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Robertson's

READJUSTMENT SALE

We have decided to not wait till January to put on a Clean-Up Sale, but to do so now, so you Christmas shoppers may have the benefit of our already low prices by still lower. We are going to give you prices that you have not seen nor read before anywhere in the Panhandle. Our \$100,000 stock must be reduced one-half before we take inventory. We are going to make prices that are in keeping with 10c to 15c cotton.

This Sale Begins Next Saturday Morning, December 18, 1920

We Quote a Few Prices Below:

Men's and Boys' Suits & Overcoats 1-2 Off	35c Gingham	27 1-2c	
Ladies' Ready-to-Wear at One-Half Off	45c Gingham	33c	
Ladies' Millinery, Hats at One-Half Off	65c Gingham	49c	
Blankets and Comforts at One Half Off	85c Gingham	69c	
25c checks	19c	\$1.25 Men's Gloves	98c
25c Gingham	17 1-2c	\$2.50 Men's Overalls	\$1.49
25c bleached and unbleached domestic	19c	\$2.50 Men's Unionsuits	1.95
All Dark Fancy Outings	19c	\$2.50 Ladies' Unionsuits	1.95

Five Great Special Bargain Days as Follows:

Monday, Dec. 20th	Tuesday, Dec. 21st	Wednesday, Dec. 22	Thursday, Dec. 23	Friday, Dec. 24th
All Day. All our immense stock of Silks, Crepe de Chine and Georgette at	8:00 to 9:00 A. M. ONLY ONE HOUR. LADIES' KID GLOVES AT	Men's Hats for one hour, except Stetson's and Malloy Ve-lour at 9 to 10 a. m.	ALL DAY OUR LINE OF TOILET ARTICLES AT	8:00 TO 9:00 A. M. LADIES' FELT SLIPPERS FOR ONE HOUR AT
One-Half Off	One-Half Off	One-Half Off	One-Half Off	One-Half Off

IN THE MEN'S CLOTHING WE ARE GIVING YOU HART SCHAFFNER & MARX, CURLEE, AND STYLE-PLUS. IN LADIES' READY-TO-WEAR THE E. SPERLING LINE. SPECIAL LOW PRICES ON MEN'S HATS ALL DURING THIS SALE.

DON'T FORGET TO WAIT FOR YOUR CASH TICKETS FOR THE BRUNSWICK PHONOGRAPH THAT WE ARE TO GIVE TO THE PERSON WHO HOLDS THE MOST IN DOLLARS AND CENTS AT 10 O'CLOCK FRIDAY NIGHT, DEC. 24. THIS SALE OPENS SATURDAY, DEC. 18 AND CLOSSES FRIDAY, DEC. 24, AT 9:30 P. M. AND AT THESE PRICES EVERYTHING WILL BE STRICTLY CASH—NOTHING CHARGED UNLESS AT THE REGULAR DISCOUNT PRICES IN EFFECT BEFORE THIS SALE. NO ALTERATIONS ON READY-TO-WEAR AND CLOTHING DURING THIS SALE UNLESS CHARGED FOR, AND AT OUR CONVENIENCE.

WAGON SHEETS TO CLOSE OUT AT COST.

DON'T FAIL TO CALL FOR YOUR CASH TICKETS ON PHONOGRAPH

ROBERTSON D. G. CO.



No Approvals or Returns during this Sale

Slaton, Texas

Webster=Man's Man

By PETER B. KYNE

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"TOO OLD!"

John Stuart Webster, mining engineer, boards a train in Death Valley, California, on his way back to civilization after cleaning up \$500,000. He looks like a hobo. Then he rescues a distressed lady, who makes his heart flop over. He eliminates the offending man. She is Dolores Ruey. In Denver he is offered a \$5,000-a-year job by a capitalist friend, Edward J. Jerome. He receives a delayed letter from his own particular pal, Billy Geary, asking him to finance a gold-mining proposition in Central America and go fifty-fifty with him on the profits. So he starts for Eobronte. Jerome goes with John to the depot. They meet the distressed lady on her way to the same train. John tells Jerome the whole story. Jerome secretly sees the girl, offering her \$10,000 if she induces John to take his job inside of ninety days. The girl accepts. The scene now shifts to Buenaventura, Sobrante, where Geary has existed for two months on credit extended by Mother Jenks, keeper of a hotel and dramschop. Dolores cables Henrietta Wilkins (Mother Jenks) that she is on her way to visit her. Mother Jenks has been educating Dolores, who is the daughter of former President Ruey of Sobrante, deposed and executed by President Sarros. Mother Jenks doesn't want Dolores to find out she is no longer respectable. So Billy meets the steamer and tries to turn the girl back. But Dolores lands and salutes Mother Jenks as "Mother." Billy promptly falls in love with Dolores. Webster in New Orleans secures a stateroom on La Estrellita by buying a ticket for a mythical valet, "Andrew Bowers." In New Orleans Webster saves a young man from assassination. On the steamer he finds the mythical valet in his stateroom. He accepts "Bowers" on trust, without learning his identity.

CHAPTER IX—Continued.

While he was considering the matter, a voice behind him said very softly and indistinctly, like a man with a harelip:

"Mr. Geary, will you be good enough to launch a couple of hun-

When I'm certain I can't from the steamer, I'll come

turned, and in the dim light of a binnacle lamp observed a beautiful of white hands grasping the gun-

able on the starboard quarter. He peered over and made out the head and shoulders of a man.

"All right," he replied in a low voice. "Hang where you are, and you'll be clear of the propeller."

He signaled Don Juan, who backed swiftly away, while Billy doused the binnacle lamp.

"That'll do," the thick voice said presently. "Bear a hand, friend, and I'll climb over."

He came, as naked as Mercury, sprawled on his belly in the cockpit, opened his mouth, spat out a compact little roll of tin-foil, opened it and drew out a ball of paper which he flattened out on the floor of the cockpit and handed to Billy.

"Thank you," he said, very courteously and distinctly now. "My credentials, Mr. Geary, if you please."

Billy relighted the lamp and read:

"Dear Billy:

"I do not know the bearer from Adam's off ex; all I know about him is that he has all the outward marks of a gentleman, the courage of a bear-cat, a sense of humor and a head for which the presidente of Sobrante will gladly pay a considerable number of pesos oro. Don't give up the herd, because I like it and we do not need the money—yet. Take him ashore without anybody knowing it; hide him, clothe him, feed him—then forget all about him.

"Ever thine,

"J. S. WEBSTER."

"Kick the boat ahead again, Cafferty," Billy ordered quietly. He turned to the la's arrival. "Mr. Man, your credentials are all in apple-pie order, so you happen to know that this bay swarms with man-eating sharks?"

He man raised a fine, strong, youthful face and grinned at him. "Tobacco choice, Mr. Geary," he replied.

at or ashore, the sharks are after me. Sir, I am your debtor." He crawled into the cabin and stretched out on the cottee as John Stuart Webster's voice came floating across the dark waters.

"Everything well with you, Billy?"

"All is lovely, Jack, and the goose honks high. By the way, that friend of yours called with his letter of introduction. I took care of him."

"Thanks. I suppose you'll call for me in that launch tomorrow morning?"

"Surest thing you know, Jack. Good-night, old top."

"Good night, Billy."

Don Juan Cafetero swung the launch and headed back for the city. At Leber's little dock Billy stepped ashore, while Don Juan backed out into the dark bay again in order to avoid inquisitive visitors. Billy hastened to El Buen Amigo and returned presently with a bundle of clothes; at an agreed signal Don Juan kicked the launch into the dock again and Billy went aboard.

"Hat, shirt, necktie, duck suit, white socks and shoes," he whispered. "Climb into them, stranger."

Once more the launch backed out in the bay, where Webster's protegee dressed at his leisure, and Billy handed Don Juan a couple of pesos.

"Remember, John," he cautioned the bifiduous one as they tied up for the night, "nothing unusual happened to-night."

"Devil a thing, Mither Geary. Thank you, sor," the Gaelic wreck replied blithely and disappeared in the darkness, leaving Billy to guide the stranger to El Buen Amigo, where he was taken into the confidence of Mother Jenks and, on Billy's guarantee of the board bit, furnished with a room and left to his own devices.

John Stuart Webster came down the gangplank into Leber's launch hard at the heels of the port doctor.

"You young horse thief," he cried, affectionately. "I believe it's the custom down this way for men to kiss each other. We'll dispense with that, but by—" He folded Billy in a paternal embrace, then held him at arm's length and looked him over.

"Lord, son," he said, "you're as thin as a snake. I'll have to feed you up."

As they sped toward the landing, he looked Billy over once more. "I have it," he declared. "You need a change of climate to get rid of that malaria. Just show me this little old mining claim of yours, Bill, and then hike for God's country. Three months up there will put you right again, and by the time you get back, we'll be about ready to weigh the first clean-up."

Billy shook his head. "I'd like to mighty well, Jack," he replied, "but I just can't."

"Huh! I suppose you don't think I'm equal to the task of straightening out this concession of yours and making a hummer out of it, eh?"

The young fellow looked across at him sheepishly. "Mine?" he jeered.

"Who's talking about a mine. I'm thinking of a girl!"

"Oh!"

"Some girl, Johnny."

"I hope she's not some parrakeet," Webster bantered. "Have you looked up her pedigree?"

"Ah-h-h!" Billy spat over the side in sheer disgust. "This is an American girl—born here, but white—raised in the U. S. A. I've only known her three weeks, but—ah!"

