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CLARENDON, DONLEY COUNTY. TEXAS. WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 23, 1908.

Campbell's Commendable

Congress Resents President's Charges and Asks Him Austin, Tex., Dec. 18.-Govto Make Good.

The Christmas Spirit

Christmas is the season of kindness. For

Ebristmas celebrates the coming of Christ into the world, and the heart of the Christ message is love - love expressing itself in bomely channels of friendliness and good will, love that "suffereth long and is kind." If we have kindly emotions, let them have their way and blossom into kindly thoughts and kindly deeds. Let the free child spirit of open-hearted friendliness prevail. For this is the child's festival, celebrating the birth of a child, the wonderful Giver who gave Himself for mankind. Let us carry the Ebristmas spirit through all the following days that come and go with all their measure of care or pain or pleasure, and bear in our bearts the inspiration and hope of the blessed Christmas festival of love, bearing ever ringing above the sounds of earth and sense, the song of the angels heralding in the birth of the Saviour of mankind.

He says the Baskin McGregor liq. of members of congress toward apuor and anti-gambling law is the propriations for the secret service to see Doolin and pronounced his only one openly flaunted and that of the government, Mr. Perkins, chairman of the Thursday of last week. all towns will be compelled to upspecial committee charged to inveshold the laws without exception. STATE NEWS The Governor says Sheriff tigate the allegations made in the Thomas of Calveston county has as- President's message, and John sured him that the lid will be kept Sharp Williams of Mississippi, both down and he is turning his atten. stated on the floor that it was the tion to Comal county where he says desire of the special committe to be state. Sunday closing never has been taken just toward the President in allowseriously. ing him to submit any evidence he Anti prohibition leaders declare may have and both declared that that Campbell's radical action is a the committee would give it full strong indication that he is siding and impartial consideration. Mr. with the prohibition element of the Perkins said the committee would democratic party and hopes to help continue in session during the the cause by drawing attention to Chiistmas holidays that it might hay and several hundred bushels of the few straggling violations, while receive such evidence from the corn were burned, entailing a loss the law as a whole is universally President promptly and proceed to of \$2,000, with no insurance. observed. consider it. Officials and politicians are now Both the resolution and all of the has sued the Katy railway for \$60,preamable except that part of the ooo on account of her husband's wondering where the blow will fall ext time. iatter interpreting the meaning of death, killed by a door falling from the President's message in relation a passing train on his head. Billingsgate, Says Mr. Bryan. ******************************* MR. STAYBOLT AS SANTA CLAUS to the secret service work were "Billingsgate from the White adopted unanimously by a viva voce Huletide Some Things He Would Like to Give House," is Mr. Bryan's descripvote. Mr. Bennett of New York If He Could. tion of recent utterances of the demanded a division on the preampresident. In an editoral discus-Ausings "Do you know the Christmas presble, stating the committee's intersion of the tilt between the presient I'd like to make if I could?" said pretation of the President's stric-Mr. Staybolt. "I'd like to give cheerdent and congress, Mr. Bryan says tures on congress, but before the ***** fulness to the downhearted; courage in his newspaper: to the timid, and strength to the weak; division was entered upon, endeav-"Washington dispatches say the power of self-denial to those who ored to withdraw his motion. Mr. The joyous time is drawing yield too easily, and a desire to work that members of congress are igh, the time of turkey, pudding, ie; nor do we dream of after Williams insisted that this could to the lazy.

> taken, 270 members voted yes and 14 no on this part of the preamble. cheerfulness, bottled hopefulness, recommended that an amendment Colorado Southern, Including

eriparian, of Manhatten, Kas., has Washington, Dec. 17.-The found a case of glanders in a human emphatic announcement today that house of representatives today by a being, a rare thing, according to violations of the law will not be unanimous vote adopted a resolu- the doctor. J. Will Doolin of Harpermitted anywhere in Texas, even tion requesting the President to sup- per contracted glanders from his if local authorities do not try to ply it with any evidence that might horses more than a year ago and had been under treatment for a force observance of the statutes. be in his po-session that will justi He says executive interference may fy the statement in his last annual blood disease.

Kansan Dies of Glanders.

Dr. S. F. Schoenleber, state vet-

When Dr. Schoenleber was in be depended upon in every case. message in relation to the attitude the vicinity last week he was called trouble glanders. Doolin died

The bond of Tax Collector Dean of Grayson county is \$251,800. This is one of the largest in the

According to an expert, who has been investigating the past year, there are in Denison at the present time 113 grass widows.

Near Greenville last week the barn of Mrs. Joe Gray, 40 tons of

Mrs. S. L. Renfroe of Denton

At Stephensville the grand jury has turned in bills against T. M. Betts, and wife, Eva Betts, for the the murder of their infant child, whose death occurred a few days

A large drilling outfit has been ordered to put down the well at Mobeetle the contract depth, 1,200 feet, and then will be used for op erations in the Miami oil and gas field.

The twelve-year-old son of J. W. Myers, living one and a half miles

below Biardstown, Lamar county,

CONCERNING CHRISTMAS. Faots Regarding Its Observance in

America and Other Countries.

December 25 is a legal holiday in all the states and territories and the District of Columbia. General recognition of Christmas in America is of comparatively modern origin. A generation or two ago the Roman Catholic and the Protestant Episcopal churches observed the day by religious services, but the great body of Protestants, in New England especially, ignored it as they ignored Easter, says Youth's Companion.

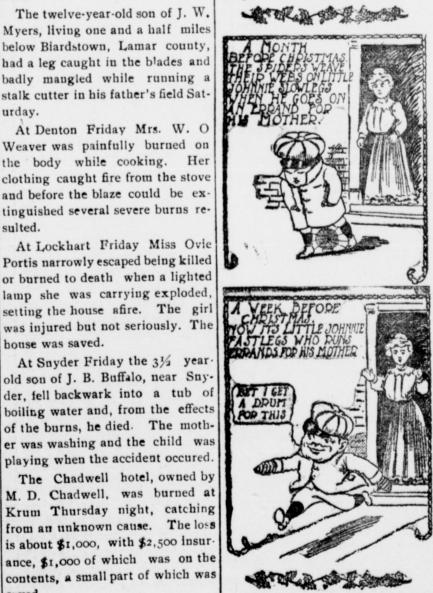
The Dutch settlers in New York and Pennsylvania observed the day, as did also the English settlers in Virginia, and the French and Spanish colonies farther south. As a more tolerant spirit prevailed among the descendants of the Pilgrims, the Puritan objection to Christmas celebrations disappeared.

