FARM Country is More Then An Oil Well

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ABILITY- our first idea of a bank is that it should have the ability to serve its customers, The men behind a bank must have financial ability and its officers and directors must have businesss ability.

ACCOMMODATION-our second idea is that a bank should keep itself in a position to grant financial accommodation and assistance to its customers when justified.

ACCUMULATION-our third idea is that a bank should encourage its customers and our community to accumulate money and by conservative banking keep the money of their depositors absolutely secure.

THE CITY NATIONAL BANK SPUR. TEXAS

Five Boys Seriously Injured and Cars Demolished in Wreck Tnesday.

A most serious automobile wreck occurred Tuesday night about eleven o'clock when a Hudson Coach, driven by Weldon McClure, and a Ford delivery car, driven by Milton Foreman, collided on the Spur and Dickens highway about one mile north of Spar, five of the eight boys in the two cars being painfully and seriously injured, and both cars de

molished beyond repair. The five boys were brought imme diately to the Nichols Sanitarium where Dr. Nichols, assisted by Drs. Morris and Brannen. gave medical and surgical aid.

Clure were found to have broken world could it have been done bet-

cars attempted to pass a third car on the read, the Ford striking the Hudson on the side, crushing each car and throwing the occupants to the ground. The wreck occurred near the home of Mack Brown who brought the boys to the hospital. We had occasion to witness the operations and resetting of the brok en jaw bones, and without reserva-

tion can state that Dr. Nichols is the best surgeon we ever saw perform. He handled these cases with knowledge and skill, being most careful and efficient in resetting and binding up the broken jaw bones, which was most delicate and very particular operations. It was necessary to place a plaster paris case over the chin and jaws of Milton Foreman whose injuries were greater and

more serious, while Weldon's teeth were wired together and bindings placed to hold the broken jaw in its place. Such breaks and fractures unquestionably requires careful and

Milton Foreman and Weldon Me skilled surgery, and no where in the and fractured jaws. Milton's lower ter than in Spur, and this fact is being broken on both sides and and should be recognized as a real

Cotton Ginned in Santa Fe Rail Road **Dickens and Sur**rounding Counties to December 1st

SPUR, DICKENS COUNTY, TEXAS, TRIDAY,

The Texas Spur

THE DICKENS ITEMS

The Department of Commerce at Washington has issued the following report of cotton ginned this fall up to December 1st, including only Dickens and the surrounding counties. A comparison is also made of cotton ginned to the same date in 1924.

COUNTIES 1925 1924 Dickens 13243____21037 Kent ----- 6020_-__ 7615 Stonewall _10420____ 8095 Motley ---- 12536____ 12520 Garza ----- 8848____13201 Crosby _14049____31460 _18733____24929 Cottle Floyd ----- 8477____14260 Fisher _27746____26370 _20856____24209 curry The above figures, especially with reference to Dickens County, indicate the severe cotton loss because of the early freeze. Just prior to the freeze it was estimated that no less than 30,000 bales of cotton would be gineed in the county, and that Spur alone wound gin 20,000 bales for the season. Another thing which also hurts is the drop i n the p rices following the freeze, some of the damaged and pulled cotton now selling as low as e ight cents, whereas, a price around 25 cents per pound was ex-

pected for t he c rop. However, one redeeming feature is in the fact that the country has produced an abundance of feed, a number of Dicken County farmers now having from one to two and three years supply of feed stored away. Any country may be considered in fine shape when it has plenty of feed stuff, a few milk cows, sows and chickens.

-A Merry Christmas-**Robt. Nickles Gins Burn** ed at McAdoo Satur-

day Night

-The fire fiend again attacked Mc-Adoo Saturday night, this time destroying the Robt. Nickles Gin. The fire was discovered about eleven o' clock Saturday night and by twelve o'clock the gin plant was reduced to

Sends Texas Spur to Surveyors are in Brother at Anson Dickens Making J. W. Owens, of Afton, called Tuesday while in the city, having us to renew his subscription for a year and Surveys Out new his subscription for a year and also having the Texas Spur sent to his brother, G. W. Owens at Anson

DECEMBER 25, 1928

The surveying crew for the Santa Fe Railway Company, composed of here and felt sure if he read the a number of men, is now camped at Texas Spur he would eventually be-Dickens and making surveys out of come interested in the great Spur that city in both directions. The Santa Fe Railway Company proposes to build a line of railroad direct from Fort Worth to the Plains

country, and the surveyors are now engaged in the work of selecting the most feasible and direct route. A survey from Post City through o Stamford and on into Fort Worth as been completed.

The survey now being made is from both Floydada and Crosbyton, and is the third or fourth survey made through this territory. The Santa Fe made an old survey thru here some eighteen or twenty years ago, the present survey being over practically the same old route.

A through line of railway, such as the Santa Fe proposes to build, will be worth a great deal to Dickens and Dickens county, and we are most optimistic that this route may be favorably considered by the railway builders. It will make a direct east and west line, traverse a rich and developing territory, and will and Mrs. W. M. Ledford, returned prove of mutual benefit to the people, the country and the builders.

-A Merry Christmas-

Miss Eulah Cherry Suffers From Severely Sprained Arm

Miss Eulah Cherry is suffering from a severely sprained arm, caused by a sheep at her home to the south of Spur the past week. Miss Cherry had a basket of feed stuff under her arm, and in going to the chicken pen o feed them, the sheep came up and butted into her with the result that the was knocked down and the inury sustained.

-A Merry Christmas-Well drilling outfit, complete with ractor and stationary engine. See Lee Harrison, Spur.

NUMBER 8

MR. FARMER

Get in the Road That Leads to Spur When You have Anything

to Sell or Need Supplies

Makes Good Crops and Spur Produce Company Dressses and Ships **Out Two Cars** of Turkeys

During the turkey season the Spur Produce Company has puurchased, dressed and shipped more than two full car loads of turkeys. During as a Christmas present, stating that the sesson high prices have been he was anxious to get his brother out maintained, and thousands of dollars have been distributed over the country to augment the short cotton

> crop In fact we have heard farmers who have sold turkeys as well as cotton, state that more money was realized from raising turkeys than in raising cotton-and that turkey raising was much easier as well as more profitable with less labor and expense.

The day of diversified interests and calculuations is already here, and when morre generally practiced County. Tom stated that while the the Spur country and the Spur people will become the richest and most prosperous of any country.

-A Merry Christmas-

Rev. Percy Jones, of Stamford, came up Saturday and conducted Episocopal services at the Presbyterian church in Spur. While in the city Rev. Jones was a pleasant caller at the Texas Spur office, and we were very glad to meet him. Rev. Jones at the Lubbock Sanitarium. Mrs. has been conducting services regul-Copeland, who was in Spur spending arly in Spur once each month and his sermons are appreciated by good congregations at each service.

-A Merry Christmas



DR. T. H. BLACKWELL

county. In speaking of his crops, Mr. Owens stated that he had picked out nineteen bales of cotton and had some ten or twelve bales of bollies now in the field on 110 acres. Before the freeze Mr. Owens said he was assur-

ed of at least 60 bales of cotton. -----A Merry Christmas----

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Cross were in the city the past week from their farm and ranch home over in Kent freeze cut short his crops he is making excellent harvests, having already picked out twenty odd bales of cotton with a number of bales yet re-

maining in the field. -A Merry Christmas

A telephone message came the first of the week from Lubbock stating that Arnold Copeland was ill

and would undergo a minor operation the holidays with her parents, Mr. Monday to be with Arnold through

his illness and operaation.

the chin bones crushed, several teeth knocked out and the upper jaw also fractured. Weldon's lower jaw was broken on both sides and the side of his face and head seriously injur ed. A number of stiches was nee essary to close up wounds on each of their faces and about the mouth.

Odwin Rogers and Boyd Brown, who were in the Ford with Milton. suffered severe bruises to the knees, legs and body. Clarence Bilberry and Billie Elliott, who were in the car with Weldon, suffered painful bruises of the head, arms and body. Louis Green Davis and Dran Mc Clure, Jr., who were also in the car with Weldon, escaped with only slight injuries and a severe shaking

The wreck occurred when the two

OUR FIRST SALE

will be continued until the FIRST OF THE YEAR. Get advantage of rock bottom prices, This week our entire store consists of SAT URDAY SPECIALS.

SALEMS

and material asset to the town and ashes. Everybody in the town and the country. rurrounding country responded to Odwin Rogers, Boyd Brown and the fire alarm, but since there was Clarence Bilberry have been releas-

no way of successfully combating ed from the hospital in order that the flames, the people could only they might spend Christmas at their stand by and watch the fire. It is homes, While Milton and Weldon thought that the fire originated from may be detained for several days in the hull transporting device since the the sanitarium. gin was not in operation at the time

-----A Merry Christmas----and Mr. Nickles was at home and did Recitals by Pupils of not arrive until the fire had subsided. Hulls were being ransported by mach Mrs. Campbell and inery while i n operation to the boiler **Miss** Scudder

Harkey, Maude Clemmons Una Hoop-

er, Jane Douglas Wilson, Mary Eliza-

beth Hogan, Dial Hindman, Annie

Mae Hale, Lourine Seale, Nellie Goff,

W. B. Lee, Jr., Allie Biggs, Margar-

-A Merry Christmas-

High School Orchestre

Texas.

for firing, the excess being dumped The Methodist Church was filled on the outside of the engine room, to its full seating capacity both and it is here that it is thought the Thursday and Friday evenings of fire originated. last week when recitals in both ex-| The loss amounted to approxi-

pression and music were given by the mately \$22,000.00. Mr. Nickles states pupils of Mrs. Leland D. Campbell, that he will rebuild the plant and be teacher of expression, and Miss Lena ready for next ginning sear 1 with Bell Scudder. teacher of music, in new gin machinery and new in connection with Spur Schools. plant throughout.

