

**WANTS NATIONS
TO MAKE CLEAR
THEIR PURPOSES**

DEFINITION OF "JUST AND PERMANENT PEACE" SOUGHT BY PRESIDENT IN HIS NOTE—EXPLANATORY STATEMENT

TAKE THE FRONT VIEW

Unfriendly Tone of Foreign Press
Comment Not Considered As Sign

for Frankness.

By Associated Press
Washington, Dec. 23. Information to their exact meaning in seeing it "first and permanent peace," the whole purpose of the note addressed to all of the belligerents President Wilson. The United States desires a full cessation and

This government does not believe that it has been given the real means of knowing what the intentions of the United States are. It has decided to make peace with the recent speeches of the American statesmen in all countries, and to tell them that would enable a country to draw up a treaty. All speak of the rights of small nations, the repudiation of conquest and the renunciation of the right of intervention. Intervention has yet gone into what kind of a category by those phrases in a way that the government of the United States cannot understand.

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In short, the United States is what would be accepted today as the basis of peace. It is not the slightest question here that the terms laid down will be reconcilable at first, it is known that some of the nations will find them too hard to swallow, but still, nevertheless, the meaning of these terms will afford a basis of negotiation, a starting place from which to begin the work of negotiation. It is an embarrassment seen to of the nations in naming such terms. It is understood in advance that the terms are not intended to bring about permanent changes and are not permanent binding under new conditions. While ever any nation feels cannot be

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States stands ready to enter any kind of international agreement that seems most desirable to the nation, whether permanent peace is to be cured by force, if necessary, or law. The country is not committed any plan and President Wilson is fully open to suggestions.

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the note was expected to have in allied countries, through that fact was decided to risk it in view of great interests involved. It is expected it may be some time before

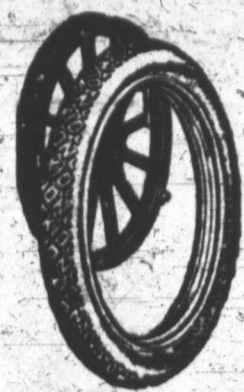
The early resentment in London

On the other hand the language of the note, it was pointed out, actually said that the statement of the

own proposals from the entente. While the reply is nearly finished, it will take a week to distribute it to the various powers. The entente, both that reply and the president's note to consider and consisting of different nations, all of different interests, is expected to require considerable time to get its views into shape for transmission. The allies' reply to the Central Powers will not be made public here.

**SIX MILLION DOLLAR
LEASE SOLD IN OKLAHO**

By Associated Press.
Tulsa, Okla., Dec. 23.—One of the largest lease sales in the history of Oklahoma was recorded here today with the announcement of the Oklahoma Producing and Refining Company and the Crystal Oil Company of purchase of the lease of Dr. S. J. Leedy and W. X. Springer, located in the Hornum district, for \$6,000. The lease has a production of 12 barrels of oil daily.



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CHRISTMAS REVELRY OF PRESENT DAY IS SURVIVAL OF ANCIENT CUSTOMS

While Shepherds watched their flocks
by night,
All seated on the ground,
The angel of the Lord came down,
And glory shone around.

The shepherds who heard the angel's song and went "with haste" to the birthplace at Bethlehem certainly took part in the first celebration of the Nativity, and the wise men who came afterward, being led by the wonderful star, may also be regarded as taking part in the celebration of the Nativity, for the name Epiphany did not come into use until long afterward. When it was first adopted by the oriental churches it was designed to commemorate both the birth and baptism of Jesus, which two events the eastern church believes to have occurred on January 6th.

There is still considerable doubt as to whether the 25th of December, which is now observed as Christmas Day, correctly fixes the time of year when Christ was born. From Clement of Alexandria it appears in the first effort to fix the season of the advent there were advocates of the 20th or 21st of April and the 20th of May. Some communities of Christians celebrated the festival on the 1st or 6th of January; others on the 29th of March, the time of the Jewish Passover, while still others observed it on the 29th of September, or Feast of the Tabernacles. Julius I, bishop of Rome (A. D. 337-352), contended that the 25th of December was the date of Christ's birth, and the majority of the eastern churches ultimately came around to this view. It is certain that at Chrysostom Christmas was observed on December

25th by east and west alike, with the exception of the Armenian church, which still remains faithful to January 6th.

There is every reason for believing that Easter and its accompanying celebrations mark with tolerable accuracy the anniversaries of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord, because we know that they took place at the period of the Jewish Passover, but there is no such certainty as regards Christmas.

Sir Isaac Newman says that the feast of the nativity and most other ecclesiastical anniversaries were originally fixed at cardinal points of the year, without reference to the date of the incidents which they commemorated, dates which, by the lapse of time, it was impossible to ascertain. Thus the annunciation of the Virgin Mary was placed on the 25th of March, or about the time of the vernal equinox; the feast of St. Michael on the 29th of September, or near the autumnal equinox, and the birth of Christ at the time of the winter solstice. Christmas was fixed at the time of year when the most celebrated festivals of the ancients were held in honor of the return of the sun. The Saxons and other northern nations kept a festival of this time of year in honor of Thor, in which they mingled feasting, drinking and dancing with sacrifice and religious rites. It was called Yule or Jule, the derivation of which has caused much dispute among antiquaries. The Bacchanalia and Saturnalia of the Romans had apparently the same object as Yuletide, or feast of the northern nations, and were probably adopted from some more ancient nation, as the Greeks.

Mexicans, Persians and Chinese had something similar. Presents were given and received on Christmas presents in these days. Toward the end of the feast, when the sun was on its return, and the earth considered renovated, a king or prince, who came with considerable power granted to him, from which may have sprung some of the Twelfth-Night revels, mingled with those of the Magi, the Adoration and Adoration of the Magi. In all probability other customs were adopted from the festivals of the ancients, such as the design of the evergreen, mistletoe and the wassail bowl.

It is known that the feast of the nativity was observed as early as the first century, and that it was by the primitive Christians, even in the dark days of persecution. On the rock-hewn tombs of the catacombs of Rome they wrote the words "The Adoration of the Magi." In the Jewish churches no festival was as joyous as the feast of the tabernacles, when they gathered the fruit of the vineyard, and in some of the earlier celebrations of the nativity these festivities were closely copied. And as all down the ages the pagan elements have mingled in the festivities of Christmas, so in the catacombs they are not absent. There is Orpheus playing on his lyre to the left; Bacchus as the god of the vintage; Psyche, the butterfly of the soul, and Jordan as the god of the rivers.

While it is not certain that the first preached the gospel in Britain, it is almost certain that Christianity entered with the Roman invasion in A. D. 43. It is certain that the Christmas era Christmas was celebrated in Britain, mingling some of the winter festival customs of the ancients with the religious customs of the Christians. The customs of the Saxons, and traces of these celebrations are still seen in some of the Christmas customs of modern times. The outgoing of the Romans and the incoming of the Angles, the Saxons and the Jutes, was disastrous to the Christmas festival, for the invaders were heathens, and Christianity was swept westward before them. They had lived in a part of the country not reached by Christianity, and they worshipped the false gods of Woden and Thor, and so they added to many heathen practices, some of which now mingle with the festivities of Christmas.

The Christmas festival was observed by the missionaries, headed by Augustine, who came to the south of England from Rome, and in the northern part of the country they were revived by the missionaries from Ireland, Aidan, the famous Columbian monk.

Christmas was now celebrated as the principal festival of the year, the Anglo-Saxon forefathers delighting in the festivities of the holy month, as they called the month of December. At these times the Anglo-Saxon and afterwards the Danish Kings of England lived in state, and were surrounded with all the great men of their kingdom (together with strangers of rank) who were sumptuously entertained, and the most important affairs of state were under consideration. There were also an outflow of generous hospitality toward the poor, who had a hard time of it the rest of the year. During the reign of Alfred the Great a law was passed with relation to holidays, by virtue of which the twelve days after the nativity were set apart for the celebration of the Christmas festival. It is said that but for Alfred's strict observance of the full twelve holy days, he would not have been defeated by the Danes.

The Norman kings and nobles displayed their taste for magnificence in most remarkable manner at their coronation, tournament and the celebration of Christmas festival and all the prelates and nobles were obliged to attend their sovereign to assist in deliberating on the great affairs of the kingdom. On these occasions the king feasted his nobles and gave them presents as mark of his royal favor.

The crusade had wonderful influence upon the literary taste as well as the national manners and festival of Christmas. On their return from the Holy Land the pilgrims and crusaders brought new subjects for theatrical representation, founded on the objects of their devotion and incidents in their wars, and the early mysteries and other plays of Christmas, among them the story of St. George and the Dragon, which has survived to modern times, probably owe their origin to this period.

It was at the Christmas festival of 1214 that the barons demanded the King John the document which, as the foundation of English liberties, is known by the name of Magna Charta. John's tyranny had become intolerable and the hopes of the people hung on the fortunes of the French campaign, in which he was then engaged. After his defeat and return to England, the barons met secretly and swore to demand the restoration of their liberties by charter under the king's seal, having agreed to assemble for this purpose at Christmas, they separated. On the feast of the Epiphany the barons assembled in London and demanded of the king his confirmation of the laws of Edward the Confessor and Henry I. John met the barons with an absolute refusal, but, finding them firm, pleaded for time to consider. This was granted, and in 1215 knowing it to be inevitable the barons to the king's summons, and there signed the great charter.

During the reign of Henry VII a statute was passed prohibiting card playing, except at Christmas. Persons who never played at cards, or who were bound to do so at this season, the practice had even the sanction of the law.

During the reign of James I. the Christmas entertainments consisted chiefly of the magnificent masques of Ben Jonson and others who by their previous training had acquired a mastery of the dramatic art. The company to which Shakespeare belonged became the king's players. Very early in his reign, plays gave place to the more costly and elaborate entertainments called masques very different to the dumb show masques of Elizabeth's reign or the low buffoonery masques of earlier times.

Efforts of the Puritans to abolish

Christmas was a failure. An ordinance was issued prohibiting the performance of plays. Some of the shops of London were kept open on Christmas. The people feared a Popish observance of the day. The Puritans gradually prevailed and in 1647 some parish officers were committed for permitting ministers to preach upon Christmas Day and for adorning the church. The citizens of London made a stout resistance.

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Some Christmas Superstitions

This is the season of the year when all wait for the near approach of Christmas—the season of the mistletoe, good cheer, "Peace on Earth; Good will to Men." It is the accepted birthday of the Blessed Saviour and the time when Santa Claus, St. Nicholas and Kris Kringle, as the patron saint of the occasion is known, holds high revel and does not forget the little boys and girls who are expecting to be remembered.

Kris Kringle, as Santa Claus is popularly known, comes from the middle of the fourth century, having his origin in Rome. From there he traveled into Germany, where he modified certain old traditions, and underwent a modification himself. From the woods of Germany he crossed the channel to England. In those days he was a rather gaunt looking individual, tall, wrinkled, thin of waist and he wore a high peaked hat with a white tassel. His costume likewise was medieval. The coat was long, coming to the knees, and was fastened with a belt. He held a long staff, and his arrival in England he appears to have improved somewhat in personal appearance, but it was not until he had emigrated to America, where he had a chance to become acquainted with himself in his various aspects, that he developed into the familiar figure we see all over the world at Christmas time.

Many quaint traditions have followed in his footsteps and many superstitions have grown up about the Christmas festival. In England it is still generally believed that those who quarrel on Christmas day or night will have no luck in friendship, love or pocket. This tradition followed Santa Claus from Germany and is traceable through the Frankland of the middle ages.

It is also considered very unlucky to allow carol singers to leave the front of the house without being compensated. It has also been proverbial that all undertakings started on Christmas day will prove successful, and in many countries peasants and farmers sow samples of grain and wheat in their snow covered fields Christmas morning.

Among the superstitions is one of peculiar interest to women. It is said that to laundress a Christmas present will destroy its good luck. Coupled with it is the advice that to secure good luck we must save a piece of the Christmas cake. Since time immemorial a belief has existed all through Europe that a stick of butter, in the Christmas fire and kept under the bed will protect the house from being struck by lightning, and the custom is largely followed.

Albania food from the Christmas supper is thrown on the fire and a branch of cherry is left there for luck.

Every one is familiar with the saying that a green Christmas makes a fat graveyard. Possibly it was inspired by a desire for a holiday, but in England there exists the belief that nothing which runs round may be set in motion between Christmas and New Year. As it comes down from the day of the winter solstice its application will be understood.

Christmas weddings the world over are regarded as insuring future happiness and the belief is that a Christmas bride will never want for home, children and husband.

In Serbia Christmas celebrations are provided in which a Christmas coin is hid. When the cake is cut the one getting the Christmas coin is assured of a prosperous year.

In Germany it is believed that by watching the shadows thrown by the candles on the Christmas tree it may be known which member of the family will be the first to die. Scandinavians have a pretty custom, in a row before the Christmas tree Christmas night all of the shoes of the family are placed as a token that peace will reign in the house during the year.

In Prussia the belief exists that all clothes lines must be left unhung on Christmas day to insure good luck. Sweden has a tradition that it is unlucky to allow the candles or the Christmas fire to go out, and that it is equally unlucky to have any of the dishes unwashed on Christmas Eve.

NORTHWESTERN COAL SITUATION MORE SERIOUS

The coal situation of the Northwest is becoming more serious every day, says G. W. Barr, chief dispatcher for that line, and freight trains are being kept as few as possible, commensurate with the conduct of business, and even more care in this direction will be necessary until a sufficient quantity of coal can be imported. Although facing a coal shortage for several weeks, so far this line has managed to keep business from piling up, being forced to obtain a supply of coal from other roads on one or two occasions. The shortage is due to the failure of the production at the Newcastle mines to supply a sufficient quantity of coal to fill the needs of the road.

REPORT GERMANS WAGER ON PEACE BY NEXT AUGUST

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 23.—A Frankfurt dispatch to the Exchange Telegraph company from Amsterdam says that the Germans were heavy betting on the Berlin exchange today that peace would be signed before August. The same dispatch says that the German emperor will return to Berlin for conferences with the American and Spanish ambassadors.

TO DELIVER MANY PACKAGES TODAY

Postoffice to Keep Three Wagons Busy Today—Big Rush Saturday.

Three parcel post delivery wagons will be in service all day today, distributing Christmas bundles to Wichitans, in the intention of getting rid of the big pile of packages at the postoffice before Christmas day dawns. The pile did not seem to materially diminish yesterday, in spite of the steady inroads made upon it by the deliveries and distributions. Tomorrow all windows will be open from nine to ten a. m. The carriers will make one collection and one delivery, starting early in the morning. The postoffice was thronged from early until late Saturday, and the force was kept busy with scarcely a moment's respite. It was stated last night that the situation was well in hand, in spite of the tremendous business.

MEMORIAL SERVICES FOR MRS. BOISSEVAIN MONDAY

By Associated Press.
Washington, Dec. 23.—Memorial services for the late Inez Mulholland Boissevain, noted suffrage leader, will be held in Statuary Hall at the capital on Monday. It will be the first time that a woman to whom a monument has been erected in the hall has been so honored there. A feature will be the reading of a memorial resolution embodying Mrs. Boissevain's last message to the women of the west.

VON BURIAN HAS BEEN PEPLACED BY CHUDERNITZ

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 23.—Count Herin Von Chudernitz has succeeded Baron Von Burian as Austro-Hungarian foreign minister, according to a Reuters' Amsterdam dispatch, quoting the Vienna Wiened Zeitung. Count Chudernitz also was named president of the council of ministers. He was minister to Russia in that country entered the war. Baron Von Burian has been repeatedly reported to have resigned as foreign minister since he took office in January, 1915, succeeding Count Berchtold.

SUCCESSFUL AIR RAID IN EGYPT IS REPORTED

By Associated Press.
London, Dec. 23.—Today's British official statement says that several successful raids in the El Arish region, Egypt. At Maghaba about a ton of our explosives was dropped on the enemy concentrations, causing many casualties to the personnel. Attacks were made on Beersheba, southern border of Palestine, and a large railway bridge over a deep ravine at Tel-El-Sharia, fifteen miles north of Beersheba, was seriously damaged. Our machines returned safely.

MASONIC HOME DEATH LIST REMAINS AT FIVE

By Associated Press.
Wichita, Kansas, Dec. 23.—Recovery of the bodies of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ferris accounted tonight for the last persons missing in the fire which destroyed the Kansas Masonic Home here with a loss of five lives. Funeral services with Masonic rites will be held for the victims Tuesday.

One Travelling Man Brings Real Christmas Joy to a Youngster

There's a travelling man in Wichita Falls who Saturday night experienced something of the real joy of giving and who in this experience brought a bit of Christmas into the life of a youngster whose chances for a "Merry Christmas" were rather slim Saturday. This impromptu Santa Claus discovered a small fellow, barefooted and scantily clothed downtown, shivering in the December breeze, which, though much warmer than that of days preceding Saturday, was still rather too chilly for bare feet. This kind hearted man took him to a clothing store, and soon had him outfitted from head to foot in warm, serviceable winter clothing. The child joyfully exclaimed, "Mother won't hardly know me!" and in his pleasure his benefactor took much satisfaction.



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We also regret to notify you of the death of Mrs. J. M. Kar, who died, held Policy No. 694 in our Association. Her death was caused from an operation.

This brings us to the close of another year, and we as officers of this Association wish to thank each member for their prompt payment of all assessments levied on them this year, and we feel thankful as an Association to have been instrumental in helping the beneficiaries of our deceased members. And we feel proud of our Association, and think that each member should feel a personal interest in keeping our Association in the full 1,200 members. Let each member do this by sending \$2.00 by Jan. 1st. This makes \$200 for each member for next year. That is \$20 per year for each member. Don't forget the date, Jan. 1st, under penalty of suspension. DO IT NOW.

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Wichita Falls, Texas, Dec. 24, 1916.

Betting is reported in Berlin that peace will be signed by Christmas. Chance for some of Hughes' Wall street backers to recuperate.

The federal court isn't quite enough of a cinch for Wichita Falls to deem it a Christmas present, but the situation ought to add something to the Christmas happiness of those who have been working for it so long.

With Germany accusing him of trying to help Great Britain, and with Great Britain charging him with playing into Germany's hands, President Wilson has some excuse for feeling right on his peace note.

