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YEGGS BLOW STORE SAFE AT NORTON

A charge of nitro-glycerine placed in the crevices of the big steel safe in the store of L. C. Underwood & Son at Norton Friday night completely wrecked the safe and damaged the building.

The yeggs entered the store and touched off the explosive about midnight, according to a report which was heard by several parties, who thinking it a report of a fire cracker passed it up unnoticed.

Officers were put on the case as soon as the robbery was discovered Saturday morning, but the authorities have no clue and have little hope of finding anything to work on. The safe-blowers escaped with about forty dollars in cash, and it is not believed that they stole any goods from the stock. Some insurance papers are also missing from the safe.

L. C. Underwood & Sons recently purchased the stock and business of T. J. McCaughan, of Norton, but Mr. McCaughan retained the safe.

COTTON SUPPLY MAY BE AT END

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—Senator Henline, democrat of Alabama, asserted in the Senate today that the present prices of 26 cents per pound for cotton showed "conclusively that the speculators have control of the market and are depressing prices." He declared that cotton consumption

figures for November indicated the possibility of the exhaustion of the American cotton supply by next June.

Mrs. John F. Priddy left for Brownwood Friday afternoon, where she will be joined by Mr. Priddy and they will visit relatives in that city. Mr. Priddy is attending the State University.

Mrs. Gertrude Wood left for Brownwood Saturday afternoon, and will be the guest of her brother, W. L. Ellis, until after Christmas.

DATE SET FOR HEARING MURDER CHARGE IN LA.

(By Associated Press)

MONROE, La. Dec. 23.—Attorney General Coco today set January 5th for opening the hearing in connection with the Morehouse parish kidnapping-murder case, it was learned here this afternoon.

Mr. Coco arrived in Bastrop today with a special train bearing two companies of the Louisiana National Guard, and it is reported that the arrests of several men believed to be the ring leaders of the white robed mob in August will be made immediately.

The bodies of two men recovered yesterday, believed to be Watt Daniels and Thomas Richards, were further identified today by Mrs. Richards, widow of the dead man, and Daniels' father. A score of other relatives and friends have also identified the bodies, according to a Mer Rouge dispatch. The bodies are lying in the Masonic Temple at that place under guard.

264 IRISHMEN ARE RELEASED FROM JAIL

(By Associated Press)

DUBLIN, Dec. 23.—Two hundred and sixty-four republicans were released from Mount Joy prison today, having signed the declaration of allegiance to the Irish Free State.



A Merry Christmas

WE wish we might greet in person each and every one of our friends, but as that is impossible, we send to them, to you, this silent messenger, to carry best wishes and to say a

Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

D. Reeder's
DRY GOODS
TWO FRONTS—HUTCHINS AVE. & 8th ST.

BARGAIN LAND

GREETING

Everybody from our place, wishes for everybody at your place, a

Merry Christmas

And a Prosperous New Year.

The Hub

Everything to Wear.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

SIX MEN HELD FOR ROBBING DENVER MINT

(By Associated Press)

SANTA FE, N. M., Dec. 23.—Six men, with heavy suit cases, are in the county jail here pending an investigation in connection with the robbery of the federal reserve bank truck at Denver, Colorado, a few days ago. The men arrived here from Las Vegas in an automobile early today. The men were traveling in a car in which there are holes the officers believe to have been made by bullets.

The license on the car was stolen recently from an automobile in Denver, according to a check of the automobile records in that city.

BALTIMORE, Md., Dec. 23.—A five dollar federal reserve note, bearing a number of one of the forty thousand such notes stolen in the Denver taint robbery, was passed by an unidentified person in a restaurant here last night. The five dollar note was turned over to federal operatives.

Miss Lola Bailey, teacher in the Brownwood schools, and Miss Edw. Bailey, who is attending Daniel Baker College at Brownwood, came in Friday night to spend the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed Bailey.

CHRISTMAS TRAVEL DELAYS ALL TRAINS

Passenger trains are running late incident to the heavy Christmas travel. The West bound passenger train due at Ballinger at 11:52 a. m. did not arrive last night until after three o'clock. Quite a number of pupils returned home on the delayed train, and other visitors also arrived. The noon train today was about two hours late, bringing a large crowd of visitors and college folks home for the holidays.

TWO HURT IN AUTO WRECK

FT. WORTH, Dec. 23.—Jefferson King, of Fort Worth, was perhaps fatally injured, and his brother, Andrew, of Britton, was seriously hurt, when their automobile struck a bridge at Mansfield, near here, early this morning. The car overturned, pinning the two men under it. Both were brought to the hospital here.

CHRISTMAS DINNER AT MRS. NASH'S

Sunday, December 24th

50c The Best Menu Ever Served in Ballinger for 50c

GET YOUR—

"FREE AIR"

At The Fo-To-Sho Theatre
Christmas Day

CHRISTMAS OPENS THE HEART

It is the Gladdest Season of the Year. The Happiest People are those who are full of the glow of peace, and peace and justice.

It features the holiday of giving. The day set apart for rejoicing over the birth of the most potent apostle of peace mankind has ever known, wears a more nobly prophetic aspect this year than it has had in a century or a millennium, and thrilling appeals to the faith and brotherly love of good people can be made without in the least overstepping the bounds of truth. The facts are rich in promise, beyond the realization of many eyes weary of long strife and repeated disillusionment. There will be comparatively little danger of exaggeration in the praise of Christmas this glorified day which finds the world scarce able to grasp the full meaning of great events.

But there is another phase of Christmas which is always well worth noting, and especially so when the pace of human progress is quickened by momentous changes toward peace and good will. This is the constant widening and unending conquests of the best of holidays.

Every Christmas is bigger than the one before it. Always the day means more to a greater number of human beings. Year after year its boundaries are extended. Year by year its sunshine is shed upon more of the earth's inhabitants.

This does not necessarily mean the gains of the Christian religion, for Christmas is wider than Christianity. The day of the coming of Jesus is cherished by many millions who have no connection with Christian churches or the faith they profess. The holiday is dear to all who live in lands where Christians are most numerous. It wins the devotion of little children and holds their affection as they grow older. For multitudes its observance is not in any sense a rite of belief, but a manifestation of rejoicing in the love of fellow-dwellers in a world which at best has too little of the sunshine of kindness and affection.

There is no reason to fear that this growth of Christmas will cease. There is nothing to indicate that it will ever fail to widen the realm of bright hopes and radiant thoughts, shining children's eyes and smiling older faces, when winter days are briefest and darkest, in the more populous half of the earth, and nature leaves most for man to do, in making the world cheerful and life worth while.—Cleveland News-Leader.

"TENDERING" THE SHEEP

SOMETIMES the thoughts of little folks are far deeper than our own. They are unconsciously nearer to the soul of things and more in the divine secrets. Few of us but would give much could we feel again the romantic atmosphere that used to be such a delightful fog at Christmas time. No later imaginations have equaled those which once strained our ears as we sat up in bed, listening for the reindeer upon the roof, the sleigh bells of Santa Claus. With what ecstatic joy we used to explore the stuffed stockings! There are Christmas expressions that still exist in faded note books, taken-down child-like remarks that bring back happy days of Christmas associations. "I know a Christmas carol," said little Bess. "It's about the Good Shepherd, tendering the sheep."—C. G. Hazard. (© 1922, Western Newspaper Union.)

EVENING THINGS UP.

Wife — Some-how there doesn't seem to be much Christmas spirit in the air.

Hubby — Well, make up for it by putting an extra lot in the mince pie.



St. Nick for the Table.

St. Nick's head is a walnut, his body a rosy apple, his arms are of raisins, his legs macaroni and his shoes Brazil nuts. A hole is bored into each nut to set in the macaroni legs. His beard is of absorbent cotton, his lips of sealing wax, his eyes of apple seeds, while his reindeer are long sweet potatoes with realistic antlers of raisins. A wonderful Santa who serves as a "party" when all the other Christmas goodies are gone! Do you want to make such a St. Nick?—Grit.

Lady Finger Cake.

One cupful brown sugar, 1 cupful white sugar, 1 cupful butter or butter substitute, 3 eggs, 1½ cupfuls milk, 2½ cupfuls flour, 1½ cupfuls nuts, chopped fine; 20-grained crackers, 2 teaspoonfuls of baking powder, 1 teaspoonful vanilla flavor.

Mix in order given. Cream butter and sugar; add eggs and milk and beat. Then add the dry ingredients and mix well. Bake in a moderate oven from 30 to 40 minutes in two layers.

Lighting Made Easy.

ough to be mounted almost on a locomotive is a compact unit consisting of a direct-current dynamo and steam turbine, that has been produced in Switzerland to provide for train lighting. In the housing for the turbine, between it and the dynamo, is an air fan for cooling the shaft bearing at this point, and which acts also as a stuffing box for the turbine. The turbine, says Popular Mechanics Magazine, is very simple, and the steam requires no control, for the air fan acts as a governor, preventing racing, and keeping the speed uniform at all loads. The lamps in the train remain remarkably steady, and there is a very small variation of voltage, no matter how many or how few lamps are in operation.

For Winter Flowers.

A fascinating way in which to force bulbs is to grow them in water. Chinese lilies, hyacinths and paper white narcissus being especially responsive to this method.

Preparations are simple: First put pebbles in a dish of water, keeping the water slightly below the tops of the stems. A few small bits of charcoal will aid in keeping the water sweet. Place the bulbs on the pebbles and set away in a cool, dark, well ventilated closet until the roots get a good start and the leaf spikes are about an inch high. Then bring to the light and proceed as carefully as with trench grown plants.

To Remove Chewing Gum.

Wet the material well around the gum with kerosene and rub lightly. This will prompt removal of gum. Then wash with soap.



