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Season's Greetings

We Wish One and All a Merry Christmas and a Happy and Posperous New Year

We are especially desirous of extending to our many friends and customers our sincere appreciation and thanks for their past patronage and assure them the same courteous treatment, prompt and efficient service in the future as tendered them in the past. Remember our Price 'Smashing Holiday Sale' is now going on in "Full Bloom" and we especially invite you to come and inspect this mammoth $75,000 stock of absolutely "New Seasonable Merchandise" now going at unheard of prices and consisting of everything to wear for Men, Women and Children. By sledge hammer blows we have battered prices back to 1912 and 1913 levels. A Glance over will quite readily convince you. Everything plainly marked—"Nothing Reserved."

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SWEEPING CANVAS FOR LUBBOCK'S POPULATION MADE LAST TUESDAY

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SCATTERED LIKE BLUE QUAIL OVER THE CITY—VISITED EVERY HOME

PEOPLE RECEIVED THEM COURTEOUSLY

With Few Exceptions the Questions Were Answered Promptly and Much Interest Was Manifested by Many of the People Interviewed—Guess How Many People Live in Lubbock?

"No wanna Join the Army," was the reply one Mexican gave to the Junior Chamber of Commerce Census takers Tuesday morning when they began to ask him questions.

"Say, you can't fool me—This whole thing is just a hatched up scheme to raise our taxes. I ain't a putting out anything at all," and he didn't. Not even how many were in his family—much less how old was his house and its value, etc. etc.

But on the whole the census takers found the entire citizenship not only willing, but anxious to help them in completing their work with the least possible delay. All told, there were 66 men out on the job and with one exception, the programme went thru as planned. It was figured that an average of three hours would cover the various territories allotted. Fourteen hundred blanks were run off and distributed. But after the work got under way distress calls were phoned in from various parts of town and extra blanks had to be ground off on the mimeograph and rushed to them. A total of 2,000 blanks were put out and approximately 1500 were returned. There are of course a few duplications, a few houses that were missed and a considerable number of servants, cooks, and other colored people that were missed. A recheck is being made by the Chamber of Commerce on these and the final figures will not be announced for several days.

One team caught a boomerang in the territory they drew. The town was divided into nine districts and the captains of each ten men drew for districts. The winner of District One or everything North of Fourth Street thought that he had a snap in that thinly settled part of town. But they soon learned their mistake. At five-thirty Tuesday afternoon, they dragged their heel into the office, dead tired, about half disgusted with the world and very sure that they had walked not less than a million miles. Earl Hunt, M. O. Owens, Earnest Conley, and one or two others were in this section.

In short the 66 men started at nine o'clock and reported back all the way from eleven-thirty to five-thirty. Now the big job in the Chamber of Commerce office is to compile this information. Of course it is not much of a job—at least it is hoped that it will be compiled by the first of January. But everyone is happy for we have what we went after and in good shape.

What Is The Population of Lubbock?

That was the question that folks started to phoning in before four o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Incidently that is a question that will not be decided for ten days yet—for there is a lot of rechecking and tallying up to be done before the figure can be announced. There were some few families missed—especially colored families that live in the back yards of white families who forgot to report them.

If there is a family in town that was not reported Tuesday, please call the Chamber of Commerce office, 469, and give the information in order that every human may be included. Some of you were not at home when the census takers called—and some of you were asleep or in the back yard. We have fifty blanks with a house number on it, but no name or other information. If you don't phone in with this information it will mean that we have to take a car and hunt you up—for we want to count every human we have in town. It is a part of your obligation as a citizen to assist the town in making the best possible showing. Phone in your information if you do not know that you were listed.

A $5 Gold Piece.

Will be given as a Christmas present to the one guessing the closets to the actual population of the city. The only requirement is that the number be plainly printed on a Postal Card—on the front side with the address and that your name and address be given on the back side—the side that is supposed to take the message. Get that straight. A Post Card or a Postal Card addressed to the Junior Chamber of Commerce, City, with your guess in plain printed numbers on the front side. On the other side your name and address. Makes no difference whether it is a picture card or plain. Any variation from this form will throw the card out of the contest. Anybody and everybody can send in one guess. Each member of the whole family of sixteen can send in one number, but each one must be on separate cards.

Cecil Honey, well known Lubbock boy, who is attending T. C. U. at Fort Worth, will be here in a few days to spend the holiday season with homefolks.

Rev. John T. Smith left Tuesday for Dixon, Tenn., after receiving a message, stating that his father is seriously ill.

State Highway Commission Helps to Build Bridge

Bronte, Texas, Dec. 18.—The Commissioners' Court of Coke County has received advice from the State Highway Commission at Austin that the Commission has passed an order appropriation not to exceed $13,500 as the State's part for a new and modern steel bridge across Oak creek, on the Del Rio-Canadian Highway, between this place and Blackwell. The Highway Commission also pledges its co-operation with the Commissioners Court in the work in every wise that the Highway Commission can be of assistance. The decision of the State Highway Commission to co-operate in this work is most acceptable to all West Texas, for it means that the Commission is seeking to give a square deal to every part of the state. The Del Rio-Canadian Highway is one of the most important in Texas, as it has for its final terminus Old Mexico. It gives the traveling public an almost air line from Canada to the country beyond the Rio Grande. Judge E. J. Stockton and the other members of the Commissioners Court are appreciative of this proffer of the State Highway Commission, for the construction of the bridge across Oak creek, with a small amount of dragging soon as the rains come, the Del Rio-Canadian Highway through Coke county will be one of the finest pieces of road in all the country.

LOCAL CHAPTER OF RED CROSS ELECTED OFFICERS FOR ENSUING YEAR—READY FOR BUSINESS

The Annual election of the officers and directors of the Local Chapter of the American Red Cross was held in the Red Cross offices, Wednesday afternoon and the following officers and directors will handle the Red Cross activities for the coming year:

George W. Briggs, General Chairman, Mrs. J. S. Johnson, Vice Chairman, L. C. Ellis, Treasurer, Dr. Castleberry, Chairman First Aid Department, Mrs. Arnett, Chairman Nutrition Service, Mrs. Joe Penny, Chairman Home Service Department, Mrs. Fred Oliver, Chairman Junior Dept. Curtis A. Keen, Director of Publicity, Miss Ellis, Secretary.

A general report was made upon the activities of the organization and plans discussed for the work for the coming year. The first problem on hand is the caring for the charity situation developing through the large number of unemployed in our city. The local situation as such would give little concern if confined to local people, but there is a growing number of floaters from all sections of the country drifting into our town that must be handled some way.

That nine out of ten of these are worthless, shiftless sort of ne'er do wells, does not relieve us of our obligation to see that they do not starve or be driven to unlawful means of getting something to eat. Three or more men have stated plainly in the office already that they were going to do their very best to get work and failing in that they were going to get something for their families other ways than working for them if necessary. Such a spirit is dangerous and must not be allowed to develop.

It is not a situation in which it relieves the condition to say that they should have stayed in their own home towns—if they ever had such—or that they should have saved their money when wages were high and crops good and all that. The fact remains that they did not do those things and are in our city and it is necessary that they be taken care of.

A mighty good example of the unreasonableness of the situations that arise and the type of folks the organization has to deal with was given last week. That same party reported that he was sending his wife back to her people and that he was going back to Kansas. He withdrew his application for compensation—and the next place he stops at he will no doubt cuss the government for not taking care of him and the Red Cross for not assisting him.

An equally striking example came to light this week in response to letters written to the relatives of the two men who arrived in the city last Friday with a wife each, and five children between them and a total fund of thirty cents. When questioned he declared that he could not live on less than $7 per day. After letters had been sent to the relatives of the wives of these men, it was found that one of the families owned a comfortable home and 160 acres of land and that the husband was a regular never-do-well sort of somebody that was always running around.

The wife's people of the other man wired her transportation home, but she refused to go. And yet they stand around on the street and cuss the Red Cross. Cuss the town, cuss conditions and everything else. Their tale of woe would melt a wooden Indian and yet—but these are every day examples of the problems of the local Red Cross and it is in order that they may take care of such situations that they ask that all charity work of the town be handled thru the Red Cross office. There are enough deserving families of our own that live in the town that need help to provide you a source for your charitable energies without wasting stuff on undeserving floaters. Let the Red Cross handle all of this work and it will be done efficiently and effectively.

Their request now is for old clothes. Old clothes of every size and kind. There are many people in town, insufficiently clothed for the severe weather that so frequently comes in this section. The fall thus far, has been remarkably warm and there has been little suffering from this cause, but it is the desire of the Red Cross Secretary to accumulate a reasonable reserve supply in preparation for the demand that will follow a sudden and severe change in the weather.

Let us all stand together in caring for the problems of our town.

PLAINS TOWNS ARE ALL ACTIVE IN THE MATTER OF NEW ROAD

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FORT WORTH CHAMBER OF COMMERCE OF PROPOSED ROAD GETS RESPONSE

MEETING TO BE HELD EARLY IN JANUARY

Representatives of the Various Towns Will Attend Big Meeting in Fort Worth When It Is Called Early in January By The Promoters of the Project.

The Star-Telegram Monday carried the following news item about the proposed railroad from Fort Worth to the Plains:

West Texas indorses the proposed Fort Worth-Plains railroad without reservation, and chambers of commerce in many of the towns and cities of the Plains country are working toward definite action that is expected to bring about consummation of plans for the project.

Advice to this effect was contained in a number of telegrams to The Star-Telegram Saturday afternoon and night from that section of Texas.

Action on all other projects not of pressing necessity has been abandoned by the Floydada Chamber of Commerce and business men in order that their time and energy may be directed toward completing plans for the proposed rail line. Lubbock, Plainview and others are doing the same.

Want Early Meeting.

Expressions of approval not only were contained in statements issued by representative business men of the several cities mentioned, but they also contained the request to the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce and William M. Massie, its president, that the proposed meeting to determine future action looking to promotion of the project be held early in January.

Pledges of co-operation and support have been offered Massie and Fort Worth.

Lubbock Will Join.

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 11.—Lubbock is for the Fort Worth-Plains railroad without reservation. Of course it wants that road to come to Lubbock, but does not believe that now is the time to start the discussion of the definite route. It is ready to join with Fort Worth and all of West Texas and all of the Plains towns in the promotion of the general proposition and let future developments determine the definite routing of such a road.

The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce is heartily in accord with the Fort Worth Chamber that a meeting should be called early in January to work out ways to get this proposition definitely under way and has invited the Fort Worth Chamber and West Texas town to hold this early meeting at this city, it being in the heart of the entire territory affected and most accessible both by railroad and highway lines. We have hotel accomodations ample to accommodate the meeting.

Lubbock pledges Fort Worth, West Texas and the Plains section its unqualified support of the general proposition without reference to its definite routing and will take her chance with the rest of the Plains towns when the proposition has been developed to that stage.

Lubbock believes the January meeting is necessary and is behind Fort Worth in promoting this meeting. The one big idea is "direct to Fort Worth by rail."

Floydada Interested.

Floydada, Texas, Dec. 10.—The urgent need of the South Plains section for a direct outlet for its tremendous agricultural products to the Fort Worth market and the value of such a project to the town of Floydada itself have caused local Chamber of Commerce officials and business interests in general to watch with keen interest the proposal for the projection of a railroad line eastward from this territory, and the fact that the Santa Fe has rock ballasted and laid a main steel line into the Floydada district has impressed local people with the belief that the system plans such an extension at a propitious time.

Floydada people have not been apprised fully of the plan contemplated by Fort Worth business men and those of Crosbyton, Plainview and Lubbock for the January meeting, but are practically unanimous in the belief that any plan adopted should be on the basis of thorough accord with the plans of the Santa Fe system urging its construction as early as financial conditions will permit.

Plainview Acts Quickly.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 11.—Plainview has discarded all other efforts to minor acivity until definite action on building a railroad from Fort Worth to the Plains is taken. Within one hour after Fort Worth newspapers, telling of the intention of the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce to call a meeting in January on the matter fifty representatives of the Chamber of Commerce, Board of City Development, Kiwanis Club and Rotary Club met to talk upon the matter.

Committees to work on every detail were elected and began work immediately. A definite plan of general action was agreed upon and another meeting for tomorrow morning was called to make additional plans.

An urgent invitation to hold a

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Some Very Fine Lectures During Teachers Institute

To the People of Lubbock:

Your are invited to attend all three of the lectures at the Methodist Church, next week. No charges of anykind. Monday evening at seven o'clock, Mr. Marrs, First Assistant State Superintendent will speak to the people and teachers on the leading school problems of Texas. Dr. Marrs has been connected with the State Educational Department for almost four years and knows more about the school conditions than any other person in the state. Tuesday evening Dr. Boaz President of Southern Methodist University, Dallas, will deliver one of his very best lectures. Wednesday evening, Dr. Sandefer, President of Simmons College will give us one of his popular lectures.

We urge the citizenship of Lubbock to hear all these lectures. We owe it to them to give each speaker a full house, but we also owe it to ourselves to know what the leaders of our state are thinking about, and how they are planning to meet the great problems which are now before the State for solution. Come we need you.

Respectfully,

M. M. Dupre.

Conductor South Plains Teachers' Institute.

LUBBOCK MUSIC AND DRAMATIC CLUB WILL GIVE BENEFIT PROGRAM AT ELKS HALL SATURDAY EVENING

"New York City hasn't a thing on Lubbock" was the comment of members of the newly organized Music and Dramatic Club as they came down the stairs from practice Monday night. When asked to explain the substance of their explanation, was:

"Why, in New York every year folks get together and give charity programs, plays, dances, bazaars and all that sort of thing. Our club has been working for almost a month on a real program that will be given Saturday night and every cent we take in will go to buy Christmas things for the poor of this city under the direction of the Red Cross and Elks Club.

"The Red Cross takes care of the necessities of life and half of what we take in will go to that organization. But the bare necessities of life are not enough for folks on Christmas Day so the other half goes to the Elks Good Cheer Fund to buy candy and nuts and christmas packages for the poor of the city."

That is their story but the real facts are even better than their story. The facts of the thing are just these: Twenty-five of the young people of the town, both married and single, who have had the opportunity to cultivate their love for music, expression and other arts have joined together for the purpose of working up programs that will not only please the public but will be really worth while, and these programs will be given for various unselfish purposes. The first of these is to provide a fund for the Christmas Cheer of the poor of the city. Another plan they are working on is to take the program to some rural schools and the small towns in this section who are unable to secure lyceum and chautauqua talent. The programs will be put on without cost to the various communities unless they want to make a small charge that will go to some local fund of the school or town in which the program is given. In short, the club does not plan to charge for their services, time and work at all—but to make their talent and labor available for the enrichment of the lives of the entire community and section.

If you will stop and think a minute you will realize that within our own town there is talent that equals the best that we get on our lyceum circuits. These folks have spent years and years of work and hundreds of dollars in developing their particular lines of work because they love it. Folks of less ability and training come to our city from other towns even smaller than these but because they are billed by some Lyceum or Chautauqua company we think they are truly wonderful.

But a glance through the following program will convince anyone that the Saturday night program of the Lubbock Music and Dramatic Club is equal to the best thing that has been shown in our city this winter:

Introduction	Orchestral Numbers
Vocal Solo	Mr. Griffin
Violin Solo	Mr. Brown
Reading	Mrs. O. E. Sears
Vocal Duet	Mrs. M. J. Smith and Mrs. Joe Hilton
Interlude	Orchestral Numbers
Vocal Solo	Mrs. Joe Hilton
Violin Duet	Mr. Brown and Miss Meador
Piano Solo	Mrs. Hopkins
Vocal Solo	Mr. Griffin
Reading	Mrs. Keen
Vocal Solo	Mr. Inman
Orchestra	And Chorus

These young people have been working upon these numbers for more than a month, practicing every other night for the past two weeks and they promise a program that will be varied, interesting and of real worth. The cultivation of this part of our community life has been neglected in the past and it is hoped that real support will be given the Saturday night program in order that happiness and good cheer may be carried into many homes in the city more abundantly than would be possible without this support and in appreciation of the efforts of this bunch of young folks.

Saturday night at Elks hall at 7:30. Come.

BLEDSOE NO. 1 TO BE DRILLED DEEPER

An "oil meeting" was called at the Justice Court room yesterday at three P. M. for the purpose of discussing the probability of having Abernathy No. 1, at Abernathy, drilled to a depth of thirty-five hundred or four thousand feet, drilling having been stopped when the contract depth of two thousand feet was reached.

It is proposed that a stock company be organized among Plainview, Hale Center, Abernathy and Lubbock to complete the well, and the two thousand foot hole with 16,625 acres of leases will be turned over to the new company, and this meeting was called by secretary Keen, of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, to see what the general opinion of Lubbock people is.

The funds to operate the well will be raised from the four towns mentioned, and it is estimated that Lubbock's share of the needed amount will be about seven thousand five hundred dollars.

Ed Schroeder, of Slide, called on the Avalanche Wednesday to have his address changed, as he has moved to Lubbock, and will make his home here.

DISTRICT COURT COMMENCED WORK OF FALL SESSION MONDAY—GRAND JURY EMPANELED FOR THE TERM

The District court of Lubbock county convened in its fall term last Monday, and the Grand Jury was empanelled, and the court machinery placed in order for a busy session. The Grand Jury which will look into the wrong-doings of the wrong-doers of this county this term of court are as follows:

R. C. Camp, J. A. Cannon, B. W. Casey, J. J. Chauncey, W. S. Clark, Walter Myrick, Jr., Bob Boyd, M. R. Cope, Roy Cox, C. W. Payne, C. A. Gammill, W. A. Harrell, J. T. Inman, Clarence Sims, A. W. Jones, Chas. S. Inman, J. J. Boyd, Jno. P. Lewis, A. G. Hunt, Bud Johnson, R. L. Bledsoe, A. Judd, J. W. Kerley, Jim Kemmel and Eassin Wolffarth.

It was found best to change the time for one week's jury service and thefollowing Jury summoned for the week of Dec. 26, has been changed to January 23rd. The jurors summoned for that week are:

Joe Hilton, O. E. Evitt, Jno. Bloyd, Joe George, H. A. Davidson, S. D. Pate, W. C. Bryan, A. J. Bryant, J. M. Witt, Pyron Posey, J. T. Williamson, E. B. Green, W. M. Weaver, Jno. F. Turner, F. E. Wheelock, Sam Weaver, J. D. Quick, Elmo Wall, J. F. Bacon, J. B. Vaught, W. C. Vaughn, Neal H. Wright, Frank M. Maddox, E. L. Meredeth, H. T. Twitty, G. C. Barrier, E. N. Twaddle, I. G. Trimble, Henry Tubbs, and C. R. Stiles.

No other change is made in the jury lists or the time for which they were called, and this change was made only for the reason it was the week following Christmas. The above jurors have all been notified, but in case they did not receive the notification officially, this will advise them. Remember the date, January 23rd, for all jurors heretofore summoned for Dec. 26th.

Important Land Suit Being Tried This Week.

The boundary suit styled, Frank Bowles, vs. J. W. Watson, et al, is being tried this week. This suit is one of several involving the title with reference to boundaries between the parties, and effects surrounding surveys. The firm of Bean & Klett represent Mr. Bowles and Judge W. H. Bledsoe is employed by Messrs. Watson, et al.

Attorney G. E. Lockhart of Tahoka, is attending District Court this week.

Attorney R. A. Baldwin of Slaton, is representing his clients in the District Court, this week.

The docket was taken up and the following settings of cases was announced:

Cases Set For Week Beginning Jan 2nd., To Be Tried In The Order Named.

E. Jennie Quinlan, vs. J. L. Showalter, et al; C. W. Jones, vs. Lonnie Lumsden, et al; Ed. D. Allen, vs. Chas. Landell, Phillip Wise, vs. J. E. Murfee, et al; E. P. Earhart, vs. H. D. Beal; F. W. Denham, vs. C. W. Alexander, et al; W. B. Atkins, vs. L. T. Martin.

Cases Set For Week of January 9th.

Reserved for trial of Criminal Cases.

Cases Set For Week of January 16th.

J. M. Hurst, vs. P. & S. F. Ry. Co.; G. A. Wood, vs. P. & S. F. Ry. Co; Wade Stephen, vs. P. & S. F. Ry. Co.; M. O. Owens, vs. J. M. Rieger; J. M. Rockwell, vs. Annie F. Higbee, et al; O. Cooper, vs. Theo. Summers, et al; Mrs. J. A. Braziel, et al, vs. P. & S. F. Ry. Co.

Cases Set For Week of January 23rd.

A. E. Whitehead, vs. Fritz Bran; Alfalfa Lumber Co. vs. J. P. Hope, et al; C. C. Slaughter Cattle Co. vs. Jno. J. Ellerd; Morton J. Smith, vs. J. H. Jennings, et al; Gurrey Seed Co. vs. L. S. Heggen; Maude M. Seaton vs. S. G. Brasfield, et al; John J. Everett vs. Verne Everett; Ellen Porter, et al, vs. Lucy Sinquefield, et al; S. D. Harper, vs. A. J. Payne.

Cases Set For Week of January 30th.

Clara Mellinger vs. S. S. Forrest; S. G. Brasfield vs. Willie May Brasfield; R. B. Hearn vs. L. R. Cox; A. H. Mahan vs. Ed. D. Heckerman; W. D. Benson vs. S. R. Fulmore, et al; Morton J. Smith, et al vs. Rochester Haddaway; H. M. Hitt vs. Walter A. Taylor, et al; W. B. Powell vs. O. C. Belt; R. M. Hester vs. Jack Parrish; J. M. Rockwell & Co. vs. Fred Higbee, et al.

Cases Set For Week of February 6th.

W. B. Burford vs. Advance Rumely Thresher Co.; Citizens National Bank vs. H. B. Smith, Jr.; E. McElroy vs. G. C. Hufstedler, et al; Geo. E. Cummings vs. G. C. Hufstedler, et al; Estelle Hancock vs. W. A. Knox; R. H. Lowery vs. Wm. Peck.

A BAND OF FORTY MEMBERS FOR LUBBOCK

G. A. Wright, musical instructor, of Plainview, who has been making preparations for a band here, held a meeting at the Court House Wednesday evening and reports a splendid hearing.

Thirty-two members were enrolled from this meeting, and ten others sent word that they would join later, but it was impossible for them to be there Wednesday.

The band will be titled "Boys and Girls Booster Band, of Lubbock."

CHICAGO ASTRONOMER VISITS LUBBOCK THIS WEEK

W. D. MacMillan, professor of Astronomy in the University of Chicago, is here this week looking after his farm lands four miles northwest of town. He made his home in Lubbock county from nineteen hundred to nineteen hundred and seven, and has made visits here each year since that time.

BIG IRRIGATION PROJECT IS CREATING A LOT OF INTEREST IN COKE AND RUNNELS COUNTIES

Ballenger, Texas, Dec. 14.—Now that bonds have been voted and sold for the Wichita Falls Irrigation project and since work has begun on the same, interest centers on the great project bbeing promoted along the Colorado River. Some facts connected with this project may be summarized as follows:

The Colorado Valley Irrigation Project is located in Runnels and Coke Counties, Texas, adjacent to the cities of Ballinger, Bronte, Miles, Rowena, San Angelo and Sweetwater. The project contemplates the erection of a dam across the Colorado River near Bronte, Coke County, 2600 feet in length and 100 feet high. This dam will create reservoir 24.7 miles in length and will empound 496,000 acre feet, or about one hundred and thirty-five billion gallons of water. The drainage area above the proposed dam covers 8,000 square miles lying in 13 West Texas Counties. The average annual run-off of the Colorado River at the damsite for the past five years, including the three years West Texas has ever known, is about 260,000 acre feet. It is estimated that during normal years, the rainfall over the above drainage area will create a much greater run-off.

A survey of the project, financed jointly by the U. S. Geological Service, the Texas Board of Water Engineers and citizens of the above cities, has been in progress since last March, 1921, and will continue until February 1922. The mapping is being done b yengineers from the U. S. Geological service. Splendid cooperation in all the preliminary work is being given by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

The engineers state it is their belief that it will be possible to irrigate 200,000 acres in the two counties effected. If the lands will be irrigated by gravity flow. The soil in this section is particularly adapted to irrigation. Small farms along the Colorado River Irrigated by pumping plants produce from 1 1-2 to 2 bales of cotton per acre and other crops in proportion. The principal crops are cotton, maize, kaffir, sorghum grains, corn feterita, wheat, oats, fruit, watermelons, cantaloupes, and garden truck.

Following the completion of the present survey, and the making of detailed estimates, and irrigation District will be formed under the Tilletteon Law of Texas, and bonds voted to finance the construction work.

The Colorado Valley Irrigation Association is devoting the current year to a publicity campaign directed to the land owners within the proposed district impressing upon them the value of irrigation.

This project is generally regarded in Texas as one of the leading projects of the State and is being watched with interest throughout the Southwest.

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NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Lubbock.

Whereas, by virtue of authority vested in me as Trustee, named and appointed in a certain deed of trust dated July 6, 1920, executed by J. I. Powell and recorded July 10, 1920, in Volume 14, page 404 of the Deed of Trust Records of Lubbock County, Texas, describing and conveying to said Trustee all of Surveys Nos. Nine (9) and Fifteen (15), Block, "D", Lubbock County, Texas, containing 1280 acres of land, for the purpose of securing the payment of one certain promissory note for the sum of Twelve Thousand Five Hundred ($12500.00) Dollars, dated July 1, 1920, signed by J. I. Powell and payable to the order of the Citizens National Bank of Lubbock, Texas, on November 1, 1920, with interest thereon at the rate of eight per cent per annum from maturity until paid, and ten per cent additional if placed in the hands of an attorney for collection; and,

Whereas, said Citizens National Bank of Lubbock, Texas, is the holder and owner of said note, and said note is past due and unpaid, and the said J. I. Powell has failed and refused to psy the same, and wholly made default in the payment thereof; and,

Whereas, the said Citizens National Bank of Lubbock, Texas, has requested said Trustee to enforce said trust and sell and convey said land in accordance with said deed of trust, and as provided by law; and whereas, said note has been placed in the hands of an attorney for collection and the ten per cent attorney's fees have accrued and the whole of the principal, interest and attorney's fees aggregate Fifteen Thousand Two Hundred Sixty ($15260.00) Dollars. Now,

Therefore, I will offer for sale at public auction to the highest bidder on the first Tuesday in January, 1922, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M., and four o'clock P. M., at the court house door in the town of Lubbock, Lubbock County, Texas, all of said Surveys Nos. Nine (9) and Fifteen (15), Block D, Lubbock County, Texas, with all rights, members and appurtenances thereto in anywise belonging.

Witness My Hand, this the 8th day of December, A. D. 1921.

FRANCE BAKER,
317 Trustee.

Ed Wilson

Drops a Hint

You know that it is a big job going around to see each and every one owing me; that I am now out of business and need all the money owed to me! So I have decided to announce that after January the first I will not carry my bills 'round but will turn them over to my attorney for collection.

I hope that You will pay up so all of us will enjoy

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

ED WILSON

Here's a Suggestion That Should Have

POWER

Don't you know some kind friend who needs a good battery. Who takes you and your family out for many nice rides.

These cold mornings his car is hard to crank. His battery may be worn out. Nothing which you may have in mind will please him more than a real, honest-to-goodness battery——

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H. E. Ault, of San Antonio, traveling representative for the Brown Shoe Company, of St. Louis, has made Lubbock his home, because of the direct railroad connection with other West Texas points, and will travel from here. Mr. Ault is not alone in the opinion that Lubbock is a good point from which to travel over this trade territory, as there are other traveling men who have expressed a desire to make this their headquarters.

TAKING DESPERATE CHANCES.

It is true that many contract severe colds and recover from them without taking any precaution or treatment, and a knowledge of this fact leads others to take their chances instead of giving their colds the needed attention. It should be borne in mind that every cold weakens the lungs, lowers the vitality, makes the system less able to withstand each succeeding attack and paves the way for the more serious diseases. Can you afford to take such desperate chances, when Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, famous for its cures of bad colds may be had for a trifle? 28F

CHURCH BOARD BUYS HOME FOR PASTOR

A deal was closed Saturday in which the home of A. M. Hensley was purchased by the Episcopal Church, which will be used as a parsonage. The consideration was five thousand dollars. Immediately after this deal was closed Mr. Hensley purchased the lots to the south of his home, and will erect another home there in the near future.

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H. M. Harrison, of Mountainair, New Mexico, who is visiting a son at Slaton, was here Monday, under the treatment of a specialist for eye trouble.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Benton, of Brownfield, were here Monday shopping.

A. V. Weaver left Monday for San Antonio and other points on business.

No Worms in a Healthy Child
All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS chill TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a General Strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or dispel the worms, and the Child will be in perfect health. Pleasant to take. 60c per bottle.

J. E. Shelton and Will Cook, real estate men of Brownfield, were here Tuesday looking after the interest of their business.

ENTHUSIASTIC MEETING HELD AT ABERNATHY SAT.—CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WAS ORGANIZED

"All Set! Let Her Blow In!", might be the summary of a meeting held at Abernathy Saturday night at which a definite organization was completed to be known as the Abernathy Chamber of Commerce. The big thing that caused the meeting to be called was the Bledsoe Well. But after the bunch got together and began to discuss their problems, their growth and wealth of agricultural products already flowing in a steady stream from the farms of that section to the markets, the heavy shipments of hogs, feeding of thousands of sheep, cattle and other wealth of that community they have definitely decided that an active Chamber of Commerce is necessary even if the Bledsoe Well should never come in.

But that is spoken of as a remote impossibility—for they all agree, that it will come in without doubt just as soon as the drill gets deep enough. They have a sense of humor true enough, to admit that they don't know just how deep it may have to go to be deep enough, but we are with them in hoping that it will only be a few hundred feet more.

George Briggs, Past Secretary, Curtis A. Keen, Present Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce and Harold Griffith, personal representative of President Rix, went up to the meeting upon the invitation of Editor Redman and Mr. Schultz and were enthusiastic in their report of the meeting.

"You have something here more valuable than oil," George Briggs told them. "And that is your agricultural wealth. Oil builds towns in a period of days and they die after a period of years—but your agricultural foundation insures you a good town here as long as time stands. Your hogs, your wheat, cotton, poultry, dream and dairy products—all of these constitute a wealth more permanent and sure than oil. Take care of these fundamental conditions while you are waiting for oil. When you strike that, care for that situation that will then develop, but do not loose sight of the development of your agricultural conditions for sooner or later you are going to come back to farming as the main support of your town."

"They are getting sixteen barrels per day at the well now," said the newly elected President of the Abernathy Chamber of Commerce, "and when the Lubbock bunch got excited he explained, "but they are hauling it out from town as fuel to do their drilling with."

"We did not come up tonight to butt into your meeting" said Secretary Keen." But to assure you that Lubbock wishes for you the greatest progress, development and prosperity ever known by any town in the state. We hope that you strike a veritable gusher that will flow oil all the way to Lubbock and that you build a town as big as Ranger in less time. Lubbock is thoroughly convinced that success, growth and development comes to those towns who deserve it. If Abernathy, Slaton, Plainview, Lamesa or any of the other South Plains towns outgrow Lubbock and their other neighbors —then luck to them. We are for them. There is room for us all and when ever any one town gets so little and narrow as to fight its neighboring towns—they are doing themselves more damage than they do the towns they fight.

"We want to see Abernathy grow —for we know that growth in any part of the South Plains section means greater publicity and a wider spread of information about the whole section and we will get our part of this growth and development. If we do not—then that is Lubbock's fault and hard luck and is not the fault of Abernathy or any other neighboring town—so naturally we can't feel hard toward them because of their growth and development.

"The Lubbock Chamber of Commerce, the Junior Chamber of Commerce, for even our boys are organized now, and the citizenship of Lubbock pledge you our support and assistance in every possible way in the development of your town and section. Call upon us when you need any kind of assistance. Send us the bare facts of your hog shipments, cotton production, wheat acreage, sheep feeding, poultry and cream shipments—all of this dope and we will get you publicity in state papers under an Abernathy date line. When you strike oil—call me on the phone and we will tell the world about it and it will be struck at Abernathy and not in a Lubbock oil well. If the world hasn't sense enough to know that Abernathy is close to Lubbock—no it will be the other way round when you strike oil—to know that Lubbock is close to Abernathy —then they haven't sense enough to make desirable citizens anyway."

It has always been the policy of Lubbock to encourage and assist all neighboring towns in their development, growth and publicity thruout the state. The directors of the Lubbock Chamber of Commerce are broad enough to appreciate the fact that the growth of Lubbock is so closely linked with the development of the entire section that our own growth is independent one upon another and that not one of us can prosper and grow to the fullest possible extent without a general growth of the whole section.

There has never been an inquiry sent to the office of the local Chamber of Commerce that did not get a fair and impartial answer. And many inquiries come to this office in regard to what kind of towns Ralls, Crosbyton, Slaton, Plainview and others are. Full appreciation of the opportunities afforded by every town in this section is necessary before a full appreciation of our own responsibilities and opportunities is possible. Nothing is or has ever been except by comparison. If we grew ten per cent in ten years and nobody else in this section grew more than five per cent we would get the idea into our heads that we were sure enough travelers. But if we gather the per cent of the entire South Plains grew 91 per cent in point of population increase—then had our growth been ten per cent we would have felt rather cheap—but since it was 206 percent—we still feel pretty chesty about ourselves.

Whenever a groceryman, variety man, furniture man or any other business man writes to this office about the opportunities offered by this town for a location of their business we never advise him either way —but merely give him the facts as to our population, the number of such stores in the city, and such relative information and we always assure them that if they don't find just what they want in Lubbock that there are a dozen towns in the South Plains that offer real opportunities along this line. Let the folks come —if they don't come to Lubbock they will come to this section and tell their friends about it and then Lubbock will get her part of the new comers.

Unselfish, constructive pushing for the entire South Plains by every town on the South Plains without reference to any one particular town will result in more growth for each individual town than that town could ever in the world get by pushing its own advantages and discrediting those of its neighboring towns.

Let the South Plains stand together upon all constructive, publicity matter and efforts to attract imigration, the construction of railroads and other progressive improvements in the section. When the railroad to the Plains is discussed everybody wants to know if it is coming to Lubbock, to Slaton, to Plainview, or Post City. It is not going to come to any of these towns if they start to fighting each other for its location. When they all get together and work up the general proposition and get capital and organizations interested in the proposition—then is time enough to start to pushing your individual town. Railroads are not built on hot air. Definite industrial surveys are made, dollars and nickels are plainly discussed and facts arrived at that leave out of consideration the hot air that has been spilled by long winded orators and narrow minded town boosters.

Lets build a railroad on the Plains—anywhere on the Plains to start with. Then when we get folks properly interested in the project, let each town combine its own brief of superior opportunities and assets. If Lubbock can't convince the managers of the company handling the project that we are the right town for them to come thru—and back that up with a reasonable bonus—then all the hot air that has ever been spilled would not bring them thru Lubbock. And the same thing holds true for any town on the Plains For of course every town on the Plains will be after the road.

Lets get the general idea started before we start to pulling against each other for the location of the road definitely. A railroad connection between the Plains and Fort Worth will benefit every town on the Plains regardless of which town gets the road. So let's get together, behind the general proposition and then when the proper time comes—you can tell the world that Lubbock will not be asleep.

