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XTMAS ACTIVITIES DISCHARGE WARS BREAK RECORDS GREATEST HERO

Flow of Passengers and Mail Through Sweetwater Not Exceeded Since 1919—Possibly Not Then

ALL TRAINS ARE JAMMED
Most of Them Hours Behind Schedules—Christmas Rush Hits Postoffice—Will be Open Sunday

What is believed to be new records in Christmas business was recorded Saturday in Sweetwater. With the proceeds of high priced cotton in rapid circulation, there was many a store that needed a shoe horn or a can opener as an aid to even get inside the golden days of 1919 faded into a cheerful memory in comparison.

If there is any question about the volume of business in local stores, there was none whatever in that of passenger traffic through the city nor of the movement of mail and express.

"The heaviest we have ever known" is the report from nearly every source.

Persons traveling on trains report that standing room only is the order of the day.

Most of the trains arriving in Sweetwater were way off schedule as the flood of folks hastening home for the holidays seemed to reach its zenith, with the big day still two days away.

Number 5, westbound T-P came in shortly before noon, with the second section, solid mail and express cars, preceded it a few minutes. It had 53 passengers for the northbound Santa Fe but it was so late that they had to spend the day in Sweetwater. The southbound Santa Fe Saturday afternoon had six extra coaches in an attempt to handle the crowd. It came in at 6:30, two and one half hours late.

Saturday was the biggest day in the history of the local postoffice, according to Postmaster Howard. The incoming and outgoing parcels taxed the facilities for handling it. Revenues from stamp sales also exceeded any day in previous history.

The postoffice will be open Sunday in order to accommodate people who may have packages coming in or to mail out. This is done in order to relieve the congestion which is bound to ensue and clear the way for Monday—the big day. Transfer trucks, heavily loaded with mail, spent most of the day trying to keep up with the flood of mail from one depot to the other and to and from the postoffice.

TO TEST DRY LAW

Court to Decide Whether State Prohibition Was Advertised as Provided by Law

By The United Press.
AUSTIN, Dec. 22.—The Court of Criminal Appeals will pass on the question as to whether or not the election by which the amendment to the state constitution authorizing statewide prohibition was advertised in the manner provided by law.

This question comes up in the appeal to the higher court of Veasey of Harrison County who was convicted of unlawfully selling liquor and sentenced to two years.

His attorneys contended that the amendment was not advertised in the manner provided for by law and for that reason the state court was without jurisdiction to try the case.

LESS WHEAT SOWN

Wet Fall and Low Price Cut Acreage 25 Per Cent Last Year

HOUSTON, Dec. 22.—The excessive wet fall, the relatively high price of cotton and the low price of wheat have greatly reduced the WHEAT acreage sown in Texas for next year's crop. It is reported by H. H. Schatz, Statistician, U. S. Division of Crop Estimates. Last fall, 1,695,000 acres of wheat were sown but this year only 1,237,000 or 73 per cent of that of the past season, were seeded. All sections have greatly reduced their acreage until now it ranges from 50 per cent to 75 per cent of the acreage usually sown.

Mrs. W. S. Killebrew has gone to Temple and Houston to spend the holidays with her daughter and son.

Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Snell will return home today from Gainesville, Ga. with their daughter Miss Lanella.

Sergeant Woodfill is Mustered Out of Service at Ft. Benjamin Harrison After 22 Years in Army

WAS HONORED BY PERSHING
Selected as Greatest Hero Because he Killed 20 Germans Single Handed in Argonne Forest

By The United Press.
FT. BENJAMIN MAHHISON, Dec. 22.—The army lost its greatest hero today.

Master Sergeant Samuel Woodfill, named by General Pershing out of 3000 heroes as the most conspicuous for bravery beyond the call of duty was retired with full military honors while his comrades at the front passed in review before him.

With ten medals pinned to his breast the highest honors that allied Nations could pay him, he stood rigidly at attention and heard himself mustered out of the army.

It was the end of 22 years of continuous service in the army, in Alaska in the Philippines, on the Mexican border and in France.

It was Sergeant Woodfill, then Lieutenant Woodfill, commanding an infantry company who on Oct. 12, 1918, killed 20 Germans single handed as he led his company into the Argonne. For this act Woodfill was given the Congressional Medal of Honor.

This was the act that led General Pershing, in naming the body guard for the burial of the Unknown Soldier to pick him as a member of the guard and as the outstanding hero of the war.

BOOKS DONATED

Judge W. T. Hightower presented the Public Library a set of ten volumes of Edgar Allen Poe's works Thursday and Mrs. Joe Boothe four, including a Spanish Encyclopedia. J. W. Godfrey presented one volume to the library Friday which brings the number of books up to 1418.

FAMILY BURNED

Mother and Two Children Die When Flames Destroy Their Home at Walters Okla., Saturday

By The United Press.
LAWTON, Okla., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Dick Williams and her two children, aged ten and five were burned to death at Walters 20 miles south of here when their home was destroyed by fire of unknown origin. The bodies of the victims were removed late today.

ROUMANIA QUILTS

Recalls Minister From Greece—Greek Cabinet Resigns—Efforts to Recall Venizelos Redoubled

By The United Press.
ATHENS, Greece, Dec. 22.—Roumania today severed diplomatic relations with Greece by recalling the Roumanian minister to Athens. Simultaneously the Greek Cabinet headed by Premier Gonatas resigned. Appeals to former Premier Venizelos, who is in Paris with his bride, to return and take charge of affairs in Greece are being redoubled.