It was only last week when seven The programs were well rendered and the large audiences well enterbusiness houses were also destroyed tained with numbers including musi- by fire in McAdoo, and together with cal and reading selections, the renthe last fire, the town has been hi ditions conclusively evidencing aptia severe blow.

tude of pupils and careful, efficient -A Merry Christmastutoring on the part of the teachers. Dave Odom Loses Car, Among the number on the program were James Hill Perry, Nina Mae **Truck and Wheat** Johnson, James Moore Busby, Patti by Fire King, Annia Laurie Lewis, Frances Springer, Lorena Rawlings, Chester One night last week the new Chry-Edwards, Uda Mae Whitener, Janey sler car, shed and truck load of Hazel, Era Bell Hogan, Stafford wheat belonging to Dave Odam was Forbis, Mavis Stafford, Allie Biggs, destroyed by fire, the origin of which Minnie Fae McMeans, Weldon Bell, is unknown. The loss was partially Lena Snodgrass, Dorothy Love, Curtis

covered by insurance. ____A Merry Christmas____

Joe Robinett Loses New Chrysler Car by Fire

ette Aston, Eldon Rawlings, Katie Joe Robinett suffered the loss of Walker, and Mrs. Campbell and Miss his new Chrysler car one day last Scudder with selections from the week at or near his home in the West Pasture. The fire is supposed to have originated from a short or de-SUBURBAN HOME FOR SALE fective wiring, and the loss was par-OR TRADE-7 acres of land, 5tially covered by insurance. room house, city water, carbide

___A Merry Christmas___ lights, conveniently arranged, good STRAYED-One pair mules, one cistern. half.mile west of city limits. A bargain for some one within the yellow-smutty mare mule and one next 60 days .-- J. J. Albin, Spur, black horse mule with chain on neck, 3tf. nine or ten years old. Notify G. W.

To Our Friends and Customers

A number of our our friends have spoken to us about pooling from 100 to 1000 bales of this low grade cotton with the hope of obtaining better prices. There is a distinct advantage in having a large list of cotton to offer for sale, as any buyer will pay more per pound for a large list of cotton than for the same number of bales to be purchased on the street one at a time.

Many of our friends, we are sure, will recall that we assisted in pooling a co isiderable amount of low grade cotton in 1921, for which a price of \$10.00 to \$25.00 per bale was received abov ewhat they had been offered. FIRST, it brought more be cause of the large list. SECOND, it gave an opportunity to interest buyers who were in the market for that particular class of cotton. The present price of 5c to 8c is not very encouraging to save the crop that we have made, but it seems like business suicide to plow a crop under, then work tweleve months to make another one, perhaps, just like it.

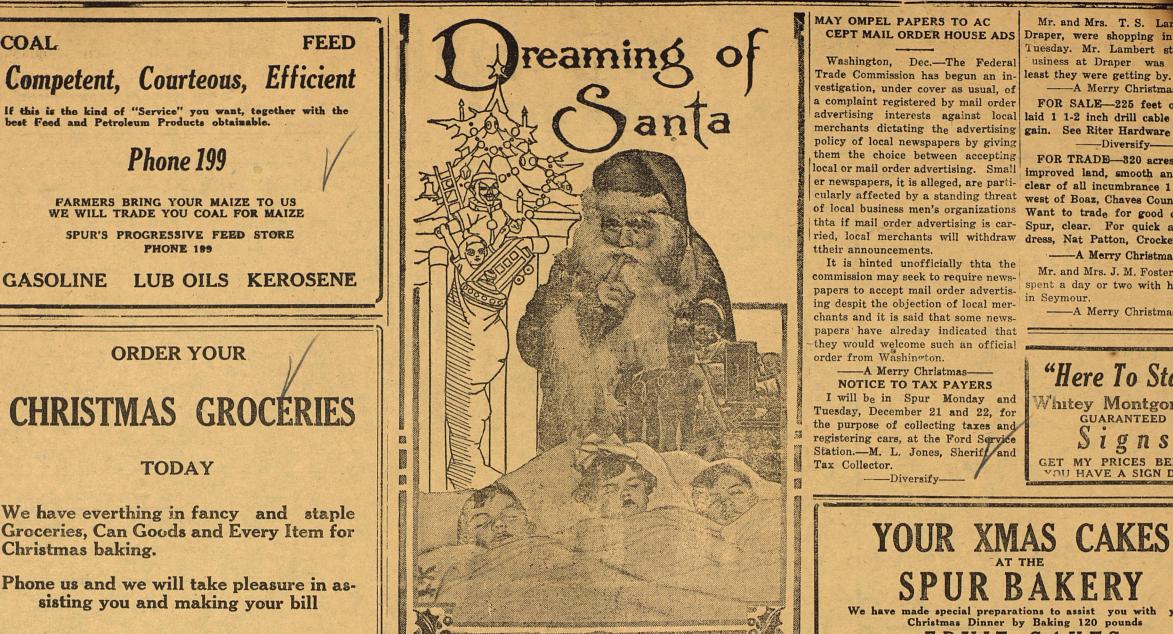
For the good of our friends and customers, and the community as a whole, we shall be very glad to take charge of your tickets, look after the details, sale of cotton, etc., absolutely free of charge.

Whether a customer or not if you are interested we invite you to come and discuss this matter with us.

We all feel that we have been hard hit by this short cotton crop and low prices, and have been in a way, but when we stop t o think of the splendid feed crop we have and how nearly we came to making a complete failure, we cannot help realizing and appreciating the fact that we have been favorably blest, and have a lot to be thankful for. Let's all forget the things that are behind, and in the past, that we are no t re sponsible for and look forward to a more prosperous 1926.

Here's wishing everybody a Pleasant Christmas and a New Year filled with health, happiness and prosperity.

THE SPUR NATIONAL BANK



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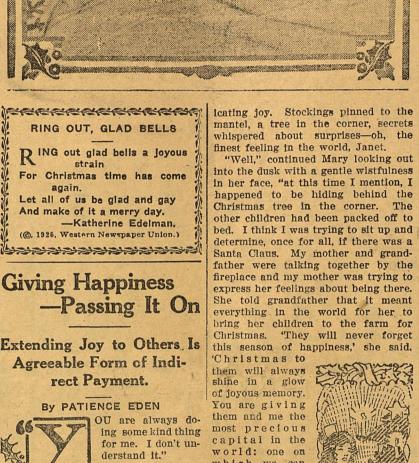
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Christmas baking.

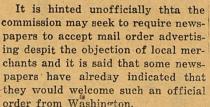
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Washington, Dec .- The Federal Trade Commission has begun an investigation, under cover as usual, of a complaint registered by mail order advertising interests against local laid 1 1-2 inch drill cable at a barmerchants dictating the advertising gain. See Riter Hardware Co. 7 Stp policy of local newspapers by giving them the choice between accepting local or mail order advertising. Small er newspapers, it is alleged, are particularly affected by a standing threat west of Boaz, Chaves County, N. M., of local business men's organizations Want to trade for good cottage in thta if mail order advertising is car- Spur, clear. For quick action, adried, local merchants will withdraw dress, Nat Patton, Crockett, Texas.



I will be in Spur Monday and Tuesday, December 21 and 22, for the purpose of collecting taxes and registering cars, at the Ford Service Station .- M. L. Jones, Sheriff and

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. La Draper, were shopping in Tuesday. Mr. Lambert stated usiness at Draper was good least they were getting by.

-A Merry Christmas-FOR SALE-225 feet of Howser

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-A Merry Christmas-Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Foster last week spent a day or two with his parents in Seymour.

-A Merry Christmas-

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frail hands, looked up at the woman standing before her. "You come to see me, you bring fruit and flowers and books," she continued; "you are unfailingly thoughtful. I can do nothing for you except give you gratitude and thanks."

Janet, a small

creature with

enormous eyes and

RING OUT, GLAD BELLS

R ING out glad bells a joyous

For Christmas time has come

Let all of us be glad and gay

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-Katherine Edelman,

And make of it a merry day.

Giving Happiness

rect Payment.

By PATIENCE EDEN

strain

again.

The older woman smiled.

"Janet," she said, "you are like a great many other people I know. You have to understand things that are not necessary to understand. And you think you must give return payment for things that should not be considered in that light."

Janet looked puzzled. "Well, but Mary," she floundered, "you must admit that L have accepted gifts rather gallantly. Gifts . . . and gifts. . . and gifts. I must speak about it. I can't take things from you forever and not mention it, even though I'm still convalescing from that accident."

Mary drew a chair nearer and sat down. "Oh, give me all the gratitude you like. I don't 20172073

mind that. Only don't worry about it. You take all the fun out of it. Accept, my child, and don't be tormented with silly ideas of some kind of payment. Here it is Christmas Eve, when the Spirit of Giving is abroad in the land. There is nothing so lovely as giving. But how can one enjoy this pleasure if intelligent peo-

ple like you inmain Co ano 2003 sist on regarding it so seriously? Listen to me, Janet, and I will tell you a story of another Christmas Eve." Janet rested her head on the back of the chair and regarded her friend with grave affection. Mary was a tower of strength. What would have been these bleak months of recovery without her? "Once when I was about ten years

old," began Mary, "I was visiting at my grandfather's farm. We always went there for a good, old-fashioned Christmas. It was a delightful place. Sleigh rides, coasting, skating, trips into the woods for Christmas greens. Everything that a child would find joy in doing. Christmas Eve particularly was overflowing with a kind of intox-

which we can draw for inspiration as long as we live.' Then she asked him how she could ever repay him for his generosity. "Grandfather looked at her and said slowly, 'If

world: one on

these Christmases mean what you say to your children, you need not worry about any returns to me. Payment does not always come back directly. It goes on in other ways. Your children, from the happy memories in this house, will continue to carry on the tradition. They will make other people happy for the sake of the merry times they had here. My payment comes in knowing this. I give happiness to you and them, and they, in turn, will pass it on to others. It is a form of indirect payment. The satisfaction of seeing the seed of joy blossom into generosity towards others

is the best payment in the world.' "Janet," went on Mary, "I did not see Santa Claus that night I hid behind the Christmas tree, but I sneaked out and went to bed thinking about grandfather. It is something I can never forget. If it has been possible to bring you a few things that help to while away the dull days, blame it on grandfather. He started the debt. I'm paying him partly through you. . . ." Mary's voice trailed off into silence. She was thinking of that low, square room in the farmhouse where she spent so many happy holidays. Janet leaned forward and touched

her softly. "It is a beautiful way to explain your kindness," she whispered, "but whom am I to pay?"

