blessings rest on For further information, see Taylor all of you.

Mary L. Shelman, Dentest.

Mrs. Mamie Hunter with her mother Ga. to look after some business, she visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. and brother, of Marshal, are visitors here this week.

> Miss Ina Montgomery, daughter of Abilene, spent several days here Davis Montgomery will arrive Sunday the 21, to spend the holidays with home folk.

Notice

I will offer for sale for a short time only, good mosquite wood at \$1.50 per single load, on the ground at my place west of Cross Plains. Mr. R. E. Mobley on the place will make settlement. Bond, at National Bank, Cross Plains. P. P. Bond, 3- t- np

Canned Christmas May Bring Welcome Things

HE art of giving may be cultivated and Christmas may be as a serial story, each month unfolding a sequel of surprises; or the Christmas spirit may be so abundant that it is not all used in one day or one month, but as goodles, it may be canned in love packages, ready to open and use any time in the year.

When Mother or some shut-in opens her Christmas remembrances she finds twelve packages, each labeled with a rhyme so that one will be opened on the first of each month. The January package may contain a personal bit of finery with handwork for winter evenings-something she would never get for herself; for February there may be kodak snapshots; a current magazine; poems; a story clipped from a paper; filing cards with recipes; in March are bulbs and seeds with hints for growing them. Seeds are always appreciated, particularly if they are of tested variety from home gardens. In another month's package are useful notions, as pins, needles, shoe laces, hairpins, thread, tape or osmetic articles; June may have an

invitation for a visit or a day's outing to a favorite haunt. What a joy to anticipate! November will reveal a supply of Christmas tags, seals, stamps, cards, etc.; December's gift may be a "love letter of wishes" and a

motto, framed to hang where every hour it gives a cheery message to you. -Gertrude Walton.

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God Would Have Shown

Exemplify the Spirit

OTHER, why do we make such ado about Christmas? We all know it's right to remember our Savior's birthday, but why should we litter up the whole house and work our fingers off trying to get all these boxes ready? I'm exhausted and exasperated. It's become a burden to me-'Bear ye one another's burdens.' I'm going to bear these burdens to the post office as fast as I can, and

Georgia was off to the office and soon returned laden with even more boxes than she set out with. "Truly. Mother, when I posted those

never again will observe Christmas in

poxes I was more happy than when received all these."

"Just so, Georgia," said her mother. 'I knew you were tired and the fresh air would do you good. What we do for others at Christmas is but the spirit of Christmas radiating through us. He came as a gift to us and we show our love by doing His will and spreading joy. We must put joy into vhat we do and not m One gift to me from a friend, no mat ter how small, if given with love, is far more appreciated than costly gifts hastily selected. A Christmas gift falls short of its meaning if not given with the spirit God would have us give it .- All in love .- Emily Burks Adams.

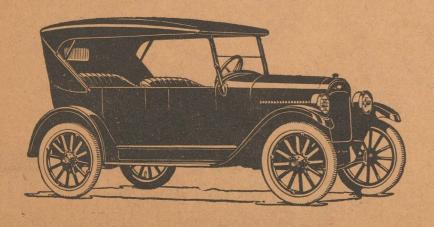
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Giving of Toys

The origin of the custom of giving toys to children at Christmas has never been authentically traced " It is known that children of the early Egyptians received toys as gifts at stated periods, during which their elders indulged in festivals of good will more than 2,000 years before the coming of Christ. - George Newell

We Extend Greetings

In view of the most cordial relationship existing between us in the past, we take this opportunity to express to you our deep appreciation, and to wish you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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At This, the Yuletide Season

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The Fashion Shop





In harmony with the spirit of the season we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation of your friendly associations and to wish you a full measure of happiness and prosperity for Christmas and the New Year 1925.

May your joys increase as the years come and go, is our sincere wish.

Our Big Sale Continues in Full Force



You will find many wonderful bargains here--including Holiday goods. Select your gifts here. Don't buy before you see what we have to offer you at real Sale Prices. Don't wait, we want you to see these many wonderful bargains.

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Lee Payne and children of Bront, children of Burkett visited in the spent the weekend with Mr. and Mrs.

Mrs. Mabel Worth who has been vis-Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Boden and Miss iting with Mrs. Charley Childs and Gladys Wagnon all of Dressy were vis- other relatives, returned to her home at iting and shopping here Friday. Pasadena, Calf. last week.

Our Accomplishments—

What Have They Been? HAVE always found, even in youth, quite as much interest looking back as in looking forward. It is good to plan for the future, but there is quite as much to be gained from reviewing the past and

in seeing how far we have come, how much we have accomplished, in what ways we have developed. I was talking to Foreman about the

year that is so nearly at an end. He was dissatisfied with his progress and uncertain as to whether or not the time and money he had expended had been worth while. He had learned little, it seemed; for all he could see, he wasn't different than when he had left the little country town nine months ago. But I could see that he was a little more self-possessed, a little surer of himself, a little less crude in his manners. He was learning to think, learning to meet people, and developing a little wider range of interest than when he left home.

As you come to the end of the year and look back, how far have you come? It is an easy question to ask, but possibly not so easy to answer.

When we were little children at home, mother used to teach us after we had said our prayers at night to go over in our minds for a minute or two the events of the day and try to determine whether it had been a good day for us or a bad one. Often we dropped off to sleep before we had gone far, but it was a good experience, this looking our accomplishments in the face and trying honestly to estimate them. It is something like this that I should like to put before you as this year is closing. What has the year meant to you? New friends? New powers? New ideals? Have you done something worth while? Are you better, stronger, more able to fight the battles of the world than you were a year ago? Are you wiser with a wisdom that is clean, healthy and uplifting? If so, the year is ending happily for you .- Thomas A. Clark, Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

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Miss Agnes Hanke and brother have returned from a [visit with relatives at Wichita Falls.

The Misses Mildred Nance and Nella May Lovett of Rising Star, were in Cross Plains Friday

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Steel, teachers Burnt Branch schoole visited here Saturday, while enroute to Abilene, to priced right. Also bunch of cows. attend teachers Institute.

R. H. Davanay, Carl Birdwe, l Ben Featherstone, The Misses Hays, Gains, Schultz, Hibler, Henderson, Austin, McElhannan and Dabney are attending the Teachers' Institute at Abilene

For Trade - One 1921 Model Ford Car in good condition. Also team of mules 3 and 5 years old. Will trade for newer John F. Fore.

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R. W. Gress of Corsicana, is spend ing the week with Mr. and Mrs. Pul-

Mr. Preston, of Colorado City, has accepted a positon as meat cutter, at

Bill Boyd. 2-t-np

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A few small Gas Heaters at 25 percent discount

Joe H. Shackelford Lumber, Paint and Hardware Store.

For Sale-- Corn and maize, 1 and 1-2 miles northeast of town. See W. A. Rawling

Merry Christmas

"A MERRY CHRISTMAS TO YOU!" How much cheer and brotherly love these words connote. In sending you our Holiday greetings we feel keenly the limitations of cold type. We should like to grasp you by the hand and give you our Christmas wishes face to face, and thank you for your good will the past year.

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We value and appreciate your friendship and as our thoughts turn to the future, we trust that we shall merit your continued good will and our pleasant asociations may continue.



Our store is full Glfts and Toys for Christmas. Buy your Gifts here for all the family--Right Gifts at the right price. Pay us a visit.

The Racket Store

Christmas Thoughts

We extend our good wishes for the season, and hope that Christmas and the New Year may bring you every happiness, that you so richly deserve.

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Extending Greetings

Friends and customers: We want to extend to you the greeting of the season, and assure you it is our sincere hope that you may indeed have a Merry Christmas and may the New Year bring health, wealth and happiness.