Christmas was not observed even in the Roman Catholic church till the second century after Christ, when, according to tradition, Pope Telesphorus instituted the celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Jesus. The anniversary was celebrated in January, March, April, May and September, at different periods and in different parts of Europe and Asia, and it was not until the fourth century that the eastern and western churches agreed upon December 25 as the proper day.

The Christmas tree is of German origin and Santa Claus is supposed to be akin to the Knecht Rupert of northern Germany, to whom parents gave their presents to be distributed to the children on Christmas night. Rupert dressed in a mask, wig, white robe and high buskins, went about from house to house, awarding the presents to the young children, who supposed him to be a supernatural messenger.

Kriss Kringle, another name for the distributor of gifts, is a corruption of the German Christ Kindlein, or Christchild, from whom the Christmas gifts are supposed to come. The Christmas tree was practically unknown in Enghand until after the marriage of Queen Victoria to a German prince, who introduced German customs.

Many of the ceremonies of the day are derived from old heathen customs adapted by the Christian fathers to make it easy for the worshipers of the eid gods to accept Christianity.



"I have often thought what a pity it is that you can't buy all these things, these helpful qualities, already put up and at such a price as to put them within the reach of all; canned

that in his message the president

not be done and the vote being

greatly disturbed because of the in sult offered them in the president's message. It will be remembered

"It must be admitted that the

pessimist is a fellow who wouldn't hang up his stocking for fear old Santa Claus might swipe it.

ills, of squills, and pills, and

10 10

A girl begins to hang up the mistletoe at about the age when

stops hanging up her stocking.

Christmas bills

Christmas cigars are not always puffed up with pride.

There's many a slip 'twixt the Miss and the mistletoe. . ..

Don't make it too strong. Many a man has been knocked out by one good, stiff punch.

Ask a truthful woman what she enjoys most about Christmas, and she will tell you the bargain sales afterward. 10 10

To sing a rhyme of Christmas time (that line is but the first of it), here's hoping you may not feel blue because you get the worst of it.

When a child writes a letter of thanks to Santa Claus, it should be cherished like a rare plant. That kid isn't long for nis world. ...

No Christmas present is so useless that you can't pass it on some one else next year. 50 50

Remember that it is better to give than to receive-the things you don't want.

.... Take off the tags. Many a friendship has been severed by

the price mark on a Christmas

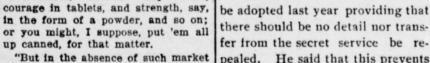
I have often wondered wherein consisted the wisdom of Solomon when he had a thousand wives. I am now convinced that it must have been in living in the days before Christmas was celebrated. 30 30

It's all right to pity the poor at this peace-on-earth season, but it is " well to remember that sympathy dcesn't fill an empty stomach.

RULES FOR CHRISTMAS GIVING

Give willingly. Give tactfully. Put thought into your giving. Don't consider return gifts. Never give to others what you wouldn't want yourself, The unexpected gift insures a spe cial appreciation. To give ostentatiously is the height of bad taste. Give to the sick and the sorrowful if you would know the true joy of giving. Never give more than you can af-

ford. Your friends know your circumstances as well as you do yourself and the pleasure of both giving and receiving is lost



preparations and our consequent inthe giving of promotions to faithability to buy such things and send ful secret service agents. them as gifts to those whom they might most benefit perhaps you will permit me to offer to each a word of language employed by Mr. Roosesuggestion.

velt was uncalled for and unbecom-"To the dispirited take a cheerful ing in a president's message. But view. To the downhearted, don't dwell on the doleful side. To the timid. Mr. Roosevelt is not-and we say don't be afraid. To the weak, or those it in the best of spirit-famous for who fancy themselves so, try your his manners. His chief boast is strength. You'll be surprised to find how much you've got. that he is the apostle of the 'square

To those who yield too easily, deny deal,' and yet on many notable ocyourself once, and again, and feel the casions he has been guilty of cruel joy and strength that will come back to you. To the lazy, get a job with a injustice in dealings with his felshovel, in a gang of laborers, under a lows. He has needlessly and wandriving boss; and if you are not glad tonly insulted many individuals, to get back to your present job to do the best you know how at it, I miss and although the public has borne my guess. this shortcoming patiently, it is

"I can't send you these things in plain they are now growing weary. cans or bottles; but if anyone of you will take my advice and stick to it, "While the indignation of conyou'll think that Mr. Staybolt was a gressmen is excusable, they will, very kind Santa Claus."

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CHRISTMAS PROVERBS

The love-light in the eyes of the precious ones of the household is the most brilliant of Christmas illuminamore important work to do than stores follows: tions.

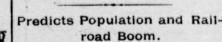
The soft Christmas light is not the resenting an insult. The Panama least welcome where the shadows of bereavement have fallen during the year. The Christmas angels hover over such dwellings of sorrow in ministrits of divine love.

It was the Christ who said: "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Again, he said: "Inasmuch as ye have done it to one of the least of these, my brethren, ye have done it unto me.

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sible suspicion of a whitewash.'

seeing that the investigation is of

Boston, Dec. 17 .- The past and uture of railroad growth in the United States was presented in an address before the Commercial club to-night by William C. Brown of New York, senior vice president of the New York Central lines. Mr. Brown prophesied that in fifteen years there would be a population of 125 million in the country and that 71/2 billion dollars would have to be expended for increasing and White House or Monday evening, was on cotton. improving railroad facilities.

the Denver, Sold to the Burlington.

week.

few months and thereafter White effects as used in churches and pub-

permanent."

December 28.

penalty is life imprisonment.

It is stated on good authority badly mangled while running a pealed. He said that this prevents that the Burlington has purchased stalk cutter in his father's field Satthe Colorado and Southern system urday.

> and that the purchase will be rati-At Denton Friday Mrs. W. O fied shortly. The price is said to Weaver was painfully burned on be about \$18,000,000. Through the body while cooking. Her the acquisition of these railroads it clothing caught fire from the stove would add 3,397 miles as feeders and before the blaze could be exfor the Burlington's trarscontitinguished several severe burns renental lines, as well as give access to sulted.