MYTHS OF CHRISTMAS SEASON

Among Some of Peasantry of France is Belief That Bread Remains Fresh Ten Years.

LEGENDS and myths without number have become associated with the celebration of Christmas. Among some of the peasantry of France is a strong belief that loaves of bread baked at Christmas will remain fresh for ten years. It is also believed by some of the simple folk that during the whole of the Christmas holidays a portion of bread should be left on the table day and night because the Holy Mother may come to share it. For some reason not to be explained, there is a superstition among some French peasant wives that no bread must be baked between Christmas day and the Feast of the Circumcision, because an infraction of this rule will bring disaster on the household.

There is a peasant belief of an old standing that if the coffee on the farm be given drink immediately after the midnight mass of Christmas their health will continue good throughout the year. Another belief is that if seed of wheat be wrapped in a tablecloth which has been used for Christmas dinner, a profitable harvest will be insured. Another strange belief is that a cold bath taken on Christmas day will protect the bather against fevers and toothache throughout the year.

CHRISTMAS RIBBONS

IF CHRISTMAS ribbons could express themselves they would say that people were thrifty, for some ribbons claim to have been doing business every Christmas for many, many years. They are often pressed and made to look their best, but they're the same ones used again and again. However, if they could philosophize they would rejoice that they were the means of adding gaiety, color and cheer to Christmas packages year after year!

A HARD JOB.

For little children in a flat. Drawbacks are growing greater. For how can Santa with his pack crawl through a radiator?



The Friendly Path

By Walter L. Robinson

THE PESSIMIST

IF ONE must be a pessimist, let him keep his pessimism to himself.

It is sufficient to make one's self unhappy without loading gloom on the others in the world. There always are more reasons for gladness than for sorrow, and if one cannot find happiness for himself he's an ungrateful and unkind individual if he tries to take the gladness away from his fellow men.

In a big city rooming house, a life-weary man, previous to trying, suicide, penned a note in which he said:

"The world has grown corrupt. It is no decent place to live in. One has to be a thief, a whisky runner or inebriate else he is no good any more."

A poor excuse to remove himself from this life of sunshine and gladness. But he had even less excuse for unloading his pessimism to disturb the lives of thousands who are finding this a pretty good old world in which to "carry on."

The man didn't succeed in removing himself from this life, and when he recovers it is quite probable that he'll prize his breath and the privilege of living more than he ever did before. But he'll only do so when he engages some of his time and attention in the task which belongs to everyone—that of making the world better, more beautiful and its inhabitants more happy and thankful to their God.

No one can answer the question without a lengthy thesis as to how fast the world is growing better. But no one can delve into history even a little without admitting that most people abhor sin and are more ashamed of sinning than people were not very long ago.

Thomas Edison, while camping with Henry Ford and H. S. Firestone recently, said that "Every man will revert to barbarism if given half a chance." But he contended that civilization is gaining, though he estimated that 15,000 years would have to pass before man "will have reached such a high point of civilization where he cannot, or will not want to go back to the barbaric life."

So you see we're moving in the right direction and following the right path. Then let us forget our complaining and not block traffic for others with foolish pessimism, for there is need of more optimism to bring the chariot of happiness through successfully, even though we're engaged in a tortoise race.

5th Street Church of Christ

Xmas services at the Eighth St. Church of Christ, Dec. 24. Bible school 10:00 a. m. Communion 11:50 a. m.

The Yuletide discourse at 11:00 a. m. Subject, "The Christ Babe, the Christ Boy, the Christ Man, the Christ Redeemer."

7:15 p. m. At this hour Brother Jimmy McKinney, who is one of Ballinger's boys of the days ago, will do the preaching.

A hearty invitation is extended to all, to come and hear of God's wonderful goodness to man, and how we should show our appreciation for this great love.

PLEASANT J. TAYLOR, Minister.

FT. WORTH—A jazz orchestra and a group of soloists will appear on the programs of the Men's Glee Club of Texas Christian University in the winter tour, which opens at Waxahachie Dec. 21, following with dates at Corsicana,

Dec. 22; McKinney, Paris, Bonham, Durant, Sherman, and Denton, on January 1, 2, 3, 4, 5 and 6, respectively.

ABILENE—November was the wettest month that this city has had for the past three years, and as a result a winter season was put into the ground and the winter grain crop practically assured.

MERCEDES, Tex.—Fine fruit will be ready soon for marketing here. A few more weeks of sun is needed for the making of the crop which includes grape, fruit, oranges, lemons, limes and tangerines.

HOUSTON—Two hundred safety signs have been donated to the Motor League here by the Houston Electric Company to be placed at points of danger about this city as a warning to motorists.

Ledger want ads work for you.

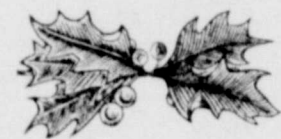
A Merry Christmas



One of the oldest expressions in the English language and probably no wish is made that carries with it so much genuine good will and fellowship.

To use the expression sincerely, and with the fervor of true friendship, radiates a warmth of good cheer; for happiness is not solitary, and in the good deed, the kind word lay the philosophy of Christ who is the spirit of Christmas and who taught us to live wisely and righteously.

In the true Christmas spirit, and with the pledge of usefulness to this community, we say to each and every one of you, that we hope this Christmas will mean a lot to you that is personally pleasant.



Weinberg and Wardlaw

Cleaners, Pressers and Dyers

Heartiest Greetings



To our many friends and customers to whom we feel indebted for the splendid patronage of our firm during the past year, we wish to express our appreciation and wish you a

Merry Christmas

E. A. Jeanes & Co.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

There is nothing so valuable as friends, and nothing so necessary as to keep them. We desire to maintain our mutual co-operation with you during the coming year, and extend our wishes for a very

MERRY CHRISTMAS

KING-HOLT

FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKING CO.

BALLINGER, TEXAS.

GAMES AT CHRISTMAS

Boards Afforded Means of Amusement in England During Yuletide Season.

UNIVERSAL Christmas custom of England in olden times was playing at cards. Persons who never touched a card at any other season were bound to play a few at Christmas.

Henry VIII's statutory statute of Henry VIII's reign made playing cards during Christmas holidays. Of course this law extended only to persons of rank.

After the Coverley took care to both creature comfort and amusement for his neighbors at Christmas, sending "a string of hog's head and a pack of cards" to every family in the parish.

The pulpit comes in for its share of anecdotes regarding playing cards. Here is an example of a sermon preached from Romans "As God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."

The reverend gentleman in question adopted as illustration of his discourse the story of "dealing" as applied to reminding his congregation that should fellow suit, ever play to board, improve the gifts dealt to them, take care of their cards, play promptly when it came to turn, etc.

Short notes were frequently written the backs of playing cards. In an collection of poetry is found the following lines:

To a Lady Who Sent Her Compliments to a Clergyman on the Ten of Hearts.

Four compliments, dear lady, pray forbear, No English services are more sincere;

You send ten hearts—the title is only mine, Give me but one and burn the other nine."—Cleveland Plain Dealer.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS TREE

History of the Yuletide Emblem Extends Far Into the Mists of Antiquity.

THE history of Christmas tree usage extends far into the mists of antiquity. Some say its origin is connected with the legendary Tree of Time, Yggdrasil, the great tree of Norse mythology, within whose roots and branches heaven and earth are bound.

Some say the custom may be traced to the Egyptians who, at the time of the winter solstice, decorated their portals with branches of the date palm.

To a Scandinavian legend may perhaps be traced our custom of illuminating the tree when darkness comes. Among the Greeks, Christmas is known as the feast of lights.

To people of different localities today the term Christmas tree may mean fir, spruce, pine, cedar or even magnolia, for each particular region makes use of the most suitable species that is to be found near its markets.

In the vicinity of the mid-west, a short-needle pine found in Michigan and Wisconsin may be used. On the Pacific coast the white fir finds favor, while throughout Ohio, the Norway spruce is largely used.

In Maryland and Virginia, the scrub pine and farther south cedar and holly. Best of all is the symmetrical balsam fir, each tiny leaf of which sends out a breath of aromatic fragrance.

AN OLD CHRISTMAS CUSTOM

Village Boys in North England Reproduce Play That is as Old as the Race.

IN THE North of England some of the oldest of our Christmas customs are still faithfully observed. One of the quaintest is that of the village boys who call themselves "The Mummings."

At Christmas time they perform a little play that is as old as the English race.

There are three chief characters—St. George, resplendent in silver-pa-pered armor, and brandishing a wooden sword; Beelzebub, who is, of course, the famous dragon; and the Doctor, who wears a battered top-hat.

At the beginning of the play it is announced that the countryside is being laid waste by Beelzebub. Various minor characters make an appeal for deliverance from the monster's sway.

Then St. George bursts upon the scene. A fierce battle takes place, in which he slays Beelzebub, but is himself badly wounded. At this point the Doctor rushes in with a bottle, which he places to the saint's lips.

"Tak soon o' mah niff-naff dahn thy tiff-taff," he prescribes. So George drinks and is cured.

Some of the words used in the play are so old that neither the boys nor the majority of the audience can understand them.

OLD STORY.

What did your Mother say when I didn't come home until late last night?

She said "Just wait till after Christmas, I'll fix him!"

Nut Bread.

One egg, 1 cupful sugar, 3 cupfuls flour, 3 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 large cupful nuts, a little salt.

Use enough water to mix; let stand 30 minutes; bake slowly one hour.

QUAINT CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS

Cupid Plays Part in Many of the Superstitions That Are Still Given Consideration.

Good St. Thomas, serve me right And send me my true love tonight. That I may gaze upon his face. Then him in my fond arms embrace.