C. P. Merc. Co.

Deer Plains News

LAST WEEK

Every body seems to be getting along elections. nicely in our commnity. There is no be appreciated, some have begun to

Luther Forbes well known in the surrounding communites, preached at the school house Sunday afternoon at three o'clock, a large congregation was pres

Most of the people of our community visited the big show in Cross Plains

Our good Commissioner G. H. Clifton has begun grading the Cross Plains and Sabanno road which was much needed. The smoke house at the old Irvin home where Burris Irvin now lives was destroyed by fire Sunday morning about 2:30 o'clock, nothing was saved from the building.

Mr. and Mrs. Price visited Mrs. Prices' people at Cottonwood Sunday. Several in our community have killed hogs. This cold weather is a fine time to eat as well as to save meat,

The Deer Plains school gave a pie supper Thursday n. ht or the benefit of the school

Mr. J. Meadow gave farwell party, Friday night.

Mr. and Mrs. G. E. Pierce made a trip to Cisco, Friday

J. H. Pierce (uncle Jim) is recovering his house, Mr. Edd Eudaley is doing

Mr. Will Grisham and family visited Mrs-Grisham parents at Cottonwood

The primary grades had a Christmas tree in their room Friday afternoon each pupil recieved a present. Sever-

ter the holidays. The teachers will attend the institute

this week. Mr. Ben Atwood made his regular call Sunday evening at the home of

Miss Loma Irvin. Reporter

Sewing.

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Election Notice

The State of Texas, County of Callahan, City of Cross Plains

Be it ordered by the City Council of the City of Cross Plains, Texas, that an Election be held on the 27th day of January, 1925, which is not less than thirty days from the date of this order, at which election the following proposition shall be sub-

Shall the City Council of the City of Cross Plains, Texas, be authorized to issue the bonds of the City of Cross Plains in the sum of Forty Thousand Dollars (\$40,000.00) to be. come due and payable serially within any given number of years, not to exceed forty years, within the discretion of the City Council, and to bear interest at a rate not to exceed six per centum (6 per cent) per annum, payable semi-annually, for the purpose of construction of Waterworks Improvements. and to levy a tax sufficient to pay the interest on said bonds and create a sinking fund to redeem them at maturity, under authority of the Constitution and laws of the State

The said election shall be held at the Masonic building, in the city of Cross Plains. Texas, and the following persons are hereby appointed managers of said election, to-wit:

W. A. Williams, Presiding Judge Jim McGowan, Assistant Judge, Martin Jones, Clerk, C. C. Westerman, Clerk.

The said election shall be held under the provisions of the constitution and laws of the State of Texas, and none but resident qualified property taxpaying voters of the City of Cross Plains, Texas, shall be allowed

All voters who favor the proposition to issue the bonds shall have written or printed on their ballots

"FOR THE ISSUANCE OF \$40,000.00 OF BONDS FOR THE PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUC-TION OF WATERWORKS IM-PROVEMENTS AND THELEVYING

All those opposed shall have print. el or written upon their ballots the

PURPOSE OF THE CONSTRUCT-ION OF WATERWORKS IMPROVE-MENTS AND THE LEVYING OF THE TAX.

The manner of holding said election shall be governed by the laws of the State of Texas regulating general

A copy of this order, signed by sickness to report. A light rain would the Mayor of the City of Cross Plains. and attested by the City Secretary, turn their land, and say it is rather shall serve as a proper notice of said

> The Mayor is authorized and directed to cause notices of the election to be posted at three public places in the City of Cross Plains, one of which shall be at the Masonic building. The place herein designated for holding said election) for at least thirty days prior to the date of said election.

The Mayor is further authorized and directed to have said notice of election published in Cross Plains Review a newspaper of general circulation published in the City of Cross Plains, and which notice shall be published once each week for five weeks, the date of first publication being not less than thirty days prior to the date of election.

F. M. Gwin, Mayor, City of Cross Plains, Texas. Chas. F. Hemphill,

City Secretary, City of Cross Plains,

Higginhotham Bros. & Co.

Undertaking and Licensed Embalming

Day Phone No.7 Night Phone 62 al visitors were present. There will be no more school until af-

Dr. I. L. Vaughn, Veterinarian will be in Cross Plains every Third Monday to treat all curable diseases of animals. A line of seriums and Medicine carried with me.

Remember the date, Third Monday

in each month. Dr. I. L. Vaughn, Veteriaarian

Trimming the Tree Some people hang everything on the Christmas tree but themselves! That comes later . . . when the bills arrive,-Martha Banning Thomas,

Noticel

We have added a Paint and Top Department to our business, and have succeeded in securing the services of Mr. Garrett, who comes highly recommended, both as a painter and Top man.

See us before you have your car Painted. Top repaired or new one installed.

We guarantee to please you with the quality of our work. Our service is second to none, Prices Reason-

Also wish to call your attention to our Battery Department. We have the only modernly equipped Battery Service in this city. We handle the well known Exide, the Long Life Battery. Of which we carry a complete stock at all times.

If your Battery needs attention, call and see us.

Batteries Watered and Tested free of charge.

If your Battery is no longer serviceable let us sell you a new Exide and take your old one as part pay-

Pace Motor Co.

Greetings to You

While we have only been here a short time, our acquaintance and friendly business relations with you have been very pleasant indeed. We wish you a joyous Christmas and bright and prosperous New Year.

Electric Shoe & Harness Shop

We Repair Automobile Curtains

PAUL V. HARRELL

Attorney-at-Law

Over Guaranty State Bank Bldg,

I will buy fur in Cross Plain Saturday, on the street. C. S. Crockett.

We are very much rushed this week getting out our Christmas edition, so please overlook errors.

Choice Land

I have a few choice tracts of land in Concho County, near Doole and Millersview for sale cheap, improved or raw. Call me per phone at my expense, and make date to go seeit.

I am offering the Horn-Gray ranch land for sale in small or larger tracts.

I. W. Golson

Land

Coleman, Texaa

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PLAINS, TEXAS

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for any land owner or in Callahan county to aldogs to run at large on same. It is his duty to have had them exterminated before this.

On account of numerous complaints reaching this office relative to prairie dogs, it is suggested that trapping and fumigating is too slow and too expensive a method of extermination, and a poison formula is herewith which is recommended by the United Stated Department of Agriculture, which if followed out systematically, need not exeed in price four or five cents per

Mix thoroughly 1 ounce of powdered strychnine and one ounce of common baking soda. Dissolve 1 heaping tesspoon full of laundry starch in a little cold water and add it 3-4 pint of boiling water. Boil and stir untill a clear | thin paste is formed. Slowly sift in the mixture of strychnin and soda in to the starch paste, stiring constantly to form a smooth creamy mass, add 1-4 pint of heavy corn syrup and I table spoon full glycerin, and stir, add 1-10 cunce of sacharin and again stir thoroughly. Pour this mixture, while still hot over I3 quarts of clean oats and mix untill all the grain is coated. For mixing use metal washtub if con-

venient and stir with a hoe or spade. Each quart of the prepared poison is sufficient to treat about fifty holes. Scatter the grain on clean hard ground near the burrows, never on loose soil or in the holes. With reasonable care, cattle and sheep and other live stock on the range will not be endangered.

In this climate, where the animals do not hibernate, winter poisoning is recommended and is effective on account of the scarcity of green foods abtainable for the dogs.

Victor B. Gilbert County Judge

MARY L. SHELMAN

DENTIST

Office in residence, phone 54.

Buddhists Have Christmas

Open 6 days in the week.