> the Gulf of Mexico. At Lockhart Friday Miss Ovie This sale will put the Fort Worth Portis narrowly escaped being killed & Denver in one of the largest sysor burned to death when a lighted tems in the country. President amp she was carrying exploded, Trumbull and Edwin Hawley are setting the house afire. The girl both in New York, and it is stated was injured but not seriously. The that the deal will be closed up this ouse was saved.

At Snyder Friday the 31/2 year. old son of J. B. Buffalo, near Sny-Beware of Christmas Fires. Christmas fires of former years der, fell backwark into a tub of have led the Chicago Board of Un- boiling water and, from the effects the Commoner believes, do well to derwriters to send out a public of the burns, he died. The mothignore the insult put upon them. warning in regard to Christmas er was washing and the child was

Mr. Roosevelt will retire within a decorations, and especially lighting playing when the accident occured. The Chadwell hotel, owned by House messages will at least be free lic buildings. Part of a letter which M. D. Chadwell, was burned at from billingsgate. Congress has was sent to all the department Krum Thursday night, catching from an unknown cause. The loss

"The use of Christmas greens, is about \$1,000, with \$2,500 insurcanal, for instance, needs a search- harvest specimens and other inflam- ance, \$1,000 of which was on the ing investigation. Indeed, the ad- mable materials, such as scenery, contents, a small part of which was ministration's strongest friends cotton to represent sn ow, and the saved.

should be foremost in demanding like (especially in connection with Voters of Sherman for the secthis inquiry-and foremost also in electric and other lighting systems) ond time declared against a comis a decided increase of fire hazard, mission form of government, such a character as to avoid all pos- it being impossible to make disthough at Saturday's election the proposition to adopt the commisplays of that nature perfectly safe. sion form was defeated by the close margin of sixty-seven majority

> Fire on the plantation of Edwin "Bill" Colbert, with a record of Kidd. 7 miles north of Sherman Friday, destroyed a large frame barn, 25 bales of cotton, 4,000 bales of hay and 400 bushels of oats, as Alester of robbing, a man at the well as all the farm machinery, wagons, etc., in use on the place. point of a revolver, for which the

The total loss is approximately \$6, 000. Of this there was a total inwas on the barn and \$900 on the

To Raise the President's Pay. Senator Bourne has introduced a bill providing for an increase in the salary of the president of the United States from \$50,000 to \$100,000 and in the salary of the vice president from \$12,000 to \$25,-000. The bill is intended to take effect at the beginning of the next administration.

A high finance music dealer in Springfield, O., managed to get credit for \$200,000 on assets of only \$200, then failed.

The home merchants stop advertising when business gets dull, but cards for a sm all dance at the surance of \$2,400, of which \$1,500 the mail order houses never cease advertising, hence they have a continual business.-Chilicothe Honet.

"Electric wiring and apparatus used in this connection should be Only 763 votes were cast. as well installed as if it were to be killing 21 negroes and Indians while a deputy United States marshal, was convicted recently in McThe Clarendon Chronicle. Published Twice-a-Week by

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CLARENDON, TEX., DEC. 23, 1908

The holiday spirit struck our compositors this week and they seem to find more pleasure out of than in the office. Any deficiency in this or the next issue may be attributed to this.

We extend every reader our most hearty greeting, hoping the holiday season may be fully enjoyed without being marred by any of the litat least every deserving person, big or little, may be visited by Santa.

Governor Campbell has closed a deal with the law firm of McLean & Carlock of Fort Worth, and the legal firm of Jenkins & McCarthy of Brownwood, to assist the state in the prosecution of Henry C. Pierce, whose trial on a charge of false swearing comes up at the January term of court. The employ ment of these distinguished law yers adds considerable to the state's legal battery and discloses that the governor wants to see the state amply represented in this famous case.

The acquisition of the F. W. & D and C. & S. roads by the Hill syndicate gives the latter control of over 20,000 miles of road and reaches from the Pacific to the Gulf at Galveston, giving an Ocean outlet at both terminals. It will make the F. W. & D. a part of a great trunk line from ocean to ocean and we may look for a fine road bed and a wonderfull increased traffic in the near future, and ultimately her much more prominently before the traveling world.

A Nation of Sugar Eaters.

government shows that the average | ter county jail. citizen consumes half his own

Sheriff Hughes Has Waked Up. According the Amarillo Panhandle, Sheriff Hughes, of Potter coun-

ty has yielded to public sentiment and declares he will close up the joints. It quotes him as follows: "Today.is the last one for the cold

storage and frosty joints in Amarillo. We have stood this lawlessness

> just as long as we're going to. The tendency is to the worse instead of the better and forbearance has ceasas far as my department is concerned.

"I am making the rounds of the land joining Hedley on the west, tle or big crosses of life, and that just as long as they see fit to vio- will sell rapidly. late the law. This is not a matter

of Potter county.

been expected.

places being maintained in viola- busy.

tion of the law. They are operated by persons from various quarters and I have reason to believe that the influx of those regardless of law and the obligations of citi zenship will increase unless this step is taken. Hence the step. a double-tracked road. This means From today forward when a case much for Clarendon, and will bring of violation is brought to my knowl edge the offender goes behind the bars. He will then be watched, and in the event he is found in the

business again he shall have the The statistical department of the benefit of another rest in the Pot-

"In future no intoxicants will be weight in sugar every year, and dispensed, save and except such Uncle Sam's sugar bill averages places as are protected under license. \$1,000,000 a day. The total con- Even these latter shall not enjoy sumption of sugar in the United immunity from our presence. We States in 1907, which is the latest will find a way of bringing them to Hedley Happengins.

We understand there is talk of another hotel being built in Hedley in the near future.

Prof. Shelton and sister Miss Minnie will spend the holidays with friends and relatives at Grand View, Johnson county.

W. H. Jones, who has been for some time at Ouitaque, returned home last Saturday night, much to ed to be a virtue in this instance the delight of his many friends.