"Well, I'm glad I find you so happy, boy. When do you pull off the wedding?"

"Oh," said Billy, "that's premature, Jack. I haven't asked her. How could I until I'm able to support her?"

"Look here, son," Webster replied, "don't you go to work and be the kind of fool I was. You get married and take a chance. A man ought to marry young, Bill. Hang the odds. I know what's good for you."

At the hotel Billy sent a note to Dolores, apprising her that John Stuart Webster had arrived—and would she be good enough to receive them?

Miss Ruey would be that gracious. She was waiting for them in the veranda just off the patio, outwardly calm, but inwardly a foment of conflicting emotions. As they approached she affected not to see them and turning, glanced in the opposite direction; nor did she move her head until Billy's voice, speaking at her elbow, said:

"Well, Dolores, here's my old Jack-partner waiting to be introduced. Jack, permit me to present Miss Dolores Ruey."

She turned her face and rose graciously, marking with secret triumph the light of recognition that leaped to his eyes, hovered there the hundredth part of a second and departed, leaving those keen, quizzical blue orbs appraising her in the most natural manner imaginable. Webster bowed.

"It is a great happiness to meet you, Miss Ruey," he said gravely.

Dolores gave him her hand. "You have doubtless forgotten, Mr. Webster, but I think we have met before."

"Indeed!" John Stuart Webster murmured interestedly. "So stupid of me not to remember. Where did we meet?"

"He has a profound sense of humor," she soliloquized. "He's going to force me into the open. Oh, dear, I'm beggins." Aloud she said: "On the

train in Death valley last month, Mr. Webster."

Webster shook his head slowly, as if mystified. "I fear you're mistaken, Miss Ruey. I wasn't on the train in Death valley last month. I was in Denver—so you must have met some other Mr. Webster."

She flushed furiously. "I didn't think I could be mistaken," she answered a trifle coldly.

"It is my misfortune that you were," he replied graciously. "Certainly, had we met at that time, I should not have failed to recognize you now. Somehow, Miss Ruey, I never have any luck."

She was completely outgeneraled, and having the good sense to realize it, submitted gracefully. "He's perfectly horrible," she told herself, "but at least he can lie like a gentleman—and I always did like that kind of man."

So they chatted on the veranda until luncheon was announced and Dolores left them to go to her room.

"Well?" Billy queried the moment she was out of earshot. "What do you think, Johnny?"

"I think," said John Stuart Webster, slowly, "that you're a good picker, Bill. She's my ideal of a fine young woman, and my advice to you is to marry her. I'll grub-stake you. Bill, this stiff collar is choking me; I wish you'd rustle up a soft one."

In the privacy of his room John Stuart Webster sat down on his bed and held his head in his hands, for he had just received a blow in the solar plexus and was still groggy. Presently, however, he pulled himself together and approaching the mirror looked long at his weather-beaten countenance.

"Too old," he murmured, "too old to be dreaming dreams."

He changed to a soft collar, and when he descended to the patio to join Billy once more he was, to all outward appearances, his usual unperturbed self, for his was one of those rare natures that can derive a certain comfort from the misery of self-sacrifice—and in that five minutes alone in his room John Stuart Webster had wrestled with the tragedy of his life and won.

He had resolved to give Billy the right of way on the highway to happiness.

In Mr. Webster's own whimsical phraseology, his clock had been fixed, on the instant he recognized in the object of his youthful partner's adoration the same winsome woman he had enthroned in his own secret castle of love. From that precise second Billy's preserve was as safe from encroachment by his friend as would be a bale of Confederate currency in an armor-steel vault on the three-thousand-foot level of a water-filled mine.

John Stuart Webster had unanimously resolved upon the course he should have pursued in the first place. He would investigate Billy's mining concession immediately; provided it should prove worth while, he would finance it and put the property on a paying basis; after which he would see to it that the very best doctors in the city of Buenaventura should inform Billy, unofficially and in the strictest confidence, that if he desired to preserve the life of Senor Juan Webster he should forthwith pack that rapidly disintegrating person off to a more salubrious climate.

Having made his decision, John Stuart Webster immediately took heart of hope and decided to lead trump.

Dolores rejoined them for a siesta after luncheon.

Webster leaned over and slapped Billy Geary's knees affectionately.

"Well, Bill, you saffron-colored old wreck, how long do you suppose it will take for you to pick up enough strength and courage to do some active mining? I'm anxious to get that property on a paying basis, so I can get out of the country."

"Why, Johnny," the amazed Billy declared, "I thought you would stay and help run the mine."

"Indeed! Well, why do you suppose I spent so much time teaching you how to run a mine, you young idiot, if not against just such a time as this? You found this concession and tied it up; I'll finance it and help you get everything started; but after that, I'm through, and you can manage it on salary and name the salary yourself. You have a greater interest in this country than I, William; and so with your kind permission we'll hike up to that concession tomorrow and give it the double-O; then, if I can O. K. the property, we'll cable for the machinery I ordered just before I left Denver, and get busy.

We ought to have our first clean-up within ninety days."

"Gosh, but you're in a hurry," Billy murmured. He disliked exceedingly the thought of having his courtship interrupted on a minute's notice.

"You know me, son. I'm a hustler on the job," Webster reminded him brutally; "so the sooner you start, the sooner you can get back and accumulate more malaria. What accommodations have you up there?"

"None, Jack."

"Then you had better get some, Billy. I think you told me we have to take horses at San Miguel de Padua to ride in to the mine." Billy nodded. "Then you had better buy a tent and bedding for both of us, ship the stuff up to San Miguel de Padua, go up with it and engage horses, a good cook, and a couple of reliable mozos. When you have everything ready telegraph me and I'll come up."

"Why can't you come up with me?" Billy demanded.

"I have to see a man, and write some letters and send a cablegram and wait for an answer. I may have to loaf around here for two or three days. By the way, what did you do for that friend I sent to you with the letter of introduction?"

"Exactly what you told me to do, Johnny."

"Where is he now?"

"At El Buen Amigo—the same place where I'm living."

"All right. When you get back to your hostelry, you might tell my friend I shall expect him over to dine with me this evening, if he can manage it."

For an hour they discussed various subjects; then Billy, declaring the siesta was almost over and the shops reopening as a consequence, announced his intention of doing his shopping, said good-bye to Dolores and Webster, and lugubriously departed on the business in hand.

"Why are you in such a hurry, Mr. Webster?" Dolores demanded. "You haven't been in Buenaventura six hours until you've managed to make me perfectly miserable."

"I'm terribly sorry. I didn't mean to."

"Didn't you know Billy Geary is my personal property?"

"No, but I suspected he might be. Bill's generous that way. He never hesitates to give himself to a charming woman."

"This was a case of mutual self-defense. Billy hasn't any standing socially, you know. When old Mrs. General Maldonado lectured me (the dear, aristocratic soul conceived it to be her duty) on the impropriety of appearing on the Malecon with Billy and my guardian, who happens to be Billy's landlady, I tried to explain our American brand of democracy, but failed. So I haven't been invited anywhere since, and life would have been very dull without Billy. He has been a dear—and you have taken him away."

Webster laughed. "Well, be patient, Miss Ruey, and I'll give him back to you with considerable more money than he will require for your joint comfort. Billy in financial distress is a joy forever, but Billy in a top hat and a frock coat on the sunny side of Easy street will be absolutely irresistible."

"He's a darling. Ever since my arrival he has dedicated his life to keeping me amused." She rose. "Despite your wickedness, Mr. Webster, I am going to be good to you. Billy and I always have five o'clock tea here in the veranda. Would you care to come to my tea-party?"

"Nothing could give me greater pleasure," he assured her.

She nodded brightly to him. "I'm going to run up to my room and put some powder on my nose," she explained.

"But you'll return before five o'clock?" Webster was amazed to hear himself plead.

"You do not deserve such consideration, but I'll come back in about twenty minutes," she answered and left him.

As Webster viewed the situation, his decision to see as little as possible of Dolores during his brief stay in Sobrante was a wise one. The less he saw of her (he told himself), the better for his peace of mind, for he was forty years old, and he had never loved before. For him this fever that burned in his blood, this delicious agony that throbbled in his heart—and all on the very ghost of provocation—were so many danger-signals, heralds of that grand passion which, coming to a man of forty, generally lasts him the remainder of his natural existence.

Webster was forced to admit he was afraid of himself. His was the rapidly disappearing code of the old unfettered West, that a man shall never betray his friend in thought, word, or deed. To John Stuart Webster any crime against friendship was the most heinous in all the calendar of human frailty; even to dream of slipping into Billy's shoes now would be monstrous; yet Webster knew he could not afford a test of strength between his ancient friendship for Billy and the masculine desire for a perfect mate. Remained then but one course:

"I must run like a road-runner," was the way Webster expressed it.

CHAPTER X.

Dolores had been gone an hour before Webster roused from his bitter introspection sufficiently to glance at his watch. "Hum-m-m!" he grunted disapprovingly.

"Oh, I've been here fully half an hour," Dolores' voice assured him. He turned guiltily and found her leaning against the jamb in a doorway behind him and farther down the veranda. She was gazing at him with that calm, impersonal yet vitally interested glance that had so captivated him the first time he saw her. "Are you quite finished talking to yourself and fighting imaginary enemies? If so, you might talk to me for a change; I'll even disagree with you on any subject, if opposition will make you any happier."

He rose and indicated the chair. "Please sit down, Miss Ruey. You are altogether disconcerting—too confoundedly smart. I fear I'm going to be afraid of you until I know you better."