"Hana Matsuri," or the fete of flowers, is the oriental and Buddhist holiday season that corresponds to the

Christmastide of the occidental Christian nations. Curiously enough, it is the celebration in honor of the founder of the Buddhist religion, who was Gautama Buddha, lord of grace and infinite compassion. A great deal of attention at the season is given to the youth of the Buddhist land. It comes in April. Buddha was born 568 years

hefore Christ.

As Two Aged Men Saw Approaching Yuletide

WAS feeding the pigeons at the end of one of the purk benches when two old men sat down. One, ruddy-cheeked and jolly looking, made me think of a winesap apple; the other, thin, dyspeptic, and with a frown between his eyes.

"Well, sir, almost Christmas!" began the ruddy one cheerfully. "Funny how a body can begin to feel it in the air this time of year."

"Don't believe in Christmas!" snapped the other crossly. "What about gifts?" asked his

"Don't believe in this swapping of presents, either."

friend. "How do you get around

"And Christmas trees and childrencan't very well wipe them off the face of the earth.'

"Don't believe in any of this hullabaloo about Christmas-what's it all amount to?

"Well, John," said his friend, "you are losing a lot, I can tell you that, and I'm glad you are not my grandfather. If you don't look out you'll get old; yes, sir-old!" Why, you haven't left yourself anything but the Monroe Doctrine! Back of this 'swapping gifts,' as you call it, human hearts are getting closer to each other than they do at any other time. And back of it all are the Three Wise Men, and the Star in the East. No, sir, you are missing out on the whole businessyou mark my words. The world needs Christmas-downright needs it, and whether you believe it or not, I reckon we'll go on getting it!"-Anna Dem-

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The Heavenly Song at Merry Christmas Time

HILETUS PHONE was a lover of music, but he had his limitations. His collection of records taste of the young masters. His plano rolls embraced all the jazz variations without due attention to harmony. The wave lengths of his radio set were

It has been said that all the heavenly orbs sing in their motions, but Philetus had never heard them, even in imagination. His ears were long, but they had never reached that far. There were conceptions so delicately beautiful that they could not get into his mind. He had been heard to say that the story of the Christmas song was doubtless an oriental invention. Had he been among those wondering Bethlehem shepherds it is probable that he would have neither heard nor seen anything that night.

So the Christmas singing was too high for Philetus. He spent Christmas Eve with a fox trot and a giddy whirl, but the carols went over him and passed him by. In the splendid church great organ harmonies swept up to meet the moonlit benediction of the starry heavens, carrying rapt souls to heights of fuller vision of the glorious gladness of the Christmas time, but Philetus was in bed.

A mere lad, however, rejoicing in his new radio set that night, tuned in, saying, "Give me Heaven"-and got it! -Christopher G. Hazard.

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Jingle Bells



Happy, gladsome Christmas time Should almost drive away our ills; If it wasn't for the awful mess of Bills, bills, bills, bills,

Lost and Found While Christmas Shopping

ITTLE MARIE, jostled from one side to the other of the pavement by the hurrying Christmas shoppers, became suddenly panicky. What if she would never, never see ker mamma again? How, in all that mob of hurrying, brusque people could she ever find her? The streets and sidewalks were a black mud color from the snow trampled down by the thousands of people and vehicles passing over them. What if she should slip and fall and cover herself with that dirty slush? No one would ever recognize her. She would be lost; she would have to walk the streets like this forever and ever-oh! oh! Two large tears trickled down her cheeks and a great sob shook her little frame. A large-nosed Santa Claus in a red flannel suit grinned at her and shook a little tincup which tinkled with many coins. On the corner a small group of blind beggars were singing Christmas carols in cracked, ugly voices. Marie stopped in front of them, watched them for a while, then suddenly remembering her loneliness, burst into a loud shrick. Several people stopped pityingly and inquired her name and where she lived, but she could not tell them, for the sobs were choking her

A large, excited lady pushed her way through the crowd. "Marie! Oh, mamma thought you were lost!" The woman swept the little girl off her feet, clutching her eagerly. Marie held on to her most tightly, but continued to cry with bitterness. It was a way of relieving her feelings, and so comforting to have dear mother's shoulder to cry on. Oh! oh! it was going to be a glorious Christmas after all!-Marion R. Reagan.

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Christmas Sleighing in Days of Long Ago

WURSE the children had a sleigh ride during the holidays. But more and more as their parents talked over what they would give the children when they came home from the sleigh ride, more and more as they planned the good hot supper, they thought about the sleigh rides there had been when they were young. What sleigh rides those had been! What fun! What a nice thing it was

that now the children could enjoy these sleigh rides. And yet-and yet-why not? They talked it over with each other

and then with the neighbors. Then it was decided upon. And the grown-ups, too, had a sleigh ride during the Christmas holidays just as they had had when they were young. Afterward there was a

hot supper and then there were games. Why put aside a sleigh-ride party when one's spirit is the same, even if a few years have been added?-Mary Graham Bonner.

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Saint Nicholas Tired

N HIS book called "A Tramp Abroad" Mark Twain of His Own Children legend about Santa Claus or St. Nicholas. While the author was traveling from Lucerne to Interlaken he passed by the house of the children's Christmas saint. There, the story goes, at fifty St. Nicholas became tired of his own children and decided to be a hermit. Their noise distracted him, so he sought out a dreary refuge far from the world. Here, it is said, he had the leisure to ponder and reflect upon pious things. What became of his wife and ten children is not mentioned. But as a penance the old saint is obliged forever to climb down "sooty chimneys Christmas Eve conferring kindness on other people's children, to make up for deserting his

In any event the old fellow looks pretty jolly, and we hope he enjoys it as much as the children enjoy him!--Martha Banning Thomas.

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Uncle Eben's Wish "Santa Claus comes around once a

year," said Uncle Eben, "an' de land ford comes aroun' once a month. I wish dev'd change places'

Just Arrived

A big shipment of Country-Made Ribbon Cane Syrup. Try a bucket and you will come come back for more.

While here get a sack of old reliable Belle of Wichita Flour. Will like it.

See us for Christmas Fruits—all kinds. Everything in Groceries.

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Merry Christmas



HRISTMAS is a day of cheer because we make it so. We bestow gifts upon those who are dear to us by ties of blood or friendship, we contribute to the happiness of children and turn kindly thoughts

upon the unfortunate. Each year sees a greater tendency to assist these latter with something more substantial than thoughts. In all parts of America, and we assume that the same is true of other portions of the civilized world, there is manifested an increasing desire to help.

Few communities, towns or cities lack organized efforts for the carrying of real Christmas cheer to every destitute family, every hungry wayfarer, and especially to every child of poverty; that the latter, at least, may not regard the day, its symbols and promises as things of empty significance. This is in accordance with the teachings of Him for whom the day was named, and evidences the growth of spirituality in the world.

How little we know of how well off we are! How we magnify the trivial things of life! How prone we are to forget the securities and liberties of American citizenship! How hard it is to realize that the elements of true happiness lie within ourselves and not within what we possess. But we are beginning to know, and the spirit of Christmas is an important element in our teaching. Right sentiments soon crystallize into actions. The phrase, "Merry Christmas," upon all lips is an incentive to make it merry, hence the season becomes a time to forget strife and gloom and to spread peace and joy.

Is the old-fashioned Christmas passing? If so, a better one is taking its place. Modern arrangements may have done away with the yule log, but we still have the holly and the evergreen. They are but symbols. The tender emotions in our hearts count for much more. We can blend our voices and attune our souls to full jubilee on this festive occasion, which commemorates the most important announcement of all time, that of the religion of peace and love. Merry Christmas!