> Capt. Nat Smith informs us that he expects to cut a large tract of

joints personally and putting all in- into town lots, and place them on terested upon notice that there is the market at once. This is a beauroom in the county jail for them tiful piece of property and no doubt

From the information received of mere words-it is the statement during the last few days it now of a condition that is to be met by seems that Hedley will be blessed violators at the hands of the officers with a depot in a very short time, and then won't things hum in"our "I shall arrest or cause to be ar- city." Yes, along with this much rested every man, regardless of who needed railway facilities, there will he may be, attempting to maintain be many new enterprises spring up, an establishment in violation of the in fact some splendid business proplocal option law. Whatever may ositions are being contemplated have been said of Amarillo and the now, and we want to say right now, enforcement of this law in the past, that if you expect to own property will not be warranted in the future. in Hedley, the coming metropolis We have reached the limit of endu- of the Panhandle, you had better rance, and don't propose to put up buy it now, for you will soon see with it another day. The people the day it can't be bought for any have voted this law, they expect thing like the present prices. Now its enforcement and they are going is the time for the citizens of this to have exactly what has heretofore town to come together in a united

effort toward the upbuilding of our "There are at present several town in many ways. Lets get

STATE NEWS.

Greenville had a \$40,000 fire ear y Sunday morning, the Waples-Platter Grocery Co. being the chief oser.

A. B. Hickman, a railroad man of Dallas aged 28, threw himself in front of a Rock Island train at Ft. Worth Sunday night and was cut to pieces.

In Oak Cliff Sunday, immediatey following a talk with his sweetheart, who was in bed sick at her boarding house, Rex F. Woolfolk, who has been in the employ of the Murray Gin company as inspector, drew a pistol from his pocket and pulled the trigger, death resulting immediately.

Meteor Was a Bu^{*}zard With a

Torch.

Wichita Falls, Tex., Dec. 21.-

Santa Claus' Tree By Wallace Irvin

wish I were wealth So rich I could rig Every branch, every

h for each person h shoes that have

nd take on their back Sacks and packs,

Stacks and stacks, And always walk up to the Tree for a store And never know hunger and want any more

And (such was the speed of those magical days), No sooner the words than the Tree was ablaze With bright-hanging diamonds dropping like dew, With fairyland candles that twinkled anew,

With taryland candles that twinkle With toys so unstinted You'd think they were minted For all the world's children as fast And big boys and small boys, And short boys and tall boys, Meek girls and sleek girls and

spry. Young folks and old folks, Modest and bold folks

Came flocking each stocking of Christmas to try, And Jimmy he stood by his Tree in his pride And handed out presents to all who applied Till each grizzled grands main

Departed with That some crack And saved

Here's the stra

The Saint's Tree fast, And every Christmas it bl

And They gave him the

A-talking with neighbors in quite the old way; But he always kept watch, as if kindly to guard The magical Tree which still grew in the yard.

But just once a year, as the gossips s A genial old fellow drove by in a And winked at King Jim saying: " Then snapped up his reindeer and caper

A BRAD SO REAL

THE HOUSE OF MYSTERY.

Strange Actions by Father, Mether and Children at Christmas Time.

The mystery began with the hus band coming home half an hour later than usual, so as to have the cover of darkness when leaving a package behind the vestibule doors, while he entered the house with a very innocent look on his face and told of his street



Owing to having to move, we are making

A 10 Per Cent Cut

on Shoes, Hats, Hosiery, Etc. Call and see the Good Quality and Low price of these goods.

We still carry in stock the Celebrated

White Falcon Flour

The BEST FLOUR on the MARKET. **GIVE IT A TRIAL.**

Grocery stock is Fresh and Complete.

Millinery and Dry Goods

I have put on a CLOSING OUT Sale on Dry Goods, Ladies Furnishings, Notions, etc.; also making very Low prices on some millinery. Come see what you can do be fore|buying. Leave your orders for the New Boston Hygienic Corset, which will please you.

Miss Porter has some furnished rooms to let.



year for which statistics are avail able, reached the almost unthink. able figure of 7,089,667,975 pounds

Farmers' Union Wants Nego tiable Cotton Certificates.

At a meeting of Tarrant county presidents of the Farmer's Union and warehouse managers Monday, they decided to seek an amend ment to the Vreeland-Aldrich currency bill so as to make cotton warehouse receipts negotiable paper.

As a first step all union ware houses will be merged into a federation, and paper be issued calling for \$30 to each bale, provided the scheme succeeds.

Fort Worth, Dec. 21.-The Fort Worth stockyards company Monday announced that yardage fees will be reduced one third beginning January 1. This reduction will save Texas cattlemen hundreds of thousands of dollars annually and stimulate trade. Present fees for cattle are \$12 per car and calves 15 cents per head.

seriously ill.

W. G. Egerton came in yesterday from Middle Water.

Mrs. Primm, of Winnewood, Ok. is here visiting her sister, Miss Creager.

N. T. Hodges is laid up with erysipelas, which followed a siege of lagrippe.

J. A. Murrell and family left last night to return to their former home, O'Keene, Ok.

Several more marriages are to occur soon and Cupid is still busy -busy, whether still or not.

Drew Burton, who has been in Vermejo Park, N. M. for some months is at home for the holidays.

No trouble to show goods and help you make selections at Stocking's store.

justice. This issue now becomes iving one. The people have openly intimated that we would not or could not cope with this situation

What was reported to have been a propose to show them that their meteor passing over Wichita early statements, insinuations and intima last Monday morning is now beions are without true basis. lieved to have been a buzzard. A

"The aid of the state has been party of boys caught a buzzard in a nvoked in this city, and so far steel trap near the slaughter pens north of town, attached a bailing this aid has not proven equal to the situation. The citizenship is inwire 20 feet long, which had been vited to watch closely for results. wrapped with lint cotton saturated The joints close today and close with coal oil around the buzzard's for good. The first one that sticks neck. A match was applied and

his head up will find an officer close the buzzard turned loose. by to yank him to jail.

"It may sound a little strange when we say that we don't anticipate much trouble in this matter. But as strange as it may appear we don't. We are giving all those believed to be operating in violation of law a tip to the effect that this is strictly business, and we believed that they will take us at our word.'

An armed mob captured the Monticello, Ky., jail and seized Elmer Hill, who is accused of assaulting and killing Mamie Womack, 13

years old, near Russell springs. Mrs. Fish is reported as being The mob rode from Russell county and surprised the juller who offered no resistance. Hill denied that he was guilty until he had only ten minutes to live. The mob carried Hill 20 miles and hanged him to a tree near the scene of the crime.