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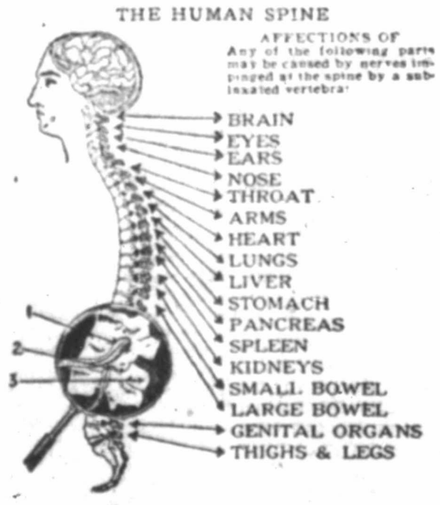
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WORMS EATING UNSPROUTED WHEAT IN HALE COUNTY

There is some complaint about a white worm about half-inch long eating up the wheat that was sown in the dust and has not come up. An investigation on the syndicate farm, on which Mr. Gibson is located, on the Floyd county line, ten miles southeast of Plainview, shows that the worms have eaten the kernels that were planted, leaving only the outer shell.

In Oklahoma and Kansas this worm is reported to be doing much damage. —Plainview News.

This will be a better world to live in when men cease to kill innocent things wantonly.

Christmas Goods On Display

We have now on display one of the finest and most complete stocks of Christmas goods—appropriate for Gift giving that we have ever had. Before you think of buying come in and look over our Stationery lines, Toilet Sets, Perfume Sets, Jewelry, Books, Pencils and Pens, as well as hundreds of other things which space will not allow us to enumerate.

We will appreciate it very much if you will consider us when you are doing your Christmas shopping.

The City Drug Store

The Rexall Store

Texas Utilities to Rebuild Bigger And Much Better

Plans are under way for the reconstruction of the Texas Utility Company's plant, which burned here recently, and we learn from the local manager, H. L. Allen, that the new building will be larger in every detail, and that larger and better machinery than was used in the other plant will be installed.

Mr. Allen said Mr. Wurdack, president of the company, had great hopes for Lubbock's future, and was determined to build a plant here to take care of the situation for many years. It is the intentions of the company to serve other towns from this plant, and there is no doubt but that with the rapid progress made in the development of the communities surrounding Lubbock, there will be a great demand for their power.

Workmen are now clearing the grounds where the other plant burned, and work will be started on the new building by the first of January, and Mr. Allen stated that there would be two crews at work on the building and in the installation of the new machinery to enable them to complete the job in the least possible time.

CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN PASTOR COMMENCES WORK

Rev. J. T. Baker, newly elected pastor of the Cumberland Presbyterian church is here with his family and will preach his first sermon at the church Sunday, and will be actively engaged in the work from that time.

The people of Lubbock are proud of the opportunity to welcome the new pastor, and we are sure that with the splendid co-operation which will exist between him and the members much effective work will be done throughout the new year.

Don't fail to read about Uradia in this paper. 32-1t

Rube Hart, and Messrs. Womack and Day, of Colorado City, were here Thursday, enroute to Clovis, N. M., where they went to look after some business matters.

How's Your Appetite? Headache? Weak?

Good Looks Follow Good Health

Saratoga, Texas—"A year ago I tried several different medicines, but kept getting worse, and felt that I never would have good health again. I became so poor and weak I could hardly do my housework. I suffered from loss of appetite, headache, constipation, shortness of breath, also functional disturbances. Sometimes I would have spells of indigestion and weak sick spells and thought I would die. I never expected to be well any more. At last I wrote to Dr. Pierce and he advised me to take Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription, Golden Medical Discovery and Pleasant Pellets (sold by druggists) and now I can truthfully say I am in better health than I have been for several years. I advise all women suffering as I did to take Dr. Pierce's medicines. If there are any medicines on earth that will help women who are broken-down in health, these will."—Mrs Winnie Comer.

Write Dr. Pierce, president Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for free advice

INTERESTING MOODY NEWS OF THE PAST WEEK

The weather continues good. I am thinking perhaps that "Santa" may have to make his rounds in his Ford instead of a sleigh, if such beautiful weather continues.

There seems to be a kind of epidemic of bad colds, or Lagrippe, in our community. Very few have escaped it.

Roy Cline and John Swofford were transacting business in Lubbock the fore part of the week.

Mesdames Nickell and Roberts spent the day with Mrs. White, Friday.

Mrs. Lillie Swofford spent Monday at the home of Mrs. Bill Chism.

A Mr. Eliot of Haskell county, has just bought a block of land. He has a second block from the school house adjoining Bob Swofford on the northwest. Mr. Elliot will be here soon to camp in a tent until he can get a house built.

Bob Swofford has been fencing the school ground. He is making provisional space for the parking of cars and other vehicles.

Bernice Evans, of Ropes, was at Moody Tuesday, transacting business matters with Mr. A. E. W. White.

Airships do not seem to conform to the usual habits of flying creatures. Wednesday evening when the cold spell was brewing and the birds all flying south, an airship passed over Moody, going west. As Mr. airman never stops to open a gate none of us ever get in a chat with him, so we never know who he is, or where he is going. But it seems that this place is in a direct course from Ft. Sill to Roswell.

The Christmas program is developing very rapidly under the able supervision of Mrs. Palmer.

We are indeed very grateful to Mr. J. L. Thorp for a donation, yesterday, of three dollars toward our Christmas tree expense. Mr. Thorp was sick and could not be present at the box supper.

The families of Messrs. Bob and John Swofford took dinner at the Claud Havens home Sunday.

Walter Frazier and family left Friday for Merkel, Tex., the home of Mrs. Frazier's parents.

Mr. (Scoops) Cosby has sold seven blocks of land the past week. It is remarkable what an important part a good school and Sunday School play in the selling and buying of homes. It is no trouble at all for the real estate man to sell a home when the buyer learns that there is a good school, convenient.

Everyone was very much disappointed that because of a misunderstanding Bro. Gunn was unable to preach to us Sunday. We hope to have him with us at some near future date.

Next Sunday is Rev. Chisholm's day to preach at Moody. We hope to see a large crowd out.

Mr. Ed Roberts returned Friday from Crosbyton.

Mr. Nickell is working a month at the Slaughter ranch.

Mr. Wesley Williams and family of Turkey, Tex., and Mr. Richard Williams and family of Lorenzo, Texas, were visiting the family of J. L. Thorps the latter part of the week. They are returning to Moody to spend Christmas.

Weldon Teague is now taking a correspondence course in electrical work. Weldon is a very apt student, is only 15 years of age, but has already graduated from High School. So we predict for him a speedy mastery of his course.

Ulis King and Fred Reeves returned Thursday from a three days' trapping outing, with twenty coyote hides as a result of their catch. They left again Friday and returned Sunday with nine more hides to their credit. They have been trapping on the Boyd ranch.

Mr. and Mrs. John Swofford were trading in Lubbock Friday.

If more people would take to trapping, we would produce more calves and poultry next year.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM THE SLIDE COMMUNITY

Mr. Andy Moore and family visited in the community Sunday.

Mrs. J. C. Stanford was in town on business Monday.

Mr. R. A. Wisener's brother and family from near Lubbock, visited him and niece on last Sunday.

Mr. C. E. Moreman and family were in the community.

Several in the community attended singing at New Home Sunday evening and also prayer meeting Sunday night.

Mr. Lindsey and wife from Meadow, was at the store Monday enroute to Lubbock with a load of turkeys.

Mr. John Moore and family were in town trading Monday.

The 8 year old boy of Mr. Homer Marcy died last Saturday at 12:30, following a few days of illness. We extend our sympathy to the bereaved.

There was a singing at U. B. Copelands on last Sunday. Everybody reported a good time and some good singing.

A number in the community were in town Saturday on business.

Mr. G. H. Hilton and three children, Mr. Ginnie Bossey attended the singing at New Home Sunday evening.

Mr. J. C. Staggs and family visited friends in the Lakeview community Sunday. Those attending the party at Mr. Crouches Saturday night were Miss Freddie Wisener, Messrs. R. A. Wisener, Leonard Davis, Cleburn Staggs and a Mr. Smith. All reported a nice time.

Miss Ruth Moore and Mr. Joe Akard were quietly married last Saturday evening at the Court House with Rev. Sowell officiating. They left Sunday morning for "Mexico" on their honeymoon. We wish them a long and happy life as they journey on their way.

Leonard and Herschal Davis attended the candy breaking at Mr. Hilton's Monday night.

Mr. Mitchell and Dick Crouch are picking cotton for Mr. Davis a few days.

Little Miss Ruth Stagg started to school last Monday.

Mr. Clarence Barton spent Saturday night and Sunday in the community.

Remember the singing next Sunday evening at 2 p. m. Everybody is invited to come.

NEWS ITEMS OF THE PAST WEEK FROM SHALLOWATER

L. E. Baker, Mrs. W. D. Crump, and the little girl of Chester Wrights' are reported on the sick list this week.

The young people enjoyed a dance Saturday night at Geo. Baungart's new home.

Mr. Blackman, Chester Merrill, Hugh Killin and B. E. Needles drove to the latters land north of Littlefield, and came home by Littlefield Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Emmet Wright spent Sunday at L. Hardy.

The Methodist minister preached a very interesting sermon at this place Sunday morning.

Mrs. Wright, and Mr. and Mrs. Paul Wright drove up to the oil well Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Baumgart, of Kansas left Tuesday after a month's visit at the Geo. Baumgart home.

Mrs. L. W. Hardy spent Saturday and Sunday night with her daughter, Mrs. Will Humble, of Lubbock, returning home Sunday morning.

POST CITY HOTEL CHANGED HANDS LATTER PART OF WEEK

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Weatherford, of Post City, were here Thursday on a prospecting tour of West Texas. They recently sold the Algerita hotel at that place and are looking for a new location.

Don't fail to read about Uradia in this paper. 32-1t

D. M. Geary, circulation man for the Dallas News, is here looking after business.

Car Poultry Wanted!

Beginnings Saturday, December the 17th, we will pay up to and including Tuesday, December the 20th the following prices for Poultry:

Hens, per lb. 15c

Friers, per lb. 15c
(2 1-2 Pounds and Under)

Stags, per lb. 10c

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Now is a good time to cull out your flock

Yours for the best prices on poultry

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PLAINS TOWNS ARE ALL ACTIVE IN THE MATTER OF NEW RAIL ROAD

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meeting of representatives from Fort Worth and all communities which would be affected by the proposed railroad, at Plainview in January, was sent to the Fort Worth Chamber of Commerce.

Brownfield Needs It.

Brownfield, Texas, Dec. 11.—Brownfield and Terry County long has felt the need of a direct road to Fort Worth. Rapid development in the last few years has intensified the necessity and proved its success if built. The Plains is a rich agricultural and stock raising empire and Fort Worth is its principal market and would be an exclusive one had we a direct road, as most freight and passenger traffic is from that vicinity and direction.

With the increased immigration and development coming with such a road, it would in a few years be one of the best on the State.

Brownfield points out its location in the center of the South Plains, midway between the east and west roads, surrounded by millions of acres of agricultural land and invites consideration. It would welcome the road here and would gladly do its part in its building.

There is no doubt that a direct road from Fort Worth to "somewhere in the Plains" would be a boon for both.

Slaton Makes Suggestion

Slaton, Texas, Dec. 11.—Slaton's varied interests are enthusiastically in accord with the Fort Worth to Plains railroad project and every possible effort will be put forth to insure its consummation. Slaton believes the practical route should ta, the caprock near Post City. Figures based on cost of construction of the road now in operation traversing the caprock show the cost to be in the neighborhood of $425,000 per mile, and there would be from twenty to thirty such miles to be constructed, if any route north of the one suggested above was chosen.

The southern route would not be such a large undertaking and would serve the plains as well, there being very little difference in either mileage.

The Chamber of Commerce of this city in the next few days will submit data according to the above to President Massie of Fort Worth. The Plains needs the railroad and Slaton will be found doing all in its power regardless of the route.

Crosbyton in Line.

Crosbyton, Texas, Dec. 11.—The citizens of Crosbyton, and Crosby County are much elated over the proposed railroad from Fort Worth to the Plains. Inadequate railroad transportation is hindering development of the Plains country more than anything. The excessive freight charges and shrinkage on livestock is costing our livestock men thousands of dollars annually, a large part of which could be saved by a more direct line to market.

The logical route is an extension east from Crosbyton, a survey of this route having been made several years ago by the C. B. Livestock Company which built the railroad from here to Lubbock, and which now is owned by the Santa Fe.

Our people are willing to assist financially and otherwise to make the Fort Worth-Plains railroad a reality.

A mass meeting is to be held the coming week to select delegates for the proposed meeting to be held at Lubbock in the near future.

Clovis, N. M., Co-Operates.

Clovis, N. M., Dec. 11.—The Clovis Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with Plainview and other West Texas towns to build a railroad from Fort Worth through Plainview to Clovis. This would bring the new road through the heart of the greatest body of undeveloped agricultural land in the United States, bring the best part of the Capitol Syndicate land grant, as well as through the highest developed section of the Plains country.

Great enthusiasm is being manifested here and a large delegation will attend the railroad meeting next week at Plainview.

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At Merrill Hotel until Friday noon.

TO THE AM. R. C. AND CITIZENS OF LUBBOCK

We wish to thank you all for the help given us and also to correct any misunderstanding you may have in regard to our case.

After traveling since June 26, 1921 in an endeavor to reach a climate suitable for my health, we arrived here on Nov. 27, nearly out of funds and strangers.

We applied to the Red Cross, giving the Secretary, Miss Ellis the truth of our circumstances and she took immediate action in our case, having my wife placed in the Lubbock sanitarium and wiring her folks, also providing articles of clothing needed. We greatly appreciate what was done for us and we believe everything possible was done.

The Lubbock sanitarium and Dr. Peebler also have our gratitude for the excellent treatment given my wife while there.

The day we moved into rooms, many people called and furnished clothing, groceries, milk and coal. The T. E. L. Class of the First Baptist Church gave us clothing, groceries and milk. The American Red Cross brought us an order of groceries and more baby clothes. All of which makes us think we are in a community of the very best and all of which is highly appreciated and we thank you one and all.

Sincerely yours,
Mr. and Mrs. H. J. O'Kane.
1719 Ave. I.

T. W. Sawyer made a trip to Idalou, Lorenzo, Ralls and Crosbyton Wednesday, selling Bell of Vernon flour.

The Elks home should be filled by Lubbock people Saturday evening for the program to be rendered by the Lubbock Harmony Club to benefit the Red Cross Fund

Save Money on Furniture Bought for Gifts

When the month of December has passed it will be necessary that we stop our sale. No longer can we afford to sell our best funiture at such low prices. A firm cannot always remain in business selling at prices we are now quoting.

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Husbands Must Pay Poll Taxes for Their Wives

It matters not whether a married woman wants to vote or not, her poll tax is assessed against the community property, and must be paid, just as the husband's. In a great many instances it is insisted that in as much as a woman does not expect to vote it is not necessary to pay her poll tax. This is incorrect. The matter of paying poll taxes is not optional, as many believe. The law formerly said "every male person," must pay a poll tax. It now says, "every person, twenty-one years old," must pay a poll tax.

Poll taxes may be paid without paying property taxes, but you cannot pay your property taxes without paying your and your wife's poll taxes, if they are against your property. So, it matters not, if you don't expect to vote, your poll tax must be paid, if you are twenty-one or over, be you man or woman.

AN APPRECIATION

This article is published to let you know that I have resigned as County Clerk, of Lubbock County, to be effective January 1st, 1922, and to thank you, my friends, for your many acts of kindness during my tenure of office.

It was always my desire to give you service that would please you and it is one of the greatest pleasures of my life to know that my efforts were in some degree appreciated.

Beginning with the New Yeor I will be associated with the West Texas hospital and while wishing for each of you long life and good health at the same time, if you need the services of a Sanitarium I will be glad to have you visit us, and we assure you that your every need will receive the best attention, for it will be our pleasure to serve.

Again thanking you for your hearty support during the past years and wishing for each of you a Happy Christmas and prosperous New Year.

A am yours to serve,

Sam T. Davis.

CHIROPRACTIC HEALTH TALK NUMBER ONE

Twenty-five years ago Chi-ro-practic, the new health science, was discovered accidentally by Dr. D. D. Palmer, who was at that time a magnetic healer, but today there are nearly fifteen thousand trained Chiropractors and nearly forty million of people who have gained relief both from acute and chronic disease thru the merits of Chiropractic adjustments.

Chiropractic Philosophy, teaches that disease is caused by pressure on the nerves as they pass out from the spinal cord between the small bones called (vertebra) composing the spinal column. These small bones get moved out of line through falls, over exertion, contraction of the muscles and many other causes, which close the small outlet through which these nerves carry health to each organ of the body, thereby causing disease in that organ which this nerve should function, or carry health and life.

The Science of Chiropractic proves that by giving a quick thrust or adjustment with the hand, that the pressure can be removed and the cause of disease corrected, therefore Chiropractic has proven to be a science and not guess work as it thought by some who have not been fair enough to investigate.

We give the Chiropractic-Massage, Electrical Light and heat treatment.

Call and see us at any time, we have been here in the Burrus Bldg., for nearly four years and our reputation as healers is well known all over the West and in many other states. We make calls to any part of the plains day or night. Phone 340 Lubbock, Texas. We have a lady Chiropractor with us. Free Consultation.

Muton T. Council
D. C., PH. C., N. D., D. M. & E. T. D.

Judge E. T. Brooks, of Abilene, was here Tuesday attending District Court. Mr. Brooks is an old acquaintance of Mr. Rylander, of the Big Three Insurance Agency, who speaks highly of him as a legal adviser and man.

An Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and look for the signature of E. W. GROVE.

Boy Killed In Accident Near Turkey Last Thurs.

Last Thursday evening, about seven o'clock the sad news reached here that J. L. Frazier was dead. He had started, with his father, to Memphis with a load of cotton. When they were within about a mile of Turkey the end gate of the wagon fell out, letting the bale of cotton on which they were riding fall with them killing one of the mules that they were driving. Mr. Frazier fell clear of the wagon and escaped with a broken hand that he sustained while trying to save his son, but the boy fell between or behind the team and the wagon ran over him killing him almost instantly. He was taken to Turkey and the doctor was called but before the doctor could get started a message was received, stating that he was dead.

The body was laid to rest in the Turkey Cemetery Friday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

J. L. was fifteen years old. He was raised in this community and was well known here and his death was a shock to the entire community.—Quitaque News.

CANYON SCHOOL ITEMS

Canyon is still progressing nicely in its school work.

We haven't succeeded in employing a teacher to finish the term for the sixth and seventh grade, while Mr. Bryan Sides is a good teacher and we will regret to lose him but he doesn't seem willing to quit tilling the soil to teach school.

The Athenians and the Olympians in the fifth grade geography, had a contest last Thursday, which resulted in the Athenians being victorious.

Miss Theola Crawford entertained the Athenians and the Olympian of the fifth and sixth grades at her home Saturday night.

We still like lectures, wonder why the Rotarians couldn't honor us with a speech someday. A hint to the wise is sufficient.

We are all looking forward to Xmas vacation and hope everyone will enjoy themselves.

We are organizing a hunting party for Xmas week, but haven't decided on our hunting grounds yet.

The Athenians challenged the Olympians for a basket ball game Tuesday evening, which resulted in the Athenians again being victorious, the scores standing 27-23.

The Athenians are very busy working on a play which we expect to give just after Xmas. We are hoping that it will be a success.

The Olympians and Athenians have decided to work together and get up a Christmas program and a Xmas tree.

Don't fail to read about Uradia in this paper. 32 1t

Neal Douglass, Sr., real estate dealer of Littlefield, passed through Lubbock Thursday, enroute home from a trip to Dickens City, Roaring Springs and other points in the interest of his business.

C. C. Wicker and wife, of Seagraves, were here Wednesday and Thursday.

GET OUR PRICES BEFORE BUYING FURNITURE

SEE OUR RUGS AND LINOLEUMS

42 Piece Dinner Set

$10.00

(Blue Bird Design)

As well as a host of other things at

Moore Brothers

North Side Square PHONE 65 Lubbock, Texas

WHERE CAN YOU FIND BETTER HARNESS?

THE BEST HARNESS IS MADE AT MOORE BROS.

HOME TALENT PLAY TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

The following program and arrangement has been planned for the home talent play, "An Old Fashion Mother," given by the Baptist ladies, at the church, Tuesday, December 20th.

Mrs. A. L. Kirkwood, director of the play, said the parts have been learned and that all indications point to this being the most successful play of its kind they have ever made in Lubbock.

With the players and the part they are to act in the following program we feel that further comment is not necessary, as they are all known in Lubbock as splendid entertainers:

SYNOPSIS

Act 1—The Good Samaritan. Aunt Debby's farmhouse in late March.

Act 2—A Mother's Love. Same scene but three years later, a winter afternoon.

Act 3—The Prodigal Son. Two years later.

Cast of Characters

Deborah Underhill (Mrs. T. J. Moore), A Mother in Israel.

Widder Bill Pindle, (Mrs Ramon Levy), Leader of the Choir.

Miss Lowizy Loviny Custard, (Miss Bernice O'Neil)—Sewing and Gossip.

Isabel Simpscot, (Miss Beulah Cleveland)—The Village Belle.

Gloria Perkins, (Miss Clark)—As Good as Gold.

Sukey Pindal, (Nita Moore), The Widder's Mite.

John Underhill, (Raymond Levy), The Prodigal Son.

Charley Underhill, (Iva Witt), The Elder Brother.

Brother Jonah Quackenbush, (Lonny Montgomery), A Whited Sepulchre.

Jeremiah Gosling (Jery), (Ray Allen), A Merry Heart.

Enoch Rone, (Hugh Bivins), An Outcast and a Wanderer.

Quintus Todd, (Ben Dixon), The County Sheriff.

Between The Acts

A Solo by Mrs. Frank Barkley.
Reading by Miss Mary Scott.
Musical Reading by Ray Allen.
Song by Neita Moore.

BLACKWELL WILL STAGE A POULTRY SHOW Jan. 4TH

Blackwell, Texas, Dec. 17.—F. L. McCarter, Field Representative of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce was here yesterday in connection with the launching of a Luncheon Club for the local Chamber of Commerce. Announcement has also been made that the local Chamber of Commerce will stake a Poultry Show here on January 4th. People from all over West Texas are being invited to attend. It is anticipated that quite a number of poultry exhibits will be sent from the West Texas Poultry Show at Plainview to the show to be held here.

ANNUAL CONVENTION AND HOG SHOW AT HEREFORD

Hereford, Texas, Dec. 17.—The annual convention and sale of the Panhandle Swine Breeders' Association will be held in this city January 17 and 18. Chairman of the local committee states that more than 100 swine breeders are expected to attend the convention and sale. A banquet is to be tendered all visitors, seats being provided for 300 people.

CHAS. WESTBROOK BUYS HOTEL INTERESTS

Chas. Westbrook, well known, congenial hotel man, bought the interest of Maurice Cahill in the Merrill hotel, the first of the week, one-half of the hotel becoming his property.

Mr. Westbrook has been on the Plains for many years, and is a booster and builder of known ability, and we are sure that through his becoming actively engaged in its managing the hotel will be patronized by his old friends from all parts of West Texas, and we are sure that the town of Lubbock will be patronized in its every progressive move by Mr. Westbrook, as that is his ticket from start to the finish.

Bart Wilkinson was here from Big Spring Wednesday and Thursday.

Who Said it Wasn't So?

When anyone tells you that vulcanizing tires and tubes doesn't pay it is a sure sign they have never tried us. We make it pay. Come in today.

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SOCIETY NOTES

24-42 Club.

On Friday afternoon, Dec. 2nd, the members of the 24-42 Club were delightfully entertained in the attractive home of Mrs. J. S. Johnson.

The ever fascinating game of progressive forty-two was thoroughly enjoyed until a delicious refreshment course of hot tea, sandwiches, salad and stuffed dates was served.

Complimenting Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Krueger.

The home of Dr. and Mrs. C. M. Ballenger was the scene of a pretty party on Thursday evening of last week, complimenting Dr. and Mrs. J. T. Krueger.

Twelve tables were arranged for forty-two and furnished a most excellent pastime throughout the evening.

The hostess presented Mrs. Krueger with a beautiful bouquet of pink La France roses.

At the close of a most pleasant evening, a delicious refreshment course of hot tea, chicken salad on lettuce leaf, nut bread, oyster balls, olives and stuffed dates was served.

The Moci-Posa Bridge Club.

Mrs. Joe Hilton was the charming hostess to the Moci-Posa Bridge Club on Thursday of last week.

Auction Bridge proved a delightful pastime.

A beautiful basket of candy was awarded as high score prize and at the close of the afternoon's merriment, delicious candy in individual boxes were served. Misses Yancy Lee and Winnie Bates were guests on this occasion. Mrs. C. D. Swift was made a member of the club.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. O. E. Sears as hostess.

H. T. KIMBRO IS NOW GRANDFATHER

An eight and a half pound girl was born to Dr. and Mrs. C. S. Gates, of Austin, the first of the week. Mrs. Gates is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Kimbro, of Lubbock, and Mrs. Kimbro is there now, visiting the new comer, while Mr. Kimbro is doing all he can to learn the proper poise for a "Grandpa." He is about as restless as can be, and declares he will make a visit to Austin soon.

Armond Jordan, brother of Mrs. Honey, of Lubbock, who has been in the army since 1917, and who served with the A. E. F. in France, will be discharged in the near future and will make his home here again. He is well known in Lubbock and has many friends here.

L. A. White, of Floydada, was here Thursday.

R. E. Fielding was here Thursday from his farm near Shallowater.

Bud Parker was here Thursday from the North Spade ranch.

Mrs. John Lemon is visiting her mother in Odessa.

Scratch pads for sale at this office.

Abernathy No. 1 Down 2000 Feet, Contracted Depth

Word was received here Wednesday that the Bledsoe No. 1, near Abernathy, had been drilled to the contracted depth, and drilling was discontinued for a few days, as there are other parties who expect to put the well on down to thirty-five hundred feet.

That oil was not found at two thousand feet is no sign at all that there is room for the people of this section to feel blue over the prospects, as there have been plenty of indications of a good well being brought in there, and it is not at all surprising that the depth of the producing sand could have been underestimated by a few hundred feet. Persistence has caused the discovery of more oil wells than any other one thing in the world, as can be learned fro mthe history of them all, and we are in hopes that before this paper is printed the bit in that well will be going on down at the usual rate.

We learned from a reliable source that Mr. Bledsoe is doing all he can to encourage placing new capital into the project, which it is believed will be accomplished.

We still have confidence in the oil producing qualities of the Abernathy country, and do not believe that a two thousand feet test should be accepted as suffcient. If the bit goes beyond thirty-five hundred feet and there is no oil we will admit there is a possibility of there being no oil there, but we will believe it is there until that depth is reached.

All the men employed in and about the drill are staying on the grounds ready to start back to work at any time.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ryburn, of Amarillo, were here Thursday. Mr. Ryburn is a member of the law firm of Madden-Truelove-Ryburn & Pipkin, and was here Thursday and Friday attending legal matters. He also made the principal address at the Rotary luncheon Thursday night.

Chester Henderson, of Lakeview, Lynn County, was here Wednesday, for repairs for a thresher used on his farm. He is a brother of C. E. Henderson, of the Avalanche.

Mrs. B. M. Stell left Thursday for Quitaque after spending two weeks with her son, Jep Stell, who is in the Lubbock sanitarium and other relatives.

L. B. Lay, of Lorenzo, was in Lubbock Wednesday on business.

G. C. Beard, of Fort Worth, transacted business here Wednesday.

J. N. Pritchett, of Amarillo, was here Wednesday.

E. T. Brooks, of Abilene, was here Tuesday on business.

J. D. McLellan, of Pampa, was here the first of the week.

If You Lost a Dollar—

On a bill of groceries it isn't our fault. We've invited you to trade with us and save money.

QUIT LOSING MONEY— TRADE WITH US

W. A. TERRELL GROCERY

Near the Avalanche Office

To all the little kiddies, mammas and papas in Lubbock, to each and every customer, we take this means of wishing you a Merry Christmas. Really, we mean what we say.

MEDLOCK'S DAIRY

The Phone number is still in the directory

Texas Gains 4,660 In Population in Month of Nov.

Austin, Dec. 9.—The population of Texas increased by 4,660 during the month of November, according to figures issued yesterday by the State Health Department. There were 7,437 children born, while 2,777 people died.

The births and deaths for Novembber exceeded those of October, the report shows there being 6,909 births and 2,456 deaths for that month.

Of the children born there were forty-eight sets of twins and two sets of triplets. There were thirty-six sets of twins and no triplets in October.

The report shows that twenty-five people between the ages of 90 and 100 died during November, while four of the deceased people had passed their one hundredth birthday, one man being 104 years old.

Of the deaths the greatest number was caused from tuberculosis, there being 260.



THE AVALANCHE DELIVERS BIG CIRCULAR JOB QUICK

The Avalanche received the copy at noon Monday for a double page circular, for a sale being put on at Shaw's store at Crosbyton and delivered two thousand copies off the press at eleven o'clock that night. Mr. Shaw was delighted with the service, and always depends upon the Avalanche to deliver the goods on time, when he tells us that he wants them "pronto." The Avalanche printers believe in giving service, and if it takes a lot of overtime to do the work they hit the ball without a murmer, and are making for the Avalanche a reputation for service that any plant could well be proud of. There is no use sending to the big city shop for printing when the Avalanche has the best equipped plant in half of the state of Texas, and far ahead of many of the big city shops, that our merchants some times send their printing to. Don't let the "specialists" make you believe we can't do it.

When prohibitionists fall out, the moonshiners sell their mountain dew.

Nearly twice as strong



Make your old home *new* with Upson Board

LOOK up at your ceilings! Are they cracked and unsightly—broken in spots—dangerously sagging—likely to fall and damage your furnishings?

There is an easy way to make them better than new—without irritating muss or bother.

Your carpenter or contractor can quickly nail big, strong, sturdy panels of Upson Board over the old broken plaster of walls and ceilings.

UPSON-BOARD (PROCESSED)

Do not confuse Upson Board with ordinary wall-board. It is *different!* It is nearly *twice* as strong, as proven by actual tests.

It is also harder and stiffer, and, on account of its *smooth*, non-absorbent ready-primed surface, it takes paint better than ordinary wall-board, and costs $5 to $15 per room less to decorate.

So in spite of the slightly higher first cost, Upson Board is by far the cheapest board in the end.

Phone us today for sample panel

A. G. McAdams Lumber Co.

Big Ranch Deal Consummated in Hereford Vicinity

The Brand is informed by Ralph Barnett of a double-barreled trade running into quite a figure which states that he and John Marshall, of has just been closed. Mr. Barnett Sherman, Texas, traded the W. H. Gilbreath ranch, consisting of 3,725 acres of land, eleven miles west of Hereford for the Whitewright, Texas Milling Company's property, comprising a 200 barrel modern flour mill, 110,000 bushel elevator, storage capacity for twelve cars of flour, etc. The total consideration involved is given at $130,000.

Following this large deal Mr. Barnett says he himself has acquired the Whitewright mill through a private trade with Mr. Gilbreath, giving in exchange for it property in Hereford, including Mr. Barnett's home, and other property in Amarillo and in the state of Oklahoma.

Mr. Barnett has no intention of going to Whitewright, himself, he states, but has in mind another trade involving the mill.—Hereford Brand.

MOTHER! CLEAN CHILD'S BOWELS WITH CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP

Even a sick child loves the "fruity" taste of "California Fig Syrup." If the little tongue is coated, or if your child is listless, cross, feverish, full of cold, or has colic, give a teaspoonful to cleanse the liver and bowels. In a few hours you can see for yourself how thoroughly it works all the constipation poison, sour bile and waste out of the bowels, and you have a well, playful child again.

Millions of mothers keep "California Fig Syrup" handy. They know a teaspoonful today saves a sick child tomorrow. Ask your druggist for genuine "California Fig Syrup" which has directions for babies and children of all ages printed on bottle. Mother! You must say **"California"** or you may get an imitation fig syrup. 10-20

SOME LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM LORENZO ENTERPRISE

Mr. C. C. Shirley returned the first of this week from the Mexia and Wortham oil fields. He was visiting his daughter at Mexia and while there made a tour of the oil fields in that district. He reports everything on the boom and that many oil operators of substantial means and good judgment are working in this field and believes that it is more promising than any field ever opened up in Texas in recent years.

Llonas Laird, who has been connected with the tailoring department of the Dillard gents furnishing establishment for the past several months has the Kirby tailoring business and took charge of same December 1st. Mr. Laird is an experienced tailor and is also well known in this city. He is located in the Kirby building on Main street, which was formerly occupied by C. E. Stevens.

We have so far failed to state that John Roberson is employed in the First State Bank here as bookkeeper. He succeeds Henry Stancil who resigned December 1st.

F. E. Morrison and family of Hood county have moved here and will make their home for the coming year on one of the N. L. Green farms.

Frank Caldwell has recently returned from Clarksville where he spent several weeks on business. He will begin the erection of a dwelling in the near future.

Mr. A. C. Woodward, who recently purchased the T. T. Easter Hardware business, also purchased his fine home in the north part of the city and has moved his family here from the Estacado community. The Woodwards are excellent people and we are glad indeed to have them in our midst.

Mr. T. T. Easter has purchased the Joe Johnston home and has now moved his family there.

"Gifts that Last"

Lubbock, Texas, December 16, 1921.

To My Friends and Customers:

Allow me to call attention to our 25% discount sale. Every article in our store is one-fourth off. Just to illustrate: You can now buy a $1200 diamond for $900 or a $400 diamond for $300, etc.

This discount applies to Jewelry—Watches, China, Ivory, Leather Goods, Cut Glass, Phonographs, Clocks Silverware and every other article in our store.

Our guarantee stands behind the articles sold at discount as much as if purchased at regularly marked prices.

Please do not delay. Call in as early as possible.

Thanking you for your past patronage,

G. K. WATKINS.

Watkins Jewelry Store

WILD GEESE DESTROY CROPS IN BRISCOE CO.

It is reported that wild geese are so thick over in Briscoe county they are doing much damage to crops and the farmers have to spend considerable time each day driving them away.—Plainview News.

YOUR MONEY BACK IF RAT-SNAP DOESN'T COME UP TO THESE CLAIMS

RAT-SANP is absolutely guaranteed to kill rats and mice. Cremates them. Rodents killed with RAT-SNAP leave no smell. Rats pass up all food to get at RAT-SNAP. Their first meal is their last. RAT-SNAP comes in cakes. No mixing. Cats or dogs won't touch it. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, $1.25. Sold and guaranteed by City Drug and Cole-Myrick Hdw. Co. 28F

J. H. Moore returned Saturday from the Masonic Grand Lodge, at Waco, where he has been spending several days.

AVALANCHE PRINTS JOBS FOR ARK. AND TENN.

During the past week the Avalanche has printed and delivered job work for parties to use in Arkansas and Tennessee. The Avalanche job department is turning out a good quality of printing, and it is becoming well known that this plant is equipped for printing most anything, and we are receiving orders for many jobs, and turning the mout that ordinary printing establishments cannot handle. The people of Lubbock hardly realize what a complete plant they have right here in their own city till they visit us. We invite you to drop in and see our equipment and big force of workmen turning out the work, both in the newspaper and job departments.

GRAIN BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS AT LITTLEFIELD

Phelps Walker, banker and stockman, of Littlefield, was here Monday and placed an order for printing with the Avalanche for stationery for his recently acquired grain business.

He bought the Tolbert Grain Company there, which is equipped with large coal and grain bins and a modern elevator and as Littlefield is located in a good farming country, there is no doubt but that he will make a success in this new venture.

Beautiful gifts for that particular friend can be found at the Baptist ladies' bazaar, Dec. 20 and 21, at Rix's. 30-1

To Cure a Cold in One Day

Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets.) It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

LOGICAL ADVICE!

Strike at the root of weakness is logical advice to those rundown in vitality.

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For INDIGESTION

If it isn't an EASTMAN it isn't a KODAK

Know your druggist! Know that he is prepared to meet all your needs and desires whether medicine or articles so appropriate for Christmas.