There are scores of Wichitians who ought to belong to the Chamber of Commerce who do not, and the membership campaign to be started early in January has plenty of subjects upon which to work. Wichita Falls has always taken pride in the way in which she has supported the Chamber of Commerce, but the truth is that she has fallen considerably short of what she might have done in that regard. The January campaign ought to end with every business man in the city definitely lined up with the organization.

Once again, for the third successive time, the world faces Christmas with half of humanity embroiled in war and with those sentiments seemingly uppermost that tend to make a travesty of "peace on earth." In a way, it seems a grim joke that on the day when all Christendom honors the Prince of Peace, His precepts should be so far forgotten that nations are at each other's throats and that bloodshed and hatred, plunder and conquest have become commonplace things, and that the civilization that Christianity brought to the world should be on the rack. America and the world can only hope that the efforts of Woodrow Wilson to bring an end to the great tragedy will prove successful by another Christmas.

The Times wants to join with many other firms and business houses in Wichita Falls in wishing the people of the town and surrounding country a joyous Christmas and a New Year of happiness and continued prosperity. Here at home we have peace and prosperity and above all a generous and progressive people and all of us should feel grateful. The generous trade they have enjoyed has prompted many mercantile firms to place cards in today's Times, expressing their gratitude and wishing their friends and patrons the compliments of the season. That all have not done so is probably because they have not been able to spare even a few moments' time from the crowds who thronged the stores from early morning until late last night. The sentiments which all express testify to a genuine good-will. Several of the cards show that at this Christmas time the thought of Wichita Falls business men are not entirely engrossed with their own business affairs but include all men in their good-will and that they hope for a peace that will encompass the whole world.

President Wilson's note to the belligerent powers is much more likely to result in some misunderstanding than is the German note suggesting a peace conference. The German note contained a great deal of bombast and probably bluff and the most it was likely to bring forth was more bombast and bluff. On the other hand, President Wilson's note calls for straight and definite information, and the position of the United States is such that it is altogether likely that the information will be forthcoming. The more we think of it the more we come to believe that President Wilson's note was a timely and right one. There was authority on both sides in the conflict speaking in general terms, have created the impression that both sides have the same general objects. If they have and will make these objects definitely known there is a chance for the getting together for a discussion of peace. The people of the belligerent countries themselves are entitled to very definite statements of the purposes of the war. If

these statements show that these purposes are so near the same thing as those in authority have declared in general terms, peace will be inevitable, for there is a great yearning for peace and a great weariness of war among the peoples of all countries at war. But the war may go on, and if it does, there is a grave possibility that this country may become involved. The position of all neutrals is becoming increasingly difficult and at any time we may be forced to enter the conflict. President Wilson's note is a warning to the belligerents that this may happen. If this contingency must come, we ought to know as definitely as we can learn the purposes and aims of the belligerents. From the viewpoint of our own interests, therefore, the note is timely.

In connection with what the Times had to say Sunday in reference to J. A. Kemp's gift to the city, it ought to be added that if the people of Wichita Falls were picking the man whom they would most want to have give them a library, they would unanimously decide upon Mr. Kemp. The Times is sure it must be a wonderful thing for a town to have a library presented to them gratis, but it is certainly still wonderfuler to have it presented by the right man. It would be awfully easy for the wrong man to present a library, though we don't really feel it proper to go too deeply into that matter just now, with Denton standing around on one foot and then the other waiting for somebody to rush up and hand her a library. The only thing we can't understand about Mr. Kemp's library is, where he got it. The Times goes on to say that Mr. Kemp is one of the most beloved of Wichita Falls citizens, and if he is beloved, how did he raise up enough money to get a library for himself much less one for Wichita Falls? Beloved people never have any money; they have big hearts, but empty hands. Of course, there must be exceptions to this rule, but it does seem that the heavier folks' pockets get, the lighter their hearts get; the bigger their bank rolls, the smaller their souls. We certainly would feel a weight off our mind if The Times man would explain the anomalous situation to us, right off. I. M. D. in Denton Record-Chronicle.

It is often true that the accumulation of money makes men close fluted and hard hearted. But there are exceptions, and Mr. Kemp is one of these exceptions. If I. M. D. knew Mr. Kemp, she could readily understand why Wichita Falls would rather receive a library as his gift than from any other person. Until I. M. D. knows Mr. Kemp and his relation to Wichita Falls and its people, she will never fully understand what The Times said. Yes, Mr. Kemp is an exception to the rule noted by I. M. D. He is loved by his fellow townsmen, yet he is a man of wealth. Many of his closest friends have wondered at his success in a financial way, for he has succeeded financially without repressing or strangling those warm hearted impulses and those sympathies which make men beloved by their fellowmen.

PEACE OR WAR?

Germany has uncaged the "Dove of Peace" and, like Noah of old, has sent it forth with a message to the nations of the world.

The timid bird has risen above the war clouds that envelope Europe, and is now poised on circling wings uncertain where to find a perch undisturbed by the clashing arms and roaring cannon that are sending thousands of brave soldiers to an untimely grave. While the "Dove of Peace" wings its flight from nation to nation, looking for an open dove cote, the sound of lamentation is heard from the desolate homes of the people, where the messenger of death has arrived. The eyes of all nations watch the progress of the bird, as it hovers over the capital domes of the warring nations. Will it return to Germany with an olive branch, or will it return weary of its flight, and with drooping wings re-enter its cage, to await a renewed season of carnage?

In the meantime, President Wilson, on his own initiative, has made an appeal to the warring nations. "To stop and let us reason together." Will they heed his appeal, and meet around a council table to discuss terms of peace? Let us hope that they will.

As we approach the closing days of 1916, there can be no greater boon conferred upon mankind than a lasting treaty of peace.

Is there a prophet among our statesmen, wise enough to foretell the end of the negotiations? If there is raise your hand.

EDGAR RYE.

COMPULSORY TRAINING

Four years ago the man who advocated universal military training would have been hooted out of court as a crank and a jingo. Even two years ago he would hardly have been accorded a hearing; now the idea not only receives serious, thoughtful consideration, but high officials of our government are endorsing it and President Wilson himself is said to be of an open mind; as yet, upon the subject it is true that every American tradition is against it, but war has a way of upsetting traditions wholesale, and the parent of today may contemplate thoughtfully the possibility that his sons must be trained as soldiers when they approach manhood. Universal training is the logical sequence to preparedness, which itself upsets few ideals in this republic, and with no guarantee of peace for future years, rather, in fact, the possibility of being involved in war, universal training is not to be dismissed with the laugh

that would have greeted it only a year or two ago.

"There are facts before us," says the Houston Post "that we cannot brush aside as we formerly brushed aside the theories of our generals."

Continuing The Post says: "They have taken us retrospectively into our own experience and shown us that our volunteer armies were expensive in the matter of blood and treasure. They have agreed with us that the volunteer is not lacking in patriotism or courage, but they make a clear case against the volunteer's efficiency. The volunteer becomes efficient in time of course, but time is a vital element in war, and Europe has shown us that the loss of time in creating trained armies is attended by great disasters."

There are some questions which we must answer intelligently. One is, will the present conflict in Europe end war for all time?

All of us sincerely hope it may, and we feel that at least there is a long period of peace ahead of the world. And yet, the war is almost certain to leave the world situation as much complicated.

Disarmament is yet a dream which promises little of reality, and if Europe finds peace in a deadlock, as appears highly probable, how long may we hope for peace?

The prophets tell us that the next war to follow the present European struggle is bound to involve the United States, since it has already annihilated almost all the natural defenses which have heretofore afforded the basis of our national security. We are even confronted by the possibility of an alliance of nations now fighting each other, bound together by a common interest, as against the vanishing power and world consequence of the American Republic.

The Japanese menace is becoming clearer, and there will be no exhaustion in that empire to guarantee security for us. It will be in a comparative sense a rich Japan that will emerge from the present war, as well as a married Japan and an efficient Japan.

First-class powers are prepared to strike rapid blows, or if they are not prepared, they suffer when the clash comes.

If we are to need an army of defense, we shall need a good one, and one superbly-trained and equipped, and easily mobilized where the danger exists.

Experience shows that our present system makes the enlistment of a large regular army impossible.

There is no getting away from that conviction. The question is, does the national security demand a system that would enable us to assemble upon a moment's notice a large, perfectly-trained army?

If it does, the present system must be voted a failure.

REPORTS ROBBERY
WITH CROWD NEAR

Burburnett Man's Story of Downtown Affair is Doubtful By Police.

Complaint that he had been held up at the point of a revolver almost in the heart of the business district at seven o'clock last night and relieved of \$27 was made to the city police by a man from Burburnett, but after a thorough investigation, officers decided that the complaining witness had been "seeing things."

According to the man's story, he was standing in front of the Newport bar on the corner of Seventh and Indiana, and was "baced" by a party for a "feed." He said he was walking on Indiana with this party to a cafe on Indiana, back of the Newport bar, and when abreast of the alley in the rear of the saloon, his companion poked what looked to be about a 32 calibre Colt automatic in his ribs and ordered him to hand over what he had.

He says that \$25 in bills and two dollars in silver was taken. He denied having seen the other party before this occurrence. The other man was described as about five feet six inches in height, from 20 to 24 years of age, smooth shaven, slender, weighing in the neighborhood of 150 pounds, dressed in blue overalls with a blue jumper and a brown woolen shirt, with a big white slouch hat decorated with a narrow band. Night Chief McDonald questioned the complainant at some length and found several contradictions in the telling of his story.

FOOTBALL GAME TO
BE PLAYED MONDAY

Former High School Players to Meet the Present Team at Katy Park.

Monday afternoon at 3:30 the time honored Christmas Day football game will be staged at the Katy park, the Alumni team to oppose the high school regulars. The Alumni team is composed of the most part of high school graduates and ex-high school students, who were on the team in their school days and the line up though not wholly completed, promises a worth-while game.

Several players who have made college teams will be in the Alumni lineup including "Chief" Colburn and John Tevis, both of Castle Heights, and William Ward, former Castle Heights player, who this year has been in Georgia Tech. The high school lineup will contain the leading players and substitutes on the regular team.

Local boys who have at one time or another played remarkable football, and who will take part in the Monday game on the Alumni side, are: Leonard Smith, William Skeen, Brack Haw, Thorne, Bob Tevis, Clarence Moore, Harvey Vincent, Norman Bachman, Tom Courtney and the three above mentioned.

FEW ARRESTS MADE
OF DRUNK YESTERDAY

For the last business day before Christmas, the number of drunks arrested on the streets was unusually small, only little more than half a dozen being taken in by the city police up to a late hour last night. Many, however, were warned to go home and stay off the streets, being in the near stages of intoxication. Fourteen prisoners were released from the city jail last night and the officers stated that there were four or five more there to go as soon as they sobered up. The prisoners on the misdemeanor or side of the county jail will also be released in order to allow them to spend Christmas in freedom.

BELIEVE FIRE WAS
INCENDIARY WORK

Members of Sheriff's Department Investigating Travis School Burning.

Members of the sheriff's department are quietly working on the theory that the Travis school, which burned Thursday morning, was fired by incendiaries, and it is not thought unlikely that the next few days will see developments in this connection. However, it is stated that so far the officers have found very little to guide them, but hope soon to strike a trail which will enable them to reach the guilty parties should incendiaries prove to have been the origin of the fire.

POLL TAXES AHEAD
OF 1915'S SHOWING

Indications Are First of New Year Will Find Substantial Increase.

Prospects were Saturday that poll taxes this month, in common with the other months of the year, will run considerably in excess of the slim period of the preceding year, 247 having been issued so far, exclusive of those which have probably been issued at Burburnett today, which are probably estimated to have been 50 or 60.

Only 340 were issued altogether in December 1915, and as the tax collectors date at Iowa Park does not come until next Friday and Saturday, where a heavy payment is expected, a gain seems a certainty. Up to this week, only 90 poll taxes had been issued with the exception of those issued while the tax collector was at Electra, where the payment was over 100.

Track Chambermaid
Is New Designation
For Railroad Snipes

Wichita Falls is responsible for a new classification for railroad "snipes" now rapidly becoming known as "track chambermaids." How it came about is recounted in the following fashion in the December Katy employees magazine:

The Scotch have a well deserved reputation for kindness and gentleness of Hebrew extraction are seldom known to overlook an opportunity to turn an honest dollar to good advantage. But for real craft and a saving sense of thrift, this story of Mexican ingenuity, coming from Cal Owens, maintenance clerk at Wichita Falls, Texas, takes the cake.

There is an employment agency in Wichita Falls that posts on a large blackboard the jobs it has to offer, after the custom of the trade. Recently this blackboard was chalked up about as follows:

10 men wanted for section work.
1 dishwasher for hotel.
2 men on dairy.
1 chambermaid.

Three Mexicans entered the employment agency in search of work. The agent told them he could place them on railroad section work, but would have to charge a \$1 fee. The three sons of Montezuma wanted work but they were decidedly averse to paying a fee to get it, so they went out in front of the employment agency and copied off onto a piece of paper the job they wanted—at least they

thought they did. Shortly afterward they appeared at the grill of Owens' window and their spokesman pushed their piece of paper through to him, saying: "We no have dollar, but me want that job."

Owens opened the paper and found laboriously scrawled on it: "Wanted, 1 chambermaid."
Needless to say, they got work and as a consequence of the incident "Snipes" are now designated locally as "Track Chambermaids."

At St. James Hotel, New Year's night—Jan. 1st, dinner, \$1.00. Music.

AUTOMOBILE ROBE IS
PRESENTED MAYOR SATURDAY

Mayor A. H. Britain Saturday morning was presented with a handsome automobile robe by the members of the fire, police and sanitary departments together with City Clerk V. G. Skeen. Mayor Britain was telephoned Saturday morning to come down to the city hall on important business. On his arrival he was presented with the robe. Fire Chief J. E. McClure making the presentation speech, Mr. Britain responded his appreciation of the gift in a brief speech of thanks.

Pennington's
WICHITA FALLS

Christmas Greetings

We thank you, our customers and friends, for the liberal patronage extended us during our Removal Sale—which closed Saturday night. We wish you a merry Christmas.

Pennington's
WICHITA FALLS

I Have Enjoyed a Prosperous Season

I am deeply grateful to my many friends for having favored me with 'so liberal a share of their patronage.

With the advent of the New Year I shall endeavor more and more to make my store more than just a place to trade in.

It shall be my constant aim to make my store an institution that will represent the true spirit of Wichita Falls, an institution to be proud of.

**I Wish You One and All
A Merry Christmas**

SAUL

At St. James Hotel, New Year's night—Jan. 1st, dinner, \$1.00. Music.

2 INJURED WHEN AUTO IS DITCHED

Frederick Parties Hurt Late Saturday
In Accident Five Miles From
Town.

Two Frederick men, William Lawson and William Manning, were seriously hurt about 11:45 o'clock last night, when a five-passenger Maxwell car loaded with Frederick people went into a ditch about five miles out of Wichita Falls on the Burk Burnett road. The accident is said to have been caused by failure of the lights on a narrow stretch of road, flanked by deep ditches. Manning, who was driving the car, lost the road, which resulted in the accident. The car did not turn over, on account of the narrowness of the ditch, the other back holding it in a partially upright condition.

Lawson was brought to Wichita Falls by Jones Jones, a Tipton, Oklahoma, service car driver, and was carried to the general hospital, where his wounds were dressed. He is badly cut about the face, one rib is fractured, and it is thought that possibly he suffered internal injuries, being to all appearances pretty badly hurt. Manning's injuries were chiefly face cuts, caused from flying glass. He got out of the car immediately after the accident, but got down on the side of the road and seemed in rather bad condition. For some reason he was not brought to Wichita Falls with the other man, but a car was dispatched for him about one o'clock this morning. The party was coming to Wichita Falls from Frederick.

One of the passengers in the car declared to give the names of the three men in the car with Lawson and Manning.

SMOKING CAR ROBBER ESCAPES WITH ONLY \$10

By Associated Press. Dec. 23.—A robber held up the passengers in the smoking car of the Chicago, Milwaukee and St. Paul train from Chicago as it entered the yards here tonight and escaped with ten dollars, after shots had been exchanged by leaping through a window with the train in motion.

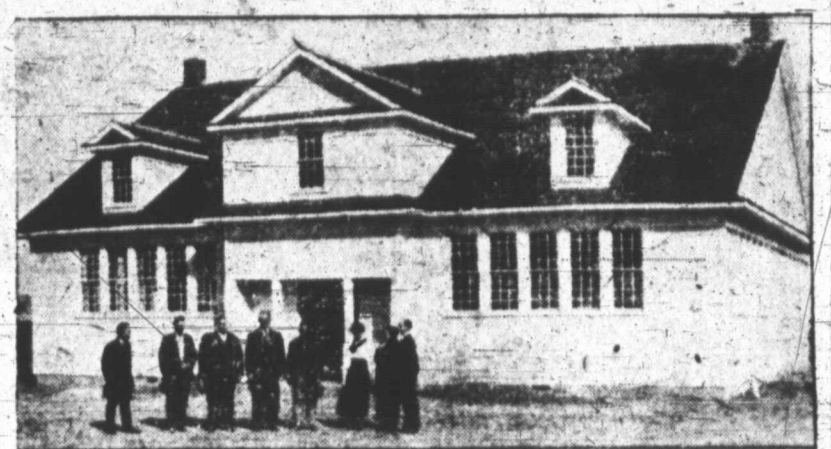
LONDON DENIES ARABIA WAS IN ALLIED SERVICE

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—An official report from the British government on the British liner, Arabia, sunk by a submarine without warning, in the Mediterranean, declares the Arabia was not at that or any previous time, in the service of the allies. Germany claimed in a note to the American government that the Arabia was an "armed auxiliary." The British report was made in answer to the inquiry from the state department. Investigation of the case still will progress, however, it was said at the state department.

SAYS STATE DEPARTMENT WELCOMES INVESTIGATION

By Associated Press. Washington, Dec. 23.—Secretary Lansing said today that the state department would welcome an investigation to show whether any government officials from stock exchange speculation from his two statements regarding the president's peace note, such as was proposed in the House yesterday in a resolution by Representative Woods, of Indiana.