AFTER placing a piece of holly under her pillow, many a girl, in the north of England especially, repeats these lines to herself before retiring to rest on Christmas eve, according to a writer in London Tit-Bits.

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This they eat just before retiring to bed, in the belief that their somewhat indigestible supper will cause them to dream of their future husbands.

In the Alps there exist several charming Yuletide customs of proposing marriage by the language of flowers. If a girl accepts a bouquet of edelweiss from a man during the period from Christmas day to New Year's eve the action denotes that she accepts him as her future husband.

Another Christmas custom in Switzerland is for the young man to place a flower pot, containing a single rose, and a note on the window sill of the girl's room when she is absent from home. He then waits for a reply. If the maid accepts the flower before New Year's eve, then the young man boldly enters the house to "ask papa."

If, on the other hand, the rose is not touched, but is allowed to fade away, the proposal is rejected without a single word of love having been exchanged between the couple.

In Sardinia Christmas wooing is far more complicated. If a Sardinian father has a marriageable daughter, the would-be suitor applies to him for permission to speak to her by means of a species of telephone that has been in use for the purpose for centuries.

It is a long string with a wooden knob at each end. The girl drops one knob out of her window and the shutters being closed, places the other knob to her ear. Down below her would-be lover pours words of undying devotion into his knob!

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Many quaint superstitions are associated with the festive season in various parts of Britain. In Hertfordshire the wearing of new shoes on Christmas day is considered to be very unlucky.

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The stove burns wood or pea coal, of which there is no shortage, and radiates considerable heat, not only within the room, but in the adjoining rooms. With the furnace operating on a curtailed supply of fuel, the fireplace stove permits the registers in that portion of the house to be turned off, shutting whatever heat might be produced to other sections of the house.

The stove also serves a practical purpose, its flat top permitting the boiling of water, preparation of toast or other light housekeeping practices.

Other features in favor of the innovation are the fact that it is out of the way and takes up no additional space; and, unlike a log fire in an open fireplace, gives off no sparks nor smoke and consequently meets with the approval of the housewife.—New York Sun.

IDEA FOR FUEL CONSERVATION

New Jersey Man Has Evolved Scheme Which It Will Be Admitted Has Many Good Points.

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Underwood News Co.

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Children Cry for

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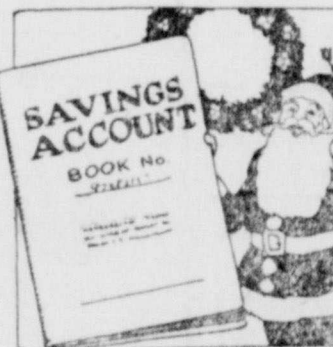
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WITH the advent of the Holiday season, and the coming of the New Year, it is our great pleasure to express to our friends and customers the real appreciation we feel for their helpful patronage, which has had a share in our success.

Here's wishing you and yours a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS

CHRISTMAS OF PRESENT TIME

Despite Methods of Travel and the Ease of Making Long Journeys, Home Holiday Best.

WHEN Christmas began its pilgrimage down the years, society was stationary. Today families and individuals are constantly on the move. Modern means of transportation have abolished distance. The family today scatters to all quarters of the earth. One brother stays on the Atlantic coast, the other migrates to the Pacific seaboard, but then they are "only four or five days apart." In England sons and daughters find their way in all parts of an empire that covers the globe; it is nothing for the called Christmas solatians of a single family to travel between Montreal, Melbourne, Calcutta, Cape Town and London.

When Irving wrote "Bracebridge Hall," the little journey into the country was itself an adventure. The ease of travel nowadays has taken the edge from all such jaunts. Everybody travels. And increasing numbers use the modern transport system to leave home at Christmas time. It may be heresy, but the custom of spending Christmas at an inn is gaining ground. Congestion of population in great cities has narrowed the dimensions of the metropolitan home, and not many apartments can comfortably accommodate the family reunion and the preparation and setting of the Christmas dinner. So when the trip to the country fails the city family goes holiday-making in an hotel. If hotels once were lonely places at Christmas they are far from lonely now, and many seek them both for dinner and frolic.

These are tendencies, variations upon the old theme. The theme, however, remains unchanged. It will not change. The great majority will still keep Christmas at home. Where there are children the proper paraphernalia and the time-honored observances will hold the family at home. No substitute fully satisfies. At best the away-from-home Christmas is only a substitute for the genuine article. So long as children come to enrich the lives of men and women Christmas will remain essentially a home holiday. The organization of modern life brings some compensations to the absent and the homeless, but the fullness of Christmas satisfaction is only to be had at the family hearth.

THE FIRST CHRISTMAS CARD

First Decorated Yuletide Greeting Was Made for Sir Henry Cole in 1843.

ENGLISH NOTES AND QUERIES has the names of three men who at one time or another have been credited with designing the first Christmas card. W. C. T. Dobson has some claim to making the first Christmas card in 1844, but John C. Horsley made a Christmas card for Sir Henry Cole in 1843 and later began the publication of such cards.

But there is nothing particularly new in the origin of pictures sent to remind friends of some particular event. The custom was very old in China, from which country so many customs came to be known as very old after they were established in Europe. In the Chinese laundries pictures in red and black used to be familiar to the man going for his weekly wash. They were Chinese New Year cards which remained on the walls until the next New Year came around. But the sale of Christmas cards as a business came in about 1845 or 1846. The American-made cards some years later have the credit for introducing quality and artistic design into Christmas card printing.

On New Year's day Japanese merchants send their patrons cards with greetings of the season. An elaborate symbolism is used in conveying the Japanese messages, and when it is known the stork is supposed to live a thousand years and the turtle ten thousand, their significance on the cards is readily understood; they say to the recipient, "We wish you a long life." The pine tree, everlastingly green, is a symbol of good fortune; the fan means increasing good fortune.

The seven gods of good fortune occupy prominent places on the New Year's cards. They are Ebisu, happiness; Daikoku, prosperity; Bentei, music; Fude, charity; Goro, long life; Fukuroku, good luck, and Bishamon, protection against evil.

Christmas and Twelfth Day.

The festival of the Nativity was never held on any other day than the 25th day of December. The ancient observance of the feast, however, continued for 12 days, or in ecclesiastical language, "an octave and a half," other festival days having an "octave" or eight days of observance only. Hence, the last day of the feast was termed Twelfth Day, Little Christmas (among the French) and Old Christmas day in some parts of England. It was in 813 A. D. that the Epiphany was first celebrated as a distinct festival, at the end of the Christmas celebration proper. The day has its own observances, twelfth day cake, king of the feast, the mystic bean in the cake, etc., etc., but is now usually celebrated as "le jour de roi," by the French people, or as the festival of the Epiphany, the Greek word for manifestation of Jesus Christ to the Gentiles.

CHRISTMAS FEAST FOR BIRDS

Feathery Tribe in Bosnia Not Forgotten—Food Placed Near Nests and Shelters.

CHISTMAS is not merely a festival celebrated by and for man alone. Among the folklore of other countries are several quaint stories in which animals and birds give evidence of their adoration. A well-known Bosnian legend offers a version of world-adoration. They claim that on the holy day "the sun in the east bowed down, the stars stood still; the mountains and forests shook and touched the earth with their summits, and the green pine tree bent; the grass was be-flowered with the opening of blossoms; incense sweet as myrrh pervaded upland and forest; birds sang on the mountain tops and all give thanks to the great God."

In Bosnia on Christmas Day a shoof of rye is put near birds' nests and bird houses for the birds' Christmas.

An old Indian legend says that on Christmas night all the deer in the forest kneel in adoration before the Great Spirit. Wee to him, however, who tries to spy upon them. He is punished with perpetual stiffening of the knees.

Many people of the Old World claim that on Christmas night animals are gifted with speech, but none must trespass or eavesdrop.

Many and many have been the tales which account for the robin's red breast. In great many parts of Europe he is called the Saviour's bird, and a story is told that when the Christ was crucified the robin, unable to stand His suffering, ventured to pluck the thorns from His head. In doing so, the blood stained the robin's breast, which sign he wears today.

THE WILD BOAR'S HEAD FEAST

Animal of Woods in Early Days Provided One of the Most Popular Christmas Dinners.

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 men 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.

LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE

Yuletide Bough Was Responsible for Death of Balder, Son of Odin, an Old Story.

THE mistletoe bough, according to an old Scandinavian legend, was responsible for the death of Balder, the son of Odin, and the God of Eloquence and Poetry. Having informed his mother, Frigg, that a dream had warned him of his imminent death she invoked all the powers of earth—fire, air, earth and

water (including all animals and plants)—to come to his rescue. In the combats of the gods, therefore, he found himself uninjured.

But Loki, his deadly enemy, was determined to discover the secret of his invulnerability, and by judiciously flattering Frigg, and praising the progress of her son, obtained from her the reason. But, she foolishly told him, there was one feeble little shoot she had not thought it necessary to invoke—the mistletoe.

The treacherous Loki immediately procured a branch of the mistletoe, and entering the assembly of gods presented an arrow made from it to blind Hela, with the words—"Balder is before thee. Shoot!" He shot and Balder fell, pierced and slain.

And countless thousands have since been "slain" and will be slain for ages to come with "darts" from the "mistletoe bough."

CHRISTMAS DAY IN ICELAND

Natives Still Cling to Old Customs and Songs; Day is One of Great Happiness.

SUCH a strong-winged thing is Christmas Cheer that it has betaken itself even to that isolated island of the far north, where the shortest day is four hours long, and where at Christmas time the sun does not rise above the horizon for a week.

Christmas is a great day with the people of Iceland and they still cling to all their old customs and songs and the day to them is one of great happiness.