Mary looked at the frail girl in the big chair. " I overheard the little maid who comes in to mop your floor say that you were 'the beautifulest patient in the hospital.' She adores you as a kind of goddess. Maybe you can find a happy target in her. Aim one of your enchanting smiles at her and see what happens. Now I must go. Merry Christmas!"

Mary left in a breeze of cheerfulness. A quarter of an hour later found Janet and the little maid who mopped the floors in a gale of laughter. Janet was telling her a story and had heaped her arms with fruit. The little maid seemed transfigured with happiness. And it is said that she later gave most of her fruit away to the cook. "Indirect payment. . . ." whis-

pered Janet to herself as she slipped that night into the harbor of sleep. (C. 1925, Western Newspaper Unicp

Sept. 1, 1925. Five years ago I took treatment from H. H. Milling for Gall Stones. He entirely cured me and I have not been bothered since. I take great pleasure in recommending Dr. Milling and his Sanitorium to any who are sick. I know that he effects cures of all kinds when all others fail. The fact that I have had no further trouble convinces me that his cures are permanent. Any inquiries addressed to me will be answered promptly.

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files, written by people who have been benefitted by coming

from him. Respectfully, A. A. DYER.

OR RENT-My farm 12 miles S. implements and milk cow to parties of Spur. Must sell four horses, renting pacle .-- W. O. Garrison. 7-2tp



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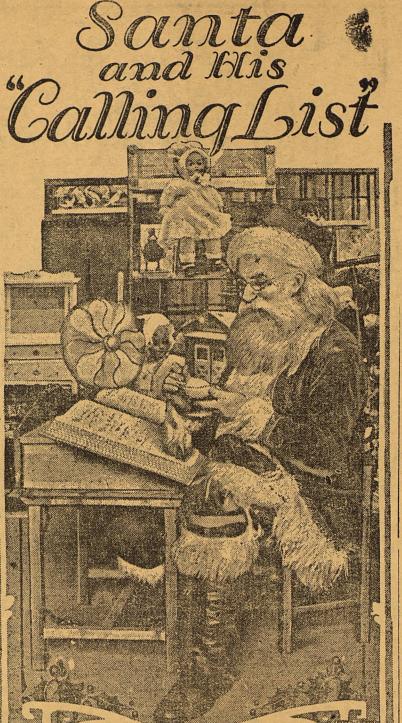
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Dorinda and Her Christmas Locket

She Decides to Reveal Mysterious Picture Back of Tiny Glass.

By MARTHA BANNING THOMAS ORINDA'S hair was so pretty that you

almost forgot to but when you once

a little party to her son's friends. It was done chiefly for Dorinda, so Sandy's mother would have the opportunity of judging the girl's charms for herself. Sandy was earnest and solemn about all the arrangements, and even went to the point of asking his

mother if she had dusted the back part of the plano-was she sure? "We'll probably sing, you know," he said, "and I want everything to look just right."

"Yes, my son," answered his mother. Dorinda floated in like a bit of thistledown. She was the last to arlook at her face, rive. Immediately she became the

about her hair. At went up to Sandy's mother, and cap ment will bring results. least that's what tured her in half a minute. Mrs. Mc-

house.

A. D. 1925.

as.

HOW MUCH IS YOUR WIFE STRAWN BANK ROBBED MON-DAY OF \$30,000.00

"In the 30 years of my married Strawn, Dec. 21 .- Forcing bank officials and customers into the vault, life," says a Western Woman, "I three unmasked robbers at 3 o'clock have cooked and served 220,460 Monday afternoon, robbed the First meals, made 32.000 loaves of bread. National Bank of this city of \$30,000 5,802 cakes and 6,721 pies. I have canned 1,683 quarts of fruit, raised in cash and Liberty Bonds. After looting the bank of practi- 8,100 chickens, churned 5,244 cally everthing that looked like mon- pounds of butter, washed, scrubbed and swept for 36,000 hours. I estiey, the robbers escaped in a five passenger automobile. The last seen of mate that my labor has been worth the car it was headed toward Fort, \$116,000.00. But I still love my hus Worth on what is known as the old band, children and grandchildren and friends an would not mind start Fort Worth Highway. The three bank officials and an ing all over again for them.

equal number of customers locked in the vault took the combination off HOME WINE MAKING PRIVILEGE the door to effect their release. The robbery did not become known until they had freed themselves, some 15 mits allowing householders to manuminutes after being locked in.

facture annually 200 gallons of wine As soon as the officials got out of were ordered withdrawn this week. the vault, President W. B. Stuart The action which was forecast notified the local telephone operator, earlier in the week, sweeps aside one who spread the news and within a of the few remaining practices of few minutes a half dozen or more preprohibition days. There are more automobiles started a chase for the than two hundred thousand of the per

fleeing robbers.

From the best reports the robbers Under the practice any family had an accomplice who waited in the could obtain license for the manufacautomobile, which was parked on the ture of fruit juices, other than cider, north side of the bank. President wihtout payment of tax, and without Stuart, who obtained good descrip- giving bond.

tions of the robbers stated that they The Treasury holds now hat the were all of middle age, well dressed permits granted authority in violaand wore o vercoats. tion of the Volstead act.

-A Merry hristmas-NOTICE OF SALE

will be at the said West End school

H. A. C. BRUMMETT,

County Judge, Dickens County. Tex-

------A Merry Christmas-------FOR SALE-Full blood Rhode Is-

mits outstanding.

State of Texas. County of Dickens: land Red, Wyandotts and White Leg Notice is hereby given that on the horn chickens. Also eight or ten 2nd day of January, at 11 o'clock. I tons good maize, 1850 binds good will sell t public auction, and to the sorghum .- C. D. Jacobson, 4 miles highest bidder for cash, the West End west of Spur on W. J. Pickens place. school house located in Common -----Diversify-School District Number 10, Dickens County. Texas. The place of sale

school at Whitney, is here to spend Said sale was ordered by the Hon- the holidays with his parents, Mr. orable County School Board of Dick- and Mrs. J. J. Cloud. Huddle was ens County, Texas, at its regular recently married to Miss Adair of meeting held on the 10th day of near Whitney, and his bride is also April, A. D. 1925, and this notice is here with him. Huddle Cloud is one given in pursuance of said order. of the most promising young men of Witness my official hand and seal the country, and in assuming the of office this 9th day of December, duties of married life we wish he and

> and success in every undertaking. -Diversify-

6-3tc -A Merry Christmas----limited amount of farm loans in W. O. Garrison, of Southwest of Dickens and other counties. See Spur, was in the city Tuesday, and Clem A. Hrkey, at Ramsey Garage while here called in and placed in or Dennis Harkey, Dickent, Texas. the Texas Spur an advertisement to 6-4t

rent his place and to sell teams and -A Merry Christmasimplements. Texas Spur advertising Prof. H. P. Bell, of the Dry Lake usually brings results when desired School, made a business trip the past lively center of a laughing group. But things are offered, and since a num- week to Abilene, returning in time looked at her face, she had not forgotten her manners: ber of people are wanting to rent plac to take up school duties Monday you forgot all pushing the young people away, she es we feel certain that this advertise- morning.

-A Merry Christmas-Mrs. Ewell Cayton, of California.

RECENTLY MARRIED Huddle Cloud, who is teaching

WORTH

-----A Merry Christmas-

IS REVOKED

Washington .- All prohibition per-

his bride much happiness, prosperity

I am in a position to make an un-

ing business. We may be only one yard from it, or, we may have five, ten twenty or thirty yards to go, but we are going to keep on "bucking the line," "circling the ends" and "forwarding passes" until you say that This Bank is "My Bank." NOW is the best time you will have to open an account with us.

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know, if anybody. Sandy had made surrendered. "No wonder," she mused a thorough study of Dorinda at all aloud, when the lovely girl had reseasons when it was possible. In | turned to the others, "no wonder poor fact his research work would have done credit to a scientist.

There were times when Sandy felt exuberant, and there were other times when he called himself a complete idiot. This simple barometer of emotions indicated the various moods of Dorinda. Dorinda could scintillate with wit and mischief; Dorinda could droop in lovely wistfulness; Dorinda could be severe, and Dorinda could be

Sandy McQuinn said, and he ought to Quinn did not even know when she Sandy is temporarily out of his headshe is a witching lass."

Of course there was dancing; of course there were good things to eat, and of course there was a bit of mistletoe cleverly concealed in an obscure corner. Sandy had privately seen to this. In fact the whole party revolved around this particular bit of mistletee. Just before the last dance Sandy lured Dorinda into that corner by saying he had something very important

to tell her. When she stood directly under the tiny bough, looking up at Sandy with her dark, laughing eyes, Sandy opened his campaign. He put his arms around her and kissed her on her soft, flushed cheek.