Red Cross Pharmacy

W. M. CRAWFORD, Prop.

LUBBOCK'S OLDEST DRUG STORE

Capitol Syndicate Lands Not Yet Offered for Sale

So eager are people for land in the Plains country that the announcement of the winning of the large tract of land from the Capitol Syndicate Company, brought a lot of inquiries regarding the status of the land and as to whether they would be placed on the market at once by the state for settlement, and the following announcement by the Attorney General is given for the information of the public:

Austin, Dec. 10.—The State Land Commissioner was today advised by the Attorney General that none of the 60,000 acres of land recovered from the Capitol Syndicate is on the market or subject to sale or settlement. These lands, according to the Attorney General, cannot be filed upon until a final decision is had and when the Legislature makes a provision for their sale provided that the decision is in favor of the State.

The land in question is located along the line between the Panhandle of Texas and New Mexico in Sherman, Dallam, Parmer and Deaf Smith Counties.

HUNTING QUAIL IN AIR PLANE THE LATEST STUNT

Hubert Chilton and Jack Horner went quail hunting in an aeroplane on Friday morning. They went 30 miles west of Lamesa, killed all the quail they wanted, and were back in Lamesa in two hours and a half. They reported that it took them 25 minutes to reach the ranch, but only 6 minutes to come back to Lamesa, with the wind from the west.—Lamesa Journal.

CARLOAD Of Washington APPLES

SPECIAL LOW PRICE TO

MERCHANTS and PEDDLERS

Call 67 or TENNESSEE GROCERY

ROTARY NOTES

By L. T. Martin

The educational meeting at the Wednesday Rotary luncheon held at the Merrill Hotel, and conducted by Dr. J. T. Hutchison, as chairman of the entertainment committee for the day was not only instructive but very entertaining as well.

W. T. (Bill) McKinley made a nice talk in which he told us he had donated the bill board space for the furtherance of Rotary Prosperity Campaign. The first message sent out will be in December and will be signed by President Harding. Similar posters carrying appropriate messages will be displayed on 100,000 posters boards in 8000 cities and town through the United States and Canada during December, January and February. We thank you Bill for your generous offer.

James L. Dow gave a report of the open meeting at Amarillo, held December 1st, and from what he says, those Amarilloites must be some entertainers. He advises that if we ever have another invitation to accept it, for it was a real treat.

Otho Thompson, a rotarian from Amarillo was called upon by President Walter to give an account of how Jimmy Dow conducted himself while in Amarillo. Said he could not tell after a certain time, as everyone was taken to the picture show, unless he sidestepped, he was of the opinion Jim stayed in line with the rest of the procession, therefore was all right.

W. O. (Bill) Stevens of Post City, was called upon for a short talk and took the time to tell how Dolf Conley was a continual booster for Lubbock when away from home. Said no stranger could be with him but a minute until they would know where Dolph was from. These are the kind of men who make town builders. Keep it up Dolph.

Woody made a short talk regarding Boy Scouts' work and asked for volunteers to take the Scouts to Blanco during the holidays. Think he secured promise of enough cars to take all of his boys to Blanco. Don't believe we are giving Woody the support he should have in this work. Now lets get behind and help him put this over for the boys. Don't let any thing interfere to prevent his taking his bboys on this outing.

Roscoe Wilson was two minute man and told of the open meeting to be held Thursday night, December 15th at the Merrill hotel. He promises a real treat, in both the speakers and the music. Mr. Frank Ryburn of Amarillo is to make an address and his wife is going to sing for us. Notify the management of the Merrill Hotel the number of guests you will have by not later than Thursday noon, of the 15th.

Dr. J. T. Hutchison then introduced Sam T. Davis, Jr., commonly known as Nubbins, who entertained us with two readings, one of which we are printing below. He is a young orator of great promise, and Sam T. and Mollie should be proud of him

"Jane Jones"

"Jane Jones keeps talking to me all the time, and says I must make it a rule,
To study my lessons and never be absent from school,
Remember the story of Eli Burnett, and how he clum to the top,
He got all the knowledge he ever knew down in a backsmith shop.
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so
Well maybe he did, I don't know.
Of course what's keeping me from the top
Is not having a blacksmith shop.

She said that Ben Franklin was awfully poor
But full of ambition and brains and studied philosophy all of his life,
And see what he got for his pains.
He brought electricity out of the sky with a kite a bottle, and key,
And we are owing him more than any one else, for the bright lights we see.
Jane Jones, she honestly said it was so,
Well maybe he did I don't know.
Of course what's always hindering me is not having any kite, lightening or key.

Jane Jones said Abe Lincoln had no books at all and used to split rails when a boy and General Grant was a tanner by trade, and lived away out in Illinois,
So when the great war in south first broke out he stood on the side of the right and when Lincoln called him to take charge of things, he won nearly every blamed fight.
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so
Maybe he did I don't know.
Still I ain't to blame not by a big sight,
For I ain't never had no battles to fight.

She said that Columbus was out at the knees when he first thought up his big scheme and told all the Spaniards and Italians too.
And all of them said it was a dream, but Queen Isabella, just listened to him and pawned all her jewels of worth and bought him the Santa Mari and said go hunt up the rest of the earth.
Jane Jones she honestly said it was so.
Maybe he did I don't know.
Of course that may be, but you must allow,
There ain't no land to discover just now.

Mr. R. C. Mowery, teacher of animal husbandry, at the High School, gave one of his interesting and instructive talks on his line of work. He is doing good work but is handicapped for lack of proper room and equipment.

Judge E. L. Klett, followed Mr. Mowery, telling of the needs of our public schools. When asked to make this address Judge Klett says he visited the different schools to see from personal observation just what conditions the schools were in. His speech should have been taken in shorthand and given to the people verbatum. It opened the eyes of many to the growing needs of the Lubbock schools. There are new houses going up every day, new people coming in every day, and if we want these people to stay, be contented, and others to come, we will have to provide proper school accomodations for them. The time is now here when we will have to build new and properly equipped school buildings, or our town will have to stop growing.

Visitors at Wednesday's luncheon as follows:

W. O. Stevens, of Post City, guest of Dolph.

J. A. Dennis of Dallas, Otho Thompson (a Rotarian), of Amarillo, guests of E. L. Robinson.

Judge E. L. Klett, of Dr J. T. Hutchison.

Fred C. Oliver of R. H. (Butter Flake) Martin.

R. C. Mowery of Dr. C. M. Ballenger.

Sam T. Davis, Jr., (Nubbins) of Cliff Hunt.

Sam T. Cooper, of George Briggs.

W. T. McKinley of J. A. Medlock.

Neil Wright who has been in Dallas on business for the passed few days, returned home Wednesday just to late for Rotary luncheon.

Jed Rix, Curtis Keen, George Briggs, R. E. Karper, L. C. Montgomery, J. W. Jennings and L. T. Martin were the Rotarians who attended the highway meeting at Spur Monday. They were accompanied by Joe Hess, Neal A. Douglas Jr. and B. S. Moore. The meeting was well attended by representative men along the proposed highway, which extends from Fort Worth, through Mineral Wells, Albany, Stamford, Spur, Crosbyton, Lubbock and to Roswell, New Mexico. It was a very democratic meeting and the predicition is that much good will come from it.

Rotarian R. F. Bayless informs us that the war tax will be taken off passenger rates January 1st.

W. O. Steven, of Post City, is visiting A. B. Conley, Jr.

Dr. Ballenger made the Rotarian talk at the High School Tuesday. Dr. J. T. Hutchinson will make it next Tuesday. Let this good work continue. Inspire the boys to study with some object in view.

Rotarian Bennie Hilburn will leave Wednesday to join his wife and spend the holidays with the home folks. Here is hoping you have a good time and a Merry Christmas. Expect that Bennie Jr. will go to sleep better with Dad on the job.

Don't know whether it was my puzzling over what I should put in the Rotary Items or no, but I had a vivid dream after writing them up this week. I dreamed that Jed and I "passed out," but we took different routes; so when I got to heaven I called up Jed over the telephone, and asked him how he liked it down there. "Oh boy! this is some place" replied Jed; "all you have to do is to wear a red suit with horns and every now and then shovel coal on the fire. We don't work more than two hours out of the twenty-four down here, but tell me Lu how is it with you up yonder?" "My goodness Jed, we have to get up at four o'clock in the morning, and gather in the stars, then we haul in the moon, and hang out the sun, then we have to roll the clouds around all day long. But Lu, how is it you have to work so hard. Well to tell the truth Jed, we are kind of short of help up here."

Now boys lets have some news items next week, these dreams are awful.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM THE LYNN COUNTY NEWS

Miss Bulah Davis was injured Saturday of last week, when she attempted to alight from a horse which she was riding when the animal became frightened and ran wild. Miss Bulah suffered a broken knee cap and other minor bruises in coming in contact with the ground.

Laverne, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Vinson of this city died at the home of its parents, Tuesday, December 6th., after a short illness. The sorrowing parents have the deepest sympathy of the citizens of this community in the death of their little babe.

Some road work is being done by the county near O'Donnell this week. The workmen state that it is becoming almost too dry to continue at roadwork just now.

On Saturday and Sunday of last week, the family and relatives of J. S. Wells held a reunion, at which there were fifty-three persons present to enjoy the occasion. All the families brought roast, chicken, turkey, ham, cakes and pies to add to the sumptous dinner served by Mrs. Wells.

Mrs. Green Nixon, of Ballinger, Texas, was painfully, though not seriously injured nine miles east of Tahoka on the Post road, when she fell from the running board of a moving automobile. Mr. and Mrs. Nixon had been visiting with the family of J. S. Wells the past few days, and were enroute home when the accident occurred. Mrs. Nixon was attempting to catch a grip which was about to fall from the car when she fell from the car. She was picked up by a cotton wagon and brought to town. Her back was injured in the fall.

State of Ohio, City of Toledo, Lucas County, ss.
Frank J. Cheney makes oath that he is senior partner of the firm of F. J. Cheney & Co., doing business in the City of Toledo, County and State aforesaid, and that said firm will pay the sum of ONE HUNDRED DOLLARS for each and every case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE. FRANK J. CHENEY.
Sworn to before me and subscribed in my presence, this 6th day of December A. D. 1886. A. W. GLEASON, (Seal) Notary Public.
Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. Send for testimonials, free.
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Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Radford, "of Lubbock," are here for a few days, while Mr. Radford is looking after the interest of his Wholesale Grocery business, and Mrs. Radford was looking after her Christmas shopping problems. They expect to reoccupy their home here in the near future. They are now located at Abilene.

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"Noticed rats around my kennels, having hundreds of prize dogs, couldn't take chances. Tried RAT-SNAP; in three weeks every rat disappeared. Noticed that the dogs never went near RAT-SNAP. I tell my friends about RAT-SNAP." Use this sure rodent exterminator, it's safe. Comes in cake form. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, $1.25. Sold and guaranteed by City Drug and Cole-Myrick Hdw. Co.
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L. M. McKinney, of the Lubbock Laundry Company, returned Saturday from Fort Worth, where he attended a convention of Laundrymen.



The Sanitary Dairy

Just ask your dairyman if he produces the milk he leaves at your door or has he gathered it up from his neighbors.

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Christmas Greetings From Sid Caraway (Himself)

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Quality Meats I Always Sell

I will appreciate your Christmas Orders for Turkeys, or for any of the very best meats the supply affords.—I hope that again the coming Christmas I can count many more happy families who are regular patrons of my market.

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FOR SALE—Ford Coupe, A-1 condition. See L. H. McLarty, at Shamburger Lumber Co. 30-4

FOR SALE—My pretty new 6-room bungalow, garage, servants room, barn, fruit and shade trees. $5,500 cash and good terms. Address B, Avalanche. 30-tf

FOR SALE—Some good unimproved quarter sections of land near Meadow, Terry County. Small cash payment, and long terms at low rate of interest. Mrs. George Arnett, owner, Lubbock, Texas. 26-tf

FOR SALE—or Lease: 60 acres; 42 acres improved, possession of improved tract January 1. Easy terms, 1 mile from town. Two cows, two registered Poland chinas, 70 R. I. Reds, feed, buggy, harness, 4 room house in town with 7 lots, city water and lights, garage, and other out buildings. Box 611. 32-1

FOR SALE OR TRADE—3 ton traffic truck, No. 1 condition. Will trade for stock or Ford. J. M. Swofford, Ropesville, Texas. 31-2p

FOR SALE—Large flour sacks for sale. Martin's Bakery. 19tf

FOR SALE—One two row lister and one two row godevil, at a bargain. Call 448 or 480. 31-2p

FOR SALE—Good piano, see me for price. J. A. Jordan. 31-2

FOR SALE—Thin shelled pecans: Large 20c per pound; medium, 15c; small 10c. F. O. B. sacked and ready for shipment via parcel post or express. Mrs. Dan T. Hanks, San Angelo, Texas. 32-4

FOR SALE—Borroughs' Adding Machine, almost new, at a good figure. Box 691. 32-1p

FOR SALE—2 oil heaters, 2 kitchen cabinets, 1 chiffonier. Dr. C. M. Ballenger. 32-2

FOR SALE—177 1-2 acres improved, 60 acres in cultivation, 2 1-2 miles from railroad town, $40.00 per acre. Would consider residence property in Lubbock. D. P. Griffin. 32-3p

WANTED

FARM OR RANCH WANTED—I have cash buyers for farms and ranches. If you wish to sell get in touch with me. L. Wesley Read, Abernathy Bldg., over Leader Store. 16tf

WANTED—To rent place on shares for five years. Reference furnished. C. A. Walton, Lubbock, Texas. 31-2p

WANTED—Position wanted by experienced bookkeeper, typist and retail shoe and clothing salesman. Address Clyde Edwards, Crosbyton, Texas. 31-3p

WANTED—Four permanent men boarders, at 806 Avenue O. 32-2p

WANTED—To rent, five or six room modern residence in Lubbock. J. W. Patterson at Lubbock Uradia Station. Phone 782. 32-tf

WANTED—To buy cattle and hogs of all kind. Blue Front Market. Haas and Coker, Lubbock, Texas. 32-5p

WANTED—Work by a graduate nurse. Miss Stella Ivey. Phone 540. 30-2F

MISCELLANEOUS

FARM LOANS—Rates reasonable, quick inspections, prompt service. If you have maturing obligations arrange now to extend them. L. Wesley Read, Abernathy Bldg., over the Leader Store. 16tf

NOTICE—Full blood jersey bull, will make the season at my barn. A. F. McDonald. 20tf

NOTICE—We collect bad checks. Past due accounts, Vindors Lien Notes. Personal Notes and make adjustments. If you need your money or differences settled, see us. Sawyer and Sawyer, Room 3, Lowery Bldg. Box 440. Lubbock, Texas. 29-8

TYPEWRITER—Re-building, any part for any make—work guaranteed prices reasonable. Out of town work given special attention. Office supplies of all kinds. Office Equipment Company, Lubbock, Texas. 16tf

MORTON J. SMITH and Frank Vaughn of Lubbock, and Mr. Chipley of Crosbyton, are selling twenty thousand acres of Slaughter lands at $20.00 per acre. $3.00 down, balance in ten years at 7 per cent interest. Land is located 45 miles west of Lubbock and 22 miles south of Littlefield. 25-tf

BUY TREES from a home man. J. M. Witt. Phone 9014-F2. 12tf

FOR RENT

TO RENT—A good cotton and corn farm, teams and tools to sell. R. M. Goodpasture, Brownfield, Texas. 30-3p

FOR RENT—For 1922 one nine room house and 140 acres of land; 45 acres in cultivation, rest in pasture; $500.00 cash for the year, or would rent house and a few acres separate. Just outside of the city limit. Possession January 1. E. Gililland, Weslaco, Texas. 32-2f

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms to ladies or couple without children. 1115 Eighteenth Street. Phone 746M. 31-2

FOR RENT—Two rooms at 1707 West Broadway. Will Mathis. Phone 99. 32-tf

FOR RENT—Business house on Corner Avenue I and 14th Street. See M. Fulton. 32-4

IMPROVING—320 acres, want tenant with good teams and force to put in 270 acres, and pay one-fourth crop rent. Eight miles from town, two from school and church. Box 203 Abernathy, Texas. 32-tf

FOR RENT—One furnished bedroom, steam heated. Phone 526. 32-1

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—Ladies ring, owner may recover same by describing and paying for this ad. Avalanche. 30 tf

LOST—One large black Jersey Milch cow. Phone 722. J. E. Vickers. 32-1

LOST—On Thanksgiving day, one staghound, extra large, more white than grey, two years old. Finder will receive $10.00 reward. Sam Sanders, Ropesville, Texas. 32-1

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FOR THE HOME

A good piece of furniture for the home—a cedar chest, dresser, tables, chairs, kitchen cabinets, etc., makes a fine gift if bought at our prices. A hint to the wise is sufficient: All kinds of good warm bedding and clothes—Just as well save money on your stove and hardware too.

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Ladies Satin and Kid Pumps.....$7.50 and $8.50
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Needless to call your attention to our prices—time has proven them consistently lower than elsewhere. Our grocery stock, as usual, is very complete and whether its a dollar's worth or more it will pay you to come to our store.—Why be stupid when a cup of our freshly roasted and blended coffee will make you feel fine.

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HONOR ROLL FROM LUBBOCK HIGH SCHOOL FOR THE SECOND PERIOD ENDING DECEMBER 1st

To the Patrons of Lubbock City Schools:

The report cards of all children for the second grade period have been sent out. The cards of all high school pupils who did not make passing grades were mailed direct to the parents. If your children are not doing first class work, visit the school, inspect their examination papers and their class work.

All high school pupils should do a minimum of two hours home study each evening, and all those whose grades are under the required standard, three and four hours, until their grades are again up. Below is the honor roll for the second semester

First Grade

Boys—Morrison Arnett, Alton Anthony, W. C. Barnett, John Carter Beaver, Dalton Blagg, Edward Brown, Truman Burlison, James Blackwell, Glenn Brazil, John D. Cook, Howard Casey, G. W. Charles, Jack Christian, Joe Conrad Davis, William Davidson, Frank Duncan, M. K. Foster, Lee S. Garner, James Gunn, Robert L. Jones, John Duggan Lytle, R. C. Matheny, Edward May, Charles Maedgen, Joe McCulloch, Thomas C. Neblack, Claude Paulger, John Paul Pond, Woodrow Quinn, Paul Randolph, Earl Rhoden, Troy Vest, George Wilson.

Girls—Juanita Adams, Florine Ames, Virginia Adair, Lillie Anthony, Corabelle Burrus, Burma Burleson, Coba Bessent, Winnifred Chancellor, Margarite Dalton, Dorothy Ford, Golda Fortinberry, Mary Francis Felty, Marguerite Gray, Lois Hamilton, Thelma Hamilton, Lillian Herset, Jesse Lee Hensley, Vera King, Velda Luster, Hazel Lawson, Hazel Long, Roberta Myrick, Mary Francis Nunley, Mary Byrd Pickens, Juanita Pickens, Anna Lilly Stroup, Bernice Smith, Berta Marie Thornton, Nannie Williams, Nanon Welty, Dorothy Wolffarth.

Second Grade

Boys—Orvil Aldrich, Clifford Alls, Desmon Abbott, Felix Ballenger, Jack Copeland, Harroll Dow, Champ Duncan, J. T. Ellison, Roland Farris, Melvin Grigg, Alfred Greer, Ralph Hanna, Thomas Hutchinson, Calvin Hyatt, Bowlden Johnson, Sylvan Luster, D. V. Matheny, J. D. Mullins, Troy McEwen, Allen McCrummen, Ben Roy Oates, Joseph Pond, R. T. Russell, Marion Royalty, Sam Shelly, Jot, Jr. Smith, John T. Sears, Eugene Seitz, G. P. Thomas, Bill Thornton, Carl Thorp, Robert Lee Vaught, Raymond Williams, J. B. Wilson, Buren Yarborough.

Girls—Willie Albright, Ruby Anderson, Deloice Allen, Thelma Mae Anstead, Dorothy Bumgarden, Elenor Baker, Nina Bell Bertrand, Elizabeth Conner, Grace Chase, Vina Lee Griffin, Evoline Gather, Sammie Hitt Mary Hopper, Burnice Hooker, Kathleen Jennings, Evolin Jones, Mary Knox, Johnnie Mae Lair, Kathryn Lee, Martha Moss, Lucile McCrummen, Evolyn McCrummen, Lelia Alma Osborne, Loys Pollard, Charles Marie Robbins, Silvia Stroup, Ovilla Ovilla Scroppings, Fern Sowell, Martha Spencer, Mary Louise Shropshire, Mina Slover, Edith Smyer, Geraldine Turner, Gwendolyn Thompson, Mattie Williams, Leora Wofford, Ovell Walker.

Third Grade

Boys—Marshall Bagwell, Jim Berry, Russell Bean, Harris Boles, Burton Burrus, Woodrow Carlton, Lee Carmichael, O. D. Christian, Clem Clutter, Jimmie Cockrell, Arthur Chase, John Easter, Marshall Franklin, L. D. Gann, Johnnie Hopper, Edwin Harkey, Leonard Hilton, Spence Hufstedler, William Johnson, Travis Lee, Hilton Martin, William Murry, James McBride, Edgar Neal, Rob O'Hair, Howard Price, Bob Ray, Sam Rhodden, Coleman Robinson, A. C. Sanders, Orvill Smith, Warren Smith, Carroll Thompson, Benton Teal, Juel Wood.

Girls—Mary Alley, Chiotile Aucutt, Leona Baskin, Katherine Bennett, Elsie Bull, Vera Bessent, Virgie Christian, Lorena Caldwell, Vona Christian, Maxine Clark, Mary Lee Fortinberry, Louise Garrison, Pauline Hall, Fern Holland, Fannie Lee Hart, Cleo King, Cora Annice May, Juanita Self, May Tom Simmons, Francis Snyder, Blanch Stewart, Charlotte Trim, Lois Marie Wilson.

Fourth Grade

Boys—Murray Ballenger, Raymond Barrier, Edward Blackwell, Thomas Bradley, Kittrell Burns, Melvin Copp, J. V. Daniell, Otto Flynn, Melvin Franklin, Martin Graves, E. B. Green Burns Kittrell, Eugene Knox, Franklin Maddox, Troy McCollum, Luther Noey, Leroy Paulger, Brooks Penny, George Pierce, Roger Pierce, Frank Price, Yancey Price, T. Q. Scott, Otis Stewart, Earl Taylor, William Thomas, Roland Travis, W. T. White, Preston Weaks, Mark Welch.

Fifth Grade

Boys—Charles Adams, Roscoe Bayless, Burnham Briggs, Herman Claye, Leland Mast, Lomer, Nelson, Tommie Phillips, Paul Squires, Isaac Trimble, Millard Wilkinson, Clarence Wood, Ernest Wright, John Winn.

Girls—Alice Barr, Mary Louise Baskin, Opal Blagg, Roberta Burrus, Audrey Campbell, Golda Campbell, Vera Mae Carmichael, Vera E. Carmichael, Nannie Coleman, Eloise Cooper, Dale Ellison, Ellan Gaither, Fern Gunn, Ruth Hutchinson, Rosa Herzet, Pauline Holland, Thelma Jackson, Marie Long, Virginia Murray, Winnelle McCoy, Mildred Nail, Corinne Overstreet, Clara Randolph, Alice Rogers, Mary Francis Royalty, Annabelle Stanfil, Golden Walker, Florence Weed, Margaret Wilcox, Stella Wood, Mary Lou Woullard.

Sixth Grade

Boys—John Ater, Max Davis, Lawrence Green, Mancil Hall, Carl Montgomery, L. M. McKinney, Landys Scroggins, Watson Wilson.

Girls—Elizabeth Adams, Lucille Barr, Sallie Bean, Etheline Ballew, Halcyon Campbell Ruth Ford, Eunice Holcomb, Georgia Hufstedler, Edith Hicks, Ruby Jones, Ruby Jackson, Fredda Lee, Dorothy Lokey, Lucile Moxley, Lucille Payne, Mary Eleanor Quick, Mary Snyder, Annel Snyder, Aurel Vaughn, Ruth Williams.

Seventh Grade

Boys—James Ater, Stancil Bagwell, Darrell Casey, Orvie Green, Homer Hunt, Kimsey Miller.

Girls—Margaret Baskin, Doyle Blankenship, Doris Baugh, Kate Burrus, Mary Lou Bayless, Virginia Exley, Maurine Henderson, Vivian Keaster, Helen Law, Ruth Noah, Catherine Smalley, Kate Sowder, Mary Lois Thompson, Ruth Waller, Hazel White, Josephine Witt.

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CHURCH NOTES.

Epworth League Program

Subject: "The House of God, the Sanctuary."
Leader—P. H. Johnson.
Silent Prayer.
Hymn.
Scripture lesson by leader.
Prayer.
Hymn.
Announcements.
Special Solo—Mrs. O. B. Trinkle.
Introduction of Topics by leader.
"Church Extensions and the Gospel"—Mr. Hiner.
"How I can help in Church Extensions"—Mrs. Sims.
"The Gospel of Church Extension"—Miss Rhea.
"An Investment in Church Extentions"—Neal Douglass, Jr.
Hymn—"I Love the Kingdom Come."
Epworth League Benediction.

Cumberland Presbyterian Services.

Sunday School at the regular hour.
Preaching services, 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m.
Junior Endeavor: 2:30 p. m.
Senior Endeavor: 6:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting every Wednesday at 7:30 p. m.

The subject of the morning service will be: "A Complete Citizenship," and for the evening hour: "The Assurance of Victory."

Dear Christian Co-Workers of the city of Lubbock: Just a few words to you: Having been called into your midst for the specific purpose of taking a part in the great work of our Lord Christ, and for this privilege as well as a duty, we are so thankful. It is the earnest desire of the writer to concentrate, and consecrate his efforts with those of all the good people of the city in defense of the homes, churches, and for the supreme purpose of the salvation of the lost. In the beginning of so great a work we earnestly ask for the united prayers of the children of God, supported by their loyal co-operation that the common enemy to every home, church and individual may be gloriously defeated, and that many poor blind, and wandering souls may be lead from darkness to light in the old time way.

The victory depends upon you. Shall you disappoint your King who gave His precious life for yours?

Yours earnestly in His service,
J. F. Baker.

P. S. A. "Whoseever Will" invitation is always extended to all who may see fit to worship with us.
JFB.

Intermediate League Program

Leader—Melvin Dow.
Topic—The House of God the Sanctuary.
Song.
Psalms, 73: 16-28—Ruby Penney.
Prayer.
Song.
Luke, 4: 16-22—Alice Bean.
Solo—Merle Ottinger.
Talk—Rev. Ferguson.
Acts, 16: 13-15—Crawford Black.
Announcements.
League Benediction.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza

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Mr. and Mrs. B. W. Stafford, of Brownfield, were here last week, visiting Miss Estella Stafford, of Olim's Family Shop.

Don't fail to read about Uradia in this paper. 32-1t

Miss Madge Baker, who has been here the past month visiting Miss Lois Duff, left Tuesday for her home at San Antonio.

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SECOND SECTION

THE LUBBOCK AVALANCHE

VOLUME XXII No. 32 LUBBOCK, LUBBOCK COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16, 1921 PUBLISHED TWICE A WEEK

Standard Grades For Sorghums in the Head Recommended at the Lubbock Meeting Has Been Officially Adopted

Several days ago there was held in Lubbock and a few other important places throughout the country, a meeting of farmers, grain dealers and heads of Agricultural Departments, meetings to discuss grade schedules for maize, kafir, sorghums, etc., and we published a schedule as suggested by the committees on grading at this meeting. We give below the officially adopted grade schedule which will govern the grades of these grains in the future.

"Order of the Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses for the establishment of standards of grades for the grain sorghums in the head.

"WHEREAS ART. 7827 ee Complete Texas Statutes, 1920 (Sec. 10, Ch. 41. First Called Session of the 35th Legislature) authorizes the establishment of standards for grades of cotton, corn and other farm and ranch products and makes it the duty of the Commissioner to so establish such standards, and

"WHEREAS there has not been heretofore established by this State nor by the United States, a standard for the grain sorghums in the head, and

"WHEREAS the public in general, and especially the producers of, and dealers in the grain sorghums have no standards of grades for these commodities to guide them in the settlement of any discrepancies or disputes that may arise between them as buyers and sellers of the grain sorghums in the head, and

"WHEREAS there have been numerous complaints along these lines and demands from the people for the establishment of such standards, and

"WHEREAS a hearing was called and held in the City of Lubbock, Texas, on the 3rd day of December, A. D. 1921, at 2 P. M. at which hearing all parties at interest were given an opportunity to express their views on these matters, and

"WHEREAS at said meeting a committee consisting of T. R. Bolin, A. B. Connor, E. W. Cole, H. B. Dorsey, J. B. Wallace, R. E. Overstreet, L. O. Burford being representative producers, dealers, consumers and other parties at interest, was appointed as a special committee to recommend standards for the grading of the grain sorghums in the head, and

"WHEREAS said committee made its report making certain recommendations as to the standards for grades, and

"WHEREAS the Commissioner is of the opinion, after full and mature deliberation upon the matter, that the report of said committee recommending standards for the grading of the grain sorghums in the head is just, reasonable and fair, now I, Chas. E. Baughman, Commissioner of Markets and Warehouses of the State of Texas, under and by virtue of authority vested in me by law and in pursuance of my duty thereunder to hereby fix and establish standards for the grading of grain sorghums in the head in accordance with said recommendations, as follows:

Yellow Milo Heads.

Grade No. 1. Shall be yellow milo heads that are dry, of good color, sound, sweet, and heavy, well matured grain, but may contain not more than 2 per cent of discoloration or stain, and not more than 10 per cent of stems shall be over five inches in length from base of head.

Grade No. 2. May be slightly stained and contain 5 per cent sorghums other than milo, but must be dry, sound, sweet and of heavy, well matured grain. But may contain 2 per cent blight or immaturity, and not more than 10 per cent of stems shall be over five inches in length from base of head.

Grade No. 3. May be stained or discolored and contain 10 per cent grain sorghums other than milo, of which 3 per cent may be non-grain sorghums but must be dry, sound, sweet and of heavy, well matured grain, but may contain 10 per cent immaturity, blight or damage and not more than 10 per cent of tems shall be over five inches in length from base of head.

Grade No. 4. May contain 15 per cent grain sorghums other than milo, of which 5 per cent may be non-grain sorghums and may be badly stained or weathered and may contain not over 10 per cent damage and may contain 15 per cent immaturity or blight. May be musty, but must be cool.

Sample Grade. May be heads that are heating, fire burned, infested with weevil, or otherwise of distinctly low quality and not good enough to grade Nos. 1 to 4.

Kaffir, Feterita, Mixed Heads and other Grain Sorghums: The gardes for Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and sample grade of Kaffir, Feterita and Mixed Heads and other grain sorghums, shall correspond with grades of Nos. 1, 2, 3, 4 and sample grade of milo heads as above.

Note: The foregoing grades for Nos. 1 to 4 inclusive and sample grade shall apply for heads of all the grain sorghums, except that the appropriate class and color shall be substituted where yellow milo is herein used.

Said Standards of Grades to be effective from and after January 1st, 1922.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this, the 6th day of December, 1921.

CHAS. E. BAUGHMAN,
Commissioner.

CHRISTMAS

The glad time has come again when the spirit of good will is master, when every heart is stirred with the warmth of devotion, and every true bond of friendship is manifested by generous giving.

Christmas is right upon us. It beckons us for immediate preparation. There is no time to lose. Experience of many other holiday seasons assures us that our store will be overrun by busy shoppers.

We ask gift seekers to select early in the day. The reasons are obvious, for comfort, ease and certainty attend those who follow this suggestion.

Our store is fully prepared for a bounteous yuletide. It is replete with the finest things to be had for Christmas gifts. We offer you the best service and prices at this time. A table is prepared for your convenience, wrapping parcels and plenty of boxes and string to give you. Follow your inclination and come to



Barrier Brothers Department Store

MRS. LAURA M. HOYT RECOMMENDS CHAMBERLAIN'S

"I have frequently used Chamberlain's Tablets, during the past three years, and have found them splendid for headache and bilious attacks. I am only too pleased, at any time, to speak a word in praise of them," writes Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt, Rockport, N. Y. 28F

W. S. Taylor, manager of the Bryant & Link house, at Ralls, was here Tuesday and Wednesday.

HURBERT STUBBS WAS APPOINTED COUNTY CLERK

After accepting the resignation of Sam T. Davis, county clerk of Lubbock county, the county commissioners appointed Hubert Stubbs to fill the vacancy.

Mr. Stubbs was formerly employed by the Guaranty Abstract Company and is well known in Lubbock county. Mr. Davis will soon take up his duties as manager of the West Texas Hospital.

Johnie Boswell, secretary of the Plainview Chamber of Commerce, of Plainview, was here Monday, enroute home after visiting Post City, Slaton, and other points, where he was looking after the interest of the proposed new railroad for West Texas.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. F. W. Gross, December 12, an eight and one-half pound boy, the first grandchild of Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Earhart.

Our Tax System Must be Modernized If Equalized

We have a debt ridden, tax burdened world. The Nation, many States, counties, municipalities and improvement districts add millions to their obligations annually, and they increase their assessed valuations and flatter themselves that they owe only a small percentage of what they are worth. We have got firm grip on our boot straps and are breaking our backs trying to lift ourselves out of insolvency to the plain of solvency. Labor is not producing and money has quit working. Many billions of dollars are invested in tax free securities and billions more are being issued. Men with idle money say: "If we invest in industries and are successful, the Government takes our profits, therefore we play safe and buy tax free bonds." Thus is industry starved and more thousands added to the roll of the unemployed. Continual shifting of the burden of taxation to the shoulders of those engaged in business and industrial pursuits, whether factory owner, employees or producers, can have no other outcome than to increase taxes beyond the ability to pay.

The great problem of today should be the modernizing of our systems of taxation in order that the expense of government might be more equitably distributed and kept within our income. Instead of applying themselves to this phase of the situation, we find Government officials devoting their time to an effort to discover means whereby they may secure more money to spend.

It would be a step in the right direction if the National and State Governments would select qualified men to make a thorough study of the question of taxation with a view to evolving some system which could be uniformly applied in every State and which would distribute the cost of government in a fair and equitable manner. Certainly our haphazard and unjust manner of assessment should be thrown into the discard.—Farm and Ranch.

INSURANCE BUSINESS CHANGES HANDS

A deal was completed Tuesday, wherein E. C. Young became the proprietor of the Fire Insurance business formerly conducted by M. O. Owens. Mr. Young has been in the real estate and Insurance business in Lubbock for many years, and has a large following of clients who will be glad to know he will represent the new agency.

ONE-HALF BALE OF COTTON PER ACRE

S. D. Stephens was here Wednesday from his farm, ten miles east of town. He made a good crop this year, as is seen from the report that from forty acres of cotton he gathered twenty bales, and his corn averaged twenty bushels per acre. He subscribed for the Avalanche for a year, and took the opportunity to get the reduced clubbing rate by subscribing for the Star-Telegram thru this office.

Mrs. W. E. Spencer, of Cisco, was here Tuesday and Wednesday, registered at the Merrill.

W. D. Benson, Sr., of Breckenridge, visited with friends in Lubbock Tuesday and Wednesday.

D. H. Powers and Calvin Roody, of the Cobles ranch, were here Wednesday buying supplies.

Corn Used as Substitute for Coin in Oklahoma

Oklahoma City, Dec. 10.—Corn has supplanted money as a medium of exchange in some communities of the Southwest, and merchants who are accepting that product in payment for merchandise are reported paying more for it than the market price. Their belief is that it would be more profitable to store corn and carry it over into next year than to carry their goods over through the Winter. An inquiry made by the State Board of Agriculture shows that this practice is being carried on in many places.