> Col. P. R. Stephens of Claren don was with his Claude friends finds that a number of the g. o. p.

will have to "dig up" over a million dollars in fines for using government envelopes to disseminate campsign literature. There is some pleasure to be derived from almost everything if we only look for it .-Claude News.

Dr. H. J. Winn has announced a meeting for the Old Soldiers for tonight at the courthouse,

The compress has handled a little above 13,000 bales of cotton so far this year and the management is expecting to have about eight thousand more before the season closes. If the cotton crop had been as good this year as last the compress would have handled at least thirty thousand bales and made good money for the stockholders. The stockholders are well pleased with the showing and expect to do better next season .- Childress Index

The government has been greatly exercised lattely over a deficit something over 14 millions of of dollars in the postal department. About 25 million s too much is paid railroads for the use of cars in which mail is transported, and over 43 millions went to the franking privilege of congressmen and other officials-lots of it mere campaign Thursday. The Colonel says the matter; but in view of the deficit stings of defeat over the election the things in the line of vision of are somewhat alleviated since he postal officialdom will probably be the country's newspapers.-Peoples Review.

Market Report.

The following is the Fort Worth stock market report for Monday: Steers \$3.00 to \$4. 40. Cows \$1.80 to \$3.10. Calves \$2.60 to \$4. 40. Hogs \$4.10 to \$5.70 . The demand was lig) 'it all around and prices off.

At midnight of that night, while his innocent-hearted wife was sleeping by his side, he sneaked out of bed and down stairs and secured the package and hid it in a closet.

The next step was taken by his She took down from the pantry wife. a pitcher in which she had been stor ing up dimes and nickels and pennies for months and months, and, after counting them over, she sneaked down stairs in the forences and bought and lugged a parcel home and hid it away on the top shelf of a clethespress.

Then one of the children came i one day and looked and acted very mysterious, and shortly afterward might have been found hiding some thing among the rafters of the garren Then, as the mother suddenly and unexpectedly entered the parlor one afternoon, she almost stumbled over & daughter who was down on her kneet and reaching under the sofa. The mother cried out in her surprise, but asked for no explanations.

Then desk and bureau drawers that had not been locked for a year were found closed tighter than a drum. Closet doors that had stood wide open were made fast. There was lingering behind when others went to bed There was getting up before the others in the morning. Each member of the family went around trying to look as innocent as a sheep, but at the time bearing a load of guilt on his conscience

The strain was intense. The mys tery could not last. The day came when the murder was solved. It was the day before Christmas. That family had simply been preparing to Santa Claus each other. It always acts that way, and it always turns out happily

Red Barres

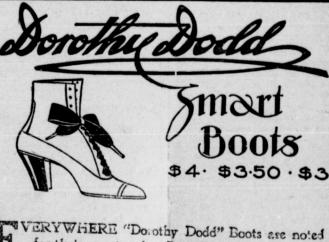
The Sweetest Bells. The bells ring clear at Christmastide From steeple and from tower; All hearts with love are beating high Love is their Christmas bower.

There is no time in all the year When hearts are more atune-The Christmas bells to winter are What roses are to June.

But steeple bells and tower bells Ring not for saint or sinner, sweeter note than bells of hor A BUD T

Photographer (taking family group) No Cause for Joy -Now, then, Mr. Housefull, the expressions are all right but yours. The and look happy-remember Christmas is coming.

Mr. Housefull (despondent confound it, man, thet's just



for their smart style. But that is not all. The new "Dorothy Dodd" styles are the best money's worth of shoes we have ever seen at their prices. We only ask you to see them. For to see them is to want a pair. Many smart new styles now on sale.

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> A. L. JOURNEAY, Mayor.

iness locals five cents per lin first insertion and 3 cents for sub-ent insertions. All locals run nd are charged for until ordered at. Transient notices and job work re cash, other bills on first of month.

Phone for 150 and II us all of the local news you can think of that ill interest our readers. This will be out little trouble to you, and greatly liams was appointed superintendent help us to make a more newsy paper.

LOGAL AND PERSONAL.

C. C. Bearden left Sunday night for Dallas.

Mrs. Dean of Goodnight spent yesterday in Clarendon.

Georgetown for the holidays.

Alvis Weatherly will celebrate the holidays in Quanah.

J. A. Burdett went to Dallas Sunday night on business.

Capt. Lyons and wife were here from Jericho yesterday trading.

W. J. Atterberry tells us he has bought the moving picture show.

Miss Addie Witt is up from Quanah visiting her aunt, Mrs. Emma Baker.

Dr. Gould and wife are spending the holidays with relatives at Mid lothian, Tex.

Charlie Norrid, who is teaching school in Ford county, came home to spend Christmas.

Rev. A. V. Neely and wife left last night for Erath County, Tex., for a holiday visit.

Misses Catherine and Harriet Chamberlain are home from Dallas to spend the holidays.

H. C Kerbow and wife leave today for McCauley, Tex., to spend the holidays with relatives.

Mrs. Bulah Brothers, of Hutchins, Texas, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. G. A. Anderson.

Editor Cooke leaves tonight for Denton, where the Cooke family will celebrate Christmas together.

August Weidman, who is attend. ing the Ft. Worth University this year, returned home for the holidays.

erved in Clarendon as Prohibition Day. The women of Clarendon are organized into a "Ballotless Legion" which stands for "Texas Dry in 1909." This work was begun by Mrs. Zehner on her visit to Clarendon and Mrs. A. J. Wilof the work with a different chairman from each of the churches. An effort is being made to get ev-

Prohibition Day.

Thursday, Dec. 31st, is to be ob-

ery woman in Clarendon to join. And it is the women of this Ballotless Legion who are planning a prohibition rally in which they hope to enlist the aid and sympa Stuart Condron is home from thy of every man, woman and child in Clarendon who is interested in

making Texas dry in 1909. There will be a prohibition march n the afternoou at 2:30 o'clock beginning at the Court House. Come with your buggies and carriages, decorated in the national colors. The procession will be led by the band boys who will play national airs At night there will be a grand ral ly at the Opera House, where a bright interesting program will be presented consisting of songs, readings and speeches by some of the prominent men of Clarendon-also a short play will be rendered. Everybody is invited-and it is free.