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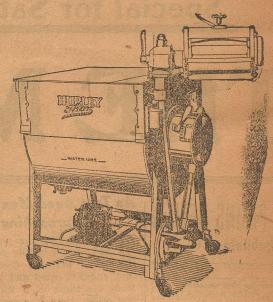
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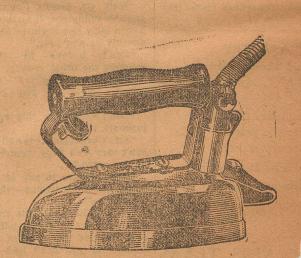
with some useful article for every member of the

family. Why not make it an Electric Washer, Perculator, Perculator Sets, Waffle Irons, Table Stoves, Toasters, Electric Stove, Sewing Machines, Sewing Machine Motors, Reading Lamps, Curling Irons, and many other useful gifts you may select. Our stock is complete.











just a moment. The Holiday Season brings & to memory many pleasant exchanges between us the past year, and we surely wish you a Merry Christmas and a Bright and Happy New Year.

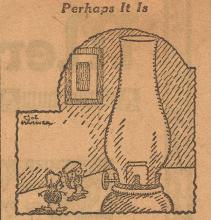
> Don't forget that we are now at our new location in the old Orr Drug Store stand.

Mrs. Corrie B. West

Season's Greetings!

Among our assets, it is with pleasure we count one that money cannot buy--your good will---the most valued asset of all. Not just as a customer, but as a friend, we extend best wishes for the Yu'etide Season and the New Year.

Clark's Grocery



Bugs-I wonder if that's the chimney Santa is coming down?

Let Christmas Spirit

Prevail Through Year HAT a world it would be if all of us kept up the Christmas spirit all through the year! How much of unhappiness, or discontent, or unrest, would we all be spared? How many foolish quarrels and useless bickerings would never be if our hearts held the message of love and trust and peace that they do today? How many homes would be unbroken and how many men and women would work together in a new and deeper bond of love and service? How trivial and small would appear some of the reasons that estrange us from each other? How petty and mean the little jealousies and misunderstandings that hamper our way and our vision? How different our fellow-men would appear in our eyes-their little weaknesses and failings would be things to stir our hearts to pity, instead of to scorn and contempt. Well it would be for the world and for each one of us as individuals if the spirit of peace, of love, of goodwill toward all men burned in our hearts through all the year with the fervor it does today.-Katherine Edelman.

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For the Christmas Turkey When your turkey has been stuffed and you are ready to close the opening, try using small toothpicks such as can be purchased for five cents a box. Skewer it together with these instead of the old-fashioned, tedious. greasy way of sewing it together, and see how much better satisfied you will be with this method. The toothpickskewers may be easily removed after the turkey is roasted and hold more

firmly, hosides being less unsightly.

early Wednesday morning tearing down church building to make room for new modern structure. The Sunday school | 🛪 bidder. They brought several hundred dollars. Some of the lumber from the building was also sold. They will go forward with basement work as soon as building can be removed.

The Methodist at this writing are placing material on the ground for work on basement of their new church edifice, of modern design, and will go forward with the building.

Little and Bachus have their new stucco filling station near completion, and will be open for business soon.

Who will be next to build.?

The W. M. U. of the Methodist Episcocal Church will render the following program Dec. 22nd at the home of

Mrs. S. R. Jackson. Child Welfare Social Service; Hymm, Silent Night, Holy Night; Scripture Lesson, "The Sufficient Power," Acts 2,1 and 4, Rom. 10 and 12 Heb 13, 10.

Prayer; Business minutes;

Roll Call.

Report of Officers an Committees. Report of Social Service committees: Special Topic: A message from the resident of the Womans' Missionary Council, Mrs. S. P. Bond. Social Service Topic;

Children of Industrial Mothers; Hymm, O Little Town Bethlehem;

Road Work

Brown and Callahan counties in conjunction with the Cross Plains C. of C. are building a good road between here and Byrd Store. A concrete dip has been put in at Conlee's place, the Harcell hill is being cut down, a number of concrete culverts will be laid and the road bed graded up in first class shape. Work is progressing nicely, the Review | sinformed.

Mr. and Mrs. Ollie Dennis visited at Eastland first of week.

Good Friends

Always seem closer at Christmas time, as the spirit of the season prevails, and we are sending you this greeting to express our thoughts. We wish you a Merry Christmas and a bright and prosperous New Year.

And we deeply appreciate the friendly association of the past. It has been a real pleasure to us.

Ern Davidson

Merry Christmas!

"Let shining holly deck the walls, Let Christmas candles shine Let misletoe hang high above In your house and mine; Hang up the stockings by the fire The big one and the small Let laughter ring, let children sing Be Merry, one ane all."

The above poem by Katherine Edelman expresses our Christmas wish-be merry. And may the New Year bring you happiness and success—that is our sincere wish.

City Barber Shop

Christmas Greetings!

J.E. HENKEL

WE WELCOME-

this opportunity to wish our friends and customers a most enjoyable Yuletide; may it bring you much happiness and may added prosperity be yours to enjoy as the New Year is ushered in.

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W. W. PRYOR

1800 dollars has been paid out for turkeys, raised in Cross Plains territory, since our last report, making a total of \$3800

Miss Helen Ogilvy is home for the holidays.

Mrs. H. C. Hemphill of Gainsville, after spending a month here with her sor Chas. Hemphill, returned home

A 49 acre sandy land place of miles south east of som house, good well of oder fence, to sell for payment, balance on use good Ford car or ment.

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Drew Hill of Plainview, who formerly lived here, was back for a visit this week. He is planning to move back.

J. I. Crass of Ackerly was here visiting last week. He reads the Review.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Wilkinson motored to Cisco, Sunday.

Mrs. Ollie Williams and little son of DeLeon are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Will McGowen.

W. C. Adams and wife visited in Abilene, Monday.

der fence, to sell for payment, balance on ing her danghter, Mrs. John Aiken.

Buckeye Incubators are the best.
There are none just as good.
Joe H. Shackleford.

Lumber, Paint and Hardware Store.

Always the Way



This jangling world is out of chime, You see it now, you bet; The things you'd like at Christmas

Are those you never get.

Their Christmas Gift

neir Unristmas Girt

a Wonderful Blessing

to give a great Christmas surprise to my sister Grace, way out in Idaho," remarked Aunt Molly to her neighbor, Mrs. Wiggins, as they both sat knitting in the former's comfortable sitting room. "Here is her boy Ralph, whom I brought here three months ago for a visit—the poor lad has been blind for five years, since he was three years old, and I took him to a specialist for an examination. The doctor said that an operation for cataracts could be successful. I am waiting for the morrow almost, breathlessly, for they are to remove the bandages from his eyes to test his sight. And oh, Mrs. Wiggins, let us pray that all will be well!"

God was good to the blind boy and the operation was very successful. When the mother went east to visit her sister there was a great blessing—the happiest Christmas of her lifefor her boy could see! There is something more than toys, fineries and other material things to help make a joyful Christmas!—Alec Tupper.

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Shiny Holly

In arranging holly for the table it will repay you to wipe off the leaves of the holly with a cloth dipped in a very little olive oil, says the Ladies' Home Journal. This will give them an especially bright and glossy appearance.

Fancy and Fact
Old Santa Claus is but a myth,
An influence ethereal.
The bills he obligator you with

Light in the Steeple on Christmas Morning

AR above the sleeping city, like a low and leading star, like a watchful and kindly eye, like a beacon of assuring hope, a promise of Christmas morning, beamed the light in the old church steeple.