Reports from over Oklahoma and Texas indicate that much more corn is being stored than early in the Fall and that a big percentage of the large crop not used for feed during the Winter will be held in the hope of a better market price being afforded next Spring. This is due to recommendations of agricultural organizations and to the belief that corn will command a reasonable price next Spring.

Weevil is reported doing considerable damage to corn stored in the shuck in Oklahoma.

New Mexico this year produced a record breaking corn crop. The estimated production is 7,306,000 bushels which is over 260,000 bushels in excess of the 1920 production. The average yield in that State this year was twenty-six bushels. The total yield is 2,000,000 bushels greater than that of 1919. Eight-five per cent of the corn is of merchantable quality, while the ten-year average is 84 per cent. About 13 per cent goes into silos or is cut for fodder.

Wheat, oats and barley grown in New Mexico this year were less than the ten-year average in weight. The wheat was 58 pounds, oats 33 pounds and barley 49 pounds.

REV. J. B. COLE VISITED RELATIVES IN LUBBOCK

Rev. J. B. Cole and daughter, Miss Lena were here the first of the week from Crosbyton, where Rev. Cole is pastor of the Baptist church of that place, and was stationed here until Rev. Bowen was appointed to take his place. The daughters were teachers in the Lubbock school during their stay here.

LADIES AID PREPARING HOME TALENT PLAY

A home talent play, with more than fifteen characters, is being rehearsed frequently by ladies of the Baptist Church, who expect to announce the date and place of its happening in the near future.

THE RED CROSS TO SOLICIT CLOTHING SATURDAY

A special drive will be made Saturday, December 17th, by the Local Chapter of the Red Cross for clothing that is wearable or can be made so. Put your bundles on the front porch and beginning at one o'clock members of the Junior Red Cross will collect them.

Parker Hendrick, traveling representative for the Abilene Candy Company, with headquarters at Lubbock, left the first of the week for Merkel, where he will spend the holidays.

DIED—It was reported to the office of Elmo Wall, local insurance man, that W. E. Landman, of Lorenzo, died at his home there Tuesday.

Another Christmas—

and Martin & Wolcott Remain to Serve You

It doesn't matter who the man is nor his business nor his methods of doing business as long as he remains steadfastly in the one object—to serve faithfully—the public will stand pat with him or them.

Martin & Wolcott send greetings for the season and in so doing we call your attention to the fact that though we have been serving the people of this town and community for years, there are others coming in promising you more in one way or other who are here only temporarily. Either they promise more than they can fulfill or else their theories of business management are wrong. Because a thriving business remains intact.

Christmas has been heralded as the time of joy and feasting since the birth of Christ. "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men" has been the motto of the celebrants of the Christmas spirit down through the ages. Each year in every clime this day stands out as the one most joyous. The Christmas spirit is an unselfish spirit and brings out the best in everybody.

This Christmas, as dozens or more of others since we have been in the grocery business in Lubbock, we again join in the spirit of cheer and well-wishing to our many loyal friends and patrons and it is our desire throughout the months to come to continue being a helpful factor in the life of Lubbock. We believe that your grocery business will be more satisfactory to you if you will regularly patronize the store that stands—that remains to serve where others have fallen.

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Season's Greetings——

Again we are here to wish our patrons a Merry Christmas. Realizing that in our business our service is our product for sale; that we can not exist without the good will of those whom are our patrons and prospective patrons, we are now in position to assure the public that from out of the ashes of our recently destroyed plant will arise one of the finest and most modern plants in all of West Texas—surpassed by no other.

That is to better serve and merit the good will of our patrons.

Texas Utilities Company

Seeking Information About the Feeding Values of Maize

Stamford, Texas, Dec. 14.—R. R. Walker, Agricultural Agent of the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railway, Dallas, in a communication to the West Texas Chamber of Commerce stated that the Industrial Department of the M. K. & T. Railway at Kansas City has requested information from him relative to the feeding value of the sorghum grains, also asking for an estimate of the total crop in West Texas for 1921. In reply to this communication it has been stated that the crop for this year in West Texas is estimated at 80 million bushels the largest crop ever grown. Also that more than 5,000 head of cattle being finished at Post City on ground sorghum grains show that cattle are putting on more weight there through the use of the sorghum grains, ground, than is the case where cattle are fed Indian corn in Missouri, Kansas and other corn belt cities. The cattle which are being completed at Post City are included in lots running from 25 to 200 each under the supervision of approximately 25 different farmers. J. F. Hartford, the celebrated Agricultural and Livestock Expert, connected with the Post Interests, is assisting in supervising considerable of this feeding.



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NEWS ITEMS OF INTEREST FROM CANYON COMMUNITY

Mr. and Mrs. Willie Akins left last week for Leon, Kansas, where they will make their home.

Miss Zelda Ray, from Lubbock, came out and assisted Mrs. W. R. Green in her musical program, Friday night.

Mr. J. U. Burgess' nephew started a singing school at the school house Monday night. He teaches at night only.

Mrs. Travis, Miss Vada Sides visited the school Friday afternoon.

Mr. Thompson thrashed for Mr. J. B. Sides Thursday and Friday.

Mrs. Barham and baby came in last week to join her husband and help him take care of his store.

The pie supper that was given Friday night was of great success, Mrs. Green gave her musical recital which was enjoyed by all and everyone came right up to the top with their part. After the program, Mr. Nix made a short talk and explained the proceeds of the pie supper was to be used. The pies were sold in just a short while and everyone seemed to enjoy having all they could eat. The sum of money received was $47.65.

Most all of Miss Hopper's pupils miss her very much, but are well pleased with their new teacher, Mr. Bryan Sides.

Mr. Earnest Guillott left last week to visit his sister in Elsa Texas.

Mr. Sam Hufstedler was a Lubbock visitor Saturday.

Several from this vicinity attended the show Saturday night.

Mrs. Richardson came in several days ago from East Texas, to visit her sister, Mrs. Ella Wagner.

A Mr. Hataway is now occupying the concrete house on the J. P. Webb farm.

Quite a number of the young folks called on Mrs. Pat Nix Sunday afternoon.

Mr. Deavors cut his stalk this week and is very busy trying to get his land ready for another year.

Misses Ellis and Oliver, Mr. Martin came out to the school house last Thursday and organized a Junior Red Cross. All of the pupils were anxious to do their part and soon made our school a hundred percent.

The high wind Saturday did some damage to the open cotton that has not yet been gathered.

Several have killed hogs during the recent cold spell.

Mr. Pat Nix was in town Saturday, transacting business.

Miss Lacy Kelley of California, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jot Fincher. She was among the Idalou young folks who attended singing at Canyon Sunday night.

Mr. A. E. Sides returned home Sunday from Van Zant County, where she has been looking after his property at that place. His friends were glad to see him and had various questions to ask about Lubbock.

Mr. Barham from Grayson County is staying with Mr. Akins while he is at work on the store.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Potts, a girl.

Mr. and Mrs. Taylor from Lubbock spent a short while Sunday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. T. Cain.

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If you feel bilious, headachy, constipated and all knocked out, just go to your druggist and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents which is a harmless vegetable substitute for dangerous calomel. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't start your liver and straighten you up better and quicker than nasty calomel and without making you sick, you just go back and get your money.

Don't take calomel! It can not be trusted any more than a leopard or a wild-cat. Take Dodson's Liver Tone which straightens you right up and makes you feel fine. No salts necessary. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and can not salivate. 11-4

MUSICAL PROGRAM OFFERED BY LOCAL CLUB

The Lubbock Musical and Dramatic Club will give a musical program at the Elk hall, Saturday evening, December 17th, at 7:30 o'clock.

A splendid program will be arranged, which will be well worth the cost of admission, and the proceeds will be given for charitable work in the city.

This club has not been in existence long, the great need of something in its order being realized by enthusiastic town developers, and music lovers, for some time, who recently perfected its organization. It was the intentions of the organizers to be of great service to Lubbock and adjoining towns in giving home talent programs for the various occasions that demand such features, and we are in the hopes that a large crowd will acquaint themselves with the merits of this club by attending this program.

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W. E. Bradford, of Vernon, was here Monday on business.

W. E. Guinn, of Littlefield, was here Monday, transacting busines..

Foy Proctor, of Seagraves, was here Monday transacting usiness.

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DECEMBER, 1921

FORMER LUBBOCK MERCHANT HERE ON BUSINESS

L. B. Wright was here Monday from Eastland. Mr. Wright was at one time in business here, and now has large holdings in that place. He is known to have been very active in the building and development of Eastland, and we hope he will become interested here again

Miss Josephine Baber, stenographer in the local Chamber of Commerce office, has resigned that position and will leave soon for her home at Bellville, where she will spend the holidays.

W. T. Savage, ranchman, of Amarillo, was here Monday, enroute to Brownfield.

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RESOLUTIONS ADOPTED BY FARMERS UNION NATIONAL CONVENTION HELD IN TOPEKA, KANSAS

The Lubbock County Farmers Union met in regular monthly session in the Lubbock Courthouse Friday, Dec. 9th. (Next regular meeting 2nd Friday in January at 10 a. m., same place.)

J. T. Shaw, presided and something was doing all the time from beginning to close, late in the afternoon.

Among other things the two following resolutions were presented and adopted.

Resolved, by the Lubbock County Farmers' Union in business session assembled,

That we respectfully request the Editor of the Avalanche to publish the report of the National meeting of the Farmers Educational & Co-operative Union of America, held at Topeka, Kansas, Nov. 15, 16, 1921, as published in the Farmers Union Messenger of Houston, Texas, and be it further,

Resolved that we hereby express our thanks and appreciation for said courtesy.

As the dangers from cotton pests are so great, and as a protection to the cotton growers of Lubbock Co.,

We—The Lubbock County Farmers Union in business session assembled, do hereby go on record as opposed to the shipping in of cotton seed from outside territory, and we further ask the cooperation of the Chamber of Commerce and other associations in preventing the shipping in of same, by quarantine or otherwise.

NATIONAL FARMERS' UNION CONVENTION

Annual Report of Board of Directors

Topeka, Kan., Nov. 15-16, 1921

To the Members of the National Board:

Nineteen years ago an idea born in a human brain took form and shape, and developed into an organized movement, that for breadth and scope has never been equaled in the ranks of agriculture. The Brotherhood formed as a result of this initial venture of Newt. Gresham and his associates, has spread over the entire United States. The fraternal spirit developed by this movement has banded the farmers of all sections into a solid unit for the betterment of agriculture and for the improvement of the social and economic lives of those engaged in this, America's basic industry.

The co-operative ideal as enunciated by the founders of the Farmers' Union has not always had a rosy pathway. There are traits of human character that are almost sure to rise to the surface that do not always carry the unselfish spirit, so necessary to the success of any movement designed for the betterment of the public. Farm organizations have not been exempt from this characteristic which springs up in the individual. There have been periods in our past history when more time was given to the harmonizing of divergent opinions between persons in order to keep the organization off the shoals, than was devoted to real constructive work. Whatever may be our theory, the cold facts are that the individual is the one with whom we must reckon. It is a great pleasure to state to this National Convention that for almost the first time in our history the organization is a unit, from the smallest Local to the greatest State Union, on our plans and policies, and that there has not been during the year a single indication that any individual was trying to boost his own pet scheme, at the expense of the organization at large.

The spirit of harmony that has prevailed has enabled us as an organization to distinguish ourselves in the field of accomplishment. The co-operative enterprises of the Union from the smallest to the greatest have been successful, with one or two exceptions. By a careful survey, made some months since, our National Secretary showed that the co-operative turn-over of Farmers' Union business institutions had been something more than one billion dollars this year. Especially to be mentioned in this connection, are the several State exchanges, the wheat marketing associations at Kansas City, and the Tri-State Terminal Company of Portland and Seattle, and the livestock commission houses at Omaha, Sioux City, St. Joseph, Kansas City and Denver.

The organization is especially to be congratulated upon the results of its legislative program both in the States and in the National Congress. With few, if any, exceptions, the various programs put on by the State Unions have been successfully carried out; so that today farmers of America, whether members of the organization or not, are receiving the benefits of remedial legislation secured by the Farmers Union in the several States where the organization is operating.

It is a happy indication of the coming economy reform when our great National legislative body lends its ear to the voice of agriculture, as has been the case during the present session of Congress. No one would presume to say that everything has been gained for which we had hopes, nor that there can be no possible criticism of the Administration; but every fair-minded citizen must admit that the achievements of the Farmers' Union during the past year in the National legislative field has never been equaled by any farm organization in the history of this republic.

We call your attention to some of the specific things that were brought into being by the activities of your national officials, backed up by a loyal membership, acting in absolute unison.

First, on account of the deplorable condition of World finance and of World markets, we realize that unless the War Finance Corporation was reinstated, the American farmer would suffer yet greater losses in the decline of values. This War Finance Corporation is now functioning because of the Farmers' persistent demands.

Second, to counteract the evil effects of misleading propaganda circulated to the effect that the farmer was a profiteer, your national officials called a general mass meeting at which a memorial was prepared and presented to President Harding in person, setting forth the willingness and even eagerness of American farmers to have a complete and most thorough investigation of their economic condition. As a result of this memorial and a subsequent bill introduced in Congress at the suggestion of the Farmers' Union the Agricultural Inquiry Commission was created. This commission has full power and authority not only to show the condition of agriculture, but to make comparisons between it and other great industries of the nation. We anticipate some far-reaching results from this inquiry.

Third, The passage of the Capper-Tincher Bill a measure backed solidly by the Farmers' Union, is destined in time to bring better conditions in marketing the great grain crops of this country.

Fourth: It is entirely safe to say that, without the pressure brought by the Farmers' Union upon Congress, no packer legislation would have resulted at this session. The measure does not meet with our hopes and expectations, but it is a real step in the right direction.

Fifth: The Farm Loan System gives evidence of being made into a real constructive function of government and in this happy result we take great pride in having had a part.

Sixth: The exorbitant freight rates that have been so disastrous to agriculture, and that have adversely affected every line of commercial activity, are due for a considerable trimming. In fact, promises have been made by the powers that be, to reduce the rates in a measure at least. Evidence was submitted to the Interstate Commerce Commission last April by your representatives which was, at least to our minds, conclusive evidence to exorbitant freight charges being exacted by the common carriers were destroying agriculture in many sections. We have persistently demanded that this evil condition be remedied, and are fully persuaded that we have had no small part in bringing about the determination of those in authority to reduce the rates.

Seventh: There is now assembled at Washington the most momentous conference ever called in the history of the world. The dream of every civilized human being who has even remotely subscribed to the doctrine of the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God, has been the coming of a time when the Biblical injunction would be obeyed and that the utensils of war would, in reality, be "beaten into plowshares and pruning hooks." Many men in many countries have thought, have worked, have prayed, for the consummation of this wonderful ideal, but it has remained for a young republic, the United States of America, to actually inaugurate the plan for this accomplishment. The leading nations of the earth have sent their foremost men; men not only of vision, but of practical ability, to counsel with their neighbors upon this problem, the proper solution of which will relieve an overtaxed world of more than 90 per cent of its burden, and will bring a permanent smile to the Mothers of the race, who will bear sons for the pursuits of happiness and peace, and not for war.

A striking recognition of the voice of agriculture and of the Farmers' Union as the spokesman for agriculture, was the appointment on the advisory committee of the Arms Limitation convention of the Hon. Charles S. Barrett, National President of the Farmers' Union. President Harding is to be congratulated upon his foresight in thus selecting a man who, in a capable manner, represented agriculture in the Peace Conference at Paris, and a man who, by reason of his intimate association and sympathy with the American farmer, will most creditably represent his views and opinions upon the Advisory Committee. The world is keyed up and awaits with every nerve at tension the results of this conference. It is a source of happiness to the Farmers' Union, that whatever beneficial results may be reached by this world-wide movement, our organization will through President Barriett, have played some part in its consummation.

The year's work has been highly satisfactory and we shall close our report by saying that we have attended to routine matters to the best of our ability.

Fraternally submitted,

MORRIS McAULIFFE.

Chairman National Board Directors.

(Continued Tuesday)

Marvin B. Hilburn, proprietor of the Lubbock Printing Company, left Wednesday on a holiday visiting tour to Grandview, Fort Worth, Dallas and Midlothian, where he has relatives. Mrs. Hilburn is visiting her parents at Midlothian at this time.



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Season's Greetings

——We Liked to Have Forgotten—But the Avalanche wants you to enjoy Christmas and are having their Christmas number early. We are really proud of what we have accomplished this year. The new customers, the old ones kept, one and all to all sections of the South Plains we send best wishes for a Merry Christmas and again tell you that the Dry Goods Bargains of this country are found in this store.

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OUR CHRISTMAS NUMBER

The Avalanche greets you with another Christmas edition. In this number the merchants are calling attention to their splendid stocks of Christmas goods, and a trip through the shopping centers of this city will prove that they are not in the least exaggerating about their ability to take care of the needs and wishes of the people of this country in holiday goods. Never before in the history of this city has there been such splendid displays of Christmas goods as well as useful articles suitable for Christmas gifts, in all of the stores of the city. There will be more general buying this Christmas in this section than probably any other section of the State, for our people, as we learn from people who have recently traveled over a great portion of the State have more spare money than most anywhere else.

The Avalanche is very grateful indeed for the splendid business our merchants have given us all the fall, and in fact throughout the past year, and their liberality has made this splendid edition possible. We hope that every one will be fully repaid for their most loyal patronage, and we believe that every dollar they spend with this institution will be a good investment. This paper has a large pay roll, and as little as you may think about it we return in wages alone to this town every year more than $30,000, and this money is, almost to a cent spent with Lubbock people. When you patronize the Avalanche you help build the town in more ways than one, and we appreciate the splendid Christmas business you have given us, and we hope you will enjoy reading this special Christmas number.

LET'S START SOMETHING

Just now and within the next year will be a good time for Lubbock to do a lot of good public improvement work. There are a lot of people all over the country who need work, and would be willing to work at a very reasonable price, and building materials will also be much cheaper and the freight rates and transportation will be reduced we are sure, within a very short time, and everything indicates that a dollar during the next few months at least will buy a lot more than it has for many months. We believe that the water, sewer and light facilities of the city should be increased—all are needed, and that badly. Let's vote some more bonds and get this work started.

And too, there is a great and growing need for a big auditorium that will comfortably seat twenty-five hundred people. This would likewise furnish work for a lot of men, who need work, and many would contribute liberally of their labor, which would help a great deal and this is one of the absolute essentials of this city. It is a thing that must be provided if we are to hold our own in the line with cities that are able to entertain conventions and large gatherings with adequate facilities and accommodations.

Then there is our schools. New buildings are needed for them, and we absolutely must have some additional buildings and equipment for the care and education of our children and those who are coming here.

Yes, and that bonded warehouse, one of the most important things that the farmers are in need of, could as well be built now as a little later and it would bring great blessings to many now and in the future.

And Lubbock needs a lot more concrete walks, especially in the vicinity of the school buildings in order that the school children may have a way to get to and from school during times when there is a wet spell, and this would likewise be a great thing for the town and furnish employment for many.

And those new buildings at the Fair Grounds for next year. There is no use for Lubbock to wait till three weeks before the fair to get busy on that. It is a sure shot that we will have to have them, and the sooner we get them the better. There would be several weeks work there for all the unemployed in this city, and would be supplying a need that will have to be taken care of sooner or later and why not sooner.

And there is enough house painting needed in Lubbock to put every painter in town on the job and keep him there all winter, and this is a pretty good time to do some brightening up. Who will kick off? Let's go!

Let's start something. There is plenty of improvement now going on to keep every carpenter busy, and they are all working, so we are informed, and there could be enough work to keep every human being in Lubbock on the job all winter, if we will only get on the job, and get some of these important things lined up. If business is not good, make it good!

Make a guess at the population of Lubbock, and win a five dollar gold piece from the Chamber of Commerce. There is going to be some surprised at the growth of Lubbock and we want to know if it is YOU.

You will certainly need that poll tax receipt this coming year. There will be a great number of things come up that will demand your attention and on which you should cast your vote, and unless the voter holds a tax receipt or can sign an affidavit to the fact that he or she has paid same, they will not be allowed to vote.

JUNIOR CHAMBER OF COMMERCE TAKES IMPORTANT CENSUS

Tuesday morning the court house was a scene of much hustle and go, as from there the young men of the Junior Chamber of Commerce made their start into all parts of the town taking the most complete and important census that has been taken in the city of Lubbock since it has grown from out of the small town class.

The questionaire was prepared by Secretary Keen, and was to get data on a number of puestions, and will serve as a guide to the churches, schools, Red Cross, and other institutions that will be interested in knowing the number of people who might be interested in any particular line of work in this city.

Approximately sixty young men reported for duty, and started from the court house at about nine o'clock, and at noon a large number of the workers had turned in their lists, and the remainder were through after about an hour's work in the afternoon.

The reports have not been tabulated at this time, but the Chamber of Commerce office is busy checking the lists for the number of rooms available for the teachers who will attend the institute from the 19th to the 24th of this month.

The Junior Chamber of Commerce organization is a live wire and its members are awake to the needs of Lubbock, and are doing all they can to assist in anything that is calculated to be of service in solving its many problems.

With but few exceptions the young men met with kind patronage and friendliness in their census taking of Lubbock Tuesday and all speak highly of this splendid attitude of our people.

Lubbock is filled with well educated, broad-minded and liberal people, which made it easy for this proposition to be put over with very few of the men working longer than four hours, as there were only about sixty of the workers, this is a splendid reward for this kind of work.

Census taking is not an easy job at all, and the Junior Chamber of Commerce members were aware of this fact before the work began, but through the assistance of the people, and their working together they made it look like they were out on a relay race. One very commendable characteristic of some of the young men was shown when they finished the section assigned to them, then went to work on the more densely populated section of their fellow workers.

The questionaire they had to fill out covered many phases of work, as this is about the most complete census that has ever been made of Lubbock, which would have made the work difficult but for the fact that our citizens realized the importance of this data, and only a very few questioned the need of making prompt answers. One very reasonable old gentleman is reported to have insisted that his wife gave the men the answers in the least time as he had read in the Avalanche that there could be no time for argument, as this report must be made in the least possible time. Thanks to this spirit, may it ever exist in the hearts and homes of our people.

PAY YOUR POLL TAX

The time is upon us for paying poll tax if we would qualify to vote in the elections next year. No more important elections have ever been held than those waiting us the coming year. We will be called upon to vote for men who will determine whether or not we shall have prohibition. As it is today, the peace officers of Texas are giving us a dry state only in spots. Let us elect men in every county who will give us an entirely dry state. The women, as well as the men, must determine who these officers are to be, but no one can vote without a poll tax receipt. It is just as important to elect the right men to office as it is to vote out the saloon. There will be women who do not want to vote, but it is not a question of what we want, it is a question of duty. When the State did not give the women the ballot they had no opportunity to cast their votes, and therefore no responsibilities. Now the State is waiting with the ballot for each woman as well as each man to qualify. Let ever one pay her poll tax and get ready. Let her also see that "hubby" does the same. It must be done now. Don't wait.—Home and State.

In another part of this paper will be found the officially adopted grades for maize and the sorghum heads, which should be of vital interest to every farmer in this section of the country where these crops are raised (and that covers a very large scope of the country). It would be a very good idea if farmers who read this will preserve it as it should be of great worth to him in grading his grains and in knowing just about what grade it will be when offered on the market. This should be a great help to the raisers of maize, kafir and the various sorghums, and the meeting that was held in Lubbock several days ago will no doubt be one of the greatest and most important that has been held in our city. We are glad indeed to give this space in the Avalanche, and we hope that everyone who raises these crops for the market will keep this grade schedule handy.

An optimist writer has said that we should not worry about the long delay in the return of Col. Prosperity, and adds that the longer he remains away the gladder we will be to see him when he returns. If that has anything to do with it, then we will no boubt be over joyed when the Colonel comes back, as there does not seem to be a chance of his return under the Republican administration.

Help the schools by paying your poll tax. A large percent of the money received from poll taxes is used for school purposes. One dollar out of every poll tax goes to the support of our schools.

What is the population of Lubbock? Who gets the $5 gold piece offered by the Chamber of Commerce for the correct guess.

The quack of the duck is forsaken for the Bob White of the Quail.

Quit saying it to your editor with brick bats. This is the quail season.

Uradia
LIQUID ELECTRICITY

Stills remains a profound mystery. Skilled chemists from every part of the country have tried to duplicate Uradia, only to fail.

Just to clear the mind of the honest inquirer, we wish to relate a few little stories: A man drove into a well-known battery station in one of the largest towns of the State and said: "You may try charging this battery on the line just once more, and if it doesn't hold up I'm going to put Uradia in it." The battery man said: "Put Uradia in it if you want to. See that old pile of worn-out batteries! They were ruined by using Uradia."

The Uradia Company sent a representative right down to the battery man and begged for an affidavit that Uradia had ruined just one of those junked batteries, or even the name of a customer who would say that Uradia had harmed a battery, and he couldn't get it. Again: An honest skeptic had his battery charged with Uradia and then an old-time battery man told him he might as well get ready to buy a new battery, as Uradia-filled batteries were coming in entirely ruined every day.

The honest skeptic stood around for two hours, and eleven batteries that had been charged the old way were brought back dead—and NOT ONE OF THEM HAD URADIA in it. Just go back into the shop of an old-fashioned battery place and see the batteries being ruined by a line charge—hot, gassing, fuming, overdosed with acid—and then watch them charge with Uradia—no heat, no gas, no fumes, no sulphation, no tedious waiting, no rentals to pay. And with it all the lightning-like expert service Uradia men are taught to give.

The Uradia Company has been fair with the public and with the battery men. Uradia has put thousands of batteries into service that had been declared worthless; has saved the public thousands of dollars in rentals. We have heard a great many wild tales about Uradia ruined this and Uradia ruined that, and have always put an inspector on the job, and ran each rumor to its liar and found it to be a liar every time.

The Lies---

Uradia will eat a battery up because it is sulphuric acid 1.300 specific gravity.

The Truth---

A battery soaked in Uradia will keep perfectly without disintegration, for many years.

Uradia is nearly all pure water. It's specific gravity is due to finely dissolved metals and not high acid content.

The Lies---

Uradia does not give a lasting charge.

You can't use distilled water with Uradia.

The Truth---

Batteries charged with Uradia last 1 2-5 times as long as those charged any other way.

You can use distilled water, but you will need it only once a month, as Uradia does not get hot and evaporate as rapidly as the old solution when taking a charge.

The Lies---

Uradia will not take a charge from the line and if a Uradia user gets away from where there is a Uradia Station and his battery runs down, he is up against it.

Uradia will not take a charge from the Generator and will soon lose its power.

Uradia Stations do not remain long in a town.

Uradia Burns out lamps.

The Truth---

Uradia will take a charge off the line just the same as does the OLD METHOD of charging batteries.

Uradia takes a charge from the GENERATOR on your car just the same as batteries charged under the OLD METHOD.

Just watch and see which is the first to go Uradia or others.—Let the Public be the Judge.

Too silly to answer.

The truth is Uradia is so revolutionary and so completely meets the needs of the public that it is pushing the steam roller over all other mehtods of battery care and making friends by the thousands on the way.

Lubbock Uradia Station

J. W. PATTERSON, Prop PHONE 782
Located 2nd door East of the Fire Station, in building formerly occupied by Lub-Tex Motor Company

We Repair and Rebuild Batteries of any make—Also Ignition Lighting and Generator Work.

LETTERS TO SANTA CLAUS

Santa Claus:
Dear Santa Claus:
I want a handcar, if you dont have a hand-car a tricycle will do. I hope I see you at the bix Xmas tree. Your friend,

J. EARL WALKER.

Slide, Tex., Dec. 2, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you a few lines. I will tell you what I want for Xmas.
I want a little Dodge car, and I want a little train too. I want some candy, and some apples, and some oranges, and some walnut, and some pecans and some almond nuts, negro toes, hazell nuts, chestnuts, hickory nuts, I want a climbing monkey.
I am a boy ten years old and I go to school at Slide and I live at Slide too. I want some torpedos, and some fire crackers. I want some baby giants and a U. S. flag for Xmas.
Send me a fiddle and aeroplane.

EARNEST HARRIST.

Slide, Tex., Dec. 2, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:
I live at Slide, Texas. Send me some apples and nuts and oranges. Send me a tricycle and candy. Send me some fire crackers. Send me a climbing monkey, and a train, and send me drum and a aeroplane.

BAXTER HARRIST.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, eight years of age. I would like for you to bring me a little steam engine or a train, and some candy, nuts and fruit. My little sister's name is Anita. She is feve years of age and cannot write so I will write for her. She wants a nice doll and lots of fruit candy, and nuts.
Your little friend,

J. C. HARDY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven years old, and I am in the low second grade. I would like to have a bicycle and a foot ball.
Your little friend,

THOMAS HUTCHINSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl. I am in the second grade. I ranked two this month. I want a doll, a doll buggy, a doll bed, a stove, a blackboard, and some crayolas, a paint book, a set of dishes, some candy, and nuts, some fruit.
Your little friend,

SAMMIE MARIE HATT.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, nine years old. I am in the second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked four. Santa Claus, please bring me a bicycle, candy, fruit and nuts.
Your friend,

ELMO LANSING.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked five. I have been going to school for two years.
I want a play train, fruit, nuts and candy. I want an air gun.
Your friend,

RICHARD JULIEN.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked six last month. I want a real doll buggy, a doll bed, a set of dishes for my doll. I want some nuts and some candy. If you have a blackboard to spare, leave me one. Leave my little brother something. Will you please bring me a tea set?
Your little friend,

JOHNNIE MAY LAIR.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am nine years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I want a cap pistol, an air gun, some candy and nuts.
Your little friend,

R. T. RUSSELL.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I go to school, and would like for you to bring me some nice story books, and a big doll with curly hair and some nuts, fruit, and candy.
Your friend,

DORTHY HARGROVE.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, seven years old. I am in the second grade. I would like to have a saddle and a pony.
Your little friend,

BOULDEN JOHNSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, nine years old. I am in the second grade. I like to go to school. Please bring me a doll and some dishes and a store and some candy and a picture of yourself.
Your little friend,

ESSIE HADDOCK.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, nine years old, and I am in the low second grade. I want a Shetland pony, a bicycle and a air gun.
Your friend,

CECIL TRICE.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I ranked four last month. I would like to have a big doll like the one in the Leader and a white straw doll buggy, and some candy and some fruit. Please bring my teacher a pencil sharpner.

KATHRYN LEE.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked two last month. I would like to have a doll, a doll bed, a set of dishes, some fruit, candy and nuts.
Your little friend,

DELOICE ALLEN.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, nine years old. I am in the second grade. I like to go to school. Please bring me a doll and some dishes and a store and some candy and a picture of yourself.
Your little friend,

LORETA BILLINGS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, nine years old. I like to go to school. I am in the low second grade. I want a big doll and a doll buggy and a set of dishes and some candy, fruit and a picture book and a doll house.
Your little friend,

VIVIAN SULLIVANT.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, eight years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked third. I want a doll and a doll buggy, a stove for my doll, some candy, nuts and fruit. I like my teacher.
Your little friend,

MARTHA MOSS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked four last month. I want a doll and a doll buggy, a set of doll dishes, a pair of skates, a doll bed, a stove and some fruit, nuts and candy.
Your little friend,

LELIO ALMA OSBORNE.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked second. I want a little black kitten, a set of dishes and a pair of skates, a doll bed, and a doll. Don't forget the orphan's home, and please bring me a doll stove and candy, fruit and nuts.
Your little friend,

MARTHA SPENCER.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, six years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked fourth last month. I want a doll, a story book, a doll buggy, a doll bed, a set of dishes for my new doll, and some nuts.
Your little friend,

GWENDOLYN THOMPSON.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy. I am eight years old. I am in the low second. I like to go to school. I ranked third. I want a cap pistol, and a pony, some fruit, candy, and nuts.
Your little friend,

HOYLE CARY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, nine years old. I am in the second grade. I like to go to school. Please bring me a doll and a stove and some candy and some dishes, a doll bed and a picture of yourself.
Your friend,

LORETA BILLINGS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked second last month. I want a pony, saddle and bridle.
Your little friend,

GASTON SHAW.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, nine years old. I am in the low second grade, and I ranked third. I want a Shetland pony, a rope, a saddle and some candy.
Your little friend,

EUGENE SEITZ.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, eight years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school, and I ranked second. I want a pump air gun, a soldier suit and a cap pistol. Don't forget to leave me some nuts and candy.
Your little friend,

HAMILTON JENKINS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, six years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school and I ranked first last month and this month too. Don't forget the orphan home. I would like to have a doll, a story book, a set of dishes, a doll trunk. Don't forget the nuts and candy.
Your little friend,

VINA LEE GRIFFIN.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked third. I would like to have a story book, some fruit, candy, and nuts, and a new dress.
Your little friend,

LEOLA WOFFORD.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl, seven years old. I am in the low second grade. I like to go to school. I ranked fourth. I want a set of dishes for my doll, a doll bed, a picture book, nuts, candy and fruit.
Your little friend,

MARY HOPPER.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl named Katherine Klett. I am going to try to be a good little girl because i want you to bring me some things. I want a little cedar chest with some clothes for my doll. I would like a little doll and some dishes for a tea party, little candles with candle sticks, a little tea wagon, some little handkerchiefs, stationery and a pencil, a little basket, Xmas pictures, stove, decoration, doll buffet. Much love doll books, story book, wagon, telephone.

KATHERINE KLETT.

Slide, Tex., Dec. 2, 1921.
Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you and tell you what I want. I want a fur set and a kewpie and a purse. I want some nuts and all kinds of fruits. I go to school and I am in the fourth grade, weigh 74 pounds. I am 10 years old. I have one sister, she is 15 years old. She is in the seventh grade. She want's a ruby ring and a fur set and nuts and all kinds of fruits.
Your little friend,

WAYNETT COPELAND.

Dear Santa Claus:
I thought I would write you and tell you what I want. I want a rocking horse and little book of Maggie and Jiggs, drum, apples, oranges, bananas and a water gun. I am a little boy, eight years old. I will close.
Your little friend,

BARNIE DAVIS.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want to write to you again this year. You was so good to me last Xmas. I want a boy doll, a little dresser, a little cabinet, a picture of boy blue. I wrote this letter to you from Katheryn Royalty.

CATHERINE ROYALTY.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you and tell you what I want for Christmas. I am a little girl, ten years old. I go to school at Slide. I am in the fourth grade. I want a kewpie, a pair of kid gloves and a purse. I have three other sisters and three brothers. I weight 84 pounds, and I want some apples, oranges, candy and bananas.
I will close.

RUTH DAVIS.

Shallowater, Tex., Dec. 10, 1921
Dear Santa Claus:
Santa Claus, how are you by now. I thought I would write and tell you what I want for Christmas. I want a sleppy doll that has long curly hair blanket. I want the doll to go to sleep. Twilight Baker is my cousin. I live with her in a store. We help run the store.
Lovingly yours,
Evelyn Rutterford,
Twilight Baker.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little boy, eight years old and I want you to bring me some toys, Xmas I want an airplane and train, steam engine, tinker toys, man riding bicycle and foot ball. Thanking you before hand, I am your little friend.

EY LEE.

Shallowater, Tex., Dec., 10, 1921
Dear Santa Claus:
As it is close to Christmas, I am going to tell you what I want. I am 11 years old. I wwant a doll with long curly hair and sleepy eyes, a trunk, bed, buggy and cabinet to go with it. I want a desk to keep my books in and to get my lessons on.
Lovingly yours,

TWILIGHT BAKER.

AMARILLO TRIBUNE MAN SPENDS FEW DAYS HERE

W. D. Jefferss, representing the Amarillo Evening Tribune, was in the city for two days this week, in the interest of the paper. The Tribune is building up a very nice subscription list on this part of the Plains, and with the early delivery the management is arranging to make, will further increase the circulation. They are putting on a special mail pouch for all points south on the Santa Fe which will come out on the night train, thereby reaching its readers in the first mail every morning, ahead of any other daily paper.

