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## OVER-SEA LABOR OPPOSED BY SECY. FEDERATION LABOR

"AMERICAN WORKMEN ARE ENTITLED TO SUSTAINING EMPLOYMENT," DECLARED SECRETARY MORRISON.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 12.—Protection for the American laborer from foreign "imports" on an equality with the protection accorded American products by tariff laws was asked of the Senate immigration committee today by Frank Morrison, secretary of the American Federation of Labor. He added that the position of the Federation was that of straight-out protection without reservation for a period of two years from alien labor.

"We object," he said, "to throwing the doors wide open, flooding the American labor market with cheap European labor."

He said that reports just received from labor officials in 141 cities showed the number of unemployed to be 1,819,272 and said he would not "dare estimate what the total of all cities would show."

Figures submitted by Mr. Morrison showed that the unemployed in San Francisco numbered 15,000 and Seattle 9,000.

"It is a high crime," he continued, "for any man in the face of these figures to advocate the bringing of millions of men from Europe and add them to the unemployed already here. The flood is ready to come. Official figures of the labor department show that 101,000 came in October and 103,000 in November. Eliminating those who return to Europe, the figures would mean a net immigration of 784,000 a year."

Mr. Morrison declared the American workman was entitled to "sustaining employment." The witness said labor from Mexico should be excluded as a "menace to American laborers in border states."

Secretary Morrison was preceded by a delegation of business men representing construction industries and manufacturers, John R. Wiggins, of Pennsylvania, leader of the delegation, opposed the Johnson bill and declared arguments "that a flood of Europeans was imminent" were "absolutely fallacious." He asked for modification or elimination of literacy tests and contract restriction laws.

### GOVERNOR MAKES APPOINTMENTS

SANTA FE, Jan. 3.—Miss Clara Olson, secretary to the governor; A. M. Edwards, assistant attorney general; A. G. Whittier, traveling auditor, and Earl Douglas, of Aztec, assistant superintendent of public instruction, are the most important state house appointments announced by the incoming elective officials today. Miss Olson makes Miss Ronna Hanna her executive clerk and Alberto Martinez, of Taos, 17 years old, will be the governor's page. Auditor Safford, besides the reappointment of Whittier, announces Paul B. Hall, William B. Stapp and H. A. Delgado as assistant traveling auditors, and Earl Wiley as chief clerk.

State Supt. of Schools Conway has reappointed Miss Ruth Miller supervisor of industrial education; M. R. Lugibihl, certification clerk and Misses Helen Williams and Genevieve Brown as secretaries.

A. M. Edwards, chose as chief deputy by Attorney General Bowman, is a well known Santa Fe attorney and formerly assistant district attorney.

The re-appointment of the entire personnel of the land department was announced by Commissioner of Public Lands Nels Field.

And not the least important of the appointments is that of John Wagner, of Albuquerque, a noted culinary expert, as chef at the executive mansion. Wagner was chef of a United States dreadnought during the war.

Henry George returned Wednesday from a trip down in Texas to look after some cotton interests he has there. W. S. Reed, fruit grower and stockman of Campbells, Texas, accompanied him.

Hob J. A. Gulbrandsen, of St. Louis, representing the Butterick Lumber Co., was in town Wednesday and Thursday of this week.

The school closed Tuesday.

### FOUR MONTHS INCREASES CHEST EXPANSION, REDUCES WAIST LINE AT N. M. M. I.

ROSWELL, N. M., Jan. 12.—Increased chest expansion and smaller waist lines was the result of the first four months of the 1920 school year at New Mexico Military Institute, according to Lieut. Col. R. A. Ingalls, post surgeon of the United States army.

When the school year began September 9 last, the average weight of the students was 129.45 pounds and it was 138.29 on December 9. The average chest expansion at the opening of the year was 3.79 and on December 9 it was 3.92. The boys averaged 27.51 waist measure September 9 and 25.43 on December 9.

### DELGADO CAPTAIN OF MOUNTED POLICE

SANTA FE, Jan. 7.—Governor M. C. Mechem today announced the appointment of Lorenzo Delgado of San Miguel county, as captain of the mounted police and of Henry Sena of San Miguel and William Santistevan of Taos as sergeants.

Delgado is a former superintendent of the state penitentiary and former sheriff of San Miguel county.

### NOTICE TO HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

All students wishing instructions in Expression, Declamation, and Oratory, for contests or special work, it will be necessary to enroll immediately, as I can accommodate only a few more pupils. Private instruction, 75c per lesson, or if two lessons weekly are taken, \$15.00 per term of three months.

CAROLYN R. GREENLEE, 11c Graduate, Temple of Arts, School of Expression and Drama.

F. R. Smith, formerly of this place but now of Houston, Texas, is in the city today looking after some business matters. Mr. Smith is now in the wholesale and retail candy business at Houston and says that everything is getting along sweetly.

D. W. Colligan Wednesday of this week purchased the Sanitary Barber shop from Mr. McDonald. Mr. Colligan states that he will keep both shops running for the present at least.

With the destruction of the coyote, the jackrabbit pest increases. Why no make a fight on the jackrabbit?

Mr. and Mrs. Emmett Gore of Elida and Mrs. L. L. Mason of the Ingram neighborhood were in Portales Monday.

### STEPHEN B. DAVIS OF LAS VEGAS WILL CAST NEW MEXICO'S VOTE FOR PRES.

SANTA FE, Jan. 12.—Stephen B. Davis, Jr., of East Las Vegas will cast the three votes in the electoral college for Warren G. Harding when the electors meet in Washington. At a meeting of the electors in Santa Fe today Mr. Davis was chosen as messenger, E. A. Cahoon of Roswell as president and Antonio Gomez of Moriarity as secretary.

Three certificates of the electoral vote from this state are prepared. One is entrusted to Mr. Davis; another will be sent to Washington by mail, and a third is given to the United States District Judge, Colin Neblett. In case both Mr. Davis' copy and that sent by mail should fail to arrive in Washington, a special messenger would be sent for Judge Neblett's copy.

In addition to the certificates a journal of transactions is prepared. One copy of this is sent to Washington and one is filed with the Secretary of State.

Mr. Davis expected to leave for Washington the first part of next week.

### INCOME TAX IN A NUTSHELL

WHO? Single persons who had net incomes of \$1,000 or more for the year 1920; married couples who had net income of \$2,000.

WHEN? March 15, 1921, is the final date for filing returns and making first payment.

WHERE? Collector of Internal Revenue for district in which the person resides.

HOW? Full directions on Form 1040A and Form 1040; also the law and regulations.

WHAT? Four per cent normal tax on taxable income up to \$4,000 in excess of exemption. Eight per cent normal tax on balance of taxable income. Surtax from 1 per cent to 65 per cent on net incomes over \$5,000.

J. A. Pipkin has appointed Burl Johnson deputy tax assessor.

Mrs. A. B. Austin of Clovis visited friends in Portales Sunday the 1st.

Miss Leta Smith visited in Clovis from Wednesday to Saturday of last week.

The Hon. Coe Howard has promised the News to send a weekly letter giving the doings of the legislature now in session at Santa Fe. Watch for it.

Tuesday morning the light snow had restored confidence to such an extent that the Universal Garage sold three Ford cars before noon.

## MEXICAN BANDITS ENTER STORE AT TEMPE, ARIZ. KILL 2, WOUND ANOTHER

Night Watchman Dies After He Is Taken to Hospital; 11-Year-Old Boy, Innocent Bystander, Shot Dead; Officers Watch the Roads in Hope of Catching the Bandits.

### THE BIG SPRINGS WELL

There have been numerous rumors in regard to the Big Springs Texas, in which a number of Portales people are interested. Following is a telegram received by E. F. Dezonias from Mr. Levers, who went to Big Springs to investigate.

Roswell, N. M., Jan. 7, 1921. E. F. Dezonias, Portales, N. M.

I am confidentially informed that McDowell, No. 2, a seventeen hundred feet in oil company is trying to cover it up. Neal is drilling at twenty-two sixty in grey lime. Encountered McL. Oil showing when they passed red bed. Are working day and night and will complete this well this month, sure.

### FOREST LEVERS.

### SENATE OPPOSES ADMITTING MEXICAN FARM LABORERS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 10.—Admission of Mexican farm laborers to relieve conditions in border states was opposed today before the senate immigration committee by Representative Cox, democrat, Texas, who said the scheme involved a system of peonage and did not smack of freedom.

"Moreover, the associated charities has found it necessary to adopt broad plans for relief of penniless Mexicans," he said.

"They do not stand for good citizenship. They become tools of a few men who are willing to use that class of labor to degrade the courts and politics."

### NEW MEXICO TO GET TWO CONGRESSMEN

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—The house census committee agreed to report to congress the Siegel bill placing the membership of the house at 483, an increase of 48 over the present membership. It also recommended a constitutional amendment limiting the membership of future houses to 500.

The basis for representation was fixed at one member for every 218,979 inhabitants. Under this bill, the states would gain as follows:

Alabama, one; Arkansas, one; California, five; Connecticut, one; Georgia, one; Illinois, three; Maryland, one; Massachusetts, two; Michigan, four; Minnesota, one; New Jersey, two; New Mexico, one; New York, four; North Carolina, two; Ohio, four; Oklahoma, one; Oregon, one; Pennsylvania, one; South Carolina, one; Tennessee, one; Texas, three; Virginia, one; Washington, one; West Virginia, one; and Wisconsin, one.

No state would lose any representation. Under the committee's bill the states would have representation as follows:

Alabama, 11; Arizona, 1; Arkansas, 8; California, 16; Colorado, 4; Connecticut, 6; Delaware, 1; Florida, 4; Georgia, 13; Idaho, 2; Illinois, 30; Indiana, 13; Iowa, 11; Kansas, 8; Kentucky, 11; Louisiana, 8; Maine, 4; Maryland, 7; Massachusetts, 18; Michigan, 17; Minnesota, 11; Mississippi, 8; Missouri, 16; Montana, 2; Nebraska, 6; Nevada, 1; New Hampshire, 2; New Jersey, 14; New Mexico, 2; New York, 47; North Carolina, 12; North Dakota, 3; Ohio, 26; Oklahoma, 4; Oregon, 4; Pennsylvania, 40; Rhode Island, 3; South Carolina, 8; South Dakota, 3; Tennessee, 11; Texas, 21; Utah, 2; Vermont, 2; Virginia, 11; Washington, 6; West Virginia, 7; Wisconsin, 12; Wyoming, 1.

The bill provides that in case of any increase in the number of representatives in any state such additional representatives shall be elected at large until the state legislatures pass redistricting laws.

### PHOENIX, ARIZ., Jan. 11.—

Agusto Hintze, 11 years old, was killed, Milton Spangler was fatally wounded and H. C. Baber was seriously wounded by two Mexican bandits who entered the Baber-Jones grocery store at Tempe, nine miles southeast of here at 6:30 o'clock this evening. The bandits first shot Baber twice then wounded Spangler, who was a night watchman and, finally, firing at a crowd gathering in front of the store, killed Agusto Hintze. Baber and Spangler were brought to a hospital here, and Spangler died in less than two hours after his arrival.

According to reports received here, Baber was alone in the store and was in the office at the rear. He was counting the day's cash receipts.

Baber saw the men standing at a counter as though intending to make a purchase and went forward to wait on them. As he reached them, one of the Mexicans fired, wounding Baber through the shoulder. He turned and ran toward the office and as he reached the office door, he was shot a second time, the bullet penetrating his back above the heart.

Spangler, who was passing and heard the shots, ran into the store and the Mexicans turned and fired at him. Spangler was shot in the stomach.