It shone down through one of the church windows and smiled upon the pictured shepherds who found a morning at midnight; and upon the stately wise men who knew the joy of making gladness out of gifts. Its rays lighted up a garret, where two very hopeful youngsters were sleeping upon a very small bed, after making sure that the light was there. In the street below a passer looked up, saw it and smiled; another paused under the glow and spell of it and dropped a coin into the poor box at the church door. The Salvation Army lass came out from the church porch and thumped her tambourine merrily because some genial influence had filled lar basket so full, almost dancing down the street as the bells saw by the gleaming light that it was time to

And so with cheering glory and with chime Came in another happy Christmas time.

While the old steeple, still pointing upward, remained as a witness to things high and splendid.—Christopher G. Hazard.

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A REAL SANTA CLAUS

INCE we must have our Christmas trees the chief problem is how they are to be obtained. The cutting, shipping and selling of Christmas trees has developed into an established business, extending over the entire country. One large shipper of New England has been in the business forty years and in that time has sold many thousand carloads of trees. Some of these have been shipped as far south as Texas and as far west as Chicago. This pioneer in the industry is now eightytwo years of age, but he is still active, and curiously enough he is a real Santa Claus in appearance.-Frank Herbert Sweet.

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JACKSON ABSTRACT CO..

Complete Abstract and Title to all Lands and Town Lots in Callahan County.

Rupert Jackson, Mgr,

K. of P. Hall,

Baird, Texas

To Our Friends

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year to All!

As we reflect back over over the pleasant associations of the past year we are made to realize that the measure of success we have enjoyed was made possible by your friendly patronage, and we appreciate your friendship. We trust our friendly relations may continue.

Happiness and Success to You!

Neeb Produce Co.

CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

To each and every man, woman and child in Cross Plains and this territory. We wish a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year. We trust that this has been a prosperous successful year for you and yours, that the coming year holds countless blessings, joys and inestimable financial compensations in store for each of you.

For ourselves and associated interest we wish to thank you for your liberal patronage and support during the year of 1924 and to solicit a continuance of same throughout the coming new year.

Canyon Oil & Gas Co.
Cross Plains Gas Co.
Tom Bryant's Insurance Agency.
Crabb & McNeel and Tom Bryant.



HRISTOAS W.D. Pennypacker

N HUMAN experience there is no page more replete with joyous association. The first Christmas we remember only as described in sacred story, and we visualize its influence through the spirit exemplified in the lives of our fellows.

The next Christmas we cannot recall. We may have lain in trundle-bed or cuddled in a mother's arms. That was a hallowed Christmas! Jung Jung

Then followed anniversaries teeming with visions of sleighs, Santa Claus, candy and toys, when the veriest romance of Yuletide was so real! We never forget those days.

> But how mystically they merge into another epoch. With the diminishing vision of Santa

> > we become aware of a better Christmas in the conscious love and loyalty of others. And then-

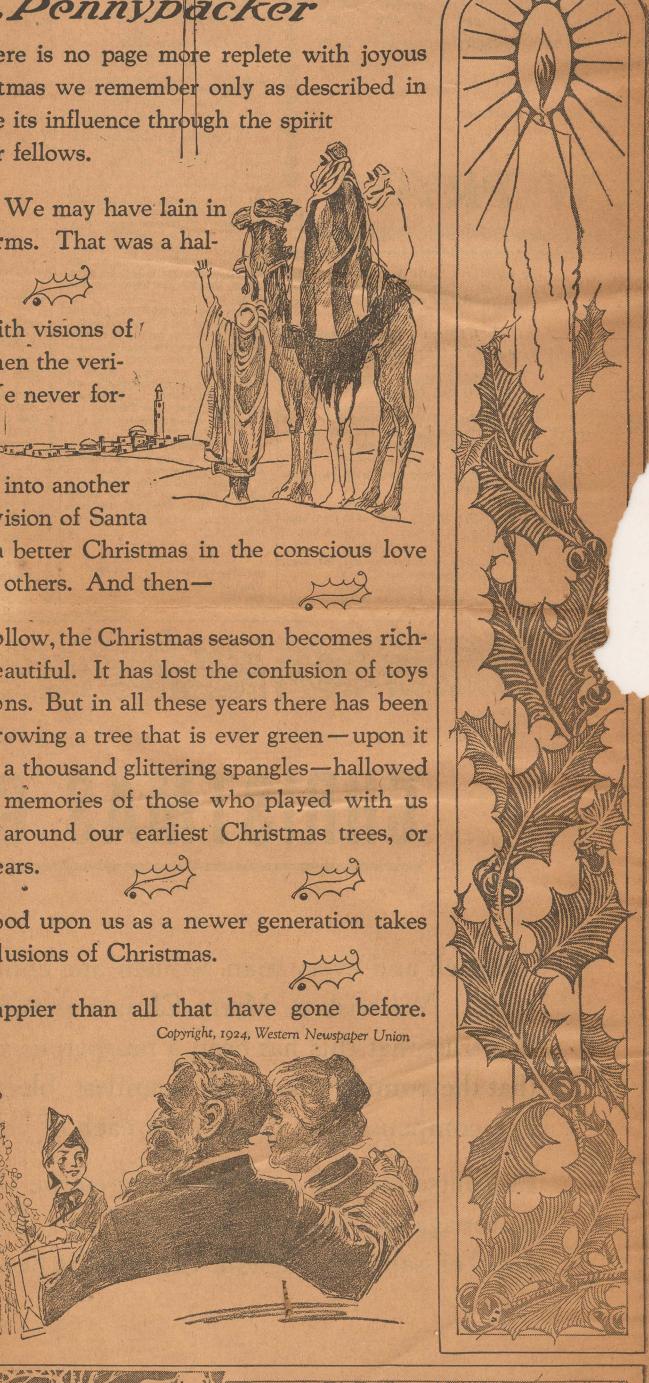
> > > In years that follow, the Christmas season becomes richer and more beautiful. It has lost the confusion of toys and confections. But in all these years there has been growing a tree that is ever green — upon it a thousand glittering spangles—hallowed

shared the season's festivities in later years.

Refreshing are the recollections that flood upon us as a newer generation takes our place in the pleasures and happy illusions of Christmas.

May this Yuletide be brighter and happier than all that have gone before.







Judith of Blue Lake Ranch

THE PARTY

SYNOPSIS.—Bud Lee, horse foreman of the Blue Lake ranch, convinced Bayne Trevors, manager, is deliberately wrecking the property owned by Judith Sanford, a young woman, her cousin, Pollock Hampton, and Timethy Gray, decides to throw up his job. Judith arrives and announces she has bought Gray's share in the ranch and will run announces she has bought Gray's share in the ranch and will fun it. She discharges Trevors, after shooting him twice in self-defense. The men on the ranch dislike taking orders from a girl, but he subduing a wickous horse but by subduing a vicious horse and proving her thorough knowl-edge of ranch life, Judith wins the best of them over. Lee de-Judith becomes convinced Judith becomes convinced that her veterinarian, Bill Crowdy, is treacherous. She discharges him and gets back Doc Tripp, her dead father's man. Pollock Hampton, part owner, comes to stay "for good." Trevors accepts Hampton's invitation to visit the ranch, Ludith's messenger is held up. Judith's messenger is held up and robbed of the monthly pay roll. Bud Lee goes to the city for more money, getting back safely with it, though his horse is killed under him. Both he and Judith see Trevors' hand in the crime. Hog cholera, hard to account for breaks out on the count for, breaks out on the ranch. Judith and Lee investi-gate the scene of the holdup. A cabin in a flower-planted clear-ing excites Judith's admiration. Ing excites Judith's admiration.
It is Lee's, though he does not say so. They are fired on from ambush, and Lee wounded. Answering the fire, they make for the cabin. Here they find Bill Crowdy wounded. Dragging him into the building, they find he has the money taken from Judith's messenger. They are besieged in the cabin all night. Hampton arrives in time to drive the attackers off and captures "Shorty," who later escapes from the ranch. Judith talls Bud Lee has fine price. Judith tells Bud Lee her financial troubles and he says he'll stick. He's beginning to be fond of her, In spite of her mannish ways. The discovery is made that pigeons, with hog cholera germs on their feet, have been liberated on the ranch. Lee captures a stranger, Dick Donley, red-handed, with an accomplice, a cowboy known as "Poker Face."