She was furious. In the resulting scramble, the silver locket snapped its ring and dropped to the floor. Here was opportunity! Sandy ducked, evading the swift reach of the girl's hand. He had the locket in his grasp. It was open!

"You sha'n't look at it !" cried Dorinda, looking stormy but adorable. "I've got it !" announced Sandy, "and if you don't let me look at it I shall

probably kiss you again !" Dorinda stamped her little satin slipper. "Oh, well, I don't care !" she said and shrugged her shoulders. Sandy looked down at the open locket. It was perfectly empty.

"There!" triumphed Dorinda. "See what you have for your pains. Nothing but a locket to let." Sandy drew her farther into the cor-

ner. "Why not put me in as tenant?" And do you know what happened?

After five minutes of battle, of Dogirl took the locket from him, and after prying up the tiny glass from one section, and removing a blank paper, said And Sandy found his own grin beam-

ing up at him out of the silver square of the locket. It was a snapshot taken in the summer when Dorinda and he had been on a picnic.

"Was the party a success?" asked Sandy's mother as they were parting for the night.

Sandy was inarticulate. He waved his arms about in excited sircles. He made funny little noises in his threat. At last he was able to speak.

-A Merry Christmas Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hamby, of arrived in Spur the past week to visit Dickens, were shopping and visiting in Spur Tuesday of this week. -Diversify-

COTTON SEED FOR SALE I still have some of my pure bred part of the State. Kasch and Mebane Cotton Seed on hand, stored in old Sol Davis ware house in Spur. \$2.50 per bushel, 8 bushel sacks. The very best plant

Dry Goods store. M. M. Young, Ab -----Diversify---G. Van Leer.

-A Merry Christmas-

with her sister, Mrs. G. W. Alger. Mrs. Alger and Mrs. Cayton left the latter part of the week to spend the holidays with relatives in the Eastern -A Merry Christmas-

W. R. Cannon, of West of Spur, was here Tuesday seeing the Christ mas things and grreeting friends with ing see. See Rob Davis, in Edwards a cheerful smile.

-Diversify-FOR SALE-Everbright heating One five room house for rent .--- I. stove, cheap at Callie Ramsey's Gar-1tp age. , 2-tf ----- A Merry hristmas-



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the Room Like Strode About

melting. One never knew which Dorinda, of her many selves, one would find.

who had gently inquired about his restlessness, "she keeps wearing that sil- he suggested coaxingly. ver locket. She won't say who gave it to her and she won't let me peek inside. If she's got some other chap in rinda growing prettier every minute, there I'll just drop her! She need not of Sandy's profound arguments, the think she can lead me around by the nose !"

superiority and strode about the room shyly: "Look, Sandy McQuinn !" like a pirate. His mother smiled a

final gestures, Sandy said he was "going out" but would be in early. He lifted his hat from a hook in the hall and went straight as his feet could carry him, to the house of Dorinda Kent.

This sort of thing lasted all fall. By Christmas time Sandy had worked himself up to a great state of nerves over the locket. Dorinda was quite sweet about it, but also quite firm. She would never let Sandy see the con- said. "I found out what's in that

Christmas eve Sandy's mother gave

"I guess she likes me, all right " he locket !"

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Pirate.

"And," declared Sandy to his mother,

Sandy struck an attitude of great

little, but said nothing. After a few dark mutterings and

THE TEXAS SPUR

THURSDAY DECEMBER 24 WILL BE THE TAST DAY OF OUR BIG REDUCTION -**RED TAG SALE** YOU CAN'T AFFORD TO MISS IT! **SPUR HARDWARE & FURNITURE COMPANY**

Old Timer of Dickens and would recognize him the moment she saw him. **County Renews**

Subscription

Paris, Tenn., 12-18-25. Texas Spur, Spur, Texas.

As the year is about gone, and the honest people are going to make new resolutions (to break) I thought I had better begin ahead of time, and send you a check for my paper. Most every copy has some ones names that is my friend and as old people don't write very much, I try to keep up with them through the columns of your paper, and I also watch the country grow where r commenced work Dec. 29. 1887, and there are but few there now that was there in those days. Will Hyatt, Tom Harrison, Jake Raines and Tol Morrison is all I can call to mind:

Wish you would all come and see how we live in the old volunteer state.

I Remain, E. P. Taylor.

P. S. May see you all when the grass gets green.

____A Merry Christmas_____

Young Lady Assaulted By White Man Near Littlefield

Friday evening, about five o'clock, Miss Bethel Dillen, the eighteen year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Dillen, residing about six miles north of Littlefield, was attacked by an un known assailant, who ravished her and then left her in an unconscious condition. At the time of this newspaper going to press 17 different suspects have been arrested by Sheriff Irving and his corps of deputies; but none have yet been identified as the guilty party.

According to information the girl was washing that evening, her parents having gone to a neighborhhod sale, while her brother were working some distance in the field. When the attack was made upon her she cried out for help hoping that her brothers might hear her, but to no avail. The heroic struggle put by the unfortunate girl was evidenced by the overtudned chairs, broken furniture and

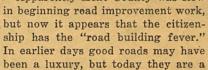
That she was not otherwise seriously injured physicially, aside from the knock received on her head, is the statement of the physician attending her.

-A Merry Christmas-

Kent County Planning **Extensive Road Con-**Struction

County Commissioner W. H. Smith, of Kent County, was in Spur recently and informed us that the Commissioners Court of Kent County had just recently purchased two large tractors and two graders in contemplation of extensive road construction work throughout the coming year.

Bonds were recently voted for the construction of a hardsurfaced highway through Kent County, and this work in connection with other extensive road construction work will be done during the new year. Apparently Kent County was slow



necessity. -A Merry Christmas-J. P. Koonsman, of the Croton coun try, was in the city this week looking over the Christmas stocks and making purchases of the Spur merchants.

-A Merry Christmas-Frank Speer came over Tuesday from Dickens, spending a short time in Spur on business and meeting friends.

-A Merry Christmas-

Nacasa For All The Family "We use Black-Draught in our family of six children and find it a good liver and bewel regulator," says Mrs. C. E. Nutt, of Mineral Springs,

goes Operation

ard, underwent a successful operation material which may be drawn out. for appendicitis last week at the Nichols Sanitarium and is now re- turbing until the cure is complete. ported doing nicely and recovering To estimate the time figure two days TEXAS COMPANY TO BEGIN rapidly

S. C. Thomas, of Girard, came up piece weighs. For example a ten Tuesday of this week to visit with pound ham will take twenty days to his son.

-A Merry hristmas-

RECEIPT FOR DRY CURING For each 100 pounds of meat use 10 pounds of salt, 3 1-2 pounds of ugar, and four ounces of saltpeter. Be sure the salt is pure. Sometimes without washing. The purpose of table salt is mixed with cornstarch or smoking the meat is to improve the

something to keep it dry; see that flavor and it likewise has a preservathere s nothing of this sort in the salt used in curing your meat. Mix these ingredients thoroughly and di- smoke being deposited on the meat. vide the mixture into three equal A low, smoldering fire should be parts. After the meat has been maintained; it should never be allowthorughly cooled and cut up, take one ed to blaze up. The best wood is to third of this mixture and rub the use hickory, maple and oak ranking pieces with it, packing the meat on a next, but cottonwood, aspen and wiltable or shelf. After three days open low or even corncobs may be used. Do up the pile and rub on another third not use pine or any of the resincus

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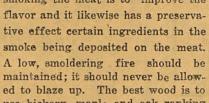
Sollie Thomas Under- of the cure, piling the meat back as woods, as they give a bad flavor to where the well is to be drilled. before. On the sixth day use the the meat. The meat should be smok- Samples of all rock formation remaining portion of the cure. The ed until it has a good straw color, struck in drilling are to be preserved meat, after being treated in this way which usually will require from 30 for examination by expert geologists Sollie Thomas, formerly one of may be packed on a clean bench or to 35 hours steady smoking. Some in the state.

the proprietors of the Dixie .Cafe, table or in a box, but provision must prefere to continue the process four ioneers and old settlers in Kent and son of S. C. Thomas, of near Gir- be made for drainage of any bloody or five weeks, smoking only an hour County who have never had much or two each day.-Western Farm confidence in the oil prospects here * The meat must be left without dis- Life.

in the cure for each pound that the

cure properly. The dry cure is best adapted to use where one has a cool dry cellar in which a fairly even

After the meat is cured properly it ready to hang in the smoke house,



temperature can be maintained.

-A Merry Christmas-OIL TEST DRILLING JAN. 1

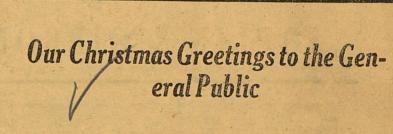
The Texas Oil ompany will start drilling on their Brown Ranch Southwest of Jayton, January 1, according o Albert Matheson, superintendent of

the drilling.

are coming to believe in the situation and many of them have expressed the opinion that Kent County sooner or later may be booming with oil fever and the county known for its unsettled state may yet produce some of the cities of Wesst Texas .-- Chronicle.

----- A Merry Christmas-----

Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Lambert, of Draper, were shopping in the city The contractors are rigging in and Tuesday. Mr. Lambert stated that ruck loads of machinery and casing business at Draper was good-at are being hauled daily to the location least they were getting by.