She shrugged adorably and took the proffered chair. "That's the Latin in her—that shrug," Webster thought. "I wonder what other mixtures go to make up that perfect whole."

Aloud he said: "So you wanted to study me in repose? Why waste your time? I am never in repose."

"Feminine curiosity, Mr. Webster. Billy has talked so much of you that I wanted to see if you measured up to the specifications. Just let me have your hand, and I'll tell you all about yourself."

"Is there any charge?"

"Yes, a nominal one. However, I guarantee a truthful reading; if, when I am through, you are not wholly satisfied, you do not have to pay the price. Is that a satisfactory arrangement?"

"Right as a fox," he declared, and held out his great calloused hand. He thrilled as she took it in both of hers, so soft and beautiful, and flattened it out, palm upward, on her knee. "A fine, large, useful hand," she commented musingly. "The callouses indicate recent hard manual toil with a pick and shovel; despite your recent efforts with soap and brush and pumice-stone, there still remain evidence of some foreign matter ingrained in those callous spots. This line indicates that you are very brave, gentle, and courteous. You are quick and firm in your decisions, but not always right, because your actions are governed by your heart instead of your head. Once you have made a decision, you are reckless of the consequences. Your lifeline tells me you are close to fifty-three years of age—"

"Seeers, you're shooting high and to the right," he interrupted, for he did not relish that jab about his age. "I'll have you know I was forty years old last month, and that I can still do a hundred yards in twelve seconds flat—in my working clothes."

"Well, don't feel peeved about it, Mr. Webster. I am not infallible; the best you can hope for from me is a high percentage of hits, even if I did shoot high and to the right that time. In point of worldly experience you're a hundred and six years old, but I lopped off fifty per cent. to be on the safe side. To continue. You are of an extremely chivalrous nature—particularly toward young ladies traveling without chaperons; you are kind, affectionate, generous to a fault, something of a spendthrift. One may safely depend upon you to do the unexpected. Your matrimonial line is unbroken, proving you have never married, although right here the line is somewhat dim and frayed." She looked up at him suddenly. "You haven't been in love, have you? she queried with childlike insouciance. "In love—and disappointed?"

He nodded, for he could not trust himself to speak.

"How sad!" she cooed sympathetically. "Did she marry another, or did she die?"

"She—she—yes, she died."

"Cauliflower tongue, in all probability, carried her off, poor thing! However, to your fortune: You are naturally truthful and would not make a deliberate misstatement of fact unless you had a very potent reason for it. You have a strong sense of sportsmanship, and when fairly defeated, whether in a battle of wits or a battle of wits, you never hold a grudge, which is one of the very nicest characteristics a man can have—"

"Or a woman," he suggested feebly.

Enter Don Juan Cafetero, bon vivant and man about town.

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

Tests of a Good Thermometer.

In order to ascertain whether a thermometer is correct or not, it is first plunged into melting ice and then into boiling water; the level of the mercury should indicate upon the scale exactly 32 degrees and 212 degrees Fahrenheit. When inverted the mercury should fall with a sudden click and fill the tube, thus showing the perfect exclusion of air.

When doctors disagree the patient has a fighting chance for his life.

PRESIDENT SAYS TWO WAYS ARE OPEN TO HELP WAR-TORN WORLD

"THIS IS THE TIME WHEN DEMOCRACY SHOULD PROVE ITS PURITY."

AID FOR SOLDIERS IS ASKED

Urges A Revision of the Tax Laws and Pleads for Loan to Armenia.

Washington.—President Woodrow Wilson Tuesday afternoon called on congress to enact legislation which would put the United States in the lead of a movement to make the power of democracy prevail throughout the world.

In his regular message to congress, which was sent to the two houses by messenger. President Wilson said there are two ways in which the United States can lead in establishing the principles of "right makes might" in the world, which are as follows:

1. By offering the example within her own confines of the will and power of democracy to make and enforce laws which are undeniably just and which are equal in their administration.

2. By standing for right and justice as toward individual nations.

The president declared that "the display of an immediate disposition on the part of congress to remedy any injustices or evils that may have shown themselves in our own national life will afford the most effectual offset to the forces of chaos and tyranny which are playing so disastrous a part in the fortunes of free peoples in more than one part of the world."

The president did not mention the peace treaty or league of nations in his message, but submitted the following program to carry out the aims he outlined.

Immediate passage of the budget bill.

Strictest economy in government appropriations.

Immediate revision of tax laws.

Adequate provision for disabled soldiers and sailors.

A government loan to Armenia.

Granting of independence to the Philippines.

TEXT OF MESSAGE

President Wilson's annual message to congress Tuesday follows:

"When I addressed myself to performing the duty laid upon the president by the constitution to present to you an annual report on the state of the union, I found my thought dominated by an immortal sentence of Abraham Lincoln: 'Let us have faith that right makes might and in that faith let us dare to do our duty as we understand it.'"

"A sentence immortal because it embodies in a form of utter simplicity and purity the essential faith of the nation, the faith in which it was conceived and in which it has grown to glory and power. With that faith and the birth of a nation founded upon it came the here into the world that a new order would prevail throughout the affairs of mankind, an order in which reason and right would take precedence of covetousness and force, and I believe that I express the wish and purpose of every thoughtful American when I say that this sentence marks for us in the plainest manner the part we should play alike in the arrangement of our domestic affairs and in our exercise of influence upon the affairs of the world. By this faith, and by this faith alone, can the world be lifted out of its present confusion and despair. It was this faith which prevailed over the wicked force of Germany. You will remember that the beginning of the end of the war came when the German people found themselves face to face with conscience of the world and realized that right was everywhere arrayed against wrong that their government was attempting to perpetrate. I think, therefore, that it is true to say that this was the faith which won the war. Certainly this is the faith which our gallant men went into the field and out upon the seas to make sure of victory.

Democracy Defined

"This is the mission upon which democracy came into the world. Democracy is an assertion of the right of the individual to live and to be treated justly as against any attempt on the part of any combination of individuals to make attempts which will overburden him or which will destroy his equality among his fellows in the matter of right or privilege, and I think we all realize that the day has come when democracy is being put upon its final test. The old world is just now suffering from a wanton rejection of the principle of democracy and a substitution of the principle of autocracy as asserted in the name, but without the authority and sanction of the multitude. This is the time of all others when democracy should prove its purity and its spiritual power to prevail. It is surely the manifest destiny of the United States to lead in the attempt to make this spirit prevail.

"There are two ways in which the United States can assist to accomplish this great object. First, by offering the example within her own borders of the will and power of democracy to make and enforce laws which are unquestionably just, which are equal in administration—laws which secure its full right to labor and yet at the same time safeguard the integrity of property and particularly of that property which is devoted to the development of industry and the increase of the necessary wealth of the world. Second, by standing for right and justice as towards individual nations. The laws of democracy is for the protection of the weak and the influence of

every nation which is struggling towards its right and towards its proper recognition and privilege in the family of nations. The United States can not refuse this role of champion without putting stigma of rejection upon the great and devoted men who brought its government into existence and established it in the face of almost universal opposition and intrigue, even in the face of force, as, for example, against the orders in council of Great Britain and the arbitrary Napoleonic decrees which involved us in what we know as the war of 1812. I urge you to consider that the display of an immediate disposition on the part of the congress to remedy any injustices or evils that may have shown themselves in our own national life will afford the most effectual offset to the forces of chaos and tyranny which are playing so disastrous a part in the fortunes of the free peoples of more than one part of the world. The United States is of necessity the sample democracy of the world and the triumphs of democracy depends upon its success.

The Budget System

"Recovery from disturbing and sometimes disastrous effects of the late war has been exceedingly slow on the other side of the water and has given promise. I venture to say of early completion only in our own fortunate country, but even with us the recovery halts and is impeded at times and there are immediately serviceable acts of legislation which it seems to me we ought to attempt, to assist that recovery and prove the indelible recuperative force of a great government of the people. One of these is to prove that a great democracy can keep house as successfully and in as business-like a fashion as any other government. It seems to me that the first step towards proving this is to supply ourselves with a systematic method of handling our estimates and expenditures, and bringing them to the point where they will not be an unnecessary strain upon our income or necessitate unreasonable taxation. In other words, a workable budget system, and I respectfully suggest that two elements are essential to such a system: namely, not only that the proposal of appropriations should be in the hands of a single body, such as a single appropriations committee in each house of the congress, but also that this body should be brought into such co-operation with the departments of the government and with the treasury of the United States as would enable it to act upon a complete conspectus of the needs of the government and the resources from which it must draw its income. I reluctantly vetoed the budget bill passed by the last session of the congress because of a constitutional objection.

"The house of representatives subsequently modified the bill in order to meet this objection. In the revised form I believe that the bill, coupled with action already taken by the congress to revise its rule and procedure, furnishes the foundations for an effective national budget system. I earnestly hope, therefore, that one of the first steps taken by the present session of the congress will be to pass the budget bill.

Nation's Finances

"The nation's finances have shown marked improvement during the past year. The total ordinary receipts of \$4,424,000,000 for the fiscal year 1920 exceeded those for 1919 by \$1,542,000,000, while the total net ordinary expenditures decreased from \$3,514,000,000 to \$2,032,000,000. The gross public debt, which reached its highest point on August 31, 1919, when it was \$26,596,000,000, had dropped on November 30, 1920, to \$24,175,000,000. There also has been a marked decrease in holdings of government war securities by the banking institutions of the country, as well as in the amount of bills held by the federal reserve banks secured by government war obligations. This favorable result has relieved the banks and left them freer to finance the needs of agriculture, industry and commerce. It has been due in large part to the reduction of the public debt, especially of the floating debt, but more particularly to the improved distribution of government securities among permanent investors.