By that time a small crowd gathered at the front of the store and the bandits fired promiscuously, eight or more shots being fired. One bullet killed the boy, Agusto Hintze, piercing him thru or near his heart.

Whether the Mexicans escaped through the front door or from the rear of the store was not made clear in the reports received here, but it was apparent that they vanished during intense excitement which prevailed throughout the business section of Tempe, a town of about 1,000 population. Officers tonight were watching all the roads in the hope of arresting the bandits and had sent warnings to towns throughout this section of the state.

Robbery was believed by officers to have been the motive for the attack on the store. Money was found scattered over the floor, they asserted. It could not be ascertained whether the bandits had secured any before their flight.

### TEXAS TOWN DIS-COURAGES JAPS

HARLINGEN, Texas, Jan. 6.—Two families of Japanese who arrived here last night from the west intending to settle on farming lands were met at the railroad station by a committee of citizens and informed that their presence was undesirable. They were told that they could remain over night but were "expected to leave" Thursday. No threats were made against them.

The party consisted of two men two women and four children. This is the second demonstration against Japanese here during the week. Another Japanese family stopped here early in the week and was told to "move on." Considerable anti-Japanese sentiment has developed in Rio Grande valley towns during the past two months since committees representing various American Legion posts of the state have been advocating legislation to prohibit Japanese and Chinese from settling in the valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve George came up from the ranch last Friday evening and spent several hours the guest of Bascom Howard.

Bascom Howard has received a letter from his father who is visiting at Cumby, Texas, in Dallas county, which states that his health is much improved.

## LADIES CHARGED TAKING TEETH OUT GAMBLING LAW

(From the Albuquerque Journal)

From the pulpits of the city yesterday appeals were made for concerted action of the church people to restore the pristine bite of the gambling law.

"One of the Albuquerque representatives in the legislature told me that many persons who are content with the present ineffective law had spoken to him, but that he had yet to hear from anyone who wanted a new gambling law passed that will define gambling and make it illegal," the Rev. C. O. Beckman of the Lead Avenue Methodist church, told his congregation in the course of his sermon yesterday morning.

"And if the church women of New Mexico have the grace of the Lord Jesus Christ in their hearts they will work and work hard to effect the passage of a gambling law with teeth in it," he declared.

Dr. Beckman charged that it was through the intercession of women of New Mexico that the demoralizing of the present law was brought about.

"We had a law with teeth in it some years ago," he said, "but women who wanted to play bridge for prizes were responsible for its repeal so they could game without violating the law."

Under the present law, he said bridge parties may be held with out fear of police raid, even though India rubber curling irons and plate glass fly swatters be offered as favors. But while this courtesy was being granted the

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fair sex by the solons, the bars were let down in the backroom poker games and Saturday night sessions with the galloping dominoes," the minister intimated.

"If women must play cards, I see no harm in it," he said, "but let them play for the diversion it affords and not for the prizes."

And having brought upon the state a toothless gambling law, it is up to the women to demoralize it, Dr. Beckman concluded.

"See our representatives to the legislature and urge upon them to support the proposed new law," he asked.

A committee is at present drafting the new law, Doctor Beckman said. E. B. Garcia, district attorney, is chairman of the committee in charge of this work and the bill will be ready this week for presentation to the legislature it is said.

### OIL AT FORT STOCKTON

In the Dallas and El Paso papers of last Friday appeared an account of an oil strike at Ft. Stockton, Tex.

S. S. Boone having a cousin in living at that point, several parties had Mr. Boone to wire for confirmation of the report. Following is the telegram received in answer to his inquiry:

Ft. Stockton, Jan. 8, 1921. Well flowing, estimated at seven hundred to one thousand barrels per day. (Signed) C. C. ROLLINS.

### TEXAS FURNISHES 742 MILK COWS

Galveston, Tex., Jan. 8.—A shipment of 742 Texas milk cows designed to help restock Germany's depleted herds, left today for Bremen. The shipment is one of several ship loads to be made from this state, according to announcement.

Upon arrival at Bremen, according to plans, the cattle will be distributed through government agencies.

### REPUBLICAN NEWSPAPER FOR CLOVIS, NEW MEX.

TUCUMCARI, N. M., Jan. 12.—A newspaper deal of considerable magnitude was consummated here today when the Sun Printing company, publishers of the Tucumcari Sun sold their entire plant to A. E. Curren of Clovis, who will move the outfit to Clovis and establish an independent republican newspaper and labor bulletin. The Sun was the official newspaper of Quay county and was democratic in politics. According to Mr. Curren, the new paper at Clovis will be named the Clovis Herald and the initial issue will make its appearance soon.

Rev. C. W. Davis and wife, Rev. Florence Davis, of Junction, Colorado, arrived today (Thursday) to assist in the revival now in progress at the Nazarene church.

Mr. and Mrs. Mabry returned from Gainesville, Texas, Wednesday. Mr. Mabry's brother accompanied them home.

### MICKIE SAYS

"WE'RE WORKIN' HARD 'T GIT OUT A GOOD NEWS PAPER AN' IF YOU PRECIATE IT, TELL SOME-BOON WHAT A GOOD PAPER THIS IS 'N THEN MAMBE WELL GIT A NEW SUBSCRIBER PERHAPS"

"THE PAPER IS ALWAYS BOOSTIN' THE TOWN—DO YOU EVER BOOST FOR THE PAPER?"



CHARLIE GIBSON

**WITH THE CHURCHES**

**METHODIST CHURCH**

Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
 Preaching 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.  
 Leagues 2, 3 and 6 p. m.  
 Staff meeting of the Epworth League January 16, at 6 p. m.  
 Prayer meeting on Wednesday night at 7 o'clock, Prof. Kerr, leader.

Set Up meeting of the educational movement of the Methodist Episcopal church, South, met in Clovis, Tuesday, the 11th. Dr. Stonewall Anderson, chairman. The meeting was attended by Rev. A. C. Searcy and J. Vada Davis of Portales.

The services Sunday morning were largely attended. Mrs. G. W. Carr, of Fort Sumner, former member of the church here, was present and commented upon the large attendance of the Sunday school and church. We were all glad to see her devotion to the church.

One addition to the church by letter at night.  
 Everybody cordially invited to these services.

**CHURCH MEETINGS**

2nd Sunday at 11 a. m., Mt. Zion. Located at Plainview Cemetery.

3rd Sunday at 11 a. m., Loongs, and Saturday at 2 p. m. before.

On Saturday at 2 p. m. before each 4th Sunday will have services at Mt. Zion.

2nd Sunday, 7 p. m. Dara; 4th Sunday, 2 p. m., Oklahoma school house.

The members of the churches, the citizens and the visitors of all these communities are cordially invited to attend all the services. Yours for better churches.

**JOHN W. BARNETT,**  
 County Pastor,  
 Red Lake, N. M.

**APPOINTMENTS OF ROGERS CIRCUIT METHODIST CHURCH**

1st Sunday.—Floyd, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

2nd Sunday.—Rogers, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

3rd Sunday.—Redland, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

4th Sunday.—Inez, 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Please let the people take notice of the dates of these appointments and try to keep in mind their day for preaching.

A. C. SEARCY, P. C.

**Nazarene Church**

Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Young People's Society at 6:15 p. m. Everybody invited to come and worship with us.

A. K. SCOTT, Pastor.

**W. C. T. U. MEET SUNDAY**

There will be a meeting under the auspices of the W. C. T. U. next Sunday January 16th, at the Methodist church in Portales at 3 o'clock in the afternoon, for the purpose of celebrating the date when the eighteenth amendment became a part of the national constitution. The citizens of the town and vicinity are cordially invited to attend and especially the pastors of the Baptist, Pentecostal, Nazarene and Methodist churches, are requested to be present and give encouragement to the cause.

Mrs. G. T. Edmison, of Englewood, Kansas, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Jno. M. Bennett, of the Portales Valley.

**Notice to House Owners**

The winter nights are getting long. You will be doing considerable reading, why not get all the enjoyment out of it you can by installing electric lights instead of the old lamp.  
 Give up the old smothering iron and make your wife a Christmas present of an electric one.

We wire your house or can furnish anything in electric supplies. Of course we are still headquarters for gas, oil, tires and auto supplies.

Capital Auto Service Station.  
 MOLINARI & SON.

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**OLD PAPERS FOR SALE**  
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 The News has on hand a lot of old papers in bundles of 100, for 25c per bundle.  
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**ASKING FAVORS OF MAIL ORDER HOUSE**

Interesting Results Might Be Obtained by Making Certain Requests.

**LOCAL MERCHANTS HELPFUL**

Do All the Things for the People of Their Community That the Catalogue Concerns Will Not Do.

(Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.)  
 It has been said that three-fourths or nine-tenths, or some such big proportion—the exact figures do not matter—of the business of the world is done on credit. If this was not true there wouldn't be much business done for no currency system could be devised that would furnish enough money to meet the needs of commerce if every article sold had to be paid for in actual cash. The amount of money in circulation in the United States is only \$47 per capita and this would not go very far if everyone had to keep enough cash on hand to pay for all that he might buy.

The greatest of financiers need credit. They keep their resources employed and at times are in need of ready cash. The same thing is true at times of men of smaller means. The credit system, as it is used sometimes, especially in the smaller communities, is abused and works a serious hardship upon the business men of the town. Some merchants, to avoid the loss that results from such abuse of the system or possibly to enable them to sell goods at a lower price than their competitors, operate strictly on a cash basis, but the great majority of merchants in every community give those customers who are responsible and honest the privilege of a charge account and the chances are that some sort of a credit system, properly safeguarded, will always continue to be a feature of legitimate trade.

**Ask Catalogue House for Credit.**  
 You who have a reputation in your community for being at least fairly responsible and upright know that when you desire it or need it you can obtain credit from at least some of the merchants in your town. But some time when you are in need of some article of merchandise and are a little short of ready money, order what you want from a mail order house in Chicago or some other city and ask them to please charge it till the first of the month. The experiment will be interesting, at least, and the answer that you receive may cause you to give a little thought to the difference between trading with the mail order house in some far-off city and buying from the merchants in your own home town.

Some mail order concerns are now operating a so-called credit system, but it is not a credit system such as is maintained by most retail merchants. These mail order houses will sell certain merchandise on the installment plan, but they not only demand an initial cash payment, but require the purchaser to sign a contract which operates as a mortgage not only on the merchandise purchased, but upon any other property that the customer may possess. There is nothing in this system that bears any similarity to the open credit system that is used by the majority of retail merchants.

There are some other requests you might make of the mail order man when the occasion arises and the responses might be equally interesting. For instance, you, Mrs. Farmer, who bought that box of groceries from the catalogue house last month, might write the manager and ask him to buy your butter and eggs. Of course, it would be considerable more trouble to pack them for shipment to the city than it is to take them in to your local grocer, who is always ready to pay you the market price for them, but then maybe the mail order man would pay you enough more than the market price to pay you for the extra trouble. And then again, maybe he wouldn't.

And, then, there is that mowing machine that you, Mr. Farmer, have been figuring on trading in for a new machine. Suppose you write to the mail order man from whom you bought that wire fencing and ask him what he will allow you for your old machine on a trade for a new one. Of course, the local hardware dealer in the town where you find a market for your farm products will allow you a fair price for your old machine, but what's the use of asking him to do it. The mail order man surely will be glad to do that much for you, will he not? Yes, he will not.

**List Is Endless.**  
 There are a good many things the mail order man will not do for you. The list would be too long to crowd into one issue of a newspaper. He will not give you credit, however much you may need it. He will not buy the farmer's produce. He will not pay a dollar of taxes to help support your schools or build your roads. He will not contribute a cent to the support of your churches or your charitable institutions. He will not lend you a helping hand in time of trouble.