One of their favorite old songs is filled with simplicity that is touching and yet gives a glimpse of a philosophy of life that is pretty fine: When I go good and think aright At feast or man, resigned to God, Thou lookest on me with eyes of light, Tasting new joys in life's abode.

EL PASO—After December 31, Mexico will allow advertising on fronts and backs of envelopes to be circulated thru the mails, according to information received from the capital of Mexico at the local Mexican consulate. Advertising matter, however, must not cover more than one-fourth on the back or front of the envelope.

DALLAS—Secure extension of instruction in the operation of the Texas Power & Light Company, who has just returned from a trip to survey the textile industry in a number of Southern centers.

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

TO our friends and customers who have been instrumental in making this closing year successful and satisfactory, we take this opportunity of expressing our appreciation. We shall strive by a strict adherence to our policy of store service, honest merchandise, and giving highest quality and best values, to merit a continuance of your confidence and patronage.

May all your wrinkles be pressed out.

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Christmas Greetings

Our business relations have been most pleasant and we take advantage of the present season to send you best wishes for a

MERRY CHRISTMAS

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Ballinger, Texas

MERRY CHRISTMAS

At this season our thoughts go out in gratitude to our friends who have made our past year's business successful. May the coming year bring you happiness and prosperity.

No matter what you may give or receive; no matter the size of your bank account, or the prosperity of your business, our best wish for you at this Christmas time, is that down deep in your heart, you may wish

"Peace on Earth"
and that you may feel
"Good Will Toward Man"

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We extend Christmas Greetings and wish for you, a

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(Engineering News-Record)

Within the memory of the elders of today this nation has turned from a land of scattered agriculturists to a compact unit of industrial production. And this in the face of a multiplying population with multiplying food requirements; in the face of increased acreage with increased output per acre.

The change has come through the coming of a body of men known as engineers, who have delivered us from the consuming losses of chance by giving us the science of controlled and directed effort.

These engineers have reduced the proportionate population of the farms through providing the farmer with mechanical means of replacing human labor.

They gave industry impetus through providing it with equipment designed to construct the machinery and other devices required by the farmer, as well as to meet the enlarged needs of a congested urban population.

They have put machinery to do the drudgery of detail in offices, stores, factory, farm and home. They have put methods into management, facts where guess-work had been, knowledge where ignorance had taken toll.

These engineers, of whom we hear so little and upon whom we are daily becoming more dependent, have carried out a successful and constructive revolution which has turned this country into the greatest of industrial nations.

Today they are making themselves felt in the reconstruction of our standards of intercourse, in the improvement of both social and industrial laws, in the betterment of ethical and moral principles.

They have earned this position of influence through having analyzed the purpose of life and through the evolution of a science of progress founded upon fact.

You will do well to follow the activities of the engineer. Your future depends upon him, not merely your financial success but the revaluation of our world and its progress out of chaos into sound prosperity.

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Citation by Publication
THE STATE OF TEXAS,
To the Sheriff or any Constable
of Runtels County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. H. McBride by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Runtels County, Texas, to be held at the court house thereof, in Ballinger, Texas, on the First Monday in January, A. D., 1923.

The same being the 1st day of January, A. D., 1923, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 2nd day of December A. D., 1922, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court, No. 3060, wherein R. E. Lafoon is Plaintiff, and J. H. McBride, is Defendant; the nature of plaintiff's demand being as follows:

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Runtels:
In the District Court, Runtels County, Texas, January Term, 1923.

TO THE HON. J. O. WOODWARD, JUDGE OF SAID COURT:

Now comes R. E. Lafoon, who resides in Runtels County, Texas, hereinafter called plaintiff, and makes complaint of J. H. McBride, whose place of residence is unknown to the plaintiff, hereinafter called defendant; and for cause of action plaintiff represents to the court that on or about the 13th day of May 1922, he was seized and possessed of the following described lands and premises, situate in Runtels County, Texas, holding and claiming the same in fee simple, to-wit:

Being 160 acres in the Northeast portion of Runtels County, out of the Northeast part of the Nathan Mitchell Survey No. 470, and described by metes and bounds as follows:

Beginning at the Southwest corner of the George Harrison Survey No. 318, same being the Southeast corner of the George Hancock Survey No. 437, and the Northeast corner of said Survey No. 470; Thence West 950 varas; Thence South 950 varas to stone mound; Thence East 950 varas; Thence North 950 varas to the place of beginning.

That on said day and date the defendant unlawfully entered upon said premises and ejected plaintiff therefrom, and unlawfully withheld from him the possession thereof, to his damage in the sum of \$1,000.00.

Wherefore plaintiff prays that the defendant be cited to appear and answer this petition and that upon hearing hereof he have judgment for the title and possession of the above described lands and premises and that writ of restitution issue for his damages, and costs of suit, and for such other and further relief general or special, in law and in equity that he may show himself justly entitled to.

Attorney for Plaintiff.
Herein fail not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this Writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Ballinger, Texas, this 2nd day of December, A. D., 1922.

(Seal):
GEORGIA SINGLETARY,
Clerk, District Court, Runtels County, Texas.
By Dale Williams, Deputy.
d-2-9-16-23

"FREE AIR" IS
APPLY TITLED

Speaking of appropriate names for motion pictures, the Hodkinson released feature, "Free Air," which comes to the Fo-to-sho Theatre next Monday (Christmas Day) and Tuesday, is one of the most appropriately named pictures of which this reviewer has any knowledge.

"Free Air" is a picture adapted from the Sinclair Lewis story of the same name which ran serially in the Saturday Evening Post. Every inch of the picture, from the opening scene to the final fade out was made in the "free air" of Montana, Minnesota, North Dakota and Wisconsin.

The picture is also an appropriate one for Christmas exhibition, as some of the action is timed for the Yuletide season. Several shots were taken at an altitude of more than 10,000 feet above sea level, and on one occasion the company was caught in a blinding snowstorm. By morning the ground was covered with more than ten inches of snow and the actors were obliged to postpone outside work for more than a week.

Ballinger Steam Laundry will come clean with you. Phone 75.

CHAPLIN SEEN IN MANY
GUISES IN "IDLE CLASS"

"The Idle Class," Charles Chaplin's latest production for Associated First National release, is a special and added attraction to be shown at the Maeroy Theatre on Christmas Day and the Tuesday following, Dec. 25th and 26th. Besides the Chaplin farce-comedy, the Kate Douglas Wiggin story, "Timothy's Quest," a six part romantic drama; and a Harold Lloyd comedy will be shown, for the motion picture part of the program. The Senior Class, B. H. S. operetta, "The Pennant," will be shown previous to the pictures, on Monday night only, the curtain rising at 8:00 o'clock sharp. This will constitute probably the best rounded out program ever seen in the Maeroy for Christmas Day.

"The Idle Class" contains many features not hitherto seen in Chaplin comedies. While Charles appears in many of the scenes clad in his regulation attire, later he dons the garments of a gentleman of leisure and double in a number of scenes.

But still later Charles can be seen in a suit of armor, while at a masquerade. He finds it rather cumbersome and disadvantageous, especially when the visor will not work at the moment that he is trying to imbibe a cocktail, but nevertheless later in the evening he is thankful to the fates that he is wearing the steel and iron, for the husband (Mack Swain), of the handsome young dame (Edna Purviance) with whom he falls in love discovers that the armor is impervious to his fist.

There is a surprise finish to the comedy, also. And at the end of the action Charles is beating it from thence in a remarkable hurry, with 400 pounds of enraged wrath galloping behind him.

Something in very rich Christmas Cards. Remember your friends. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 19-5td

Miss Virginia Mills left for Houston Friday afternoon, and will spend Christmas with home folks.

"WORSE THAN PAIN"

Louisiana Lady Says She Has "Never Found Anything Better Than Cardui for a Run-Down Condition."

Morgan City, La.—"It would be hard for me to tell how much benefit I have derived from the use of Cardui," said Mrs. I. G. Bowman, of 1319 Front Street, this city.

"I was so run-down in health I could hardly go. I was thin. I had no appetite. Could not rest or sleep well. I was so weak, and so very nervous, I was no pleasure to myself.

"I suffered some pain, but the worst of my trouble was from being so weak and easy to get tired and out of heart. "This nervous condition was worse than pain.

"Some one told me of Cardui, and I decided to use it.

"After using a few bottles, I regained my strength. I wasn't so nervous, and began to eat and sleep, and grew stronger and was soon well.

"I have never found anything better for a run-down condition."

If you suffer as this Louisiana lady did, you, too, should find Cardui helpful for your troubles.

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TO ASK STATE FOR AID
ON DALLAS MUSEUM

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Dec. 23.—The state legislature, which convenes January 9th at Austin, will be asked for an appropriation for the Texas Museum of Natural History here, according to Emil Fretz, of the city park board, president of the museum association. A building fund has been started, Ed Sewell, supervisor of the museum, said, for the erection of a \$10,000 building to house exhibits at the Fair Park.

Associated members of the museum commission will be appointed to aid in the collection of specimens, William Doran, vice-chairman declared.

Mrs. Laura M. Hoyt Recommends
Chamberlain's Tablets

"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.

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Smith and two children are here from Fort Worth visiting Mrs. Smith's sister, Mrs. Will Aycock.

UNIVERSAL WEEK AT
FO-TO-SHO NEXT WEEK

Matinee every day at 2:00 p. m. Monday and Tuesday—"Free Air," the Sinclair Lewis story; and Universal comedy.

Wednesday and Thursday—Bebe Daniels in "Two Weeks With Pay;" and a Universal comedy.

Friday—Elaine Hammerstein in "Why Announce Your Marriage?" the Selznick News and a comedy.