"The cessation of the government's borrowing, except through short term certificates of indebtedness has been a matter of great consequence to the people of the country at large, as well as to the holders of liberty bonds and victory notes and has had an important bearing on the matter of effective credit control. This year has been characterized by the progressive withdrawal of the treasury from the drumstick credit market and from a position of dominant influence in that market. The future course will necessarily depend upon the extent to which economies are practiced and upon the burdens placed upon the treasury, as well as upon industrial developments and the maintenance of tax receipts at a sufficiently high level.

Fundamental Facts

"The fundamental fact which at present dominates the government's financial situation is that \$7,500,000,000 of its war indebtedness matures within the next two and a half years. Of this amount, \$2,500,000,000 is floating debt and \$5,000,000,000 victory notes and war savings certificates. The fiscal program of the government must be determined with reference to these maturities. Sound policy demands that government expenditures be reduced to the lowest amount which will permit the various services to operate efficiently and that government receipts from taxes and savings be maintained sufficiently high to provide for current requirements, including interest and sinking fund charges on the public debt, and at the same time retire the floating debt and part of the victory loan before maturity. With rigid economy, vigorous savings operations and adequate revenues from taxation, a surplus of current receipts over current expenditures can be realized and should be applied to the floating debt. All branches of the government should co-operate to see that this program is realized.

"I can not overemphasize the necessity in government appropriations and expenditures and the avoidance by the congress of practices which take money from the treasury by indefinite or revolving fund appropriations. The estimates for the present year show that over a billion dollars of expenditures were authorized by the last congress in addition to the amounts shown in the usual compiled statements of appropriations.

Specific Appropriations

This strikingly illustrates the importance of making direct and specific appropriations. The relations between the current receipts and current expenditures of the government during the present fiscal year, as well as during the last half of the last fiscal year, has been disturbed by the extraordinary burdens thrown upon the treasury by the transportation act, in connection with the return of the railroads to provide control. Over \$600,000,000 has already been paid to the railroads under this act—\$350,000,000 during the present fiscal year, and it is estimated that further payments aggregating possibly \$650,000,000 must still be made to the railroads during the current year. It is obvious that these large payments have already seriously limited the government's progress in retiring the floating debt.

"Closely connected with this, it seems to me, is the necessity for the immediate consideration of the revision of our tax laws.

"Simplification of the income and profits taxes has become an immediate necessity. These taxes performed an indispensable service during the war. The need for their simplification, however, is very great, in order to save the taxpayer inconvenience and expense and in order to make his liability more certain and definite. Other and more detailed recommendations with regard to taxes will no doubt be laid before you by the secretary of the treasury and the commissioner of internal revenue.

"It is my privilege to draw to the attention of congress for very sympathetic consideration the problem of providing adequate facilities for the care and treatment of former members of the military and naval forces who are sick or disabled as the result of their participation in the war. These heroic men can never be paid in money or the service they patriotically rendered the nation. Their reward will be rather in realization of the fact that they have vindicated the rights of their country and aided in safeguarding civilization. The nation's gratitude must be effectively revealed to them by the most ample provision for their medical care and treatment as well as for their vocational training and placement. The time has come when a more complete program can be formulated and more satisfactorily administered for their treatment and training, and I earnestly urge that the congress give the matter its early consideration.

"The secretary of the treasury and the board for vocational education will outline in their annual reports proposals covering medical care and rehabilitation which I am sure will engage our earnest study and command your most generous support.

Promote Agriculture

"Permit me to emphasize once more the need for action upon certain matters upon which I dwell at some length in my message to the second session of the sixty-sixth congress. The necessity, for example, of encouraging the manufacture of dyes and related chemicals, the importance of doing everything possible to promote agricultural production along economic lines, to improve agricultural marketing and to make rural life more attractive and healthful; the need for a law regulating cold storage in such a way as to limit the time during which goods may be kept in storage, prescribing the method of disposing of them if kept beyond the permitted period and requiring goods released from storage in all cases to bear the date of their receipt.

"It would also be most serviceable if it were provided that all goods released from cold storage for interstate shipment should have plainly marked upon each package the selling or market price at which they went into storage, in order that the purchaser might be able to learn what profits stood between him and the producer or the wholesale dealer. Instead, it would be very serviceable to the public if all goods destined for interstate commerce were made to carry upon every packing case whose form made it possible a plain statement of the price at which they left the hands of the producer. I respectfully call your attention, also, to the recommendations of a message referred to with regard to a federal license for all corporations engaged in interstate commerce.

"In brief, the immediate legislative need of the time is the removal of all obstacles to the realization of the best ambitions of our people in their several classes of employment and the strengthening of all instrumentalities by which difficulties are to be met and removed and justice dealt out whether by law or by some form of mediation and conciliation. I do not feel it to be my privilege at present to suggest the detailed and particular methods by which these objects may be attained, but I have faith that the inquiries of your several committees will discover the way and the method.

Loan for Armenia

"In response to what I believe to be the impulse of sympathy and opinion throughout the United States, I earnestly suggest that the congress authorize the treasury of the United States to make to the struggling government of Armenia such a loan as was made on several of the allied governments during the war, and I would also suggest that it would be desirable to provide in the legislation itself that the expenditure of the money thus loaned should be under the supervision of a commission or at least a commissioner from the United States, in order that evolutionary tendencies within an Armenian itself might not be afforded by the loan a further tempting opportunity. Allow me to call your attention to the fact that the people of the Philippine Islands have succeeded in maintaining a stable government since the last action of the congress in their behalf and have thus fulfilled the condition set by the congress as precedent to a consideration of granting independence to the islands. I respectfully submit that this condition precedent having been fulfilled, it is now our liberty and our duty to keep our promise to the people of those islands by granting them the independence which they so honorably covet.

"I have not so much laid before you a series of recommendations, gentlemen, as sought to utter a confession of faith, of the faith in which I was bred and which it is my solemn purpose to stand by until my last fighting day. I believe this to be the faith of America, the faith of the future and of all the victories which await national action in the days to come, whether in America or elsewhere."

DODSON STOPS SALE OF CALOMEL

"Dodson's Liver Tone" is Taking Place of Dangerous, Sickening Chemical, Say Druggists

Every druggist in town has noticed a great falling off in the sale of calomel. They all give the same reason. Dodson's Liver Tone is taking its place.

"Calomel is dangerous and people know it." Dodson's Liver Tone is personally guaranteed by every druggist who sells it. A large bottle doesn't cost very much but if it fails to give easy relief in every case of liver sluggishness and constipation, just ask for your money back.

It's harder for a young man to question her pop than it is to pop the question.

The place for charity, like that of God, is everywhere.

Dodson's Liver Tone is a pleasant-tasting, purely vegetable remedy, harmless to both children and adults. Take a spoonful at night and wake up feeling fine; no biliousness, sick headache, acid stomach or constipated bowels. It doesn't gripe or cause inconvenience all the next day like violent calomel. Take a dose of calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak, sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day.—Adv.

Some machines have automatic attachments and some have sheriff's attachments.

The fool man and the wise trout are slow in catching on.

Kill That Cold With

HILL'S CASCARA QUININE BROMIDE AND La Grippe

Neglected Colds are Dangerous. Take no chances. Keep this standard remedy handy for the first sneeze. Breaks up a cold in 24 hours—Relieves Grippe in 3 days—Excellent for Headache. Quinine in this form does not affect the head—Cascara is best Tonic Laxative—No Opium in Hill's.

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We Must Guard Our Girls

On the threshold of womanhood comes the crisis which means health or invalidism. Three generations ago an old southern doctor wrote a prescription for the ills of women, which has been known to fame as "Stella Vitae" has been the right thing at the right time for thousands of young girls, down to the present day. Try it for YOUR daughter. Money refunded if FIRST BOTTLE does not benefit. At your drug store.

Saved An Operation

MR. W. F. NELSON, a merchant of Hixon, Tenn., says: That the daughter of one of his neighbors, Mr. James Roberts, was in such a condition with female trouble that an operation was advised, and the young lady was sent to Chattanooga for its performance. She dreaded the operation, and STELLA VITAE having been recommended, decided to try that first. She has taken six bottles and is happily on the road to recovery. She is able to do her usual work and is in better health than for years before, but continues to use it. She writes: "STELLA VITAE will do all you claim." Her father says "She began to improve at once, after taking STELLA VITAE."

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The above sent by prepaid insured parcel post. Also all kinds of tents, cots, comforts, mattresses, new shoes, etc. Write for our complete price list. Satisfaction guaranteed or money refunded upon return of goods. We are the largest dealers in army goods in Texas, Louisiana and Oklahoma. We purchase direct from the Government. Order from the nearest store and save freight or express. Our stores are located as follows:

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Toytown Opening

Our display of toys for the little folks is now ready. Better make your selections before they are all picked over. They are marked at a price you can afford to pay.



We are going to offer beginning today **EXTRA SPECIAL** prices on **LADIES' COATS, COAT SUITS, SILK DRESSES** and **SWEATERS, MEN'S AND BOY'S SUITS** and **OVERCOATS, MACINAWS** and **SWEATERS**, Outing, Cotton flannel and bleach domestic. In fact, we are going to give **BIG REDUCTIONS** on our entire stock of dry goods up to and including December 24th. Be sure to look our stock over and get prices before you buy. We will save you Money.