The local merchants in a community will do everything for the people in that community that the mail order man will not do for them. This fact should make it easy for the people of the community to decide which it is to their interest to do business with.

**FALSE ECONOMY HAS NO VALUE**

Buying Cheap Goods Just Because They Are Cheap Does Not Pay.

**QUALITY OFTEN OVERLOOKED**

Instance Seen in Case of Mail Order Houses Which Make Their Appeal Solely on Basis of Price.

(Copyright, 1917, Western Newspaper Union.)  
 Economy is one of the greatest of virtues but false economy is no more a virtue than anything else that is false. To be able to economize wisely is one of the greatest blessings that one can have, for it is the prerequisite to thrift and well-being. Too many persons, however, who think they have found the secret of true economy are practicing a false economy which is worse than wilful waste.

For instance, the man who buys a stove from a mail order house for \$9 because he thinks he would have to pay \$10 for one if he purchased it from his home merchant, is practicing a false economy, for the chances are that he would save more than \$1 in the end if he purchased the \$10 stove from the local hardware dealer.

There are several reasons why this is false economy. The first one is that dollar for dollar, the greater part of the merchandise sold by the mail order houses is of less value than that sold by the retail merchants of the smaller communities. The mail order business, as a whole is built upon cheapness. In order to attract customers the catalogue houses must sell goods cheaply and in order to do that they must sell cheap goods. Their business is built up on price and not on quality. The retail hardware dealer, like retail dealers in other lines, probably can match the prices of the mail order houses. He probably has a \$9 stove which he can sell to the man who wants to get a stove for \$9. The trouble is that the man who buys from the mail order house does not distinguish between price and quality.

**Think He Is Economizing.**  
 The man who buys the \$9 stove from the mail order house probably would not buy a \$9 stove from his local merchant for in the latter case he would see just what he was buying and might realize that the \$9 stove would not meet his needs. He orders a \$9 stove from the mail order house, however, just because the price is \$9 and not because he has any assurance that the stove will meet his needs. He thinks he is saving a dollar or two by buying this stove instead of paying \$10 or \$11 to the home merchant for one that he has seen and knows will give him satisfaction. The chances are that when the stove arrives and he has used it for a short time he will realize that he has practiced false economy—that it would have been more economical in the end for him to pay a dollar or two more to his home merchant and get an article that was guaranteed by the dealer.

The patron of the mail order house, also, often fails to take the matter of transportation charges into consideration when making his purchase. He sees only the price of the article as listed in the mail order catalogue and does not think of the express or freight charges, which with the cost of a money order and postage often make the total cost of the article greater than the price at which the same thing could have been purchased at the local store. Another case of false economy.

Buying merchandise of poor quality because the price is low is often false economy when the purchase is made at the home stores but it is doubly so when the merchandise is bought from a mail order house. When buying at home one can be reasonably sure that the article purchased at a low price, while there is no such assurance when it is bought by mail on the "sight unseen" plan.

**Idea Is Exploded.**  
 The idea that the mail order houses sell the same quality of goods at lower prices than the home merchants is quickly exploded when one learns of the large profits that are made by the majority of the mail order houses and the large selling expense to which they are subjected. The large mail order houses spend hundreds of thousands of dollars annually for advertising and the selling expenses of the smaller concerns are proportionately as large. Their other expenses, such as rent, taxes and labor, are also higher than those of the local retail merchants, in proportion to the business which they do. In spite of these heavy expenses, the mail order houses distribute millions of dollars in dividends among their stockholders. In one large mail order concern the profits of the stockholders, in cash and stock dividends, have aggregated as much as 1,000 per cent on the capital invested in the short period of nine years. This does not indicate that the mail order houses are in business for their health and are giving away merchandise to their customers.

The mail order houses have capitalized the desire to economize that is inherent in almost every one. By placing price above quality and making cheapness the fundamental element in their business they have incited in the minds of their patrons the idea that they are economizing when they buy cheap goods at cheap prices.

**NO KIDDIES—NO CHRISTMAS**

Children Are Absolutely Necessary to Keep the Yuletide and Happy Season in Existence.



EDWARD S. MARTIN, who is never happier than when writing about children, had a characteristic article in the Metropolitan Magazine entitled "Christmas and Children." In the course of its lines Mr. Martin introduces a suggestion that is extremely unpleasant, but he clears it away delightfully. He says:

"Consider, if there were to be a lapse of new babies for even so short a time as ten years, Santa Claus would fade out of active existence and become a mere tradition to be read about in books. A failure of the infant crop for fifteen years would result in the decay of the habit of hanging up stockings, and only antiquarians would any longer take the trouble to have Christmas trees. Of course, in such an unthinkable contingency as that our world would be in such a desperate state of dejection that it would have no fun, though it would go through the motions of existence from habit. But the kind of Christmas keeping we are used to would be knocked on the head. That lasts simply and solely because there are children. The people who have the children maintain the current Christmas practices for their children's sake, the older children maintain them for their own sake, and the folks who have no children keep them up for old times' sake and because it is the custom of the country.

"What an intolerable suggestion that is, of there being no children to be had under fifteen years old; no babies to blink and coo at the Christmas tree candies; no five-year-olds to come downstairs in their nightgowns after their stockings; no seven-year-olds to wake up everyone in the house hours before breakfast; no ten-year-olds to sit at the Christmas board and be warned against over-indulgence in plum pudding. No consuming interest in dolls and no market for them; no laborious searching of the toy shops, and harassing indecision whether to get the same old toys or the new ones; no active concern about jack knives and sleds and roller skates. No having in—but it is much too awful to go on about. Let us be devoutly thankful that it is only an awful idea with out basis; that there are lots and lots of children in commission, of all kinds and ages, and myriads more coming, whatever croaks there may be about race suicide."

**Plum Pudding of Other Days.**

A great deal has been said, written and sung about the plum pudding of old England, but centuries ago it had a formidable rival for epicurean favor known as plum-pottage or porridge. It consisted of beef or mutton made into a broth, thickened with brown bread, which was then thoroughly baked after raisins, currants, prunes, cloves, uince and ginger had been added. This dish is now entirely obsolete, though "Poor Richard's Almanac" mentions it as late as 1750, and a Mrs. Frazer, who published a cook-book in Edinburgh in 1791, announcing herself on its title page as the only teacher of the great art of cookery in that city, gives a recipe for making it, while Brand, the popular antiquary, tells how he partook of it at a Christmas dinner in the mansion of an old English gentleman in 1801, but it has long since been wholly supplanted by plum pudding. The origin of the latter is veiled into obscurity. The earliest cook-book which makes any reference to it is the one by Mrs. Frazer already referred to as containing a recipe for plum pottage.

CHARTER NO. 6187

RESERVE DISTRICT NO. 11

REPORT OF CONDITION OF THE

**FIRST NATIONAL BANK**

at Portales, in the State of New Mexico, at the close of business on December 31st, 1920.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts, including rediscounts	\$255,742.70
Notes and bills rediscounted with Federal Reserve bank	\$2,891.41
U. S. Government securities owned:	
Deposited to secure circulation (U. S. Bonds par value)	\$50,000.00
Pledged to secure postal savings deposits (par value)	1,000.00
Owned and unpledged	1,500.00
Stock of Federal Reserve bank (50 per cent of subscription)	3,000.00
Value of banking house, owned and unincumbered	\$15,000.00
Equity in banking house	15,000.00
Furniture and fixtures	5,000.00
Real estate owned other than banking house	3,132.20
Lawful reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	15,454.37
Cash in vault and net amounts due from national banks	23,888.64
Net-amounts due from banks, bankers, and trust companies in the United States (other than above)	\$13.25
Checks on other banks in the same city or town as reporting bank	1,000.00
Total of items 12, 13, 14, 15 and 16	\$25,701.89
Checks on banks located outside of city or town of reporting bank and other cash items	1,154.42
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00
School Warrants	9,161.01
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$335,455.18</b>
LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	\$ 50,000.00
Surplus fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits	\$15,830.21
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	10,210.44
Interest and discount collected or credited in advance of maturity and not earned—(approximate)	3,719.06
Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00
Net amounts due to national banks	1,294.33
Net amounts due to banks, bankers and trust companies in the United States and foreign countries (other than above)	73.32
Cashier's checks on own bank outstanding	10,851.52
Total of items 28, 29, 30, 31 and 32	\$12,219.17
<b>Demand Deposits (other than bank deposits) subject to reserve (deposits payable within 30 days):</b>	
Individual deposits subject to check	154,346.88
Certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days (other than for money borrowed)	8,692.20
State, county, or other municipal deposits secured by pledge of assets of this bank	12,245.34
Total of demand deposits subject to reserve	\$175,284.42
<b>Time deposits subject to reserve (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice and postal savings):</b>	
Certificates of deposits (other than for money borrowed)	23,400.31
Postal savings deposits	12.45
Total of time deposits subject to reserve	\$23,412.76
Letters of Credit and Travelers' Checks sold for cash and outstanding	200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$335,455.18</b>
Liabilities for rediscounts with Federal Reserve Bank	\$ 52,891.41
Total contingent liabilities	\$52,891.41

State of New Mexico, County of Roosevelt, ss:  
 I, Paul M. Jones, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.  
 PAUL M. JONES, Cashier.  
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1921.  
 THOS. E. MEARS, Notary Public.  
 Correct—Attest: Wm. Reagan, Ed J. Neer, J. B. Priddy, Directors.

**GIRL ISSUES OWN LICENSE**  
 BARTLESVILLE, Okla., — To Miss Victoria Fournier, deputy clerk of Washington county, goes the distinction of being the first woman in the country to issue her own marriage license. The license was issued to Warren Milligan, reporter on a local paper. After Miss Fournier had written the application she calmly commanded her prospective husband to raise his right hand and solemnly swear to the statements he had made.

**Old Man Dollar**  
 IS COMING BACK!  
 No. 3 Galvanized Wash Tubs, now \$1.50  
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One day some men were talking about the good and the bad investments they had made. They all agreed that it was not so easy to make the best use of one's money—that mistakes are easy to make.

One of the men said:  
 "The best part of my wealth is not an investment at all. My farm and my Liberty Bonds are all right—I am glad I have them, but those are fixed investments and the profit from them is best when I hold on to them.

"The very best part of my wealth is that part which will serve me quickest and in the largest variety of ways. The money I have in the bank is my **VERY BEST WEALTH** because it is always ready to answer my call no matter what I want to do."

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LONGS NOTES

The health of the community is good. Our Christmas snow was belated and just arrived last night. How beautiful is the snow this morning.

Threshing is over bust most of the corn is still in the field.

Tom Harvey and family, Luna Pruett and family, U. S. Frazee the school directors and several others were visitors at school on Friday, January 7th.

Misses Sarah Walker, Opal Pruett, Myrtle, Iva and Tracy Anderson, were guests of Misses Cala and Zelma Frazee Sunday.

Mrs. Haislip, of near Fort Sumner is visiting in this community with her son, Tom Haislip.

Mrs. Haislip, Mrs. Dora Haislip and Mrs. Leitha Parks were callers at the home of U. S. Frazee Sunday afternoon.

Ernest Carter and family have moved to the Billie Anderson place.

Austin Fullerton and family have moved to their farm, the Adams place, which they have recently purchased.

School is progressing nicely, six new scholars entered since Christmas.

The basket ball game Friday evening between the Rogers and Longs boys was 18 to 12 in favor of Rogers. After which the girls played a game which was 17 to 12 in favor of Longs.

Ernest Carter bought Buddie Long's phone.

As Paul Walker was on his way to the party Saturday night his team ran into a fence, but he escaped uninjured.

Roy Marrs recently returned from Arizona and is visiting in the community.