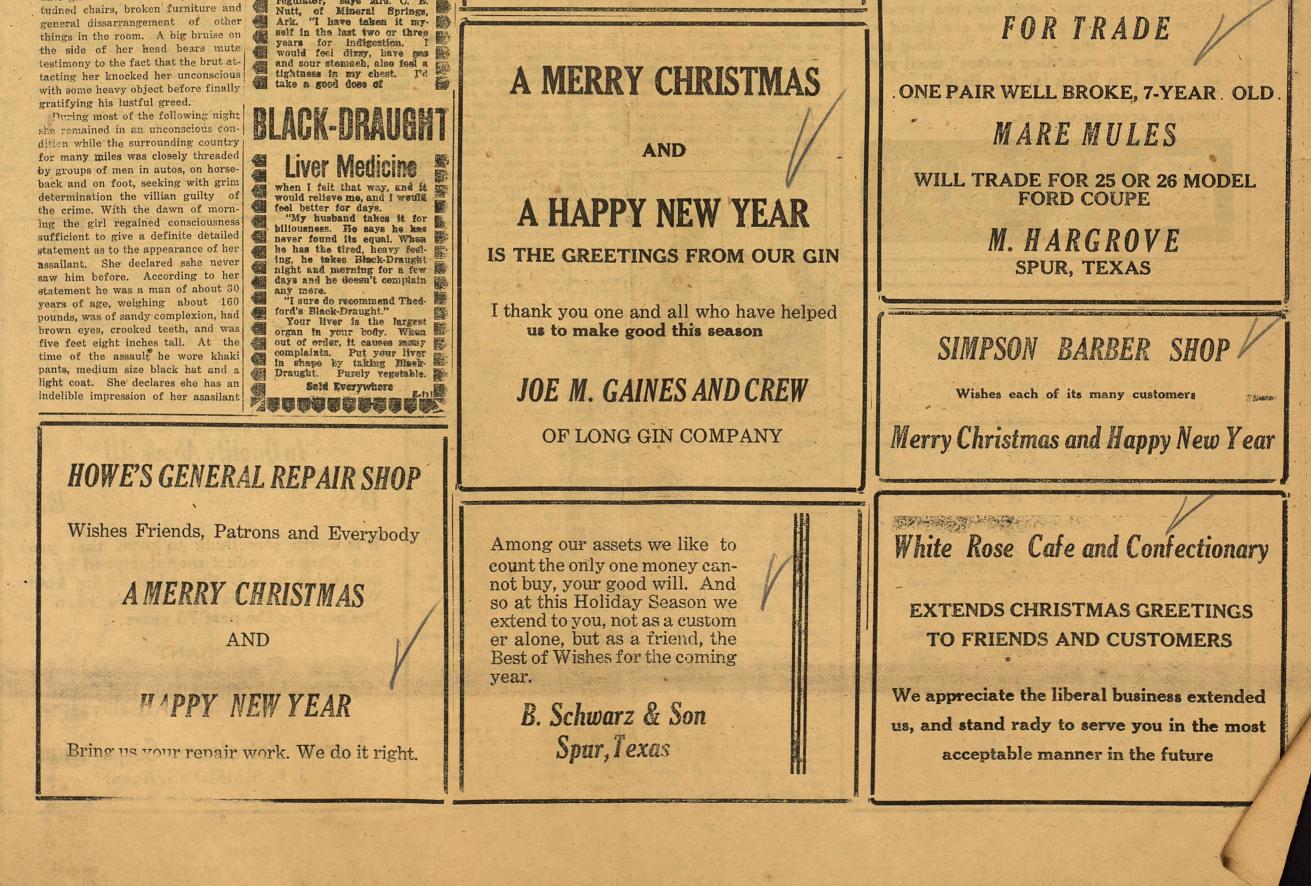
Will be showing one of the best pictures presnted during the season-D. W. Griffith in

"THAT ROYLE GIRL"

This picture will be shown on Christman da and also on Saturday

Bring your wife, mother or sweetheart. It will be a pleasing Christmas Gift to them

LYRIC THEATRE ALL GOOD SHOWS



ARM FROM ACCIDENT brother was accidently discharged, the day night, where an X-Ray examina- Worth-hope they get one. But when of explosives were used as evidenced tions on the piano. een-year old Floyd Williams, City, suffered the loss of his arm pit.

yd and his brother were hunt- brother went for aid, and was exposed shoulder by Dr. Krueger, chief sur- could not be possibly served by a one drawer with about \$75 in cash. vidual's fortune and a little Christirds when they discovered a yel- to the weather some three hours be geon at the Sanitarium. jacket nests, and it was while fore medical attention was given him. were trying to destroy the insects he was rushed to the Lubbock Sani- the shot and this coupled with the should the Santa Fe build that line mont Star. the shot gun being held by his tarium, arriving here at 10:30 Sun- long time he was exposed following the Fort Worth and Denver, should

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relations with you We sincerely trust that the efforts we will put forth to serve you to your entire satisfaction will not be in vain. On b ehalf of our entirre organization

we wish for you and yours a MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A VEDY HAPPY NEW YEAR Full of Prosperrity and Good Fortune. **WOODY DRUG STORE** EDWIN WOODY, Prop.

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON

May you have the Christmas Happiness That is so justly yours And in the year that lies ahead The good luck that endures.

It's no cross-word puzzel You work all night to guess, My wish is a merry Christmas And a New Year of Success.

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Floyd's right lung was injured by As a matter of fact, as we see it, the accident has caused much uneasi- they build their proposed line to the ness over his condition to be express- South Plains, will get practically all ed as developement of pneumonia is the tonnage to and from the great is feared.-Lubbock Avalanche.

Plain country to Fort Worth. The latest "surveying rumors" in

Married.

____A Merry Christmas-

George Austin, son of Mr. and long held by authorites in this sec- other damages will bring the loss Mrs. Henry Austin, and Miss Lillian tion relative to a direct line from caused by the explosion to about \$12,-Randall, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. the South Plains to Fort Worth. It 000, according to J. R. Overton, sup-J. J. Randall, were married Monday has been thought that possible on ac- erintendent of the Oil Mill. December 21st, driving over to the count of the high cost of railroad con-County Capitol where the license sstruction across the canyon east of definite period and no certain plans were obtained and the ceremony Crosbyton that the read might build have been made for the installing of performed.

These young people were born and reared in the Spur country, their parents having been among the very is a direct "shoot" to Fort Worth. earliest settlers here, and recogniz- The Santa Fe can connect their Crosed as among the very best citizenship.

The Texas Spur joins in with their many friends in extending congratulations and best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Randall, and may they enjoy reads. many years of happy, prosperous married life.

-A Merry Christmas-THE ROUNDS

assertion that surveyors are on the point in New Mexico. ground surveying out of Floydada and Santa Fe, whose surveyors are doing and Ralls will be on the main line .-the work, will purchase the Gulf, Tex- Ralls Banner.

and & Western, which everybody knows is for sale. Now this is the most sensible and feasable "talk" yet offered relative to new railroads for the South Plains to Fort Worth. We have no stones to toss at Post City, that dandy little notified our station agent, Mr. Rus-

Crosbyton, through, Dickens, Gutherie talk railroad all they want to and of the way. and Benjamin and on to Seymour any way they desire, but mark our pre where connection will be made with diction that the Santa Fe will be the was evidently of big capacity for the Gulf, Texas & Western, and on in first "air-line" railroad from the making whiskey, since the vats were

-----A Merry Christmas-----

BLOW UP SAFE

On last Sunday night or Monday morning about two o'clock, some one

county seat town in Garza County. sell that there was a disturbance at Elliott are here from Tech College We would like a see them grow and the depot. Investigation revealed to spend Christmas with home folks prosper, and we have no reason or de- that the safe had been blown open and friends.

sire for them to fail to get a new rail and a lot of express had been broken road connecting them with Fort into and parts taken. A full discharge



-A Merry Christmas-OIL MILL EXPLOSION CAUSES \$12,000 DAMAGE AT JAYTON

An explosion in the engine room at regard to Crosbyton and Floydad are desroyed one of the large engines Hickman. entirely in accordance with the views the cost of which is \$9,000. This with

out of Ralls, or at a point between a new engine. It is not known at here and Crosbyton, but this immater present when the mill will again be ial as what we want and need badly ready for operation .-- Chronicle.

-A Merry Christmasheriffs Jones and Mcbyton and Floydada branches over Combs Run in Big on the Easts Plains very conveniently and shove out on an air line for Still Located on **County Lines**

Last week Sheriff Jones of Dick-Over on the East Plains, should ens county, and Sheriff McCombs of these roads extend, one of the best Kent county, raided a big distillery towns on the pPlains will be built, located on two section tract of land MORE RAILROAD TALK IS GOING and it is not improbaable that it will formerly a part of the Pursely ranch be division point on the system, as it and just across the county lines in will be located about midway be- Dickens county. Only the distillery The latest "Railroad Talk" is the tween Fort Worth and the division and vats and barrels of mash were captured, the operators evidently Now, anybody and everybody can having been tipped off and got out

Mr. Jones stated that the outfit to FortWorth. It is rumored that the great South Plains to Fort Worth, of five or six hundred gallon capac-

> -A Merry Christmas-Miss Virginia Forbis is at home YEGGS VISIT ASPERMONT AND from I. C. A. t ospend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Forbis.

> > ----- A Merry Christmas---Miss Dick Stafford, Sterling and Dick Davis, Jim Cloud and Billie

____A Merry Christmas___ Misses Nell and Rena Higgins and Mrs. Langston and Miss Rachael are spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Wichita Falls.