Saturday—Gladys Walton in "Top O' the Morning;" and Brownie in "The Radio Hound," a Century comedy.

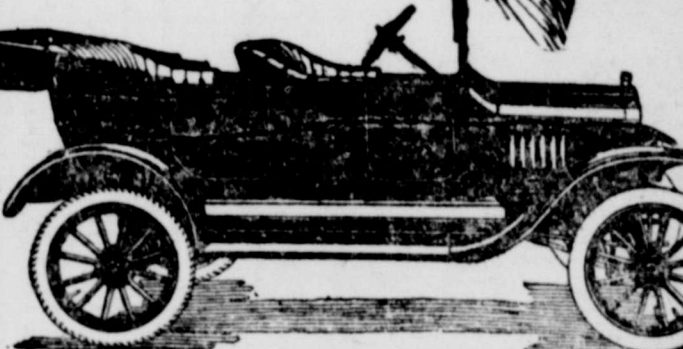
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Miss Lucibel Taylor arrived from Waxahachie, where she is attending school Friday, and is spending the holiday vacation with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Taylor.

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POPE TO CALL CATHOLIC MEET

(By Associated Press)
ROME, Dec. 23.—There is a probability that the Pope will call a meeting of the entire Catholic Episcopate in Rome during next jubilee year, it was announced in the Papal Encyclical issued today. Such a meeting would be a continuation of the Aemene Council which was held in Rome in 1870. The next jubilee year will begin on December 24, 1924.

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.

First Christian Church

Cer. Broadway and Murrell Bible school at 9:45 a. m. Christmas sermon 10:45 a. m. Christmas Tree and Bible school entertainment 7:15 p. m.
ALFRED CRAGER, Pastor.

Make your home happy with a Victrola, Christmas. J. Y. Pearce Drug Co. 19-5td

8th Street Presbyterian Church
The junior and primary classes of the Eighth Street Presbyterian Sunday school will give their Christmas program this evening beginning at 7:15 o'clock.

Sabbath school begins promptly at 9:15 a. m., S. P. Hathaway superintendent.

Morning worship at 11:00 o'clock. Subject, "Light and Shadows on the Christ Cradle." Evening worship at 7:15 o'clock. Subject, "The Name 'Wonderful.'" You are invited.

JESS. M. CHELL, Minister.

Notice

While your family is at home, have a photograph made. All photographs made on approval. Will come to your home on Christmas day for appointment. Phone 148, J. R. Robertson. 23-1td.

Chamberlain's Cough Remedy the Mother's Favorite

The soothing and healing properties of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy, its pleasant taste and prompt and effectual cures have made it a favorite with people everywhere. It is especially prized by mothers of young children for colds, croup and whooping cough, as it always affords quick relief and is free from opium and other harmful drugs.

Mrs. Emma Nash went to Abilene Friday afternoon to meet her daughter, Mrs. Fred Moore, and children, who came in from Ranger on a visit. Robert Lee Maddox accompanied Mrs. Nash to Abilene and return.

Carl Tegal, of the Rowena country, was laying in Christmas supplies in Ballinger Saturday and called to wish The Ledger a merry Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Stuart L. Williams are among the flu victims, both being confined to their beds with the epidemic which is gripping this city.

Let the Ballinger Steam Laundry do your dirty work, at 7 cents per pound. Phone 75. 21-1td

Mrs. T. B. Pickett and children, of Temple, are here to spend Christmas with home folks.

DENTON—Christmas holidays at the College of Industrial Arts have been extended two days to last until January 4. This action was taken when the entire student body and faculty voted unanimously upon the question when it was presented to them in college assembly by President F. M. Bralley. Jan. 4 will be taken up with registration, and classes will be resumed the following day.

DALLAS—The new one-man cars, such as have been ordered for the Dallas-Terrell interurban, will be used on the Denton interurban over the electrified branch of the Katy, according to an announcement by R. R. Brown, chief engineer. The cars are much smaller than those on the Fort Worth, Denison, Waco and Corsicana lines and are about like those used on the Ft. Worth-Cleburne line.

Santa Claus Making His Visits for Goodfellows

The members of the local Pastors' Association, after three or four days hard work, met at the office of the Y. M. B. L. at 8:30 Saturday morning, and started on their mission of cheer and good will in playing Santa Claus for the Goodfellows of this city.

Autos laden with Christmas bags and parcels started out to visit every home where there was promise of an empty stocking. The preachers of the city canvassed the situation thoroughly, compiled the data which made it easy for them to carry on the work systematically. They found places where just the mention of Santa Claus caused a ray of sunshine to chase away the sorrow in some homes.

240 bags of Christmas "goodies" were tied out Friday afternoon, and these were distributed Saturday. Each bag contained oranges, apples, nuts, chewing gum, candy, one package fire crackers, and the parcels were tied with baby ribbon, and made to carry the spirit of the Christmas season. The committee appropriated \$43.04 for this class of goods, and considerable in the way of dolls, toys and eats were contributed by individuals. Mrs. W. T. Padgett donated thirty pounds of pecans to the supply.

The Santa Claus committee adopted a system for supplying the more substantial things, in the way of clothing, fuel and food. Instead of buying such articles the committee issued an order for certain amounts, and the orders will be accepted by any merchant as purchase price for food and clothing, and when the orders are presented to the committee, or the bank by the merchants, same will be honored by cash payment. The committee made no cash gifts.

The committee had an account of more than \$200 to check on when they started out to play St. Nicholas for the Goodfellow Club, and this will be added to before the campaign closes.

The following letter is self-explanatory:

"Ballinger, Tex., Dec. 22, '22.
Editor Ledger:

"Please find enclosed One Dollar, for the Goodfellows, and as it goes along may it grow and bring a mite of cheer to some one."

"Very truly,

"SILE KILDEW.
"Calf Ribs Neighborhood."

Below is the Goodfellow Club list to date:

Previously reported	\$201.20
Sile Kildew	1.00
M. D. Chastain	2.00
Sim Cottelle	1.00
Robert Lusk Jr.	1.00
Henry Leach	1.00
D. M. Baker	1.00
Dorothy Penn	1.00
Mary Parks	1.00
"Friend"	1.00

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A. L. Spann

Methodist Church

Sunday school 10:00 o'clock a. m., L. L. Williams, supt.

Preaching at 11:00 a. m., subject, "The Vision of Hope."

Subject for evening service 7:15 p. m., "The Christian's Highest Joy."

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TOM MIX ON BILL AT MAEROY NEXT WEEK

The following program of pictures will be shown at the Maeroy Theatre next week. Among special attractions at this playhouse will be the B. H. S. operetta, a Kate Douglas Wiggin story, and a Tom Mix Western.

Monday and Tuesday—Kate Douglas Wiggin's super-story, "Timothy's Quest." Also a good comedy. (For Monday night only, the Senior Class will offer their play again in addition to the pictures).

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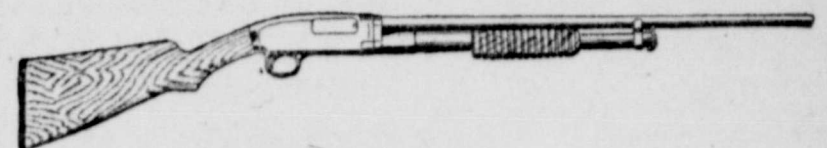
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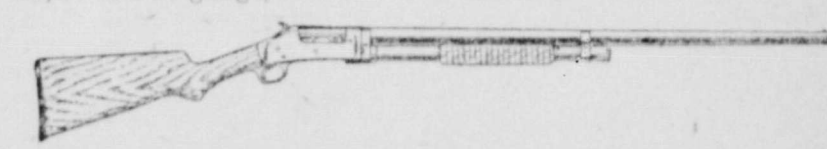


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From the Saturday Evening Post story by Sinclair Lewis author of "Main Street"

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A romance that opens up with a dash and approaches its climax with bombardment of thrills and closes with a bang.

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As we approach the end of another year of service our thoughts very naturally turn to those whose confidence, friendship and patronage have been the means of our success.

We hope that our co-operation and such service as we have been able to render have been of the sort to cement this relationship and equal to every expectation and requirement, and it is our desire to increase our usefulness the coming year.

It being the custom of our Bank for a number of years and having had so many requests, it is our desire to give each and everyone a slight token of our appreciation of the many favors rendered us and we know of nothing more acceptable than a neat, serviceable 1923 CALENDAR for your home. Until our supply is exhausted, they are yours for the asking, whether you do your banking with us or not. Our Calendar is a reproduction of the famous painting, "The Prime of Summer Time". CALENDAR cannot be mailed. Children must have written order from parent or guardian. Calendars will be distributed, commencing January 2nd, 1923.

We wish for you and the members of your household a Very Merry Christmas and trust that the New Year may be generous in its blessings.

Yours very truly,

The First National Bank of Ballinger

Important Holiday Announcement

We strongly urge our friends and customers to meet their needs for Holiday Merchandise early while our stock is full and complete, making possible our giving them the maximum of service in filling their orders.

We have the goods NOW—let us suggest that you meet your every reasonable requirement at once.

We carry the most complete assortment of high grade canned Fruits and Vegetables in the city—

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For Christmas—We carry a Full and Complete Stock of Fresh Fruits and Vegetables—Give us your Christmas order.

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CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Good Will and Kindly Spirit for Others, Most Important on Calendar.

IHAT if, as a Scrooge-like cynic intimates, the Christmas spirit comes to us but once a year, not even he will attempt to assert that we are not the better for it. Think what it would mean if that period of good will and kindly thought for others were dropped from our calendar. No blessed interruption to our too generally self-centered lives; no yearly oasis of brotherly sentiment to purge us, however temporarily, of selfishness and cause us, if only for a few days to think of making others happy.