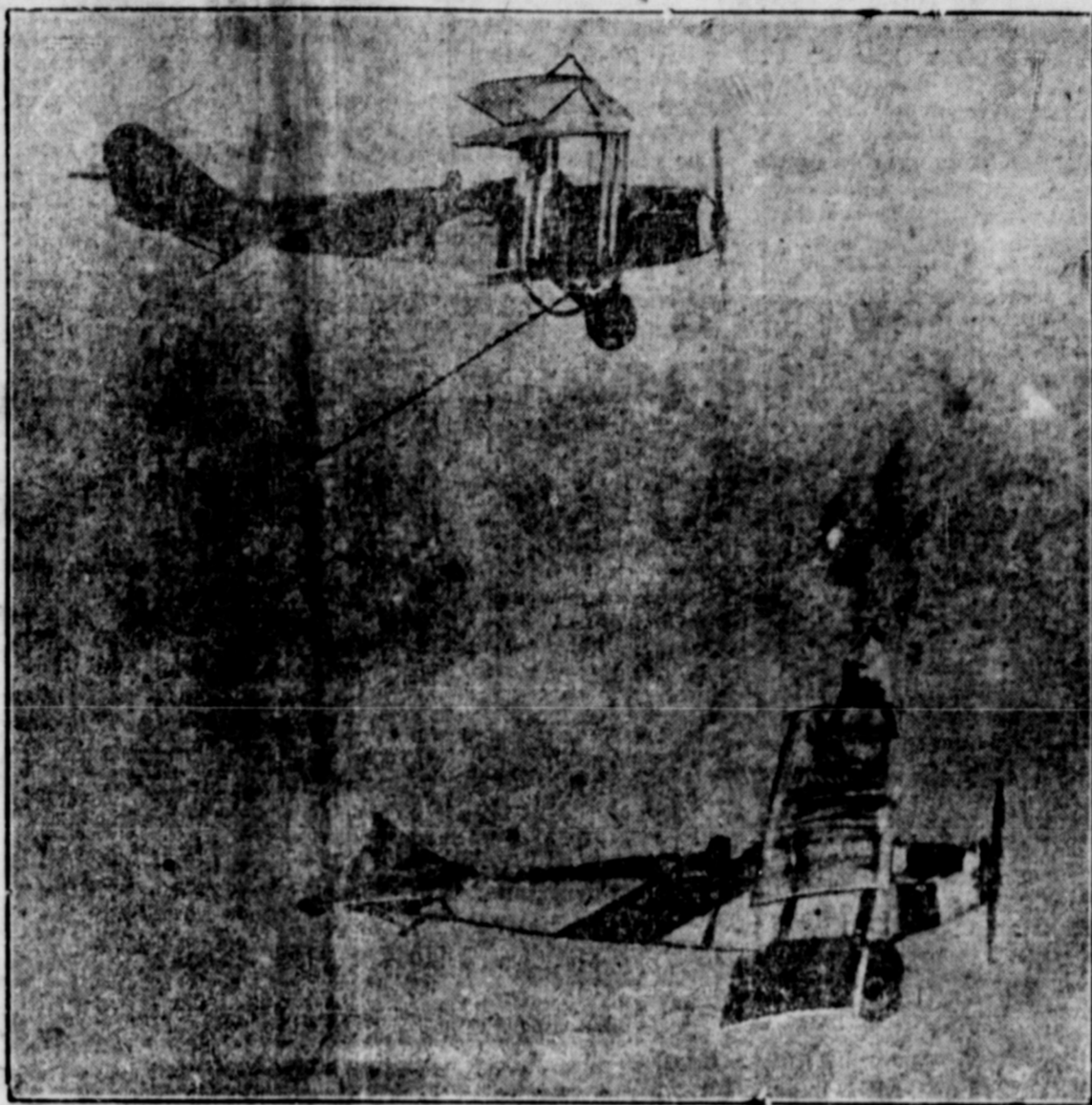
JEALOUS; KILLS 5

Man Shoots Wife Mother and Sister-In-Law Wife of Deputy Sheriff, Son of Sheriff and Himself

By The United Press.
COOPERS MILLS, Me., Dec. 22.—Five persons were shot and killed near here today by John Snow, 25, believed demented because his wife refused to live with him. After shooting the five people, Snow turned the gun on himself, dying a few hours later.

The dead included his wife, her mother and sister, the wife of a deputy sheriff by whom he had been employed and a son of the sheriff.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Robinson and family will leave Monday for Hillsboro to visit her sister, Mrs. Ben Smith during the holiday season.



AT ELKS BIG FLYING CIRCUS THIS AFTERNOON

In the photograph above is shown Diavolo (Olin Honberger) just about to change from the plane driven by Tomm Thompson to the one flown by "Upsidedown" Pangburn. The rope from Pangburn's plane which he will catch is very plainly shown. It was Pangburn who "stunted" over Sweetwater Saturday afternoon, after flying down from Lubbock. He mounted up in the air until lost from view in the clouds, then came out of them in the always dangerous tailspin. Two "loops," an "Immelman turn" and a "barrel roll" followed in quick succession. Ivan Gates, manager of the circus, who drove down

MYSTERY WOMAN TO TRIAL SOON

Mrs. Margaret Weaver Arrested in Birmingham Charged Being Accessory in Murder W. S. Coburn

VISITED RESORTS WITH FOX

Witnesses Tell of Arrest in Hotel Room, Scantly Clad, in Company With Fox—Gave Him Gun

By The United Press.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Mrs. Margaret Weaver, woman of mystery in the murder of W. S. Coburn will be given an early trial as an accessory before the fact, officials announced tonight.

Detectives, armed with requisition papers are enroute to Birmingham where Mrs. Weaver is under arrest.

Throughout the trial which closed last night, Mrs. Weaver's name was frequently mentioned in connection with Fox's visit to disorderly houses and resorts. Witnesses told of the arrest of Mrs. Weaver and Fox, scantily clad, in a hotel room together of taxi rides they took about the city a few days before the murder, and of seeing Mrs. Weaver hand Fox a revolver a few hours before the murder.

The state contends that it was the voice of Mrs. Weaver and not the "voice of God" which led Fox to shoot Coburn.

FOX GUILTY

By The United Press.
ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—Guilty of murder with recommendation for mercy was the verdict returned against Phillip E. Fox, Ku Klux Klan, editor who killed William S. Coburn, a Klan attorney in Atlanta, Nov. 5. The verdict under Georgia laws provided a life imprisonment sentence.

After hearing the evidence and arguments for more than a week the jury received the case late last night.

"You shall spend the balance of your natural life in the penitentiary of this state," the judge said. Fox trembled and his head dropped heavily on his chest.

Mr. and Mrs. Prentice Rosser and her father, John Bond of Plainview will arrive Monday to spend Christmas with his daughter, Mrs. Roe Bradford and Mrs. Hubert Fitzgerald.

Vesta Elliott came in Friday night from A. & M. College to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. G. Elliott.

FEDERALS CLAIM MORE VICTORIES

Noble Success Attends Armies of Obregon in Past 24 Hours According to Dispatches to Washington

CITY OF PENZACOLA IS TAKEN

Federals Claim Suburbs Puebla Occupied With Continued Advances in Jalisco and Vera Cruz

By The United Press.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—Noble success has attended the Mexican federal armies in the last 24 hours according to dispatches from Mexico City to the Mexican Embassy here tonight.

The dispatches said that the rebels supporting Huerta had been dislodged from Penzacola and that Federal troops were in the suburbs of Puebla. Advances in the state of Jalisco were continuing by the Federal army and also in the state of Vera Cruz.

The forces of De La Huerta are fighting starvation the dispatches said.

CAPTURE ESPERANZA

By The United Press.
MEXICO CITY, Dec. 22.—The capture of Esperanza and Oriental by the Federals placed them in a position to march forward on Puebla Saturday according to official dispatches today.

Successes almost as important were scored on the West front where Guadalupe has been surrounded. The rebels under General Estrada will be forced to fight shortly.

The rebels are taking their defeat with a bad grace according to staff officers in the Federal Army entering Esperanza. The rebels destroyed oil tanks and committed much other wanton destruction before leaving.

The Obregon army has arms, munitions and equipment now for 200,000 men but it is not believed an army of that size will be necessary.

Miss Nina May Brand left this morning for her home at Hamlin following a weeks visit here with her sister Mrs. Carl Ragland and Aline Gray. Mrs. Brand returned home Thursday.

Mrs. R. C. Crane left Friday night for Dallas to visit her sister and other relatives during the holidays.

Miss Newell Grubbs returned home Saturday to spend Christmas with her parent, at Cisco. She is spending the school year here with her aunt, Mrs. Frank Elliott.

SET DATES FOR 24 POULTRY SHOW

To be Held Four Days, Dec 3-4-5-6—Will Prepare For More Than 2000 Birds

STOCK BRINGS GOOD PRICES

This Year's Show Overshadows That Of Last Year in Number of Birds And Class

Transcending in every way the show of last year, Nolan County's Annual Poultry Show closed its doors Friday night and Saturday, the birds were being shipped back to their respective owners.

Despite the rush of holiday business, the attendance was very good and the out of town breeders were very well pleased with the show and with the treatment accorded them here. All of them said that they would be back stronger than ever next year.

The dates for the show next year were fixed for December 3-4-5-6. Preparations are being made for more than 2,000 birds.

Officials in charge of the Show expressed grateful appreciation to John Meyers for the use of the building and to other who co-operated to make the show the success it was.

Many sales at good prices were reported and from that angle most of the breeders profited from their attendance. An example of the character of the poultry on exhibition will be seen when Gardner, a Roscoe man, refused \$40 for a Rhode Island Red cockerel, Frank Antille of Elmdale sold 15 White Wyandottes at good prices.