To Stop a Cough Quick

take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues.

A box of GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Grove's O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c.

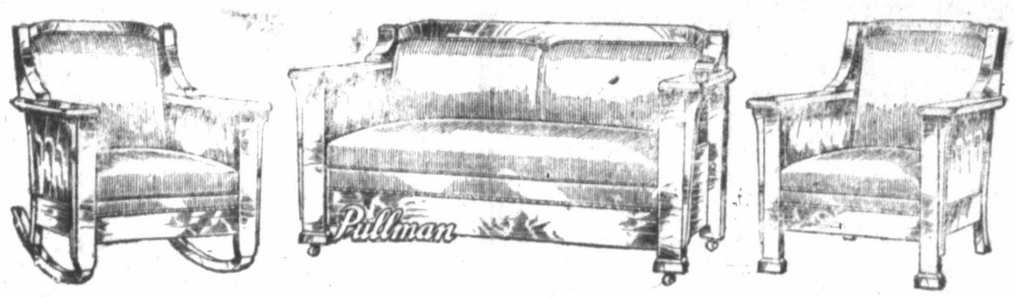
Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.

B. B. Rhea, a home owner and citizen of Lubbock, but who has been in Plainview for the past year has accepted the position as bookkeeper and accessory salesman for the Lub-Tex Motor Company. He is an alert business man and we are sure that the company is fortunate to secure his services.

E. J. Jennings, of Dallas, attended to business in Lubbock the first of the week.

FURNITURE--the Lasting Xmas Gift

Wherever you go, and whatever you see you can find no Gift that is more fitting than Furniture. Give it if you would make someone supremely happy, for it is the gift that through its practical usefulness and beauty serves as a constant reminder of the giver through the years of its service.



This 3 piece Pullman Suite, Mahogany finish, at a price of $135.00. $15 cash and $15 a month. This is a Christmas Gift that would be enjoyed by the entire family for years to come.

OTHER CHRISTMAS SUGGESTIONS

Cedar Chests, Dining Room, Living Room and Breakfast Room Suites, Sealy Mattresses, Rugs, Pianos and Players.

HOOSIER

SAVES MILES OF STEPS

$1.00 Cash and $2.50 a Week---

Buys any HOOSIER KITCHEN CABINET in our store. We already have several Hoosiers put away for Christmsa Gifts. Why not let us put one away for you? Big reduction from last year's prices. You can buy a genuine Hoosier for **$42.50**

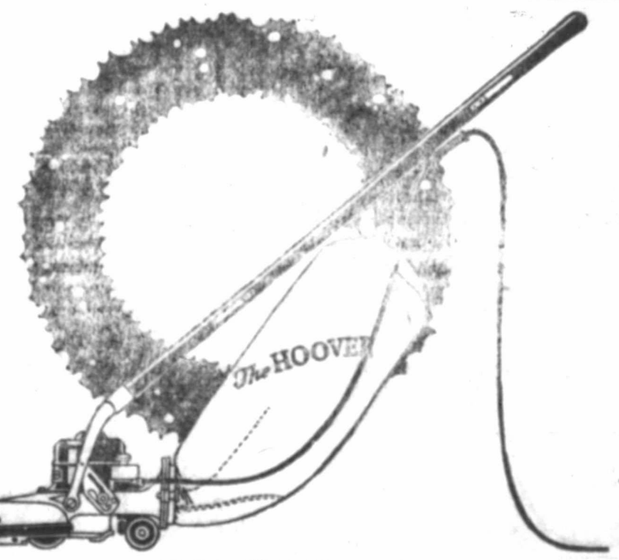
A Hoover Sweeper is the greatest convenience you can buy for the same amount of money.

$7.50 CASH

BALANCE

$10.00 per Month

You should get HER one for Xmas.



: : : GIVE FURNITURE FOR CHRISTMAS : : :

SAVE $40.00

On Your Christmas Phonograph!

$85.00

Buys a Columbia Grafonola like this You can give a Grafonola this Christmas $40 to $100 less than you could last year.

$10 Cash and $2.50 a week pays for one.



RIX

FURNITURE & UNDERTAKING COMPANY

"THE HOUSE OF SATISFACTION"

BIG SPRING LUBBOCK

Well Known Santa Fe Conductor Sustained Injury

L. Montfort, 61, Santa Fe conductor who was found in an unconscious condition in the bath room at the home of his son, Frank Montfort, 604 Van Buren Street, Friday morning about 3 o'clock, was reported Saturday afternoon as being much improved and past danger. A fall, in which he is believed to have struck his head against the edge of the bath tub, caused concussion of the brain and for some hours he was in a serious condition. He regained consciousness Saturday morning at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Montfort had gone into the bath room about 2 o'clock Friday afternoon to take a bath and had started the water running into the tub. Nothing was thought of his extended absence by the members of the household until Mrs. Frank Montfort heard the water running in the bathroom about an hour later and summoned her husband to enter the room to determine whether or not his father was ill or needed help. Upon entering the room he was found upon the floor in an unconscious condition. He was believed to have been overcome by the heat in the room.

A physician was summoned immediately and he was given medical attention almost continuously from that time until he regained consciousness Saturday morning.—Amarillo Tribune.

COLDS

"Pape's Cold Compound" Breaks any Cold in Few Hours

Instant Relief! Don't stay stuffed up! Quit blowing and snuffling! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks up any cold.

The very first dose opens clogged nostrils and the air passages of the head; stops nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness.

"Pape's Cold Compound" acts quick, sure, and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance, takes nice, contains no quinine—Insist upon Pape's! 10-20

WOMAN GIVE OUT

Housework is hard enough when healthy. Every Lubbock woman who is having backache, blue and nervous spells, dizzy headaches and kidney or bladder troubles, should be glad to heed this Midland woman's experience:

Mrs. B. F. Stanley, Midland, Tex., says: "I had a case of kidney and bladder trouble. The action of my kidneys was irregular, causing me a great deal of annoyance. The troubled pulled me down in weight and I felt all worn out. I tried different kidney remedies, but none had any effect on me until I used Doan's Kidney Pills. After using one box, I felt better, the action of my kidneys being more regular. Two boxes of Doan's entirely cured me and I have been feeling fine ever since."

Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Stanley had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

SMITH OF SCURRY MAY BE ASS'T. ATTORNEY GENERAL

Austin, Dec. 10.—Announcemnet today by Attorney General W. A. Keeling that he will not increase his staff assistants means that the first assistant attorney general is to be selected from the present force. Either E. F. Smith of curry county or W. P. Dumas of Kaufman will be promoted.

Scratch pads for sale at this office.

CASCARETS 10¢

For Constipated Bowels, Sick Headache, Sour Stomach, Bilious Liver

The nicest cathartic-laxative in the world to physic your liver and bowels when you have Dizzy Headache, Colds Biliousness, Indigestion, or Upset, Acid Stomach is candy-like "Cascarets." One or two tonight will empty your bowels completely by morning, and you will feel splendid. "They work while you sleep." Cascarets never stir you up or gripe like Salts, Pills, Calomel, or Oil and they cost only ten cents a box. Children love Cascarets too. 11-4

Very Special Prices on Blankets and Comforts

The past cold nights have demonstrated in many homes the need of additional bedding and the above announcement should be read with interest by the providers of these homes, for a sale such as this enables one to provide the needed comforts, at quite a saving.

24 pair 66x84 all-wool blankets, $11 values, in assorted plaids, specially priced at **$6.75**

24 pair 66x84 all-wool white blankets, $15 values, specially priced at **$8.50**

Cotton Plaid Blankets, 66x80, specially priced at ... **$2.75**

Cotton, plain gray Blankets, 64x80 specially priced **$2.75**

Cotton, plain gray Blankets, 60x76 specially priced **$2.25**

Let Us Help You Select Your Christmas Presents

FOOTWEAR—Shoes, Slippers, and Hosiery Make Practical Christmas Gifts

Satin Boudoirs with soft comfy, or leather soles—A full line of Cozy toes in felt, fur or ribbon trimmed **$1.35 up to $2.50.**

All Ladies Coats, Suits, Wool and Silk Dresses, Blouses Specially Reduced until Dec. 24th.

K. Carter's Store

North Side Square Lubbock

The One Priced Store ——— That the Lowest

Another Opportunity

And we believe the biggest yet offered. The old one is gone. This will sell readily. **READ!**

Fine lands on the Plains at only $18 per acre. Can be bought now from us with a small cash payment and good long terms on the balance at a low rate of interest. This land is located near Sudan. We ask if you are interested that you get in touch with us at once.

Texas Land Exchange

Conley Building Lubbock, Texas

NEWTON JUDD RETURNS TO LUBBOCK FROM ILL.

G. N. Judd and family returned to Lubbock recently from Wellington, Illinois, where they have been the past eight years. Mr. Judd is a son of A. Judd, of the Tennessee Grocery and lived in Lubbock many years up to the time he went to Illinois. He has many friends here who are glad to have him return. He will manage the Judd chicken farm, one and a half miles south of Lubbock.

PLAINVIEW HAD SNOW SHOWER LAST WEDNESDAY

Many people were disappointed Wednesday when the snow which threatened failed to materialize in any appreciable quantity. Though the air was filled with flakes for a while, it was only for a brief space, and the sky cleared. The weather remained cool, however, and though the sun shone out the temperature remained at a low point during Wednesday and Thursday.—Plainview Herald.

GRAMMAR SCHOOL NOTES

Third Grades

Room 10—Third.
Rank 1—Lennis Baker.
Rank 2—Maxine Clark.
Rank 2—Katharine Baskin.
Room 7—Basement.
Rank 1—Lois Wilson.
Rank 2—A. C. Sanders.
Room 9—Basement.
Rank 1—Russell Bean.
Rank 2—Guy Bratcher.
Room 8.
Rank 1—Cleo King.
Rank 2—Fern Holland.

Fourth Grade

Room 8.
Rank 1—W. T. White.
Rank 2—Janola Shepherd.
Room 9.
Rank 1—Edward Blackwell.
Rank 2—Daisy Crow.
Room 10.
Rank 1—Eulala Henderson.
Rank 2—Alma Deshazo.
Room 7.
Rank 1—Fay Hunt.
Rank 2—Troy McCollum.

Fifth Grades

Room 15.
Rank 1—Ellen Gaither.
Rank 2—Thelma Jackson.
Room 14.
Rank 1—Golden Walker.
Rank 2—Annabele Stanfill.
Rank 2—Corine Overstreet.
Room 12.
Rank 1—Dale Ellison.
Rank 2—Burnham Briggs.
Room 4.
Rank 1—Fern Campbell.
Rank 2—Rosa Heizer.

Sixth Grades

Room 5.
Rank 1—Lucile Barr.
Rank 2—Sallie Bean.
Room 6.
Rank 1—Mary Synder.
Rank 2—Annie Synder.
Room 1.
Rank 1—Mancil Hall.
Rank 2—Eunice Holcomb.

Seventh Grade

Room 2.
Rank 1—Kate Sowder.
Rank 2—Kinsey Miller.
Room 3.
Rank 1—Vivian Keaster.
Rank 2—James Ater.

The visitors of Grammer School were Mrs. Haynes room, Mrs. Baugh and Miss Rushings room, Mrs. Self.

The new pupils of the Grammar School are: Clyde Harris in Miss Thomas' room, and Vernon Haley. Mr. Sherrill's room, Eaman Kitchen; Mr. Gibson's room, Rotan Judd; Miss Francis' room are Hays O'Neal and Pauline Higginbotham.

The two seventh grades had a contest in a play Friday afternoon. "The Courtship of Miles Standish. Mr. Bishop's room, room 3, won by 2 points.

La Verne Johnson,
Ruth Waller,
Ruth Miller.

In Your Desire to Please the Kiddies Don't Overlook the Home and Mother

Mother and the Home—the two dearest in all the world.

Furniture

of the right sort makes the home more cheery and add much comfort to the long hours spent therein by Mother.

SIMMONS'

—Believes that he has what you will want. He invites you again to the "Gift house for Mother and Home." May we again call your attention to the "Lucky Day" Proposition which ends on December the 24th at which time the envelope will be opened and those buying goods on the lucky day will get their money refunded.

Simmons Furniture and Undertaking Co.

Picture Framing S. Side Square

WOULD ELIMINATE CONFLICT IN FAIR DATES NEXT YEAR

Stamford, Texas, Dec. 12.—Stuart L. Williams, Secretary of the Runnels County Fair Association, has requested the Exhibit Bureau of the West Texas Fair Chamber of Commerce to call a meeting of the West Texas Fair Secretaries and Managers to be held at Abilene in January. The purpose of the meeting is to arrange dates and discuss special fair amusements for the 1922 season.

During the Fair season just closed, many of the counties had some trouble and unnecessary expense in getting attraction due to conflicting dates of some of the fairs.

George Grant, of South Dakota, is here to spend the holidays with his uncle, A. Judd, of the Tennessee Grocery. Mr. Grant is well pleased with the Lubbock country, and will probably make this his home in the near future.

Dr. D. J. Davis, of Pyron, Texas, left Wednesday after a few days treatment under Ralph Hardy, D. C., who opened an office here recently. Mr. Davis had suffered a nervous breakdown, and was loud in his praise of the Chiropractors ability to heal.

Abandoned Well Gets in Oil Game Near Roswell N. M.

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 10.—The Illinois Producers' well, located a mile north of Lakewood, in Eddy County, is spouting oil. This well was drilled to a depth of 2800 feet and had been abandoned for more than a year. A delegation of local business men yesterday visited this wekk and when the cap was taken off the well sputed oil for several minutes twenty-five feet in the air. Several gallons of the oil were brought to this city and is now on display here.

This occurrence has caused great excitement in the lower valley and it is certain that this well will be immediately opened up and cleaned out. Experts from here who visited the well yesterday say that there is no doubt but that the well is already a commercial one.

C. C. Abbott and wife went to Canyon the first of the week to visit their daughter, Mrs. T. T. Wilks. Mr. Abbott is back at work with the Lone Star Stage line, and Mrs. Abbott will spend several days with the daughter.

ASPIRIN

Name "Bayer" on Genuine



Beware! Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for twenty-one years and proved safe by millions. Take Aspirin only as told in the Bayer package for Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Earache, Toothache, Lumbago, and for Pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve Bayer Tablets of Aspirin cost few cents. Druggists also sell larger packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceti-

Roy and John McNeely, of the Monroe community, were here Saturday, trading with our merchants.

The inevitable destiny of the cur is the pound.

When Production Goes Up Prices Always Go Down

"The cotton acreage and profits are very much like the game of seesaw. When one end goes up the other generally goes down." This is the opinion of W. B. Lanham, Assistant Director of Extension Service at the A. & M. College of Texas. In the Extension Service Farm News, Mr. Lanham has illustrated by diagram the history of cotton prices over a period of years in which he proves that low prices always accompany the large acreage, unless through some act of nature the production is greatly reduced.

It has been the history of cotton that a large increase in price has always been followed by an increase in acreage, and that the increase in acreage, when production has been normal, has resulted in prices lower than the cost of production. Many who have studied the history of cotton in Texas are predicting that the 20-cent cotton in 1921 will be an inducement to farmers to plant a large acreage in 1922, and those who appreciate the fact that an over-production means a loss to cotton producers, are sending out warnings against any increase in acreage. As frequently stated in Farm and Ranch, there would be no overproduction of cotton, provided the world was capable of buying all that it needs, but in view of the inability of the world to buy and pay a reasonable price for the staple, it would be foolhardy on the part of our farmers to plant a large acreage and expects to come out even. Farm and Ranch reiterates its belief that a small acreage planted to pure, tested seed will produce, if properly cultivated, a sufficient amount of cotton to supply the demand. It would be much better to let the land lie idle than to overplant in cotton. Farm and Ranch, however, does not advocate idle lands, but suggests that the surplus acreage be planted to food and feed stuffs, and that if the market will not absorb all of the production, food and feed should be laid by for lean years, which are sure to come.—Farm and Ranch.

WHEN YOU ARE CONSTIPATED.

To insure a healthy action of the bowels and correct disorders of the liver, take two of Chamberlain's Tablets immediately after supper. They will not only cause a gentle movement of the bowels, without unpleasant effects, but banish that dull, stupid feeling, that often accompanies constipation. 28P

E. L. Cannon, representative of the Poston-Sleigher Company, left Wednesday for Arlington, to spend the holidays. Mr. Cannon represents that company in West Texas.

THE GIFT SHOP

---OFFERS A---

Sweeping Reduction

On Cut Glass, Silverware, Ivory, Watches, Clocks, Jewelry, Chinaware, Cameras and Fine Stationery. In Fact Everything in the Store has Been Marked Down. Our Holiday Stock is the Finest on the South Plains.

A. E. HELBER, Jeweler

THE GIFT SHOP LUBBOCK, TEXAS

BAPTIST CHURCH TO ENLARGE THEIR CHOIR

The choir space at the Baptist church is to be enlarged enough to accommodate one hundred persons, and members are busying themselves in making known to the people of Lubbock that they are welcome, and wanted there. They also invite musicians to attend and participate in the services with whatsoever instrument they may use.

CALDWELL NEWS ITEMS OF THE PAST WEEK

The farmers are busy pulling boles, but will soon be done for this season.

M. Earnest Snyder and wife, of Abernathy, were visiting with his parents Saturday and Sunday, while Neal went to Lubbock to have some dental work done.

Mr. Joseph McDonald and wife were visiting with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jillett Sunday.

Mr. G. P. Malone happened to the misfortune of getting a bone broken in his leg a few days ago. It will be about 6 weeks before he can walk on it.

Mr. J. K. Summers is reported to be gaining slowly. He is at the sanitarium, where he went to undergo an operation.

Mr. Malone and family, Mr. and Mrs. Braswell and Bro. Tennyson, were guests in the Landers home Sunday. Bro. Tennyson preached us a good sermon. He will preach again next second Sunday evening.

Mr. Tomlinson, wife and children were visiting in the Hess home Sunday.

Mr. Edd Jillett and family were visiting with his parents Sunday.

Mr. Childers, of Childress, is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Knox Landers.

Mr. Easley of Shallowater, was visiting in the Henry T. Shaw home Sunday.

Some one visited Mr. Henry Shaws' cellar the other night and took a hundred lbs. of beans and three sacks of cotton seed.

Misses Crow and Sanford attended the singing at Mr. Malone's Sunday night, also a large crowd attended and singing was enjoyed by all.

HATS

HATS

Every lady and child wants a New Hat for Christmas. Now is the time and here is the chance to get the best at about half regular price. I am now making the best prices I have ever offered on Hats from now until Christmas.

CHOICE OF ANY OF OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF WINTER HATS

$5.00

Remember about the HALF-PRICE Sale on Ladies Suits—some mighty attractive bargains are here for you.

THE CASH DRY GOODS CO.

North Side Square G. L. MILLS, Proprietor Lubbock, Texas

INTERESTING BATCH OF CARLISLE NEWS ITEMS

There was a large crowd at Sunday School Sunday.

Our Sunday School superintendent Mr. W. B. Ray, was sick and unable to be at Sunday School Sunday.

Miss Helen Ribbes of town, spent Sunday night with Miss Opal Burroughs.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Mr. and Mrs. Jerdens Saturday night.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Lavier, Mr. and Mrs. Tubbs, Misses Bess Sims, and Octa Ray, Messrs. Travis, Tubbs, and Lester Sims visited the Bledsoe oil well Sunday afternoon.

Miss Laura Frazier spent Saturday night with Misses Ada and Winnie Altman.

Miss Bess Sims spent Saturday night with Miss Octa Kay.

Mr. and Mrs. Bailey Hankins has returned from a visit with relatives near Petersburg

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Guin, Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Burroughs and Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Casey have returned from a visit to Wood county.

Miss Ona Ray spent Saturday night with Miss Elsie Hammer.

Scratch pads for sale at this office.

SANTA CLAUS

Will be at our store SATURDAY the 18th. Come and bring the Children. We have some "Specials" for Saturday, you can not afford to miss them.
Get our prices on——

DOLL BUGGIES, VELOCEPEDES and WAGONS
——Before You Buy

Lubbock Variety Store

(Next Door to City Drug)

H. B. Hilton Mrs. J. L. Chase

ABERNATHY MEN HERE ON BUSINESS WEDNESDAY

R. H. Ragland, prominent business man of Abernathy, was here Wednesday transacting business. Mr. Ragland said the people of that place are proud of their new paper, the Review, as it has already proven its worth as a real booster for the various business, that advertise from its columns. Mr. Redman, the Editor, was here also, and looks as prosperous as a newspaper man possibly could.

Mr. Briggs, of the Briggs Investment Company, of Amarillo, was here Wednesday and Thursday appraising lands on which he was solicited to extend loans in the near future. He was working with the local representative, Elmo Wall.

LOCAL FLOUR SALESMAN SELLS LARGE BILLS

T. W. Sawyer, local representative of the Kell Milling Company, said Monday that the advertising done through the booth at the Lubbock Fair, last October, was very effective, as at that time there was little of that flour sold in this section, but at this time he has customers from Canyon to Snyder. The Lubbock County fair was a success from every angle and we are glad to learn that there are good results still being gained from the advertising done there.

Rev. Bowen, pastor of the Baptist church will preach to his congregation Sunday on "Scaring Timothy" and it is urged that a large hearing be given him.

BAPTISTS TO HAVE A GOOD CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The Christmas Tree Committee of the Baptist Church met Sunday evening and perfected plans to carry out one of the most extensive Christmas tree programs that has been attempted there for some time.

These people are doing a lot to make their church just as entertaining and convenient as possible, and are not neglecting the children a bit. We hope this will be just as successful and enjoyable as can be.

A special drive is being made by members of the Baptist Sunday School and are requesting the attention of every boy and girl between the ages of one and one hundred, who is not in some other Sunday School, to joint them.

Let Us Fill Your Coal Bin

If you have not already filled your bin for winter use, call us and we will give you the very best quality of coal at the lowest possible price.—

Get Our Prices on Grains and Hay.

Jackson Brothers

Lubbock, Texas

Ruling Against Paying Teachers Attending Institute

Austin, Dec. 8.—It was held today by the Attorney General's Department that the act passed in 1905, authorizing the payment of school teachers while attending county institutes, has been repealed.

The act in question was passed by the Thirty-second Legislature. This act was repealed when the code of civil procedure was revised in 1911.

The effect of this opinion, according to officials in the State Department of Education, is to greatly deter the holding of these county teachers institutes throughout the State.

The opinion was made to Miss Annie Webb Blanton, State superintendent of public instruction.

Mrs. J. A. Morgan of Amarillo is here visiting at the home of Mrs. Trippet. She was accompanied by her husband to Lubbock who made his trip south on his regular run.

Mrs. S. H. Weaver and little sons, Edwin and David, returned the first of the week from Canyon, where they have been the past ten days, visiting friends.

Sweetwater Child Fearfully Burned Last Monday A. M.

In a tragic accident which has thrown a pall of sadness over the entire city, was that of the little four year old child of Mr. and Mrs. C. O. Keys, who reside on Walnut street, when its body was enveloped with flames, caused by a trash fire in the yard of Mrs. Jack Fulgham, who resides nearby. Mrs. Keys had just stopped in at the next door and the child ran over into the Fulgham yard where Mrs. Fulgham's smal son was playing.

Mrs. Fulgham had been engaged in burning some trash and the children were soon playing first about one fire then the other, throwing sticks into the flames. The children had just been warned to keep away and in a few moments after Mrs. Fulgham entered her home the little one's clothes were in a sheet of flames and running to its mother, when Roy Irwin threw his coat around the child and smothered the fire. — Sweetwater Reporter.

Chas. McBride, of Crosbyton, was here Wednesday.

Cross Plains Oil Field Attracting Much Attention

Cross Plains, Texas, Dec. 11.—That the Cross Plains oil field is attracting much attention is demonstrated by the large number of wells now being drilled. The Magnolia Company is among the large operators drilling in the field. At present there are four producing wells in the field averaging about 200 barrels per day. The oldest well has been producing nearly one year.

Three large oil well supply concerns have purchased locations and are preparing to open for business.

The population is now 1200 and is rapidly increasing, having gained fifty per cent in the past year.

The retail Merchants Association have control of the sale of city lots and are offering the property at reasonable prices. More than forty homes have been built during the past year. The Masonic Temple was completed a few days ago, this handsome building is located on North Main Street.

The city has a water supply of unlimited quanity, is piped with natural gas and has a sanitary waste system.

The town also boasts of an excellent school, four Denominational churches. The business men of the city state that business generally is 25 per cent better than this time last year. 6910 bales of cotton is ginned and marketed here.

LOCAL NEWS ITEMS FROM LEVELAND COM.

There is not much news to write this week only everybody seems to be in good health and enjoying life.

Rev. W. R. Deer a ministerial student of Wayland Baptist College, preached here Saturday night Sunday and Sunday night.

Our school team played another game of basket ball with the Moody team on the Moody court last week and the game ended 16 to 17 in favor of Leveland. The Moody team is improving wonderfully. They are getting hard to beat now and we are afraid they will be able to beat us soon if they keep improving.

Mrs. B. E. Gunn is planning to visit relatives in Van Zandt County during the holidays.

The young people gave Mr. and Mrs. Stroud a storm party Monday night and enjoyed the evening very much.

Mrs. Sid Clark entertained the young people very pleasantly Wednesday evening. Several interesting games were played and hot chocolate and cake were served and everyone was highly pleased with the evening's entertainment.

Mr. J. M. Fleming, retired merchant of Leveland, and wife who now reside in Lubbock were shaking hands with old acquaintances Sunday.

HOW BIG NEW YORK GROCERY FIRM KEEPS DOWN RATS

Vroome & Co., Butter & Cheese Merchants, New York City, says: "We keep RAT-SNAP in our cellar all the time. It keeps down rats. We buy it by the gross, would not be without it." Farmers use RAT-SNAP because rats pass up all food for RAT-SNAP. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, $1.25 Sold and guaranteed by City Drug and Cole-Myrick Hdw. Co. 28F

LUBBOCK COUNTY COTTON IN DEMAND IN EAST

Two hundred bales of Lubbock county cotton were sold to the Everett Mills, at Lawrence, Mass., last week by Weaver Brothers, of Lubbock, through a buyer for the Mills, W. E. Taylor, of Lawton, Oklahoma.

A letter received at the office from Mr. Taylor, stated that samples sent him from here had reached the eastern markets, and was in great demand, and the Weaver Brothers are contemplating large daily shipments from now until this seasons crop is all sold.

Talking About Practical Christmas Gifts----

Let us roll a Ford Sedan or Coupe up to your home Christmas morning.

That will be the Universal choice for those wanting the most practical gifts.

And as always the biggest motor car value ever offered which can now be secured by a small cash payment and the balance on easy monthly payment plan.

GREETINGS——

To the owners of Fords throughout our section, to our many friends and acquaintances we wish you a merry Christmas—that is why we offered the above suggestion.

Lubbock Auto Company

Authorized Ford Agency

Service Satisfaction

Introducing—

DEVOE'S

PAINTS and VARNISHES

We are proud to represent this well known line of paints and varnishes. We have known for some time that this line possessed unusual merits. We guarantee: **DeVoe's Paints to cover more surface than any other ready-mixed paint on the market!**

Whatever color you want, we have it.

ROASTERS for the TURKEY

Come in and get our prices on roasters before you buy a new one. We've something attractive for you!

R. A. RANKIN & SONS

Lubbock's Finest Hardware Store

BUSINESS IS GOOD IN LUBBOCK AT PRESENT

This week in Lubbock looks like the holiday season is to be about the biggest buying and exchanging season for many years for all our merchants, as the streets are a solid mass of human beings from early morning until late. There is something about this extra holiday rush that is not found in other localities, as these crowds are interested in something to buy, and are not only looking around and walking the streets as is often the case at this time of year, when the crops are harvested and the farmers are out to take a few days recreation, and spend the days on the streets with their friends from the other side of the country, as they are ready answers to the "what will you have" of the alert clerks, and are seen taking large arm fuls of packages from every store.

Yes indeed, business is on a boom in Lubbock, and there is no doubt but that there will be a great many such days as were enjoyed by our business men the first of this week, as our farmers are all prosperous to some extent, and are looking after the needs of their Christmas holidays with good substantial, careful purchases, that makes old man gloom look like a nineteen eighteen heinie.

MILLS COUNTY MAN HERE TO RENT FARM IN 1922

Rev. Kelly, of Goldthwaite, Mills county, was in the city Monday. He was enroute to Ralls, near which place he has a farm that he rents, and is going over to make a new contract for a renter for the coming crop year. He reports very satisfactory crops in the vicinity of his farm, and is very well pleased with the work of his tenant the past year. He says crop conditions are not as favorable in Mills county as out here. Their grain crops were good, but cotton, etc. was destroyed by the boll worms early in the season, and nothing was raised along that line the past year.

G. A. Rush left Wednesday for Mineral Wells, where he will stay a few days, and will go from there to Dallas to visit his daughter, Mrs. Sim O'Neal.

COTTON BUYER FINISHES WORK AND RETURN HOM

J. C. Bogard, of Timpson, Texas left Wednesday for his home after having been here since September buying cotton for Tarver-Steele Company, of Dallas. He is well impressed with the Lubbock country and said be never knew better people than those of this section. He bought two thousand five hundred bales here, and said he was anxious for the next season to open up that he might make this his home again. He complimented the business men of Lubbock highly for their progressiveness and ability to do big things.

DISTRICT AND COMMISSIONERS' COURTS IN SESSIO

District Court convened here Monday, and there was but little done the first day, as there were a good many witnesses delayed and other obstacles to make things go just as slow as it looked possible, but there are a good many cases to be disposed of and no doubt there will be some hustling done in that line throughout the session as district Attorney McGuire has things lined up in good order, and will push things along in grand fashion.

Commissioners Court also convened Monday, but it was reported that all cases would be disposed of by Wednesday.

FOR INDIGESTION, GAS, SOUR, ACID STOMACH, TAKE "DIAPEPSIN

"Pape's Diapepsin" is the quickest surest relief for Indigestion, Gas Flatulence, Heartburns, Sourness Fermentation or Stomach Distress caused by acidity. A few tablets give almost immediate stomach relief and shortly the stomach is corrected so you can eat favorite foods without fear. Large case costs only few cents at drug store. Millions helped annually. 10-2

H. W. STANTON RETURNS FROM TRIP TO MT. VERNO

H. W. Stanton returned Tuesday from a business trip to Mt. Vernon. He reports abundance of rain in the vicinity, and conditions are improving from point of a better feeling among the people. The crop conditions in that section were very poor the past season, and money conditions are not at all favorable in section.

J. P. Webb, who is spending the winter at Swifton, Arkansas, is getting along fine and dandy, and having a good time, according to letter to the Avalanche received the first of the week. Mr. Webb requested us to send his Avelanche on return mail, as he is interested in what is going on in his home county.

Mesdames W. G. Russell and J. V. Walter, of Amarillo, were here the first of the week. Mrs. Russell was at one time a resident of Lubbock.

Buy Practical Gifts From the Ladies Store

If you want to be sure of getting something posessing real value—that will prove you are a judge of quality—then come to the Ladies Store for "her" gifts.

SILK UNDERWEAR, HOSIERY, VANITIES, BLOUSES, DRESSES AND HATS

THE O'NEAL SHOP

Exclusive Ladies' Store

News Items Form The Abernathy Weekly Review

T. E. Arnold made a business trip to Plainview Wednesday.

J. D. Bolton, left for his home in Mt. Hope, Kan., after spending several days here, looking after personal interests. Mr. Bolton has been coming to this country for the last fifteen years and never fails to boost for the South Plains. He has been the means of many good substantial farmers settling on the Plains, but whenever possible, he stops them in or near Abernathy, as he conscientiously believes this is the best part of the Plains. He is well posted in the land business and has gained the reputation in his home town as being a man one can depend on when he tells you about a country.

W. G. Murray of Lubbock was a Abernathy visitor Tuesday.

We noticed several wagons from the Olton country, some forty or fifty miles northwest of Abernathy, in town this week, being loaded out with Abernathy home ground flour. This flour is gaining popularity all over the plains country, and customers are coming as far west and north as New Mexico for this household necessity.

In making our "annual" tour of the town Saturday afternoon, we visited the different stores and found the merchants all as busy as "cranberry merchants," and in most cases all had extra clerks employed to help wait on the crowds of shoppers. From the numbers that crowd the sidewalks of Abernathy on Saturdays we see no reason for the business men to have any complaint coming on account of business conditions.

The Abernathy school board met Friday night in special session, and went over several matters of importance to the school. Many patrons of the school were also present, and with the board, discussed matters of vital interest. At the beginning, harmony did not prevail as it should have done, but before adjournment, things began to quiet down and the meeting took on a different tone. A general discussion of school affairs was then taken up and all agreed to stand by the board and teachers and to work together to build up instead of tear down the school.

W. J. Allison, inspector for the Texas Cattlemen Association, spent a few days in Abernathy Monday. Mr. Allison reports stock going through the winter in good shape. While it is dry in parts of the country, still cattle are looking well, and unless we have some very cold weather, stock will come out in the spring in good shape.

Prof. Ray Pinson returned home from the sanitarium Friday evening, very much improved, since his operation at the sanitarium in Lubbock, about ten days ago. Mr. Pinson will take a few days rest, so as to be able to take up his school duties again at the opening of school after the holidays are over.

The Petersburg Dramatic Club gave the people of Abernathy a chance, last Thursday night, to see again the well played piece entitled, 'And Home Came Ted,' and from the well crowded house that witnessed the play it has gained popularity in every town they have gone to. This club is all home talent, made up out of Petersburg younger set, and from the way each one played his part they are not amateurs in this art.

About twenty young people, members of the B. Y. P. U., met at the Brothers hotel Sunday afternoon and were entertained for a few hours by Miss Ruby and Opal Daniels. A very pleasant two hours were spent in conversation, music and various games, after which hot chocolate and cake, with fruit, were served to the guests. It was a lively bunch of young people, and from all appearance they were highly entertained and enjoyed the evening immensely.

Walter Thomas and J. M. Thomas were transacting business in Lubbock last week.

M. G. Beard, county attorney of Hale county, was in Abernathy on business Monday.

Miss Constance Iverson and Felix Goeble motored to Lubbock Friday night.

Mrs. Norman Hill of the Science Hill community, was shopping in Abernathy Friday.

Miss Pearl Robertson, of Petersburg, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Fitzgerald this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Vinyard will leave Thursday for Louisiana, to spend Christmas with friends there.

When it comes to raising and shipping turkeys Abernathy is taking its place in the first ranks. The Harding Produce Co. is shipping out daily hundreds of these birds to the wholesale centers of the country, and these shipments represent hundreds of dollars paid to the farmers in this country. Not only does the turkey shipments help keep their bank balance on the right side of the ledger, but chickens as well are helping in this line.

ABERNATHY FLOUR MILL RUNNING DAY AND NIGHT

The Union Milling Co. began business in Abernathy about September the fifth, and has been running every day since, and for the last thirty days running 18 hours a day to keep up with the orders that are coming in.

Mr. Miller, the manager, reports that since the mill has started to making flour, they have ground and sold 140,000 pounds, together with 821,-134 pounds of feed. The demand for the flour is so great that it is often the case that patrons have to wait for several hours before their orders are filled.

The management contemplates putting in new bins to temper the wheat before grinding, and when this is done they will put on a day and night shift.

The farmers are bringing their wheat in from forty to fifty miles to exchange for flour, and all are exceedingly well pleased with this product.

The company is arranging to increase the capacity of the mill and installing a new crude oil engine for power as the electric power is not sufficient, and they figure it too expensive.