Messrs. Leslie and Ralph Frazee were guests at the Herndon home Sunday.

There was an unusually large attendance at Sunday school last Sunday and all took part in the lesson service. There will be Sunday school and church next Sunday morning and singing on Sunday night.

We are all of the opinion and agreed that something must be done to increase the size of our school and church building so as to accommodate our growing attendance. We especially need another room for our school as Prof. Quaid and Miss Laura Fullerton are among the best up-to-date teachers in our county and should not be hampered in their work for lack of equipment.

KENTUCKY VALLEY ITEMS

We finished examinations last week, all pupils making fairly good grades.

There are forty-two pupils in school now and we had an average attendance of 39 the month just ended.

There is to be a spelling match at the Kentucky Valley School house Friday afternoon, January 14, between the pupils and patrons. We pupils are going to try to come out victorious, if we don't this time we will try again.

There was preaching at Kentucky Valley yesterday, January 9th, by Rev. Gilliam of Elida.

Mrs. C. M. Myres was very sick last week but is reported better this morning.

—By a Pupil.

A GOOD BEGINNING

(From the Houston Post) A film company has just received a letter which reads:

"Dear Mister: I want to be a film star very badly. I have been a daily help, and durin' the war i was a winder cleaner. Now im an orphan. They tell me i must get divorced first, but i cant do that as i never been married, but my mother dont live with father. Write and let me know if that will help me. They aint really me mother and father, cause they both died afore i was born."

J. E. Kimball and wife, of Hobart, Oklahoma, were visiting their son, Ross Kimball and family last week. They left Monday for Clovis to visit with their daughter. Mr. Kimball is an old Roosevelt county citizen, having homesteaded in the Kentucky Valley neighborhood. We predict that he will return to Roosevelt county to make his home.

The Commissioners' Court finished up business and adjourned Tuesday at noon.

AN OBSERVER

I have been in and about Portales for three weeks and, believe me, I have been looking, listening and trying to find out all I could about the people and the country; in other words, I am just "spying out." I live in town but I am a "country gentleman." I like this country about Portales and these country people just can't be beat. Grain is to the bottom, but they are not bothered. The grain Bulls and Cotton Bears are bellowing and roaring low prices, reconstruction and God only knows what other excuses they will put up to hide their rot, but these country people are setting full tables, wearing their patched clothes, while the optimistic cock crows condemnation upon the guilty Peters' and Judas' of today, and the good old hens are singing the Doxology and bearing fruit to "rescue the perishing and care for the dying." The old hens and milk cows haven't "struck" yet, thank God.

I have been about from twenty to forty miles in either and all directions from Portales and my prediction (and I am a prophet) is that this is the "coming" part of New Mexico. I have been pretty well over the state and this is the best looking and most fascinating part of New Mexico I have ever seen. These country people are progressive and friendly people, and these go together. Floyd has one of the best county schools in the state and if they will take the Savior's advice and "Seek First the Kingdom of Heaven and its Righteousness," God will add everything else to that community that it needs; and this don't mean substituting other means for the kingdom; in other words, school houses for places for God's people to worship in. The Floyd community is helping me to preach on this country circuit. They are going to build a nice brick school house out there, the next thing you know, and if they will listen to that wide-awake school principal and those progressive school and church people and invest in schools and church property, land will advance out there 50 per cent in value and some of it 75 per cent.

I am glad I have come this way and if God will help me, and He will, we are going to do "business for the King" in this country.

I am delighted with the new anti-gambling and clean-up laws of Portales—this is fine, but you need officers and MEN to bring things to pass and I believe you have them. I have heard them talk and this is the best recommendation you can send out for your city.

The Methodist "Circuit Rider."

JUSTICE OF THE PEACE ELECTION

Much interest was shown in the Justice of the Peace election in Portales Monday, there being over 365 votes cast. The ladies turned out and polled a bigger vote than the men.

The official count showed the following vote:

Table with 2 columns: Name and Votes. For Justice of the Peace: D. W. Colligan (90), J. P. Henderson (32), James Lee Wilson (15), J. A. Fairly (226). For Constable: U. N. Hall (74), S. B. Owens (281).

The News—\$1.50 a year.

Want Ads

TO LEASE for next year, 160 acres with good improvements. W. I. Taylor, Box 24, Portales. 2tc

FOR SALE—20 acres well improved, 1 mile west of town. Good Pumping plant etc. For particulars see R. L. (Bob) Yoachum. 1tc

FOR TRADE—Little Four Overland almost new. Will trade for cattle, grain, good wagon and team, or most anything. See C. B. Jones, Portales. 4tc

FOR SALE—8 h.p. Fairbanks-Morse gas engine, in good repair. Good for any pumping plant. Ask us. The Universal Garage. 4tc

MILK—Can now furnish you fresh milk at 7 1/2c per pint, 12 1/2c per quart. J. B. Crow. 14tc

FOR SALE. 320 acres land in Roosevelt Co., N. M., being the S. E. 1-4 of Sec. 22, and the N. E. 1-4 of Sec. 27 in township 2 S. range 33. Price \$15 per acre. Mrs. B. Pierce, Carbon, Texas.

FOR SALE—Good 5-passenger Buick automobile. Terms given with security to right parties. See T. E. Mears, Portales. 8tc

WANTED SMALL RANCH—From 3 to 5 sections. Prefer close to railroad; must be watered. Give full descriptions in first letter and cash price. George Sligar, Stephenville, Tex. 10-2tp

FOR SALE—20-hp. Witle engine in good shape. Write W. E. Brown, Roswell, N. M., R. No. 1, Box 37A. 2-t-p-10

FOR SALE OR TRADE—9 h.p. gasoline engine. See U. N. Hall Portales, N. M. 10-4tc

FOR SALE—Cheap hotbed or Greenhouse sash. Have about a dozen second-hand double strength glass, double light in sash. Frames in good shape. Take less than on-third the price of new ones. Write, phone or see A. L. Dickey, two miles north-east of Clovis, N. M. Phone 183 F 4 11-4tc

RHODE ISLAND Red Cockerels for sale. Fine ones, priced right. Mrs. W. M. Wilson. 11-tfc

FOR SALE—8 or 10 fine Buff Rock pullets. Mrs. W. M. Wilson 11-tfc

WANTED—100 S. C. White Leghorn pullets, guaranteed free from disease. Will take in less amount. See N. R. Nichols, Portales, N. M., or write W. E. Blake, Allie, N. M. 1tp

LOST—Thursday of last week, between Portales and Frank Smith's ranch, northwest of town, Red Fox Scarf. Finder leave with Mrs. Henry George and receive reward. Mrs. J. F. Gardner. 1t

FOR SALE—Some good Jersey cows. Will calve soon. See Mrs. Lizzie Burrows, or phone 198-2. Portales, N. M. 11-2tp

FOR SALE—One \$150.00 Phonograph, good as new for \$100. Come quick if you want it. Phone 1, or address P. O. 68. 11-1tc

The News is \$1.50 a year.

SALESMEN WANTED—To solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases, and paints. Salary or commission. Address the Harvey Oil Co., Cleveland, Ohio. 1tp

FOR SALE or Lease—320 acres 30 miles west of Portales. J. T. Murphey, Milburn, Okla. 11-ttc

WANTED—To rent three or four room house, furnished, by responsible party. Address "F," caer News. 11-tfc

UNIVERSAL MAKES IMPROVEMENTS

The Universal Garage has a force of carpenters at work altering the front of their building which, when finished, will make one of the classiest show rooms in the state. The office petition is being torn out and a French glass petition will be put in about thirty feet back clear across the building. The big door in front will be taken out and replaced with plate glass, leaving a small door for entrance. The office will be moved to the east side of the building. The front portion will be used for a show room, where the various models of the Ford cars and tractor will be displayed. It will be fitted up with modern equipment for the convenience and comfort of their customers.

LAS VEGAS DAIRYMEN ELIMINATE THEIR "STAR BOARDERS"

Las Vegas Dairymen perfected an organization at a meeting held in that city Friday, January 7, which has for its object the placing of the dairy industry on a better footing thru the elimination of the "star boarders" from their herds, after thoroughly testing them out for production. The organization also provides for the co-operative purchase of feed in car lots directly from producers and for cooperation in other ways.

AYERS & FRY

Successors to J. B. Raymond, wishes to announce to their patrons, that they have moved to their new headquarters, the old Roosevelt county creamery building, and will buy cream, eggs and produce, paying the highest market price. Your patronage solicited. 10-3t-c

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GEORGE L. REESE

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Business & Professional Ads

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EVER BILIOUS? Charleston, Miss.—Mrs. R. V. Heins, of this place, says: "I have never had to use very much medicine, because if I felt headache, dizziness, or colds, bad taste in the mouth, which comes from torpid liver, I would take a dose or more of Black-Draught, and it would straighten me out and make me feel as good as new. We have used in our family for years THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT and it certainly is the best liver medicine I ever saw. It has not only saved me money, it has helped keep my system in shape, and has never weakened me as so many physics do. I recommend it to my friends and am glad to do so." Black-Draught is the old, reliable liver medicine which you have doubtless heard much about. When you feel badly all over, stomach not right, bad taste in your mouth, bilious, or have a headache, try Theford's Black-Draught. At all Druggists. Always Insist on the Genuine!

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**DEMOCRATIC IN POLITICS**

Mr. Farmer, while you are waiting for moisture to get your land in shape for spring planting, it would be wise to go over your tools and take all needed repairs to the blacksmith before the rush begins. When the snow falls you will be busy—and so will he.

The drive on predatory animals continue throughout the state. The county commissioners have been busy checking up bounty claims in every county in the state during the past few days. But, perhaps the animal which does the greatest damage of all is ignored by those in power. That is the jackrabbit. It is said that five rabbits eat as much grass as a sheep. Had we a means of securing statistics it would be alarming how much damage these pests do in Roosevelt county alone in one year. We venture to say that they destroy in crops and trees enough to pay the entire taxes of the county. But this is not the only damage that they do. They breed and scatter disease, ticks and lice all over the range, causing the loss of thousands of dollars in cattle every year. Is it not time that the department which has the destruction of predatory animals in charge wake up and make a united fight on the jackrabbit?

Mrs. S. W. Spith, mother of Ben Smith, has returned from a visit to her son at Phoenix, Ariz. Mrs. Smith says that the climate there was delightful at this time of the year.

**WILL KEEP STATE MONEY IN BANKS**

SANTA FE, Jan. 6.—An important letter bearing upon present money stringency has been written by State Treasurer C. U. Strong to the New Mexico banks. The letter follows:

"Due to present conditions, not only in the money market but in the livestock and grain markets, I take this opportunity of informing you that it is not my wish to withdraw moneys to my credit as treasurer of the state of New Mexico unless I find it absolutely necessary to meet the demands made on this office by the state auditor in the payment of salaries, current bills, etc. I consider it very unfortunate that at this time of hte year my balances with you are at their lowest ebb, but I am hopeful that moneys realized from the collection of taxes will be forthcoming in a month or two at which time I will endeavor to make equal distribution.

"If this office can be of any service to you, I hope you will not hesitate to call on it." The Treasurer's balances with the New Mexico banks aggregated \$1,876,978.96, at the close of the biennial report, on November 30. This amount was the total of bank balances, except the sum of \$18,061.14, carried in two New York banks. The checking account is carried in the First National, of Santa Fe, and this balance on November 30, was \$283,981.41. The largest account is with the First National, of Albuquerque, which had a balance of \$109,445.17

**BASCOM HOWARD'S OFFICE A CREDIT TO PORTALES**

If you have failed to visit the new office of Bascom Howard you have missed one of the most attractive spots in Portales. This office is finished and decorated in the most approved styles for beauty and convenience. It will make the weary prospector forget the discomfort of travel and make him want to settle here forever. Words cannot describe it. You will have to call and see for yourself to appreciate what a business of this sort means to Portales.