It is thought very fitting that the old year of 1908 should close with a rally which pledges us to do all we can to bring better things to pass in Texas in the year of 1909. Let every one who is interested help to make the rally a success. And let everybody come.

Brice Brevities. Reported For THE CHRONICLE

Rev. Neely is to preach for us Sunday.

School will vacate Wednesday for Xmas and Miss Burdett will spend the holidays at her home in Clarendon.

C. L. Benson went to Ft. Worth Wednesday to spend the holidays with his sister and to have some dental work done.

I. N. Baker has been very busy this week hauling for his store.

Mr. Coleman and wife returned Bromley's, the nicest in town. See Careful hauling and transferring. from Portales Thursday where they Watches, clocks, jewelry, fancy umbrellas and the finest china and the window display. Best Maitland coal and correct ffice Phone 42 Residence Phone 80 C. E. Thornton and I. A. Grunhad been on business. weights. Your patonage invited cut glass for Christmas presents at The best and cheapest line of Charley Collins, Marion Veazy dy have bought a stock of furni-Phone 23-3r A. L. JOURNEAY, Stocking's store. cook and heating stoves in town at ture at McLean and will take charge and Lige Bartlett with their fami-McCrae & Hodges. H. C. Kerbow's-the Charter Oak Call on H. C. Kerbow for all lies left Monday for their old home Jan. I. Call and see them. kinds of furniture, art squares, LAWYER. in Hopkins county. We give them Livery, Feed and Sale Stable Mrs. C. E. Thornton and chilrugs, and builders' hardware. All Everything for Christmas pres-J. H. Hodge's Transfer and Bus line meets all trains and calls day and night. WE KNOW THE ROAD. Phone 62. Clar-don, Texas just one year to return to the Panents at Stocking's store. Call in Clarendon, Texas. dren left last night for Greenville, marked in plain figures. handle. Tex., to visit her sister, Mrs. Mcand see. Twenty per cent off on gold and Miss Ruby Smith, a milliner of DR. P. F. GOULD Comb. gold filled watches and jewelry at Bryan-Land Co. carry a full lin Clarendon, spent several days visit-Stocking's store. DENTIST. C. A. Burton and sons, Drew, of the best shoes, hats, etc. ing relatives at Brice before return-JAMES HARDING CLARENDON, : TEX. Allan, and Joe, have gone for a Given Away For Christmas. Buy a kodak at Stocking's store. ing to her home in Waxahachie for Office in front room over Fleming & Xms. hunt of a few days to the Between 500 and 600 choice lo-Nothing finer for a Christmas presthe season. **Merchant** Tailor cust trees for street work to be set ent. Paloduro. Miss Dora Burdett spent several in Clarendon on the street lines. Fashion, Neatness and dur-Our "Good for Bad Boys'' school W. J. Parsons and wife left last days this week with her sister, Miss Must be moved and labor paid for Dr. R L HEARNE shoes are the ones for boys. Rathability are special points in night for Oklahoma City to spend Irene. by Jan. 1st. First come, first jen's Shoe Store. all work. DENTIST Christmas with their son and daugh-The Misses Bunch entertained served. HAPPY JOE. Bryan-Land Co. guarantee their Thursday night, the principle ter at that place. CLARENDON, TEXAS. DR. J. F. McGHEE amusement being "Three Degrees." Don't forget the cut in jewelry shoes Office in Davis building. Henry Parks and Miss Marion at Stocking's store. Veterinary Surgeon and Dentist The young folks hated when the Office phone 45. Residence phone 12 Barnett were married Sunday mor-School shoes that wear at Rath Graduate Western Veterinary Colparting hour came, especially when en's Shoe Store. Catablished 1889. ning and left for Amarillo, where ege, Kansas City, Mo., can be found BUSINESS LOCALS. at all times at Drew's wagon yard or at McKillop & Goodman's drug store, Clarendon. Calls answered day or night. Phones: Res. 118; office 1. they were to be accompanied home A.M. Beville they will make their home. **Making Good.** There is no way of making lasting friends like "Making Good;" and Doctor Pierce's medicines well exemplify this, and their friends, after more than two decades of popularity, are numbered by the hundreds of thousands. They have "made good" and they have not made drunkards. A good, honest, square-deal medicine of Mom composition is Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It still enjoys an immense sale, while most of the preparations that have come into prominence in the earlier period of its popularity have "gone by the board" and are never more heard of. There must be some reason for this long-time popularity and that is to be found in its superior merits. When once it has survived and grown in popular favor, while scores of less meritorious atticles have suddenly flashed into favor for a brief period and then been as soon torgotten. Santa Claus goods at Stocking's Making Good. by a severe norther. Fire, Life and Accident In-Misses Clair Teague and Susie store. Mr. Kimberlin has his new rent urance Agent. Patterson are expected home today Our school shoes are guaranteed. Land and Collecting Agency and Notary Public. Prompt attention to all business house nearing completion. Wanted-Success Magazine requires from their schools on the Plains. Rathjen's Shoe Store. the services of a man in Clarendon to They will spend the holidays with Memphis. 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Weeks and wife, who have store urday and Judge Huff returned made their home here for some Our fall stock of Dorothy Dodd home that night. Twelve indict-John Beverly shoes are on display. See them. time will leave soon for Tacoma or ments were found by the grand Rathjen's Shoe Store. Articles have suddenly hashed into haver for a brief period and then been as soon forgotten. For a torpid liver with its attendant indigestion, dyspepsia, headache, per-haps dizziness, foul breath, nasty coated tongue, with bitter taste, loss of appetite, with distress after eating, nervousness and debility, nothing is so good as Dr. Pierce's Golden Medical Discovery. It's an honest, square-deal medicine with all its ingredients printed on bottle-wrapper - no secret, no hocus-pocus humbug, therefore don't accept a substitute that the dealer may possibly make a little big-ger profit. Insist on your right to have what you call for. 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The * ** **Christmas Stocking**