----- A. Merry Christmas------D. P. Russey has gone home to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

-A Merry Christmas-Mr. and Mrs. Oliver, of Amarillo, ed. E. J. COWAN, Spor, Texas. are in Spur spending Christmas with his father, Judge F. N. Oliver,, and family. -----A Merry Christmas-----American Telephone & Telegraph Co. Bell System XXV BRIDGE CLUB 145th Dividend One of the most distinctive social The regular quarterly divid affairs planned for Christmas was end of Two Dollars and that of Tuesday evening when Mr. Twenty-Five Cents (\$2.25) and Mrs. Hill Perry were hosts to per share will be paid on Frimembers of the bridge club and day, January 15, 1926. to their husbands and other invited stockholders of record at the guests. close of business on Satur-The house was unusually lovely for day, December 19, 1925. the occasion with Christmas decora-H. BLAIR-SMITH, Treasurer. tions. Especially was the little Christmas tree adorrning the living room lovely, holding sacks of mints Southwestern Bell Telephone and candies, with the guest table Company numbers. Seven tables were most Twenty-Second Dividend charmingly arranged for the bridge The regular quarterly divihour. Mrs. Ray E. Dickson had the dend of one dollar and sevenhigh score for the ladies and receivty-five cents per share on ed a lovely whip candle and holder. Preferred Stock will be paid Jas. B. Reed held high score for the on Friday, January 1, 1926. men and received a box of cigars. to stockholders of record at A lovely musical program was giv the close of business on Saten at the close of the bridge hour, urday, December 19, 1925. Mrs. Fred Ryenolds singing "Silent R. A. NICKERSON, Night." James Hill Perry and Mrs. Treasurer. Roy L. Harkey gave several selec-The Season's Greetings We wish friends, customers and Everybody a MERRY CHRISTMAS and HAPPY NEW SWIFT 6

load taking effect in Floyd's right tion showed the shoulder joint to be one talks about a railroad to Post by the hole knocked in the ceiling, course refreshment of perfection injured with blood vessels and nerves serving the South Plains it always one in the wall and another in the salad, chicken a la King with coffee, It was six miles to the nearest tele- of the right arm in bad condition. An amuses us. The physical and geo- floor, windows were shattered. The followed by a plate of plum pudding farm home late Sunday after- phone and Floyd was placed on a operation was performed soon after graphical facts are that Post is not safe was completely wrecked. The with white sauce, was served. Giant he was received at the sanitarium, and never has been on the Plains, and burglars made their get away in firecrackers were used as plate favsand bed while in a creek while his the right arm being removed at the is situated so that the South Plains haste it seems since they overlooked ors, each one containing the indirailroad from there to Fort Worth. Total loss is not known. No trace of mas cap. The guests included Mesthe burglars has been found.-Asper- dames and Messrs. James B. Reed, C. B. Jones, E. C. Edmons, E. F.

Loverty, Oran McClure, Fred Rey nolds, Roy Dickson, Jim Edd Hull, Malcufm Brannen, Roy L. Harkey. Mesdames F. W. Jennings, Ruby

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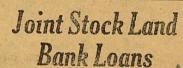
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CHRISTMAS GREETS

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Happy New Year

At this season of the yaer we wish to extentd to each and every one of our many friends and customers through out the country, our sincere thanks and appreciation for the most liberal business enjoyed during the year 1925, and we wish every one a Merry Christmas and a happy and prosperious New Year.

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Christmas Morning

By EUGENE FIELD

THE angel host that sped last night, Bearing the wondrous news afar, Came in their ever-glorious flight Unto a slumbering little star.

"Awake and sing, O star!" they cried. "Awake and glorify the morn. Herald the tidings far and wide— He that shall lead His flock is born!"

The little star awoke and sung As only stars in rapture may. And presently where church bells hung The joyous tidings found their way.

"Awake, O bells! 'tis Christmas morn-Awake and let thy music tell To all mankind that now is born What Shepherd loves His lambkins

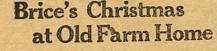
Then rang the bells as fied the night O'er dreaming land and drowsing deep, And coming with the morning light,

They called, my child, to you asleep.

Sweetly and tenderly they spoke, And lingering round your little bed, Their music pleaded till you woke, And this is what their music said:

"Awake and sing! 'tis Christmas morn, Whereon all earth salutes her King! Im Bethlehem is the Shepherd born, Awake, O little lamb and sing!"

So, dear, my child, kneel at my feet, And with those voices from above
Share thou this holy time with me, The universal hymn of love.



Jolly Girl Gives Uncle and Aunt and Young Friends Happy Surprise.

By FRANK HERBERT SWEET



away. That meant nearly three weeks for after-Christmas jollification, skating, visiting around, and curled up before the big fireplace popping corn and reading and talking -just playing lady. After three steady, grinding years in the department store it would be heavenly.

Wouldn't Aunt Margaret and Uncle Jack be surprised and pleased! It was to be a surprise. She had not written them. She flashed a look down the plat-

form. Yes, there was wooden-legged Sam, the expressman, peering into the baggage room for possible business. "Hoo-hoo!" she challenged.

The old expressman looked up, stared, then stumped forward.

"Brice Harper, for a fact !" he cried, for them and looking over the root and "Back home ag'in. Come to stay, or a-visitin'?"

"Just visiting, Uncle Sam. A whole month, though. After three years. I'd jolly Christmas in itself, and the old ever have believed I could stay away

embarrass any of my girl friends. You may carry my trunk right out to the farmhouse. I know where Aunt Margaret hides the key. And I know she and Uncle Jack would want me to go right there and use everything as my own. I'll take care of the poultry," 1925. enthusiastically, "and I'll bake one of the turkeys for Christmas, and cook everything that goes with it, ples and cakes and all. Won't it be fun !"

"You can mylte a lot of your girl friends to eat with you, too," grinned the expressman,

"Afterward," agreed Brice. "They will all want to eat at home on Christmas. Then we'll have a round of nice visiting. But for the real Christmas I'm going to depend on the postals. There are lots of nice girls in the department store who haven't any home, and who will have to depend on the cheap boarding houses they live at. I'll write a postal to Aunt Margaret, and five or six to girls I know will be glad to spend their week or ten days vacation with me. And say, Uncle Sam, I'll look around the house, and then make a list of groceries and other things I want you to bring out, and-

any place where I can buy a Christmag tree?" "Ain't none better than grow right down on your uncle's lower shed medder.'

"All right. I'll get the Dill boy to help, and we'll cut and rig up a nice one-Or no, I'll wait a few days until some of the store girls come. If they feel like me-and I know they willthey'll want to help get the tree, and trim it, and to help cook the dinner." "Need any Christmas present stuff?" chuckled old Sam. "Tomson's been sayin' he was havin' the grandest holiday goods ever opened up here, comin' in that box. Mebbe ye'd like to see

him pry the cover off." "'Deed I would," promptly. "I'll be right over from the post office."

The girls condemned to a prospective boarding house Christmas accepted Brice's invitation relievedly. On the third day old Sam brought the hilarious five out in his ancient express wagon. In the three days Brice and the Dill



"Greens Were Found at the Edge the Swamp."

apple cellar and preserve closet with an eye to Christmas. Then the girls piled in like a whole abouse seemed like to burst itself. farn

THE TEXAS SPUR

Top the Alleghenies Heard From

Beckley, W. Va., December 12th,

To: Ye Editor, The Texas Spur. Spur, Texas.

For some weeks, through the courtesy of some Old Timer, your paper has been coming to my home out here a-top the Alleghenies of W. Va. and I have read each issue from kiver to kiver) with real interest. though, I will have to admit, some disappointment also.

Interest, in that little personal touch I gain, even tho it be remote, Lately, also, you have a g reat counwith a country and people, that and whom I shall always remember affectionately. Disappointment; in that your local news columns carry so few familiar names. Skan the columns

carefully as I may, I can find no mention of those names that used to ap peared so frequently in the social YOU TELL'EM and court news of the old Dickens Doings and one would naurally expect to find one or more of them in the "court news" any way. What has become of such characters as Jim Gilmore, Bob Forbis, Bud Morrison, Matt Howell, Tol Merriman, Scotch Eddie, etc. etc., do they never come

to town or do anything disreputable any more? or maybe it is they are masquerading under an alias, such as say, Mr. W. J. Elliott, I saw that name in the last issue. Can it be possible thaat "Mr. W. J. Elliot, is really "Old Scothch Bill"?

Back in the latter part of the last century, as a humble follower of the Spur chuck wagon, I knew Dickens, Kent, Garza, Matador, Emma and Crosby Counties well and every one within their gates, but, now, your roster leaves me about as well informed as would the phone directory of

that country in those days speaks a wide, rather than varied acquaintance, for it was quite a far carry from one neighbor to the next; Henry Kellis, on Double Mountain and C. D. Bob on the Head of Duck Creek, were next door neighbors, as neighbors were then accounted and Gill Green on the Slicknasty thought nohing of riding over to see Bill Hyatt rather than feed hs horse himself and every body who was anybody and some Nesters (Nesters were recognized in the latter part of that decade) would foregather at the then center of the universe, the Court House at Dickens City on those climaxes of our social life, namely Christmas and the Fourth of July where many of us under the influence of Tom Harkey's "Soft" drinks and all under the magic in-

fluence of Sol Davis' and Eli Harkeys' LICENSED EMBALSLER fiddles and every one else in the six MONEY TO LOAN ON FARMS counties as only can those upon At Spur Hardware & Furniture

Another Old Timer A- confused with a Sunday School hymn edged as t o be with and one of you and Doc's call to them as they dis- 'TO HELP SPUR GROW.' appeared in the breaks anything but

a plea to a higher and better life. Should you find space available, I would be glad you would remember me thru your "colyums" to those Old Timers, they will all remember me for one reason or the other, princi-

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and to Mr. Come Later and Mr. Come try, a fine people and a good newspaper, what else do you need, lest it

be my good wishes and a good season? I give you the one and wish youthe other and wish that I were so privel-

Sincerely, 'A Once Was There" Cannon Hobson.

-A Merry Christmas-RECENTLY MARRIED AT AFTON subjects. Last year Con J. F. Clemmons and Miss Evelyn intendent of a h igh sch

Fields, prominent young people of homa. He is one of the pally the other, I guess, but remem- the Afton Community, were recently who is climbing to the t ber, they will, for they belong to married and are now receiving the destined to become a leade the breed, who, to 'mis-quote' never congratulations of their many friends as a teacher in world affai forget an enemy or forgive a friend, of that section.