Pre-eminently the children's festival, as of right it should be since it commemorates the nativity of the Christ Child, it transforms us all, whatever our years, into children of larger growth. We experience anew the glad expectancy of childhood, the thrill that far surpasses any realization, and find our greatest pleasure in the simple childish emotions of love and joy.

And this is the noblest Christmas gift, the gift of the true Christmas spirit that captures and takes possession of each one of us. "Except ye be converted and become as little children ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

PEACOCK PIE FOR CHRISTMAS

Daily Plumed Bird Formerly One of the Principal Dainties at Yuletide Feasts.

CHICKEN pie, beefsteak pie, and pumpkin pie, not forgetting apple pie and cheese, the great American institution—all of these have a familiar ring to our ears, but who of us has ever tasted the famous English dainty of dainties, peacock pie? Yet at one time, this was a favorite Christmas dish which was brought in with a great deal of ceremony by the lady, most distinguished in all the company for beauty and high position. Many times this dish was garnished with the head and tail of the peacock in such a way as to appear that the bird was alive. Knights made vows over it to break spear in defense of beauty and distress. It was this ceremony which gave rise to the once popular oath "by cock and pie."

Probably the use of the peacock pie as a Christmas dish arose from the old belief that the flesh of the peacock is incorruptible which of course would make it a symbol of immortality and new life.

To the people of today the peacock is a symbol of vanity.

SOME OLD YULETIDE BELIEFS

Season Supposed to Control the Destiny of Children Born at Gladsome Time.

AN OLD superstition says that it is lucky to be born on Christmas Day.

Peasants believe that in addition to being lucky Christmas Day babies have the gift of prophecy while in Silesia there is a belief that a boy born on Christmas Day will become either a lawyer or a thief.

Among Vague peasants, children born on Christmas Eve are supposed to be endowed with what is vulgarly termed "a good gift of the gab," while those born on Christmas Day are supposed to have less tongue and better reasoning powers. A daughter born on Christmas Day will grow up to be wise, witty, and virtuous.

A curious bequest for the benefit of Christmas Day babies was left by a man who died in 1915. By the terms of his will each child born in the testator's native town on December 25th receives five pounds as a birthday gift.



VERY SLOW
Mrs. Bug—
I've done all my Christmas shopping.
Mrs. Snail—
Well I haven't and I started out a month ago.

Sad and Solemn Thoughts.
"Even at Christmas, when all the world is gay and glad," said the grey-bearded philosopher, "there come to a man sad and solemn thoughts."
"Yes," agreed the young man who had no watch on the end of his chain, "and the saddest and most solemn are those that come to a fellow when he reads of the marriage of a girl to whom last Christmas he gave a diamond ring on which he is still paying installments."

Christmas Weather.
For Christmas the weather should be of that Pickwickian kind in which the grass is "crisp and frosty," the air has a "fine, dry, bracing coldness," and the day is one "that might induce a couple of elderly gentlemen in a lonely field to take off their greatcoats and play at leapfrog in pure lightness of heart and gaiety."—Youth's Companion.

NOT A HOLIDAY LIKE OTHERS

Significance of Christmas Is Not Lost; Its Spirit Enters Into Life of World.

IT IS not likely that all of the multitude of people who eagerly and anxiously prepare to celebrate Christmas day are conscious of its sacred character. They know of course that it stands for the anniversary of the birth of the Founder of the Christian religion, but that thought is not uppermost in their minds. To such, for the moment, it is merely a holiday in which they wish to give gifts to persons they care for and whom they wish to please. It is a period in which they forget themselves in order to give joy to others.

In this one thing, though they may not be aware of it, they demonstrate the teaching of the One whose day they observe, for unselfish thought for others is one of the great lessons taught by the Teacher of teachers who was born in Bethlehem of Judea centuries ago. There are Christmas givers today who make no sacrifice when they purchase rich gifts for family or friends; they know no self-denial, though it does not follow that they do not give all their hearts. But with the great mass of givers there is a setting aside of personal wishes and even urgent needs in order that those they love may be glad on that day of the year when all the Christian world rejoices. The self-sacrifice is as nothing compared to the end to be attained.

On the other hand, a multitude of men and women are spiritually aware of the character of the day. They look back across the centuries to the Child in the manger and see in it the dawn of a new hope to mankind, a revelation of a new life, a bond between mortal existence and the hereafter that has given comfort to myriads and a light to the world that grows brighter with the passing of the ages. The gifts that they bestow and those they receive typify to them the greatest of all gifts to the world—the One who came to point the way to eternal life.

No, Christmas for all its seeming frivolity and thoughtlessness is not a mere holiday like others. Even the light-minded and heedless ones realize a difference, and if pushed to explain would do so reverently. Under all the hurry and confusion and gaiety of the preparations and the celebration the significance of Christmas is not lost. The meaning of the Great Event whose anniversary we observe cannot be escaped. Its spirit has entered into the life of the civilized world.—Indianapolis Star.



A Merry Xmas

May the joys of the season be with you and may the coming year carry through to its end.

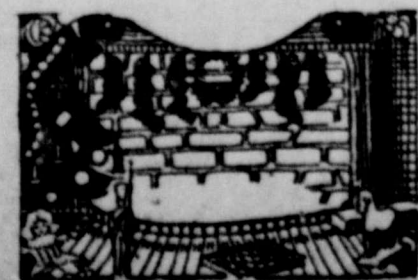
Prosperity, Health

And their Blessings.

We wish you and yours a

Merry Christmas

Weeks Drug Store



SHOW AUTHORITY WITH WHIP

Bridegrooms in Certain Parts of Africa Assert Their Mastery in a Uncertain Manner.

On the day of a marriage in Jubaland the girl issues from her father's house surrounded by throngs of women, dancing, singing and making a great deal of noise. She is taken to the bridegroom's hut, where he awaits her. As she passes in through the low doorway he gives her two or three sharp cuts with a rhinoceros hide lash, to intimate that he intends to be master.

She then has to attend to the various guests who come with gifts for the newly married couple; but she is not allowed to speak to them; neither does her husband address her. All his commands, given by signs, have to be obeyed promptly, and should the girl be slow or not understand the meaning of his gestures, she is instantly smartened up with a sharp blow from the lash. It is a point of honor that she utters no sound, however hard she is lashed.

The husbands of a certain section of Somalia tie a rope round the bride's wrists on the first evening of marriage, and attach the end of the rope to a branch, tightening it so that the girl's toes only just touch the ground; they then proceed to administer a sound flogging. But the girl never utters a cry; and, as soon as the husband has administered a good hard beating he takes her down, washes and anoints her wounds, and looks after her tenderly until the cuts heal and the stiffness passes.

SAW THE JOKE ON HIMSELF

Charles M. Schwab Tells Good Story in Which He Is Very Much the Central Figure.

Charles M. Schwab does not take himself seriously, except as an instrumentality for service and production, and he does not listen to any praise of himself without being

Mr. Schwab attended a banquet at Indianapolis recently. After hearing eulogies of himself by other speakers, he told the following stories:

"It is embarrassing to hear oneself eulogized as I have been by your good toastmaster, but when it is done, I bring myself to have a better conception of myself by recalling an incident that happened shortly after I took charge of the Carnegie plant."

"I was more or less a figure of local prominence in the community, and when I left the plant each day I rode home in a buggy driven by an old dandy."

"One day as we were driving along, a mother out taking an airing with her little daughter walked to the side of the road and as we passed pointed up at the buggy and said: 'There, honey, is Mr. Schwab.' The child replied: 'Which one, mother?'"

Reversing Speech.

There is a curious phonographic instrument, the invention of Poulsen, capable of reversing the sounds of a word or a sentence. A steel piano wire, carried on two spools, passes between the poles of a small electromagnet so connected with a telephone transmitter that spoken words are magnetically recorded on the moving wire and reproduced in a receiving instrument. When the motion of the wire is direct, the words are heard as in ordinary conversation, but if the motion is reversed, the sounds come to the ear in reverse order, like words spelled backward. To represent the order in which the reversed sounds strike the ear, however, not only must the order of the letters composing a word be reversed, but each letter must itself be reversed from right to left, as when reflected from a mirror.

DENTON—Construction of the extension of the telephone lines to the West end of the city will be completed in about sixty days, adding more than 200 telephones to the city's system.

Our Greetings

At this Yuletide Season Our Greetings to You and Yours Is

"Peace On Earth, Good Will Toward Men"



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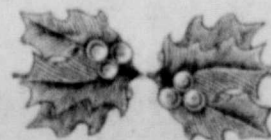
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A Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year

This is the wish that we wish for everyone on the earth today and more especially for our friends and patrons. May this Christmastide bring many joys to those that are dear to you and may the New Year bring added prosperity.



POTTER PRODUCE CO.

Greetings

At this the close of 1922 we wish to stop long enough to wish our many friends and customers the compliments of the season, coupled with best wishes for a

Merry Christmas

and a

Happy New Year

—and may the coming year bring you all the joys you anticipate with good measure thrown in.



Hall Hardware Co.

THE WINCHESTER STORE

"Good Will Toward Men"

No sentiment in business? Why of course there is. There is the sentiment of fair dealing, of full value, of integrity and many more. We believe in all these things, and hope you also believe. At any rate we want you to know how much sentiment we feel towards each and every one of our friends who have been with us during the past year. We need you just as much in the years to come and hope that you will need us. We wish you success and prosperity in the coming year and in many years to come.

L. E. Bair & Co.

The Globe Store

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

Accept our grateful thanks for your good will and patronage in the past and we will endeavor by all honorable means to continue in your good graces and confidence.

Ballinger Steam Bakery

CANDLES OF BAYBERRY WAX

Important and Decorative Yuletide Accessory May Be Made With Little Effort.