FOR EVERYBODY---YOUNG AND OLD

You will find our store Christmas Headquarters for a full assortment of Gift Goods in practical, appropriate things for the whole family. Let us help you select them.

FOR MOTHER:	FOR SISTER:	FOR FATHER:	FOR BROTHER:	FOR SWEETHEART:	FOR A JOLLY OLD FRIEND:	FOR BABY GIRL:
BATH ROBES	BATH ROBES	OVERCOAT	OVERCOAT	BATH ROBES	OVERCOAT	RATTLERS
BATH SETS	COAT SUITS	SUITS	MACKINAW	BLOUSES	MACKINAW	DOLLS
HOUSE SLIPPERS	COATS	HATS	SUITS	CAPS	SUIT	BABY PINS
KIMONOS	SWEATERS	CAPS	SWEATERS	HAIR RIBBONS	SWEATER	MITTENS
BLOUSES	BLOUSES	SHOES	CAPS	HAIR ORNAMENTS	CAPS	SHOES
SWEATERS	CAPS	HOUSE SLIPPERS	HATS	TOILET GOODS	HATS	HOSIERY
COAT SUITS	HAIR RIBBONS	BATH ROBES	TIES	VEILS	TIES	COATS
COATS	HAIR ORNAMENTS	PAJAMAS	COLLARS	BEADS	COLLARS	DRESSES
CAPS	TOILET GOODS	SHIRTS	HOSIERY	JEWELRY	SHIRTS	STAMPED GOODS
BEADS	HOSIERY	COLLARS	SHOES	FUR SETS	HOSIERY	CAPES
HAND BAGS	HOSE SUPPORTERS	TIES	HOSE SUPPORTERS	TIES	SHOES	LACES
HANDKERCHIEFS	VEILS	CUFF BUTTONS	PAJAMAS	SHOES	PAJAMAS	TOWELS
COLLARS	SILK PETTICOATS	COLLAR BUTTONS	BATH ROBES	SHOES	HOSE SUPPORTERS	SWEATERS
TIES	BEADS	TIE CLASPS	CUFF BUTTONS	SHOES	BATH ROBES	BATH SETS
HOSIERY	JEWELRY	HANDKERCHIEFS	COLLAR BUTTONS	SHOES	CUFF BUTTONS	
HOSE SUPPORTERS	COLLARS	HOSIERY	TIE CLASPS	SHOES	COLLAR BUTTONS	
TOWELS	TIES	GLOVES	STICK PINS	SHOES	TIE CLASPS	
HAIR ORNAMENTS	BATH SETS	UNDERWEAR	BATH SETS	SHOES	STICK PINS	
TABLE LINENS	HAND BAGS	HOSE SUPPORTERS	BELTS	SHOES	BELTS	
TOILET GOODS	TOWELS	SWEATERS	SUSPENDERS	SHOES	HAND GRIPS	
VEILS	CAMISOLES	SUSPENDERS	TRUNKS	SHOES	SUSPENDERS	
TABLE SCARFS	GLOVES	BELTS	SUIT CASES	SHOES	SUIT CASES	
GLOVES	HANDKERCHIEFS	HAND GRIPS				
CAMISOLES	HOUSE SLIPPERS					
JEWELRY	SHOES					
COMFORTS	TRUNKS					
BLANKETS	SUIT CASES					

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MANY OTHER ITEMS TOO NUMEROUS TO MENTION.



Mrs. Holland Entertains Civic and Culture Club.

The last meeting of the Civic and Culture Club, until after the Yuletide festivities have ceased, was held at the home of Mrs. B. M. Holland. The subject of the afternoon's lesson was "The Holy Land." After each member responded to roll call with a passage of scripture about any place in the Holy Land, Miss Blankenship, who was leader, took charge of the program. She quickly and enthusiastically held the attention of the club members by rapid questions concerning many places in the Holy Land.

Those who had special assignments for the day's study were Mesdames Wallace, Green and Schmidt.

The Holy Land was of peculiar interest as the lesson on this subject came near Christmas time and refreshed many incidents which are told in Biblical History of the Jordan River, Bethany, Nazareth, Jerusalem, Church of the Nativity, Joppa, Dead Sea and Bethlehem.

Delicious refreshments of boiled ham, sweet pickles, saratoga chips, hot rolls and coffee with whipped cream were served by the hostess.

The guests very reluctantly bid Mrs. Holland good-bye, for the lesson and the entertainment had been all too short for such an interesting subject as "The Holy Land."

Mrs. Knox Culton Gives Complimentary Line Party.

The following item was taken from a recent issue of the Amarillo Daily Tribune and will be of interest to local readers:

"In compliment to Mrs. L. B. Parker and Mrs. W. H. McKirahan of Slaton and Mrs. Herbert A. Tait and Mrs. Wm. Call, former Slatonites en route to Battle Creek, Michigan, where they will make their future home, Mrs. Knox Culton entertained with a line party at the Deandi Theatre Saturday afternoon. After seeing "Drag Harlan," featuring William Farnum and the vaudeville, the Merry Madcaps, the party repaired to The Blue Room, where a delicious refreshment course was served."

Martin-Jordan.

Hubert Martin and Miss Vera Jordan were united in marriage at Lubbock on Dec. 8. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Jordan of this city, and has surrounded herself by a large circle of warm friends. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Martin of Roswell, N. M. The newly-weds left Wednesday in their car for Roswell, where they will reside in future.

Delightful Entertainment.

On Saturday evening, Dec. 4, Mrs. J. E. Eckert, assisted by Mesdames Joe Montgomery and N. G. Whipple, delightfully entertained members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen and their ladies, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Eckert.

Progressive "42" was the diversion of the evening. High score honors were awarded to Mrs. Will Ivey and Mr. Eckert.

Delicious cake and brick cream were served to the following: Mr. and Mrs. L. O. Johnson, Mrs. Atwood, Mr. and Mrs. Will Ivey, Mrs. L. J. Ivey, Mrs. Morris, Mr. and Mrs. C. S. Greer, Mrs. Whalen, Mrs. G. G. Thompson, Mrs. Joe Montgomery, Mr. and Mrs. N. G. Whipple, and Mrs. J. M. Hannan. A GUEST.

Johnson-Gentry.

Tom Johnson and Miss Vera Gentry were quietly married on Thursday afternoon, Dec. 9, at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gentry. Rev. A. V. Hendricks, pastor of the Methodist church, officiated at the wedding. The bride in this happy event is a granddaughter of N. C.

No Need to Feel So Bad About It



You can build another home, providing you're insured—as you surely ought to be. No property owner should be without a policy of fire insurance, for he never knows when disaster may overtake him. Let me write the policy for you in reliable companies.

I also represent the International Life Insurance Co. of St. Louis, and the best Loan Co. in existence, giving you money at 3 per cent. Investigate it.

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FIRE AND LIFE INSURANCE,
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Office Rear of First State Bank.

Gentry, one of Slaton's most honored citizens. The newly-weds have gone to housekeeping in the Posey community.

Mrs. M. D. Jones Entertains.

A number of the young people were delightfully entertained at the home of Mr. and Mrs. M. D. Jones on last Friday evening. Phonograph music and various games were enjoyed. Refreshments of nut and apple sandwiches, cake and hot chocolate were served.

Missionary Society.

Woman's Missionary Society meets Monday afternoon at the parsonage with the following program:

Social Service, The Child Worker. Hymn 112. Bible lesson: "Christ the Real Solution of the World's Need."

Prayer. Business. Missionary News, Mrs. McReynolds. Hymn 121.

Topic: "The Child's New Day," Mrs. Sam McDonald.

Reading: "The Child," Mrs. A. L. Robertson.

Prayer: That as a nation we may no longer permit the sapping of our child life, the stunting of little bodies, the dwarfing of young souls; that employers of labor may refuse to profit by such sacrifice of the nation's future life; that all little children may have a chance to grow in strength and beauty.

Curtis Wasson Entertains.

Curtis Wasson entertained a number of young people at the home of his parents, Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wasson, last Saturday night. A number of games were enjoyed. Refreshments of cocoa and cake were served. Those present were: Alline Tucker, Frankie Trammell, Virgie Mason, Bessie Adams, Reta Connor, Louise Whitaker, Audrey Marriott, Birl Abel; Dale Watson, Wilson McKirahan, Sig Connor, Manning Mason, Rector Jordan, Willie Pohl, Johnnie Burkley.

INFANT MR. AND MRS. J. D. GALE DIED SUNDAY NIGHT

Vernice Belle, two months' old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Gale, died at the family home in East Slaton Sunday night after a brief illness of pneumonia.

Funeral services were conducted at the home Monday afternoon by Rev. A. V. Hendricks. Burial followed in Slaton cemetery.

"She was a little sunbeam
That shone upon our way
And cheered us but a short time
Ere its brightness passed away."

"She was a little meteor
That darted through the skies,
And left us gazing as she passed,
With sad and weeping eyes."

"She was a little birdling,
Whose merry little song
Was warbled but a little while,
To be remembered long."

"She was a little angel,
Just on her way to heaven,
And stopped to tell us that our babes
Are only lent, not given."

"She was everything that's beautiful,
And everything that's bright,
She made our life a sunny day,
And then a starless night."

Streets Are Receiving Attention.

The "city dads" are having Slaton's streets put in first-class condition. A number of new streets are also being graded. The work is being done by one of the heavy county graders under the supervision of H. D. Talley, commissioner.