**A STITCH IN TIME**

How about that binder and cultivator you put away last summer after finishing the season's work only by reason of your prayers (in reverse) and a little bailing wire? Now is the time to go over them and make a list of the parts needed to be purchased or ordered at the earliest possible opportunity. On an average farm, a day now is but little more valuable than an hour will be in the middle of the busy season next summer when a number of days may be lost waiting for a part, if it is not ordered in plenty of time. It would seem the part of wisdom to spend a comparatively cheap day now rather than a number of high priced ones later on.

Teachers of this county may be interested in a movement the State Normal School at Silver City has started for the collection and filing of the "Recollections" of the "old settlers" of the state. The Normal has just published and is sending out a bulletin on "State and Local History in New Mexico." Any teacher who has not received a copy of the bulletin is invited by the Normal to send for one, which will be mailed free on request. Its contents will appeal to every teacher, of whatever grade, who is interested in the making of history teaching vital and interesting to her pupils. Address an envelope to the "Service Bureau, New Mexico State Normal, Silver City," and enclose in it your name and address and a request that the "Bulletin on New Mexico History" be sent to you.

J. H. Shepard delivered a very able sermon both last Sunday morning and a week ago at the Christian church. Nine were added to the church at the two services, four making the good confession and five bringing their membership from other places.

Have you seen a pedigreed potato? Potatomen around Deming have sent to Wyoming, Colorado and Minnesota to see if they can be secured.

**BUSINESS PERSONALS**

Wanted to Buy—Your Liberty Bonds. First National Bank.

Cut price on bread at Dobbs. 10 cents a loaf.

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**JITNEY SERVICE.** Service car will leave Richland for Portales on Monday and Saturday at 8:30 a. m. Leave Universal Garage at Portales for Richland 3 p. m. Fare \$2.00 round trip. H. W. Davidson 10-21-c

New galvanized wash boilers \$1.75. Large size \$2.00. George & Manis. 10-11

Go to C. B. Forbes for No-All Tube Extracts. 10-21-c

Why pay 50c for extracts when you can buy the Tube for 30c that will go farther than two bottles of your 50c size. You can get the tubes at C. B. Forbes. 21-c

**SHOOTING AT TAIBAN**

A shooting scrape occurred at Taiban last Saturday in which H. T. Shumake was shot in the right arm by his father-in-law, Rosel Culberson.

Several shots were fired, but only one took effect on Mr. Shumake, although one stray shot hit a traveling man, named Brown, who was sitting inside the Taiban hotel, engaged in reading a paper. Brown was hit in the top of the shoulder, inflicting a slight flesh wound.

No definite information, as to the cause of the affair has been obtained as reports vary greatly, but the preliminary hearing of Mr. Culberson will come off on January 17 at Taiban.—Ft. Sumner Leader.

Records at Neer's Drug Store.

Special prices on gallon can fruits. McDonald's Grocery. 10-11

One gallon of wood alcohol in a Ford car radiator will prevent freezing. \$2.25 a gallon at Neer's drug store. 8-11

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## PLIGHT OF EUROPE'S CHILDREN STAGGERS

3,500,000 Facing Starvation Can Only Be Saved by America's Response to Joint Appeal.

It is utterly impossible for one who has not actually seen the misery of the early Autumn in Europe to visualize what the children of the Eastern and Central portions of the continent face this winter. To say that 3,500,000 children have no alternative to starvation or death from disease except American aid, is startling, but independent observers by the score and careful scientific surveys of the economic and crop conditions overseas brand the figure as conservative.

In Poland, for instance, where 1,308,000 youngsters last year subsisted almost entirely on the one free American meal a day that they received, conditions as winter closes down, are worse than ever before. The Bolshevik invasion stripped large portions of the country of all grain. Professor E. D. Durand, Food Advisor to the Polish government, after an exhaustive survey, has reported that only forty per cent is available of the food necessary to carry the population through the winter.

In the city of Vienna tests conducted in the American Relief Administration feed kitchens showed that 52 per cent of the children between the ages of 8 and 14 were "seriously under-nourished." Thirty-three per cent were markedly under-nourished, 11 per cent slightly under-nourished and only 4 per cent approached the state of a normal American child. The American Relief Administration is feeding 800,000 Austrian children every day now, and there is no chance of diminution of need before next harvest.

The spectacle of the medical needs of Europe's children is equally appalling. Estimates reaching the American Red Cross - to needs for medical service in the destitute areas this winter include: Old Austria-Hungary, 750,000; new Poland, 1,500,000; Czechoslovakia, 200,000; Serbia, 150,000, and Roumania, 100,000. In the fiscal year of 1919-20 the Red Cross has reached with the veritable gift of life 1,500,000 children in the affected areas. Tuberculosis is prevalent to a terrific degree. Five children out of seven in the city of Warsaw, for instance, have been found to be tubercular. Typhus is widespread; rickets, the right hand of under-nourishment is almost universal, and cholera lifts its grim head constantly in one place and another.

The European Relief Council, comprising the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of the Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A., seeks \$33,000,000 with which to meet the situation. It has estimated that at least \$28,000,000 must be had for food and \$10,000,000 for medical service to avert absolute disaster among the three-and-a-half million children. Checks may be sent to your local committee or to Franklin K. Lane, treasurer European Relief Council, 42 Broadway, New York, or to the Child Feeding Fund, Literary Digest, New York City.

## RED CROSS ASSISTS DISABLED VETERANS

The American Red Cross is carrying on a wide program of service for the disabled World War veterans receiving treatment in United States Public Health hospitals, and those being trained through agencies of the Federal Board for Vocational Education.

In each of the Public Health Service hospitals Red Cross workers devote their time to the general welfare of the service men from the day they enter the receiving ward until they are discharged. After the soldier's discharge the Red Cross continues its friendly service through the Home Service Section in his own community.

The Red Cross maintains a convalescent home at all of the hospitals, where patients can amuse themselves after they are well enough to be up and around. Parties and picture shows in the wards are also furnished, with occasional excursions when convalescence comes.

Great service has been rendered by the Red Cross in mental cases in identifying those who have appeared in state hospitals for the insane, and helping them secure compensation due from the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

In the Federal Board's various district offices the Red Cross worker, acting with the Home Service Section, makes necessary loans to the men, arranges suitable living conditions, helps collect evidence and supply facts to the Board, assists in "appealing cases" and settles various personal difficulties for the men. The workers also follow up and aid all men who discontinue training.

The Red Cross agents and men "lost" to the Board, help clear up delayed cases and aid the college counselors in their friendly work with the men. Many Red Cross chapters have set up recreation facilities, and in some instances living clubs, so these victims of war may have attractive surroundings and the fun which must go with effective school work.

To the American Red Cross Institute for the Blind near Baltimore, Md., more than half of all the Americans

blinded in the World War have come for training. The Institute, through the Red Cross, long ago conducted an exhaustive industrial survey to determine the vocations for which blind men could be fitted. As a result it is putting forth well trained men equipped to meet the social, civic and economic requirements of their respective communities.

## RED BLOSSOMS ARE FAVORED

American and Liberty Roses, Carnations and Immortelles Among Popular Christmas Flowers.

CHRISTMAS eve comes in mild and warm and Christmas morning follows its gentle prophecy, the city florists will be happy. That will mean that the thousands of boxes of Christmas flowers which must be delivered on Christmas forenoon can go out with only the ordinary packing. But should there be freezing weather, every flower must be packed in cotton, which doubles the labor and the time necessary. Even with the mild Christmas, which is the florist's delight, the force in the big retail flower stores works all night the night before Christmas. From midnight until 7 o'clock in the morning all hands are busy packing the boxes which in a few hours are to convey Christmas remembrances. At 7 o'clock the delivery wagons start, and before noon all the fragile blooms have reached the feminine hands for which they were purchased. Probably 20,000 such boxes are delivered every Christmas morning in New York. One dealer in a fashionable residence district has sent out between 800 and 400 every Christmas morning for many years.

The "mixed box" ranges from \$10 to \$50 in price. It is a very modest little box for the first price—just half a dozen roses, a dozen carnations, a bit of "Christmas green." In the \$50 box there will be probably half a dozen American Beauties, half a dozen long-stemmed liberty roses of the rich, velvety, deep crimson variety; some violets, some "valley," some mignonette to sweeten the whole box; perhaps some sweet peas and hyacinths, a bit of heliotrope and always some holly and a red satin ribbon to tie the whole.

These expensive boxes are simply pretty trifles, sent to the rich, by those who are not sufficiently indebted or on sufficiently intimate terms to send more costly or substantial gifts. The very evanescence of the flowers makes them superlatively luxurious. Fifty dollars for flowers that fade in a day makes the attention more delicate than four or five times that amount put into some more durable trifle.

Red is pre-eminently the Christmas color, and red carnations and red roses are the favorite purchases. The red immortelles, also, go in great bunches for Christmas decorations in houses of both high and low degree. These immortelles are real flowers, though some people have a notion they are made of paper. The natural color is yellow, and they grow in the south of France, where great fields of them may be seen dried and dyed for the market. It is a great industry there. Europeans use them largely to the exclusion of fresh flowers for all occasions. They are dyed in all colors for the European market, and thousands upon thousands of boxes of the red ones are imported to New York every year for the Christmas trade. They cannot be successfully grown in America, owing to climatic differences. A few have been produced in Texas, but the florists say they are not "right."

## Trees and Fires.

It is doubtful whether any single agency has caused more fires than Christmas trees. These are covered with inflammable ornaments and kept until the branches are as dry as tinder. The practice of decorating with candles and lighting these in order to beautify the tree is the main source of danger. There is something so pleasing and satisfactory about Christmas trees that no one feels like giving them up, or opposing their use, but they are a source of loss and danger. Something should be done to eliminate the danger, even though it should reduce the number of trees. Until regulations from the outside interfere with the practice, it will be well for every person who indulges in the luxury to have a garden hose ready for immediate use in case the tree catches fire. Those who have no means for extinguishing a fire should not have a tree.—From the Kansas City Journal.

## About the Mistletoe

COLES, in his "Art of Stimpling," observes, "If one hang mistletoe about the neck the witches can have no power of him." Some lingering superstition remains in the present day, and in many houses a bunch of the mistletoe is suspended from the ceiling, under which the male part of the assembly have the privilege of taking the ladies and saluting them. At the same time they should wish them a happy new year and present them with one of the berries for good luck. In other places people try by lots by the cracking of the leaves and berries in the fire.

## A Christmas Stocking

By Bertha Edmond Ridgeley

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CHRISTMAS and the high cost of living do not make a very harmonious combination," observed Mrs. Ralston, in her quiet, patient way. "I was just thinking of that, mother," replied her married daughter, Eunice Marsh, who sat with her work basket in her lap, her needle threaded with mending yarn, and rounding one of her husband's stockings at the heel. "There! that is done, and I hope it will pass muster as half respectable pinned up to Aunt Mary's mantel."

Mrs. Ralston sighed, and Eunice did not act any too cheerful. They were lovable, generous souls, and until the past year or two had never known what it was to skip and watch the corners closely. The mother picked up the stocking Eunice had placed on the table. "Come to think of it, Eunice," she said, "we can do better than that. Just run up to the storeroom. Here is the key. You'll find father's clothes and things as they were when he died."

The last years of John Ralston's life had been full of anxiety and struggle. There was a mortgage on the old homestead, and at one time it seemed a foreclosure could not be avoided. Then in some way he secured the money to pay it off, and fortunately it was clear of encumbrance when he died. That was just a month after Eunice married Randal Marsh.