CHAPTER IX—Continued -10-

She asked her questions, got her answers. Triumphantly she turned to Tripp.

The Bagley ranch, though a hundred miles away, was the nearest cholerainfected place of which Tripp had any knowledge. Bagley did have a flock of pigeons; a man, a month or so ago, had bought two dozen from him. the man wasn't Trevors. Bagley didn't know who he was. The same man, nowever, had shown up three days ago and had asked for another half-dozen of the birds. There had been three white pigeons among them. He was a shifty-eyed chap, Bagley said, old brown suit, hat with a rattlesnake skin around the crown. That, point for point, spelled Donley.

Lee returned with the shirt which he had ripped from his prisoner's back. Adhering to the inside of it were little, downy feathers and three or four larger feathers from a pigeon's

"I guess he rode mostly at night, at that," concluded Lee. "A great little fat man you must have looked, stranger, with six of those birdies in your

Donley's face was a violet red. But a glance from Lee shut his mouth for him. Poker Face, still looking on,

gave no sign of interest. 'Put him in the grain-house," said Judith, her eyes bright with anger.

'And see that he doesn't go Shorty's trail. Poker Face, have you anything to say for yourself?"

"No," answered Poker Face.

"Then," cried Judith hotly, "you can have your time right now! Donley, here, I'll prosecute. He's going to pay for this morning's work. I've got nothing on you. It's up to you to see that he still stoutly believed. I don't get it! And you can tell Shorty for me-yes, and Quinnion, too, and Bayne Trevors, if you like that I am ready and waiting for your next | there, everywhere; busy, preoccupied. play! And don't forget that when San | Marcia he talked with twice; once Quentin is full there's still room in when they rode together while Hamp-Folsom.'

Judith telephoned Emmet Sawyer that she had a man for him. Lee and Carson conducted an expostulating Donley to the grain-house and jailed him wordlessly. Then Carson put a man on guard at the door, daylight though it was. When all was done he filled his pipe slowly and turned troubled eyes after Poker Face.

"She made a mistake there, though," he said regretfully. "A better cow hand I never ask to see, Bud. An' you ought to see the game of crib that man plays! Nope, Judy; you're wrong

But Bud Lee, the man who did not approve of the sort of woman who did man's work, said with unusual warmth:

"Don't you fool yourself. Carson She hasn't made one little misplay yet!"

CHAPTER X

Judith Triumphant

Though, under the surface, life upon Blue Lake ranch was sufficiently tense the remaining days of June frivoled by as bright and bonny as the little meadow-blues flirting with the fieldflowers.

Since from the very first the ranch had been short-handed, the hours from nawn to dusk were filled with activity. Carson, who, true to siddith's expectations, had brought back some new deas from his fer days of the expe &

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mental farm-ideas not to be admitted by Carson, however-bought a hundred young steers from a neighboring overstocked range. In the lower corrals the new milking-machines were working smoothly, only a few of the older cows refusing to have anything to do with them.

Tripp had succeeded in locating and getting back some of the men who had worked long under Luke Sanford and whom Trevors had discharged. It was a joy to see the familiar faces of Sunny Harper, Johnny Hodge, Bing Kelley, Tod Bruce. The alfalfa acreage was extended, a little more than doubled. Plans were made for an abundance of dry fodder to be fed with the lush silage during the coming lean months. Bud Lee broke his string of horses and, with Tommy Burkitt and one other dependable man, began perfecting their education, with an eve turned toward a profitable sale in Jan-

Quinnion, perforce, was left undisturbed upon the sheep-ranch, whither Emmet Sawyer had followed him. Against Bud Lee's word that he had had a hand in the trouble at the old cabin were the combined oaths of two of the sheepmen that he had been with them at the time.

Hampton's guests, who had planned for a month at the ranch, stayed on. But they would be leaving at the end of June. That is, Farris and Rogers positively; the Langworthys, perhaps. The major was content here, and to stay always and always, would be an unbounded joy-of course, with little runs to the city for the opera season and for shopping trips, and a great, jolly house-party now and then.

The only fly in Marcia's ointment was Hampton himself. She confessed as much to Judith. She liked him, oh, ever so much! But was that love? She yearned for a man who would thrill her through and through, and Hampton didn't always do that. Just after his heroic capture of the terrible Shorty, Marcia was thrilled to her heart's content. But there were other days when Hampton was just Pollock Hampton. If it could only be arranged so that she could stay on and on, with no day of reckoning to come, no matrimonial ventures on the horizon

"That's simple, my dear," Judith smiled at her. "When you get through being Pollock Hampton's guest, you can be mine for a while."

Hampton was now a great puzzle to Mrs. Langworthy, and even an object of her secret displeasure. Not that that displeasure ever went to the limit of changing Mrs. Langworthy's plans. But she longed for the right to talk to him as a mother should. For, seeking to emulate those whom he so unstintedly admired, Bud Lee and Carson and the rest of the hard-handed, quickeyed men in the service of the ranch, Hampton was no longer the careless, frankly inefficient youth who had escorted his guests here. He went for days at a time unshaven, having other matters to think of; he came to the table bringing with him the aroma of the stables. He also wore a pair of trousers as cylindrical in the leg as a stovepipe; over them he wore a pair of cheap blue overalls, with the proper six-inch turn-up at the bottom to show the stovepipe trousers underneath. The overalls got soiled, then dirty, then disgracefully blotched with wagon grease and picturesque stains, and Hampton made no apologies for them.

Twice he left the ranch, once to be gone overnight, intending that it should be a mystery where he went. But, since he rode the north trail which led to the Western Lumber camp, no one doubted that he had gone to see Bayne Trevors, in whom

Between the 15th and the memorable 30th of June, Bud Lee saw little of Judith Sanford. She was here, ton, racing recklessly down a rocky slope for a shot at a deer got a fall, a sore shoulder and made his debut in certain new swear-words; once when all of the guests, with the exception of Farris, who was painting the portrait of the stallion, Nightshade, and the major, who had "letters to write," came out to watch the horse-breaking. This time, introduced to Mrs. Langworthy, Lee got for his bow a remarkably cold stare. Others might forget, here in the open, the distinction between people of the better class and their servants-not Mrs. Langworthy, if you please.

Having created his imaginary woman, Lee was ripe to fall in love with her when she came. He had thrilled to the touch of Judith's hand that the races, was missing when the blaznight in the cabin; his thoughts, many and many a day, centered about the superbly alive beauty that was Judith's. The fact disturbed him vague-The thought that he was very deeply interested in her in the good old way between man and maid, never entered his stubborn head. She was as far removed from his ideal woman as the furthermost star in the infinite firmament. Perhaps it was this very disquiet within him, caused by Judith, which now turned his thoughts to

"That's the sore af woman," he told himself stoutly "A man's woman; his other self, not just a pardner; the necessary other side of him, not just

the same side in a different way." Marcia had little, feminine ways of thy,

helplessness which turned flatteringly to the strength of the other sex. Judith asked no man to aid her in mounting her horse; Marcia coquettishly slipped a daintily slippered foot into a man's palm, rising because of his strength.