THE NEW COUNTY LINE SCHOOL BUILDING ONE OF MOST UP-TO-DATE IN COUNTY



(Electra News)

The last few years have seen a great change in the character of rural school buildings erected in Texas. More attention is given to light, sanitation and heating, and in many instances the grounds are being beautified with trees and shrubbery. The foregoing illustration shows the school building recently completed in the County Line school district in Wichita County, Texas. Those in the picture, reading from left to right, are R. M. Johnson, county superintendent; W. E. Huff, G. F. Nix and Tom Haynes, trustees; D. E. Smith (By Jo), Miss May Vaughn, intermediate teacher; Mrs. W. P. Lewis, primary; W. P. Lewis, principal.

Leaves In Attempt To Rescue Marooned Men In Arctic

By Associated Press. Dunedin, N. Z., Dec. 23.—Sir Ernest Shackleton, the explorer, sailed today from Port Chalmers for the Antarctic, on board his auxiliary ship, the Aurora, in an effort to rescue the members of his Antarctic expedition marooned near the Ross Barrier. There are ten men in the party, which the explorer will attempt to reach. Captain Shackleton and nine of the crew of the Aurora. They only a scant supply of provisions when the Aurora broke away in a blizzard 21 months ago, leaving them stranded. Nothing has been heard from them since.

ONLY FIVE RECRUITS SECURED DURING WEEK

Four enlistments for service in the United States Army and one for the navy were secured during the past week at the local recruiting offices. The following enlisted in the army: Joseph A. McCarron of Elbert; Chas. O. Beisler of Cement; Harry Cole, of Leonard; and Albert Wilkins, of Gainesville. Julian L. Sheppard of Jayton, was the only recruit for the navy.

MANY INTERNED GERMANS FREED, SMUGGLED OVER

By Associated Press. New York, Dec. 23.—Many Germans who have been interned as prisoners in England as well as a number of Englishmen desirous of escaping military service have been smuggled into country as coal trimmers on various liners, it was intimated here today. The case of William Farquhar, also known as Kernahan, for whom a writ of habeas corpus was sworn out in the federal court, was said to have led to the disclosure.

Farrell, a coal trimmer on board the British steamship Adriatic, had been placed in irons, because he declared that if permitted ashore he would not return. The writ of habeas corpus sworn out in his behalf directed Captain Ransom of the Adriatic to produce Farrell before the court. This, however, the captain refused to do stating that he mere fact of bringing Farrell ashore would liberate him. Judge Hough, who heard the argument, dismissed the writ.

MANY RAILROAD MEN TO HAVE HOLIDAY TOMORROW

Christmas will be a holiday for Wichita Falls railroad men, along with the rest of the population in so far as this is found practicable. No trains except passenger trains will be run on that day, and freight trains will be kept down to a minimum during the week in order to give the men who follow this dangerous calling a taste of the holidays.

SAYS FRENCH EXECUTED TWO WOMEN, AS SPIES

By Associated Press. Berlin, Dec. 23.—An Overseas News Agency dispatch today says: "French court martial have sentenced to death one woman, one Duseys, by name, born in Calais of a German mother, and a Luxemburg father, the other a widow named Tichelly of Swiss nationality. Both are accused of giving army information to Germany."

RETURNS FROM BROWNSVILLE WITH MAN WANTED HERE

Sheriff George Hawkins returned Saturday from Brownsville with Frank Sowell alias J. F. Smith, who was wanted here in connection with an alleged forged check, said to have been passed by him on the McClark Dry Goods company. Sowell this evening gave bond in the sum of \$500.

SINCLAIR COMPANY ASKS FOR PIPE LINE FRANCHISE

By Associated Press. Topeka, Kansas, Dec. 23.—Application by the Sinclair-Cudahy Pipe Line company, a Maine corporation, with Kansas headquarters, for permission to operate as a pipe line common carrier in Kansas, was filed today with the state public utilities commission.

GARDNER REPUDIATES LEADERSHIP OF MANN

By Associated Press. Cincinnati, Dec. 23.—Representative August C. Gardner, of Massachusetts, in a statement here tonight, repudiated the republican leadership in Congress of Representative James R. Mann, because of his endorsement of President Wilson's peace note to the belligerents, and says he will support Representative Lenroot of Wisconsin for speaker when Congress convenes.

PIONEER NEWSPAPERMAN OF FORT WORTH DEAD

By Associated Press. Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 23.—J. J. Roche, aged 65, Fort Worth pioneer, died here today. He was born in Ireland. He studied law and entered the field of journalism. At one time he was financial editor of the New York Herald and also served on the New York Times. He was war correspondent with Major Terry. Mr. Roche gave up journalistic work several years ago and was engaged in the real estate business when he died.



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CONVICT WOUNDED IN FIGHT WITH OFFICERS

By Associated Press. Newport, Ariz., Dec. 23.—N. B. "Mackie" Williams, said to be one of the most notorious bandits of the mid-west, who escaped from a state farm last January, was probably fatally wounded in a thrilling battle with officers and citizens here today. Carl Hogan, another escaped convict, who participated in the battle today, escaped during the fighting.

Williams is said to have operated in many middle western states, and is said to have previously escaped from the Kansas state penitentiary. He escaped from the state farm soon after being transferred there from the penitentiary; and it is said that he boasted he would never be taken alive.

SERIOUS SITUATION IS REPORTED IN HOLLAND

Washington, Dec. 23.—Shortage of coal, wood and other necessary supplies has produced a serious situation in Holland, according to a special report from Frank W. Mahan, American consul at Amsterdam.

Local News Brevities

Remember that we have a fresh line of Blank Wenker candies also a big shipment of package goods. V. E. Stampfl. 153 11tc

All supply houses and gasoline stations will close at 11 o'clock Christmas Day, Dec. 25, 1916. 193 11tc

Mrs. E. A. Cowan of 907 Austin who has been ill for several months is only slightly improved according to latest reports. 192 11tc

Dance Christmas Night. Knights & Ladies of Security will give their Christmas ball, Christmas night. All lodges of the city are invited, others must have invitation, tickets to reject anyone reserved. 192 11tc

Jack McDaniel is here from Durant, New Mexico to spend the holidays with friends. 193 11tc

We re-line, rad and make your furs into the new shapes, phone 1531 Home Tailoring Co. 36 11tc

MUSIC today at St. James during noon and night meals as usual. 193 11tc

St. James, Christmas Day, December 25th, six o'clock dinner, \$1.00, music. 187 7tc

Dr. Scharff, Osteopath, K & K Bldg. MUSIC at St. James Hotel, noon and evening as usual. 193 11tc

An attempt to thaw out frozen water pipes is given as the cause of a small fire at the residence of W. H. Garner, 506 Kentucky street, about five o'clock yesterday afternoon. The fire department made a quick run across the river, but the fire had been extinguished without any damage being suffered before their arrival. 193 11tc

Purity double cream will always whip, for sale at Pure Milk Products Co. 192 11tc

James Calvert, advertising manager for The Times, has been confined to his home for several days. 193 11tc

With all good wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year, we are very grateful to you and all our friends who have given us such generous patronage this Holiday Season.

E. S. Morris & Co.
Dependable Jewelry
Eighth and Indiana Ave.

THE QUESTION OF ECONOMY

is often a matter of considerable moment when the yearly Christmas list of gifts is made out. By giving photographs for Xmas you can discharge all your obligations at comparatively low expense without favoring one person over another, and still your gifts will have that intimate personal touch that carries with it the real spirit of Xmas.

WICHITA STUDIO

802 1/2 INDIANA
We Do FRAMING, Too.
Over Morris Drug store

The pastor will preach at the 11:00 o'clock services and the choir will furnish special music. At the evening service the children and young people will have charge of the service with the choir assisting. The public is cordially invited to attend these services.

R. C. MILLER, Pastor.

To
All Our Friends
and Everybody
The
Season's
Greetings

You have made our
Christmas a very happy
one indeed and
we hope the NEW
YEAR will be one
in which your prosperity
will continue
and in which we may
continue to serve you

**B. T. BURGESS
JEWELER**

Knights of Pythias
Meet Friday a Night
Second Floor New Masonic Building.
H. P. HODGE, C. C.

First Evangelical Church
For 15th and Broad
Sunday school 9:45 a. m. H. G. Karrenbrock, superintendent.
Morning worship, 11:00 o'clock, the pastor's subject being "The Star in the East."
Y. P. A. will meet 6:45 p. m.
Evening worship 7:30. Subject "What Will you do with Christ?"
The Christmas program, Xmas tree and Santa Claus will be on Monday night, program beginning promptly at 7:30. Everyone is invited.
Prayer service Wednesday 7:30 p. m. followed by election of Sunday school officers and teachers.
GEO. E. ALTSTADT, Teacher.

First Baptist Church.
Special Christmas services, both morning and night. The children will have a special treat in the morning.

The President's Note to Warring Powers

The notes to the belligerent powers asking them to state terms on which they would be willing to end the war are prefaced with this instruction by Secretary Lansing to the American ambassadors presenting them:

"The president directs me to send you the following communication to be presented immediately to the minister of foreign affairs of the government to which you are accredited."

The text of the notes themselves then begin identically as follows: "The president of the United States has instructed me to suggest to the government addressed a course of action with regard to the present war which he hopes that the government will take under consideration as suggested in the most friendly spirit and as coming not only from a friend but also as coming from the representative of a neutral nation whose interests have been most seriously affected by the war and whose concern for its early conclusion arises out of a manifest necessity to determine how best to safeguard these interests if the war is to continue."

At this point the texts vary. In the notes to the central powers this paragraph follows: "which I am instructed to make, the president has long had in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may now seem to have been prompted by a desire to play a part in connection with the recent overtures of the central powers. It has, in fact, been suggested by them in its origin and the president would have been laying it off until those overtures had been independently answered, but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

In the note to the entente allies the following paragraph takes the place of the one just quoted: "The suggestion which I am instructed to make, the president has long had in mind to offer. He is somewhat embarrassed to offer it at this particular time because it may now seem to have been prompted by the recent overtures of the central powers. It is, in fact, in no way associated with them in its origin and the president would have delayed offering it until those overtures had been answered but for the fact that it also concerns the question of peace and may best be considered in connection with other proposals which have the same end in view. The president can only beg that his suggestion be considered entirely on its own merits and as if it had been made in other circumstances."

Then all the notes proceed identically as follows: "The president suggests that an early occasion be sought to call out from all the nations now at war such an avowal of their respective views as to the terms upon which the war might be concluded and the arrange-

ments which would be deemed satisfactory as a guaranty against its recurrence. He is not in a position to suggest any particular terms, but he is anxious to determine the method or the instrumentality by which they will be acceptable to him as another if only the great object he has in mind be attained."

He takes the liberty of calling attention to the fact that the objects which the statement of the belligerents on both sides have in mind in this war are virtually the same, as stated in general terms to their own people and to the world. Each side desires to make the rights and privileges of weak, isolated and small states as secure against aggression or denial in the future as the rights and privileges of the great and powerful states now at war. Each wishes itself to be made secure in the future along with all other nations and peoples against the recurrence of wars like this and against aggression or selfish interference of any kind.

Each would be jealous of the formation of any more rival leagues to preserve an imperfect balance of power amidst multiplying suspicions, but each is ready to consider the formation of the league of nations to insure peace and justice throughout the world. Before that final step can be taken, however, each deems it necessary to settle the issues of the present war on terms which will certainly safeguard the independence, the territorial integrity and the political and commercial freedom of the nations involved.

In the measures to be taken to secure the further peace of the world, the people and government of the United States are as vitally and as directly interested as the governments now at war. Their interest, moreover, in the means to be adopted to relieve the smaller and weaker peoples of the world of the peril of wrong and violence is as quick and ardent as that of any other people or government. They stand ready and even eager to cooperate in the accomplishment of these ends while the war is over, with every influence and resource at their command. But the war must first be concluded. The terms upon which it is to be considered they are not at liberty to suggest, but the president does feel that it is his right and his duty to point out their intimate interests in its conclusion, lest the situation of neutral nations now exceedingly hard to endure be rendered altogether intolerable and lest more than all, an injury be done to civilization itself which can never be atoned for or repaired.

The president, therefore, feels altogether justified in suggesting an immediate opportunity for comparison of views as to the terms which must precede these ultimate arrangements for the peace of the world which all desire and in which all neutral nations as well as those at war are ready to play their full responsible part. If the contest must continue to proceed to undefined ends by slow attrition until the one group of belligerents or the other is exhausted; if millions after millions of human lives

must continue to be offered up until on the one side or the other there are no more to offer; if neutral states be kindled that can never cool and despoils expended from which there can be no recovery, hopes of peace and of the willing consent of free peoples will be rendered vain and idle.

The life of the entire world has been profoundly affected. Every part of the great family of mankind has felt the burden and terror of this unprecedented contest of arms. No nation in this world can be said to stand outside its influence or to be safe against its disturbing effects. And yet the concrete objects for which it is being waged have never been definitely stated.

"The leaders of the several belligerent states have as has been said, stated these objects in general terms, but stated in general terms they seem the same on both sides. Never yet have the authoritative spokesmen of either side avowed the precise objects which would, if attained, satisfy them and their people that the war had been fought out. The world has been left to conjecture what definite results, what actual extension of guarantees, what political or territorial changes or readjustments, what stake of military success ever would bring the war to an end."

"It may be that peace is nearer than we know; that the terms which the belligerents on the one side and on the other would deem it necessary to insist upon are not so irreconcilable as some have feared; that an interchange of views would clear the way at least for conference and make the permanent concord of nations for the immediate future, a concert of nations immediately practicable."

The president is not proposing peace. He is not even offering mediation. He is merely proposing that soundings be taken in order that we may learn, the neutral nations with the belligerents, how near the haven of peace may be for which all mankind longs with an intense and increasing longing. He believes that the spirit in which he speaks and the objects which he seeks will be understood by all concerned and he confidently hopes for a response which will bring a new light into the affairs of the world."

The note to the entente group will be delivered to Great Britain, Italy, France, Japan, Russia, Belgium, Montenegro, Portugal, Roumania and Serbia. That to the central allies will be delivered to Germany, Austria-Hungary, Turkey and Bulgaria. It is being delivered to all neutral governments for their information.

JUDGE HARPER IS TO PRACTICE IN EL PASO

By Associated Press. Austin, Texas, Dec. 23.—Judge A. J. Harper, who has been associate judge of the Court of Criminal Appeals and who leaves the first of the year to practice law in El Paso will be replaced by Judge H. C. Morrow, then elected in the last general election.

C. C. McDonald who has been assistant attorney general in charge of criminal matters has resigned and will form a partnership at Fredericksburg. He will be succeeded by W. B. Hendricks, of Brownwood. Thus the New Year will see two new faces in the Court of Criminal Appeals, one of the bench and the other acting in the capacity of state prosecutor.

VIENNA SOCIETY DULL BUT THEATRES FILLED

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Vienna, Austria.—Vienna and Austria-Hungary society is experiencing a third dinnerless and danceless winter, and is once more prevented from vest. To get a fairly good seat at the theatre is no easy matter. The theatres are crowded and the audience is large. The opera house is particularly full. The audience is large and the performance is excellent. The theatre is a place of great interest and the audience is large. The performance is excellent and the audience is large. The theatre is a place of great interest and the audience is large. The performance is excellent and the audience is large.

Cafes and restaurants are also crowded and would be so until daylight were it not that no all-night cafes are obtained now. The new cafes which may remain open until ten o'clock in the morning are crowded until the last minute. High prices have no restricting influence for with the rise in the cost of living has come an increase in revenue.

FOREIGN MERCHANTS MUST BE REGISTERED IN FRANCE

By Associated Press. Paris.—The government has proposed a law establishing a commercial register to provide standing records of the origin, character and nationality of every foreign merchant or corporation, or every French house, located abroad and doing business in France. It is proposed that a register be kept by the clerk of every commercial court. Firms and joint stock companies must declare the nationality of every member with details of naturalization, if any. Corporations having branches or agencies in France must register the nationality of their French managers. In addition to the general information, particular details will be required as to marriage contracts in cases where such documents enter into the basis of a corporate credit, and as to previous liquidations, bankruptcies. One of the effects of the law, though such is not declared by the government to be its object, will be to prevent objects of countries now at war with France doing business here after hostilities cease under a firm name that would conceal their real origin.

GERMAN RAILROADS TO USE NEW AIRBRAKE

Associated Press Mail Correspondence. Berlin.—A uniform airbrake for freight trains has been adopted in German railways, with nearly every freight car equipped with a small piston, in which a man sits to operate the brakes. Henceforth the railways will be able to dispense with an army of brakemen, and all freight trains will be operated exclusively by the engine.

FORMER QUANAH TELEGRAPH OPERATOR UNDER ARREST

(Quanah Observer). A telegram from Minneapolis, Minn., to the city marshal of this city, was received here Monday stating that C. E. Weaver, charged with embezzlement of \$500.00 from the Western Union Telegraph Co., on or about June 20th last, was under arrest there and had agreed to return to Quanah without extradition papers. Weaver was well known in various

parts of the country. It is understood that he forged telegraphic transfers of money purporting to be sent from distant points and made payable in Quanah, which to all appearances were regular and which he cashed at one of the banks of this city. He then disappeared and the auditor who checked up the office had little difficulty in uncovering the embezzlement. Detective work has been on the lookout for Weaver continually since he left Quanah.

ROBBER CAUGHT AFTER LEAVING LOOT IN FLIGHT

By Associated Press. Cold Springs, Wash., Dec. 23.—Leaving a trail of money in his wake because of the difficulty of carrying it through the brush after he was forced to abandon his horse, a man giving the name of Henry Jones, was caught today by a posse pursuing the robber of a bank in Bickleton, Washington. Deputy sheriffs said Jones admitted he had held up the bank yesterday. He had \$300, the remainder of the \$4,000 taken having been dropped in his flight. Most of the money has been recovered.

NEW BRIDGE PLACED IN REMARKABLY SHORT TIME

By Associated Press. Omaha, Neb., Dec. 23.—The old steel bridge of the Union Pacific over the Missouri, between Omaha and Council Bluffs, which has been in service for 30 years, was today removed and replaced by a new steel bridge, which had been built on false work alongside the old. The actual operation of removing the old bridge, which weighed over 2,000,000 pounds, and putting in the new one, which weighed 11,200,000 pounds, required fifteen minutes. Two hundred men participated in the work. An hour after the new bridge was in place trains were running over it.