GETS SHRINE RING

The employee of the C. S. Boyles Motor Company remembered Mr. Boyles Saturday with a Christmas gift in the shape of a Shrine ring, set with diamonds.

WEATHER

West Texas Sunday, fair and colder.

FUNERAL MONDAY

Mrs. Sarah Bradley Cousin of Mark Twain, To be Buried at Gainesville Following Death Here

The body of Mrs. Sarah F. Bradley left on the Sunshine Special this morning for Gainesville, Texas, accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Rogers and Mrs. C. E. Hazel, another daughter from California. Funeral services will be held Monday by her old pastor, Rev. A. T. Douglas, pastor of the Baptist Church at Hubbard and interment will follow in the Gainesville Cemetery, beside her husband, Rev. G. W. Bradley and three daughters, who died several years ago.

Mrs. Bradley died Friday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Rogers with whom she has made her home the past ten years. She was 86 years old and was born and reared at Glasgow, Ky., where she became a member of the Baptist Church, soon after her marriage to Rev. H. G. W. Bradley.

She came with her family to Texas over 30 years ago and settled at Gainesville, where her husband and three daughters died.

Mrs. Bradley was a first cousin of "Mark Twain," the famous humorist and was herself a brilliant woman.

Surviving her besides her daughters is one son H. O. Bradley at Navine, Okla. and sister Mrs. Carrie Bryan of Cave Tenn. who was unable to join his two sisters here.

Many beautiful floral tributes of sympathy were sent by friends which will be placed on her grave Monday at the close of the service.

WALTON APPEALS

WASHINGTON, Dec. 22.—Formal application to the United States Supreme Court for a review of the impeachment proceedings of Governor Walton was made late today by Council for Walton.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Graves will go to Abilene Monday night to eat Christmas dinner with their daughter, Mrs. Frank Stinchcomb and family.

Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Hull will join the rest of the Hull family at the home of Hull's parents at Snyder Monday evening for a Christmas visit.

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SUCKER LIST FLOURISHES

In spite of all the warnings it has had from the department of justice, bankers and newspapers, Chicago advertises to the world that its over-trustful investors have just enriched another "Ponzi" to the extent of \$5,000,000 or more. Credulity and the desire to share in exorbitant profits were as usual at the base of the popular lossings. While these elements exist as a part of human character a good portion of all the good advice on earth is as well lost upon many individuals. The country mourns for the victims of its crime waves, including bandits and burglars, but it need waste little sympathy upon its ever present sucker list which again raises outcry because some glib tongued speculator has fled with its savings. Fool investors have been warned, and that is as far as friendship or a guardian angel ever could go. If the "wise" fools lose their money in this way they are in the same class of losing hazards with their brethren who race with trains for the right of way at grade crossings, or recklessly fail to heed the safety cautions. For such there is neither a protecting word nor law.

IT'S A LONG, LONG PULL

Great Britain is beginning to sail into the task of paying its debt to the United States. Twenty-three million dollars is applied to the principal of the \$4,600,000,000 debt with \$69,000,000 paid as semi-annual interest. This process will continue for 61 years before the expiration of this period British taxpayers will know that they have had a war, the American debt being the least of their burdens. It was unkind of Lloyd George, after the nice hospitality he had from this country to tell his constituents in the recent British campaign that his nation had had the worst of it in the settlement of the American war debt. It would not have happened if he had been on the job, he said. He blamed the ministry of which he was not a part for having been as much as swindled in its dealing with the Yankees. He would have had the Bonar Law government wait until other nations had recognized their obligations to Great Britain before going through with pledges to Uncle Sam. Such a system of repudiation when convenient would play hob with any further borrowing from the American republic in war time. But if the rich and powerful British nation is made to groan at the very prospect of paying a minor portion of

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its war obligation the example of this should be a revelation to the American people. They can now see what the war has done for them in the way of debts interest upon debt obligations, pensions, bounties and hospital care for soldiers and countless other charges growing out of the war. Before the war was paid a hundred billions and a hundred years of effort will not cover the cost, with the interest that the bondholders will collect. After it is all over it is found that humanity won no victory, but the bondholders will get theirs, as the profiteers and grafters collected their gains while the war was on. With these things in remembrance the anti-war societies should not have much difficulty convincing the people that peace pays best.

ABILENE WINS

West Texans will feel a thrill of distinct pride in the fact that the State football championship comes to West Texas for the first time, as the result of Abilene's victory over Waco at Dallas Friday 3-0. And more interesting still is how Abilene won it. The work on the Dallas field was but an incidental. The real winning of that game began more than a decade ago. With the hope of some day making the first team, players began practicing way back in the Ward Schools, winter and summer. They abstained from smoking and other things which might hurt their chances of making the team. They made their grades, which they must in order to be eligible to play. Those boys had to pay for that game—pay for it with the grim, earnest, self denying hard work that is necessary to win success at anything. And this sort of experience will be of immeasurable value to them. And still more important is the sort of leadership these boys must have had to instill into their minds the will to win and the desire to do the things they must do to pay for the winning.

MOTION OVERRULED

Local attorneys have received word from Ft. Worth to the effect that the Court of Civil Appeals have overruled both motions for a new trial in the junction appeal in the case of City of Sweetwater vs. E. J. Hamner. Both sides appealed from the decision. In its opinion, the Court reaffirmed that the Act of 1909 did apply to Sweetwater. An appeal to the State Supreme Court is next in order.

Are you helping Santa?

SAILORS DROWNED

By The United Press.
BEAUMONT, Tex., Dec. 22.—18 sailors lost their lives when the Norwegian steamer Run, laden with rice from Savannah to Liverpool, founded off the Carolinas, Dec. 15, according to five survivors who arrived here today aboard the tanker W. W. Mills.

ENGINE IN DITCH

By The United Press.
MARIETTA, Ga., Dec. 22.—J. W. Brown, engineer, was killed when the engine of the Dixie Flyer on the Nashville, Chattanooga and St. Louis railroad from Chicago to Atlanta went into the ditch. None of the passenger were injured. It was reported.

Christmas Gifts

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Toilet Water, Imported
Chinese Baskets
Pivers Toilet Goods
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Mavis Toilet Sets
R. Hudnuts Toilet Sets
Christmas Stationery
- FOR HIM—
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Wararobe Trunks \$15 to \$24	Belts 50c to \$2.00
Suit Cases \$1.25 to \$6.00	Hose Supporters 25c, 35c, 50c
House Shoes \$1.50 to \$5.00	Handkerchiefs 10c to \$1.00
Overcoats \$15.00 to \$36.00	Caps 50c to \$3.50
Suits \$16.00 to \$36.00	Hats \$1.50 to \$12.50
Leather Jackets \$8.50 to \$12.50	Shirts \$1.25 to \$5.00
Kid Gloves \$1.50 to \$3.00	Wool Shirts \$2.40 to \$3.50
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MARY-MARTHAS ENJOY PARTY

About forty ladies of the Mary-Martha Class enjoyed their annual party and Christmas Tree Tuesday afternoon in the basement auditorium of the Methodist church. All of the mothers

brought their children and their enjoyment of the occasion, especially Santa Claus' visit, was one of the most pleasant features of the party. The room was decorated and red shades were hung at the windows. The program opened with singing.

"Joy to the World." Mrs. Hall led the prayer, which was followed by the Christmas Tree. There was gifts for all the children and the class members exchanged gifts. The class presented their teacher Mrs. N. L. Hall an electric percolator. Refreshments were served.