A Parody by FRANK J. BONNELLE

How dear to this heart is the stock-

ing of childhood when fond recollection presents it to view! On Christmas St. Nick came from frost whitened wildwood with every loved toy which my infancy knew. The wide spreading chimney, the sled which stood by it, a horse and some books-I remember them alla doll for my sister, and baby house nigh it, and then the full stocking which hung on the wall-the Santa Claus stocking, the bountiful stocking, the Christmas morn stocking which hung on the wall! The well stuffed envelope I hailed as a treasure as early that morning I opened my eyes and found there the source of an exquisite pleasure, the purest and sweetest that nature supplies. How ardent I seized it with hands that were glowing and back to my white sheeted bed went with all, then soon, with the emblems of love overflowing, was happy in what to my lot did befall-the Santa Claus stocking, the generous stocking, the Christmas morn stocking which hung on the wall! How sweet through round open top to explore Its as poised on my knee it it inclined to my view! Not hot, tempting breakfast could make me ignore it for longer at most than a minute or two. And now, far removed from the loved situation, the tear of regret will intrusively fall as fancy reverts to my youth's habitation and sighs o'er the stocking which hung on the wallthe Santa Claus stocking, the plethoric stocking, the Christmas morn stocking which hung on the wall! But grown people find there's a later sensation as grateful as any they felt long ago. It comes when they witness the glad exultation which on Christmas morning their own offspring show. And now, dear old Santa Claus, let me petition your favor for children, both large ones and small. Bring all the bright hopes to the fullest fruition that rest in each stocking which hangs on the wall-the wealthy child's stocking, the poor urchin's stocking; yes, fill every stocking which hangs on the wall!



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Each room with Ivy leaves is drest, And every post with Holly. Without the door let Sorrow lie, And if for cold he hap to die, We'll bury him in a Christmas Pye, And evermore be merry.

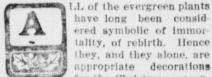
have long been consid-

ered symbolic of immor-

tality, of rebirth. Hence

they, and they alone, are

appropriate decorations



for the Christmas season, which was originally a celebration, under the disguise of various national religious forms, of the turning of the sun at the winter solstice, and the consequent renewal of life on the earth.

When Constantine was converted, he seized upon every underlying likeness, however remote, between the old faith and the new. Every familiar symbol that might be stretched to fit the strange faith; every old custom that would help to reconcile his lately, and sometimes forcibly, converted people to their unaccustomed belief,

was adopted and re-explained. And the return of the sun, bringing life and light to the winter-bound earth, became the prototype of the coming of the Son of Man, bringing life and light to the soul of the sin-bound world. So that at first all the heathen observances were retained as far as possible, and merely given a new meaning.

At the Christmas festival, the ivy and holly still made a summer screen of the stone walls, as in ancient Germany they had turned the huge halls at mid-winter, to bowers of greenery, wherein the sylvan sprites, who dwelt in summer among the forest trees, might pass the frozen months w

ivy but little, in American decorations at Christmas, since both plants are exceedingly rare here. But in England the use of the ivy at least is universal, and the references to it in Christmas song and story alone would fill a small

volume. Besides its claim to appropriateness for the Christmas season which it holds in common with other evergreens, it has two especially strong recommendations of its own. On account of its habit of clinging strongly to its supporting tree or wall, it is a popular symbol of friendship and fidelity, and as such, an excellent decoration for the season of good will and universal brotherhood. And it was, in Roman days, sacred to Bacchus, with me to feed my innocent children who, when a baby, was hidden by his aunt, Ino, among its leaves, to save No. I have ordered a beautiful mock

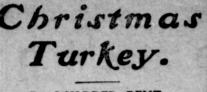
Prynne says: At Christmas men do always Ivy get, And in each corner of the house it set; But why do they then use that Bacchus

weed! Because they mean then Bacchus-like to

feed. This satirical explanation was but too true in the earlier days, when Christmas lasted for weeks, and was given over to a revelry almost wholly heathen in character.

To-day, in America, the Christmas decorations almost exclusively are of holly, which, for all its popularity, is less consecrated by legend than any other holiday greenery. To be sure

we make a sparing use of the mistletoe, which, from the ancient Druidical meaning of purity given to its waxwhite berries, and from its use by them in the marriage rite, has come to give a charter for kissing as "broad as the wind." And we have added the bitter-sweet, which has no traditional whatever, is not an evergreen, and is to be tolerated nerely for its beauty's sake, and for the slight suggestion it gives of the holly berry. Our American holly is said to be less beautiful than the European plant, having leaves of a duller green. But, making all allowances for possible disadvantages, it still is a re markably beautiful tree. And as a symbol of the immortality which it is the season's special mission to teach. it surely has no rival. The leaves remain on the branches for three years, losing their hold only when they are pushed off at last by the growing buds of spring. Throughout England, so little is its supremacy disputed, that it is popularly known as "Christmas," just as the hawthorn is called "The May." Its name has been a matter of considerable interest. Theophrastus and other Greek authors named the plant Agria; that is, wild, or of the fields. The Romans formed from this the word Agrifolium and called it also Aquifolium, from actum, sharp, and folium, a leaf. Bauhin and Loureiro first named it Ilex, from the resemblance of its leaves to those of the Quercus Ilex, a species of oak which was the true llex of Virgil. Linnaeus adopted the name llex for the genus, and preserved the name Aquifolium for the most anciently known species. Our popular name, holly, probably is a corruption of the word holy, as this outbreak, and toward afternoon of the green fields and the healthful Turner in his herbal calls it holy, and the mock turkey made its appearance. holy tree. The thorny follage, and It resembled a gigantic candy favor in the berries like drops of bright blood, shape and color. The tinting of the could scarcely fail to remind a Christian of the crown of thorns, and this, together with the universal use of the plant in the churches at Christmas easily would account for the name. In Germany it is known as Christdorn. The Danish name is Christern and the Swedish Christtorn. The the wagon had brought and busied hersame name, Christ's thorn, is found in self with converting some meatless some parts of England. But as no "mince meat" into pies. legend connects the holly with the



Their

By MILDRED BENT.

ATIENTLY enough the family had endured Frank Framely's fads until he became a vegetarian. An overindulgence in turkey at the Thanksgiving feast had been followed by fasting, repentance and the adoption of the vegetarian

cult. Steaks gave place to salads and lamb to lentils, wherefore the spare pennies of the Framely youngsters were invested in ham sandwiches and smoked beef instead of cake and candy.