20 HURT IN STREET CAR SMASH AT KANSAS CITY

By Associated Press. Kansas City, Mo., Dec. 27.—More than 20 persons were injured today when three street cars on the Troost Avenue line crashed together as the result of the brakes of one car failing to hold while going down hill. The cars were loaded with Christmas shoppers.

PENALTY SUITS AGAINST TWO RAILROADS DEFERRED

By Associated Press. Austin, Tex., Dec. 22.—Railroad Commissioner Earle B. Mayfield today wired the Texas & Pacific Railway and the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient that the Texas railroad commission will defer the penalty suits against these roads until a conference could be had, provided no more coal destined for shippers is confined by these companies. The penalty suits were to have been filed Monday.

This action on the part of Commissioner Mayfield was based on a telegram received today from J. Lanewer of Fort Worth, manager of the Texas & Pacific in which he advised that the Texas & Pacific Coal Company had promised to deliver sufficient coal for the operation of the railroad and for the handling of its business. If this is done there will be no need for any further coal confiscation.

At This Holiday Season

Our thoughts go out to the many friends who have contributed to a patronage that has far exceeded our every expectation and has made us indeed grateful that we are in Wichita Falls among so generous a people.

Our sincere wish is that all our friends and patrons and everybody may enjoy a

Very Merry Christmas and a New Year of Happiness

in which peace may be joined with prosperity and health

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Jewelers and Diamond Merchants.

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Announcement

We wish to announce that the Electric Studio has changed management and is now under the management of

C. H. WAINSCOTT

and we are better prepared to do any kind of photograph work than at any time before.

If you would like to have a picture made in your home just call 1949. We will have a photographer there at once. For any photographic work phone 1949.

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EXAMINATION FREE

The science of optics is in the Optometrist. If the Optometrist has made a thorough study of optics and knows his business you can depend on him.

If you have headaches or ocular pains, see us. We are here to help you. Save worry by saving your eyes.

Wichita Optical Co.

W. S. Appling, Optometrist in Charge

We extend to all our friends our warmest wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

W. B. McClurken & Co.

WANTED TO BUY Second Hand Furniture and Stoves

Phone 1011 Star Furniture Co.

Miscellaneous Wants

WANTED—Cast off men's clothing and shoes, phone 434. 180 141p

AUTO repairing at Cash Garage at Leucke's shop, Ohio and Sixth street, Wichita Falls, Texas. 181 141p

WANTED—To do your auto and car repair painting and upholstery, and top finishing. 909 1-2 Scott Avenue. Phone 1553. 185 141p

We buy all kinds of office furniture and fixtures, desks, filing cabinets, show cases, tables, etc., McFall Transfer and Storage Co., phone 14. 86 141p

WANTED—5 room house modern, with bath, within 6, 8 or 10 blocks of court house, at once, phone 1050, room, J. R. Spiller. 193 31p

Housekeeping Rooms

FOR RENT—Furnished housekeeping room, \$2.50 per week, 1008 Travis. Phone 1850. 174 141p

FOR RENT—Two large well furnished rooms for light housekeeping 509 Scott. 181 141p

FOR RENT—One suite of furnished housekeeping rooms, 1210 Indiana phone 2564. 190 31p

FOR RENT—2 well furnished light housekeeping rooms, modern, phone 940, 612 Travis. 190 31p

FOR RENT—Two furnished housekeeping rooms, modern, phone 1850, 1006 Seventh street. 86 31p

FOR RENT—Furnished rooms with good bath, together or separate, phone 106 or call 700 Austin street. 190 31p

FOR RENT—Two furnished light housekeeping rooms 704 Austin, phone 1505. Mrs. Ernest Prince. 193 31p

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping 1406 Scott, phone 2085. 193 31p

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping, 1405 Fourteenth, phone 1250. 193 31p

For Rent—Bedrooms

FOR RENT—Large, south side front room, American Hotel. 159 141p

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished upstairs front bedroom, gentleman preferred, 1106 Burnett street, phone 549. 179 141p

FOR RENT—Nicely furnished bedrooms close in, call Mrs. Bertram at Jones & Kennedy's. 181 141p

FOR RENT—Bed room, 501 Scott, phone 1741. 191 31p

For Rent

FOR RENT—Farm, phone 1580, 87 91c

Livestock

FOR SALE—3 span good mules, apply Peoples Ice Co., phone 81. 180 141p

FOR SALE—3 1/2 miles Dundee, Archer county, Texas, 240 acres 140 been cultivated, 95 per cent tillable, fenced, water, school, has oil value. Only \$10.00 bonus, \$200 state. M. D. Bell, owner, San Pedro, Calif. 81-121p

FOR SALE—7 1/2 acres, on irrigation ditch, all tillable under fence, 2 room house, barn, etc., second place east of Holiday creek, on meridian road, Sam Stout, on place of Taylor Bros Planning Mill. 190 61p

List of Bargains Offered by D. M. Perkins and Company

5 room cottage Van Buren street, \$2200, \$600 cash. 2 lots, 4 room house, one-story grocery store. Well established grocery stock at invoice, for real estate grocery 6 room house on Tenth street, 169 feet on Tenth, paved, ample room for another house. Price \$3500.00.

A good 5 room house on Eighth street, two lots corner. Price \$2200. \$400 down balance like paying rent. A good chance to save a home. These two lots are worth the money asked for the property.

A good 7 room bungalow on Lucile street in Southland Addition. The most convenient home in the city. This is a special bargain at \$2700. \$500 cash. A good two-story brick house, south front, large steeping porch, hardwood floors, every convenience, two lots, corner, price for a few days \$4750. House cannot be built for this money.

100 acres irrigated lands near Motor factory, \$100.00 per acre. See us for irrigated land. We have special prices on several tracts.

A good business lot on Scott Avenue between Eighth and Ninth street. Price \$9,000. Lots for sale are scarce on Scott.

11 sections land in Culberson county, 90 per cent farming land. An ideal ranch. Price \$4.50 per acre.

800 acres valley-farm 5 miles from Wichita Falls on Wichita River. Price \$25.00 per acre. Easy terms.

200 acres land near Iowa Park. Every foot farm land. A new house, well equipped, price \$30.00 per acre. See us for real bargains. We cannot advertise all bargains we have. Call on us or phone 520 and we will take pleasure in showing you what we have to offer.

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505 Seventh Street.

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PIANO TUNING—L. S. Robbins, fifth year with Harrison-Everett Music Co., phone 6665. 193 101c

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For Sale—City Property

FOR SALE—New modern 5 room bungalow and two vacant lots on 9th street. Phone 1227. 133 141c

FOR SALE—New five room house on Eleventh street, in the best block in town, price \$2200.00.

Six room house on Tenth street, 2000 block; a nice home for \$3500.

Five room house on 10th street, the best buy on Tenth, highly—\$2250.

Five room house and store building between Ninth and Tenth, on Van Buren, a bargain at \$2750.

Five room house close in on Ninth street, a bargain at \$2750.

Room 5 Friberg Bldg, phone 201. 175 141c

FOR SALE—Two of the best lots on Tenth street corner, and can be bought for \$2750, might sell separate. Thomas & Hand, phone 59. 181 141c

FOR SALE—The house with style on Tenth street, 5 extra large rooms, brick mantle with tile and grate. Genuine fir doors, with glass door knobs. French glass doors in front, part of the very expensive light and bath fixtures. Beautiful decorations in napery, solid concrete foundation, concrete driveway, real nice garage and fence. The price is only \$3500.00 and a great bargain. Thomas and Hand, phone 59. 181 141c

FOR SALE BY OWNER—Good 3 room house, with bath, closet and pantry. One block from car line, cement sidewalk, call 1706 Bluff street, phone 482. 190 31p

FOR RENT—Three new modern store rooms, 25x75 feet at 600 Indiana avenue. See J. C. Mytinger, 505 Kemp and Kell Bldg, Phone 460. 96 141c

FOR RENT—Modern store room, Maer building, Scott avenue. See J. C. Mytinger, 505 Kemp & Kell building. Phone No. 860. 99 141c

FOR RENT—Rooms on second floor of Jones-Kennedy building, suitable for offices, or millinery or dress making parlors. Good condition and easily accessible. Well lighted and ventilated. Jones-Kennedy Co. 191 141c

FOR RENT—Store building on Eighth street, 25x75 feet. L. L. Jackson, 603 Eighth street. 136 141c

FOR RENT—Storage room in concrete building close in, phone 1251. 183 141c

FOR RENT—Business house 1004 Indiana avenue, also 10 room home furnished, phone 2089 or 150. 189 141c

FOR RENT—Store room 706 and 708 Ninth street formerly occupied by Roberts Gro Co. C. Joline. 191 141c

For Sale—Miscellaneous

FOR SALE—A limited number of Christmas trees, 3 to 5 feet on display Saturday Morning, just South Farmers Supply Store, phone 1347. J. C. Wolfe. 190 41c

FOR SALE—Chalmers five passenger automobile, 1912 model, 36 horse power motor, 4 cylinder, cost \$2500 new, will sell at a sacrifice for quick sale. J. S. Pitman. Phones 110 and 1108. 56 141c

D. M. Perkins & Company, Fire Insurance and Real Estate, 605 Seventh, Phone 520. 175 141c

FOR SALE—\$100.00 scholarship to the College of M and A for \$50. Mrs. Willie Sullivan at Kahn's Store. 184 141c

D. M. Perkins & Company, Fire Insurance and Real Estate, 605 Seventh, Phone 520. 175 141c

FOR SALE—One 5-passenger Ford, Call at once. 911 Scott. 194 141c

FOR SALE—Five gum vending machines, Mills makes a bargain, call room 8 Royal Hotel. 192 61p

FOR SALE—Ford roadster, A-1 condition, Call-room 8 Royal Hotel. 192 61p

FOR SALE—Harley-Ravidson 3-speed motorcycle, and side car, in good condition, phone 608. 193 141c

Help Wanted—Male

WANTED—A messenger boy, with good wheel and willing to work, call 65 or 1792. 189 141c

WANTED—A live wire solicitor. Address 717-2, Eighth street, or phone 656. Tuesday. 193 141c

Help Wanted—Female

WANTED—Woman or girl to do general house work, 1103 Scott. 190 31p

WANTED—Competent white female help at 508 Scott Ave. 191 31p

Situations Wanted

WANTED—Stenographic position in Wichita Falls by young lady stenographer, employed in Dallas. Experienced. Address E. care Times. 185134p

SITUATION WANTED—By bookkeeper with experience—Address Z. Times. 190 71p

For Sale or Trade

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A passenger Cadillac 1913 model, has not been run over 12500 miles, phone 1220. C. J. Joline. 190 31p

TO TRADE—New Gillette razor for hay or corn, phone 1104. 192 31c

Unfurnished Rooms

FOR RENT—Two unfurnished rooms 1205 Twelfth street. 188 141c

FOR RENT—A unfurnished room, 1604 Lamar. 191 141c

FOR RENT—Two very convenient unfurnished rooms, clean and modern, 1218 Eighteenth phone 2310. 193 141c

For Rent—Houses

FOR RENT—Several houses. See M. B. Goraline. Phone 730 or residence 62. 129 141c

FOR RENT—Nice 4 room house, \$15.00 per month, 1517 Fifteenth. 171 141c

FOR RENT—Six room resident. No 1110 Tenth street, phone 496, or 373. 186 141c

FOR RENT—A nice 4 room house, 1114 Elmwood street, phone 645, or 1309. 189 141c

FOR RENT—A servant house, 2012 Tenth street, phone 677. 192 141c

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FOR RENT—6 room house partly furnished Phone 1456. 191 31c

Notices

The annual meeting of the stockholders of First National Bank of Wichita Falls, Texas, will be held at its banking rooms on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and the transacting of such other business that may properly come before said meeting.

T. J. TAYLOR, Cashier. 181 301c

The annual meeting of the stockholders of the Wichita Falls Sash and Door Co., will be held at the office of Anderson and Patterson, 616 Eighth street on Tuesday, January 9th, 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the purpose of transacting such other business as may come before the meeting. V. H. Shepherd, Secy. and Treas. 190 141c

Notice of Stockholders Annual Meeting Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Times Publishing Co. will be held at the office of the company in Wichita Falls, Texas, on Monday, January 9th, 1917 at 4 p. m. for the purpose of electing a board of directors for the ensuing year and for the transacting of such other business that might properly come before said meeting.

RHEA HOWARD, Secy.-Treas. 191 141c

Lost

LOST—Knight Templar watch charm, finder please return to W. L. Dalton, at Oil Well Supply Co. 185 141c

LOST—Two camisoles, lace and silk. Return to Campbell's, The Times office, or to Dr. Campbell. 191 141c

LOST—Small black purse containing \$5.00 in bills. Finder return to address in purse, 506 Lamar street. 192 21p

LOST—Between Farmers State Bank at Burk Burnett and Wichita Falls. Brown suit case with one strap around it. It contained one pair cuff buttons with large "B" engraved, two serge dresses, hand embroidered towels and other articles. For reward return to Perry Browning, care Burk Burnett Pharmacy, Burk Burnett, Tex. 92 141c

LOST—Small leather purse dropped at Union Station, containing railway ticket and small amount of money, reward. Leave at Times or phone 254. 192 31c

LOST—A gold pin with wreath and opal in center. Reward. Return to Times office. 193 61c

LOST—Pair of rimless nose glasses, gold nose piece, Kryptok double vision lenses, chain attached, \$12.50, reward for return to John H. Machee, care Times office. 193 31c

LOST—On Factory street car about 6 o'clock carrying \$3 bill and silver. Printer on inside of car case. Dale Brothers, Henrietta. Finder return to J. G. Presley, reward. Phone 872. 193 31c

Found

FOUND—Annual Frisco pass over Eastern Division. Made to Mrs. J. W. Redick. Owner call at Editors Office. 193 2 2

For Sale

Two nice lots on 12th street south front in nice neighborhood, \$850.00 each, one third cash.

Nice five room house on 12th street on the car line, gas, lights and water in house. Sewer in street but not connected. Owner must sell, price \$1400.00, one third cash.

75x150 feet on the corner of Lee and Fourth streets, with sidewalk, gas, water and sewer on lot. A fine location for some new houses and at a bargain at \$750.00 one-third cash.

J. S. BRIDWELL, Phone 661.

FOR SALE—On easy terms, the greatest bargain in town, one four-room house and three vacant lots near the court house. See Creed Bros. Phone 1515.

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Plenty of money to loan on first class real estate securities, at reasonable rates. Terms to suit you.

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Strayed

STRAYED—From A. B. Smith street, small black pony marked "P" on left hip, phone 98 or 2063 Reward. 192 141c

El Arish, Captured By British, Is Rich IN Historical Lore

El Arish, the Mediterranean port recently captured by British forces guarding the Suez canal, was one of the world's forgotten places until the great war. It is the subject of a bulletin issued by the National Geographic Society, which says:

With its large square fort and a place of exile for religious and battlemented walls, El Arish presents a much more formidable and imposing appearance, viewed from the Mediterranean sea, the north and from the desert. El Arish, than its importance has warranted in recent years. Formerly a populous halting place for the numerous caravans following the "short road" from Egypt to Syria, its trade has waned materially since the completion of modern railway connections with Jaffa, Port Said and Alexandria. The town clings to the banks of Wadi el-Arish, a stream which becomes a small torrent after every rain.

The recent hostilities in this area have a host of historical associations, dating as far back as the time of the Pharaohs when this town was the seat of the Egyptian empire. Its ancient name being Rhinokura, its present name is supposed to be derived from the custom which the Pharaohs had of mummifying their dead, and the name of the Pharaohs whose dead were mummified here.

Some thirty miles to the east of El Arish, on the Egyptian-Syrian boundary, lies the ancient Rhinokura, called El-Rafa, where Josephus tells us that the Roman conqueror Titus, made his first stop on his march against the Jewish nation. The town overwhelmed the Egyptians in the eighth century, and five hundred years later it was fought on by the famous Pharaohs, Philopater and Antiochus, when the Pharaohs of both armies played such a spectacular role.

It is more than a hundred miles south of the Pharaohs' conquests in India, much was expected. The battle opened with a tremendous charge of the opposing armored mountains, which Philopater's forces commencing with the Pharaohs' charge.

El Arish, which had been captured by the British, was the scene of a battle in which the British forces, under the command of General Allenby, defeated the Turkish forces, under the command of General Kress von Krosigk.

The capture of El Arish was a significant event in the campaign to capture Jerusalem, and it was a blow to the Turkish forces, who had been hoping to use it as a base of operations.

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CHANGE MADE IN KATY MANAGEMENT

Departmental System Will Be In Use After First of the New Year.

After the first of the year, the Katy railroad system will return to the departmental system formerly in effect on that road, according to reports current in Texas railroad circles.

The change will be made in effect on the first of the new year, and will be a return to the departmental system that was in operation on that road before.

At present all departments of the road are grouped under two general heads, those in charge of those groups reporting to the chief traffic officer, W. A. Webb of Dallas, and those under the other to C. H. Hall, chief traffic officer at St. Louis.

Under the new system more of the departments will report directly to the president of the road, and the chief traffic officer will be more independent of each other than in the case of present where both report to the same officer.

The change will also be carried down to the division offices, and where the division superintendent is now called upon to direct the work of each single division he will be able to shift more of the responsibility on his subordinate officers and will be given a freer hand in looking after the general affairs of his division.

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PERSONALS

G. C. Compton, first trick operator at the local Denver dispatcher's office is laying-off for the Christmas holidays, part of which he intends to spend in Galveston. He is being relieved by K. W. Alford.

Ed Enoch and Fred McNeely of Jericho, Texas, were visitors in the city yesterday, while on their way to Byers to spend the holidays.

A. K. Short and family have gone to Decatur, where they will spend the holidays with Mr. Short's parents. Mr. and Mrs. Duncan K. Bell left yesterday for Marshall, where they will spend Christmas.