Her heart warmed as she thought of the loyal, whole-souled man who had come into her life at a critical time. It had been generally supposed that Randal had some little means, for he was industrious and thrifty, but when Mr. Ralston died Randal stepped into his place, practical, hard working and self-sacrificing.

The tears fell as Eunice reached the storeroom, and lifted the top of the fancy box she had herself covered, in which her father had been accustomed to store his extra clothing. Randal himself had made the receptacle, and together they had given it to Mr. Ralston on his last birthday. Eunice removed some articles of apparel tenderly and with care, placed them on a chair, and discovered some handkerchiefs and three pairs of stockings rolled up neatly. She took the top pair, undid it and with satisfaction noted as it unrolled that it was new and whole.

"Why, what can this be!" she uttered, as an envelope fell from the released folds. Her wonderment increased as she picked it up and found it unsealed and inside a written page and a peculiar looking key. Then with staring eyes, breathless, stirred to the depths of her soul, she read:

"After I am gone see that this letter and key are given to Randal Marsh. It has been a secret he made me promise never to divulge, that he gave me money to pay off the mortgage. Poor, noble hearted fellow! he had saved the \$2,000 to build a little home, and gave it feely to benefit us all. Month by month I have saved what I could, and have placed the money in a safety deposit box in the City bank, where there is nearly the amount he gave me."

Eunice with difficulty suppressed a great cry of joy. She could scarcely refrain from rushing downstairs and revealing her marvelous discovery to her mother. As she reflected how much this generous donation would mean to them all, in a transport of happy tears she sobbed forth her love for the worthy helpmate who had so well fulfilled his duty to herself and her family.

Eunice was alive with half-subdued excitement all that evening. She waited when her Aunt Mary's until her mother and the others had placed their little gifts in the stocking bearing a card with Randal's name. All alone, she kissed the precious envelope and slipped it into the stocking.

"A necktie, gloves and a pen knife. That from aunt. Something always useful. A letter, not a card of greeting, no! Why, what does this mean!" spoke Randal Marsh, and read it as they all gathered about the fire place, and then he knew. Unselfish man that he was, he actually blushed like a culprit detected at the revelation of a sleeping secret of years.

"It means that I have the dearest, most noble husband in the world!" cried Eunice, her arms about him, her lips raining kisses. "Oh, my brave one! my true one! And who in the world today deserves the blessings of Christmas more than you!"

## LOCAL PERSONALS

P. E. Jordan is in Port Worth this week on business.

O. C. Herbert of Elida, was in town on business today.

Mrs. J. T. Wilcox and Mrs. H. H. Buchanan were Clovis visitors Monday.

Porter Deen has moved to the Buchanan farm, which he recently purchased.

Mrs. McCormick, of Columbus, Ohio, is in town this week on business.

If you don't read the ads in the News, you are losing money.

Mrs. M. B. Jones has been appointed deputy tax collector by Treasurer Shock.

Miss Gail Lindley, of Clovis, is the guest of Mrs. P. E. Jordan, this week.

Mrs. Howard Lindsey of Allison New Mexico, is the guest of Judge and Mrs. W. E. Lindsey this week.

C. V. Thompson, deputy traveling auditor, was in town Saturday on his way to Santa Fe.

Mrs. J. W. McMinn left Sunday morning for Nevada, Texas, in response to a telegram stating that her sister was very ill.

Tax Assessor J. A. Pipkin returned from Santa Fe last Saturday and has been confined to his room since with near pneumonia.

J. W. Ballow and Burl Johnson returned from Santa Fe Sunday where they had been attending the trial of the Cannon Ball Motor Co.

Judge G. L. Reese has returned from Birmingham, Ala., where he has been attending the national meeting of the Bankhead Highway Association.

WILL TRADE—270 acres well improved farm in Blake, Va., for section of land near Portales. For particulars see James Lee Wilson, Portales, New Mex. 11-1tc

Senator Seth A. Morrison and Representative Coe Howard left Sunday for Santa Fe to be on hand for the opening of the State Legislature Monday morning.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

Fine day last Sunday, good attendance at both hours. Have all our regular services next Sunday.

Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. Sunbeams at 3:00 p. m. B. Y. P. U. at 6:00 p. m. Preaching at 7:00 p. m.

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**TO ORGANIZE CHAIN OF STORES IN NEW MEXICO**

Hal Medlin, of Fort Worth, and Q. C. Duke, of Memphis, Texas, representing the Industrial Transportation company of St. Louis, are in Portales this week in the interest of their company. The purpose of their visit to this section is to organize a cash and carry grocery and feed store in Portales. Their plan is to operate direct from the producer to the consumer and Mr. Medlin says that through their chain of stores they can furnish a market for the entire output of sweet potatoes and onions of the Portales valley. They plan to open a store at Farwell, Clovis and Portales, and will form a New Mexico district, which will be their distributing point for New Mexico. They now have a chain of stores in operation in Texas, Arkansas and several other states.



**WAGON LOADS OF NEED LIKE THIS IN POLAND** are a commonplace sight on hundreds of roads in Europe. More than 1,908,000 Polish children received free American meals every day during the height of last winter. This winter the situation will undoubtedly be worse, as it will be in Austria and other portions left economically dazed by war. To prevent the greatest tragedy to children that the world has ever known eight great American organizations, under the name of the European Relief Council, are seeking \$33,000,000 for food and medical assistance.

**HEALTH DEPARTMENT WARNS AGAINST MEASLES**

Reports received by the state health department indicate that measles is likely to become epidemic over the state within the next few weeks. There has been no widespread outbreak of measles within last year or two and, as a result, there are now thousands of susceptible children. This will tend to make the disease spread more rapidly.

Attention is directed to the fact that measles is by no means a harmless disease, as is supposed by many. While it rarely results fatally if uncomplicated, it is followed, in a certain percentage of cases, by a form of pneumonia which is exceedingly dangerous. Many deaths occur from this cause every year, especially among infants under five years of age. For this reason, parents should be particularly careful to prevent the exposure of children as far as possible, and should, under no circumstances, voluntarily expose them, as has often been done in the past. While practically every child will have measles sooner or later, the longer the disease is put off the less the danger. Even in cases which recover, the child is sometimes left with impaired eyes, ear trouble, or in a weakened condition which renders him susceptible to other diseases.

The most important point in the prevention of measles is the early recognition of cases, that they may be promptly isolated, and the quarantine of persons who have been exposed until it can be determined whether they will develop the disease. Measles is most contagious in the earliest stages, before the eruption appears

on the body.

When the disease is present in the community, every child should be carefully examined every day. Reddened or irritated eyes, or the early symptoms of a cold, are often the first signs of measles. In the majority of cases an eruption appears on what is known as the "soft palate" of the roof of the mouth, which may frequently be seen a day or two before the eruption appears on the body.

It is especially important that school children be carefully watched. If they are examined by the teacher or school nurses every day, experience has shown that measles can be more easily controlled with the schools open than with them closed.

Once the child has measles, it should be remembered that, without proper care, the disease may be followed by pneumonia. For this reason exposure to cold and dampness should be avoided, and the patient should not be allowed to go out of the house too soon.

Every case should be reported to the local health officer, even where a physician has not been called. This is a duty which every citizen owes to the public, and failure to carry it out may result in the death of another.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Carr came over from Fort Sumner Friday of last week. Mr. Carr has returned, but Mrs. Carr will remain for some time visiting with her many friends here.

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**THE FARM INVENTORY.**

Most business concerns take an inventory at least once each year and many farmers are beginning to adopt this practice. A few hours spent in taking an inventory at this time of the year will give information that cannot be secured in any other way. If one keeps no other farm accounts, an inventory will at least show where a man stands at the close of each year.

In taking an inventory it is well to make definite classifications, such as land, livestock, farm machinery, feed and supplies, cash, bills receivable and bills payable and then go thru each carefully and list all items contained. Two columns should be made after the items so that the value at both the beginning and end of the year can be listed. This will prevent any item from being overlooked and it will also make it easier to carefully analyze the years business.

**MARKET REPORT**

Following is the market report for farm products in Portales at time of going to press:

Corn, in ear, per ton	\$11.00
Corn, shelled, per cwt	\$1.00
Maize, in the head, per ton	\$9.00
Maize, threshed, per bu.	60c
Cream	43c
Eggs, per doz.	40c
Hens, per lb.	13c
Springers, 2 to 3 lbs.	13c
Springers, 3 lbs and up	10c
Green Hides, per lb.	3c
Dry Hides, per lb.	8c

**THE OLD-TIME PRINTER SAYS**

"I never tried my hand at rhyme, it's always been deep in the grime of washin' forms and printin' jobs, for chips an' whetstones, wood an' cobs. I hadn't gumption 'nuff to see that all the work turned out by me cost all I got an' maybe more, which makes me now most all-fired sore. I thought I couldn't hire a man to do the work, an' let me plan on better ways to get it out an' get in coin instead of kraut. Instead, I'd figure how I'd charge the least wee price instead of large an' save a dollar for a bloke who thought the editor a joke. An' he was mighty nearly right—I worked all day an' most the night, an' scratched an' skimped an' squeezed along, for fear they think my prices wrong. But ha! ha! That was in the past. Now, printshop dope is spreading fast an' it's the kind that makes you think that you have been a simple gink, to have a fear that you'd offend some 2-ply, 2x4, cheap friend who'd hold you off for years an' years, then pay his bill

in roasin' ears. The modern print-shop man is known as havin' nerve an' good backbone; a business man, he acts the part because in print-shop lore he's smart—the gist of which is: "Know your cost, for if you don't your profit's lost; then make a price to pay you well, for labor, stock, and all you sell, and get your lucre when it's due—but if you don't you'll soon be 'through.'"—Publisher's Auxiliary.

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C. W. Terry and family recently moved to Plainview, Texas.

C. M. Compton, Jr., district attorney of the Fifth Judicial district, was here Tuesday on business.—Taiban Valley News.

Frank and S. W. Thomas, brothers, of Weatherford, Texas, came in Wednesday prospecting with a view of locating in the Portales Valley. They are old acquaintances of Wm. Reagan, president of the First National Bank.

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**Notice to Taxpayers!**

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, that the Tax Assessor or a deputy will visit the precincts of the county at the time and place designated below, for the purpose of making the assessments of all taxable property for the year 1921.

**ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!**

"The laws of the State of New Mexico require that every inhabitant of the State, of full age and sound mind, shall, in each year, make a list of all property subject to taxation of which he is the owner or has the control or management. Such list must be on the form prescribed by law by the State Tax Commission and must be made and filed in the office of the County Assessor on or after the first day of January and not later than the last business day of February of each year."

In compliance with law and for the convenience of taxpayers I will be at the various places in Roosevelt county on the respective dates as follows, for the purpose of taking lists of property.

Pre.	Name and Location.	Date.	Pre.	Name and Location.	Date.
1,	Portales, Assesor's office.	Jan. 1 to Feb. 28	10,	Valley View, old postoffice	Feb. 1
13,	Midway, Tom Davidson's res.	Jan. 17	9,	Eagle Hill, school house	Feb. 2
16,	Inez, postoffice	Jan. 18	9,	Milnesand, postoffice	Feb. 3
15,	Old Redland, Cox's Store	Jan. 19	28,	Bluit, postoffice	Feb. 4
15,	Garrison, Brown's store	Jan. 20	28,	Lingo, postoffice	Feb. 5
6,	Longs, postoffice	Jan. 21	18,	Upton, postoffice	Feb. 7
11,	Rogers, postoffice	Jan. 24	20,	Claudell, postoffice	Feb. 8
30,	Richland, postoffice	Jan. 25	3,	Deren, postoffice	Feb. 9
24,	New Hope, postoffice	Jan. 26	5,	Tolar, postoffice	Feb. 10 and 11
17,	Redlake, postoffice	Jan. 27	22,	Perry, school house	Feb. 12
25,	Delphos, postoffice	Jan. 28	2,	Elida, McBride's store	Feb. 14 to 19 inclusive
29,	Kenna, Kenna Bank	Jan. 31			

Any person failing to meet me at these appointments may make return to my office in Portales at any time within the limits fixed by law as given above, or blank for making rendition will be sent upon application, by mail or in person, to my office.