BAYBERRY candles for the Yuletide season were the pride of colonial dames. Then they went out completely and no one ever heard of home-made bayberry candles until a few years ago saw a revival of the art, when one found them again in arts and crafts shops, writes Helen Harrison in the New York Post. Amateurs began to experiment, and they learned that candle making is not a difficult art.

One amateur experimenter found that brass or copper kettles used for melting wax made the gray-green of bayberry wax much greener.

The old-fashioned candle dip method is simple, or one can construct molds of heavy paper if regular forms are not available.

One quart measure of berries will make a medium-sized candle. The old-fashioned candle molds are large and require about two quarts of berries for one candle.

The berries should be covered with water and set over the fire to melt off the wax coating. As twigs and leaves get in with the berries, it is necessary to strain the wax through a sieve at first. After the first straining the wax should be reheated and then strained again through coarse cheesecloth.

When ready to mold, fasten lengths of candlewick through each mold, knotting the wick at the mold's point and tying the other end around a stick that will rest across the top of the mold.

Heating the wax again, fill in each mold, making sure that the wick is taut. To remove from mold without cracking, warm it slightly in hot water before slipping the candle from each form.

Heavy paper can be sewed or pasted into mold forms and a bottom glued to each, leaving a small hole in the center of the bottom, through which the wick can be slipped and knotted. It is a slower process, but satisfactory as a makeshift.

To make candle dips fasten two or three pieces of wick to a stick and far enough apart to prevent touching but not too far to extend beyond the sides of the kettle holding the wax. Dip into hot wax repeatedly, as each coat chills, until desired size has been obtained.

RAINBOW AROUND MOON

THE moon came up like a big gold plate. As it slowly mounted higher, the man in the moon looked down to see what people were going to get for Christmas. A lovely rainbow grew so interested, too, that it gathered in a beautiful circle around the moon and sailed up the sky with it, thinking of all the happy time below. Then a moonbeam fell upon the face of Tim Purdy, as he lay sleeping near his window, and was changed into a smile as it got into his dream. He thought he saw the very thing that he had wanted so much and so long, coming down to him through the air. As the moonbeam stayed until it awoke him, and as he looked up and saw the colored halo that crowned the moon's head, he exclaimed: "What a purty rainbow! Faith I think it means good luck for me!" He was right. It did. In the morning he found that some good fairy had found out and brought the very thing that he wanted.—C. G. Hazard.

The Boar's Head.

The old Christmas dishes were, of course, largely determined by the food material available for the Christmas board. The existence of thousands of wild boars in the woods made boar hunting one of the national sports, and the boar's head with its concomitant brawn, one of the most popular among Christmas dishes. The old custom of serving up this ancient dish at Queen's college, Oxford, is associated with a legend to the effect that in olden days one of the students, when attacked by one of those wild denizens of the woods, saved himself from its jaws by thrusting his Greek lexicon down its throat, with the ejaculation, "Graecum est" (It is Greek). Of course the boar's head, the "choking" possibilities of such a dry-as-dust volume being generally understood.

HER LESSER HALF.

Come into the next room, reader. Y'see we was right. That wasn't his fiancée, at all, although it was a sort of ex-fiancée, 'cause he's her lesser half. Merry Christmas.

Raisin Toffee.

One and one-half cupsful brown sugar, ¼ cupful vinegar, 2 tablespoonfuls butter, ¼ cupful broken walnut meats, ½ cupful chopped raisins.

Cook sugar and vinegar together until it forms a hard ball when tested in cold water. Add butter and pour on nuts and raisins arranged in a greased pan. As it hardens mark into squares.

May Grow Own Orange Blossoms.

Orange groves in the dining room, breakfast fruit direct from tree to plate, and prospective brides raising their own orange blossoms in their own apartments while they fill their hope chests, are some of the possibilities foreseen in the introduction of the Chilean dwarf sweet orange into this country, by the United States Department of Agriculture. This orange, called the Capuchin, gives promise of being useful in the United States as a house plant, as well as for dooryards and other places where an ornamental fruit plant is desired.

It is believed that this small size, juicy fruit tree which is being brought from the vicinity of Santiago de Chile, where it is extensively cultivated, must have originated in that section. The trees bear heavy crops of excellent thin-skinned oranges about two inches in diameter.

Inside Dope.

The Woman wonders what is the secret of laundries being so destructive to clothes these days—for she knows now why they were in days gone by, at least as far as petticoats were concerned.

She was talking to one who had been a laundress in the good old days, but who since had gone in for "day's work."

"I used ter make good money, too," the day worker told the woman. "Them were the days of fluff petticoats. The poorer girls couldn't buy 'em and yet they went to parties and shows, too, so I used ter rent 'em out at 30 cents per night. I'd wash 'em each day, rent 'em at night, and return 'em to their owners every Saturday."

And doubtless the owners of the fluff petticoats would say:

"How careless laundresses are when they wash!"—Chicago Journal.

The Nutrition Doctor.

The other day, while examining some children in the school at the Indianapolis Orphan asylum, the physician and nurse found one of the little fellows had fever. Instead of admitting him to the underweight class, he was sent from school and reported to the asylum nurse.

Knowing that the regular physician of the institution had not been there, the nurse asked: "Who sent you to me?"

"The new Christian doctor." And the nurse promptly put him to bed, knowing whom he meant.—Indianapolis News.

Suspicious Symptoms.

Doctor—Your husband will be up in a day or two, Mrs. Jones. Why all this distress?

Apprehensive Wife—I was so afraid doctor. All night he was practicing the harp on the bed rails.

Nazimova



Madame Nazimova is recognized as one of the most distinguished "movie" actresses. She was born in Russian Crimea, in a small town called Yalta. At twelve she played the violin in public, later taking up stage work. As leading woman of a Russian stock company she played nearly 200 parts in a wide variety of productions, in most cases learning her new roles on the day of the night it was to be played.

SPIRIT OR SOUL OF THE OAK

Mysterious Mistletoe, Growing From Sturdy Tree, Looked Upon by Druids as Holy Thing.

THE mistletoe season draws near. Many boughs or pendants of this mysterious and beautiful plant will be torn from oaks and other trees and suspended from chandeliers and doors.

Many myths are associated with the mistletoe. The Druids of Britain looked upon it as a holy thing. To them the oak tree had a strong religious significance and seeing the curious plant growing out of the oak they conceived that it was the spirit or the soul of that tree. In this way it is believed that the Druids came to regard the mistletoe as the symbol of life and they therefore treated it with

manifest reverence and gave it a prominent place in their religious rites. It is also believed that the Druids held the mistletoe as sacred to Fraya, the goddess of love, and that this is how it came to be associated with love-making and kissing.

The old herbalists, the forerunners of the physician, regarded the mistletoe as a thing having remarkable therapeutic properties. It was held to be good for epilepsy and for various convulsive "distempers." Many of our British and our Irish ancestors believed that the mistletoe was a charm against disease.

The mistletoe is a plant parasite, and yet not altogether a parasite. Though it would rather live off of the tree, it was the means of self-support. It fastens itself upon its host, penetrates its tissue and draws nourishment from it, often deforming it and sapping its vitality. Yet the mistletoe is a green, leafy plant; that is, it possesses the green pigment, chlorophyll, which gives the green color to normal vegetation. The presence of green leaves indicates that the mistletoe has the power, which independent green plants everywhere possess, of constructing organic foodstuffs, such as starch, out of inorganic compounds, carbon dioxide and water, utilizing sunlight as the source of energy in the process. It is, therefore, only partly a parasite so far as dependence upon its host for food is concerned, but it is none the less harmful on that account.

Dumplings for Stews.

One pint flour, ½ teaspoonful salt, 2 heaping teaspoonfuls of baking powder, sifted together four times.

Mix with one cupful of rich milk; drop by spoonfuls into the boiling stew; cover tight and do not open for 15 minutes, when they should be done. These can also be dropped on a buttered plate and cooked in a steamer over fast-boiling water, and served with cranberries or any stew.

PROGRAM FOR CHRISTMAS AT BAPTIST SUN. SCHOOL

1. Assembly as usual at 9:45.
2. Sunday school lesson.
3. Christmas tree for Primary and Junior departments.
4. General Assembly at 10:45.
5. Song, "Joy to the World," No. 128.
6. Reading, "Announcement to the Shepherds" from "Ben Hur," (Wallace), Mamie Ray Preston.
7. Reading, "The Wise Men," (Matt. 2:1-12), Mamie Gene Hale.
8. "Story of the Shepherds."

Merry Christmas

May Christmas morn usher in for you, and those most dear to you, an era of gladness and joy.—is the sincere wish of

VAN PELT-PYBURN

Ballinger, Texas

The sort of happiness Christmas inspires is far above the material. It is spiritual in nature, and therefore the only real happiness one can experience. It is this happiness, this feeling of "Peace and Good Will Toward Man" that we wish for you, today and every day hereafter.



Wix Currie.
9. Reading, "O! Little Bethlehem," (Phillips) Horace Gustavus.
10. Song, "Dear Little Stranger," (Chas. H. Gabriel), Primary Department.
11. Christmas Talk, by Pastor.
12. Church offering; special music by orchestra.
13. Benediction.
The entire service will last from 9:45 to 11:30.

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Again—

We wish you a

Merry Christmas

And a Prosperous New Year.