Joseph Stephenson is here from his farm near Washburn to look after his interests here and at Thornberry. Mr. Stephenson who is one of the old timers of the Thornberry community moved to Washburn some months ago for the benefit of Mrs. Stephenson's health.

S. P. Hawkins, one of the pioneers of the Burk Burnett section, was a visitor here today.

Mr. and Mrs. T. P. McCoy of Denton were in the city yesterday on their way to spend the holidays with relatives in Frederick.

Mrs. J. H. Chambers of Lancaster, arrived yesterday to visit during the Christmas holidays with Mrs. W. G. Author and Mrs. J. A. Worley of 604 Travis Avenue.

Mrs. Susie Potts went to Denton yesterday to visit during the holidays.

Allan Montgomery of 1000 Burnett Avenue who has been attending the University of Wisconsin returned yesterday for the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. A. E. Anderson of 1300 Burnett Avenue went to Colorado Springs yesterday to spend the holidays with relatives.

Miss Genevieve Carver of 1006 Brook Avenue returned yesterday from Fort Worth where she had been visiting relatives.

Miss Elizabeth Hill of Iowa Park who had been visiting in Abilene was in the city yesterday on her way home.

Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Fisher of Electrica who had been visiting their son J. A. Fisher of 2400 Tenth street, returned home yesterday.

Miss Beas Alexander of 804 Denver Avenue went to Memphis yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with her father.

Dr. and Mrs. J. H. Hansen and daughter Miss Dora Hansen of Grandfield were in the city yesterday on their way to spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in Sherman.

Mrs. W. J. Hale of Hedrick arrived yesterday to spend the Christmas holidays with Mrs. B. F. Putnam of 1105 Indiana Avenue.

Mrs. Joza Dickson left yesterday for Nocona to visit relatives.

Dr. J. W. DuVal

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TORPEDO EXPLODES IN CHILD'S MOUTH

Four-Year-Old Boy Badly Hurt Saturday Night When He Fell Down.

Dangerous injuries were sustained early Saturday night by the four-year-old son of Fritz Ever, who lives near the wagon bridge over the Wichita river, when a torpedo which he had picked up off the street was exploded in his mouth when he fell on the side. The boy's mouth was badly torn, his teeth knocked out, and he is probably injured in other ways. He, with his three small brothers and sisters became in some way separated from the father, and the youngster picked up the torpedo and began to run, holding it in his mouth, when he fell. The boy was picked up by Mrs. W. M. Boetner and Mrs. Smith, both of whom reside at 1102 Eighth street, and carried to the office of Dr. Beckman, where he received prompt medical attention.

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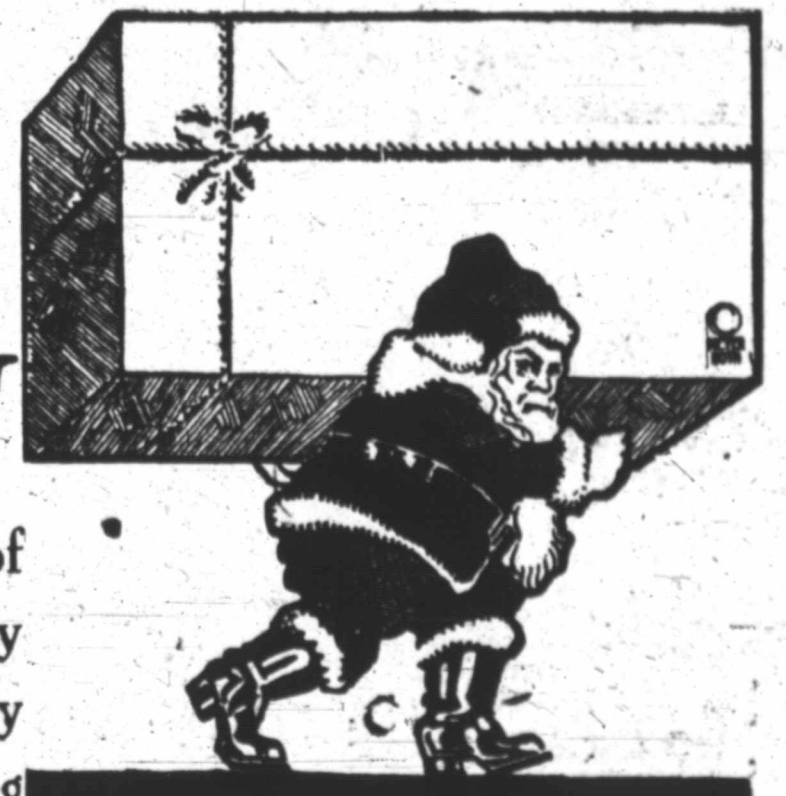
WORK WILL START SOON ON NEW CHINESE RAILWAY

Associated Press Mail Correspondence.
Peking.—Work will begin at once upon the railway which the American International Corporation is to finance in Hunan and Kwangsi provinces. Through an agreement between the Chinese government and the American contractors a route originally agreed upon for this line is to be somewhat modified. The railway will start from Chuchow in Hunan province. Chuchow is the southern terminus of a railway which now extends south from Chanksha, the capital of Hunan province. The line to be built by Americans will extend south through Hengchow, and from that point will run southwest to Kweilin, then southwest to Nanning on the West river. A spur of the railroad will extend to Yanchow, in Kwangtung province, a port of considerable commercial importance on the Gulf of Tongking.

The extension of this railway to the sea makes it of far greater importance than the original line, which was to have Nanning as its terminus.
At Chuchow the railway will connect with an important line, the English have partially constructed towards the east, which will eventually be extended to Nanking. The British line taps a very rich mineral section, and the line which the Americans are to build also runs through territory in Hunan province, which is heavily mineralized. In Kwangsi province the new line will traverse a very rich agricultural country giving railway connection to many important districts which are now served chiefly by water transportation on small streams incapable of accommodating steam craft.
The proposed line will form a link in all rail routes from Peking directly south to the sea by way of Hankow.

At THIS GLAD SEASON

We recall the very generous patronage and favor we have enjoyed from the people of Wichita Falls and surrounding territory. It fills us with gratitude and joy, and we sincerely wish all of you may have A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS, and that the coming year may be even MORE PROSPEROUS and HAPPY for YOU than the one just closing



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—AND—

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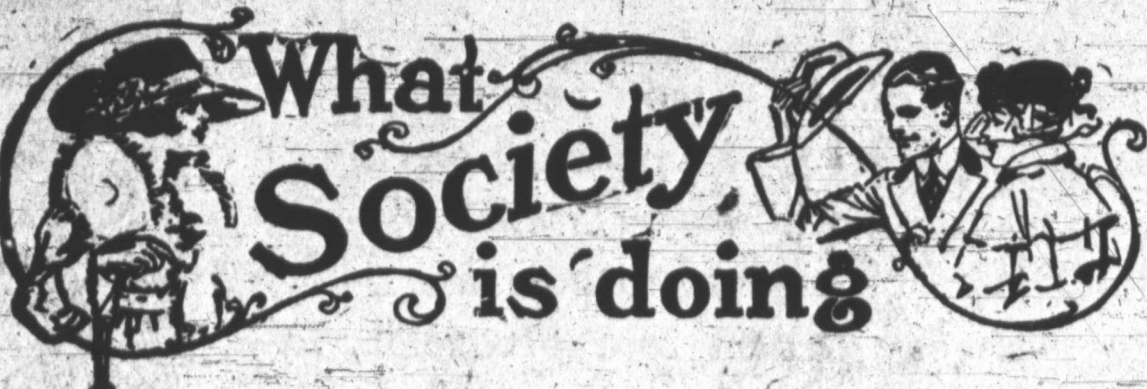
J. W. Butz, superintendent of the Northwestern, returned from an inspection trip over the north end of his division yesterday.



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During this week there will doubtless be many social affairs in all circles and the Times society editor is especially anxious that all such affairs be reported promptly. Anyone knowing of events taking place or on schedule for the future will confer a favor by calling 1671.

SOCIAL EVENTS PLANNED: POSTPONEMENT OF DANCE

As usual the event of the Christmas season in society will be the Elks' Christmas Ball, to be given on Wednesday evening Dec. 27, at the club rooms. Another dance which will vie with this in attractiveness will be the S. C. G. dance on Friday. Both of these dances will be formal in nature. But in the midst of jollity and mirth of the Christmas season this year there will steal a spectre of sadness caused by the bereavement suffered by a prominent family, and this will be the cause of less gaiety than planned for in several circles, including the Sigma Delta Chi girls who have called off their initial dance which was to have been an unusually attractive formal event.

BUSY WORKERS MEET WITH MISS OPAL POWELL

The Busy Workers met on Tuesday afternoon with Miss Opal Powell. The afternoon was spent in fancy work on Christmas presents and in playing games. Music was furnished by Miss Velma Powell and delicious refreshments of hot chocolate and cake served to Misses Zelma Randolph and Marie Woods, guests: Misses Delma Gardiner, Gladys Lane, Anna Woods, Zula Hearne and Kate Lane.

SENIORS ENJOY CHRISTMAS TREE FRIDAY NIGHT

A real Santa Claus and a big Christmas tree made things merry for the seniors of the local high school at their holiday party Friday night with Miss Louise Leichman at the Marion Hotel. The Santa Claus, in private life J. W. Williams of the high school faculty, distributed tin horns, dolls, balls and other toys and sacks of fruit to the seniors. Various games were played, each guest performed some special "stunt" and "spinning the plate" was a favorite diversion. The forfeits were sold by Miss Sibyl Kell. Refreshments

of apple cider and cake were served at a late hour. The class members present were: Misses Dollie Hull, Ruth McKenzie, Goldie Alverson, Louise Friesz, Myrtle Morris, Estelle Friberg, Gladys Wilson, Mary Sybert Clark, Emma Carter, Irene Danielson, Alleen Alverson, Patsy Lou Koonce, Mattie Ruth Corlett, Margaret Burnside, Coyia Shoemaker, Beulah Walker, Louise Leichman and Alice Bonner. Messrs. William Colburn, Charles Williams, John Albritton, Alfred Burnside, Leslie Turner, Fitz Hickman. The visitors were: Misses Sibyl Kell and Agnes Leichman, Mr. and Mrs. Williams and Burke Taylor.

DORIS RAGLAND GIVES CHRISTMAS TREE PARTY

Little Miss Doris Ragland was hostess for a few of her neighborhood playmates Saturday afternoon. Inviting them to view her pretty Christmas tree and to play a few games. There were presents for each guest on the tree and late in the afternoon delicious refreshments were served to: Misses Eula Mae Cook, Katherine Klander, Ina Ponder, Eleanor Allen and the little hostess, Doris Ragland.

RECEPTION TO HONOR PASTOR'S PARENTS FRIDAY

Friday evening, Dec. 22, a reception will be held at the home of Mrs. M. E. Carey by the ladies of the First Methodist church to honor Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Draper of Ponca City, Oklahoma, who are the guests of their son, Rev. Harry Draper pastor of the First Methodist Church. The congregation and friends are invited.

MUSICIANS CLUB CHRISTMAS CONCERT THIS AFTERNOON

The Musicians Club of Wichita Falls will give their first concert of this season in the First Presbyterian Church this afternoon at 3:30. The program consists almost entirely of Christmas music and it is one of considerable merit. The first number will be the well known "First Nowell" the origin of which is apparently unknown. The quaint old wording is full of charm and the music is strong and vigorous in character. The carol loses some of its original strength, however in being arranged for female voices only. "Rejoice Greatly" the celebrated Christmas solo from "The Messiah" by Mrs. Walter S. Robertson who sang it with much success at her recent last year. The third number is composed of two short choruses: "A Christmas Carol" by Reinicke and "Say, Where is He Born" by Mendelssohn. These are simple in character and treatment but difficult of execution and much time and work has been spent upon them. A piano solo, the "Campanella" by Paganini

THE COMING WEEK'S SOCIAL CALENDAR

Tuesday: Mr. and Mrs. P. Langford will entertain at 42 in the evening. Mrs. T. H. Smith will be hostess to the Matinee Bridge Club. The Sigma Delta Chi will meet with Miss Frances Urban. Wednesday: Mrs. J. M. Blankenship will be hostess to a social meeting of the Art Literature Club. The Elks' Christmas dance at the club rooms. The Modern Crochet Club will hold its Christmas grab bag at the home of Mrs. J. L. McConkey, 1509 Travis. Thursday: Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Culbertson will entertain the Thursday 42 Club. The Floral Heights 42 Club will keep open house at the home of Mrs. W. E. Curlee on Tuesday or their husbands. The New Idea Club will hold its annual grab bag and entertainment for the husbands of club members at the home of Mrs. T. E. Dobson, Mrs. Harry Thornberry to be joint hostess. Friday: Reception at home of Mrs. M. E. Carey for Mr. and Mrs. E. G. Draper, parents of the First Methodist pastor. Rev. Harry Draper. The S. C. G. club will give its Christmas dance.

Last, follows, played by Miss Kathleen Stonedpher. The "Campanella" was originally written for the violin by Paganini and has been arranged for the piano by Liszt. It is a composition which fairly bristles with technical difficulties. The chorus, "O Sing To God" which follows is a rather elaborate piece of writing, very characteristic of Gounod. It is a three part chorus with a very brilliant soprano obbligato which latter will be sung by Mrs. Lee Clark. The number of greatest interest, both historical and musical, however is the double concerto for two violins by Bach, played by Mrs. Bruce Greenwood and Charles J. Templeton. The great Joachim believed that this work had never been surpassed either in musical beauty or in the inimitable skill in which it is written. The second movement which is a strict two part fugue in the second part is a marvelous combination of the most haunting melodic beauty and a positively uncanny contrapuntal ingenuity. The last movement opens with a joyous burst of enthusiasm the theme being taken alternately by the two violins and handed to and fro in a manner that suggests two will-o'-the-wisps playing catch as catch can. The second theme continues the character of playfulness but a little more soberly. The whole concerto is a work of extreme difficulty and the understanding enjoyment of it requires much serious study. The last number on the program is the "Christmas Holiday Song" a bright and appropriate chorus very pleasing and full of the Christmas spirit. The public is cordially invited to attend this recital and a good attendance is expected.

W. O. W. CIRCLE 1447 ELECTS OFFICERS WEDNESDAY

Officers were elected by the Woodmen's Circle 1447 meeting in regular session Wednesday afternoon. Two transfers were received among other business transacted. Officers elected were: Mrs. Ethel Martin, guardian; Mrs. E. Wallace, advisor; S. E. Nantz, clerk; Mrs. Margaret Stewart, banker; Mrs. Mamie Cabiness, attendant; Mrs. Annie Gilham, assistant attendant; Mrs. Rhoda King, chaplain; Dr. A. L. Lane, physician; Mrs. Mary Kennet, inner sentinel; Mrs. Annie Barker, outer sentinel; Mrs. Hattie McIlam, manager.

SIGMA DELTA CHI DANCE POSTPONED INDEFINITELY

The initial ball of the Sigma Delta Chi which was to have been given Tuesday evening has been postponed indefinitely owing to the bereavement of the family of one of the members, Miss Lillian Fain.

WILBARGER COUNTY PLANS BOND ISSUE

Young Men's Business League Starts Movement for Election In 1917.

Wilbarger county is also to be the scene of a good road campaign early in 1917. At the meeting of the Young Men's Business League there last week, a committee of nine was appointed to study the matter and report back at the time of an annual banquet of the organization. This committee will make recommendations as to the size of the bond issue. Were the proposed bond issues to carry in both Wilbarger and Wilbarger counties, a section of the Colorado-Gulf highway about 50 miles in length would be permanently improved.

R. H. Nichols was elected president of the Vernon organization.

Wade H. Arnold of the general freight and passenger office of the Northwestern left for San Antonio Saturday where he will spend the Christmas holidays with friends.

STAR SHINES FOR COMMUNITY TREE

CHRISTMAS IN NOVEL FORM FOR THE RESIDENTS OF FACTORY DISTRICT

AT SUNDAY SCHOOLS

Programs and Festivities at All Local Churches Mark Observance Of Occasion

Some nineteen hundred and sixteen years ago a star, of exceeding brightness shone in the east, pointing the way to the manger where lay the babe whose coming the Christian world is now celebrating. Another star, not of the divine origin, but of human manufacture, but through faith invested with the beauty and significance of that Star in the East, shines over the western section of the factory district of Wichita Falls, its rays falling over the humble little station church of the Presbyterian church and in the night time spreading a radiance over the entire neighborhood.

This star marks the topmost bough of the community Christmas tree, the first to be held in Wichita Falls and the idea of Rev. J. Walter Haggard who is pastor of the church. Since Friday night the star has been illuminated at nightfall and has shone brightly where the surrounding country could see, telling in its way the approach of the annual celebration of the birth of Jesus, the Manger Babe, who was to be the King of Kings. Tonight the star will again be illuminated, a shining invitation to the people of the neighborhood to attend the sunrise Christmas morning exercises to be held in the open around the tree illuminated and trimmed gaily which is stationed in front of the church.

Old time custom has been revived by Mr. Haggard in his preparation for this tree, in the early morning hour of meeting and in the impromptu songs and talks which will be given. The children will be pleased at the appearance of Santa Claus and the treat distribution and all will bring "white gifts for the King," these gifts to be given to the needy. Mr. Haggard has issued a cordial invitation to the public to attend this community tree.

The old, yet ever new story of Christmas, is being told throughout the city in the different churches, some having had their observances on Friday evening last night, and still other programs will be held today and Monday.

Tonight the First Methodist Sunday school and church congregation will hold a joint celebration with a Christmas tree. An elaborate program is planned with the story of the first Christmas told in readings and song.

The First Baptist Sunday school will have its Christmas program and treat for the children at 7 o'clock. No Christmas songs and recitations will be given.

Beginners and intermediate scholars of the First Christian church will have their first and program this morning and will receive candy and fruit. The older Sunday school pupils held their celebration Saturday night, carrying out a splendid program.

A cantata made up the program at the First Presbyterian church Saturday night, with a Christmas tree and a Santa Claus as an added attraction. The beginners and primary departments held their program and tree in the afternoon.

The Lutheran church will have special program by the children at the evening services tonight and special services will be held at 10 a. m. Christmas Day.