CHRISTMAS PARTY

A fitting conclusion to a year wrought with social pleasures, profitable and study and work for the Self Culture Club members, was the Christmas Party Friday evening at the Wright Hotel, when Mrs. Rufus Wright and Mrs. A. W. Canfil were hostesses to the club members, their husbands and friends.

The big dining room where the party was held was beautifully adorned for the occasion with Christmas colors, evergreens, autumn leaves and Christmas bells in all sizes. A small Christmas tree, banked with snow, stood in the center of the room, laden with pretty ornaments. The room was dimly lighted by candles. The guests were welcomed by Mrs.

Robertson, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Canfil, Mrs. Roy Scudday, Mrs. Robert Withers, Mrs. Ray Hickman, Mrs. S. W. Browning, Mrs. W. W. Davis and Mrs. Toler.

An attractive program entertained during the first part of the evening, which was arranged as follows: Violin and Piano Duet, "Silent Night," Charles Arthur Canfil and Mrs. Lamaire.

As the last notes died away, and they struck the opening chords of "Joy to the World," the electric lights flashed on and a chorus rose and sang the song.

Welcome, Mrs. Robertson, Trio, violin, saxophone and piano, by Charles Canfil, Harry Lamaire and Mrs. Alvin Gray.

Reading "By Courier" (O'Henry) Miss Bessie Beall.

Vocal Solo, Mrs. J. S. Schooler.

Piano Solo, Mr. Lamaire.

Musical Readings, "If no one Ever Marries Me" and "Sow Marc," Mary Louise Toler.

Vocal Solos, "The Road to Mandalay" and "Caroline," A. J. McCurdy. Piano Duet, Mrs. Gray and Mr. La-

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Christmas Day

Christmas Day begins in the morning when the kiddies hop out of bed and find that Santa has left them a stockingful of remembrances and maybe a gaily decorated tree too. And then what high jinks as this and that toy "just what they wanted" is discovered. And the old folks are happy too, because it is Christmas, and because of the reflected joy of the kiddies that just naturally overflows everywhere. But after a morning like that, the family is always ready for dinner just the same. And the Xmas dinner, with its baked turkey and other good things, is just as much a part of the days festivities as anything else.

For Your Christmas Dinner

TURKEYS and HENS

Heading the list of Christmas dinners is always the turkey. Here we have some choice grain fed young turkeys, dressed at 25c a pound. It has been many a year since we could sell turkeys at this price and especially such good ones as these are. Choice young poultry at 25c a pound dressed.

The Stimulus of the holiday season has been added to the always dependable service we like to give and this market is just overflowing with the very choicest products that money can buy—anywhere. Here in this market you will find the largest assortment of meats to be found anywhere between Ft. Worth and El Paso—and we might add, the best equipt market to be found in the whole 600 miles, between those two cities.

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We do not to say anything folks, about our home made sausage to a good many, who already know all about them. They keep our sausage machine busy up to full capacity all the time. But we just want to tell you about it so you won't miss out on any of the good things of life. If you have a liking for pure home made sausage or bologna, or wieners, etc try some from here—just once. P. S.—We have some fine barrel sourkraut to go with the wieners.

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WADE MARKET



maire.
Readings, French story of Madame Eve and Monsieur Adam and "When She Powders Her Nose," Nina May Brand.

At the conclusion of the program, the guests assembled about the tables for games of Forty-two, or gathered in groups for congenial conversation while the musicians played number after number of popular airs. A delightful informality characterized the whole entertainment.

A lovely refreshment course was served buffet style.

SURPRISE PARTY

The younger social set enjoyed a delightful party Friday evening, which Mrs. Frank Elliott gave as a farewell courtesy to her niece, Miss Ewell Grubbs of Eastland, who will complete her senior school work in the Sweetwater High School.

The chief feature of the party was that it was a surprise to the honoree. It was attended by the members of the senior class and a few of the Juniors. A friend called for her about seven

o'clock to go for a half hour drive, when they returned they found red lights flashing from every window and the living and dining rooms gay with Christmas decorations. A door to the library was thrown open and there stood a Christmas tree loaded with gifts from all her friends. As the excitement lessened somewhat places were found at the buncos tables and a number of merry games were enjoyed.

Guests were: Misses Ina Lee Ely, Galen Orr, Leah Davis, Ava Lee Scott Lucile Thomas, Verna Sheppard, Ellen Boyd, Clara Bell Willis, Francis Hamilton of Farmersville; Una Harkins, Vera Elliott and Francis Fitzgerald. The boys were: Ralph Walker, Buster and Dick Mitchell, Perry Bishop, Harold Beakley, Sam Crutcher, Robert Fitzgerald, Dellis Dennis, Sterling Kendrick and Frank Smith.

SPECIAL MUSIC

The special number at the Methodist Church Sunday morning and evening will be Christmas anthems, solos and duets.



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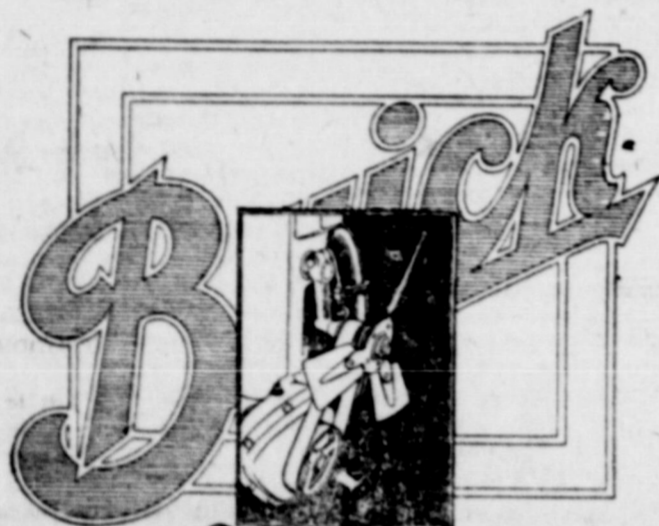
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"Well, Jinks, have a fine Christmas. I hope to tell you I did. My mother-in-law came for a visit, the wife had twins, I broke a quart of whiskey, lost a \$20 bill and ruined my car in a smash-up."

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Seeing the mistletoe fall just as your favorite girl steps under it.
When an officer appears just as a bootlegger hands you the nog.
Seeing a poodle dog eat the chocolates you gave your best girl.
Forgetting to remove the price tags from your presents.
Having a note come due Christmas Eve.
When a girl sneezes just as you approach her under the mistletoe.
When your sweetie's birthday happens a week before Christmas.

HOLIDAY SUGGESTIONS
Do not begin to knock the presents you receive until after Christmas.
When in doubt, send a card.
Send only to those whom you hope will send to you.
Remove all labels and price tags, unless they are of size enough to be impressive.
Do not make the mistletoe work overtime.
N. L. Dodgeon of Mesquite was in town the latter part of the week. Mr. Dodgeon owns considerable property in the Mesquite section.

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The Sweetwater Dry Goods Co. have just received a big shipment of furs, which will make her an ideal Christmas Gift.



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Haskell, Texas, December 12, 1923.

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Dear Doctor Canfil:-

Inclosed please find \$20.00, balance of what I owe you. I'm feeling fine, getting as fat as a hog. Have been home one month and have gained another twelve pounds.

I certainly appreciate the favor you have done for me in giving me back my health.

Your Friend,
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Phone us for appointment. We assure you we will not retain you as a patient, unless we can restore you to health. No time is as good as today. Phone No. 581.

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BIRTHDAY PARTY

Miss Catherine Andrews celebrated her ninth birthday anniversary Thursday afternoon at her home on Walnut St.