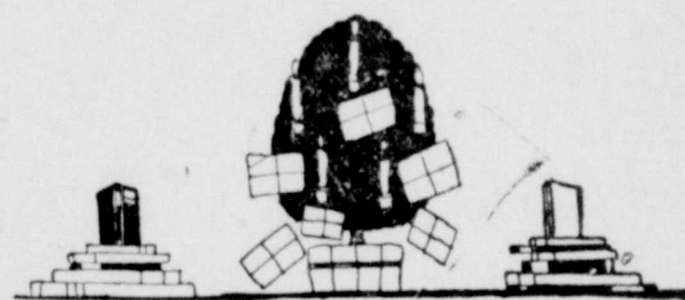
May we express the hope that we will continue to merit your patronage and good will, in the future as in the past.

Maeroy Theatre

Compliments of the Season

With the hope that this Christmas finds you enjoying a day filled with gratitude and pleasure and that the New Year holds in store for you the fullest measure of Health and Happiness, we extend to you one and all our best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

City Light Plant



Christmas Greetings

We are happy indeed to offer today, our greetings both warm and sincere; also to wish in the heartiest way a year of good luck and good cheer.

BALLINGER AUTO CO.

Biggest Oil Deal in History of World Made in Mexico

(By Associated Press)
LOS ANGELES, Dec. 23.—A group of Los Angeles oil men, bankers, and manufacturers have obtained a manufacturing and oil operators' concession from the Mexican government on government lands in Mexico, according to an announcement from the promoters, the Los Angeles Times reported today. The announcement says that the deal is by far the biggest oil transaction ever made in the history of oil development in Mexico, and the Times adds that it amounts to a blanket concession on all government lands in the oil district of the East coast of Mexico and is probably the most important deal of its kind in the history of the world.

It is said that the deal involves seven million acres of land adjoining the rich workings of the oldest established oil companies in the Tampico and Tuxpan districts. The concession provides that forty per cent of the gross production will go to the Mexican government.

RED PEPPER FOR RHEUMATIC PAIN

Red Pepper Rub takes the "ouch" from sore, stiff, aching joints. It cannot hurt you, and it certainly stops that old rheumatism torture at once.

When you are suffering so you can hardly get around, just try Red Pepper Rub and you will have the quickest relief known. Nothing has such concentrated, penetrating heat as red peppers. Just as soon as you apply Red Pepper Rub you will feel the tingling heat. In three minutes it warms the sore spot through and through. Pain and soreness are gone.

Ask any good druggist for a jar of Rowles Red Pepper Rub. Be sure to get the genuine, with the name Rowles on each package.

Put your duds in our suds. Ballinger Steam Laundry. Phone 75. 21-tfd

MAY DROP WACO MURDER CASE

(By Associated Press)
WACO, Dec. 23.—County Attorney Tirey has filed a motion to dismiss the case against Bob Buchanan, sheriff of McLennan county, charged by indictment with the murder of Louis Crow. Crow was stabbed to death following the effort of the sheriff to stop a Ku Klux Klan parade at Lorena on October 1, 1921. Crow died four days later, and following an investigation by the grand jury Buchanan was indicted.

Wilbert Lankford, who is staying with his sister, Mrs. O'Dell Moore, in Fort Worth, and attending school, is at home for a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lankford. Mrs. Moore accompanied Wilbert home for a visit.

Prof. and Mrs. Weaver left for Goldthwaite Friday afternoon to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Buffington will spend Christmas with relatives in Orange, leaving for that city Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Henry C. Porter left for Flatonia Friday afternoon, where she will spend the holidays. Mr. Porter will join her at Brownwood.

Audice Reese came in Friday night for a Christmas visit to his family.

Misses Mal and Ruth Skinner came in Friday night from Brownwood, where they are attending Daniel Baker College. They will be at home for the holiday vacation.

Read Ledger "wants" column

TEACHERS VOTE FOR BALLINGER

By unanimous vote the Concho-Colorado Teachers' Institute, in closing session at San Angelo Friday, voted to hold their next meeting in Ballinger. The vote of the teachers does not give Ballinger the next institute, further than it expresses their desire that the 1923 meeting be held here, as the county superintendents of the ten counties comprising the institute select the place of meeting. But it is believed that they will abide by the will of the teachers.

A strong bid was made for the 1923 meeting, a delegation from Ballinger appearing before the body and outlining a program which appealed to the teachers. The committee from the Young Men's Business League offered to contribute \$200 towards paying the expenses of the institute, relieving the teachers of this much of the expense bill, and to also furnish free badges, free lights, fuel, etc., and as is usually Ballinger's way to put up a good program of entertainment.

The committee appearing before the institute also put in a bid for the next track meet for this district. The committee proposed to contribute \$100 to the expense fund, or furnish the medal and cups, and provide a quarter-mile track, and two basket ball courts. The district meet has been going to San Angelo for several years, and it is believed that Ballinger will get the 1923 athletic meet. The 1922 institute adjourned at San Angelo Friday afternoon, and the Runnels county teachers returned home immediately, many arriving on the afternoon train.

"Ever Gloss," the latest improved Varnish, makes old Cars new, on sale at the following: W. A. Nance's garage; Jno. A. Weeks drug store; E. J. Cathey's saddle shop; W. A. Talley's garage. Price \$1.00. J. A. NICHOLS, Sole Agent for Runnels and Tom Green counties.

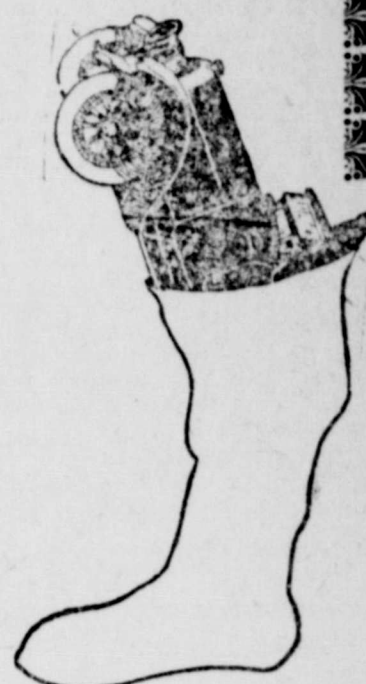
Miss Lola Bell Holloway went to Brownwood Friday afternoon for a Christmas visit.

SEASON'S GREETINGS

IMBUED with the spirit of this joyful Christmas season, we are eager to express our best wishes for your welfare and to wish for you and yours a

Merry Christmas and a
Prosperous and
Happy New
Year

HARWELL MOTOR CO.
BALLINGER, TEXAS.



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We Extend Greetings

Some say it is old fashioned
Sending Greetings Christmas Day
But some of us cling fondly
To the good old fashioned way
Accept our old fashioned wishes
For the sake of Auld-Lang-Syne—
A Merry, Merry Christmas
Good luck to thee and thine.

Van Pelt, Kirk and Mack
BALLINGER, TEXAS.

Daily Ledger Want Ads

LOST—Strayed or Stolen—from my home 12 miles Northeast of Ballinger, one Bitch, black with yellow legs and white feet, collar around neck, last seen was Thursday, December 21st. F. E. Clayton, Talpa, Texas. 23-1td-1tw.*

LOST—On Paint Rock-Ballinger road, brown leather hand bag. Finder leave at Ford garage, Paint Rock, Ballinger, or return to Mrs. Nan Duke, Rowena. 23-1td-1tw.*

FOR SALE—Good Winchester 22 repeating Rifle, long octagon barrel. A good Xmas present for your boy. Phone 164. 22-2d

WELL DRILLING—See me if you are figuring on drilling wells. Willard McMillan. 213d-4w.*

POSITION WANTED—By an experienced Hardware and Grocery clerk. Desire to locate in Ballinger. References if desired. Address, Ballinger Route B, or phone 4604. James F. Owen. 20-12td.*

FOR SALE—My confectionery store must be sold at once; have better proposition in view. Must have quick action. N. Passur. "Watch Me Grow." 14-tfd

FOR SALE—Ford Touring Car, cheap. Weinberg & Wardlaw. 6-tfd

FOR RENT—Light housekeeping rooms, furnished. Phone 179. 16-tfd.*

FOR RENT—Good furnished bed rooms in two blocks of town. Phone 179. 11-tfd.*

FOR SALE—Overland 6 in good condition at a bargain. Phone 179 if interested. 11-tfd.*

Miss Nellie Bigby returned home Friday night from Brownwood, where she is attending Daniel Baker College and will be at home with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bigby on Pony during the holidays.

Fountain Pens and Eversharp Pencils make useful Xmas gifts. J. Y. Pearce Drug Company. 19-5td

Miss Elizabeth Neely came in Friday night from Baylor University to spend the Christmas times with home folks.

NEWLYWEDS TO LIVE IN ROCKWALL

Lester Smith, of Bradshaw, and Miss Loreta Gannaway, of Winters, were married in Ballinger Thursday afternoon. Dr. Alvin Swindell performing the ceremony at the Baptist parsonage on Broadway. Mr. and Mrs. Gannaway will make their home in Rockwall county.

Read the ads and profit.

TODAY MAEROY THEATRE TODAY

SHOWING THE PICK O' THE PICTURES
When Better Pictures are Made the Maeroy will Show Them.

Monday and Tuesday, Dec. 25-26

Charles Chaplin

in
"The Idle Class"

A First National Attraction in Two Parts.

There's only one laugh—but it's a laugh that lasts from first foot to last. So don't blame the cocktails he mixes when you see him "double".

Kate Douglas Wiggin's Story of the Heart
"Timothy's Quest"

A picture and story as big and appealing as "Over the Hill" or "The Old Nest" or "Humoresque." A true special.

Also Harold Lloyd Comedy

Admission - - - 10c and 25c

Monday Night Only

Senior Class B. H. S. presents again, by special request their play "The Pennant." Play begins promptly at 8:00 sharp. Also all of above picture program.

Wednesday and Thursday

Tom Mix in 'The Fighting Streak'