SLATONITE WILL BE PRINTED WEDNESDAY OF NEXT WEEK

On account of the approaching holidays the Slatonite will be printed on Wednesday of next week. Articles and advertisements for the paper should be sent in Monday to receive proper insertion.

W. J. WEST OF WILSON KILLED BY ACCIDENTAL DISCHARGE OF GUN

Wilson, Texas, Dec. 13.—W. J. West, 50 years old, a prominent Lynn county farmer residing near this city, was accidentally killed near his home late yesterday.

Mr. West was crawling through a fence with a loaded shotgun which in some manner went off, the charge entering the back of his head and death presumably resulting instantly. The body was first discovered by a section hand along the railroad.

The deceased is survived by his wife and several sons and daughters, all grown. The funeral services took place Monday, and burial followed in the Tahoka cemetery.

FORTY GAMBLERS ARRESTED IN LUBBOCK IN ONE NIGHT

Lubbock, Dec. 14.—Open season was declared on the devotees of African golf and other woeful of the fickle goddess of chance last Saturday night when Constables Ray, McCullough, Hyatt and Halbert made forty arrests for gambling with cards and dice. Most of those arrested were negroes, including sixteen who were unable to pay their fines and have been lodged in jail. Twenty-four paid fines of \$20.70 each.

My motto: "Live and LET LIVE." I will save you money on your paint and paper and do the work at living prices. See me. E. A. GALE.

The famous Haynes underwear, \$3 union suits now \$2 cash. DeLONG.

PERSONAL MENTION.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Hancock Dec. 14, a boy.

Get your Christmas candies, nuts, etc. at Teague's Confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Whited are entertaining a boy born to them Dec. 15.

A. J. Payne was among the business visitors in Lubbock Monday.

City Marshal E. P. Nix was transacting business in Lubbock Monday.

MODERN 3-room house for sale at bargain.—W. DONALD.

Mrs. Lee Green was among the visitors in Lubbock Monday.

Men's heavy khaki pants, value \$4.50, now \$3.00 at DeLong's.

B. M. Holland, cashier of the Slaton State Bank, was in Lubbock Tuesday.

M. L. Cannon was among the business visitors in Lubbock Wednesday.

M. D. Jones was a business visitor in Lubbock Wednesday.

Silk and wool underwear at 25 per cent off at DeLong's.

Mrs. Fred Schmidt spent Monday in Lubbock the guest of friends.

Mrs. W. B. Montague was a visitor in Lubbock Monday afternoon.

Get your Christmas candies, nuts, etc. at Teague's Confectionery.

Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Crouch are the proud parents of a boy born to them on Dec. 9th.

I will loan you money at 3 per cent per annum. Investigate my proposition.—C. J. RUSSELL, Agent.

Mr. and Mrs. L. F. Craft of Ralls spent Sunday in Slaton visiting the latter's mother, Mrs. M. A. Evans.

J. E. McReynolds of Trinidad, Colo., has been here for several days visiting his son, Robbie McReynolds.

If you want to borrow money to buy or build a home see me.—C. J. RUSSELL, Real Estate, Insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Shelby are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine boy at their home last week.

A little son of Mr. and Mrs. L. E. Brasfield fell and broke both bones in one of his arms on Dec. 14th.

If you want to borrow money to buy or build a home see me.—C. J. RUSSELL, Real Estate, Insurance.

Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Shankle were among the visitors in Lubbock Monday.

Louie Fuller of Austin, head of the Fuller Construction Co. of Houston, and owner of the Slaton electric light plant, was here Sunday.

We handle many things that will make suitable holiday gifts. Be sure to inspect our stock before you buy. TEAGUE'S CONFECTIONERY.

Mrs. B. M. Holland and son Manning, left Monday for Waco to spend the holidays with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Manning.

S. L. Forrest of Ralls was transacting business in Slaton Wednesday and visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. S. Forrest.

J. E. Kuykendall, manager of the store of the Industrial Transportation Co., has been in Stamford for the past two weeks on business connected with this company.

Judge and Mrs. R. A. Baldwin are entertaining a fine daughter at their home born to them on Dec. 14.

The Methodist congregation will hereafter meet in the basement of the new church. Sunday School and preaching services will be held there next Sunday.

COTTON PICKERS WANTED. Will pay \$1.50 per hundred and furnish a way from town and back. Have large field that has never been picked over. Call E. E. WILSON.

N. P. Gentry, residing west of Slaton, was run over by a team of mules Wednesday and sustained several broken ribs and other painful injuries.

He was attended by a doctor and is reported resting well.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Brewer and children left Thursday for Arlington, their old home, where they will reside in future. They leave many friends here who regret to see them leave, but wish them much success wherever they go.

Mr. and Mrs. Irvin M. Brewer left last week for Dallas to make their future home. They have a host of warm friends in Slaton who regret to see them leave, but wish them much happiness and prosperity in their new home.

Card of Thanks.

We desire to thank our friends and neighbors for their many kind deeds and expressions of sympathy during the illness and after the death of our darling daughter, Vernice Belle. May God's richest blessings ever be with you. MR. AND MRS. J. D. GALE.

PLAYER PIANO FOR SALE.

We have in Slaton a brand new Player Piano, standard make, which we will sell at a sacrifice rather than re-ship. If you want a real bargain, write us at once. ADAMS-ALLCORN PIANO CO. 416 Austin St., Waco, Texas.

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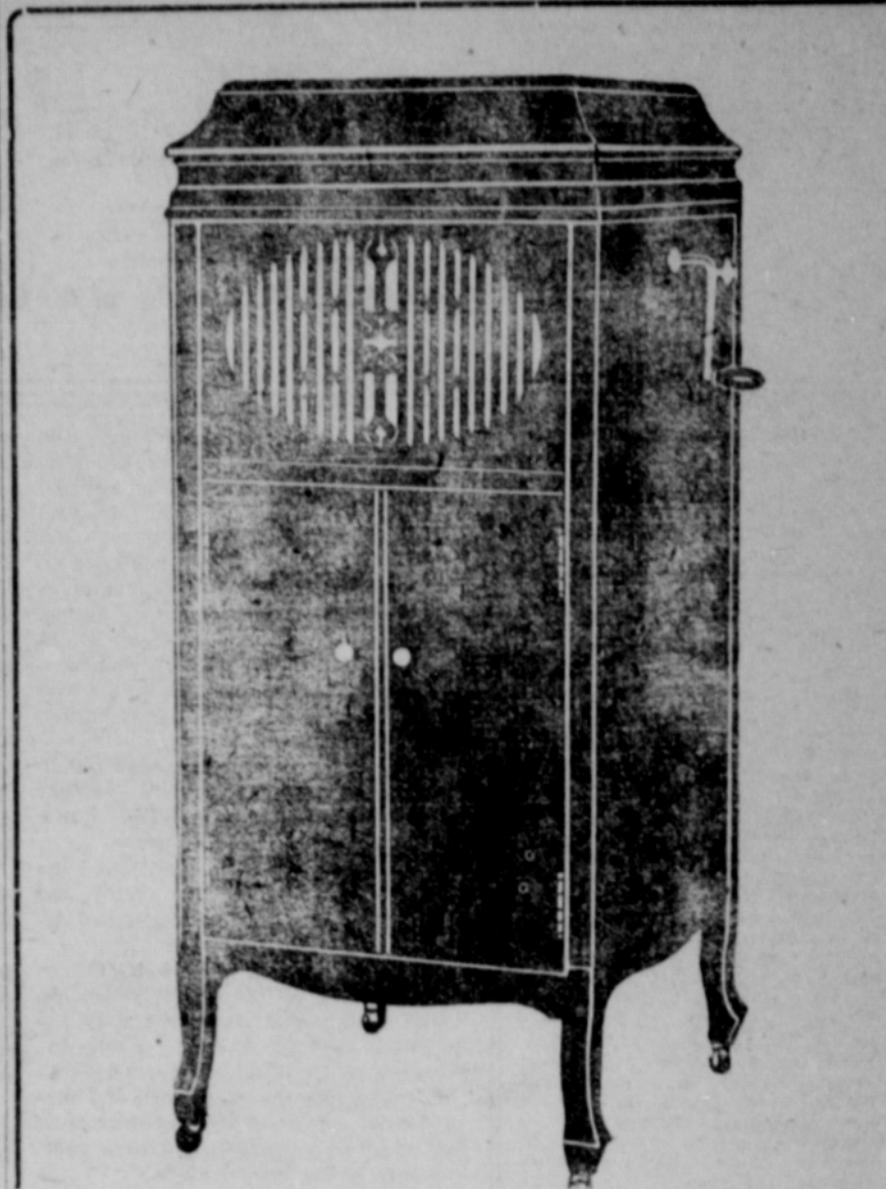
WALL PAPER for sale at big saving. Call at my residence. I also hang paper. Satisfaction guaranteed.—M. B. TATE, Slaton, Texas.

FOR SALE OR TRADE: Five-passenger Overland. See DR. W. A. TUCKER.

FOR SALE: 40 Rhode Island Red young hens and pullets. G. L. Sledge.

FOR SALE: Jersey cow, heifer calf, and fat hog. W. A. HAMILTON, 5 miles south of Southland.

REWARD: For information leading to the recovery of shotgun taken out of Carl Weaver's room at Singleton Hotel about Nov. 1. W. H. WEAVER.



Christmas Joy!

Music that charms, music that soothes, music that exalts and inspires, music that sets the pulses leaping with swaying rhythms—that is why music is typical of the joy spirit of Christmastide.