Now, when his thoughts went to Judith, Bud Lee turned them dexterously to Marcia, making his comparisons, shaping them to fit into his pet theory. When, days passing, he did not see Judith, he told himself that he was going to miss Marcia when she left. When one day he came unexpectedly upon Judith and with lips and eyes she flashed her ready smile at him, he felt that odd stir in his blood. What a pity that a girl like her, who might have been anything, elected to do a man's work! When, again unexpectedly, he came another day upon Marcia riding with Hampton, there was no quick stirring of the pulses, and he contented himself with the thought: 'Now, that is the sort of woman. A man's woman! His other self . . ."

When Judith planned a little party to mark the departure of Marcia on the 30th of June-it wasn't definitely decided that the Langworthys were leaving then, but at least Farris and Rogers were—the reasons actuating her were rather more complex than Judith herself fully realized or would have admitted. She liked Marcia: she wanted to do at least this much for her. Living room, dining room, music room, library-they would all be cleared of the larger pieces of furniture, the double-doors thrown open. The string band from Rocky Bend would come. Judith would send out invitations to the nicer people there and to the ranches hereabout. She would have a barbecue, there would be races and the usual holiday games, then the dance. Marcia would know nothing of it until the last day, when her eager enthusiasm would send her a-flutter to her dressing room.

Unanalyzed, it was simplicity itself, this giving a farewell party to Marcia. Under analysis, it was a different matter. The boys at the ranch would be invited, and of course most of them would come. But Lee would come. Judith would see to that, even if he should hesitate.

Bud Lee had always been so selfpossessed, had so coolly found her lacking, that, piqued a little, Judith longed for the opportunity to place him in an atmosphere where a little



Lamp in Hand, Went Down Into the Cellar.

of his calm self-possession might be snatched from him. If she could embarrass him, if she could see the red rise under his tanned skin, she would be giving Mr. Lee a lesson good for his soul.

"I've got powerful little use for an affair like that," said Lee coolly, when she told him. "Thank you, Miss Sanford, but I don't think I'll come."

Judith shrugged her shoulders as though it did not in the least matter

"I'm giving it for Marcia," she said. "Do you think it would be quite nice to her to stay away? I am afraid that

Not Judith's words, but the look in her eyes changed Lee's intentions. "If it's for Miss Langworthy," said quietly, "I'll come."

The day came and Bud Lee began to regret that he had given his promise to go to Marcia's dance. All day he was taciturn, aloof, avoiding not only the visitors from Rocky Bend and the other ranches, but his own fellows as well. He took no part in ing trenches and smell of broiling meat told that the barbecue was in progress. He worked with his horses as he had worked yesterday, as he would work tomorrow. With the dusk he went, not to the men's quarters, but to the old cabin at the Upper End.

Again and again that day he had thought of that look in Judith's eyes when she had asked him to come for Marcia's sake. What the devil did she mean by it? He didn't know exactly, but he did know that in its own vague way it irritated him. Her eyes had laughed at him, they had teased, they had told him that Judith herself wasn't wasting a single thought upon Mr. Bud Lee, but that she had noticed his obvious interest in Miss Langwor-

But he had said he would go, and in little things as in big ones he was scrupulous. He would go, just to dance with Marcia and show Miss Judith a thing or two. He felt unreasonably like taking Miss Judith across his knee and spanking her. And he did have a curiosity to see just what Judith would look like in a real party-dress.

"Poor little wild Indian," he grum bled. 'She's got the making of a wonder in her, and she doesn't even know it. What's worse, doesn't care.

He sat with a dead cigarette be tween his fingers, staring at the windblown flame of his coal-oil lamp. Judith was doing this as she did everything that she set her two hands on, thoroughly and with her whole heart and soul. In that lay the key to her character. There was no half-way with her. When she gave, it was openheartedly, with no reservation; where she loved or hated, it was unreservedly; if she gave a dance it would be a dance for the countryside to remem-

Yesterday Hampton had wondered, grinning, what he'd look like in a dress-suit again. Hadn't had a thing on here of late but his war togs. Whereby he called attention to his turned-up overalls, soft shirt, battered hat, and flapping vest with the tobacco-tag hanging out.

Bud Lee turned down the wick of again, Mr. Lee?" his lamp, which had been moking, and sat staring at it another eve minutes. "By thunder," he said softly to himself, "I'll do it."

He shoved the bunk away from its place in the corner, opened a tracdoor in the floor and, lamp in hand, went down into the cabin's cellar Here was a long pine box, hooped with tin bands for shipping, its lid securely nailed on. He set down his lamp and with shirt-sleeve wiped off some of the accumulation of dust and spider-web A card with the words, "David Burrill Lee, Rocky Bend," tacked to it made its appearance. Lee shook his head and attacked the lid.

"It's like digging out a dead man," he muttered. "Well, we'll bury him again tomorrow."

It was a box of odds and ends. Clothing, a few books, a pack of photographs, an ornate bridle, a pair of gold-chased spurs, a couple of hats, gloves, no end of the varied articles which might have gone hastily into such a receptacle as this from the hurried packing in a bachelor's apartments. Bud Lee, with a dress-suit and the articles it demands, even to a tie and dancing-shoes, went back into the room above.

"Like Hampton," he mused, looking at the things in his hands, "I wonder what it'll feel like to get back into these! I'm a fool," He laughed shortly and set to work to improvise a flat iron to take the worst wrinkles out of the cloth. "Once a fool, always a fool. You can't get away from it."

Marcia's party. He insisted upon calling it in his mind, "Marcia's party." And he was wondering, as he shaved, how Judith was going to look.

As Bud Lee came through the Illacs into the courtyard, he heard the tinkle of a distant piano and the tremolo of a violin, so faint as hardly to be distinguished above the plash and gurgle of the fountains. The court, bathed in soft light, seemed a corner of fairy and, the music vanishing elfin strains to some mischievous troop putting sighs and love dreams into a sleeping maid's breast. The night was rich with the peace of the mountains. He was late. They were already dancing within.

He stood a moment, looking in at the outer edge of the flood of light which gushed through the wide doors. Behind him Japanese lanterns hanging from a vine-covered trellis; before him flowers, bright chandeliers, girls' dresses like fluttering, many-colored, diaphanous butterfly wings. He had been saying to himself: "I must hurry if I want to dance with Marcia." And something stirring restlessly within him shoved aside the thought of Marcia and put in its stead the old wonder: "What sort of a Judith would he see tonight?"

He found it difficult to form any picture of her here, among these gay, inconsequent merry-makers. Judith to him spelled a girl upon a horse, booted, spurred, with a scarf about her neck fluttering wildly behind her as she rode, the superb, splendid figure of a girl of the out-of-doors, alive with the hot pioneer blood which had been her rich inheritance, a sort of wonderful boy-girl. Remove her flapping hat, her boots and spurs and riding-suit, and what was left of Judith?

Outside were half a dozen of the boys who had not mustered courage to set foot on the polished floors, Carson and Tommy Burkitt among them. Tommy stared at Bud Lee and his jaw dropped in ar azement. Carson took swift stock of Buch clothes as he had never suspected a good horse foreman owned, and gasped faintly:

"The d—n . . . lady-killer!"

But Lee had neither eyes nor thoughts for them, nor remembrance of his own change from working garb to that of polite society. The dance came to a lingering end, the couples throughout the big room strolled up and down, clapping their hands softly or vehemently as their natures or degree of enthusiasm dictated, and Lee forgot Marcia and sought eagerly for a glimpse of Judith. Refused a second encore, the couples

stood about chatting, the hum of lively voices bespeaking eager enjoyment. There was no early chill upon the assembly, to be dissipated as the dance wore on: the day of festivity outdoors had thawed the thin crust of icy strangeness which is so natural a begins.—Young.