The Trinity Lutheran Church will hold Christmas services this morning with Holy Communion. The Christmas tree and program was held Saturday night.

Saturday afternoon the Church of the Good Shepherd celebrated Christmas for its Sunday school children, holding a Christmas tree at the parish house. A program, presents and a treat were the features.

The Sunday school celebration at the M. E. church South took the form of a program and tree Saturday night. Tonight Christmas Eve will be observed by a special musical program under the direction of Mrs. E. L. Fulton.

ANOTHER FIREMAN IS ADDED TO FORCE

Installation of Chemical and Police Auto Makes New Member Necessary

An additional paid fireman, Smiley Turner, was added to the paid force of the local fire department by action of the council last Thursday night. Turner is a former member of the fire department. The additional fireman was added to the force on account of the fact that one of the men will be assigned to duty on the fire truck which is to be mounted with chemical tanks and be used both for the fire department and as a hoodlum wagon for the police department.

E. H. Hickman, fireman at the central station has been assigned to duty in driving this vehicle during the night, and the other members of the central station force will take turns at the duty during the day. The addition of the extra man will give the department six paid men in addition to Chief McClure, and five men will be constantly on hand for duty in addition to the one driving of the Henry Ford.

In the interim between his former connection with the fire department and his enlistment Mr. Turner has been one of the most faithful of the volunteer fire fighters. He is a thoroughly experienced fireman and is expected to prove a valuable addition to the city's fire fighting force.

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COURT BILL BRINGS MUCH SATISFACTION

May Mean New Federal Building. Some Regret Other Towns Are Not Included

Passage of the Stephens bill making Wichita Falls a federal court point will bring realization of a long cherished ambition of the local bar and citizenship, and is all that this city asked in its own behalf, but local interests would have been a little bit more pleased had there been provision for holding court at Plainview, Lubbock, Brownwood and other West Texas points that also wanted to become federal court points. These places had joined hands with Wichita Falls in the movement for a new federal court district and Judge Scurry while in Washington worked no less strenuously in their behalf than for Wichita Falls. The bill as planned makes Wichita Falls a court point in the northern district of Texas, which includes Dallas, Sherman, Amarillo and some other cities as court towns. A separate bill will provide for the appointment of an additional judge for the West Texas district, with El Paso as his residence but does not, as introduced, make court towns of Lubbock, Plainview, Brownwood and the other points. It does however, improve the chances of those places for eventually becoming court towns.

That Wichita Falls should be thus favored is due to the untiring efforts of Judge Scurry and the long campaign by the local bar and Chamber of Commerce. Judge Scurry made several trips to Washington in the interest of the measure, his extensive acquaintance among congressmen and in official circles at the national capital enabling him to secure action.

It is considered very probable that the bill, if passed—and of that there is now the least possible doubt—will eventually mean a federal courthouse here; this might be either a new building or an addition to the present government building. In the meantime, federal court will hold in the

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new court house. The time of opening federal court here, the fourth Monday in March and the third Monday in November, will be convenient as the December and June terms of the 30th district court will be over on those dates and one of the large court rooms in the new building will be available.

Congressman Stephens has already introduced a bill providing for adding a second story to the present federal building and making a \$60,000 appropriation therefor. This was done some time ago.

REPORTED FATHER KLINE HAS BEEN GIVEN PARDON

(Henrietta Review)

The report comes that Father P. J. Kline, who was convicted for arson in the burning of the old school house which has become his property, has been released by the State Board of Pardons.

The Season's Greetings

We would like to tell all our friends in person of our appreciation of their generous favors, but as this would be impossible we take this method of extending to them our

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At The Churches

Church of Christ
Located 1408 bluff street. Sunday school at 9:30. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 5:30 p. m. There will be no Christmas program, but we hope for a good attendance. This will be a great

Christmas for America, but a sad one for Europe. We who fear God in America should be at the house of devotion today to thank Him for the blessings of peace and prosperity which we are enjoying. This is the way the morning sermon will begin.
C. A. HOCHANAN.
Central Presbyterian Church.
Rev. George O. Bachman of Chattanooga, will preach at eleven o'clock. Subject: "The Christmas Hope." Sunday School at usual hour.

Trinity Lutheran Church
(Fourteenth and Bluff Street.)
Our Christmas time celebration will be held Saturday at 8 p. m. Sunday at 10:30 a. m. we will have Christmas services and Holy Communion. Everybody is cordially invited to worship with us.
F. A. BRACHER, Pastor.

First Presbyterian Church
Christmas music and sermon at the First Presbyterian Church Sunday. A quartet has been formed by the choir consisting of Miss Winnie Easbow, Mrs. C. B. Machlin, Mr. Lynn and Mr. Machlin. The quartet will make its first appearance Sunday evening in Sir John Stainers celebrated quartet from the "Crucifixion," "God So Loved the World." At night the theme will be, "God's Method of Exchange." Beginning the first Wednesday night in January, the pastor will begin a series of lectures on the book of Revelation. The public is invited to this study hour. The lecture will be followed by an open discussion.

Lutheran Church (Mo. Synod)
Sunday school (German and English classes) at 9 a. m. Bible class at 9:45 a. m. German morning worship at 10:30 a. m. Christmas Eve at 7 o'clock a special Christmas program will be rendered by the children. Monday, Christmas Day, services at 10 a. m. All the young people of the congregation are requested to meet at the church Sunday afternoon at 3. The children will meet Saturday morning at 9:30 for rehearsal. Everybody is cordially invited to worship with us.
C. M. BEYER, Pastor.

SPECIAL MUSIC AT M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH

Special Christmas music under the direction of Mrs. E. L. Fulton, choir director with Miss Ila Cook as organist will feature the Christmas Eve services tonight at the M. E. Church, South. The program follows:
A Christmas Hymn (Hymn 110)—Choir and congregation.
Solo, "The Pilgrims" (Watson)—Mrs. George Thorburn.
A Christmas Carol—Choir and congregation.
Reading: "Soft Spot in B-606" (Nnon)—Clyde Allman.
"Sing, Oh Daughter of Zion"—Choir.
Solo, "The Birthday of a King" (Niedinger)—Miss Katherine Cook.
Quartet, "Holy Night"—Mrs. Thorburn, Mrs. Clifford, Mr. Murchison, Mr. Aklin.
Reading, "The Story of a Prima Donna" (Stewart)—Miss Frances Urban.
Solo, "The Heavenly Song" (Gray)—Mr. Murchison.
Talk—Dr. Barcus.
Benediction.

FIRST EVANGELICAL CHURCH TO HAVE PROGRAM

The First Evangelical Church, Rev. G. E. Altstadt, pastor will give a Christmas program Monday evening, Dec. 25 at 7:30. The program follows:
Voluntary.
Joy to the World—Congregation.
Invitation.
The Feast of Lights—Sunday school.
Exercise—A Merry Christmas—Primary department.
Song, "Merry, Merry Christmas"—Primary department.
Recitation, "God Bless us All"—Raymond McNeil.
Exercise, "Christmas Wishes"—Elizabeth Oster, Annie Holcomb, Juanita Mae Fanning.
Recitation, "How Does Santa Do It"—Katherine Vick.
Trilo., "The First Christmas"—Fay Thompson, Lora Hammersley, Pearl Painter.
Recitation, "The Way to Be Happy"—Alfred Laubach.
Recitation, "When I Grow—Paul Gentry.
Song, "Rocked by the Stern Wind"—Junior Class.
Recitation, "My Gift—Velma Threadgill.
Recitation, "Bethlehem—Eddie Beer.
Exercise, Gifts for the King—Intermediates.
Exercise Five Turkeys—Primary Class.
Recitation, "There is a Santa Claus"—Opel Threadgill.
Recitation, "Stockings in a Row"—Paul Gentry.
Recitation, "A Telephone Message—Juanita Mae Fanning.
Violin Solo—Dan Oster.
Dialogue—Class of Juniors.
Recitation, "Santa Claus—Edith Tidwell.
Recitation, "Tommy's Christmas Trouble—Howard Fanning.
Solo, "King of All Kings—Martha Oster.
Reading, "Angel's Message—Thelma Vick.
Recitation, "The Stockings, Christmas—Alice Savage.
Song, "Shine Out, O Blessed Star"—Intermediates.
Recitation, "Early to Bed—Fay Thompson.
Recitation, "A Letter to Santa Claus—Lucille Astray.
Solo and Chorus, "Hurray for Good Old Santa Claus—Elizabeth Oster, Lucille Severance and Chorus.
Recitation, "A Christmas Wish—Dan Oster.
Play, "The Garden of the Christmas Fairy—Juniors.
Violin Solo—Dan Oster.
Duet, "The Bethlehem Babe—Lucille and Janette Astray.
Recitation, "Welcome to Santa Claus—Fay Thompson.
Distribution of Gifts.
Presentation of Class Prize.
Benediction.

Floral Heights Presbyterian.
This church is located at Avenue 11 and Kemp Boulevard. It is trying to fulfill the ideal of a community church in its efforts to meet the religious needs of the entire community in which it is located. Sabbath school at 10 o'clock. Junior Endeavor at 11 and Senior Endeavor at 5:30 p. m. on Sundays. Preaching services at 11 and 7:30. Remember our Christmas tree is to be on Christmas morning at 8 o'clock. It is already put up in front of the church, and shines brightly every night since Friday night with the large electric star shedding its beams on all around it. "When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy." Sunday morning the pastor will preach on the subject, "No Room in the Inn," and at night the subject will be, "In the Light of the Christmas Star," an illustrated sermon. Everybody welcome to our Christmas tree.

Church of the Good Shepherd.
(A house of prayer for all people.)
Holy Communion at 7:30. Sunday school at 9:30. Morning prayer at 7:30. You will find something worthy of your attention at each of these services. Christmas Eve at midnight the choir will sing Adain's "Office in B Flat" at the celebration of the

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Holy Communion. There will also be services at 10 o'clock Christmas morning. We cordially invite you to be present and to join with us in worshipping. The bells will ring on Christmas Eve at midnight.

First M. E. Church, South.
Rev. E. A. Barner, pastor. E. C. Huckabee, assistant. The Sunday school meets at 9:30. C. W. Sulder, superintendent; T. A. Baggett, assistant superintendent. Sunday morning at 11 o'clock Rev. J. Sam Barcus will preach. At 6:30 the Epworth League will meet. Prof. B. E. McGlamery, president. In the evening at 7:30 the choir with Mrs. E. L. Fulton, director and Miss Ila Cook, organist will give a short musical program. The presiding elder, Rev. J. Sam Barcus will give an appropriate Christmas address. Special music at all the services.

Christian Science.
Services are held in the Masada

Temple, second floor hall as follows: Lesson sermon at 11 a. m. Subject, Christ Jesus. Testimonial meeting Wednesday at 8 p. m. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Reading room second floor is open every day except Sunday and legal holidays from 2 to 5 p. m. There has been opened in connection with the reading room a free circulating library of Christian Science literature. Library cards and full information may be obtained by applying to the librarian. The public is cordially invited to attend the services and use the reading room.

First Methodist Episcopal Church
Corner Seventh and Lamar.
The Yuletide Festival services all day Sunday.
9:45 a. m. Sunday school. Robert Carey, Supl. a. m. sermon "Echoes from Heaven," will be a blessing to all present. Anthem with special music.
6:30 p. m. Epworth League. Homer Karrenbreck, Pres., a live meeting for wide awake young people 7:30 p. m.

a beautiful Christmas program. A large Christmas tree with treats. The lovely manager of the Christ, an interesting program of songs, recitations, marches, etc., with the advent of Santa Claus at the last. Come and bring your friends to services you can't afford to miss.
HARRY F. DRAPER, Pastor.

BUSINESS ORGANIZATION IS FORMED AT QUANAH

(Quanah Tribune-Clift)
A number of business men met at the Elks club rooms yesterday afternoon for the purpose of reorganizing the Quanah commercial club, which organization has been dormant for the past year. Good speeches were made setting forth the need of such club, and it was found the wish of those assembled to place young men in charge mainly, and such older men as in times past have shown themselves to be live wires with the interest of the town at heart. Arthur

Keys was elected president, it being believed that he is more interested in seeing Quanah's water question solved than anybody else in the community, with instructions to keep this water question constantly in view as the most important thing before the club.

NEW BUSINESS BUILDING STARTED AT GRANDFIELD

(Grandfield Enterprise)
Work begun this week on two new brick business houses on Simpson Street just south of the new post office building now nearing completion. One of the buildings will be 48 x 30 feet while the other will be 25 x 30 feet in size. The longer of the two buildings will probably be made into two store rooms. The Enterprise is also informed that the remaining lot in that block has been sold and a building will also be erected on it soon.

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TENTATIVE ORGANIZATION IS
FORMED A MEETING SAT-
URDAY AFTERNOON

22 MEMBERS ENLIST

To Hold Another Meeting In Next
Few Weeks to Perfect Per-
manent Organization

With a membership of 22 and an indication of an intention to apply for farm loans aggregating \$34,200, a farm loan association to take advantage of the federal farm loan banking system was tentatively organized by Wichita county farmers at the Chamber of Commerce rooms Saturday afternoon.

The attendance was considerably above the number of memberships, many apparently coming for the purpose of securing information in regard to the workings of the system. The membership was recruited chiefly from those who seemed to have given the system preliminary study, but it is expected that before the permanent organization can be effected a membership of many times this amount will be secured and loans running into the hundreds of thousands will be applied for by the local association.

Literature will be applied for in the name of every member or prospective member conveying full information and instructions regarding the permanent organization and operation of the association or "pool."

Another meeting, probably in the course of a month will be held for the permanent organization. A president, vice president, secretary, treasurer, five directors and board of appraisers composed of three of the directors will then be elected for the association as required in the law establishing the system.

J. L. McConkey, chairman of the meeting, was elected secretary of the tentative organization.

The workings of the law were briefly outlined by B. F. Johnson, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and by Mr. McConkey.

The requirements call for a minimum loan to any one association of \$12,000 not over \$10,000 of which can go to one man. Each association must have a minimum membership of ten. Five per cent of the amount to be borrowed must go for stock in the association for the carrying on of its business. Should the association make a profit, dividends will be paid on this stock as in any other business enterprise. On the payment of the mortgage which secures the loan made to the members he surrenders his stock in the association, setting in return its actual value, whether it has shown a decrease or increase according to the profit or loss sustained by the association in the carrying on of its business. Before a loan is made the land on which it is made is appraised by the association's appraisal board and the amount loaned can not be in excess of 50 per cent of the valuation placed

on the land by the appraisal board. The loans are for forty years, and must be secured by a first mortgage on the land. That the rate of interest will not be in excess of six per cent is guaranteed by the farm loan banks, but if the bonds issued for the purposes of the system sell at a premium justifying it, the interest rate charged will be less than that amount, it being expected to be only five or five and a half per cent per annum.

The aggregate of all the loans in borrowed by the local association from the regional banks, who guarantee payment and whose stock is for the purpose of securing loans which might not be paid. Local associations are examined by a federal inspector in the same manner that the affairs of banks are examined by the bank examiners.

Other restrictions placed around the loans are that they must be loaned on land on which the borrower actually lives and works or for the purpose of buying land on which he is to live and work, for the purpose of buying machinery, erecting buildings or making other necessary improvements on his farm. In his application for the loan the prospective borrower must set out the purpose to which he intends to devote the money loaned him.

Mr. Johnson stated that on his recent trip to Washington he was informed that it had been decided positively by the locating board that Texas was to comprise one district, but the location of the bank had not been made public yet. It is the consensus of opinion over the state at large that the creation of a district composed of Texas alone means the location of the bank at Fort Worth, although other cities including Houston, Dallas and Amarillo have made a strong bid for the institution. Wichita county farmers have on a number of occasions expressed themselves as favoring Fort Worth as the location for the Texas bank.

ARE YOU RHEUMATIC?

Many Pangs That Pass for Rheumatism Are Really Due to Weak Kidneys

Is it rheumatism? Not every pain is. Weak kidneys let uric acid collect. Uric acid causes many queer pains. In the thigh it's sciatica. In the back, lumbago. In the nerves, neuritis. Gout, gravel, dropsy are uric troubles.

When you suspect the kidneys use Doan's Kidney Pills.

The home recommended remedy. Wichita Falls testimony is the best proof.

Read this Wichita Falls woman's story: Mrs. C. E. Sproule, 408 Lee street, Wichita Falls, says: "I was in bad shape with rheumatic pains in my arms and shoulders. My feet and hands were also swollen. I felt oppressed and worn out and my health was very poor. I had used only one box of Doan's Kidney Pills when I was in much better health. The dropsical swellings were removed and the rheumatic pains disappeared."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy but get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Sproule had. Foster-Milburn Co., Buffalo, N. Y.—Advt.

WANT SWEEPING CHURCH REGULATION

Yucatan Delegates Would Bar Confessional and Restrict Priests in Many Ways

By Associated Press.

Laredo, Texas, Dec. 23.—The Yucatan delegation to the constitutional congress at Queretaro, Mexico, soon will present to the congress demands that religious denominations be required to pay rent to the government for all churches and use, according to newspapers reaching the border today.

The Mexican journals also say that the Yucatan delegation will propose the following:

Prohibition of the confessional. Appointment of a commission to handle and dispose of donations made by any member of a faith.

Prohibition against priests, ministers and other leaders of any faith, holding property.

Prohibition against any man of less than 50 years of age acting as a priest or minister.

Restraint of the right to act as minister or priest to native-born Mexicans.

WHEAT NEEDS RAIN SOME OATS KILLED

Weather in Recent Weeks Has Had Bad Effect on Crops in This County

Wichita county wheat is showing effects of the cold and dry weather, while fall oats on some fields have already succumbed, according to farmers who were in the city Saturday. Unless rain comes in the near future, considerable wheat will be plowed up, it is stated, and wheat planters would like nothing better for a Christmas present than a good soaking rain or a heavy snow they declare. The little snow of last week helped slightly, but not enough to save a large part of the wheat unless relief comes within the next ten days. A large part of the fall oats acreage has already been killed, it is said, and what is left is looking "mighty

sick" as one farmer expressed it yesterday.

Wichita county's wheat acreage is about 20 per cent short of last season's crop, although most of the wheat counties of North Texas increased the area this fall. This is taken to mean that there will be a material increase in the cotton acreage in 1917.