Wreaths, gifts, candles and even trees are not more expressive of the real holiday spirit than music.

The Brunswick opens wide to you all the greatest music the world has produced.

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The new Brunswick method of reproduction permits you to play records of any style and make. The Ultona—a scientific creation—is an all-in-one reproducer for playing any record. The all-wood oval tone amplifier is the vibrant throat of the instrument which gives to the tone of The Brunswick its rich, velvety resonance and sweetness.

Shop Early—Shop Here

Come and hear The Brunswick—it is the only way to judge the superiority of this superb phonograph. And come early if you want your Brunswick delivered in plenty of time for Christmas.

HAVE YOU HEARD BRUNSWICK RECORDS?

ROBERTSON'S

"A THOUSAND TO ONE" AT WILSELMA CHRISTMAS

Of course the public knows of Hobart Bosworth primarily as "The Sea Wolf"—a "Jack London man" of the seas, the rockbound coasts and fierce conquests.

But a different view of Hobart Bosworth is to be afforded at the Wilselma Theatre Christmas, matinee and night. For in "A Thousand to One," a supreme picture of Hobart Bosworth as a versatile artist is offered.

One of the features in the drama is a fracas which takes place at the mouth of a mine and in which Bosworth holds at a number of enraged bullies. His chief fistic opponent, however, is in private life Fred Kohler, who plays the role of Donnelly in the picture. Kohler is a well-known wrestler and fistic champion and there is more of the real than the reel element in the tussle between the two square-shouldered battlers.

This picture will not be released until the 19th of this month and Messrs. Williams and Selmon will be the first to run it.

In connection with the Christmas tree to be held at the Theatre on Friday night, Mr. Williams states that if any others in town are interested

In joining him in this movement that he would like to meet with a committee in order that the final details could be arranged. He states that the arrangement of the trees would not interfere with his program that night and that he would close early enough for every one to attend whether they came in time for the show or not.

MRS. KATHERINE PRINE DIED WEDNESDAY P.

Mrs. Katherine Prine, aged 51 years, wife of M. L. Prine, died at the family home in the west part of town Wednesday afternoon. She has been in failing health for a long time.

The family moved to Slaton about seven months ago from California.

Deceased was a consistent member of the Methodist church. Funeral services were held at the home Thursday afternoon by her pastor, Rev. A. V. Hendricks. Burial followed in Slaton cemetery.

The Slatonite joins in extending condolence to the bereaved husband and other relatives.

If you want to borrow money to buy or build a home see me.—C. J. RUSSELL, Real Estate, Insurance.

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A farce comedy recently opened in New York with the title, "The Merchant of Venice!" The critics praised it and it was apparently destined for a long run, but despite the fact it was in the smallest theater in town very small audiences came. The manager discovered that people thought it was a burlesque of a Shakespearean play. He changed the name to "Because of Helen!" and the theater was filled every night thereafter.—Atlanta Constitution.

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Natural Talent.

"What is this imposing structure?"

"A school of expression."

"A stout woman seems to be having an argument with an ice man at the side entrance."

"That's the cook. When the ice man gives her short weight, she can express more in a few minutes than the head of the school can in a week, although she has never studied elocution a day in her life."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Sore Eyes, Blood-Shot Eyes, Watery Eyes, Sticky Eyes, all healed promptly with nightly applications of Roman Eye Balsam.—Adv.

The constant effort to keep the desire alive increases the capacity to realize the vision.

No one is ever so friendless that he cannot find some one to jolly him along.—Hamilton Herald.

ON THE FUNNY SIDE



DEFINED.

"Pa, what's meant by 'gay insouciance'?"

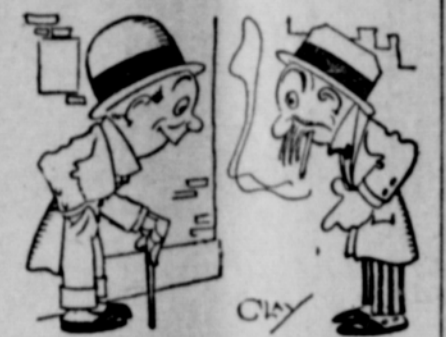
"Did you ever see a man in a motor-car nearly run down a pedestrian in the street?"

"Yes, pa."

"And did you notice how the motorist acted when the pedestrian shook his fist at him?"

"Oh, yes, pa."

"Well, that, my son, is a very common example of gay insouciance."



IT ALL DEPENDS

"What is a living wage?"

"That depends."

"On what?"

"Whether you live in a cottage or an automobile."

Campaign Fund.

If every word of blame so rash
And every word of praise
Could represent one dollar, cash,
Oh, what a fund we'd raise!

Higher Mathematics.

"Is there any such thing as squaring the circle?"

"I don't know," answered the busy campaigner, "but I'm going to try it. When the opposition candidate has swung around the circle, I'm going to follow him up and see if I can't square it for our party."

The Modern Way.

Mrs. Beyer—What is the trend of styles in house furnishings at the present time?

Mrs. Seller—Ultra-antique. I should call it. Folks don't have house-room for anything more than the aboriginal kettle and a place to sleep.—Life.

No Challenge.

"I know a man who makes me tired by always offering to bet on the profit he makes in his business."

"Why don't you make him put up or shut up?"

"He does both. He manufactures umbrellas."

His Case.

"I heard the groom was ill who did not show up at the wedding. What was his trouble?"

"I guess it was a case of heart failure."

Elastic Terms.

"Here's a funny thing."

"What's funny?"

"An airship company says it intends to do a land office business."



ALL ALIKE

"Y" say your sister's waiting for me?"

"She's waitin' for some feller. You look lik' an easy mark so I guess you're the one."

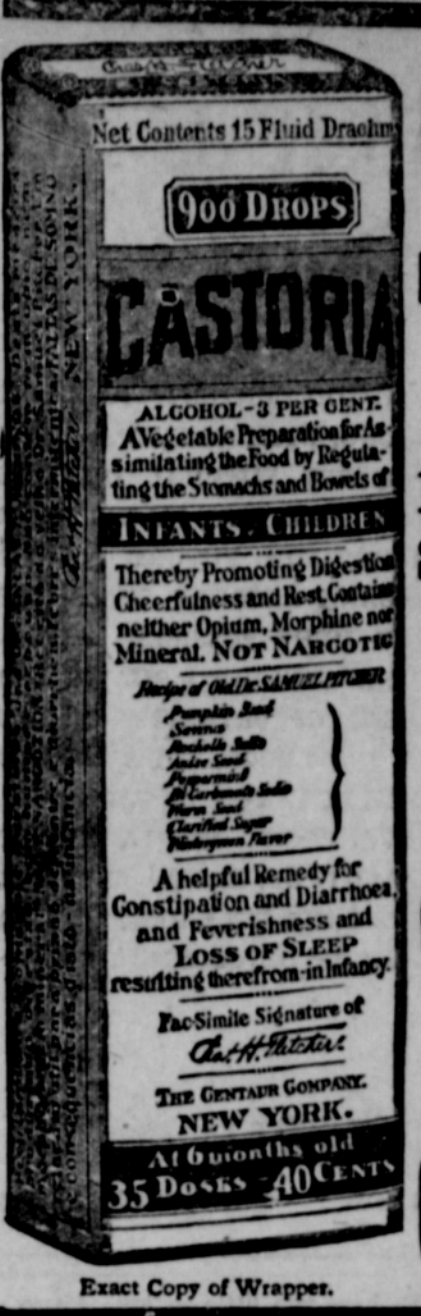
Test of Scholarship.

Although to study I may turn
And strive to be a pupil smart,
I know that I shall never learn
All of the traffic rules by heart.

The Long List of Promises.

"So their honeymoon is over?"

"I fancy so. She's started in to remind him of all the wonderful things he promised to do for her if she would only marry him."



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Sure Relief

6 BELL-ANS Hot water Sure Relief

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it. A prominent druggist says "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy has so large a sale."

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Men whose occupations are confining; who are overburdened with business cares; who sense the waning of their mental and physical powers, may forestall an early decline and add years of usefulness to their lives by the proper and consistent use of FORCE.

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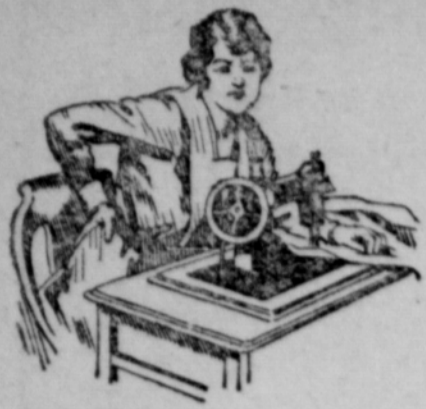
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IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. P. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 19

THE BIRTH OF JESUS.

LESSON TEXT—Luke 2:1-20. GOLDEN TEXT—For unto you is born this day in the city of David, a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord.—Luke 2:11.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Matt. 1 and 2. PRIMARY TOPIC—The Gift of the Baby Jesus.

JUNIOR TOPIC—The Shepherd and the Angels.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—A Savior Born.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Significance of the Incarnation.

I. The Birth of the Savior (vv. 1-7).

1. The time of (vv. 1, 2). It was at a time when the Jews were coming under control of the Roman power. In the providence of God, the birth of Christ occurred at a time when all the systems of religion and morality were tottering upon their foundations. It was at a time, indeed, when a new force was needed to be brought into the world. Furthermore, it occurred at a time which was the most suitable for the introduction of the gospel. The whole world being under one rule made it possible for ministers to move from city to city and from country to country without molestation.