It had been bad enough when Framely had adopted the thorough mastication fad and the entire family had solemnly chewed its food to the loud click of the metronome. It had been worse when all hands slept in a tent in the back yard because Framely had a cold and feared consumption, but even with an approved vegetarian kitchen within half a mile it was difficult to give variety to the menu with only vegetables as a foundation.

The younger Framelys refused to regard nut ragouts as fit substitutes for their mother's savory stews, and the hospitable soul of Mrs. Framely was tried by the evasive excuses of those who were invited to dinner. The poor statement that things only needed to little woman considered it necessary to explain that they were now vegetarians, and so anticipatory smiles faded church with the children she slipped from expectant faces as the owners out to put things on the table. When thereof mentioned transparent previ-

ous engagements suddenly recalled. Finally she pleaded with her husband for a turkey for Christmas, to his great horror.

"Just for one day?" he repeated after her. "My dear, would you plead ment that she never did like those newon a diet of poisons for 'just one day?' him from Juno's destructive wrath. turkey from the vegetarian kitchen. They assure me that it tastes exactly like the bird, and it is molded into the same shape. The children will not know the difference if they shut their

eyes." "But they can't eat their dinner with their eyes shut," protested Mrs. Framely feebly. Her husband regarded her with mild sorrow.

"If only they might eat with their eyes truly open," he lamented, "open a mixture of nuts and vegetables, you to the danger that lurks within the dead flesh they would stuff their stomachs with. Some day they will thank me for saving them from the evils and miseries of the flesh eaters."

stuff instead?" Framely adroitly made his escape betore his wife could find an answer to



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Frank will like one of his mother's

mit that you do beat me on your crusts,

my dear. Now give me an apron and

Mrs. Framely the younger shrank

from an explanation and, with the

be warmed up, thrust the matter aside.

When her husband came in from

the family came into the dining room

she supposed, of course, that her hus-

band had explained and so made no

her thick vegetable soup with the com-

fangled soups.

brightened up.

Frank."

ly white.

comment when the old lady set aside

But when the turkey was brought in

"I don't see how you get your turkey

such an even brown all over," she said

approvingly. "Mine always burns on

the top. You know I like the second

joint and some of the white meat

For an instant Framely went a sick

"There is no white or dark meat," he

said faintly. "This is a mock turkey,

know. We have awakened to the error

of our ways and eat no more carrion."

"Don't eat carrion," repeated his

mother as she sliced a bit from the

strange mixture. "You eat this sort of

"The pure product of Mother Nature,

and set upon the table the old lady

I'll help you with the turkey."

ies for Christmas, though I will ad-

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too much discomfort. An echo from Scandinavia is still heard in the saying current among the peasants of the old world that if any bit of holiday decoration is left in the house after Candlemas day (February 2), a troop of little devils wll enter and sit, one on each withered leaf, every one bringing its own small curse upon the house. These little devils are merely the old forest sprites, detained against their will by their undestroyed winter refuge and fretting to return to the awakening woods of spring.

The churches were still green with Christmas garlands in those early days, and ablaze with candles, as the temples of Saturn had always been during the corresponding Roman festival of the Saturnalia. But, as Polvdore Vergil remarks, "Trymmyng the temples with hangvngs, floures, boughes and garlandes, was taken of the heathen people, which decked their idols and houses in suche array.' And as time went on, and it became no more necessary to make concessions that would help reconcile the people to their changed faith, these "heathen" customs became distasteful to the church. One of the early councils forbids men longer "to deck up their houses with lawrell, yvie, and greene boughes, as we used to doe at the Christmasse season."

This command was observed in the temples, but in the baronial halls the old customs lived on; lived down their questionable past; won again the toleration of the priests who had sternly banished them, and to-day all the evergreens again are admitted to the strictest church, so that we again can say at Christmas,

"Now with bright Holly all the temples strow With Ivy green, and sacred Mistletoe."

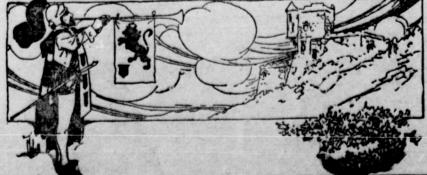
The "Early Calendar of English Flowers," an old poem wherein each month is recognized by its appropriate plant symbol, ends with these lines:

Soon the evergreene Laurel alone is greene, When Catherine crowns all learned

menne. The Ivie and Hollie berries are seene, And Yule log and Wassaile come round

agen.

The laurel is used not at all, and the



crown of thorns, this name, universal merely the result of its appearance and of its Christmas popularity, as before suggested.

from the table in disgrace, and Nellae had invited a second outburst by tearfully pleading permission to go to her grandmother's, where they would have "real" Christmas dinner. Grandmother was on the maternal side, and Mrs. Colford's intolerance of her sonin-law's fads was an ever ready subject for acrimonious discussion.

> Framely arrived unannounced during the forenoon. "I was lonesome," she explained as

To cap the climax, the elder Mrs.

she followed her daughter-in-law into the parlor, "so I just packed up some mince pies and some jellies I'd made and brought them along. I guess

"WE'RE GOING TO A RESTAURANT FOR A REAL CHRISTMAS DINNER."

sunshine," said her son solemnly. "The last time I was here you were chewing your food like a cow chews its cud," remarked the old lady severely. outside had been rudely done and by "That was bad enough, but when you no means suggested the crackling skin make a mock of Christmas with your of the barnyard king bursting from the mock turkey it makes me wish you pressure of the rich juices within. Sadwere young enough to be taken across ly Mrs. Framely shook her head as she my knee again. Go get your hat. We're shoved the bird into the icebox along going to a restaurant for a real Christwith the rest of the packages which mas dinner." "But, mother"- began Framely, seek

ing to suppress with a glance the cheering of the children. Christmas day dawned somberly "Do you remember when you were a enough in the Framely household. among the Germanic peoples, must be Frank junior had thrown his carrot. little boy about the age of little Frankie cutlet to the floor and had been sert [bere?" demanded his mother. Framely nodded. "And do you remember how good a drumstick used to taste, with some giblet gravy and lots of stuffing

and cranberry sauce?" "Yes. mother." he assented limply. "Then go get your hat. It's Frankie's birthright," she declared. "Yes, mother," came for a second

time, but now there was gladness in the voice, a hungry look in the eyes, and his wife knew that another fad had passed.

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