"A penalty of twenty-five per cent in addition to the regular valuation, must be added to the value of all property not listed for assessment within the time and in the form prescribed by law. No exceptions can be made to this law."

Respectfully yours,

**J. A. PIPKIN, Assessor**

ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

(Dec. 23—Feb. 24.)

**In Using Long Distance---**

In placing a call to a distant point, thought should be taken of the convenience of the person called, and of others who wish to use the line.

It isn't a kind act to place a long-distance call and then leave your telephone before connection is made with distant person. For instance, you place a call for a busy man in Busyville. Then you leave your office. Meanwhile, the Busyville man is called, he answers, the operator rings your telephone and there is no response, or she is told you have stepped out. It is not only annoying to the person called, but others who are waiting have been delayed in securing the circuit.

If you **MUST** leave the telephone before the call has been completed, please notify "Long Distance" at what telephone you can be called. This will prevent inconvenience to the person called and will conserve the use of long-distance facilities.

Each subscriber is an essential factor in good telephone service, and we will greatly appreciate during this year, as in the past, your doing your part in the use of your telephone, and your friendly attitude toward our efforts to make the service the best possible.

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Are you taking advantage of our reduced Evening and Night Rates? Between 8:30 p. m. and midnight, station-to-station calls—that is, calls for numbers only and not for a particular person—are **ONE-HALF** the day rate. Between midnight and 4:30 a. m. such calls are **ONE-FOURTH** the day rate.

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**ROUND ABOUT RICHLAND**

**Honor Roll—Center High School**

Allie Cooper, Thelma Bailey, Lela Gordon, Myrtle Wilson, Lawson Halford.

**8th Grade**  
Virgie Mae DeBord, Alice Stratton.

**7th Grade**  
Bernice Bradford, Ocie Stigall, Jewel Vick.

**6th Grade**  
Gleen Hortor.

**5th Grade**  
Hazel Gordon, Mable Short.

**4th Grade**  
Leon Slaten, Renae Page.

**3rd Grade**  
Arson Rightmer, Rufus Stroud, Chester Hobbs.

**2nd Grade**  
William Finley, Paul Rightmer.

**1st Grade**  
Luciel Stroud, Nita Vicks, Johnnie Hicks.

**Primery**  
Addie Wilson, Cora Locke.

Mr. Slaten and family attended the Shady Grove Sunday school Sunday.

Rev. David Little preached at Richland Sunday. A large crowd was present.

J. G. Hortlor and family, Mrs. O. B. Rice and family were the guests at the home of D. A. Gordon Sunday.

A large crowd was at Richland Friday night to hear the sermon, which was delivered by Albert Bates.

A. J. Watson, Miss Beryl Watson, Mrs. E. J. Stratton and family and Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Carroll were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cooper and family Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Rice spent a pleasant day at Mr. and Mrs. B. B. Swaffords Sunday.

Donald Gordon spent the night with Coleman Rice Sunday night.

Orval Slaten went to Shady Grove Sunday.

The Center school is progressing nicely with several new pupils, who are welcomed by everyone.

Miss Allie Cooper spent last Sunday night with Miss Beryl Watson.

Earl Betts has been very ill the past week.

Lawrence Halford came home last Friday from Texas.

Mrs. Bellow has moved to Portales to send her children to school.

Miss Sybil Lyons has been sick the past week, but we are hoping she will be able to return to school in a few days.

Many of the Center school children are having to miss school on the account of colds.

Birdie Lothridge came in from Texas last Sunday and is going to start to school in a few days.

Boyd Rice visited Grant Gordon last Sunday afternoon.

There was quite a crowd attended the party at Emmitt Fisdale's home Saturday night.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

H. L. Morrison to J. D. McGee, S1-281-2W1-2NE1-4-27-48-34 E.

M. L. Green to Minnie Lee Graham, et al, W1-2NW1-4 and the NW1-4SW1-4-23 and the NW1-4NE1-4-22-48-31 E.

Julia Clark to F. W. Flow, E1-2-32-3N-30 E.

Sallie B. Harris to Ladonia O. Harris, half interest in NE1-4-34-4S-36 E.

Receivers of Thos Trammell estate to L. H. Sloneker, part of Wood addition to Portales.

William L. Stages to Sarah E. Reese, W1-2SW1-4 and SE1-4 SW1-4 and SW1-4SE1-4 Sec. 8, and NE1-4-17-3S-31 E.

Oliver Gore to Hobart Gore, Lot 6 and N1/2 Lot 5 Block 24 Elida.

Hobart Gore to Clovis National Bank, Lot 6 and N1/2 Lot 5, Block 24, Elida.

Alfred W. Messick to Charles C. Davis, S1-2 SE1-4 and SW1-4 and N1-2 SE1-4 Sec. 3, and NW1-4 and W1-2 SW1-4 Sec. 10, and W1-2 NW1-4 Section 15-78-34 E.

James L. Smith to H. L. Snelson, SE1-4 Sec. 8, and NW1-4 and N1-2 SW1-4 Sec. 17-48-34 E.

James L. Smith to Myrtle Snelson, S1-2 SW1-4-17-48-34 E.

A. E. Whithead to J. F. Sumner, E1-2-35-28-36 E.

W. F. Hill to J. H. Loft, Block 14 Benson addition to Portales.

This week the News is printing some folders for the James Lee Wilson Company, which contains information of value to the prospector who is contemplating locating in the Portales Valley.

E. F. Bartlett, of Roswell, was a business visitor in Portales on Monday and Tuesday.

**RODGERS REPORTS**

Mother earth is wearing her white cap again.

After the Christmas holidays and festivities, our school has settled down for good hard work again. The attendance is good.

The boys' basketball team of Rogers went to Longs last Friday afternoon and played basketball. The score being 18 to 12 in favor of Rogers.

The Sunday school has received the new song books and lamps, and now have good singing. Everybody come.

Rev. Seecy preached at Rogers Sunday night, Jan. 9, and there will be preaching at Rogers every second Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night at 7 o'clock.

The party given at the home of Fred Maxwell was well attended and a good time was had.

Miss Bertha Autry spent Saturday and Sunday at home.

Willie McCormack is attending High school at Portales.

The Epworth League meets at the Rogers school house next Sunday night. Everybody is invited to come.

Roy Marrs is visiting his sister, Mrs. Frank Greathouse of Inez.

Several attended the basketball game at Longs last Friday afternoon.

Mrs. Frank Mayes and little son, Orvil, spent Saturday night and Sunday with her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Van Winkle.

Mrs. Horne and children spent the week-end at Mr. and Mrs. Dukes.

There was singing at W. O. McCormacks Sunday afternoon.

The Harth thresher is at Mr. Gardner's at present.

Mr. Horne, Ben Duke and Lewis Anderson started for California the first of last week.

Miss Gussie Escue spent Saturday night with Miss Opha Barker at the Anderson home.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Mayes expect to leave for California soon.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Greathouse and brother, Roy Marrs, of Inez, attended the party at the Fred Maxwell home Saturday night.

The Page children are absent from school today on account of bad weather.

Mr. and Mrs. Doc Herndon spent Monday with Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Maxwell.

At the precinct election which was held at Rogers yesterday to elect a justice of peace, W. O. McCormack was elected justice of peace, Ezra Watts constable.

**Card of Thanks**

We take this means to express our thanks and appreciation to our many friends for the kindness shown us in the recent death of our father and companion.

Mrs. C. Smith,  
Mr. and Mrs. Gregg,  
Mr. and Mrs. Barton,  
Mr. and Mrs. Dan Smith,  
Lester Smith,  
Leon Smith,  
Lillian Smith,  
Vassar Smith.

The 4-year old son of County Clerk Grissom has been quite ill.

**WHAT you lose thru baking failure must be added to baking costs—it has to be paid for.**

**Calumet Baking Powder will save you all of that. Because when you use it—there are no failures—no losses. Every baking is sweet and palatable—and stays moist, tender and delicious to the last tasty bite.**

**That's a big saving—but that isn't all. You save when you buy Calumet and you save when you use it.**



**It is reasonable in cost and possesses more than the ordinary leavening strength. You pay less and use less. You get the most in purity, dependability and wholesomeness.**

**In every way — it is the best way to keep down baking costs. That's what has made it the world's biggest selling baking powder — has kept it the favorite of millions of housewives for more than thirty years.**

One pound can of Calumet contains full 16 oz. Some baking powders come in 12 oz. instead of 16 oz. cans. Be sure you get a pound when you want it.

**Calumet Sunshine Cake Recipe**  
1/2 cup of butter,  
1 1/2 cups granulated sugar,  
2 1/2 cups flour, 1 cup water, 2 level teaspoons Calumet Baking Powder, 1 teaspoon lemon, yolks of 9 eggs.  
Then mix in the regular way.

**TAYLOR'S BUSS LINE DISCONTINUES**

ON ACCOUNT OF THE REBUILDING OF THE ROAD BETWEEN PORTALES AND CLOVIS

**Taylor's Buss Line**

WILL DISCONTINUE SERVICE UNTIL THE ROADS ARE PASSABLE.

We wish to thank you for your past patronage, also thank you for future favors as soon as the road is open. I have always endeavored to give real service and now that it is impossible to give service, think it is advisable to discontinue until further notice.

Respectfully,

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**NOTICE!**

To All Taxpayers of Roosevelt County:

In accordance with Chapter 101, Section 1, Laws of 1919, of the State of New Mexico, notice is hereby given that the tax roll or assessment book for the year 1920 for the county of Roosevelt, was delivered to me the undersigned County Treasurer on the 10th day of January, 1921, A. D.

You are further notified that any taxpayer alleging error in his assessment must file his complaint or petition for the correction of same, as required by law, within six months from the above date, said petition or complaint must be filed with the District Attorney.

No complaints or petitions can be filed after six months.

J. R. SHOCK,  
County Treasurer.

**COMMISSIONERS' PROCEEDINGS**

Portales, New Mexico, December 31, 1920.

At a called meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt county, New Mexico held at the court house in Portales, on the above date, the following were present, to-wit:

J. S. Pearce, chairman, Chas. S. Toler, commissioner; and Seth A. Morrison, clerk.

It appearing to the Board that Roosevelt county is now the owner and holder of liberty bonds in the sum of ten thousand dollars, \$6,500.00 of said bond was paid for out of the general fund of said county, and it further appearing to the Board that the general fund of said county is not sufficient to meet the just and legal demands made on said fund at this time.

It is the order of the Board that \$2,500.00 of this bond be and the same is hereby transferred to the interest fund of said Roosevelt county, and that the interest fund is declared to and does own an equity of \$2,500.00 in said liberty bond in addition to the \$1,500.00 now owned, and that this amount be paid to General fund from interest fund, and that the clerk of this Court is hereby instructed to furnish the County Treasurer with a certified copy of this order, and that said County Treasurer is hereby authorized to comply with this order, making a total of \$6,000.00 equity of interest fund in said bond.

J. S. PEARCE, Chairman.  
Attest: Seth A. Morrison, Clerk.

**NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION**

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Roswell, N. M., Jan. 5, 1921.