A group of girls and boys enjoyed an hour or more in jolly games indoors and on the lawn when Miss Sara Steele, assisted by her aunt, Miss Shovall served a refreshment course. The little hostess received a number of nice gifts.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Steel will arrive Monday morning to spend Christmas with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. S. Andrews on Walnut St.

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Have those leaky roofs, broken skylights and rusted out, leader and gutters repaired.
To wait longer means to take chances on your buildings, and their contents being seriously damaged by the approaching storm. Drop in or phone me today.
We make repairs promptly, reasonably and satisfactorily.
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PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

The regular services of the Presbyterian church will be held at the Palace Theatre today. Preaching at 11 a. m. and the Christmas Services at 7 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. All are requested to bring a "Thank Gift" for the Christmas Service. Christian Endeavor at 4 p. m.—D. B. Hestir, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

There will be a Christmas Tree Monday evening at 7 o'clock in the basement auditorium of the church for the Sunday school children. A program of readings and songs will be given as follows:
Song, Joy to the World."

CHURCH CHRISTMAS PROGRAMS

Reading, by Polly and Sarah Nell Hall, Margaret and J. L. Hemby, Jr. Christmas song, Georgia Sheppard, Reading, Mary Clovis Cox. Reading, Mary Ford. Reading, Christine Miller. Piano Solo, Johny Naomi Watson. Story of the First Christmas, Rev. J. R. Henson.

BAPTIST CHRISTMAS

The children of the First Baptist Church have given themselves wholeheartedly to the task of preparing a beautiful Christmas program to be given at the church Monday evening, Dec 24 at 7:30 p. m.

Following is the cast, which of course includes Old Santa who will appear in person that evening and has promised to be there on time and to have a little remembrance to all who are out to see him there. He has promised to come while the children are all asleep, but the kiddies are plotting against him and they may catch him if he isn't careful, and should such a thing happen, of course it is customary for Old Santa to give away every thing in his pack, and he promises to have a big one when he arrives.

Cast
Grandmother—Elizabeth Stamps.
Mother—Katherine Edwards.

Anna—Leland Stamps.
Bess—Jaunita Holland.
Dot—Zelma Farris.
Peggy—"Buster" Farris.
Sandman—Jean Morony.
Christmas Spirit—Betty Cutbirth.
Holly and Mistletoe Fairies—Junior Girls.

Accompanists

Piano—Mrs. Roy White.

Violin—Miss Lucy Cutbirth.

Directors

Dialogue and Pantomime—Mrs. R. S. Embry.

Music—Mr R. S. Embry.

EPISCOPAL PROGRAM

A Christmas party for the children and parents of the Episcopal Sunday school will be given Christmas Eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Charlton on E. N 2nd St.

A Christmas Tree will be given in connection with the party. Preceding the tree a Playlet, "Christmas Morning," will be given by the children. Alice Charlton, in the character of the Mother will tell the story of the first Christmas. The remainder of the cast follows:

Clock—Carlos Morris.
Alice—Sarah Elizabeth Robinson.
Betty—Florence Hill.
Jack—C. E. Robinson.

Billy—John Dalton Moore, Jr.
Dick—Bernard Tinsley.
Mary—Tom Charlton.
Bobby—Grant Tinsley.
Father—Henry Hill, Jr.

NAZARENE CHURCH

The congregation of the Nazarene church will have a Christmas Tree for the children Monday evening at 7 o'clock. Unusual preparations have been made by the members of the congregation, especially the ladies and a fine time is anticipated. Everybody is invited.

FREE TO KIDDIES

R & R Christmas Gift to Kiddies is Free Show Tuesday

Tuesday morning the R & R will give a Christmas present to every boy and girl in town in the shape of a free showing of "Black Beauty" at the R & R Palace.

The show will begin at 10 o'clock and every boy and girl is invited to come. There will be no charge of any kind.

LIBRARY BENEFIT

There will be a Library Benefit Christmas Eve at the Lone Star Theatre. The musical numbers will be given by Charles Arthur Canfil, violin and Mrs. Blanch Bowen Williams. There will also be a vocal solo.

MARRIED BY JUSTICE

Claude McGinley of Hylton and Miss Mabel Edwards also of Hylton were married Saturday by Justice of the Peace I. W. Brashear. The bridegroom is a nephew of County Commissioner McGinley. Both are well known in the Hylton community.

Miss Stella Watson is spending the holidays in Big Spring with her sister.

Miss Norine Cox will return Monday from Lubbock, where she has been spending the past month with her brother and wife, who are coming home with her for Christmas.

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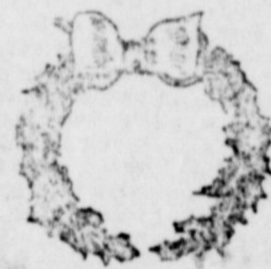
So good have the people of this city and community been to us during the past year we look back and find much for which to feel truly thankful. Your generous patronage has enabled us to record a satisfactory business and in coming to thank you we are pleased with the opportunity offered by the season to

WISH YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A NEW YEAR OF
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Just One More Shopping Day

We still have in stock many new gifts which we received for the late shopping. Every article a useful gift.

SUGGESTIONS:

We list the following articles as suggestions which might aid you in your Christmas Shopping

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| Vanities—May Fair and Three Flowers | Handkerchiefs |
| Purses—the Latest Designs | Bathrobes |
| Beaded Bags | Beads |
| Vanity Fair Underwear | Pettibockers |
| Dove Brand Underwear | Hosiery |
| Pohison Gifts | Petticoats |
| Wool Scarfs | Coats |
| Sweaters | Coat Suits |
| Gloves | Dresses |
| | Skirts |

Max Berman

Diamonds of Malopo

By VICTOR ROUSSEAU

SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I—Winton Garrett, twenty-five and just out of college, calls by appointment on Archie Garrett, his New York cousin and executor, to receive his inheritance of \$100,000. Archie, honest, an easy mark and a fool for luck, assures Winton that he is practically a millionaire, as he has invested all but \$10,000 in a rubber plantation in either the East or West Indies and in a controlling interest in the Big Malopo diamond mine, somewhere or other in South Africa, sold him as a special favor by a Dutch promoter named De Witt.

CHAPTER II—Winton, en route to his mine, finds the town of Taungas wildly excited over a big strike at Malopo, including the 35-carat De Witt diamond. Two coach passengers are a disreputable old prospector, Daddy Seaton, and his daughter Sheila. On the journey a passenger, who turns out to be De Witt himself, insults Sheila. Winton fights De Witt and knocks him out. Sheila tells him to turn back. She says that her father is a broken English army officer, who has killed a man and is therefore in De Witt's power. That De Witt is all-powerful, being backed by Judge Davis, president of the diamond syndicate and also the resident magistrate and judge of the native protectorate.

CHAPTER III—Winton finds Malopo in a turmoil, both over the strike and the theft of the De Witt diamond. Winton foolishly discloses his identity to Sam Simpson, a Jamaican negro, sub-editor of the local newspaper. He more wisely confides in Ned Burns, watchman at the Big Malopo, who tells him that the syndicate has planned to take control of the mine the next morning.

CHAPTER IV—Winton finds that Sheila is cashier at the restaurant. He offers his friendship. She rebuffs him. Van York, a notorious diamond thief, one of De Witt's men, slips the stones De Witt diamond into Winton's pocket and two policemen club Winton and arrest him. He escapes them and when at his last gasp Sheila takes him into her house, bathes his wounds and saves him from his pursuers.

luck held true?

Ned Burns took a pair of heavy, silver-rimmed spectacles from a little table in the shack, drew the letter out of the envelope with shaking fingers, and read it. He handed it back without a word, searching Winton's eyes, though, keenly, with his own. Then, opening a drawer in the table, he took out an ancient and much worn Bible.