GAMBLING RESULTS IN SOLDIER'S DEATH

Search Being Made For Minnesota Artilleryman in Connection With Killing

By Associated Press.

Brownsville, Tex., Dec. 23.—Military police at all camps on the lower border today continued on the lookout for Private James Macanespie, Minnesota artilleryman of Minneapolis. Macanespie is wanted in connection with the killing of Private John Natchests in the Llano Grande camp Wednesday night after a quarrel over the possession of a dollar during a gambling game. Natchests was from Virginia, Minn. Another man is being held on suspicion at San Benito. He will be taken to Llano Grande for identification.

AMERICAN AVIATOR IS KILLED IN ENGLAND

By Associated Press.

London, Dec. 23.—H. R. Deighton Simpson, son of Henry W. Simpson of New York, was accidentally killed while flying in England on December 20. He was a lieutenant in the British flying corps.

We take this opportunity for acknowledging the favor of our friends and patrons, who have made this, the tenth year of our business in Wichita Falls, the biggest and most satisfactory we have ever known. It is our sincere wish that your Christmas may be a joyous one and that the New Year may be one of Happiness and Prosperity.

North Texas Furniture Co.

Complete Housefurnishers

DODGE BROTHERS MOTOR CAR

It is astonishing how quickly people get to know about a car, and especially about the men who build it.

People are not buying Dodge Brothers Motor Car simply because they want a car of some sort, or any sort.

They are buying it because they want the precise and particular kind of car which Dodge Brothers build.

All over the country they seem to have a shrewd and accurate idea of exactly the kind of manufacturers Dodge Brothers are.

They seem to know that Dodge Brothers idea, from the very first, was that if they built the car right—nothing else mattered much.

People generally know all about the car—or nearly all—before they call on a Dodge Brothers dealer.

They know it either from their own experience, or from what they have seen or been told of other people's experience.

They pick out the very points for which it is noted everywhere—points which have not been emphasized especially in advertising.

They know why they want the car—and they are more eager for it today all over the country than they have been at any other period in its history.

The production has always been too small to come anywhere near satisfying the demand.

It is at this moment, and it probably will be for years to come, no matter how much it may be increased.

The explanation is ridiculously simple. The car has never bred anything but good will.

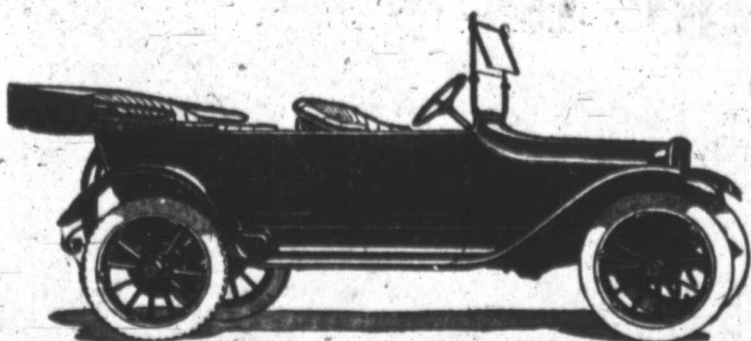
It will pay you to visit us and examine this car

The gasoline consumption is unusually low

The tire mileage is unusually high.

The price of the Touring Car or Roadster, complete, is \$785 (f. o. b. Detroit)

The price of the Winter Touring Car or Roadster complete including regular mohair top is \$950 (f. o. b. Detroit)



McFALL BROS. & ORTH
Distributors

To Our Customers,
Friends
and Everyone

We Wish a Very
Merry Christmas

"Absolute Reliability"

With All Kind Thoughts
and Good Wishes for
Christmas and the
Coming Year

FREEAR FURNITURE CO.

WILL PLAN FOR JANUARY "DRIVE"

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE-DIRECTORS TO ARRANGE FOR MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

USE THERMOMETER

It Will Mark Progress of Effort, Hope to Enlist All Wichitans in Organization

Preliminary steps for the Chamber of Commerce membership campaign will be taken at Tuesday morning's session of the Chamber of Commerce directors, according to B. F. Johnson, secretary. Original plans were for the campaign to be staged during the week between Christmas and New Year, but on account of Mr. Johnson's being in Washington in connection with the effort to secure the aviation school and aviation court for this city the active campaign was postponed, but will be started in either the first or second week in January.

Committees to work in the membership campaign will in all probability be the first matter receiving attention. A competitive element between these various campaigns may be introduced to add interest to the campaign. The prime object of the campaign will be the enlistment of every citizen in Wichita Falls interested and willing to give some of his time and efforts for the upbuilding of the city. Secretary Johnson's organization campaign, of which the membership campaign is to be the preliminary step will utilize the influence and work of every member of the association in the work of the Chamber of Commerce.

Committees will be chosen from every line of business or profession, and will make their appeals to others in the same vocation as themselves. Membership cards have been ordered and will be placed as memberships are secured. Pocket membership cards have also been provided which entitle members to all privileges of similar organizations throughout the United States and which will be honored by the Western Union Telegraph Company as their own collect cards.

A list of prospects has been prepared. A committee of bankers and business men will grade this list and suggest the amount that should be invested in the Chamber of Commerce during the coming year. The soliciting committees will be instructed not to accept subscriptions for a smaller amount than suggested by the assessment committee.

Each member will be placed in the bureau of his choice and will work along the line covered by that bureau. A budget of \$20,000 has been decided upon as the amount needed for the year's work. A large thermometer placed beneath the Chamber of Commerce windows on the side of the city hall building will show at all hours just how the campaign is progressing. The indicator will be illuminated by an electric light so that the thermometer may be read at night. The \$20,000 will be provided among the various bureaus according to their work. For instance, the publicity bureau will require a larger sum than will the finance bureau. The board of directors will determine the amount required by each bureau.

Memberships will be of two classes, namely, business and individual. No business membership will be accepted for less than \$24 per year, and as much more as may be authorized. No individual membership will be accepted for less than \$12 for the year. Many firms and individuals will naturally be asked to subscribe much more than the minimum.

The difference in the two classes lies largely in the fact that individual memberships, unless taken at an amount as great or greater than the business membership minimum, will not be entitled to classification as a business. For instance, a real estate dealer who takes out an individual membership would not appear in the classified business directory to be published from time to time, save as an individual who was a member of the Chamber of Commerce.

Many cities have now adopted the standard membership fee of \$25 for the commercial organization. This would mean that a member must invest \$25, or multiples thereof, in order to belong to the organization. It was not deemed wise to begin this practice in Wichita Falls at this time.

Three Tests Due to Be Completed This Week—Another to Be Started.

Christmas finds another Archer county well in the sands, the Panther Company's No. 2 reaching the bottom late Saturday. The test of this well will not be completed for several days.

This makes three wells that are expected to furnish good or bad oil news Christmas week. Completion of the test of the Southside Oil Company's well is expected Tuesday. The 86th-Six well, now on the sand, will probably not be tested until late in the week; the cementing job was completed yesterday.

Another well will start this week, that of the Curlee Oil Company, on the Kemp-Kebner tract, offsetting Coline No. 1. The Curlee company has its rig up and will be ready to start operations in a very few days.

Lack of water is delaying the start of the St. Clair Oil Company's well southeast of the Panther. It has been hoped to begin drilling there before January 1, but no start will be made until the water problem is solved.

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GAINESVILLE MAY BE DIVISION POINT

Change To That Point From Whitesboro Said To Be in Contemplation

Gainesville is to be a new division point on the Katy, taking the place of Whitesboro as is now the case, according to a report recently emanating from Whitesboro. Trains from Denison will be run to Gainesville and then to Dallas and Fort Worth over the Santa Fe tracks, instead of Dallas over the Denton cut off as is the joint track of the T. & P. from Whitesboro to Fort Worth and into now the case. While this report is not a new one, never has it been advanced with the seeming authoritative assurance as is the case at present.

Superintendent J. W. Butz, head of the operating department on this division, being out of town the authenticity of this report could not be confirmed or denied.

One advantage to the Katy as a result of the reported change will be their ability to handle an unlimited amount of tonnage on their freight trains on the Fort Worth branch. Only a limited amount of tonnage can be handled on trains over the joint track used at present. Fort Worth would be a gainer on account of more direct connection with Northwest Texas and vice versa should the change be a reality.

LIQUOR SHIPMENTS UNUSUALLY HEAVY

Tremendous Business Has Been Done This Year By Wichita Falls Concerns.

Wichita Falls mail order liquor houses have done tremendous business during the holiday season, unusually heavy shipments being made to hundreds of points in North Texas and Oklahoma. Dealers were not prepared to say yesterday whether this year's business has set a new record, but all said that the volume had been as heavy as they could conveniently handle.

Express companies have had the liquor shipments to handle in addition to the remainder of their holiday business, and as a result their forces have been extremely busy; it was stated, however, that all shipments were handled expeditiously and that no congestion resulted here.

Wichita Falls serves as a supply depot for a wide territory in North and West Texas and Western Oklahoma, for those who require liquor to make their Christmas merry, and local saloons and liquor dealers have done a thriving business as a result.

We sell grade A milk and purity commercial buttermilk. Pure Milk Products Co. 192 fte

The GLOBE

CLEAN-UP CLOTHING SALE

On Tuesday, Dec. 26th, we will inaugurate the greatest Clothing Sale in the history of our business. We must have room for our large Spring Stock soon to arrive, and are determined to close out our present stock and not carry any over for another season; Hence, is the reason for these ridiculously low prices

\$12.50 and \$15.00 MEN'S SUITS

\$8.95

\$17.50 and \$20.00 MEN'S SUITS

\$11.95

\$22.50 and \$25.00 MEN'S SUITS

\$14.95

Each and every purchase is guaranteed as represented—Your money cheerfully refunded, if for any reason you choose to return same

\$27.50 and \$30.00 MEN'S SUITS

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Included in our sale, is our entire stock of Men's and Boys' Clothing, Over-coats, Rain-coats, Mackinaws coats and Pants

See Our Window Display

The GLOBE Ohio Ave. & 8th St.

THRIFT IN THE KITCHEN

Experts say "thrift" means buying things that go farthest because they cost less. That is the story of



ARMSTRONG'S OAK LEAF SHORTENING
[U. S. Govt. Inspected.]

Products from two Kingdoms—Animal and Vegetable, joined in a pure, fragrant blend. Shortens your work as well as the Dough. Makes perfect pies. Order OAK LEAF and be sure. In No. 2, 3, 5, 10, 20 and 50 pails.

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ALL GOOD DEALERS

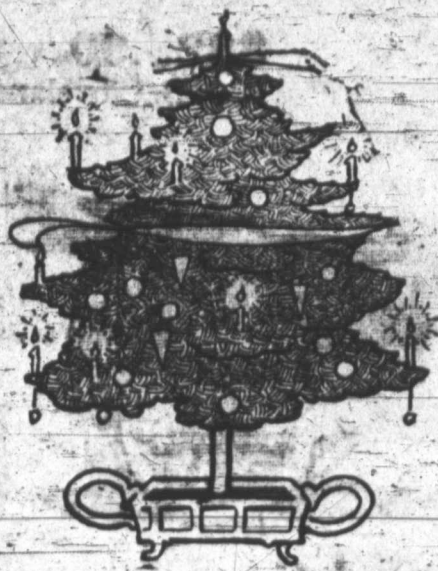
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THE MODERN PACKERS OF TEXAS
DALLAS



A Merry Christmas and a New Year of Peace, Prosperity and Happiness is our wish for you, for our friends and everybody.

COLLIER & HENDRICKS





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The First National Bank

Of Wichita Falls, Texas

Greetings

The past year has been the most successful in the history of this bank, due in a very large measure to the loyal support and hearty co-operation of our patrons and friends, and to these and all other good people of the Wichita Falls Territory, we extend our hearty wishes that each may enjoy a

Merry Christmas

and the earnest hope that the New Year will be one of happiness and prosperity

R. E. HUFF, President

W. M. McGREGOR, Vice President

T. J. TAYLOR, Cashier

C. E. McCUTCHEN, Assistant Cashier

Fred M. GATES, Vice President

F. C. BARRON, Assistant Cashier

J. R. HYATT, Assistant Cashier

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK OF WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

SALVATION ARMY'S CHRISTMAS PLANS

To Distribute Baskets and Provide Christmas Tree—Program Monday Night.

Several dozen families will be aided and several hundred children given Christmas joy by the Salvation Army this year. Esau Robb and his corps of workers have already started the distribution, but the main stunt, the Christmas tree for the children, will be held Monday night.

An address by Mrs. Brittain will be one of the features of the Christmas program in the citadel.

A large number of tickets to the program have been distributed by Esau Robb during the past week and a still greater number will be given away before Monday night. After all of the ticket-holders have been admitted to the program probably another hundred will be allowed to hear the program should there be room.

Supplies to the amount of several hundred dollars have been purchased and will be distributed to about 70 needy families Monday. An average of fifteen dollars worth of supplies will be distributed to each family which consists of one sack of meal, one sack of flour, one strip of bacon, one half of a bushel of Irish potatoes, twenty cans of canned goods, two pounds of sugar, two pounds of rice, three pounds of beans, bread, fruit and other articles of food. About five hundred toys such as flutes, horns, dolls, books and other toys for the young children have also been purchased and will be distributed Monday night. After Christmas Esau Robb will give clothing to a number of families that are in need. He said that almost enough money had already been contributed to carry on the work this Christmas as it should be carried on.

The program to be given Monday night in the citadel follows:

Address by Mayor Brittain.

Father Christmas—Ethel Dollar.

Good News for Christmas—Paul Robb.

Hanging up Baby's Stocking—Ly Malone.

Kitty to Kris—Naida Warren.

Christmas Tree—Pattie Dollar.

The Price He Paid—David Flowers.

Song—Clara Ficklen.

Recitation—Jewel Sample and Rosa Holston.

I Wonder—George Robb.

Willing Winnie's Prayer—Alice Ricklen.

Looking Sharp—William White.

The Chaplain's Prayer, a feature in which the following take part: Mrs. Annie Chandler, Mrs. Ian Carter, Zula May Simelton, Lavella Sample, Rudora Lancaster.

I Will Not Be Afraid—Ophelia Robb.

Rainy Little Stockings—Ethel Flowers.

Song, "My Sins Rose High as the Mountains"—Lloyd Robb.

Christmas—Jewel Sample.

The Creed of the Bell by the following ten girls: Ethel Dollar, Cora Tate, Zula May Simelton, Alice Ficklen, Iva Lancaster, Lavella Sample, Rudora Lancaster, Eva May Fines, Naida Warren and Gertrude Dollar.

The Sunday school chorus will then sing "Welcome to Santa Claus" as that bestower of gifts enters the citadel.

WORK STARTED ON LUBBOCK RAILROAD

Will Give Several New Connections Into Plains Country of Panhandle

Active construction work on the Lubbock and Great Northern, 127 mile line from Lubbock to Hollis, Okla., which will be the connecting link between the "North Plains" and "South Plains" countries of Northwest Texas has been started and is expected to go through to completion without further delay. As the prospects assert that they have raised \$3,500,000 for the building of the railroad no delay on account of financial difficulties are anticipated. As the road traverses an almost level country the cost of construction is expected to be held down to a minimum figure.

The new road will connect with the Wellington branch of the Wichita Falls & Northwestern at Hollis and will also make a connection with the Fort Worth & Denver in the vicinity of Childress, giving this city a much more direct line into the growing South Plains region. At present Lubbock can only be reached from Wichita Falls by a long detour by way of Amarillo or Abilene. The line will be equally valuable for the south end of the line, giving that region direct access through North Texas and Oklahoma with the markets of the North and East.

PROMINENT OFFICIALS HUNT FOR TEXAS QUAIL

(Quinn) Observer Messrs. Becker (attached to the German Embassy at Washington) and Shuster and Dos Pinos, members of the New York banking firm, Speyer & Co., left for the East Sunday night after two weeks hunt near Roaring Springs.

MORE PUBLICITY ON BUYING OF CATTLE

Local Plan is Subject of Article in a Prominent Dairying Journal

Wichita Falls continues to receive wide publicity in connection with the efforts to build up the dairying industry here. A recent article in The Times, telling of the publicity this city has been given, was published conspicuously on the editorial page of the Houston Post. A recent issue of Kimball's Dairy Farmer also makes mention of the plan. It says:

The Chamber of Commerce, of Wichita Falls, Texas, may be called a Chamber of Agriculture.

It has, financed through the banks, the importation of 75 head of high grade grade Holstein cows from the state of Wisconsin and has given to each family, signing notes, a herd of five cattle. The only requirement made by the banks was that one-half of the gross proceeds from the sale of milk and butter from the entire herd be applied to the note. Two years time is given on notes bearing eight per cent interest.

The farmers taking advantage of the offer protected themselves against loss by forming a mutual insurance association running for six months following receipt of the cattle. Only one cow was lost and her cost prorated among all the owners of the imported 75 head. At the end of the six months every one of the farmers taking cows had paid at least one-third of the cost.

The problem of distributing the cattle was solved by dividing the cows into groups of five, care being exercised to have all groups as nearly equal in value as possible. The groups were then numbered and each farmer took the five cows, the group number of which corresponded to the number of the ticket he drew from the hat.

The plan of the Chamber of Commerce to promote agriculture is commendable. It is indication that the business men and farmers are recognizing that progress and prosperity, in either urban or rural districts, are dependent on the assistance they give through co-operation. The farmers will return to the city not only their payments on the notes, but will also build their agricultural resources so they can ship larger amounts of farm and dairy products to their urban neighbors.

The urbanites will gain not alone by having available food supplies, but also by the exchange of money which always develops in a community where farmers are prosperous.

Wichita Falls, with a population of nearly 16,000 stands out as an example of agricultural leadership to many cities whose stagnation is due to an unprogressive agricultural territory surrounding them.

Very rapidly the business men of the city are coming to realize that it is profitable to build a city if the farms surrounding it are permitted to be drained of fertility by methods of farming which do not include live stock raising and dairying.