"D-n it," muttered Lee. "I won't | part of such a function as this. ready it seemed that everybody was on the most cheerful terms with everybody else.

> Suddenly his eyes, still seeking Judith, found Marcia. Surrounded by a little knot of men, each of them plainly seeking to become her happy partner for the next dance, adorably helpless as usual, Miss Langworthy was allowing the men to fight it out among themselves. Lee moved a little nearer to see her better. In a paleblue gown, fluffy as a summer cloud, her cheeks delicately flushed, a white rose like a snowdrop in the gold of her hair, she was flutteringly happy, reminding him of those little meadow blues that had flown palpitatingly about him that day in the fields. And she was obviously as much at her ease here, in an atmosphere of music and flattery, as the tiny butterflies in their own meadows.

> Bud Lee came in, his tall form conspicuous and went straight to Marcia. She saw him immediately; forgot herself to stare almost as Carson had done; smiled at him brightly; waved her fan to him.

He took her hand and told her with his eyes how pretty she was. The delicate tint in Marcia's cheeks deepened and warmed, her eyes grew even brighter.

"Flatterer!" she chided him. "Are we to talk of the moth and the star

The knot of men about her melted away. Lee stood looking down into her upturned eyes, measuring her gentle beauty. He had thought of her as a little blue butterfly-she was more like a wee white moth, fluttering, fluttering

The music, again from a hidden distance, set feet to tapping. Marcia plainly hesitated, flashed a quick look from Lee to the others about them, then whispered hurriedly:

"It's terrible of me, but-"

And she slipped her hand into his arm, cast another searching glance over her shoulder for a partner who had been too tardy in finding her, and yielded to the temptation to have this first dance with "the most terribly fascinating man there!" Lee slipped his arm about her, felt her sway with him, and lightly they caught the beat of the dance and lost themselves in it. And still, again and again turning away from Marcia, he sought Judith.

The dance over, their talk was interrupted by an excited and rather overdignified youth with a hurt look in his young worshiping eyes, who stiffly reminded Miss Langworthy that she had cut his dance. She was so contrite and helpless about it that the youth's heart was touched; she blamed herself for her terribly stupid way of always getting things tangled up, gave him the promise of the next dance, which she had already given to some one else, disposed of him with charming skill, and sighed as she turned again to Lee.

"I haven't paid my respects to our It was settled. He was going to hostess," he said quietly. "Where is Miss Sanford?"

> "She sent her excuses," Marcia tolo him. "Aren't we in a draft, Mr. Lee?" He moved with her away from the soft current of air, a distinct disappointment moving him to the verge of sudden anger. What business had Judith to stay away?

"You mean she isn't coming at all?" he asked quickly.

"Oh, no," she told him, busy with the rose in her hair, her eyes bright on his. "Just as the dance was beginning she had to go to the telephone. Some ranch business, I don't know be here immediately-I believe," and Marcia made her remark teasingly, though she did want to know, "that a certain mysterious gentleman whe masquerades as a horse-breaker in

very much interested in Judith." "What makes you say a thing like that?" he asked, startled a little.

Marcia laughed. "A woman's intuition, Sir Mystery!" she informed him gayly.

"What does the woman's Intuition find to be the mysterious getalleman's interest in a certain Miss Lagworthy?" he asked lightly.

"It tells her that be likes her; that it would be fun for him to come and play with her; that he would be kind and courteous; but that la considers her very much as he woul? a foolish little butterfly!"

Here's David burf Lee In full dress. Now, what will Judith look like, dressed p?

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Primitive Home

Lava blocks roughly qualfied provide the rural Icelander with his building material. His fermstead consists of a group of small cottages joined to gether. The lava blocks are laid one op the other and the crevices ars stopped up with moss or earth. Some of these houses have wood rafters, but the majority or them have whale ribs instead. These are covered with brushwood, on top of which turf to heaped. The turf bears a good crop of grass, which is carefully cut for har, The houses have no chimneys, and a fire is never kept in any room except the kitchen, even in the coldest weather. The smoke passes out through a hole in the roof. The only windows are pieces of glass, or thin skin, four inches square. No attention is given to ventilation, and the atmosphere of the house is almost unendurable to a foreigner. The natives' sense of smell is deadened by the universal habit of

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Then on Wednesday evening Dec. 24, the Sunday school will have a program ! appropriate for the season and their and Faustine Butler and Katherine Mc-Gray Ranch, after Dec. 25th. annual Christmas tree. Other services of the Church the same as usual.

Murman McGowen and Jess Aldridge scribers. Glad to have them.

The Commissioners' Court of Callahan | The mariage of Miss Eva May $P_{\epsilon}r$ County, Texas, will receive bids at sons of Burkett, to Mr. John Slack of Baird, Texas, on December 20th, 1924, Coleman county took place at the

Signed, Victor B. Gilbert, County Judge Callahan County, Texas. Nov. 20th, 1924.

Porter Henderson, Sidney Hughs, Gowen motored to Cisco Sundays.

report good luck.

for the purchase of one or more 10 ton Methodist parsonage in Cross Plains W. Brabham, officiating. The bride wore a handsome cocoa brown silk the prodigal girl. crepe, with embroidered over dress, 1 and hat to match. The happy young 4t-p couple left immeadiately for Eastland, Fort Worth and other cities. They will be at home to their friends on the

Mrs. Hugh Davanay and children Sherman Gehrett, Howard Baum and Mrs. Clyde Gray and children are and Frank Williams returned from a spending the week with Earl Gray and number among the new Review sub- hunting trip near Ballinger, and they family at ranch and W. C. Henderson and family of Coleman,

The Plea of the Prodigal Girl

Dear friends you have read from the book, the story of the prodigal son

But I shall read for you the plea of

I have read of the death of the martyr the story of Peter and Paul, . The story of Luther and Calvin, I respect and honor them all. Also old Thomas and Stpephens,

honest and faithful men. I have read the sweet story of Jesus and expect to read it again, I have read of the good Samaritans of

charity work begun, But my heart goes out in great pity to the returning wayward son.

All are so glad to welcome him, so quick to forget and forgive, It makes no difference what he's done,

if he on-ly comes back to live. They have always prayed for the prodigal boy, since ever the world begun. The joy, the glory, forgiviness, of the returning wayward son.

But Poets seem to forget to write of the saddest thing in the world. They are not so eager to welcome back the poor little prodigal girl.

Just why she has turned out crooked she happens to find the right one. Who has the slick tongue of a Judas and that was your prodigal son. hough he is upheld and forgiven.

common all over the world. That you scornfully point out for gossip, the poor little prodigal girl. There is nothing so truely pathetic as

in the life of a maiden who falls. But if you search to the bottom, you will find man the cause of it all.

But he is led back into society, nursed with the tenderest care. Jpheld to world as a hero and mentioned in ferverent prayer.

While she is cast out from her loved ones, out in the hard cruel world. And every one points out and scorn her the poor little prodigal girl.

But as has been said quite often, and will repeat it again. That the lowest of fallen women, are better than some of the men.

Seven Generations

Uncle Epp Bond, who has passed his 81st mile stone, has lived to know seven generations of his people, dating back to his grandfather, Easom Bond. During the lineage of the seven generations, "Uncle Epp" Bond as he is familiarly called, has seen many changes, and to him life has been interesting with all its variations and problems. 78 years ago he attended the funeral of his gtandfather Easom Bond, back in Georgia The generations that follow down to the seventh are Jim Bond, son of Easom Bond; his son Clayton Bond; his daughter Eliza Bond Baum; her son Ed Baum; his daughter, Ruth Baum Browning; and her daughter, little Ressa Browning, who arrived last week. "Uncle Epp" appears hale and hearty for his age and here's hoping he lives to see the eighth gene-

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