Notice is hereby given that Joe H. Lisenbee, of Elida, N. M., who, on May 4, 1916, made homestead entry No. 034675 for N1/2, section 13, township 8 south, range 32 east, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before R. H. Grissom, U. S. Commissioner, at Elida, N. M., on the 12th day of February, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Henry C. Carroll, Hood V. Haston, Rufus C. Bonar, and M. Brown, all of Elida, New Mexico.

EMMETT PATTON, Register.

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

The State of New Mexico to M. T. Jones Lumber Company, Munsey Bull, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of said Munsey Bull, Jennie and Berta Kidd, if living and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said Jennie and Berta Kidd, Joseph Boggs, if living and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said Joseph Boggs, and the unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiffs, defendants, and witnesses:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been commenced against you in the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, in Case No. 1649 on the civil docket of said court, wherein G. W. Wood and G. O. Duell are plaintiffs and you are defendants; that the object of said suit is to quiet title in favor of said plaintiffs, and against you, said defendants, and to let number one (1) in Block number ten (10) in the Town of Portales, Roosevelt county, New Mexico; and defendants are notified that unless they appear and answer or plead in said cause

**ORDINANCE NO. 66**

**An Ordinance to Prohibit Gambling.**

Be It Enacted by the Town Council of the Town of Portales, N. M.

Section One. Each and every person who shall deal, play, or carry on, or cause to be opened,

or who shall conduct either as owner, proprietor, or employee, whether for hire or not, any game of faro, monte, roulette, poker, draw poker or any banking game or any other game played with cards, dice or other device, raffling, matching or flipping money, or betting in any form, operating a punch board or slot machine or playing at any other game of chance, whether the same be played for money, checks, credit or any other representative of value, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine not to exceed \$100.00 nor less than \$5.00, or imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment in the discretion of the judge trying the case.

Section Two. Any person who shall suffer or permit any of the things forbidden by or made punishable by the foregoing section, to be done or carried on in any house, room, shop, building whatsoever or upon any lands or other place of which he is owner, or to the possession of which he is entitled, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof, be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 nor less than \$5.00 or by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed 30 days.

Section Three. It shall be the special duty of each City Attorney, City, Town, or Village Marshal, and police officer to inform against and diligently prosecute all persons whom they shall have reasonable cause to believe guilty of a violation of the provisions of this act.

Section Four. Any officer named in the preceding section who shall refuse or wilfully neglect to inform against and prosecute offenders against this act shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and on conviction thereof shall be punished by a fine of not more than \$100.00 nor less than \$5.00, and by imprisonment in the city jail not to exceed 30 days or by both such fine and imprisonment.

Section Five. All other acts, or parts of acts, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This ordinance shall be in full force and affect immediately on and after its publication.

A. D. RIBBLE,  
Acting Mayor.  
S. N. HANCOCK, Town Clerk.

**NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT.**

The State of New Mexico to John Brownlee, Defendant, Greetings:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein William F. Smith is plaintiff and you, the said John Brownlee, is defendant, said cause being No. 1648 upon Civil Docket of said court.

The general objects of said action are as follows:

The plaintiff alleges that he is the owner in fee simple of the East half of the Northwest quarter and the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 28, in Township 1 South, Range 35 East, of the New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, and that on the 29th day of Sept. 1908 the plaintiff executed and delivered to M. C. Boswell a mortgage upon said described land for Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars; that said mortgage was assigned to the defendant herein by the said M. C. Boswell as collateral security for a debt owed by the plaintiff to the defendant; that defendant has paid off said indebtedness and is entitled to receive said mortgage and a release therefor, but that the defendant still holds said mortgage and the note accompanying it for Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) and of even date therewith, and refuses to deliver the same to the plaintiff or release or cancel the same of record. The plaintiff prays that said mortgage and accompanying note be cancelled and held for naught as a cloud upon his title and that his title to said premises be quieted and set at rest, and for general relief.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 5th day of February, 1921, and plead or answer therein, judgment will be taken against you by default and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You are further notified that George L. Reese is attorney for the plaintiff and that his post office address is Portales, New Mexico.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 15th day of December, 1920.

(Seal) SETH A. MORRISON,  
County Clerk.

By P. E. Morrison, Deputy. d-1648

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Claimant's names as witnesses: John W. Bradley, Grover B. Thatcher, Benjamin H. Vaughn, James A. Moss, all of Texico, N. M.

W. R. McGILL, Register.  
1st insertion Dec. 23, 1920.  
Last insertion Jan. 20, 1921.

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## The Doctor's Wife

By Mary Graham Bonner



HE HAD married her in the first place of all because of her lovely, low voice. There had been other reasons too—her good looks, her smile, her common sense, but mainly and chiefly the attraction which had drawn him to her had been her voice.

It had seemed during those first years of his practicing and trying to make headway in a seemingly unresponsive city, that voices would drive him mad, waiting, complaining, whimpering always discontented.

Even when he met women socially he felt they refrained from telling him anything but a sorrowful tale of themselves.

As for his wife—she understood.

She smiled at the poor excuses they made to come and see him, of the jealousy they showed of each other, of the gifts they sent him, of senseless reasons they had for telephoning.

Sometimes they would both be invited out to dinner at some patient's house. The doctor's wife chuckled as she thought of how little she was wanted.

Usually they looked at her, she knew, rather pityingly, and at times, the holder of the sympathies would say to her:

"It must be awful to be a doctor's wife. I'd never have a moment's peace if I were you with so many women caring for my husband!"

"We get used to it," the doctor's wife said so as not to be disappointing, smiling to herself. What fun it was to be a doctor's wife. How much pity one got one didn't deserve, how much wasted sympathy, how many deliciously jealous thoughts one inspired.

It was Christmas Eve. The doctor had promised his wife that he would help her in those many pleasant engrossing night-before-Christmas tasks.

She went upstairs to see that the children were quite asleep when she heard the telephone ring. She answered it, and then heard her husband's voice who was already answering it from below.

Something, some curious something, made her listen.

"Oh doctor," she heard a voice say, the voice of the one woman who had lately caused her her first pang of jealousy, "I can't wait another moment. I must see you. I'm sorry, on Christmas Eve too, but I must! Please, doctor, can you come at once?"

"That's all right, little lady," she heard her husband answer, "I'll be up at once."

"I'm going out for awhile," the doctor called up the stairs. And was gone without a word of regret and with no effort at an excuse.

Late that evening she went out of the house. She would see this other woman. She called a taxi and hurried off.

"I'm sorry," the maid told her, "but Madame can see no one." And the door was shut abruptly.

What would she do? What could she do? Finally, exhausted after walking about the streets, she went home, her heart full of dry, choking sobs.

At last she heard the doctor's key. He came in. He looked tired. But she was worn out.

"You've been to—" she began.

"Yes," he answered wearily, as he lighted a cigarette. "I have been there all this time. But she has the finest boy you could hope to see; they're simply delighted."

"Boy?" she shrieked.

"Yes," the doctor nodded. He was too tired to notice her quick change of expression.

"Oh," he said after a moment, "I'm so glad you didn't finish the Christmas things without me. No matter how late it is, we must always get ready for Christmas together, mustn't we?"

He kissed her lightly.

"After I had left the house," he added, "I remembered I hadn't asked you to wait, and I wanted you to wait no matter how long I'd be! Selfish of me, perhaps, but we must have our Christmas Eve together and get ready for the children's Christmas together, mustn't we, wife of my heart?"

"We most assuredly must," she answered him, and added to herself: "What fools these women are who pity the doctor's wife. I'm the happiest woman in the whole world."

And the doctor was saying:

"My dear, do you know that it is Christmas morning and that I'm wishing you a Merry Christmas!"

"Merry Christmas," she returned, and in her heart rang the merriest and happiest of Christmas bells!

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## WHEN CHRISTMAS WAS YOUNG

To Understand Mysteries of the Yuletide, It is Necessary to Search Ancient History.

IN the midst of the rush and excitement of Christmas preparations certain questions will flash across the mind, and we find ourselves wondering why it is that we do the very same things Christmas after Christmas. Why do we hang stockings, light Christmas trees, trim our homes and have plum pudding?

To understand the origin of these customs we must wander far back into the forgotten past—ages before Julius Caesar set foot on British soil, or St. Augustine told the story of the Cross to the men of Kent. Hundreds of years ago—long before the year 1—the ancients, as we call the people of those times, all worshiped the sun, the great giver of light and life. In the month of March they built big fires to it, asking it to shine upon the seeds they had planted and warm them into life. In the autumn they held another festival, thanking the sun for the harvest, and again, in the winter time, they held the greatest festival of all to celebrate the coming of the springtime.

In ancient Egypt, in Assyria, in Greece, on Roman soil and in the northlands these festivals were celebrated year after year and always about the same time, the winter one being held about New Year's time.

Wherever the Roman eagle was found, this feast was called the Saturnalia and it was marked by universal license and good feeling.

All at once Christianity appeared upon the scene. As the policy of the early church was to reconcile heathen converts to the new faith by adopting some of the heathen customs and festivals, the new religion accepted and retained many, and the result, as is easily seen, has been the strange medley of pagan and Christian rites which we use at Christmas time today.

After Britain was Christianized by the Romans, the Saxons and northern tribes came, bringing their old northern rites, and as Christianity at last replaced paganism the Christians kept the old pagan rites, merely changing their meaning.

For many years no two lands celebrated the same day as the birthday of Christ. They did not know the exact day, and we do not know it; but this date has now become the most important one in the world's history.

## WHAT DID YOU MAKE IN 1920?

Uncle Sam Begins Collection of Federal Income Tax for Last Year.

Work has begun on the collection of the income tax for the year 1920. Uncle Sam, through the bureau of Internal Revenue is addressing to every person in the United States the question: "What was your net income question?" The answer permits of no guesswork. Every single person whose net income for 1920 was \$1,000 or more and every married person whose net income was \$2,000 or more is required to file a return under oath with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which he resides on or before March 15, 1921.

The penalty for failure is a fine of not more than \$1,000 and an additional assessment of 25 per cent of the amount of tax due. For willful refusal to make a return the penalty is not more than \$10,000 or not exceeding one year's imprisonment, or both together with the costs of prosecution. A similar penalty is provided for making a false or fraudulent return, together with an additional assessment of 50 per cent of the amount of the tax evaded.

### Women Must Pay Tax

The income tax applies to women as well as men. Husband and wife must consider the income of both plus that of minor dependent children, and if the total equals or exceeds \$2,000 a return must be filed. A minor who has a net income in his own right of \$1,000 or more must file a separate return. To be allowed the \$2,000 exemption a married person must be living with husband or wife on the last day of the taxable year, December 31, 1920. Divorces, persons separated by mutual agreement, widows and widowers, unless they are the sole support of others living in the

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same household, in which case they are allowed the \$2,000 exemption granted the head of a family, are entitled only to \$1,000 exemption.

### Tax Rate For 1920

The normal tax rate for 1920 is the same as for 1919—4 per cent on the first \$4,000 of net income above the exemption and 8 per cent on the remaining net income. This applies to every citizen and resident of the United States. In addition to the normal tax a surtax is imposed upon net income in excess of \$5,000.

### Instructions on Form

Full instructions for making out returns are contained on the forms, copies of which may be obtained from collectors of internal revenue. Persons whose net in-

come for 1920 was \$5,000 or less should use Form 1040A. Those with incomes in excess of \$5,000 should use Form 1040.

Revenue officers will visit every county in the United States to assist taxpayers in making out

their returns. The date of their arrival and the location of their offices will be announced in the press or may be ascertained upon inquiry at the offices of collectors. This advisory service is without cost to taxpayers.

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