The company has also done a good business in grinding meal for the farmers, on the basis of one-half per pound.

They have sold their products to the nearby trade so far, but when the capacity is increased they will enlarge their territory and do a general wholesale business as well, as a retail.—Abernathy Review.

WILL HUBBARD LOSES BARN AND CONTENTS

Will Hubbard, living seven miles north of Abernathy, had the misfortune to lose his barn and contents last Wednesday night by fire, which was discovered about twelve o'clock at night. The barn was a complete loss, together with about one thousand bushels of thrashed grain, two good milk cows, all his harness and some chickens that were in the barn.

Mr. Hubbard can't account for the starting of the fire unless it was by boys who were playing at the barn late in the evening, and perhaps dropped matches, which caused the fire. The loss will run into several hundred dollars, without any insurance, as far as we can learn.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel its strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value.

Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 60c.

COTTON DROPS $5.00 A BALE ON LATE REPORT

New Orleans, Dec. 12.—Publication of the governments estimate of the total cotton crop, placing the crop at 8,340,000 bales was followed almost immediately by a break of a little more than $5 per bale on the New Orleans exchange. A decline of from 106 to 109 points was recorded within 15 minutes after the publication of the figures.

Washington, Dec. 12.—The cotton crop this year will amount to 3,989,403,000 pounds, which is equivalent to 8,340,000 bales of 500 pounds gross the Department of Agriculture announced today in its final estimate.

New York, Dec. 12.—Cotton broke about $5.85 a bale from this morning's high level, when the government estimate of the year's crop was made public.

M. Fulton returned Saturday from South Carolina, where he spent several days with his wife, who is there visiting her mother.

J. W. Gillon, ranchman of the Lorenzo community, was here Wednesday, transacting business.

Love chisels every statue, inspires every poem, and throbs in every enchanting song.

Buick

Buick Rocker Arms Are Kept Constantly Oiled

Occasional filling of the Buick rocker arm reservoir assures constant lubrication of rocker arms and push-rods—making frequent attention unnecessary. This is another pleasing feature of Buick construction that is appreciated by every Buick owner.

Buick Sixes		Buick Fours	
22-Six-44	$1495	22-Four-34	$ 935
22-Six-45	1525	22-Four-35	975
22-Six-46	2135	22-Four-36	1475
22-Six-47	2435	22-Four-37	1650
22-Six-48	2325		
22-Six-49	1735		
22-Six-50	2635		

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Lubbock Buick Company

Lubbock, Texas

WHEN BETTER AUTOMOBILES ARE BUILT BUICK WILL BUILD THEM

WE CONSIDER IT A PRIVILEGE

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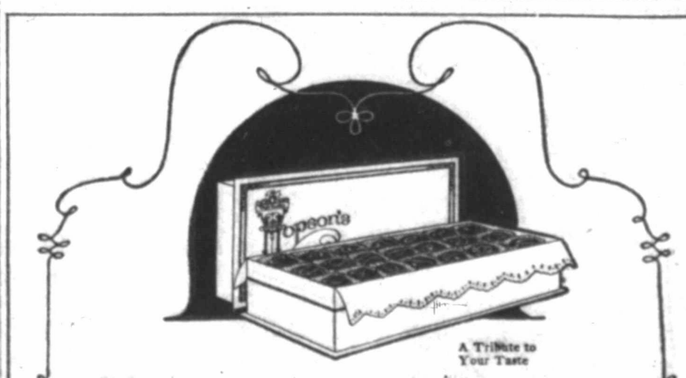
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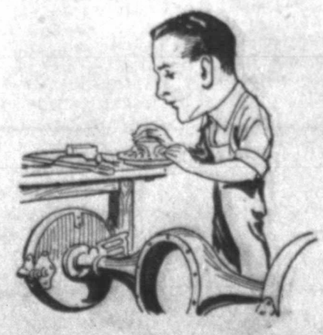
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West Broadway Lubbock, Texas



Pure Bred Live Stock Association Elect Officers

At the regular annual meeting of the Lubbock Pure Bred Live Stock Association in the Chamber of Commerce offices in this city last week the following officers were elected for the coming year:

President, Fred W. Boerner; vice president, J. H. Burroughs; secretary-treasurer, County Agent Jennings; directors, L. O. Burford, J. A. Medlock and George C. Cooper. A committee composed of J. A. Medlock, George C. Cooper and M. T. Warlick was appointed to handle the special pig club work undertaken by the livestock association in connection with the county agent.

A quarterly luncheon was decided upon as one of the policies of the association for the coming year in addition to their regular monthly meetings. This association has done valuable work in this county during the past year in connection with the encouragement of diversified stock farming encouraging particularly the keeping of six or more dairy cows on each farm for the production of cream.

When the county commissioners in 1920 refused to reinstate the county agent's work in this county this association paid the county's part of his salary and continued the work with such marked success that the same commissioners reinstated the work recently when the matter came up for the coming year.

WEAK, NERVOUS, ALL RUN-DOWN

Missouri Lady Suffered Until She Tried Cardui.—Says "Result Was Surprising."—Got Along Fine, Became Normal and Healthy.

Springfield Mo.—"My back was so weak I could hardly stand up, and I would have bearing-down pains and was not well at any time," says Mrs. B. V. Williams, wife of a well-known farmer on Route 6, this place. "I kept getting headaches and having to go to bed," continues Mrs. Williams describing the troubles from which she obtained relief through the use of Cardui. "My husband, having heard of Cardui, proposed getting it for me.

"I saw after taking some Cardui . . . that I was improving. The result was surprising. I felt like a different person.

"Later I suffered from weakness and weak back, and felt all run-down. I did not rest well at night, I was so nervous and cross. My husband said he would get me some Cardui, which he did. It strengthened me . . . My doctor said I got along fine. I was in good healthy condition. I cannot say too much for it."

Thousands of women have suffered as Mrs. Williams describes, until they found relief from the use of Cardui. Since it has helped so many, you should not hesitate to try Cardui if troubled with womanly ailments.

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Printing Ability of The Avalanche Gets Recognition

The daily receipt of stationery orders to the Avalanche from business men in neighboring towns convinces us that there is a general increase of business in all lines.

There are orders received here that cannot be put out of the ordinary shop, such as stock certificates, bonds, etc., that shows that there is more to the Plains than mere prospects for good holiday business.

We are proud to be recognized as capable of meeting the demands for a higher class, different grade of printing, which proves that the large investments we made for the latest and best machinery is proving that our confidence in this section was not overestimated. We have spared neither time nor money in working the Avalanche force and equipment up to the highest efficiency and capacity possible, and it is encouraging to know that the average business man understands that it was for the handling of printing business for West Texas, which eliminates the need of sending orders to larger towns or big city shops.

We have always believed in Lubbock and still do, and it is plain that we made a good move in placing the Avalanche office out of the small town printing shop class.

OUR APPRECIATION

We take this means of expressing our appreciation for the many acts of kindness shown us by the people of Lubbock since we came to the city. We were greatly surprised last week when good things to eat began to come in from all parts of the city and clothes for every member of the family, and it was then that we found that we were victims of one of the most complete poundings that was ever administered to any Methodist preacher, whether a station preacher or one on a circuit, and while it was a "stunner" we have entirely recovered, and are enjoying the things brought to our house, and assure you that everything was just what was needed, and every member of the family appreciates to the fullest extent.

We cannot express our true feelings to you good people, and we do not even know some of you, as many of the nice things came from people we have never seen, and may never know, but we know that your great kindness will be rewarded more richly by Him who sees and knows every deed of kindness, and we shall certainly never forget to remember you in our prayers.

We certainly appreciate the generosity of the Board of Stewards of the Lubbock Station and the kindness they have shown us. May God's richest blessings be upon each and every one who in any way participated in this generous remembrance of us.

Respectfully,
Mr. and Mrs. F. R. Pickens and Family.

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Until night of Christmas Eve



FARMER WILL NOT SELL CROP TILL MARKET IMPROVES

A. C. Barnett was here Monday from his farm, six miles east of town. He is aware of the fact that Lubbock county is hard to beat as a feed producer, and said he was going to store up enough feed to run him for two or three years, among which are seventeen tons of head maize and twelve tons of threshed maize. Mr. Barnett will not sell any of this grain until there is a good market for it, which will enable him to make a paying crop this year.

MR. FRED WHITE SAYS, "DON'T IDLE BECAUSE YOU ONLY SEE ONE RAT"

"I did, pretty soon I found my cellar full. They ate my potatoes. After trying RAT-SNAP I got 5 dead rats. The rest later. They pass up the potatoes to eat RAT-SNAP." If there are rats around your place follow Mr. White's example. Three sizes, 35c, 65c, $1.25. Sold and guaranteed by City Drug and Cole-Myrick Hdw. Co. 28F

OAK CLIFF BLANKS ABILENE 24 TO 0

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 10.—Oakcliff High School's running attack proved too much for Abilene High here today in the semi-finals and Dallas entry crashed through to the finals, with a 24 to 0 victory.

Abilene's passing game, highly touted as the chief ground gainer, was practically useless as the Leopards peared the passes or broke them up, being coached especially for a week in shattering the aerial attacks.

Scratch pads for sale at this office.

LUBBOCK MEN WILL OPEN CIGAR STORE IN ARK.

W. L. Barnes, who has been over in Little Rock, Arkansas, for the past few weeks is here spending the holidays with his wife and mother. Mr. Barnes has associated with him in business B. L. Wright of this city and have formed the Arkansas Cigar Company, and will open a wholesale house at Little Rock about the first of the year. These gentlemen will go to that place and will both be actively engaged in the business there. They will handle the famous Panhandle Cigar Company cigars of this city, and they expect to build up a very excellent business in a short time in that city.

EIGHT YEAR OLD CHILD DIED HERE SATURDAY

Audie Ray Marcy, aged eight years, six months and seventeen days, died at the home of her parents, twelve miles south of Lubbock Saturday evening and was buried Sunday evening. The little girl was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Marcy.

Why add the weight of tomorrow's load to the burden of this day? The seas are not stormy enough for a ballast like that.

CORN FLAKES SALESMAN VISITS LUBBOCK

G. H. Flynn was here Monday in the interest of the Kellog Toasted Cornflakes Company, of Battle Creek, Michigan, and Toronto, Canada. Mr. Flynn gave us some interesting facts about the company, among the things they are doing is manufacturing one million packages of the cereal per day, which were the first corn flakes made, and the largest seller of its kind in the world. One thing claimed by Mr. Flynn is that if the packages filled with this company's products in one year were placed end to end they would reach twice around the United States.

FIRE CONSUMES GRASS NEAR LITTLEFIELD

A pasture fire is reported to have consumed the grass off of a large area of pasture lands southwest of Littlefield Sunday.

Pasture fires in that vicinity have destroyed thousands of dollars worth of grass, and the burning season is not half over, as this is apparently going to be a dry fall, and as there has been little rain in this section for many days the dry grass is endangered at all times. It is to be hoped there will be adequate fireguards made for protection before long.

LUBBOCK MEN TO GO TO SPUR FRIDAY

Directors of the Fort Worth P. & L. are to meet at Spur Friday, December 16, to discuss logging, marking and advertising the line.

The meeting is expected to be a very interesting one, and one from which much good will be derived. P. von Rosenburg, Curtis A. Keen and possibly others will go from Lubbock.

Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Ralls were here Saturday from Ralls.

THIN, FLAT HAIR GROWS LONG, THICK AND ABUNDANT



"Danderine" costs only 35 cents a bottle. One application ends all dandruff, stops itching and falling hair, and, in a few moments, you have doubled the beauty of your hair. It will appear a mass, so soft, lustrous, and easy to do up. But what will please you most will be after a few weeks use, when you see new hair—fine and downy at first—yes—but really new hair growing all over the scalp. "Danderine" is to the hair what fresh showers of rain and sunshine are to vegetation. It goes right to the roots, invigorates and strengthens them. This delightful, stimulating tonic helps thin, lifeless, faded hair to grow long, thick, heavy and luxuriant. 10-20

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Season's Greetings

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Your Own Playhouses

We believe in the best and to show our patrons that this is so we announce the following features for this winter:

"THE OLD NEST" on Monday and Tuesday, December 26th and 27th.

"The Three Musketeers" and "Way Down East"

DATES TO BE ANNOUNCED LATER

The Story of "THE OLD NEST"

The home of Dr. Horace Anthon is the average American small town home. Mrs. Anthon is an average hard-working mother whose time and mind are occupied with the cares of her household and her six children, who range in age from one to fourteen years. In this home are shown all the little comedies and tragedies that occur in all families and that go into the making of a home—the old nest.

The eldest son is killed in a railroad wreck. Another son grows up to be a typical small town sport, an idling, pool playing, pilfering youth, whose small thefts finally cause his father to disown him and send him out into the world. The eldest daughter, Kate, marries and goes to New York, and his brother Frank goes to Paris to study art. Emily, the baby grows to womanhood at home, and after promising never to leave mother, suddenly elopes and goes abroad with her young husband.

Mother is now left alone in the old nest. Father goes on with the humdrum, trying life of the country doctor, but mother now old and careworn, spends all her time in the empty house, longing for her children and trying to live over again the old memories. Her birthday comes and goes without the children remembering it until days afterward. They are all busy with their various lives and haven't much time to think of mother.

Once Tom, now a successful lawyer, telegraphs suddenly that he will be home for a few days. There is great excitement in the old home; mother prepares a magnificent dinner, but at the last moment the son writes that business will prevent him from coming. The breaking mother's heart is partially consoled by the furtive return of her wayward son Jim, who needs money, he says, to ship his cattle to market. She gives him all her jewels, and he slinks away without seeing his father.

Then one night, after mother has gone to bed, feeling tragically her lonely life, she is awakened from a nightmare by the sudden entrance of Tom. He embraced her; the door opens, and all the children rush in. There is a tender scene of reconcileation between Jim and Father Anthon, and the picture closes with a beautiful message to all sons and daughters.

R. &. R. Theatres

A REMARKABLE PICTURE OPENS AT THE R. & R. THEATRES DECEMBER 26th

COLDWYN Presents REGINALD BARKER'S Production of

"The Old Nest"

Written by RUPERT HUGHES

A GOLDWYN PICTURE Presented by S. L. Rothafel

BY DR. FRANK CRANE:

"The Old Nest" is—Life! It is the Comedie Humaine—the great gripping, absorbing drama of the Actual.

—All the people in this story are alive. You get no impression of stuffed shirts, false whiskers, or play acting.

—Hughes has taken down one wall of the American home of today and you walk in and know the family.

—It is the Mother, the Father and the Children—the trinity of that same plot a hundred million Americans are playing.

—One of the greatest of all stories because its theme is the greatest of all themes—Life, and Life now, here, yours, mine.

—All bitter and sweet, and sad and glad, and majestic and petty, and divine and pitiful—A Film Story of Life!

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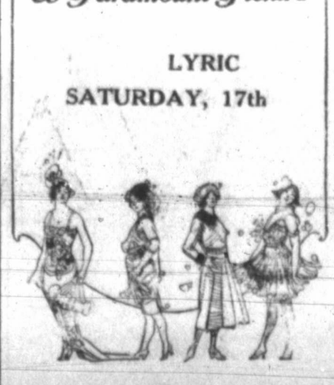


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Jesse L. Lasky presents
Thomas Meighan
in
"White and Unmarried"
A Paramount Picture

LYRIC
SATURDAY, 17th



GAY PARIS IS SHOWN IN NEW MEIGHAN PHOTOPLAY

Scenes of "White and Unmarried" Represent Night Life in Gay French Capital

When "White and Unmarried" of which Thomas Meighan is the star comes to the Lyric theatre next Saturday, film patrons will have an opportunity of seeing how "the other half lives" in the gay French Capital. Meighan appears as a crook who reforms when his uncle leaves him half a million dollars and goes to Europe to kill time.

He has a romance and incidentally is involved in some desperate encounters with Apaches in Paris. It is the Paris of the novelists that is shown. The Underground Paris—the Paris of the dance halls, the Apaches, the picturesque and hectic. Billy Kane develops into a man of rare prowess and rescues several damsels in distress.

It is a vivid tale with plenty of excitement and red-blooded action. Tom Forman directed and Will M. Ritchey adapted John D. Swan's story. Jacqueline Logan is leading woman and Grace Darmond has an important role. Walter Long is cast as a particularly ferocious Apache. The support is excellent.

Jesse L. Lasky presents
GEORGE MELFORD'S PRODUCTION
"Behold My Wife!"

LYRIC—
MONDAY and TUESDAY
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A Paramount Picture



THOMAS MEIGHAN in 'CIVILIAN CLOTHES'
A PARAMOUNT PICTURE

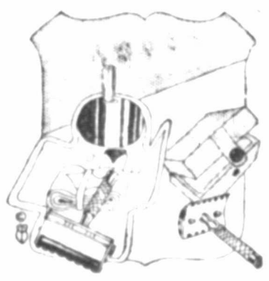
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CHRISTMAS--the HOME FESTIVAL

—"Homekeeping Hearts" are never happier than at Christmas time, when everyone, old and young, welcome the spirit of Christmas into the home

—Half the pleasure of the season comes from forehanded plans, for giving the right gift—not mere presents—But for the sake of "giving something" but gifts chosen with that appropriateness which makes a Christmas token appreciated, be it costly or inexpensive.

—We keep this in mind in preparing for Xmas in this store, and our holiday displays point the way to wise gift choosing—Here are Toys for Girls and Boys—Gifts for Mother—for Grandfather—Father—Grandmother—Friends and Relatives—"Moderate prices, too, play their part in making Christmas shopping pleasant in this store."

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—for the Old and for the Young, in popular prices, and popular editions. You would just be surprised to see so many books and wonder how we could sell them at such low prices. "SHOP EARLY".



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—All sizes for boys and girls—something they can ride—some to wind up—Christmas is not complete without these little toys "Shop Early"



WAGONS! CARTS!

—Well, yes, every kind and size you would want. Priced from **20c to $3.95.**

Come Look Them Over

YOU KNOW

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A CHRISTMAS REUNION

By FRANK H. SHAW

As the signal dropped, Lionel Cartwright caught his breath sharply, and a strange expression crossed his young face He was no coward, but he was well aware that he had a bad half-hour to look forward to when once the train reached the platform whereon he was standing He was thinking now of the old soldier who was hastening to Manorford as fast as steam could bring him; speeding homeward in time for Christmas.

"Hello, Lionel—you look as glum as a funeral."

He spun around at the challenge, and his face brightened momentarily, only to assume a deeper gloom.

"Hello, Marian," he responded gruffly, switching at his boots with the cane he carried. "Expecting some one?"

"Yes; there's a crowd coming for Christmas, as you might have known if you'd only taken the trouble to ask. Why haven't you been over lately? You seem to have given us the cold shoulder entirely of late."

"Hadn't the heart to come, and that's a fact, Marian. Felt more like going to a deep part of the river and drowning myself than visiting—even old friends."

The girl—she was barely nineteen, and lovely with the radiant loveliness of youth—stretched out an impulsive hand.

"I'm sorry, Lionel; I'm beastly sorry. I'd forgotten that your father didn't know yet. But it's a pity you didn't send him word; it would have made it easier now."

The lad squared his shoulders resolutely, and there was a flash in his eyes when he replied: "I don't intend to funk it, Marian. It wouldn't be playing the game to tell him when he was thousands of miles away, and escape the ragging. No, I'm going to face it."

"No," said the girl thoughtfully; "no, it wouldn't be the square thing to do. I'm glad you've waited to face it out, Lionel."

"It'll break the father's heart," he said sombrely. "Ever since there's been a Cartwright there's been one holding the King's commission. I'm the first one to go under; and the old man will be cut up—abominably."

The train was almost at the platform. Suddenly the girl's hand was laid on the lad's arm, and with a certain timidity in her voice, she spoke:

"Promise me you won't do anything—desperate. And if—if—well, we know Colonel Cartwright is hasty; but—don't go away without seeing me, will you?"

"Right. I'll promise you that. I'd promise you a good deal more." But Marian had turned away to scan the carriage windows and maybe his last words were not heard.

The single porter at Manorford was too occupied with Christmas parcels to sweep the thick snow from the platform; and Colonel Cartwright sprang from his well-warmed carriage into eight inches of chilly snow.

"Look after the luggage, Meredith," he said curtly to his man, who was standing like a statue at the door. The colonel always prided himself on maintaining military discipline, no matter what his environment might be. "There'll be something to meet us, I expect. I wired Mr. Lionel—and he ought—ah! there he is."

There was a small crowd on the platform by now. Marian Moraine was enveloped in a cluster of eager guests; but, catching sight of the tall, soldierly figure, she forced her way to the Colonel's side and held out her hand.

"Welcome home, Colonel," she said. "And the compliments of the season to you."

"Yes, yes; many thanks—of course, we'll eat our Christmas dinner with your father, as we've always done. Why doesn't that boy come? What business has he to stand talking to other people when his father's newly home after a year's absence?"

But it was not Lionel's fault in the least. He had plunged into a knot of old school chums, who would not let him go, despite his protests; they clustered round him, gripping his hand, summoning up ancient reminiscences, clapping him on the back, telling him he had grown. But he made an extra effort, and ploughed through them.

"Good afternoon, father," he said awkwardly, holding out a hand that trembled in spite of all his efforts after self-control.

"Welcome home. It's good to see you again."

The Colonel climbed aboard and his son flicked the restive colt, which promptly sidled perilously into a string of waiting motors.

Not until they were well out of the station yard did Colonel Cartwright break the silence.

"I expected a wire out at Boma," he said irritably. "I told you that I should said from there. But when I inquired there was no wire. You might have remembered that I was anxious to know the result of the examination."

"There wasn't anything to wire about, sir," he said in a low voice.

"I don't understand you. Good news is always worth a wire, no matter what the expense."

"It isn't good news." The lad's face was as white as a sheet, and his lips trembled.

"You don't mean to say you have failed to enter the army! You're dreaming, or—or—have you been drinking?"

"I am neither drunken nor dreaming, sir. I was ploughed at the pass-out exam.; and—that's all there is to say about it; I did my best, and I failed."

He drew himself up squarely, as if prepared to meet an actual blow; but the Colonel seemed stunned by the intelligence.

"Jove! but it's going to be worse than I thought," said Lionel to himself. "I didn't expect he'd take it so hardly." Aloud he said: "I'm sorry, father; no one could be more sorry—"

"Silence, sir! Don't say another word yet. I will tell you what I think of your infamous conduct presently."

Thoroughly miserable, chilled through to the heart, Lionel drove on in silence, until they reached the gate of the Manor. The gatekeeper curtseyed. Her small son whipped off his cap; but the Colonel had no eyes for them.

"Come into my study," he said, as the pair dismounted. "I shall be ready for you in two minutes. No! I don't want to wash; I don't want tea; I don't want anything."

The lad threw back his head as he walked along the corridor and knocked at an old oak door.

"Come in." He entered, to find his father in his old judicial position before the roaring fire, legs wide apart, hands clasped beneath his coat-tails, monocle screwed firmly into place.

"I hope you have come to apologize for your practical joke," he said sternly, as his son entered. Lionel made his last appeal.

"Father, can't you understand me. It isn't a joke; it's deadly earnest. Do you think I wouldn't have wired if I'd passed? I thought the fact that I didn't wire might have prepared you."

"You should have wired in any event."

"I'm not a coward, sir, and I can take my gruel; that's why I waited until I saw you."

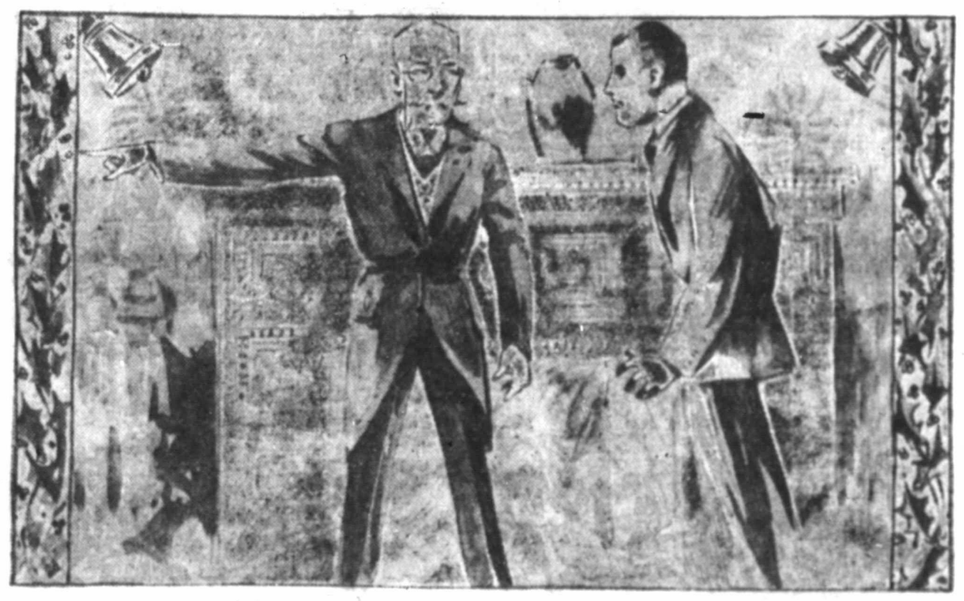
"You've failed, have you? I always said you were deficient in brain power, but I never thought you were an abject noodle. Any school lad could pass out of Woolwich nowadays with honor; but my son must needs fail. You fool—you arrant young fool!"

Lionel was holding himself in check remarkably well; but he possessed something of his father's fiery temper, the terrible Cartwright temper; and it was already almost at boiling point.

"You take after your mother, you young cub," growled the Colonel. "I might have known that her son would have disappointed me at every turn—and now—"

me at every turn—had now—"

Lionel was white to the lips, he took a hasty



"Leave My House, Sir. Call Yourself a Son of Mine No Longer!"

step forward, unable to control himself longer, for there had been a vast contempt in his father's tone.

"Leave my mother out of it," he said curtly. "She's not to blame; she never was to blame. You drove her to her grave by your devilish temper!—"

"Leave my house, sir. Call yourself a son of mine no longer!" blazed the Colonel. "Go, you disgrace your name! Don't stand there like an ass, but leave my sight at once."

"Father—you're beside yourself with rage. Take time; don't do anything in haste."

Colonel Cartwright struck his son a fierce blow in the face with his clenched fist, and the ring on his finger cut the lad's lip deeply. He staggered and recovered himself.

"Don't ask me to come back to you again, that's all!" he said.

"I never shall. This place is not entailed. Not a penny do you receive from me, sir—beyond—this." He groped in his pocket and produced a pocketbook. From it he took a few notes, which he flung in Lionel's face; then he turned his back and stared into the fire.

Without another look at his father, Lionel went from the room. The notes were left lying on the carpet; he disdained to touch them. Up to his room he went, heavy of heart; but with the hot fire of the Cartwright anger keeping him upright as a lance. His evening clothes were laid out, a fire crackled on the hearth. But he wasted no time.

The next train was not until eight, and three hours still remained. He looked down the road and up it; then, with a growing need for sympathy upon him, and with a memory of the words spoken to him by Marian an hour or so before, he struck up the hill.

II.

"Sir John, I must tell you fairly, before I come in any farther, my father has kicked me out."

"Bless my soul, boy! Bless my soul! What a silly thing to do, and on a night like this, too!" The baronet's ruddy face showed concern. "Come in, lad; we've got a spare room. You'll stay here, of course, until matters are mended. I'll go over and see your father tomorrow—Christmas spirit and all that. He'll listen to me, and you'll be all right."

"No, sir; there's no hope of that. He's disinherited me, and he means it. He struck me."

Lionel's face darkened. Instinctively his hand went up to his cut lip, and Sir John marked the movement. He made a gesture with his hands. He knew that fiery Cartwright temper of old. He and the Colonel had indulged in a lawsuit that lasted for fifteen years before peace was restored.

"But you'll stay here. Where else should you go?"

"I can't. My father's your friend, and he wouldn't come here if he knew I was with you. Besides, you seem to forget. I'm practically penniless; I have to find for myself now. I'm off at once."

Sir John excused himself abruptly, and, instead of reappearing immediately, sent a deputy. When Marian entered the room Lionel caught his breath sharply. It was evident the girl had heard something of the state of affairs, for her face was concerned; her eyes seemed suffused with tears. She was very lovable, but Lionel gritted his teeth hard at the thought that she was not for him. He was an outcast, a pauper to all intents and purposes, whilst she was the daughter of a wealthy man.

"Lionel, is it too late? I mean, can I not persuade you to go back to your father?"

He shook his head sadly. "It's no use, Marian. He struck me. But for that I'd have borne everything. The wonder is that I did not strike him back. We're hot-tempered folks, we Cartwrights; but I was kept back from that."

Neither knew how it happened; but somehow the girl was in his arms, and he was stammering out mad incoherents, kissing her rich hair passionately, urging her to look up into his face and read the story written there. Then he came to his senses, with her mouth on his.

"Im a cad," he said. "I'm nothing better than a cad. Marian, I'm a pauper. I'm leaving my father's home in disgrace; I'd no right to tell you that I loved you."

"You had every right," she told him. "Doesn't love give you the right? I'm glad you told me, because I'll be able to send you away with hope in your heart."

They talked for a little while as lovers will, but Lionel's mind returned to his position, and presently he put her from him.

"But I shan't hold you bound to me," he said. "I love you, and I'll always love you, Marian; but it will be many years before I can claim you. Look at me! I was brought up to be a soldier; I'm not fit for much else. I've to make my own way in the world, but I'll do it. Yes, I'll do it."

"If you are fifty years, Lionel," she assured him solemnly, "in making out, you'll find me waiting here for you the same. I shan't change."

III.

They celebrated Christmas Eve in boisterous fashion at Munro Camp. Sullivan, the saloon-keeper, had kept a couple of huge plum puddings in a secret place, despite the hunger that attacked the camp, and it was whispered here and there that Christmas day would mark high revels. Already, and it was but early on Christmas Eve, the miners had assembled at the drinking den, the spirit of the season working strongly in their hearts. It had been a hard winter, and it promised to be a harder one; but they did not care for that. Most of them had done well before the awful Arctic frosts closed down. Their sacks were still well supplied with dust. They swore one to another that they would make the town hum.

Jake Kelly, the most furious gambler in the camp, had already lost ten thousand dollars' worth of dust, that he had dragged flake by flake from the iron-hard ground. Mad passions were fuming.

"Well, Cartwright, ain't you goin' to chip in?" It was a bearded miner, gruff of voice, truculent of manner, who put the question, and as he spoke he slapped the shoulder of a lonely figure near the stove.

Lionel Cartwright lifted a haggard face to his questioner and slowly shook his head. He had altered much in the five years that had elapsed since he left England.

He had lost touch with England, he had deliberately severed himself from Marian; for what did England want with a failure? That was what he was—a failure—the product of his age. He had failed in the wider field of the world. By this time Marian would be married to some one who deserved her love.

The bitterness of defeat submerged him, clawing at his heart with icy fingers. His hand stole to the side pocket of his coat. An ancient revolver reposed there; it was valueless as an article of commerce. It would not buy him a meal, and even if it possessed any marketable value he was saving it up for just such a moment as now.

Stealthily he drew the weapon out and examined it; it was loaded in three chambers, and one bullet would do the work. He smiled wanly. Even in death he promised to be a failure, and, hidden by the stove, he raised the muzzle to his forehead. A sudden clamor at a distant table, a volley of fierce oaths, the crash of splintered glass, and the pistol dropped back to the pocket from which it had been withdrawn. A man's cry of pain had checked the suicidal impulse, and a moment later Lionel was on his feet.

At a table at the far end of the room a man was wrestling fiercely with five others, men whom Lionel at sight named for crooks. One other man was wiping liquor from his face, the red blood mingled with the smoky spirit. He cursed fluently, bidding his companions make a finish of it once and for all. Lionel recognized the one man, a poor, struggling fellow enough, one who possessed no vice—a weakling indeed.

None of the onlookers interfered, for it was said to be more than a man's life was worth to interfere with Klondyke Tom when his dander was up. But Lionel Cartwright remembered on the instant that once he had been a gentleman, understanding that it was his plain duty to side with the weak against the strong.

He forgot everything else and made a spring forward.

"Hands off, there!" he cried, and the Cartwright temper blazed out in all its fury. "You cowards! Five to one!"

A man snarled at him and aimed a blow, but Lionel was a man who understood how to handle himself. He dodged and countered, and the man went down with a crash. The chair descended on the lad's shoulder; he winced, but a moment later the one who had struck the blow was seized by the throat and hurled on top of his companion.

The single man was lying still and moaning, but his attackers turned on the newcomer with one impulse. They fastened on him like rats to a terrier. Lionel laughed happily. He might have failed as a soldier, but he was a born fighter.

Trenchant blows swept down those who opposed him. He straddled the still body and defied the attackers to come on. They did come on, to be met by furious blows. One crept behind the lad and aimed an evil blow at him with a knife. He caught the glitter of steel with the tail of his eyes and swung about in time. He took no thought of the pistol in his pocket. He would have disdained to use it, indeed, but his fists served him well.

"Down him an' kill the other skunk!" roared one man, reeling from the press with blood streaming from his face. Lionel caught a man by the waist and hurled him full at the one who had shouted, struck another couple of blows, and found that the attack had died away.

"If any of you want any more you know where to find me," he gasped, and lifted the helpless form of the weakling to his shoulders. He stood for a moment as though inviting another attack, but the toughs had had enough. Not a finger was lifted to oppose his exit. He strode through the falling snow, with the keen cold causing his wounds to smart as if burnt with fire, and reached his own miserable shack up the hill. Here he laid his burden down. He had no spirits, but there was a bucket of water near the stove and though the stove was out for want of fuel the water was still unfrozen. He did what he could and after a little while Toomey, for such was the weakling's name, opened his eyes.

"Say, I'm eternally grateful to you, English," he stuttered. "Gee! You just about sailed into them toughs like a—blowed if I know what it was like! Guess they'd ha' killed me right off otherwise. They meant it."

"You've only yourself to blame for getting into such a mess," said Lionel shortly. "Haven't you more sense than to call Klondyke Tom's gang cheats?"

"Wall, ain't they cheats? 'Bout time someone told 'em so, pard. I seed Bavenhoe slip an ace from his sleeve, an' I'd lost steady all day."

"You were a fool to play at all with that crowd. You were a bigger fool to cry out about it."

"Help me up!" commanded Toomey quickly and imperiously. "Give us a lift down to my place. Come on! Ask no questions."

By way of humoring the man, who seemed a little light-headed, Lionel obeyed, and in ten minutes found himself in the man's cabin. It was a miserable place enough, but Toomey foraged in a cupboard and set the materials for a meal before the lad.

"Pitch in!" was his terse command, and there being no power in him to resist the appeal of the food, Lionel obeyed, eating temperately at first, until his hunger enforced itself, and then devouring the coarse, plentiful fare greedily. Toomey kept him company.

"I ain't askin' if I might trust yer," he said. "I knows I kin. Look at this." And from the mouth of the unlaced sack he poured a trickle of gold-dust and nuggets onto the table. Lionel stared. The gold was of finer quality and the nuggets were bigger than any he had seen up in the diggings.

"Where did you get that?" he asked. "Not here?"

"That's my secret," said Toomey. "I found it myself. Got this with thawin' the ground. Yer can shake it outer the roots o' ther grass. This is only a sample. There's tons of it whar this came from. An' thar ain't a soul knows of it but me."