"Lay your hand here," he said, opening the book at random. "Now swear you've told the truth."

"That's going a little further than I have a mind to, Mr. Burns," said Winton.

"Aye, aye!" muttered the old man. "Maybe you're right there. But we'll soon put your words to the proof of the book that never lies."

He took up the Bible and began reading from the page at which he had opened it:

"And after him Abdon the son of Hillel judged Israel. And he had forty sons and thirty sons' sons, that rode on threescore and ten ass colts; and he judged Israel eight years." He snapped the Bible shut. "Man, you've told me the truth!" he cried.

"I believe so," answered Winton. "But how do you get that sense from the passage you have been reading?"

"Man, it's easy. All things are easy to them that know how to search the Scriptures. Abdon's Mr. Davis. Mr. Davis is the judge, ain't he? And Israel's Malopo. And the forty sons and thirty sons' sons are the men who work for the Diamond Fields Syndicate. And the threescore and ten ass colts are the same poor fools themselves, that work for those swindlers, and are asses without knowing it. And the eight years is me, who've worked for Judge Davis and Mr. De Witt these eight years past, here and in Kimberley, and am discharged at the end of the month because Mr. De Witt has promised the job to somebody else."

"Steady, Mr. Burns," said Winton. "There isn't going to be any discharging until I've had my say."

Ned Burns grunted incredulously, and Winton suddenly felt his heart full of flaming anger.

"And what the devil has Mr. De Witt got to do with the Big Malopo, anyway?" he asked.

"Ned Burns laid a hand on his shoulder. 'Mr. Garrett, my lad,' he answered, 'it ain't insulting a man to tell him to his face he's green.'

"Not if he is green."

"You're green, boy. Listen to me! I don't love those thieves in the syndicate, and when Mr. De Witt discharged me at the end of the month he knew, didn't he, that there ain't no job for men of my age in Malopo, and that nobody would hire a man who'd grown too old to hold his own against the biggers, when they break loose in the compounds? That's me, Ned Burns, who've given Mr. De Witt eight years, and as strong as ever, except my arm's hurt from rheumatism. And me, set there like an old hen over that diamond patch, with millions to be picked up, and Mr. De Witt knows he can trust me not to take a smell of the ground. Not but he knows any man'd be a fool to steal when it's seven years hard labor even to buy diamonds in this country."

Ned Burns seemed possessed by his

grievances to the exclusion of all else. And Winton had a knack, somehow, of striking a man's moods at the right moment. It was a quick impulse, a swift decision, and the exact action. He took the old fellow's hands in his.

"Mr. Burns, I guess we need each other," he said. "I'm green. You're discharged. Post me on the situation and you can rely on me that you're not discharged. I only landed a week ago," he added ingenuously, "and I haven't begun to understand the first thing about this country. I thought all I would have to do would be to prove my identity and step into the business."

"Oh, Lord!" said Ned Burns. "Sit down here, Mr. Garrett. Yes, you're green, sir, but the same good fortune that brought you to me will see you through your difficulties. Sit down."

He pushed a packing case toward Winton, who took his seat beside the watchman.

"You don't know nothing about the situation here?" asked Ned. "Just bought the shares and come out to run things?"

"Something like that. My trustee bought the shares for me," Winton answered.

Ned nodded. "Here it is," he said. "When the first diamonds was found in Malopo there was a rush. That was two years ago. And is come to nothing. You see, the stones is at the bottom of the yellow ground, and when they'd dug and dug and didn't get enough out of it to pay their board people got tired and moved away. But a few of the far-sighted ones stayed. The syndicate had gobbled up a quarter of the claims, and it stayed. The Diamond Fields Amalgamated owned another quarter—that's Van Beer's concern—and it stayed. That ought to have showed people there was something in Malopo.

"But, anyway, they thought the claims was good for nothing, and set out to unload the rotten shares wherever they could. That's how you got your shares, Mr. Garrett. Then, last week, a kid Tottie girl coming into town with a basket to buy flour picked up a big pebble right there in that hole. That was the De Witt stone. Ninety-five carats, they estimate it will weigh, when it's been cut. She showed it to me. I gave her five pounds for it, and Mr. De Witt called me a fool, and swore when he paid me back. That's Mr. De Witt, but I don't know he's any meaner than that old hypocrite, Judge Davis.

"Somehow the news got into the papers down-country. Forty-eight hours the first rush of prospectors from Taungas took to get up here, and they couldn't understand why people in Malopo was ignorant of what had happened. Next day a hundred came from the Transvaal. Next day come the colony rush. And today the population of Malopo looks like doubling every week. You may have passed some of them on the roads?"

"Yes, the road's alive with them."

"It's one of the big rushes, Mr. Garrett, like in the old Kimberley days, and you can guess how De Witt's crowd is kicking itself for not having gobbled up the Big Malopo. They're finding stones everywhere as they get down toward the bottom of the yellow ground. And De Witt let the property go down when he could have gobbled it for a song."

"I seem to have walked into the situation at the most interesting moment," suggested Winton.

"You certainly have, Mr. Garrett. Not but what I was expecting something to turn up. I was lying awake last night, puzzling and worrying, and I thought I'd find what the book had to say. So I opened it in the dark and struck a light, and the first words my eyes fell upon was that passage where David danced before the Ark and his wife nagged him for making a show of himself. And he'd took off his clothes in his frenzy, as you'll no doubt remember. Now, sir, I put it to you, could there have been anything more like a sign?"

"But what was your interpretation?" inquired Winton.

"Why, it's perfectly simple, sir, to them that's got the gift to understand. David's Judge Davis, of course, and his wife's De Witt, who's always girding at him to be crookeder than God made him naturally. And the clothes he took off is his smug Pharisee face that's going to be unmasked. And the Ark—well, I thought that was Malopo. But now I see it's you. He's going to dance before you, sir, and you're going to be the piper."

"I hope so, Mr. Burns," said Winton. Ned Burns laid a hand on Winton's arm. "Tell me one thing," he said. "How many people know you are in Malopo?"

"Two," answered Winton. "Yourself and a colored man."

Ned Burns stared at him. "I don't quite make that out," he said. "You've kept your business to yourself mostly, but you've told a nigger?"

"The man Sam from the Chronicle," Sam Simpson?" cried Ned. "Then you might as well have gone straight to Mr. De Witt and his crowd. Sam's the whole Chronicle, and the Chronicle's Judge Davis. The Chronicle couldn't run without Sam. There ain't anybody here with the education to run it but Sam, for all his play about being a newsboy. That's just one of Judge Davis' tricks. How did you come to tell Sam Simpson?"

"I met him selling papers, he showed me the way here, and we got into conversation," said Winton, feeling uncommonly foolish. "No doubt that explains why he left me rather suddenly," he added.

"No doubt," answered Ned dryly. "He just run back as hard as he could go to tell the judge. Now, Mr. Garrett, I'll come to the point. You've got a big game to play, and you've just come

in time to play it. There's to be a meeting of the shareholders of the Big Malopo in the Chamber of Commerce building tomorrow morning at ten. That means Mr. De Witt, Judge Davis, and maybe two or three more—and you. And they're going to wind up and turn the Big Malopo over to the syndicate."

"I don't think so," said Winton.

"I'm glad to hear you say that," answered Ned earnestly. "But De Witt and Judge Davis won't stop at nothing to get hold of the Big Malopo. You see, Mr. Garrett, there's diamonds all through this yellow ground, but the big diamonds comes out of the blue pipe, and the blue pipe's on our claim. That's pretty well known because we're the center of the diamond ground."