The Texas Spur, at this late date, joins with the friends in extending T. C. U. at Fort Worth, arrive sour dough kegs for angel food cake congratulataions and very best wish-

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J. C. Davis left Spu ing for Berkeley, Califo he will probably spend the Con Davis in that mild Con Davis is this year college and also teaching

-A Merry Christmas-

Henry Elkins, who is atten Sunday to spend the holida Spur with his parents, Mr. an G. R. Elkins. Henry made the est and most brilliant recor one of the Spur boys who is elim

to the top, and will make good ter years.

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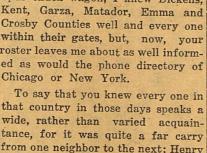
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boy had been making the house ready



that long. I want you to take my trunk The Christmas tree was cut and drawn right out, and I'll ride with you." home with all the appropriate songs

"Ain't ye heered-had a letter nor nothin'?" asked the old man. whose face had been growing troubled.

"N-no. Anything the matter?" with andden anxiety. "No except they sin't there. Folks round here know all other folks do, ye

rec'lect. So I did hear your Aunt Mag'ret Holmes said Christmas was so ionesome here she wouldn't spend another like the last. Two, three days ago she an' your Uncle Jack went over into the next county to spend Christmas with a cousin who has a reg'lar passle o' children. I was by there yesterday, an' the house did look dismal, all shet up, with hens an' turkeys complainin' all over the place."

"Isn't there anyone to look after them?"

"One o' the Dill boys was asked to, I b'lieve, but he's neglectin' 'em shameful. He-"

A shrill hail came from a store across from the station.

"Say, Brice," wheedled the old expressman, "would ye mind waitin' three



"Take the Box Over, Uncle Sam," She Said.

or four seconds? That mad shouter was storekeeper Tomson. Been 'spectin' a box o' Christmas stuff more'n a week, an' 't was just throwed off this train. He was yellin' to me. S'pose I take the box over to him, then come an' carry you and the trunk out to one o' your girl friends? They'll all be glad to have ye visit 'em." But Brice had been thinking rap-

idly. Take the box over, Uncle Sam," she

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TEAR

said, "and I'll run across to the post affice while you're gone. I want to write some postals. And no, I won't

and carols and huzzas they could think of, and trimmed as never a Christmas. tree had been trimmed before. Greens found among the leaves at the edge of the swamp, a small holly discovered, and a sprig of mistletoe bought at had it. some store. The kitchen became filled with fragrance and song, the evening crackled with popping corn, rang with voices about the awakened organ, and the fireplace glowed with the logs behind and the half circle of baking apples in front. And then right in the midst of it

the hearty voice of Uncle Jack roared through the door, mellowed by the softer, happy laugh of Aunt Margaret that accompanied it. "I'm going to have that dinky post

office over yonder indicted," guffawed Uncle Jack. "Kept that postal four days before the R. F. D. delivered it. Fifteen minutes after that we were on our way. Of course we had to come. Five more girls to help wake the old house up. Whoopee! Why didn't you write so we needn't have left the lone-

some place?" "Why didn't you write you were going away, so I'd have known what to expect?" retorted Brice.

"Lucky none of us didn't," laughed Aunt Margaret, "for then we might not have these nice five extra girls. But come, I must get into the kitchen." "But we've cooked and cooked and

cooked, till-" "Not enough," declared Aunt Margaret firmly, "no matter how much you've done. There are all your old friends that must be invited to come, though they would, anyway. And we are summoned t o lunch by Radio want your friends here to meet 'em. Then we must invite a lot of extra young people in evenings to help keep things going. Then-my land! if I hadn't forgotten! There's a wagon load outside. Where's Jack? Oh, I

guess he's gone out to look after 'em. You see, Cousin Mary didn't want us to leave, being nigh Christmas. So we brought 'em all along. Not any danger of havin' too much to eat. Then there ain't much Christmas goods over in the next county, so in goin' into town this evenin' to buy me." "But, Aunt Margaret, we've got a tree ram-jammed full," explained

Brice "Not enough," frmly. "We can pack more on the floor under it. Now I'm goin' into the kitchen. Can't you see, girls," her firm voice suddenly dropping pathetically; "being Christmas, I've just got to cook something." (C. 1925. Western Newspaper Union

whom the responsibilities of life sit SPUR, TEXAS lightly and who are at peace with all mankind (except the sheep herder, W. E. LESSING maybe), boggy tanks, short grass and ATTORNEY-AT-LAW even a Republican landslide worried Practice in All Courts Office Or Spur National Bank us but little then, for, for what it took to have a good time, we surely W. D. WILSON ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Just picture in your mind all the General Practice manhood o f the country rounded up Office Over Spur National Bank at Dickens, then, know that all of SPUR, TEXAS COWAN them, Bill Walldrup was the most Đ. handsome, its Petit-Maitre, Bill Attorney-at-Law Hyatt the criterion of all the social Cowan Bldg. Spur, Texas

graces and Jake Raines its conversational entertainer, and you can read J. E. MORRIS ily vissualize our limitations, physical PHYSICIAN & SUGEON and otherwise, but the girls, oh man!

no country, time or place ever produc ed better looking or finer types of wo men of those of us of the sterner sex who yet remain this side of the

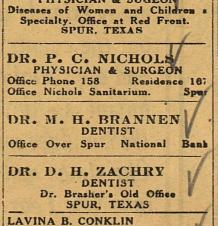
Great Divide, have every reason to remember each and all of them with Office Nichols Sanitarium. highest esteem and regard, and some of us, maybe with a little touch of

heart ache for what, might have been, and a type that is passing.

I hear occassionally from some of those old friends o f my youth, once DR. D. H. ZACHRY every eight or ten years, perhaps, and I gather from the last communication that civilization and the urge of the "Texas Spur" has worked unbelievable change, not only among Office In Spur Nat'l Bank Bldg. the punchers, but among the cows thèmselves. That latest letter would H. almost have me believe Croton cattle and that each and every one has a pet and Christian n ame, also, that the cow puncher has been elevated to t hat exaulted station, an Elder in the Church, Ye Gods, is it possible, imagine Tom Harrison sing ing "Life i s like a Mountain R. R."

to a Croton steer, or Doc Ellis escorting a collection plate, Suffering Memories, sure, it cannot be true. Why when I knew Croton brakes, it took a good horse and rider who was 'anything but' a wise man and a Christian, even to see when 'them

cattle' were marked, much less know them by a pet monaker. We had horses in those days and for riders who would make the grade under the above qualifications, well, we had Tom and Doc, but the song Tom would sing to them would hardly be



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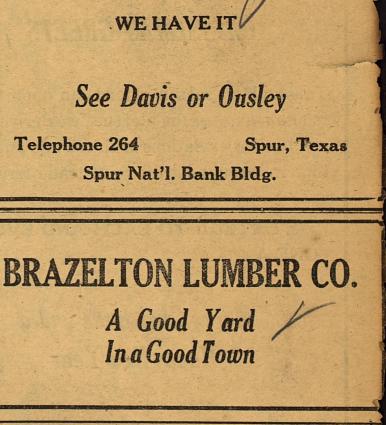
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underwent an operation at the Nichols Sanitarium, was able to be removed to their home on Saturday of last week, and is now recovering most satisfactorily. ____A Merry Christmas___ Frank Speer came over Tuesday from Dickens, spending a short time was Pearl street.

members of the House had signified

await future develope- in Spif: on business and meeting friends.

Though some New Yorkers believe that Broadway starts at Forty-second street, the story of Broadway, if com-A Merry hristmaspletely told, is a long, long story. For Broadway it was that led from the old Dutch fort, Fort Mai hattan, built 300 Miss Buelah Copeland, who recentyears ago, to the gate in a wooden

He said more than half of the Now Famous Broadway

wall that shut the village in from the wilderness beyond, says the New Yerk World. It was called by the Dutch the Heere straat. It was only a country road. The real business center of the village

> By 1726-200 years ago-Broadway had become somewhat more important in the life of the village. It now extended to what is at present the beginning of Park row. And what is now Broadway above its junction with Park row was then called Rope walk. Broadway's life, as a growing proposition, was thought to be over. Even at the time St. Paul's was built (1765) it seems that Broadway's prospects of becoming a longer street had improved only slightly. For St. Paul's was

Started as Cowpath

built facing the river. But before it reached its second onehundredth birthday Broadway had come into its own. Not only was it much longer and broader, it had become the fashionable shopping center of the city.

Only One Right Way

to Compute Century The word century means 100. It is usually applied to years and according to the Christian calendar each 100 years from the birth of our Lord forms a century. Now ask yourself how many years make 100 years. Of course the answer is obvious-100 and not 101, just as 100 cents make a dollar, says the Springfield Republican. When you have 101 cents you have \$1 and 1 cent on the second dollar.

The first century closed at midnight December 31, 100, and that instant the Second century commenced, and so the Twentieth century commenced on January 1, 1901. Then began the year that with the following 99 will make up the 100 that will form the Twentieth century. It is absurd to claim that an event that occurred. say, on March 1 following the birth of our Lord, which is the starting point of our calendar, did not occur in any year at all. Having occurred after that birth it occurred in the Christian era and having occurred in the following March it occurred in the year which consisted of the first 12 months following that birth. That date should be written March 1, A. D. The second year began with the following January.

-A Merry hristmas-E. C. Edmonds and family are leav ing this week to spend Christmas with Mrs. Edmonds parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. C. Connell at Fort Worth.