2. The place of (vv. 3, 4). It took place at Bethlehem as the prophet had foretold some seven hundred years before (Micah 5:2). A little while previous to this it seemed very unlikely that the words of Micah would come true. Mary, the mother of Jesus, was in Galilee, miles away from Jerusalem. God moved the emperor to enforce the decree of taxation just at the time to cause Mary to be at Bethlehem at the proper time. Little did the emperor realize that he was an instrument in the hands of God to carry this out.

3. The circumstances of His birth (v. 7). The surroundings were the most humble sort. The Almighty Creator condescended to take upon Himself humanity—to be born in a manger, becoming the poorest of the poor, that none might be hindered from coming to Him.

II. The Birth of the Savior Announced (vv. 8-14).

1. To whom (v. 8). His birth was announced to the shepherds who were keeping watch over their flocks by night. The glorious gospel message was first sounded forth to them. This shows that poverty is no barrier to the reception of the blessed gospel. God does not reveal Himself mainly to the princes and great men of the earth, but oftentimes these things are concealed from such, and disclosed to the poor. "Hath not God chosen the poor of this world, rich in faith and heirs of the kingdom, which he hath promised to them that love him?" (James 2:5). Their being busy with the duties of this life did not prevent them from being favored with this glorious message from God. Moses, Gideon, Amos and Elisha were called by the Lord from the busy activities of life. The Lord never calls the idle; he has no use for the lazy man.

2. By whom (v. 9). The first gospel sermon was preached by the angel of the Lord. This exalted being has part in the announcement of the plan of salvation. No doubt angels earnestly sympathize with poor, fallen, sin-cursed men.

3. The nature of the message (vv. 10-14). It was good tidings of great joy. Surely this was a glad message. It was good tidings because the darkness of heathendom which had for so long covered the earth was beginning to vanish. The casting out of Satan, the prince of the world, was about to take place. Liberty was now soon to be proclaimed to those who were in bondage. The way of salvation was now about to be opened to all. No longer was the knowledge of God to be confined to the Jews, but offered to the whole world. So glorious was this good news that a multitude of the heavenly hosts appeared, joining in the song of praise.

III. The Prompt Investigation of the Shepherds (vv. 15, 16).

They did not stop to argue or question, though no doubt these things seemed passing strange to them, but they hastily went to Bethlehem where they found everything just as represented. They had the privilege of first gazing upon the world's Savior, the Lord of glory. They returned with gratitude to their hearts, praising God for all these wonderful things which He had revealed to them.

IV. The Shepherds Witnessing (vv. 17-20).

They could not remain silent. They were impelled to tell the good news. All who have truly heard the good tidings of salvation through Jesus Christ must tell it to others. These shepherds went back to their work praising God.



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His Business.

"Is he a man of good habits?"
"He has to be; he makes riding ones for ladies."

Odd Result.

"They say poetry don't go now."
"That's queer, considering it is made up of feet."

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Ten p. m. There was a lot to do at the office, and, despite the lateness of the hour, the staff still at work.

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"Not exactly a complaint, sir," said the other, "but there's just one little matter about which I should like to speak to you."

"I gave you more money the other day," growled the chief. "What do you want this time? Shorter hours, eh?"

"Oh, no—no sir! I do not feel it incumbent on me, I assure you, in any way to tamper with our present quite excellent chronological system. For my part, I am perfectly content that the hours should retain their present length. All I wish is—er—fewer of them as applied to my daily period of work."—Houston Post.

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Getting Ahead

If we think we can't get ahead financially, we never will—that's sure. Nobody ever did anything that he really thought he couldn't do. But we all can get ahead, if the will is aroused in that direction—and if we persistently hold to it, despite the "pulls" to spend on every hand.

First, get the confidence that we can get ahead, if we will. Then will to do it, and translate this into acts. "Acts" include not doing things, as well as doing things. Every day will bring opportunities for exercise, both ways.

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W. B. RUSSELL, Asst. Cashier

OLD SANTA WRITES SLATONITE.

Toyland, Dec. 15.—The Slatonite, Slaton, Texas. I am enclosing check on the Yuletide Bank of Toyland for \$2.00 to renew my subscription to your paper for another year. I read the last issue with much pleasure and noticed that there were several good little boys and girls in Slaton who were looking forward to my visit to your city on the night of December 24. Of course I will be there, and expect to arrive somewhere between 10 and 12 o'clock on that night. I have been very busy for some time polishing up my toys and getting everything ready for my visit to Slaton. Tell all the good little boys and girls there to have their stockings ready on Christmas eve night, but better still, tell them to get a nice little cedar tree from the canyon and have it all set up in some convenient room in the house so that I can decorate it for them with toys and other things dear to the childish hearts.

OLD SANTA CLAUS.
P. S. Fire crackers are scarce this year, so don't expect many. Besides Mayor Payne and the other city dads have told me that it was against the law to shoot fireworks on the streets, so be careful if I should bring you any.

Nice Little Girl.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little 7 years old and I go to school and have been real nice. So please don't forget me. You have so many pretties I don't hardly know what I want. So bring just what you want to; only bring lots of candy, nuts and fruits. Your friend,
LEON NIVENS.

Don't Forget Like Daddy Does.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy four years old. I want you to bring me a little gun and a ball, some candy, nuts and all kinds of fruit. Now Santa be sure and not forget nothing like Daddy does. Your little friend,
JACK NIVENS.

Broke One of His Arms.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 6 years old. I am trying to be very good. I broke one of my arms today, but Dr. Adams fixed it. I want you to bring me some fire crackers, a gun, and some candy, fruit and nuts. Don't forget my little sisters, and big brother. Your friend,
PAUL BRASFIELD.

He Will Not Forget You.

Dear Santa Claus: I would be very glad to get anything you bring me, but most of all I want a little car and some candy and fruit. I am seven years old and go to school. Sister is four years old and don't go to school, but wants to go. She wants a doll buggy and also some candy and fruit. Your little friends,
ROZEL AND DELORUS COZBY.

No, Toys Are Scarce.

Dear Santa: I have three little brothers. I am going to tell you what we are expecting Christmas. Leon wants a little tricycle and a knife and some fire crackers. Micky wants a train, a knife and fire crackers. H. A. wants a kiddie kar, a teddy bear, some candy. I want an air gun, a knife and a dozen roman candles. Of course you always bring nuts, fruits and candy. Mama says you can't have many toys this year so I won't ask for any more, so other little children can have something. Your little friend,
FLOYD WORKMAN.

Bring Little Sisters Something.

Dear Santa Claus: I thought I would write and tell you what I want you to bring me. I am a little girl five years old. I want a big doll and doll buggy and some fruits, and I

have two little sisters. Marie wants a doll and doll bed and my little baby sister wants a doll and a swing and fruits. So good bye,
HELEN AND MARIE JOPLIN.

Caps to Shoot in His Gun.

Dear Santa: As Xmas is near I will tell you what I want for Xmas. I want a ball, gun, knife, watch, and some caps to shoot in my gun, candy, nuts, apples, oranges, etc.
ELTON WEAVER.

Come to See Me Santa.

Dear Santa: I want you to come to see me Xmas. I want you to bring me a gyroscope, pistol caps, and a ball and anything else you would chuse.
T. L. WEAVER.

I Help My Mama.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 9 years old and I help mama do up the work. I am a good little girl and I want you to bring me some apples and oranges and candy, and I want some little dishes and a story book and I want a doll and doll buggy. Well that is all I can think of.
INETA LOWERY.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little girl 3 years old and I want you to bring me a little doll and doll buggy, and a little set of dishes and bring me some candy and apples and Santa please bring little brother James some pretties. He is a year old. Well I guess that all so by by,
MARIE LOWERY.

Dear Santa Claus: I am a little boy 7 years old. I help mama carry in kindling and coal and I want you to please bring me a football and an air gun and some kind of fruit and candy and anything else you think I would like.
CLARENCE LOWERY.

A Historical Name.

Dear Santa Claus: I was born on Nov. 11, 1918, after the death of my sister. I am the only child and perhaps you can guess why my odd name. I want you to bring me a pretty dollie, doll buggy, doll bed, and do not forget the fruits, nuts and candies.
JOY ARMISTICE DYER.

Wilselma Theatre PROGRAM.

Monday, Dec. 20, "Love Depends."
Tuesday, Dec. 21, "Other Men," Arbuckle comedy; "Foolish Age," Sennett comedy.

Wednesday, Dec. 22, "Love Without Question," by Olive Tell.

Thursday, Dec. 23, "The Flaming Clue," by H. Morey.

Friday, Dec. 24, "Ruth of Rockies," serial by Ruth Roland, comedy and Pathe News.

Saturday, Dec. 25, "A THOUSAND TO ONE," featuring Hobart Bosworth, and two one-reel comedies.

Saturday's picture is a brand new one. Released Dec. 19th and we will be the first to run this picture. We will have a matinee Christmas day at 3 p. m. in order that all may have an opportunity to see this new one. Come to the matinee at 3 p. m. Christmas day.

Twin Boy Died Thursday.

Meredith Tim, 10 months' old twin boy of Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Gentry, of the Posey community, died at the family home Thursday of last week. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. A. V. Hendricks. Burial followed in the Slaton cemetery.

The Slatonite joins a host of friends in extending sincere sympathy to all upon whom bereavement has fallen.