D. M. Perkins & Company, Fire Insurance & Real Estate, 605 Seventh, Phone 520, 175 tlc

NOTICE

Owing to the fact that certain "Dray Men" of the city have advised several of our customers and the general public, while soliciting business, that we were going out of business on January 1, 1917, we wish to most emphatically correct this false statement and say there is no foundation for same.

We wish to further announce that we are making investments at this time in more "GOOD" up-to-date equipment to enable us to give our patrons even better service than in the past and during the coming year expect to erect a MODERN FIREPROOF WAREHOUSE.

MR. JNO. M. FOX

Who has been with us for the past five years will be General Manager of our business after January 1st, 1917.

Mr. Fox is thoroughly familiar with the details of the business and we wish to announce to our friends, patrons and the general public that it will be our policy in the future to render PROMPT, EFFICIENT and COURTEOUS SERVICE at prices that are in keeping with "REAL SERVICE."

Thanking the citizens of "THE BUSIEST and BEST BUILT CITY IN TEXAS" for the business they have given us in the past, and assuring you that we are grateful for the successful year about to end, we wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a most prosperous 1917.

McFall Transfer & Storage Co.

J. M. McFALL, Prop.

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J. M. Fox, Gen'l Mgr. January 1, 1917.

Greetings and Good Wishes

To our Friends and Everybody:

Our Christmas trade, and indeed our business through the year, has been better than we had expected and we feel a gratitude that is expressed in our wish for your

HAPPINESS and
PROSPERITY at
CHRISTMAS and
in the NEW YEAR

Kruger Brothers

"Peacemakers and Priemakers"
275 Ohio Ave.
We Give S. & H. Green Stamps.



"Go, You Are But My Chattel—"

In a pique of rage, this financier, whose life code is, "I can do whatever I please with whatever I own," believes he can do the same with his wife.

Serialized by the world's most famous actor

E. H. SOTHERN

England's charming beauty

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"THE CHATTEL"

A Vitaphone super-picture

is a highly dramatic, forceful play with a potent central thought, and carries with it the same finished portraiture that have made all of Sothern's roles so famous.

EMPRESS THEATRE

MONDAY

5c and 10c

MAJESTIC THEATRE

MONDAY

DOUGLASS FAIRBANKS

—IN—

"MANHATTAN MADNESS"

A five reel dashing story of the young westerner who goes to New York with the conviction that nothing exciting ever happens in the East and who gets the greatest thrill of his young life. People who think they don't like moving pictures should see Douglas Fairbanks in "Manhattan Madness." If they derive no amusement from this merry farce melodrama, they are correct in supposing they are film blind.—Herald Tribune in New York Tribune.

"HAY STACKS AND STEEPLES"

A two part rip-roaring Keystone comedy.

5c and 10c

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TUESDAY

LOUISE LOVELY

—IN—

"GRASP OF GREED"

Five part Bluebird photoplay from the famous novel "John Meeson's Will."

VICTOR MOORE

The great Paramount comedian that made the big hit in "The Chimpadee" comedy dramas.

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WEDNESDAY

BRYANT WASHBURN

WITH

MARGUERITE CLAYTON

IN

"THE PRINCE OF GRAUSTARK"

ALSO

CHARLIE CHAPLIN

In "The Rink" acknowledged by every moving picture critic to be the best picture the great Chaplin has ever made. You say it will have to be a humdinger if it's better than the one we run on last Thanksgiving. Don't take our word for it—come and see and if it isn't even better than the last one we will agree to leave town, and the price for this big double treat is going to be held down to the small price of only

10c and 15c

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EMPRESS THEATRE

MONDAY

E. H. SOTHERN

AND

PEGGY HYLAND

—IN—

"THE CHATTEL"

We have gone to considerable trouble and expense in order to secure the "Chatel" for Christmas Day. We thought so well of this picture that we are laying our regular Monday program on the shelf; the Strand, New York's grandest and most beautiful theatre switched a whole week's program in order to play the "Chatel" for an entire week. This marks Mr. Sothern, the world's most famous actor's debut on the screen which is a great gain for the industry and for the art. The story shows how a wife obtains two hundred and fifty thousand dollars to save her father from ruin. WHAT WOULD YOU HAVE DONE?

5c and 10c—PRICES—5c and 10c

TUESDAY

GAIL KANE

—IN—

"THE SCARLET OATH"

Law and order are necessary to the good of any community. When authority over the masses is carried too far something must give. We are introduced to the story at a point where the heroine's mother is unable to withstand the unjust persecution of those in power and dies leaving her two twin daughters. The father struggles manfully to bring them up and succeeds to such an extent that he is able through one of them to avenge the death of his wife.

5c and 10c

—PRICES—

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At The Theatres

"FAIR AND WARNER" AT THE WICHITA JANUARY 1

Concerning the comedy "Fair and Warner" to be shown at the Wichita Theatre January 1, the Dallas Times-Herald says:

"Fair and Warner" which was given its first presentation at the Dallas opera house last night, is one of the cleverest farce comedies, if we may call it that ever enjoyed by a Dallas audience. It is a rippling of laughter from beginning to end with frequent breaker of real joy and often the audience is carried near the shoals of convulsions. "Fair and Warner" got its name from a very monotonously good gentleman who found the weather the most exciting piece of news in the New York Evening Post each day. His wife, a woman of spirit, became wearied over the humdrum life she was leading and was persuaded to demand a divorce by her former lover. A friend drops in and tries to help out, and his own wife finds him out. Our good hero and the good wife of the reckless friend decide that they will each marry their spouses by doing something real naughty. Neither had touched liquor before this fateful day but after they got started they made up for neglected opportunities. How two perfectly respectable persons were found intoxicated, the complications and explanations that followed are features of the comedy that would spoil it by the telling for those who haven't seen the play.

"Fair and Warner" avoids the danger mark of burlesque, it is laughably, but it is delightfully hazardous and perhaps a bit more delicious for proper folks because it turns its back on salaciousness at the right time. A cast of eight, a collection of cocktail bottles and a single bed are all that were needed for the production. The cast of eight, a very capable and well mentioned them all: Sager Midgley, Edna Hilbert, Percie Benton, Miriam Masters, John Trevor and Ralph Simeone. Sager Midgley is a comedian of ability and he is splendid as the good man who "goes wrong" for just one night. A large audience was present to enjoy "Fair and Warner" and it is expected that larger audiences will see the subsequent productions Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday nights.

DOUGLAS FAIRBANKS STAR AT MAJESTIC MONDAY

In the new Triangle feature, "Manhattan Madness" to be seen at the Majestic Theatre Monday, Douglas Fairbanks appears in a role different from any of the previous parts he has played since he made his screen debut. He has appeared as an easterner in "The Lamb," "His Picture in the Papers," "The Habit of Happiness" and several other pictures. As a westerner in "The Good Bad Man" and as a far westerner of mixed descent in "The Half Breed." In "Manhattan Madness" the athletic star is of both east and west. Born and reared in New York, educated at an eastern college, he goes west after his graduation, becomes a cowboy for sheer love of the outdoor life and eventually invests his money in a ranch. After several years on the plains he returns to the east for a visit. Finds life in Manhattan extremely tame and bores the members of his club nearly out of their senses by telling them what a dull hole they live in. The witcome then is a westerner, one of the club members agrees to show the rancher a real thrill in Manhattan or lose \$5,000. The picture then reveals what happens to the young plainsman when he loses his bet, but is well content because he has the thrill of his life, including the capture of a bride.

RUSSIAN PICTURE AT THE EMPRESS TUESDAY

On the boat were Mr. and Mrs. Karamzov, wealthy Russians returning from a tour of the continent, who had lost their only child while abroad. During the trip to America, Mrs. Karamzov becomes devoted to a Russian little daughter, Nina. Nina has a twin sister, Olga. You will tremble with both these girls when you see them in "The Scarlet Oath" which appears at the Empress Theatre Tuesday. Gail Kane lends her wonderful talent to the characterization of the two twins and will amaze you by the entire difference of the two roles she presents.

E. H. SOUTHERN STARRING AT EMPRESS MONDAY

Read what the Motion Picture World thinks of the Christmas Day program at the Empress: "The Chatel" for Week. Vitaphone's First E. H. Southern Release Tops Bill at Big New York Theatre.

At this announcement appears in print the Strand theatre, New York will be showing Vitaphone's first E. H. Southern release, an original story entitled "The Chatel," written by Paul West, directed by Frederick Thomson. Mitchell H. Mark, president and general manager of the Strand Theatre Corporation switched the announced program for the week beginning September 24 in order to headline the Strand's bill with Mr. Southern's first appearance in motion pictures. Not only did he order a switch made in the program to include this greater Vitaphone production, but he also issued instructions to launch an immediate campaign of advertising more extensive than any the Strand has ever undertaken on behalf of any previous picture.

"ANTON THE TERRIBLE" AT EMPRESS WEDNESDAY

Theodore Roberts and Anita King in the Jesse L. Lasky production of "Anton the Terrible" written by Jules Eckert (Goodman) from the Saturday Evening Post story by Thomas H. Uzzell, and prepared for the screen by Marjorie Fairfax and Charles Ber. will be the attraction at the Empress on Wednesday. This gripping story of political intrigue in connection with the recent great European war was the cause of a great deal of comment when it appeared in the Saturday Evening Post. In preparing the story for the screen, Jules Eckert (Goodman), the noted dramatist, has written an even more vivid story. In the masterly hands of America's greatest character actor and the beautiful Miss King as the fair victim of his conspiracies and supported by a cast of such prominent artists as H.

Movie Calendar

MONDAY: E. H. Southern at the Empress in "The Chatel." Douglas Fairbanks in "Manhattan Madness" at the Majestic. "Circumstantial Guilt" at the Gen.

TUESDAY: "The Grasp of Greed" Bluebird feature and Victor Moore in Paramount comedy, "The Best Man" at the Majestic. Gail Kane in "The Scarlet Oath" at the Empress.

WEDNESDAY: Bryant Washburn and Marguerite Clayton in "The Prince of Graustark" at the Majestic. Theo Roberts and Anita King in "Anton the Terrible" at the Empress.

THURSDAY: George Walsh in "The Mediator" at the Empress. Rupert Julian in "Naked Hearts," five part serial drama, also eight episode of "The Crimson Stain Mystery" at the Majestic.

FRIDAY: "Peg O' the Ring" at the Gen. Viola Dana in "The Gates of Eden" at the Empress. Jessie Barriscale and Charles Ray in "Plain Jane" at the Majestic.

SATURDAY: William Dunham and Mary Astor in "The Last Mail" at the Empress. Vera Michelena in "Driftwood" at the Majestic.

NAZIMOVA PICTURE TO BE SHOWN AT MAJESTIC

This coming year the Majestic Theatre will show the greater picture featured by the management, announcements, starting with Alla Nazimova to be shown some time in January. The Nazimova picture is "War Brides" the first picture in which the famous tragedienne has starred. Of this picture the New York World says: "At the Broadway Theatre last night, Mme. Nazimova, the Russian actress, made her debut as a film actress in 'War Brides.' 'War Brides' introduces Mme. Nazimova to the screen in the same role in which she makes her greatest stage success. The scenario was based upon Marion Craig Wentworth's play. One of the unique features of the production is that it is a play about war without showing battles. It deals with the background of war and not with the fighting front. Yet, while not pretending to be a portrayal of conflict, one scene was built for this production which probably surpasses anything done on this continent to show actual war conditions. This was a huge trench, four stories deep, in which the life of the soldiers is shown and the sudden and unexpected manner in which whole companies may be killed without even seeing the enemy. Nazimova as Joan, the widow of a young officer, and Gertrude Berkeley as the officer's mother have two roles which for emotional intensity probably never have been equaled on the screen. Herbert Brenon, who made the production, has given Miss Wentworth's drama its full epic sweep.

SPECIAL CHRISTMAS PROGRAM AT GEN

The Gen will have a specially attractive program for the Christmas season. The picture to be shown is "Circumstantial Guilt." The dangers of conviction upon circumstantial evidence are paramount, but it is seldom that they are so forcefully brought home as in "Circumstantial Guilt," a two-reeler, directed by George Cochran. Here is the case of a man who is about to be convicted on his kind of evidence. He is out on bail, and they stand eleven to one for conviction. The last man is obdurate and will not consent to send the man to prison for life on merely the force of the evidence. He will not give in to the pressure that is brought to bear on him by the other members of the jury. He knows that the man accused is innocent, but he goes to prison. In the end he does the right thing and confesses. But the happy ending to this picture should not blind us to the true lesson that is, that there is no case made of evidence, however strong, that cannot be broken down. It may be recalled that a few years ago a man was released from the penitentiary in Pennsylvania after serving twenty-four years of a life sentence. After all that time the real culprit confessed. But what could the State do to pay the convicted man for the ruin of his health, his broken spirit, the loss of self-respect that he had suffered? These few cases that are made public, together with the many cases of crimes that go unpunished, prove that the system of justice is far from perfection.

CHARLIE CHAPLIN AT THE MAJESTIC WEDNESDAY

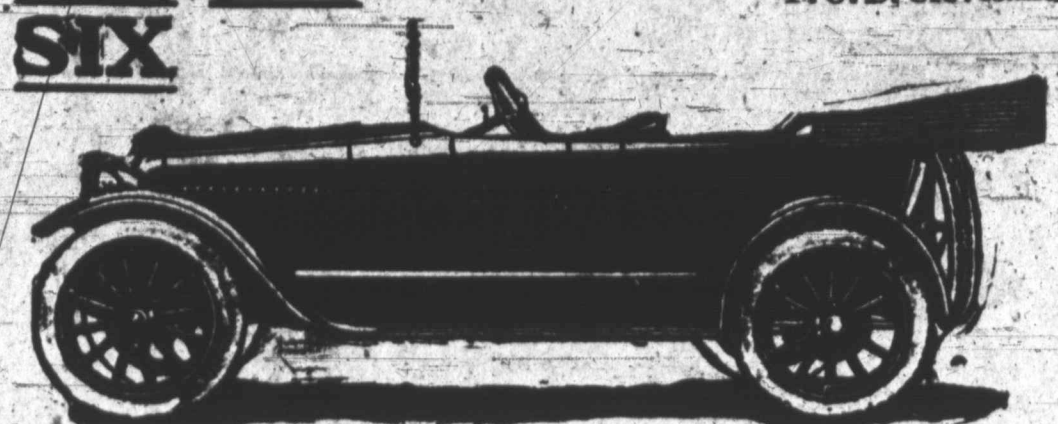
Of Charlie Chaplin's newest picture, "The Rink" to be shown at the Majestic Wednesday, a critic has the following to say:

Charlie Chaplin surely affirms his priority in comedy circles in "The Rink" his latest picture, for not only are the comedy situations infinitely funny, but on roller skates his peer is not to be found. Chaplin is first seen as a waiter in a high class restaurant, his "go-out" to lunch-out, and during this time visits the skating rink where his grations mystify the other skaters, so that they draw off to one side to watch him. Then the fun commences. He charges into the mob and floors about half a dozen and a wild scurry follows by the enraged skaters to get his scalp. Incidentally, he makes the acquaintance of Edna, a charming skater and she invites him to a skating party she is to give on a later date. He presumes to be the "go-out" waiter, Cecil Seltzer, C. O. D., and the young lady is proud to have a titled gentleman present. But when the guests are introduced, most of them recognize him as the erratic waiter, and a few days previous, but "mum's the word" because a large percentage of them had visited this well kept in company with husbands and wives which were not their own. So Charlie Chaplin has the floor in every scene of the word and is permitted to make the comedy which runs through the picture as things are running smoothly, however, he commences those antics so peculiarly his own, with the result that the whole picture is a drilling at some stage of the proceedings, sent sprawling across the chalked floor. Then a wild scene ensues and the manner in which he glides in and out, forward and backward, falls and rises in a trice, dodges blows and trips his pursuers proves him a skater of no mean ability. Admirers of Chaplin pictures and this one of his best, it hot his very best.

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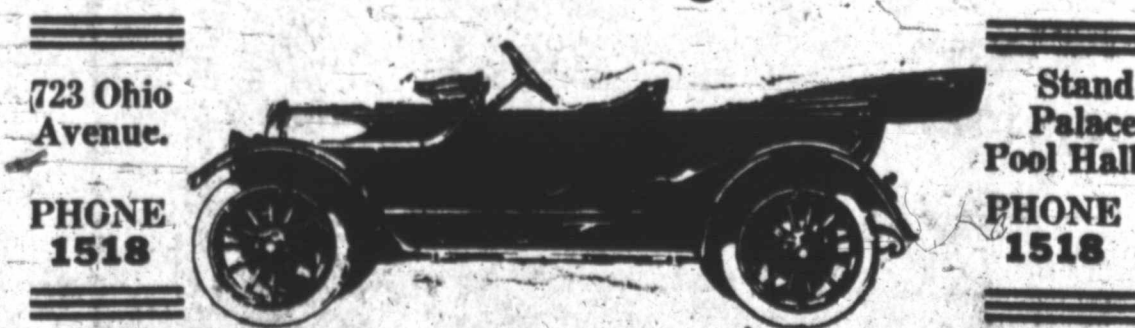
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PRODUCERS START WORK ON NEW WILBARGER WELL

(Vernon Record)

The Producers Oil Co. is gradually broadening the scope of its drilling operations in the field some twelve miles south of town on the Waggoner ranch, a new well having been commenced this week some 400 yards southwest of the first gas well brought in. The well which marks the furthest west operations of the company thus far, is now at a depth of about 2,700 feet, according to reports from the field, and it is believed that one

of the best strikes yet made may result from the drilling in this well. The operations now under way by the Producers people is following out the plan announced some time ago of thoroughly testing the Vernon field. A franchise has been granted the concern to pipe natural gas into Vernon for fuel purposes and the date of starting this work is contingent upon developments in the field, it being the purpose of the officials to hold up building the line until they have satisfied themselves of an adequate supply of natural gas for years to come. Otherwise the heavy investment in

the pipe lines would not be justified. With the Magnolia Petroleum Co. projecting drilling operations on an extensive scale to the north of town and a proven field being gradually widened south of town, it is not idle to expect that Vernon are long will be the center of a great oil field. Fines of \$5 each were assessed against 41 drunks in the police court Saturday morning. One lone speeder also appeared before Judge Whitlaw and contributed a plea of guilty and \$5.