He went on briefly to explain how the diamonds, formed in the volcanic pipes under pressure, were forced upward and distributed through the surrounding territory within a certain radius about the pipe's mouth. The pipe itself undoubtedly lay in the Malopo claim, probably immediately beneath the place where the De Witt stone had been discovered.

"You asked me just now what Mr. De Witt had to do with us," said Ned, "using words for which I hope you may be forgiven. There's your answer, sir. Tomorrow the syndicate gets hold of the Big Malopo unless you're on hand in the Chamber of Commerce building at ten to stop it."

"I'll be there," answered Winton. "Remember, they'll stop you if they can, and by now they know that you're in Malopo. It may be they're making their plans while we sit talking here. Go home, Mr. Garrett, and stay there. Keep among the crowd. Don't obey no messages, nor go to meet nobody. Where is it?"

"The Continental."

"The best place. Stay there all the evening. See your window's fastened. Put something against your door. Keep your revolver handy—"

"I've never owned a revolver in my life," said Winton.

Ned Burns made a clucking sound and, opening the drawer, pulled out a



Ned Burns opened the drawer and pulled out a small automatic.

small automatic. "Take this, Mr. Garrett," he said. "You may need it. It's loaded. That'll be all. Except, remember not to talk alone to strangers."

"No, there's something more," said Winton. "I came away without my breakfast. Can you give me a bite, Mr. Burns?"

Ned Burns shook his head as if he thought Winton uncommonly green. But he took some bread and bacon from a closet, and, going to the door, began to build a little fire of sticks in front of the shack. Soon Winton was eating with more relish than he had felt since he had landed.

"I'll do what you say, Mr. Burns," he said, when the meal was ended. "And don't worry about your job. We stand together. It seems like Providence, my turning up at this time."

"It is Providence," answered Burns. "Half a minute, Mr. Garrett. We'll see what the book has to say about it."

He brought the Bible out of the shack, opened it, and began to read: "One young bullock, one ram, one he-lamb of the first year, for a burnt offering; one male of the goats for a sin offering; this was the oblation of Ahira the son of Enan."

He closed the book. "We win, Mr. Garrett," he said in a tremulous voice. "We win."

"How do you make that out?" asked Winton.

"It's as plain as a pikestaff, sir. The young bullock is the Big Malopo. The ram's Judge Davis. The he-lamb of the first year is yourself. The male of the goats for a sin offering is Mr. De Witt, who's to be punished for his sins."

"And Ahira, the son of Enan?" asked Winton.

"That's the big diamond," responded Ned.

It was evident that the watchman had not yet learned of the supposed robbery, and Winton did not think it necessary to enlighten him. He bade him good-by and turned toward Malopo. But his mind was in a whirl, and, feeling the need of being alone in order to think, Winton retraced his steps after he had gone some distance, crossed the diamond fields by means of a succession of plank paths, and made his way into the desert. The diggers, hard at work in the sun, paid no attention to him.

Once beyond the fields, Winton walked leisurely along a rough wagon track that ran through the sandy waste. The thin wisps of burned grass that covered the face of the land were more desolate than the bare earth itself. The desert reached as far as could be seen on every side. The sun blazed in the cloudless sky.

Winton tramped on, turning over in his mind all that Ned Burns had told him. His coming had certainly been providential. Doubtless De Witt and Davis, believing that they would never be troubled by him, had felt secure in their scheme. The Big Malopo was to be wound up and reconstructed, probably a trifling sum would be sent to Archie, and Judge Davis would be the ruler of the diamond fields.

He meant to stop that game. But the thought of Sheila kept intruding into the situation, and of Seaton, under De Witt's thumb. Winton cast himself down upon the desert and wrestled with his problems for hours, arising at length, still perplexed, but somehow assured that everything would turn out well.

The sun was low in the west, and the cool of the afternoon was refreshing as he made his way back toward Malopo. He crossed the fields, passed through the new suburb, and found himself among the street crowds again. A few minutes later he was ascending the steps that led up to the steep of the Continental, where a group was still discussing the absorbing topic of the robbery.

Winton, lingering among the men for a few moments, drew the conclusion that no progress had been made so far in the solution of the mystery.

He might have waited, but as he stood there he saw a little man with a heavy mustache standing a little way beyond the throng and regarding him attentively. Winton did not like the little man's face, and he suddenly remembered Ned's injunctions. He knew that if he remained the little man would accost him.

He was turning away when the supper bell began to ring in the hall. One or two men got up, and Winton went with them toward the room where the meal was served. He saw three or four waitresses, whose appearance did not harmonize with their occupation, standing behind the chairs, and noted the intimate smiles that passed between them and the men who entered. Then he perceived behind the door, at the cashier's desk—Sheila.

CHAPTER IV

Framed. He saw her start, and then bend hastily over the money she was reckoning. But the flush that overspread her face showed her confusion, and when, compelled by Winton's presence, she raised her head, her mortification was too evident for Winton's feelings.

Suddenly he understood the meaning of her self-deprecatory words in the coach. A glance at the smiling waitresses, who were plainly of a class that had drifted to the fields for adventure and predatory purposes

(To be continued)

ITCH!



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HUNT'S GUARANTEED SKIN DISEASE REMEDIES (Hunt's Salve and Soap) fails in the treatment of Itch your druggist is fully authorized to return to you the purchase price.

A Medford, Oklahoma man, among thousands who praise HUNT'S SALVE, says: "Some people dislike to call it the Itch, but candor compels me to admit I had it badly. Your Hunt's Salve, however, cured me after many other remedies had totally failed."

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Every Woman likes beautiful things for her table. UNIVERSAL Electric Appliances such as Oven Toasters, Table Stoves or "De Luxe" Waffle Irons are practical gifts of beauty made to grace the well-appointed table. Give your wife something she can use the year around.

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OVEN TOASTER



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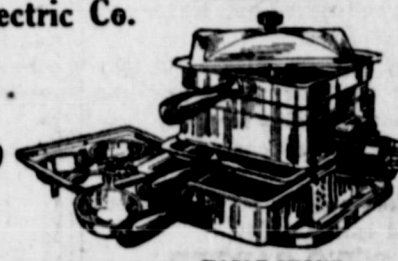


TABLE STOVE

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OUR GIGANTIC DECEMBER SALE

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We leave the following partial list of suggestions:

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- Handkerchiefs
- Gloves
- Hosiery
- Lingerie
- Silk Underwear
- Bathrobes
- Sport Skirts
- Sweaters
- Suits

FOR HIM—

- Socks
- Handkerchiefs
- Caps
- Hats
- Ties
- Suspenders
- Gloves
- Belts
- Shirts
- Trousers

FOR BILLY and MARGARET

- Shirts
- Caps
- Coats
- Gloves
- Ties
- Shirts
- Sweaters
- Stockings
- Dolls
- Dresses

Jones Dry Goods

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You may have your gift list all filled and still be shy one very important essential—

Presentable Clothes

Send your suit or coat-or dress to be cleaned and pressed—so you will be ready for the holiday festivities.