"Well, I wish you luck. If that's what you wanted to talk about, I wish you luck. But

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CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By J. H. LOWRY



These reflections are not reflections of today. No one can think seriously about Christmas when Christmas is ten or twenty days away. If I were to express my feelings on Christmas right now I would probably say it is a great economic waste. I am not thinking of Christmas now, but of crop failures, boll weevils, business conditions and taxes. Last year at this time I was thinking of profiteers, and wondering whether the necessities of life would ever drop to a price that people could afford to pay for them. Three years ago I was thinking of the world war, and wondering when the baptism of blood would be over and the war drums would cease to throb. There's nothing good or sensible in Christmas if you look at it from a distance of twenty or thirty days. If you view the great day at such a distance you will find yourself an "Old Scrooge," raving against the waste and foolishness of Christmas time. You will wonder if there is going to be the usual waste of money this year, when times are so hard and everything should be hoarded. You will wonder whether the women folk are going to work themselves into a state of nervous prostration, making things without value, for people who will care nothing about them, and will cast them aside after giving them the one-over and reading the name on the card inside the package. You will wonder whether the children are going to make as much noise as usual, and if you are to be bothered by company during the holiday season. Twenty or thirty days before Christmas most of us are philosophers, or believe we are, and philosophy cries out for order, economy, thrift and quietude. Christmas does not come within the pale of philosophical interpretation. The same cold philosophy which inveighs against the liberality and hilarity of Christmas time sees no good in shedding tears over the death of a friend or loved one or in the celebration of Independence or and why? The answer is "others." Others

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These reflections are nearly a year old. I had last Christmas eve all to myself. There was a chilly room and a cold hearth when I reached home from work. There was no noise to disturb, no useless gifts or their wrappings scattered over the room, no collars with greetings, no anything—just a house to myself, with no evidence of waste or hilarity. The tired man, the philosopher, could not have asked for anything better. But what a Christmas! Surely it was a great time to read, but after trying for a time I found I did not want to read, and could not. Finally the fire burned low, and then the embers in the grate turned from flaming red to a dull gray, and then I gazed into the dead and dying embers and reflected.

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I acknowledged myself as miserable as any man ever was, notwithstanding it was the very condition I had long believed I wanted. In my misery I reflected and asked myself when I was happiest, and the answer came, "in the Christmas tides of long ago." And what was it that made me happy then? Surely not material things, for they were few and of little value. There were all the drudgeries that little folk encounter in the farm homes of the poor. Clothing was of the coarsest sort and most of it was decorated with patches. A few cents would buy the allowance of confections and fruits that Santa left in the stocking. And yet I was happy ents were gentler and kindlier, and as liberal thought of me and I thought of others. Parents were gentler and kidlier, and as liberal as their scanty means would permit. Little friends came to join in games and to cheer, and perhaps to bestow some little gift. But I was happy largely because the spirit of kindliness and unselfishness lived in me. The spirit of Bethlehem's babe was on earth again and I had opened my heart and invited it to come in. I served my parents, not grudgingly but gladly; and found joy in the service. I divided my little store of fruits and confections among my playmates, and urged them to take more. I even permitted them to spin my top and pop my fire-crackers, if I had any. And I was happy. At other times I was stingy and selfish—and miserable in the possession of the few little trinkets I claimed as my own. And why this season of unselfishness? It can not be explained by figures or by season. It was the spirit of the Christ child come back to earth, and the child life received it gladly.

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The flickering embers in the grate last Christmas eve told me that I was miserable and lonely because I was spending the glad time all to myself. Even the child would be miserable at Christmas time if alone. What joy could pretty things give if there was no one to show them to or to comment on their loveliness? There is no fun even in popping fire crackers, or shooting toy guns if there is no one to join in hearing the noise. Once, I remember, I went in swimming by myself. Other boys were with me the day before and the sport was great. I thought the fun was in the swimming, and so I stole away the next day and went in by myself. How the waters mocked me, and what a poor diversion! In two minutes I was tired and ready to go.

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I find, as you have also found, that for everything good that comes to us in this life we are indebted to others. But for others we would never smile. Nothing that we can say or do touches laughter into our hearts or wreathes our faces in sunny smiles. But for others we would never sing a song. Others wrote the songs that make melody in our hearts, and from other voices we learned the tuneful lays. But for others we would never play, for the lonely heart never prompts the hands or feet to play. But for others no song of gladness would ever rejoice our hearts, neither would a word of sympathy or kindness ever soothe our ears. In the great business and industrial world we are dependent every day upon others. Others are our employers, our patrons, our associates, our servants. Others rejoice with us in seasons of rejoicing, others weep with us when we weep. Others prepare the banquet hall, others make the shroud, others minister when pain and sickness come, others place a wreath upon the mound under which our bodies finally repose.

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The great message of Christmas is "others." It tells us again of our great obligations to others, and shows us that the road to happiness does not lead through self, but is lined with others. We read again the story of the Christ who left the courts of glory, that He might minister, that He might kiss away sorrow's tears, and that, by giving all, He might save, even to the uttermost. Not every person will receive the Christmas message, but happy and thrice blessed are they who will. When the magazines of the skies burst upon the hilis of old Judea two thousand years ago—when the brilliant star cut loose from its moorings and held its radiant torch over the hallowed scene—not every one heard the glad song of peace on earth and good will among men. The glad song is still falling in sweetest cadence on earth, but the nations have not heard it, and grim-visaged war is still stalking through the land, and the wealth that should go to make the people comfortable and the world beautiful is going into armies and navies and battleships.

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A dull Christmas is a calamity. Perhaps it is as great a tragedy as an unhappy salvation. Soon we will all be asking whether we are to have a dull Christmas. The first Christmas was a dull Christmas to many. It was dull to Herod, whose shriveled soul filled with envy and prompted him to say, but it was not dull to the wise men who brought gifts. It was dull, no doubt, to those who refused to make room in the inn for the mother and the babe, but it was not dull to the shepheds who rejoiced or the angels that chanted the glad refrain of peace on earth and good will among men. Christmas was dull to Old Scrooge, who sat in his chilly banking house and planned for greater gains and larger interest, but it was joyous to his nephew, who went out to give and to smile.

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While Christmas is yet twenty days in the distance I can safely predict that I have seen some who will have a merry Christmas. They have caught the spirit of the coming day already—possibly they have retained the spirit and have had Christmas all the year. They are not anticipating any social joys, neither are they expecting any gifts of value. They are anxious, but not for themselves—the Christmas spirit has no connection with self and no thought for self. They are working every night—working until eyelids are heavy and sore, and eyestrain sends a pain to the head. They are making and reviewing lists, lest some one be forgotten. The pretty things they are making will not have much value, and may not be highly appreciated, but they are the breathings of love for others, the desire to make others happy, and they are building in the hearts of the makers a Merry Christmas.

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It is an easy matter to spoil Christmas. Just as a drop of ink will darken a glass of crystal water, so will a touch of envy or a selfish foreboding, spoil a Christmas season. The commercial engine, which ran at double speed during war time and for some months after peace was declared, has back-fired and slowed up. According to man's standard this has not been a good year. The fields did not yield abundantly, because the fruit was stolen by ravenous insects. Prices are disappointing, and we have as the legacy of two years of unprecedented prosperity many debts that extravagant ideas and tastes prompted us to make. The stores have more goods than can be sold, many factories are idle, many workers cannot find profitable employment, and professional men find collections very slow. With these conditions staring them in the face, and tax paying time at hand, it is very easy for men to convict the year of our Lord 1921 of the charge of being a bad year. Truly, the year has its lessons for us, and we should learn them well, but it will be a calamity if we let the conditions spoil Christmas. Wisdom, as well as necessity, urges against spending as much as we have spent in flusher times, and against losing as much time as was lost when we could better afford it, but there's as much unselfishness in the giving of a smile as in the giving of a dollar, as much of the Spirit of Christmas in a good wish, a kind word, a good thought or a feeling of thankfulness as in a princely gift. A merry Christmas is thankfulness, appreciation, good wishes, and a desire to give that others may be happy. A dull Christmas is worry over what has been lost, and a selfish craving to obtain, and hold, and enjoy.

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A Merry Christmas is not merely an altruistic hope and dream. It is attainable. The dweller in the mansion and the dweller in the hovel may have it alike. He who has prospered and he who has lost may share alike the spirit which makes man like unto his Creator and his Redeemer.

How glorious it would be if capital and labor could catch the Christmas spirit. The wishing of each other well, and each laboring for the happiness of the other, would solve our threatening industrial problems in a day.

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How glorious if all the nations of the world would bow in lavish homage before our coming Christmas and let its law of justice and love drive their fears and envyings and their cunning, cruel diplomacy from the world. Then would the "Star Spangled Banner," the "God Save the King," the "Watch on the Rhine," the "Marseillaise" and all the anthems of all the nations be blended into the glad refrain that came to earth on the frist Christmas two thousand years ago.

WHO AND WHAT IS SANTA CLAUS

By Thomas L. Masson.



Santa Claus is coming.

A great many industrial plants have been shutting down recently, discharging their men, in some cases taking them back in reduced numbers and wages, and in other cases declaring for a "vacation."

This is hard luck for a lot of people, but we mustn't be too much alarmed about it. We are suffering in large measure for our past sins—sins of carelessness, of extravagance and waste. We are going through a necessary period of readjustment, and the process is extremely inconvenient and hurts considerably. But we must not be too much alarmed or frightened. We are going to get over it, and it will do us good.

And so the skeptic and the cynic have both come to the front and are beginning to get off their old line of talk about there being no real Santa Claus, because you know, if there were he would treat everybody alike. And some of us are beginning to wonder whether Santa Claus is coming this year at all. If he comes in an auto, will the machine break down before he even gets started? And if he is still using reindeer, as some old-fashioned folks are ready to believe, will the reindeer go out on strike, or will Santa Claus himself, in view of the expense of running his plant, just shut down his plant and throw up his hands?

No. Santa Claus is not going to do this. He is coming just the same as ever. Like all really great men, his aims and purposes are not fully understood. Indeed, this perennially jolly old gentleman—who, in spite of his difficulties, still manages to retain his youth—is perhaps more generally misunderstood than almost all the other great men who have ever lived. And having observed him very closely for a long period of time, it is my humble purpose to do what I can to set him right with the public. And so I assure you that Santa Claus is coming; and I am going to tell you what my own idea is about the purposes of these annual visits of his:

I once overheard one of the richest men in the world—if not the richest—remark that Santa Claus was good to him every day in the year. He had become so accustomed to money—or perhaps I should say that he had become so accustomed to overlooking it—that it didn't disturb him any more. It was there in such quantities that he didn't have to bother much about it. But he hadnt' forgotten about Santa Claus. In spite of the fact that he was very rich, he still believed in that rubicund saint. Quite possibly among rich men he was an exception.

And this is the main ponit: That the reality of Santa Claus, indeed, lies largely in what he doesn't give you. You don't believe that? Wait a moment. When he comes around every year and tumbles upon you everything you could possibly wish for, it seems to become very easy to forget him. From this state of affairs develop cynicism and ultimate distrust. The measure of one's actual faith in Santa Claus seems to depend upon what he withholds.

It is highly probable that Santa Claus knows this. He showers his gifts on pampered folks as a kind of punishment for their blindness. It is as much as if he said:

"You haven't the slightest idea of my real mission in life; you value me only for the material baubles I bestow on you. In your ignorance, you can never see that the toys I give are in themselves only illusions—symbolic of the hidden spirit back of them. In proportion as you have come to think of them as realities, have you come to think of me as an unreality."

Santa Claus thus insures his immortality by withholding too many of his illusive joys from those who continue to preserve their faith in him. But he always gives them something. It may be a flower, just a little token of his presence. It may indeed only be a thought—a sense of his presence that renews your faith in him, even if he has done apparently so little for you in gifts that you can see and handle. The old rag doll has a well-developed soul, acquired through countless batterings and much individual suffering, that is missing in the loftier and more stylish sister who—among many other dolls of high degree—becomes during the Christmas season the tolerated companion of luxury.

Santa Claus has, therefore, come to be a reality, and has taken on immortality, because he has had the courage not to yield to temptation. From a laughing, plum-pudding sort of person, whose sole function it was, like any village master of ceremonies, to please the eye and cater strictly to the senses, he has sternly repressed those material impulses and—in spite of the cynics—has gradually grown into a guardian and yearly representative of those deeper, invisible impulses of love and sentiment that, unseen, evolve the power to free the souls of human beings from their earthly bondage.

He might easily have yielded to the ridicule and contumely of the pampered few who, just because he has seemingly given them so much, treat him with chronic indifference and declare that he cannot be real, who even go so far as to assert, with the sophistry of selfishpess, that he is a worldly minded as they are and therefore cannot exist. Santa Claus at this lays his finger on the side of his jolly nose, and simply winks in reply; for he has done more than be true to humanity—he has kept his temper about it.

He knows by experience that the chimneys he doesn't visit bodily are the important ones, for where he doesn't live so completely in stockings, he lives in hearts.

There is an old drawing of a ragged boy and girl who stand together hand in hand (for the man who made the drawing was an artist) looking through a plate glass window at a splendid Christmas party of rich children inside, with their bountiful supply of gifts—many of them already cast aside.

And where is the real aSnta Claus in this picture—inside or out? There are some of us who know that he is inside of the boy and girl. They have made him their own.

The only realities are what we create. The poor have created the real Santa Claus. Inasmuch as the poor we have with us always.

And if you still don't believe that the poor have created Santa Claus and that he is dependent upon them for his continued existence, all you need do is to consider what would have happenned to him if he had nobody but the rich to fall back upon. They would destroy him in time, not because they don't like him or have anything particularly against him, but through indifference and thoughtlessness and selfishness. As they view him quite generally from his material side, as a cheerful, and possibly vulgar person who distributes toys, and as they can always go out and buy with money all the toys they want, it naturally follows that he has no deeper meaning for them than this.

And after all, Santa Claus is a good deal of a human being. He has a remarkable sense of human. You can see that in his eyes.

He is able to keep up his weight and his spirits because he has had experience, because he knows his own power. He knows that underneath all people are about the same, the only difference being that some have more than it seems they should have, and others have less, but that even the very rich are often nor so bad as they seem. What Santa Slaus withholds from and gives to the poor is something that they get glimpses of occasionally, and makes them quite like everybody else.

So then when the pampered little girl with her flossy doll, rigged up in the latest style, meets the poor little girl with her battered rag doll, she may look superior and she may act superior. But she knows that the old rag doll has got something over hers. The flossy doll has a short life. She may be put out of business at a moment's notice. But the rag doll has been up against it too often to worry about the future.

Oh, yes, the rag doll has developed a soul.

Cadet Howard's Christmas Order

STORY OF WEST POINT MILITARY ACADEMY

Poor Joe! It was a terrible disappointment to him that, after studying so hard, Standiford should be sent up a section, while he remained in the third, to which he had fallen a month after entering the academy. Every cadet in the section thought that Joe would be transferred up, for his recitations during the past two weeks were so much butter than any one's else.

No one thought because Standiford had correctly solved the test problem a few days before, and which all the other cadets had failed on, that it would at all effect Joe's standing.

How disappointed the folks at home would be! and they had all sacrificed so much to send him to West Point, and the poor, widowed mother wished so strongly to have her boy follow the footsteps of his father, and go through the academy with honor.

If there was any cadet in the fourth class at the United States Mliitary Academy who was under special obligations to Joe Howard, it was Harry Standiford. Joe had helped him with his lessons many a time, and Harry promised time and time again to do a good turn for Joe. And now the opportunity had occurred, and Harry had said nothing to Joe about the problem, which he had found already worked out in a little book given him by his predecessor at the academy.

As the cadets marched back across the beautiful parade ground after the evening parade, Joe's heart was indeed heavy, for there was now no chance of going up before next term in January.

After the ranks were broken, Walter Brown, his classmate, said, while they were taking off their guns and equipments, preparatory to going down to the roll-call for supper:

"I say, Joe, that was a mean trick of old Gory to keep you down in the third section, while he sent Standiford up. Your marks have been the best right along for the last month, and you ought to go up. I'd like to know how Standiford got the pull on old Gory."

Old Gory, as he was thus familiarly termed by the cadets, was a captain in the army, and an instructor in mathematics. He was not liked by any of the cadets.

"Oh, it was all right, Walter," replied Joe, bravely. "Gory said in giving out the problem that it was a test, and would satisfy him better than anything else as to how much we had thoroughly learned this term, if we worked it out. Of course, I feel pretty bad over it, but I didn't get the problem, and Sandiford did, and that is all there is to it."

"Well, I'm willing to bet a good deal that Harry Standiford never worked that problem out himself. He got some one to show him," said Walter.

"It may be, but how are you going to prove it?" asked Joe. "He said he had worked it out, and he certainly explained it all to the complete satisfaction of old Gory."

Just then the drum beatnig the call to supper put all end to the discussion, and the boys hurried downstairs to get in ranks.

After supper was over and call to quarters had sounded, Joe, who was a member of the guard that evening, found himself posted as a sentinel in the sixth division.

Harry Standiford lived in a room on the ground floor of this division, so Joe, in pacing up and down, passed his door, and thus happened to hear his own name mentioned.

He would have paid no attention to it, but that he heard at the same time the words:

"Stuck up prig! Thinks, because his father was a friend of Supe's, he can do anything he pleases. He expects a corporalship next spring, but he won't get it. I'm glad he did not go up today. It'll teach him a lesson not to presume on his superiors."

Joe could hardly believe his ears, and quickly walked down to the farther end of the hall, but he could not stay there long. He had to walk where he had been ordered to and so back he went. And again, through the open transom over the door, he heard Jim Bates, Harry's roommate, say to him:

"Oh! I've torn u pthe original that Dana gave me and the explanation of it he sent me. It was lucky he chanced to be here last week."

Joe heard no more, as the relief came in just then and relieved him of duty; but he understood it all now.

Lieutenant Dana of the army was on leave of absence, and the week before had spent a few days at the Academy. As his plebe, or successor, Standiford had obtained permission to



"I've Sprained My Ankle and in Falling Have Cut My Head on a Stone."

see him, and Joe knew that Dana had given him a lot of his old text-books, and doubtless this particular problem, all worked out, and with full explanations. And it was in that way he had got the problem.

He could not possibly have worked it out himself. It was no better than out-and-out cheating and dishonesty, and if he should report it, it would undoubtedly send him down and Joe up. Should he do it?

He was angry beyond measure, and as he started off towards his room, he had determined he would, when the thought of the dear mother at home who would rather her boy should never graduate than that he should win a place by any cowardly means, arrested him.

"No, that would be mean. I will not. Mother will approve, when I tell her all," he said to himself, and went into his room determined to work only the harder and keep the secret to himself.

About a week after the event related, at midnight, when the whole barracks were wrapped in darkness, and silent with the sleep of health and hard work, Joe was suddenly awakened, and found his room-mate, Walter Brown, shaking him.

"Wake up, Joe, I heard some queer noises down in the area. There is something going on. Let's see what it is."

It took Joe but an instant to get into his clothes and at the window. Peering out through the gloom, they were able to distinguish indistinctly several forms in the darkness, and there was a mumbling going on, that was interrupted every now and then by a yelp or howl.

"I'm going down, Walter, to see what it all is," said Joe, suiting the action to the word.

He had just reached the area, and was close to the group when he heard one of the voices call out, "here's a 'Tac' coming, fellows," upon which they all scattered and fled, one of them coming close by him, whom Joe recognized as Jim Bates.

Joe at first turned to flee also from the tactical officer, whom he saw coming, when he noticed in the gloom where the group had just been, a form rise partly up and then fall down again, and utter a slight moan, as if in great pain. Heran towards it, and found it was Harry Standiford.

"Is it you, Standiford?" he asked, in a whisper.

"Yes," answered Standiford, with a groan. "We have been to Highland Falls having a supper, and I'm done for if I'm caught."

"Why don't you run then?" naturally asked Joe.

"Can't do it. I've sprained my ankle, and in falling, I've cut my head on a stone. Oh, my head! my head!" he groaned again.

"Hush! don't make so much noise. There's a Tac coming. He can't see us now, but will find us out if we are not quiet. Can you get up and walk if I help you?"

"No, no, I can't. I have hurt my ankle, and can't stand on it. What shall I do? I will be found out and dismissed."

He groaned in an agony of pain and fright.

"I'll help you, but you must keep perfectly quiet," and suiting the action to the word, Joe lifted Harry up and carried him quickly to the porch and deposited him just inside the hall.

"Now qeep quiet for a couple of moments, and then crawl up to your room," he said, decidedly. "I'll mislead the Tac."

Joe knew that the "Tac" would head for the hall, and Harry would be found out, and of course be dismissed.

There was one thing that would prevent it, and that one thing he did, though he knew also it would be at considerable risk to himself. He darted off the porch through the darkness of the area, making considerable noise.

"Halt!" called out the "Tac." "Who are you? Mr. Howard, it is you, is it? What are you doing out here at this time of night?"

Joe looked him square in the face. He could not tell him what he was doing there, for that meant dismissal to Standiford. If even an untruth was justifiable, it was now; but he could not tell a falsehood, as the image of his dear mother's face came suddenly to him. So he said:

"I prefer not to answer, sir."

"Very well," was the reply; "go to your quarters in arrest."

Joe did so, and it is needless to say that he slept but little the remainder of the night. What his thoughts were can better be imagined than told. He had got himself in trouble to save a comrade, and that comrade one who had injured him extremely. He told Walter all about it, and that warm-hearted youth vowed he would go to the superintendent and tell him the entire story; but Joe protested urgently.

The next morning Joe was called up before the superintendent, and questioned closely, but he would not reveal why he was in the area or who the other cadets were. The tactical officer declared he heard several voices.

"Very well, Mr. Howard; I understand your desire to shield others; but you are wrong in this case, sir. And until you come to a proper feeling in the matter, you will be confined in the light prison."

Before the day was over, the order was issued confining Joe to light prison, as the room in the barracks is called where cadets are locked in for any severe offense.

To make matters worse, he had received a letter, just as he was going to the prison, from home.

He did not read it until after he had walked up and down the small floor several times and somewhat composed himself. It was from his sister, loving and comforting him for not going up the section, but urging him to keep trying and success would surely come. It told of all going on at home, and ended by saying:

"And now, Joe, for a piece of news that will cheer you: Uncle Tom has invited mamma and me to visit him in New York this winter, and by the time this reaches you we will be on the way, and after stopping at Cousin Kate's awhile, we will go on to West Point, so as to be there on Christmas day with you. We have got lots of nice things for you, and we will have the best kind of a time together. Now, my dear brother, let this hold you up till we arrive. With loads and loads of love,

"From your affectionate JESS."

As he finished the letter he groaned aloud. To be in prison when they were here, of all times! What would his mother say to him and think of him? She was so proud of him, and to find him in prison!

It would be but three days before Christmas. How he hated Standiford for not helping him out of this trouble!

But Standiford—what of him? He was obliged to go to the hospital early the next morning on account of his ankle, and it was not till the day was over that he heard of Joe's arrest. He had fully expected to be put in arrest himself as soon as he got off the sick report and out of the hospital.

But this put a new light on it all, and that night, as he lay awake and tossing, he saw how noble had been Joe's conduct in all.

Perhaps the good Christmas angel had come to him in advance, and whispered the beautiful words, "Peace on earth, good will toward men," or maybe the thought of a dear mother now in her grave, and what she would have him do, touched a nobler chord in the boy's nature, and set it ringing wtih a determination to do right.

However, it was the next morning he told the surgeon he must see the superintendent. He received the permission necessary, and that very morning the "supe" knew not only all about Joe's sacrifice, but also of the stolen problem; and before night the whole corps of cadets knew something of it, too—for, as the battalion was paraded at sunset, and the bugles had sent their last upward notes echoing away to wish the sun good-night, the cadet adjutant read the following order to the astonished cadets:

Headquarters U. S. Military Academy,
December 24, 187—

Special Orders No. 143.

I. Cadet Private oHward, Fourth Class U. S. Military Academy, is released from confinement and restored to duty.

II. It having come to teh knowledge of the superintendent that Cadet oHward heroically took punishment upon himself to save the good name of a comrade, he is hereby appointed a corporal in the corps of cadets, and will be obeyed and respected accordingly.

III. Cadet Private Howard, Fourth Class U. S. Military Academy, is hereby transferred from the third section to the section in mathematics. By command of

Colonel————,
Superintendent.

When the ranks broke, what a roar greeted Joe, and how his classmates crowded around him and carried him on their shoulders to the barracks!

To be made a corporal while still in the fourth class! It was something unheard of and reflected honor and glory on the entire class.

Poor Joe hardly could realize it, and when Harry Standiford came up, holding out his hand, and told Joe the whole story, and beggnig his pardon, what could he do but take the hand and tell Harry he was one of the best boys he ever knew!

"Say no more, Harry," he cried; "but tomorrow come to the hotel with me, and meet my mother and sister, and we wlil have a merry Christmas together.

And how proud the mother was to see the shining gold stripes on her son's arms, which told of his new rank, and prouder yet when old Colonel ——, the "supe," told her the whole story himself, and insisted upon her and Jess and Joe and Tarry all coming to Christmas dinner at his house.

And oJe oHward and Harry Standiford then and there became the closets of friends, and remained so all the years of their life at the academy, and in the army afterward. But they never forget Christmas, and "Peace on earth, good will toward men," is practiced by them all the days of the year.

AT THE CHRISTMAS BANQUET

In medieval England it was customary to commence all grand Christmas feasts by the solemn ceremony of bringing in the boar's head as the initial dish. The master-cook, preceded by trumpeters and other musicians, and followed by huntsmen with boar-spears and drawn falchions and pages carrying mustard, bore the smoking head aloft on a silver platter, which he deposited at the head of the table. The head was garnished and garlanded with rosemary and laurel, and a lemon, symbol of plenty, was placed between its grinning chops.

To the end of her life, Queen Victoria retained the ancient custom; also in many of the public schools and universities the boar's head is still the great dish of the Christmas banquet. On such occasions every diner rises and joins in the "Boar's Song," which has been sung for centuries. The words are set to the common chant of the prose version in cathedrals.

CHRISTMAS CAROL SINGING

A CUSTOM OF OLDEN TIMES

The term carol appears originally to have signified a song joined with a dance, a union frequently used in early religious ceremonies. It was, however, applied to joyous singing and thus to festive songs; and as these became more frequent at Christmas it has for a long time past designated those sung at this feast.

In the earlier times music, both instrumental and vocal, was introduced into religious ceremonies and was a necessary accompaniment to all the religious games and feasts. In the records of the Greeks, Romans, Egyptians and other great nations of antiquity, we find descriptions which show the close connection of music and festivals. The Druids, the Anglo-Saxons and the Gothic nations made great use of hymns in their public worship. One of the earliest of the Hebrew songs on record is the song of Miriam and her companions on the overthrow of the Egyptians.

The first Christmas carol, of course, was that mighty "Gloria in Excelsis," sung by the angels to the shepherds on the night of the nativity. In the second century, the Christians celebrated public worship on the night of the nativity, and then solemnly sang the angels' hymns. In the fourth century the chant was introduced into religious ceremonials. In the twelfth century the monks celebrated Christmas with the reciting of legends and verses and the singing of Christmas hymns.

King John, in 1201 gave 25s to the clerks who chanted "Christus Vincit" before him on Christmas; and these spiritual songs were gradually introduced into palace and private homes, together with others for the same purpose, but of a lighter vein, which were found acceptable; and thus the carol had its origin. In the fifteenth century the lowlands had their carols similar to the English. There is a story on record of a plague at Goldsberg, in 1553, which carried off about 2,500 persons, leaving not more than 25 housekeepers alive in the place. The plague having abated, one of the few survivors went out on Christmas eve and sang a carol, according to an old custom. He was gradually joined by others, to excite each other to Thanksgiving; and thence arose a custom for the people to assemble in large numbers on Christmas morning to sing carols, beginning with "Unto us this day a child is born."

In France the custom of carol singing was of very early date, and there are many collections of them. They are called "Noel." All these early carols were crude, and some of them sound almost grotesque to us of today. But these have been replaced by modern carols and anthems that express more thoroughly the spirit of the season. But the custom is a gracious and a pleasing one and well worthy of the widest usage.

One of the most famous of the old English carols is:

God rest you, merry gentlemen,
Let noth'ng you dismay,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour,
Was born upon this day,
To save us all from Satan's power
When we were gone astray.

Oh, tidings of comfort and joy,
For Jesus Christ, our Saviour, was born on Christmas day.

HOLLY AND MISTLETOE

ROMANCES OF CHRISTMAS GREENS

Even the most prosaic of us have some romance in our natures. Especially is this true at Christmas time, when all the world is glad.

The romances that have surrounded the Christmas greens come to us through the centuries. They date as far back into the dim distant land of long ago as history can lead us. And these romances are really fascinating when we consider the antiquity and the simple folk that believed in them.

The mistletoe, or Mistl-tau, as it once was called, means "different twig." And so it was—different in every way from the oak on which it grew. It had no doubt been brought to its lofty hiding place by some bird who ate the berry and left the seed.

Our holly in this country was found growing in the New England hills by the Pilgrims. They must have welcomed it as a bit of the landscape from home. Perhaps it was among the very few cheerful things they had that first winter.

In the language of the flowers, mistletoe means "I surmount difficulties." Surely a worthy sentiment, even if not quite Christmassy. The holly means foresight. Equally worth while, don't you think?

The legends of the holly date as far back as the time of Zoroaster, when his pupils, one old book tells us, held it in great reverence because they believed the sun never cast a shadow from it.

The lovely tree, with its shiny leaves and brilliant berries, has in some countries in the past become almost an object of worship. And here in America, while we do not worship it, surely we love it. Our arms are never too heavily-laden with bundles to reject a bunch of holly.

The Hindu women even now are said to sprinkle their new-born babes with water steeped in holly wood. For surely, they reason, it will keep away evil spirits and invite the visitation of those of good omen. The peasants of Ireland in the days of long ago used to decorate their cabins with holly and mistletoe in the winter to propitiate the fairies and gain their favor.

In England they had what they termed "he" and "she" holly. The "he" holly was thorny and the "she" holly smooth and not scratchy. Then, according to the roughness or smoothness of the holly bark brought into the house at Christmas could be told whether man or wife would be the ruler for the coming months.

In ancient times the holly was considered a symbol of the "life of nature." It was gathered in pagan temples to comfort the sylvan spirits during the general death of winter. A charming thought, don't you think?

The Swedish people are a people surrounded with an atmosphere of folk lore and legends. They wear a ring of mistletoe to ward off illness. This is an up-to-date custom still in evidence. An outcome of an old legend, assuring the peasants that when out with a golden hook, the wood of this parasite would cure poison.

In Austria, so an ancient book on superstition tells us, a sprig of mistletoe was laid at the bedroom door, so that the inmates would have sweet sleep and beautiful dreams.

In England, a few centuries ago, when none of these parasites could be found in any of their mighty oaks in the locality, the people became thoughtful for this was a sure sign of dire calamity about to overtake them—usually in the form of famine or pestilence.

One old story tells us that the mistletoe berries were created by the falling of the tears of Venus, when she had inadvertently been wounded by one of Cupid's arrows. Further on in the same book we are assured that Cupid's arrows leave no wounds. The warriors of old thought the holly an effective remedy for wounds and a sure bringer of unusual success in hunting.

And now for those in doubt as to the outcome of their affairs of this last month of the fast-fading year of 1920. Be not discouraged, but read, mark and follow this advice, but do, if you want your testers of al wishes to come true, make your circle in a draft.

First, solemnly and thoughtfully make a circle in front of your fire. Oh, yes, your fire may be merely a prosaic radiator. Next take two perfect leaves of the Christmas mistletoe, name one yourself and place it in the circle. The other name after your sweetheart and place it outside the circle. If the fates decree that he is to marry you, then he will immediately be lifted into your circle, and let us hope all will be well.

The Druids loved and reverenced the mistletoe. If an arch-Druid, while cutting this much-coveted parasite, accidentally let his golden knife fall outside of the white sheet held by faithful followers, great calamity would follow. You see, they worshiped the mistletoe because it was the crowning point of the sturdy oak, the favorite tree of their god, Tarranus.

CHRISTMAS PLANT LORE

The legend of the Glastonbury thorn is that after the death of Jesus, Joseph of Arimathea came over to England. Shortly before Christmas, he rested on the summit of Weary-all hill, Glastonbury. There he thrust into the ground his staff, and on Christmas eve it was found to be covered with white blossoms. The bush is said to have continued blooming thus each Christmas eve until during the civil wars, when it was cut down. Cuttings from the original thorn are said to bloom in this same wonderful way even yet.

The Sicilian children put penny-royal in their cots on Christmas eve, believing that at the exact hour and minute when Jesus was born it will blossom.

There is a cherished legend in the east that the Rose of Jericho first blossomed at the birth of Jesus, closed at the crucifixion, and opened again at Easter, from which comes its name of Resurrection flower.

Many plants, trees and flowers are believed to owe their peculiarities to their connection with the birth or the childhood of Jesus. "The Star of Bethlehem" is so called because its white star-like flowers resemble the pictures of the Star of the East.

"Our Lady's Bedstraw" received its name because it was believed that the manger in which the Babe lay was filled with this plant.

An old account tells the story in this manner: "The broom and the chick-peas began to rustle and crackle, and by this noise betrayed the fugitives. The flax bristled up. Happily for her, Mary was near a juniper; the hospitable tree opened its branches as arms and enclosed the Virgin and the Child within their folds, affording them a secure hiding place. Then the Virgin uttered a malediction against the brooms and the chick-peas, and ever since that day they have always rusted and crackled. But later the Virgin pardoned the flax its weakness and gave the juniper her blessings," which is said to account for the use of the juniper as Christmas decorations in some countries.

SANTA'S VISIT TO AN AFRICAN MISSION

An amusing story of how Santa Claus frightened the black children at a mission station when he first appeared to them a few years ago, is told by the wife of a missionary stationed at Bailunda, Africa. They had celebrated Christmas at Bailunda before, but they never had had Santa Claus, so Mr. Stover, the missionary, dressed up as good Saint Nick.

"He had been padded and powdered and packed until his own mother would not have known him," Mrs. Stover afterward related. "Presently we gave the signal, the door flew open and in walked Santa Claus. But, dear me! What consternation! He was greeted with shrieks and groans and cries of 'Let me out! It is the evil one. It is the day of judgment!'

"The urchins, catching the infection of terror from the older black people, fled to their bedrooms, fell down upon their faces, crept under chairs and tables—anywhere to hide themselves. Poor old Santa Claus never had such a greeting before. As soon as he realized the panic he had caused, he tore off his tall hat and white cotton beard. Then from bags on his back he began to throw gifts right and left and to tell who he was.

"Reassured once more, everyone was soon laughing and chatting, munching the great 'red breads' (doughnuts), tasting their fruits of nibbling at the sweets from the familiar little bags. One man wondered which end he was to hold the fork Santa Claus had given him. Another immediately tried on his new shirt. The girls arranged their bright-hued handkerchiefs into turbans, while others sought to find some place about their scanty clothing where they could stow away their bunch of bread, as well as the paper of needles and cake of soap given to each.

"It seemed as though everyone tried to talk louder than his neighbor as they examined the costume of Santa Claus, whom they now no longer feared. One man said that he thought it was John the Baptist, another that it was Elijah returned. Yet another thought it was Satan himself, 'and all my sins confessed, 'My only thought was to rose up before me'; while a fourth hide myself'."

CHRISTMAS MASSACRE AT NICOMEDIA

While Christmas to us is a season of rejoicing, it behooves us at times to stop and remember those brave pioneers in Christianity who suffered so at the hands of the pagans.

About the fourth century there occurred one of those horrible acts of brutality which throughout all ages have disgraced humanity. A large number of Christians assembled in the Temple at Nicomedia, in Rithynia, to celebrate the Nativity; the tyrant Diocletian had it enclosed and set on fire, when about 20,000 persons were said to have perished.