-----A Merry Christmas------

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Tire 'Em Out

Someone told us once the story of an old mammy who, having taken ber charges up to the nursery at sundown and tucked them in for the night, would then rock noisily, stamping with her great feet, slapping her knees and singing to them at the top of her considerable lungs. A puzzled passer by once pointed out that whereas her

it seemed an odd way to select for "It's de best way," the old woman roared cheerfully. "You gotta tire 'em out. Dat's wat I say. Tire 'em out." -New York Herald.

methods might serve admirably to

wake the young ones in the morning,

Observation

"The trouble with most people." was telling the assembled grests, "is that they fall to observe the natural. everyday things in life-the persons they meet, what goes on around them, the places they visit, the streets through which they pass-in brief the thousand and one details that contribute to make up one's daily exist-ence. Observation," I added, "is unquestionably the most valuable of qual-

ities." It was not till I had finished that I noticed that the entire gathering were asleep save one member who had left the room.-Exchange.

Zoo Food Bill Old and worn-out horses in London

are bought by the managers of the zoo, made fat and sleek, then slaughtered and fed to the animals, the number of horses thus disposed of last year being 440. The walrus colony fed on five tons of codfish, besides nearly forty tons of herring. Other articles of food for the animals included 14,000 tins of milk, 128 pounds of honey, 258 pounds of ants' eggs, 77 pounds of meal worms, 150 bunches of onions, 213,000 bananas, 343 gallons of fresh milk, the food bill for the year reaching \$50,000 .- Ohio State Journal.

Rapid Muscle Action

The greatest possible rapidity of action of human muscles is considered by Doctor Kahn in his book, "The Life of Mankind." The violinist is trained in rapid movement, and at his best executes 600 finger motions per minute, or 10 per second. The planist playing the "Minute Waltz" must in the minute touch 740 keys with his right hand. Great planists increase the speed, and many accomplish the feat in 40 seconds or even 35 seconds.

Really No Change "Do you find Smith very much changed after all these years?" asked Jones.

"No, but he thinks he Brown's retply. "How's that

"Well, he's forever saying what a fool he used to be."

-A Merry Christmas-Our ads get results.

Be a Milk Tippler, Says Dr. Schireson

Peaches and cream complexions of American women have their founda-

tion in a milk diet, according to Dr. Henry J. Schireson, famous Chicago dermatologist and facial plastic sur geon. Doctor Schire sen has won

fame by beauti fying motion pic ture, musical comedy and vaudeville stars Dr. Schireson. and many society

women of America. He transformed Fanny Brice's nose, rejuvenated Eva Tanguay's face, removed sixty-four pounds of adipose tissue from Truly Shattuck in one operation, straight ened the cross eyes of the leading lady of Singer's midgets, and has performed other corrections for making people young and beautiful. Doctor Schireson has one infallible

prescription for the attainment of beauty. It is: "One quart of milk a day, one hour of sunshine, and repeat ad libitum."

"Beauty specialists and cosmetic says Doctor Schireson, makers," "would be driven out of business in few weeks if all the women of America would drink their quart of milk a day.

"Babies and children have complexions of angels for the reason that they are fed largely on milk. Milk externally or internally is a used beautifier. Anna Held, I believe, was the first actress who adopted the milk bath. While this was a novelty at the time, and her press agent undoubtedly made the most of it, the principle in itself was sound. But a heauty secret of even more value is the daily quart of milk taken as a part of the dlet.

"The milk-fed girl is easily distinguished by the velvety texture and the healthy color of her skin. Milk is a wonderful body builder, because contains every structural element. it It is, a a way, an elixir of life.

"Auth vities agree that milk is the most neally perfect food but it is an extremely delicate one as well. Heat sufficient to kill all bacteria is the essential of absolutely pure and sterile milk. One of the advantages of evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk with sixty per cent of the water removed, is that it is entirely sterile and is more easily assimilated than ordinary market milk. "Milk is mentioned forty-seven times

in the Bible. The Promised Land of the Israelites was said to flow 'with milk and honey' and Ovid graded milk as second only to nectar, the drink of the gods."

-----A Merry Christmas-----Try our job department.

NEGRO BLOOD IS CAUSE OF **DIVORCE ACTION**

"Colored bride wins suit," is a head-

ng, recounting the Rhineland suit that has been going on in New York, in which a white man was suing his wife for a divorc-e on he grounds that she has negro blood in her. The court ruled against the white man and will force him to recobnize the colored woman as his bride. The evidence show ed that the said white man knew her. It presents an issue of more than momentary importance. When the great state of New York recognizes as law he legality of intermarriage of negroes and whites our entire civilization is at stake. A great many states prohibit the intermarriage of whites and blacks and we thought before this case tame up there was some Federal law prohibiting these marriages. The times takes the position that this Rhineland case should have esulted in annullment between the contracting parties, regardless of he fact that an injustice would nave been done the woman. America cannot possible recognize the intermarriage of whites and blacks. To do so will mean the ruin of both races.---

Slaton Times. -A Merry Christmas-EXCERPTS FROM AN EDITORIAL IN THE DALLAS NEWS

The true botany teaches us not only of the flowers and other plants, but of the Rose of Sharon and the Lilv

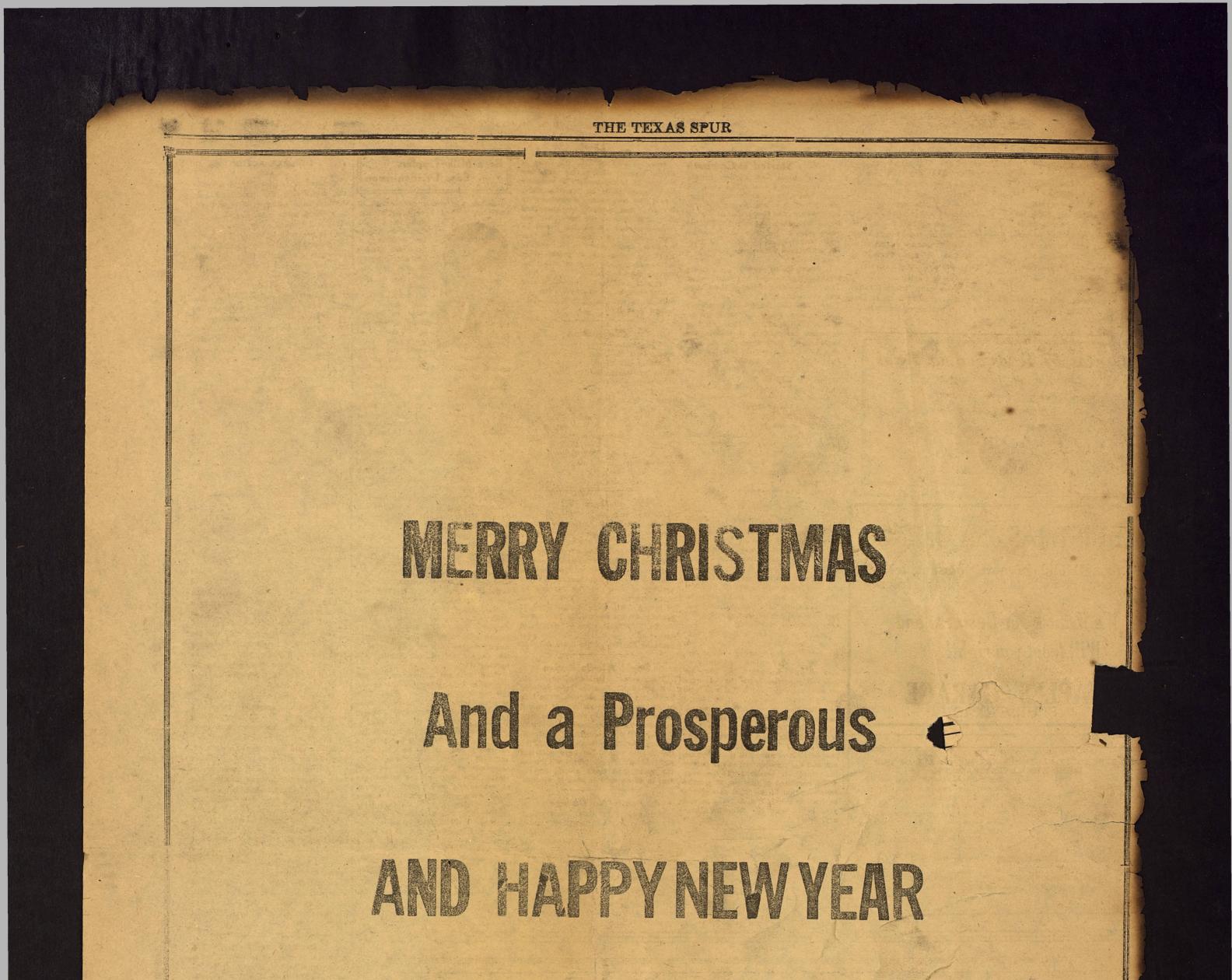
of the Valley. The true geology not only treats of earth strata, of sands and mineral rocks, but also of the Rock of Ages. The true astronomy not only tells us about the sun and the stars, but also of the Star of Bethlehem.

The true zoology not only teaches us with regard to animals, including both linos and lambs, but also of the 'Lion of the tribe of Judah" and the 'Lamb of God that taketh away the sins of the world."

The true biology not only treats of life in man and animals, but also of him who gave life to every living thing, and who has given man eternal life if he will receive it.

Where God is not, there is nothing, whether an object or a thought. Man will never be able to discover or invent a science that can obscure the presence of the outhor of all science. Blind, insensate force knows nothings of order. Reason alone makes certain that the created universe is not an accident. Something is not the creation of nothing. System is not the product of chaos. Strange and awful the perversity of man that he should use his reason and other attributes in an effort to dethrone Him who gave them to him. For man to deny the existence of God is like denying the existence of air while breathing it .- Dallas News.





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