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 R. A. Ragland to Will Davis \$80 lot 5 Blk 1 Fairview Heights Add to Sweetwater.
 Harry Howell et al to W. N. Judd et al SW 1-2 Sec 107 Blk X \$12,000.
 T. G. Stevenson to M. A. Hopson \$3250 lot 16 S 1-2 17 Blk 31 O. T. Sweetwater.
 G. W. Wilson to L. Russell \$15 10 A. out E. W. Yardley Survey
 Willard Burton to W. C. Roane \$800 part Blk 48 S&W Add. to Sweetwater.
 Roscoe I. O. O'F. Lodge to J. G. Klas \$15 1 lot in Cemetery.
 Miss Sophia Klas to Brownlee School \$160 4 A. of NW 1-4 Sec. 46, Blk 24 T-P land.
 Arthur Sears to F. A. Magee \$2000

NE 1-4 Sec. 289, Blk 64 H & T C.
 J. M. Stripling to J. B. Cooper \$2609 267.8 A. of Sec. 32 Blk 23 and of Sec 41 Blk 23 T-P land.
 P. E. Harkins to Mrs. Lizzie M. Graham \$3500 S 1-2 lot 5 and all 6 Blk 15 Roscoe.
 W. F. Jones to P. E. Harkins \$375 pt. Blk 33, Roscoe.
 R. A. Edwards to P. E. Harkins \$2250 lots 1, 2 Blk 29 Roscoe.
 J. T. Browning to J. L. Browning \$8000 lots 7 8 9 10 11 12 Blk 86 Orient Add to Sweetwater.
 W. C. Atman to W. T. Denson \$5710 15 A. out of N W Cor Sur 25 Blk 25 T-P land.
 C. G. Gay to R. E. Malone \$4136 SE 1-4 Sec 79 Blk 24.
 J. L. Daniel to G. E. Morris \$1430 28.6 A. out Sec 41 Blk 21.
 J. G. Keel to W. L. Buster \$2780 part Sec 139 Blk 1-A.
 Grover Hanes to N. J. Turner \$950 part Sec. 45 Blk 23.
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Coupe-Sedan

Deluxe \$1550 for Toledo

The National Favorite

Weary of folding seats and seat-climbing, the public has literally flocked to the Willys-Knight Coupe-Sedan! Doors front and rear. You enter and leave without awkward contortions. And it has the wonderful Willys-Knight sleeve-valve engine—same type as Panhard, Daimler, and others of Europe's finest cars. See it! Try it!

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Sweetwater Overland Co.
SWEETWATER, TEXAS

THE DAY OF THE KNIGHT IS HERE

L. G. Calcote to J. F. Kinsey \$10,020 parts Secs 24 and 13 Blk 22.
 W. W. Beall, Rec. to H. F. Armstrong \$7000 Sur 171 Blk 64 H & T C 189-2-10 A. patented to Julia A. Cope-land.
 Annette C. Mills to J. W. Young \$3200 Sec 82 Blk 23 T-P Sur.
 R. L. Adams to Guy Barrett \$4880 SW 1-4 Sec 83 Blk 24 T-P Ry. Co.
 F. J. Neal to Clyde B. Payne \$1,000 eac. lots 4 5 6 Blk 95 Orient Add.
 R. G. Richbourg to C. S. Boyles \$1,300 29 A out SE part Sec. 41 Blk 21.
 R. L. McClain to J. L. Jackson \$30 lots 9, 10, 11 Blk 59 Wastella.

M. E. Carter to T. A. Martin et al \$500 80 A. out M. E. Scown Survey.
 W. H. Smith to C. D. Hubbard \$1300 lots 3 4 5 6 7 8 Blk 25 Eastern Add. to Sweetwater.
 J. F. York to Wight and Harp \$2000 part Sec 48 Blk 22.
 George Gray, Jr., will go up to Ham-lin Monday to spend Christmas with his parents.
 B. T. Page of Abilene and Miss Bell Osborn of Clyde were issued a marriage license Saturday by County Clerk Gus Farrar.

THE SEASON OF GOOD CHEER and HAPPINESS

Finds Us Mindful of Our Good Friends and Patrons, So We Pause to Wish You—

A Real Old Merry Christmas

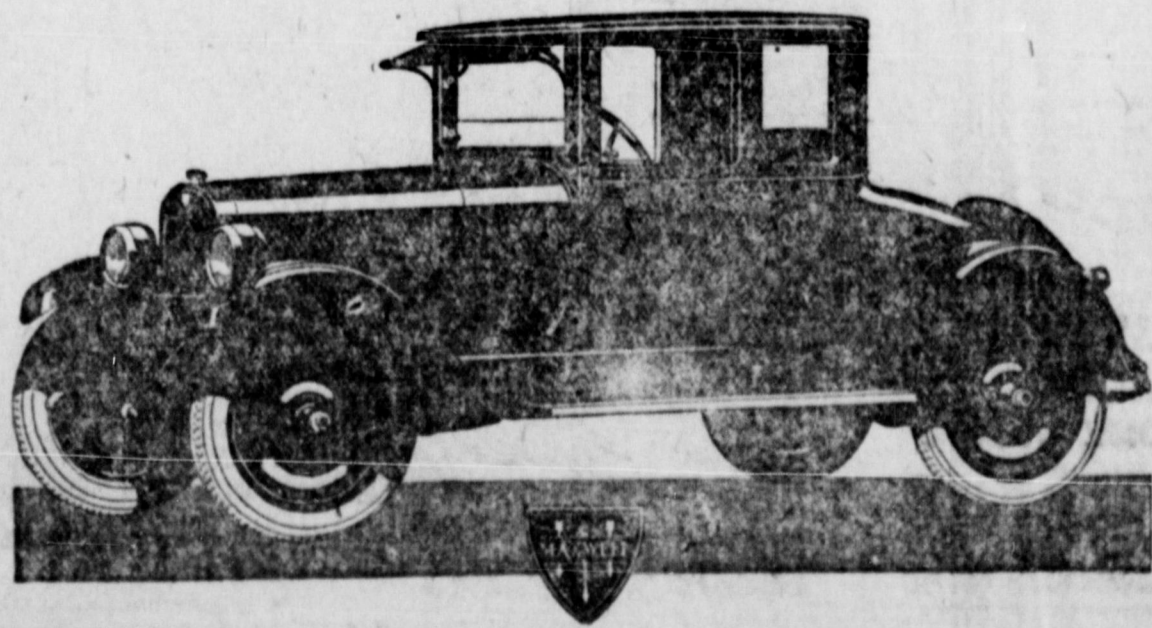
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Use Blue-Star Remedy for Eczema, Itch, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Ring Worms, Chapped Face, Poison Oak, Sunburns, Old Sores, or Sores on Children. It relieves all forms of Sore Feet. For sale by Bowen Drug Store.

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Boston bull terrier, 7 months old, ears not trimmed screw tail, weight 15 1-2 pounds answers name Dinty Moore strayed from 404 Elm Street phone 227-J or 160; will pay you for your trouble.—W. W. Woolsey 11p

We buy and sell second hand furniture, Hunter's, 353. 2381dc

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No slate, no clinkers, just a good clean free burning coal.—Simpson Fuel Co., phone 239. 2461fc

Bring your hemstitching to the Singer Sewing Machine Co. Work done by experienced operator. 27919dc

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FOR QUICK SALE—Am leaving town, Will sell 1923 Chevrolet Roadster driven 3400 miles. A real bargain at the price, \$425 cash. Call 46 or 185. dh

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For an ideal Christmas gift, the Sweetwater Dry Goods Co. suggests some of those beautiful furs just received. They'll surely please her. 1tc

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The following announce their candidacy for the various offices named below, subject to the action of the Democratic primaries:

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tion, stunt flying by Pangborn and and Thompson that makes the oldest exhibit flyers sit and take notice, Diavalo's death defying "Breakaway with thirty foot cable from plane landing

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MONDAY AND TUESDAY

BUCK JONES, in
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JOE ROCK, in
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Adolph Howe returned Saturday from a business trip to Anson and Rottan.

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WILL GIVE YOU A FREE SHOWING OF

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CHRISTMAS MORNING AT 10 O'CLOCK
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