LEGEND OF THE CHRIST CHILD

Elise Traut relates the legend that on every Christmas even the little Christ-child wanders all over the world bearing on its shoulders a bundle of evergreens. Through city streets and country lanes, up and down hill, to proudest castle and lowliest hovel, through cold and storm and sleet and ice, this holy child travels, to be welcomed or rejected at the doors at which he pleads for succor. Those who would invite him and long for his coming set a lighted candle in the window to guide him on his way hither. They also believe that he comes to them in the guise of any alms-craving, wandering person who knocks humbly at their doors for sustenance, thus testing their benevolence. In many places the aid rendered the beggar is looked upon as hospitality.

A CHRISTMAS SERMON

To be honest, to be kind—to earn a little and to spend a little less, to make upon the whole a family happier for his presence, to renounce when that shall be necessary and not be embittered, to keep a few friends but those without capitulation—above all, on the same grim condition, to keep friends with himself—here is a task for all that a man has of fortitude and delicacy. He has an ambitious soul who would ask more; he has a hopeful spirit who should look in such an enterprise to be successful.

There is indeed one element in human distiny that not blindness itself can controvert; whatever else we are intended to do, we are not intended to succeed; failure is the fate allotted. It is so in every art and study, it is so above all the continent art of living well. Here is a pleasant thought for the year's end or for the end of life. Only self-deception will be satisfied, and there need be no despair for the despairer.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

BURN A CANDLE IN YOUR WINDOW

Old, very old, in England is the custom of setting lighted candles in the windows on Christmas eve to give holiday greeting to the passerby, but little use has been made of this charming idea in our country, says a writer in the Woman's Home Companion. Baltimore, however, has had a city-wide lighting of candles which was so successful that it is repeated every year.

Weeks before Christmas, when plans were being made for the community tree, it was suggested that each household set lighted candles in the parlor windows to wish "Merry Christmas" to their fellow townspeople, not even the most enthusiastic supporter of the candle greeting expected to see half the number of windows that were so lighted when Christmas eve came.

Scarcely a city block in any section of the city was without at least one illumination, and it was not rare to see every house in a row brightened by this evidence of "peace on earth, good will to men." It warmed the very cockles of one's heart to walk through street after street with these silent Christmas greetings everywhere, and no one who has gone through such experience could ever want to know another Christmas eve without them.

CHRISTMAS IN OLD RUSSIA

One cannot but wonder what Christmas will be like in Russia under present conditions. Before the war, Russian customs at Yule-tide were many and varied. One was the singing of their ancient kolyada songs, composed centuries ago by writers whose names have not come down with their songs.

On Christmas eve the people fasted until the first service in church. Then they always hastened home and got to bed early in order that they might have the pleasant Christmas eve dream, which was sure to come true.

A pretty custom was the blessing of the house and household. The priest visited each home in his district, accompanied by boys bearing a vessel of holy water. Each room was sprinkled with water and each person blessed. Thus was each home sanctified for the coming year.

The greeting in Russia was not "Merry Christmas," but rather "Greetings for the Lord's Birth," to which was replied, "God be with you."

No Christmas or New Year's dinner was considered complete unless pork in some form was served.

ANCIENT CUSTOMS.

Christmas revels form a phase of Christmas celebration that comes largely from pagan observances. These were, in earlier days, accepted as a sort of compromise with ancient customs. The Roman festival to Saturn, to mark the winter solstice, the turning point of the year, and the Greek festival to Bacchus, correspond in dates to the Christmas season, while the custom of exchanging gifts, of decorating buildings and lighting tapers, was common to both.

THE MEANING OF CHRISTMAS.

Christmas has but one meaning—the Nativity, writes Calvin Coolidge, Vice President of the United States, in the New York Evening Post. The goodness, the justice, but also the mercy, the helping hand of God. This, the greatest event in human history, has a spiritual meaning. The Saviour came to minister to the spiritual nature of man. He showed the true glory and importance of man—and helping him showed the duty of helping one another. Endowed with the power, yet He did not bestow material blessings or set up an earthly kingdom. But to follow Him gave the power to command all those.

To get the world to see the true meaning of things, that is the redemption. The creation was all declared good. It can be perverted. The enemy forever strives "out of good still to find means of evil." The material welfare of men does not come first—to make it first makes it to be destroying and destroyed. Christmas is not instituted for the purpose of earning the reward of gifts, but for giving them in their true significance. "The wages of sin is death, eternal life is the gift of God."

SUGGESTIONS FOR TABLE DECORATIONS

Surely no Christmas table need go unadorned, for often it is the simplest decoration that is the loveliest. Here are a few that anyone might use, so simple are they:

A simple bowl of fruit around which trails moss or pine.

An every-day dining room fern dish with a gay scarlet covering of crepe paper.

A tiny toy Christmas tree in a flower pot.

A popcorn pie which is nothing more than a large dish of popcorn in which are buried small gifts to which are tied red ribbons by which to draw them forth.

A Brownie made of two rosycheeked apples, four skewers and a pointed white paper cap.

A miniature yule-long represented by a lichen-covered bit of old bark filled with fruit.

A dull brown basket would be a charming background for the gold of oranges and the blue white of bayberries.

Colored glass is so popular just now that a ruby-colored filled with ferns and white narcissus would be most attractive.

A silver dish heaped with attractive looking candy, around which is arranged a wreath of pine and holly.

For those who would like something more elaborate, why not a make-believe winter landscape? This is easily made with a small table mirror, tiny evergreen trees, stones, moss, toy rabbits, squirrels and a Santa Claus. When arranged sprinkle snow dust over the whole scene.

ORIGIN OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

An old legend makes Saint Winfred the originator of the Christmas tree. Winfred was one of the early missionaries to Norway who helped to convert the ancient Scandinavians from their pagan beliefs. These people had been taught to worship trees as if they were living gods. Winfred undertook to show his newly-made converts that the objects of their worship were not gods, but trees—and nothing but trees. So on Christmas eve he chopped down a mighty oak in the presence of a great crowd of men, women and children. The Christian miracle that followed is described by an ancient historian:

"As the bright blade circled around Winfred's head, and the flakes of wood flew from the deepening gash in the body of the tree, a whirling wind passed over the forest. It gripped the oak from its foundations. Backward it fell like a tower, groaning as it split asunder in four pieces. But just behind it and unharmed by the ruin stood a young fir tree pointing a green spire toward the stars.

"Winfred let the ax drop and turned to speak to the people.

"This little tree, a young child of the forest, shall be your holy tree tonight. It is the wood of peace, for your houses are built of the fir. It is a sign of endless life, for its leaves are ever green. See how it points upward toward heaven. Let this be called the tree of the Christ-child; gather about it, not in the wildwood, but in your own homes, there it will shelter no deeds of blood, but loving gifts and rites of kindness."

SALTED ALMONDS.

Take ¼ pound shelled Jordan almonds, pour over them enough scalding water to cover, set aside a few minutes, then remove the brown skin. If skin does not come off easily, drain and scald a second time. Put nuts in iron pan in moderate oven with one tablespoon olive oil and shake occasionally until light brown. Sprinkle with salt and lay on blotting paper, tissue toweling or paper napkins.

On the whole, however, a good many of us have carried this Christmas giving to an absurd extreme. We have assisted in the degeneration of a very lovely custom. We have put Christmas gifts on the basis of formal calls—you tip me and I'll tip you.

There is nothing mercenary about the true spirit of Christmas, and of all things it is the last to be put on a material basis.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD.

The honor of the Christmas card is ascribed frequently to the late W. C. T. Dobson, an English painter. In December, 1844, a date, earlier than that given to any other claim, he was anxious to send some more novel Christmas greeting than that of a letter to a distant friend, and the idea occurred to him to make a little sketch symbolizing the spirit of the season. The sketch depicted in its center a family party gathered around the Christmas dinner table raising glasses to the health of absent friends. Underneath were the words "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to You," while on each side was a smaller sketch representing an act of benevolence.

Mr. Dobson's card so pleased its recipients that the following year he designed another card, of which he sent lithographed copies to a large circle of friends Other artists followed his example, and the circle sending out Christmas cards grew wider and wider until an enterprising printer saw there was money in the business, and within a few years from its birth the Christmas card was to be seen in hundreds of shopwindows.

Cylinder Grinding---Crankshaft Grinding

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No data exists as to the actual appearance of the star of Bethlehem which chronicled the coming of the Messiah and from which also dates the beginning of our present measure of time. All efforts to associate or identify it with any known body in the heavens at that period have failed. The planets Jupiter and Saturn are known to have been in view in the evening sky at that time, but they were not "new" stars. They were well known heavenly bodies, Jupiter being worshiped by many in these eastern countries, so it is not possible that it could have been either one of them.

Some effort has been made to associate or identify it with Halley's comet, but this has been effectually disposed of by the remarkable tables of the appearances of that comet prepared by Messrs. Crowell and Crommelein of the Royal Observatory, England, in which they show that its nearest appearance to the dawning of the Christian era was 12 years prior to that date.

Astronomy at this period was in an advanced state. There was a wide and general knowledge of the stars among the Egyptians, the Chaldeans and the Greeks. They lived out of doors or on house tops and studied the heavens. Probably they knew more of the appearance and phenomena of the heavens than we do.

Hipparcus, the father of astronomy, established the fact of the procession of the equinoxes that is that the sun crosses the equator about one minute further westward each year) 150 years before Christ was born, and it is consequently believed that he knew the earth was spherical in form. He catalogued 1,000 stars and invented an instrument for calculating latitude and longitude.

For centuries the Chaldeans had forecast eclipses of the moon upon a principle which is the basis of the method used by astronomers today.

Astrology was an accepted science and played an important part in every walk in life. Kings and queens as well as the humblest herdmen consulted the astrologer to learn if the stars were favorably or unfavorably situated for their various undertakings. He was the arbiter as to the declaration of war between nations as well as the everyday affairs of men and maidens.

The influence of the stars for weal or woe was universally acknowledged. What then was more natural than that the ruler of the universe should have turned to the azure pages of this open book as a medium through which to proclaim that the hour was at hand for the coming of "the new-born King of the Jews."

Fifteen hundred years before Balaam had prophesied that "there shall come a star out of Jacob and a scepter shall rise out of Israel."

When this new and strange light—a star, a comet, a pillar of fire, we know not which—appeared to the wise men, it brought a revelation of Balaam's prophecy. It beckoned them on and they at once prepared to follow, to pay homage to the divinely ordained King. As they journeyed it preceded them until they reached Jerusalem, when it disappeared for a time, to reappear when they resumed their journey, to pause at last over the lowly cot of Jesus, who was destined to have the greatest influence over mankind of any individual the world has ever known.

The phenomenon of a star appearing in the heavens for a brief period and then disappearing has occurred in several well authenticated instances in comparatively recent years. The most remarkable instance was in 1572, when Tycho Brahe, the famous Danish astronomer, saw a star blaze forth in one half hour, and it became so brilliant that it could be seen in midday.

In 1866 there was one of the second magnitude, and in 1886 one of the sixth magnitude was seen, and a dozen or more have been discovered within the past few years by Miss A. J. Cannon of Harvard college observatory.

A CHRISTMAS REUNION

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you're a lot of a fool to show all that stuff to a starving man, Toomey."

"I'm showing it to a gentleman," said the miner impressively. "An' what's more, I'm askin' yer to come in an' share." Lionel stared at him blankly, but his heart was slugging furiously at his ribs.

"What do you mean?" he asked breathlessly, thinking that he must faint at the prospect.

"What I say. I can't run this alone, an' I'm durned if I asks any o' them white-livered skunks for ter stand in wi' me. I've been getting ready this many a day, an' I'm startin' as soon's Christmas is over. It's a long ways from here. There's rough work ahead, but winter's the on'y time to make a start, an' I reckon we'll make that start right along."

"But—I don't understand," said Lionel wearily, passing his hand over his forehead. "If what you say is true, there's a monstrous fortune in this strike you've made, and—and—"

"And I'm askin' yer ter come in, that's what. By way o' showin' grateful. My life mayn't seem much ter you, English, but it means a durn lot ter me, 'cause thar's a kid waitin' back East, an'—look here. I ain't got a pile o' words, but yer'd confer an obligation on me by acceptin' this offer. Mind, it means a tarnation lot o' hard work."

"I'd slave my fingers to the bone for half of what's in that sack," said Lionel in a suffocated voice.

"Gee! Then that settles it. Say, English, ain't this shapin' to be suthin' almighty like a merry Christmas?"

IV.

Colonel Cartwright looked wistfully round the old familiar room, and his face contorted. Memories were crowding thickly upon him, principally memories of that day six years ago. It seemed to him that he could see his son's erect figure shrink back from the blow that had been aimed at him.

Mortgage after mortgage had been raised on the property, bank balances had vanished into thin air; he was a ruined man.

The night was falling, and some venturesome waits stole up the avenue and struck up the opening bars of a carol beneath the one illuminated window of the house. The Colonel rang his bell, and the butler appeared.

"Simms, what does that noise mean?"

"Beg pardon, sir, the waits."

The Colonel lifted his head with ineffable weariness, and stared vacantly at the man.

"The waits! Then is this Christmas?"

He never looked up as the door opened softly, but because a newcomer did not advance into the room, he spoke curtly:

"I did not ring, Simms. You may go." Who else would intrude upon his solitude in these evil days? But there was no sound of retreating footsteps, and finally he glanced up. A moment later he was on his feet, white, shaken, holding out palsied hands as if to ward off an apparition.

"Father!" It was no vision of his overtried senses, then! This man was real flesh and blood. He advanced with hands thrown out and the beginning of a smile on his face.

"Lionel—Lionel! My boy—my boy!"

It came in an agonized cry, and the old man tottered forward. But as his son held out his hands afresh, Colonel Cartwright evaded the clasp.

"Lionel, you would have done better not to come here to a ruined home. There is nothing left."

"I couldn't keep away longer, father. It seemed to me that you needed me. I've stared death in the face many times since I—we parted; but I learned from it. I learned a lot. I was hasty that—other night. I was sullen; I refused to think of the pain I'd caused you. Where I've been I've seen that which showed me my place was near you. I've come back to be forgiven—to ask your forgiveness, father."

"It is I who should ask, Lionel, for I've—I've been a fool!"

"Let's forget the past and start afresh. It's Christmas Eve—a good time to turn over new leaves." He gripped his father's hands in a tight clasp, and his heart ached as he saw the change in that once proud face. Care had drawn many lines.

"You don't understand, Lionel. I'm a ruined man. This isn't any home for you longer; it's a stranger's. It may be sold even now. There have been letters from the lawyers, but I have never opened them lately. I hadn't the heart, somehow."

"It is sold, father. I saw Merton before I came here. It's sold, and I've bought it. Here's my Christmas present to you, father—your old estate back again, lacking nothing."

He thrust forward a bundle of documents, which the Colonel took in trembling fingers.

Lionel stepped back to the door and opened it. "Marian!" he called; and when he came towards his father again his arm encircled the slim waist of Marian Moraine.

"Here's Marian, father," he said proudly. "She told me all about it in her letters, for after I'd made good I wrote to her again and found that—that she'd been true to her word! And so I came home in haste when I heard that the Manor was to go, and Marian met me and told me a lot more, and there you are. I'll tell you the story in detail later, but meanwhile, aren't you going to wish us a Happy Christmas?"



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"O girls, listen to that!" exclaimed Theresa Downing, as the wind howled around the little cottage beside the river. They all drew up a little closer to the blazing fire in the enormous fireplace and pretended to shiver although they could not be really cold beside such a fire.

They were the six members of the Half Dozen Club who had been invited up to the charming little cottage by the river to watch the old year out with their beloved teacher and friend, Miss Jeannette Silver. Miss Silver was their drawing teacher in high school and had always been an object of their adoration. She was so beautiful, and charming and young, it was no wonder they loved her. And then she was so enthusiastic about her work that her classes found themselves working hard to please her, and even those who had no talent for drawing were able to do passable work because they were so earnest in their efforts.

Miss Silver had owned for years this lovely little cottage perched on the banks of the river fifty miles from town. It was to this little cottage that she went every spring as soon as the school year was over, and it was here she painted and worked the whole summer through. In the fall and winter her pupils viewed with awe her pictures in the exhibitions in town. There was nothing they liked better than to be invited to spend a week-end with her in her charming little house, and Miss Silver was generous with her invitations. She loved to make people happy.

This was the last night in the old year and the girls and their hostess were sitting up to watch the old year out and welcome the new one in. "It's about time, I think," said Miss Silver, glancing at the clock on the mantel, "to make our New Year's resolutions."

"Pshaw!" exclaimed Molly Dix, "who wants to make New Year's resolutions! No one ever keeps them anyway!"

"We do so!" protested Becky Bayley. "Didn't I resolve last year not to borrow anything from any one, and haven't I kept it faithfully?"

"Yes, they have, and that's a fact," returned Molly generously, "but how about all the other resolutions that are made and never kept? I think it's a waste of time to make them and I won't for one."

"I have something else to suggest then," said Miss Silver, tactfully. She knew from experience that it was never wise to argue with Molly, who had decided opinions, and a way of sticking to them. "I suggest that we make New Year's wishes instead. Surely it won't hurt us to wish for all the lovely things we want or would like to have happen."

This appealed to all the girls and they were silent for a minute while they looked into the fire and thought.

"I wish," said Becky suddenly, "that I had a topac ring exactly like that one I barrowed last year from Irene Mason. The one I nearly lost, you remember, at the Christmas party."

"And which caused you to make the New Year's resolution about never borrowing," Molly added to finish the little story. They all remembered that almost tragic episode and the fright that Becky had.

Alice Walters was the next to make her wish. "I wish," she said, "that father would let me go to an art school when I graduate, so I can be an artist like Miss Silver."

Miss Silver glanced at her affectionately. "I hope that wish comes true, my dear, for I believe you will make good."

"Martha and I both wish the same thing, I know, said Dorothy Canning, glancing at her chum. "We wish we could go to New York next year to study music, but we know that wish will never come true." She sighed, and Martha echoed it, for both girls were too poor to look forward to anything so delightful as a musical education.

Theresa wished that she could have $100 right off to spend for clothes, and then they all looked at Molly to hear her wish. But instead of giving it she turned to Miss Silver.

"Mine can wait. Let us hear what yours is," she said.

Miss Silver laughed. "We most of us want to go some place or do something, don't we? The thing I want most of all, is to win that foreign scholarship I have tried for, which would give me two years' study abroad. I can think of nothing more delightful."

There was a little silence and then a protest from the girls. "But if you went abroad you wouldn't teach us any longer, would you, Miss Silver? That would be too dreadful to think of."

Miss Silver laughed. "Yes, that is true, and yet you would find you could get along without me very well indeed. I would be coming back some day and we could all meet again. But I haven't gone yet, girls. Of course, I have entered the competition, but I haven't heard yet whether I have won it or not. I don't even know whether I have a ghost of a chance, but I will go on hoping until I heard that I have lost."

With that they all turned to Molly and some one gave her a little poke to bring her out of the dream into which she seemed to have fallen.

Molly laughed, stretched herself and looked about the little circle with a little gleam of mischief in her dark eyes. She dearly loved to play up to her reputation of doing and saying things unusual.

"I wish that some time soon, say by 12 o'clock midnight, that we girls could become the owners of this little cottage. We would keep it as a club house as long as the Half Dozen Club exists, and come for week-ends whenever convenient and for our long summer vacations."

Every one was silent for a minute and then they all exploded with laughter.

"Molly! Of all the cheeky things I ever heard you say this is the worst! To virtually tell your hostess you would like to turn her out and own her house instead! O Molly, for shame!"

"I don't care," returned Molly stubbornly. "Miss Silver said we could wish all the lovely things we would like to happen, and, of course, I wouldn't want to turn her out of house and home, but you know how we have always loved that little cottage and I thought while I was wishing for something I might as well make it as impossible as I could."

Miss Silver laughed and gave her hand a little pat. She understood Molly very well, even better than the girls, and she knew what she meant by lots of her queer little speeches.

"I wish another wish, girls. I wish that every one of your wishes would come true, even to the funny one that Molly has just made, for if I ever give up this little house it will be because my own wish has come true, and if I go abroad I would rather you girls had my house than any one else I can think of.

"Now, if we are all going to stay awake until midnight I think we had better stir around and get something to eat, don't you?"

The girls were soon busy with the refreshments. Molly was an expert at toasting cheese sandwiches, and it was always Dorothy who proved herself the only one capable of moking the chocolate over the hot ashes without burning her face or upsetting the pan in the fire.

The girls ate and talked, and fed the fire. The wind continued to howl about the little house, and the hands of the clock slowly moved around to 12. In ten more minutes the old year would be gone and a new one commenced. A little silence fell upon the group and they sat gazing into the fire, each occupied with the thoughts of what the new year would bring.

Suddenly they all jumped, for the silence of the little house was rudely broken by the sound of the telephone. They looked at each other in some alarm, for the sound of the phone at that hour of the night seemed ominous; it gave them the same sensation of fear that the sight of a telegram usually gives those to whom it has, at one time or another, brought a sad message.

But that fear was soon dispelled at the sound of Miss Silver's voice. They listened as it rose to a crescendo of happy surprise. "You don't mean it!" they heard her exclaim. "Are you perfectly sure? I can't believe it! Yes, if you will, please," and then a pause as a short letter was evidently read aloud by the person at the other end of the wire. "I never was so happy in my life, Mary, and thank you a thousand times for calling me."

As she turned from the phone she was more beautiful and adorable than she ha dever been in her life before. The girls never forgot how she looked at that moment.

"Girls," what do you think!" she exclaimed. "I have won the Europeon scholarship. Isn't that too wonderful to believe? A special delivery letter had been delayed and has just arrived at my room, and Miss Hodges knew what it must be, so she called me up about it, and read it to me over the phone. I simply can't believe it is true."

She came and knelt by the fire, while the girls poured out their happy congratulations. The first stroke of 12 sounded from the clock above them on the mantel.

"Miss Silver," said Molly suddenly, "your wish is the first to come true. Do you realize it?"

Something in Molly's dark, wistful clever face pulled at Miss Silver's heartstrings. She remembered Molly's unhappy home and the fact that very few of her wishes ever came true. A sudden impulse came over her and before the old clock had got half through its solemn announcement she turned to the other girls, although it was Molly's hand she reached out to clasp lovingly.

"Yes, my wish has come true, and because of that I am going to make another wish come true. I give, to the Half Dozen Club, this little house for their very own, with the only proviso that they elect Molly its caretaker, and allow me to come and visit here when I come home from abroad."

And as she finished speaking, the old clock sounded its last note, and the new year had come, bringing with it a great deal of happiness for those about the blazing fire.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE.

In some places in Oxfordshire, every maid-servant had the privilege and freqquently exercised it, of asking a man for ivy to decorate the house. If the man assented, well and good; but, if he refused, the maid stole a pair of his breeches. The next day they could be seen nailed to the gate of the highway. But a worse punishment than this was sometimes meted out to him; he was deprived of the privilege of the mistletoe.

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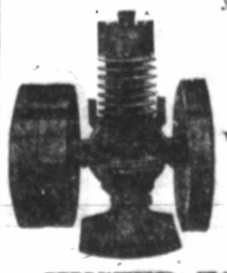
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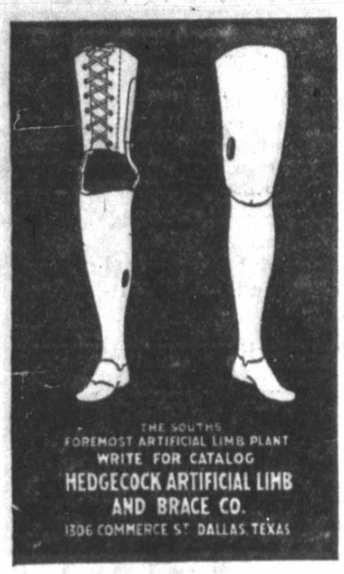
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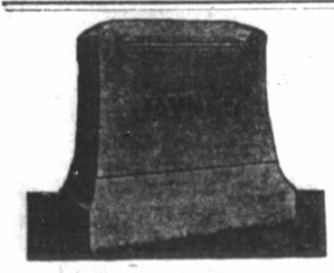
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Christmas Menus and Recipes

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If you really want your Christmas to be a happy one for yourself and all other concerned, you will shop early.

You will begin right now to select not only your gifts, but your good things for Christmas and the holiday season. Of course, it is not to be expected that you will plan every meal this far ahead, but there are certain things in the food line which every one has at Christmas, and it is a great deal easier to get these before the general rush sets in than to wait until every one else is trying to get them.

Of course, the good old standbys like plum pudding, fruit cake and mince meat should be got ready right away. In addition to these are many things which can be bought now and which will keep perfectly.

By following this plan of real preparedness for the holiday season, we housewives not only can count upon having a good time ourselves, but even more—giving every one around us a good time. And to have a good time at Christmas is a very necessary thing in life.

Not only the plum pudding, fruit cake and mincemeat can be made in advance, but the cranberry jelly can be made at any time and put into jelly glasses, china or glass bowl. Cover and put into cold place until Christmas, then remove from mold. It may be served in mold shape, or if put in jelly glasses remove and cut into rounds or dice and pile in a glass or individual dishes.

If there are no home canned vegetables or fruit on hand, lay in extra canned goods, vegetables and fruits—peas, corn, asparagus, tomatoes, peaches, pears, cherries, apricots, evaporated milk, two or three cans of a good brand of soup of choice; but the different kinds of sugar which will be needed in baking, icing and home-made candy. There is granulated, brown, powdered, maple and cut. Put in jars on supply shelf until needed.

Baking chocolate or extra cocoa is a Christmas essential for cakes, cookies, icings, candy and sauce for ice cream. See that there are enough spices on hand, salad oil (and salad dressing for mayonnaise), vinegar, table sauce and poultry seasoning, nuts of choice or mixed nuts, raisins, dates and figs or mix with fresh fruit or to serve separately as a dessert, an extra bag of flour and extra baking powder. Do not forget to have extra bag of salt on hand. So often the small, everyday essentials are overlooked.

Be sure the pie plates, cake tins, measuring cups, cookie cutter and other utensils are in good condition. Perhaps a new egg beater is needed. Get whatever is needed; do not wait until you are ready to use it and then worry because it was forgotten.

Look over all kitchen utensils at once; make a note of what is needed, and the first shopping trip you make let these be the first things bought. If you will follow the above instructions in regard to staples and utensils, you will find that it will make your Christmas preparations very much easier than ever before.

RECIPES FOR HOLIDAY COOKERY.

Biscuit making is one of the fine arts of good cookery. If you want to get close to men's hearts cook and serve them good hot biscuit. The Christmas dinner would be better with frequent serving of dainty biscuit. Try this recipe for warm milk biscuit:

WARM MILK BISCUIT.

2 cups flour.
2 teaspoons baking powder.
1 level teaspoon salt.
2 teaspoons shortening.
Milk to make soft dough.

Sift the flour, salt and baking powder together into bowl; rub in shortening lightly with tips of fingers; add just enough milk to make soft dough. Roll out dough 1 inch thick on board floured with straight flour; cut with biscuit cutter; brush tops of biscuits with milk and bake in hot oven until nicely browned, but do not bake too dry. Serve at once. This amount makes sixteen medium-sized biscuits.

Oyster Stuffing.

Mix 3 or 4 cups stale bread crumbs with ½ cup melted butter, 1 teaspoon onion juice, salt and pepper, and 1 pint well-cleaned oysters. Moisten if necessary with a little turkey liquor.

Cranberry Jelly.

Pick over and wash 1 quart cranberries and put them, with 1 cup water, over quick fire, and cook about 5 minutes, or until the berries burst. Press through coarse sieve, add 1 pound sugar, stir until sugar is dissolved, and pour into small glasses or molds to cool. Do not allow to boil after sugar is added.

Corn Bread Stuffing.

Mix 4 cups corn bread crumbs with 1 tablespoon or more of onion juice, 1 cup melted butter, pepper and salt to taste, 1 or 2 slightly beaten eggs and hot water enough to moisten. Add poultry seasoning to taste.

A Fruit Pudding.

One-half cup butter, ½ cup sugar, 1 cup milk, ¼ cup currants, 2 cups chopped figs, ½ cup molasses, 3 cups flour, 1 egg, 5 teaspoons baking powder, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, ½ teaspoon nutmeg, ½ teaspoon salt.

Rub the shortening and sugar together and beat until creamy. Add the beaten egg, milk, molasses and 2½ cups of the flour sifted with spices, baking powder and salt. Beat well. Mix the chopped fruits with ½ cup of flour, gradually add to other ingredients. Pour into a mold and steam for three hours.

Plum Pudding.

One pound seeded raisins, 1 pound currants, 1 pound beef suet, ¾ pound of sugar, 6 eggs, ½ cup of fine bread crumbs, 1½ cups flour, 2 tablespoons orange peel, 2 tablespoons of lemon peel, 2 tablespoons citron peel, nutmeg, cinnamon, cloves and salt.

Mix together all ingredients, adding a little milk if necessary. Dip the pudding cloth in boiling water, then flour the inside and put in the mixture. Tie loosely, and boil fast for four and one-half hours.

Plum Pudding Sauce.

Three yolks of eggs, 2 tablespoons powdered sugar, 1 cup grape juice.

Whip the egg yolks and sugar to a creamy consistency, then add the grape juice. Cook in double boiler for one minute, and serve at once. Any other fruit juice may be used instead of grape if preferred.

Walnut Raisin Cake.

Mix the following ingredients in their order and bake in two medium sized loaves in a moderate oven: One cup sugar, ½ cup butter substitute, ½ cup corn syrup, 2 eggs, 1 cup sweet milk, 2½ cups flour, ¼ teaspoon grated nutmeg, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon cloves, 5 level teaspoon baking powder, 1 cup walnut meats, 1 cup raisins. Flour the raisins and nut meats.

Snowdrift Cakes.

Half cup butter, ¾ cup sugar, 2 eggs, 1 tablespoon cream, 1 teaspoon vanilla, ½ cup flour, 1-3 cup cornstarch, 6 ounces of dried cocoanut, 8 crushed macaroons, 1 teaspoon baking powder. Mix in the usual order, adding the eggs, beaten without separating, before the flour, cocoanut and macaroons, crumbs are added. Bake in small tins. Ice and decorate with candied fruit; when cold the centers may be removed and filled with whipped cream for a holiday dessert.

Christmas Coffee Cake.

One cup scalded milk, ¼ cup sugar, 2 cakes compressed yeast ½ teaspoon salt, ¼ cup water, 1 egg, flour for sponge, grated lemon rind, 1-3 cup melted butter. Flour. Mix together the yeast, softened in water, the sponge and the milk; when light other ingredients, with flour for a stiff batter. Beat thoroughly when light again, spread in a dripping pan and let rise. Brush with beaten egg, dust with cinnamon and sugar and bake.

COOKIES.

Cookies fill a long felt want among all members of the family. They can be served at all times—between meals and during meals.

Grandma's Cookies.

One and one-half cups of sugar, one-half cup of butter and one-half cup of lard or substitute, one cup of sour milk, one teaspoonful of soda dissolved in hot water, nutmeg to flavor. When these cookies are mixed and ready to lay in the pan they should be sprinkled with coarse granulated sugar.

Ginger Cookies.

Cream together one cupful of sugar and one cupful of shortening. Add two tablespoonfuls of molasses, one teaspoonful of ginger and a whole egg well beaten. Stir two tablespoonfuls of soda in half a cupful of boiling water. Sift in a teaspoonful of baking powder with enough flour to make a soft dough. Roll out and bake far apart so they will not run together.

Fruit Sticks.

Chop fine or put through a food chopper equal quantities of figs, dates and nut meats. With a little tart jelly, like currant or grape; work this into a thick paste. Stir into the well beaten whites of two or more eggs and spread on long salted wafers. If the jelly does not seem to stiffen the whites, use a little pulverized sugar also.

SANDWICHES.

Sandwiches for parties during the holidays are popular with old as well as young folks.

Marshmallow Whip and Cocoa Sandwiches.

Brari or whole wheat bread, ½ cup marshmallow whip, 1 tablespoon cocoa. Cut day old bread into thin slices, then remove the crust, spread each slice with marshmallow whip and sprinkle lightly with cocoa, press the two slices together; cut into finger shapes.

Honey Nut Sandwich.

Honey, chopped English or black walnuts, day old wheat bread or bran bread. Cut the bread thin and even; butter lightly and spread with honey not quite to the edge; then sprinkle with chopped nut meats (any nut can be used.) When pressing together the honey will come to edge. These sandwiches take the place of cake. Cut into fancy shapes.

Cream Cheese and Peanut Butter Paste.

1 cream cheese, ½ teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon chopped parsley, ¼ cup peanut butter, dash white pepper, dash paprika. Mix all ingredients and add milk enough to it so it will spread easily. Spread on thin slice of bran bread and press together, or spread with just peanut butter. Most persons are fond of peanuts or peanut butter.

Peanut Butter and Apple Sandwiches.

1 loaf whole-wheat bread, one day old, 4 mellow apples, ½ glass peanut butter, pinch salt. Cut the bread into thin slices and with plain cookie or biscuit cutter cut into rounds. Spread with peanut butter. Wash, pare and core the apples; cut in this rounds as near the size of bread as possible. Put a slice of apple between the bread; sprinkle a few grains of salt on the apple and press together. No butter is used with these sandwiches.

Raisin Paste Sandwiches.

1 cup seeded raisins, ½ cup English walnuts or peanuts, 2 tablespoons lemon or orange juice, ¼ teaspoon salt. Wash and dry the raisins; put the raisins and nuts through the food chopper, add salt and orange or lemon juice and mix well; this should make a smooth paste, but if it is too dry add a little more fruit juice. Spread between thinly sliced whole wheat or white bread; cut in finger shapes or with small cookie cutter.

Cheese and Red Jelly Sandwich.

Mix one cream cheese with just enough milk or cream to make a smooth paste; add a pinch of salt. Spread one thin slice of bread with butter and the currant jelly, the other slice with the cheese, and press together. Cut the bread into triangles.

CANDIES.

Christmas without candy would seem almost as strange as Christmas without Santa Claus, so interwoven with each other are thoughts of the holiday season and the sweets that give it a festal touch.

All the candies for which recipes are here given will keep well throughout the holidays if carefully packed in boxes and put away in a cool, dry place.

Walnut Bonbons.

1 cup of fondant, ¼ cup of grated cocoanut, English walnuts. Put the fondant into top of double boiler over hot water. When soft remove and add cocoanut. Mix well. Take a teaspoon, roll into oblong balls, then press ½ English walnut on each side; sprinkle with sugar.

Creamed Dates.

Dates are cut in half, stone removed, and filled with the same kind of fondant, then rolled in powdered sugar. Figs, raisins, prunes and dried apricots are prepared the same way.

Plain fondant is molded and dipped in melted baking chocolate.

Chocolate and Honey Nut Candy.

1 cup strained honey, 4 squares melted chocolate, or ½ cup cocoa, 2 cups finely chopped nut meats, 1 teaspoon powdered cinnamon. Mix ingredients, put into saucepan and boil slowly until it spins a thick thread or has reached the hard ball stage when dropped in cold water. Dust bakeboard with 1 teaspoon of confectioner's sugar and put mixture on. When cold roll out one-half inch thick and cut in one-half inch squares. Place in warm oven to dry.

Chocolate Peanut Butter Fudge.

2 squares of chocolate, 2 cups of granulated sugar, ½ cup of milk, 2 tablespoons peanut butter, 2 tablespoon syrup, butter. Cook together the ingredients in the usual manner of fudge with a piece of butter the size of a walnut. When done beat well and pour into buttered pans.

Cocoanut Fudge.

2 squares chocolate, 2 cups sugar, 1 tablespoon butter, ½ cup fresh grated cocoanut and cocoanut milk. Put all the ingredients into saucepan and boil until when tried in cold water, a soft ball is formed. Remove from the fire, add a pinch of salt and stir until smooth and creamy. Pour into buttered pan and, when cold, cut into blocks.

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