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## MOST REVOLTING CRIME IN HISTORY OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY

### FATHER SROOTS DOWN HIS SON AT BREAKFAST TABLE—THEN SHOOTS SON'S WIFE

Clinton C. Hawes, lying by the side of his wife, Dona Hawes, on the floor of the home of Lewis Hawes, with bullet wounds piercing their bodies, from which the life blood had flown was the sight that greeted neighbors of this unfortunate couple Wednesday morning.

Lewis Hawes, confined in the county jail charged with the murder of his son and daughter-in-law, as the result of a family row, facing the gallows as the result of his hasty temper is Christmas tragedy which his family must bow to when all the world is preparing for the glad times of the season.

Wednesday morning the sheriff's office was notified of the shooting at the home of Lewis, six miles south of town. Sheriff McCormack and deputies, together with District Attorney Compton and Judge Fairly left at once for the scene of the tragedy.

On entering the house one was met with the gruesome sight of Clinton Hawes and his wife lying on the floor, sweltering in their life blood. In his left hand Clinton clasped a rock. In the left hand of his wife was a butcher knife.

Lewis Hawes, father of the dead man stated that they had had a row, and that he would have run if it had been possible, but that they had him hemmed in and he was compelled to shoot or be killed by his son and his wife. He admitted the shooting and stated that that morning he had placed the revolver in his pocket to keep dust out of the barrel. On the arrival of the officers he gave himself up and asked that he be protected from a mob. On his forehead he had a wound produced by some blunt instrument. He was placed in the county jail by deputy Beasley.

At the time of the shooting the family of Lewis Hawes, Clinton Hawes and wife and two children and Alvin Hawes and wife were at the breakfast table. Clinton Hawes seated at the northwest corner, his seven year old child at his right and then his wife. At the south end of the table was seated Alvin Hawes and at the southeast corner was the father, Lewis Hawes. Alvin Hawes' wife being seated at the head or the north end of the table. Father and son Clinton had some words and the father, Lewis Hawes, asked Clinton why he did not get a house in town, as they were so crowded.

Clinton replied that he wanted to stay till he marketed his hogs, and that he did not want to leave while his mother was sick. Lewis then said, "you won't stay." He reached for his gun and as he fired Clinton threw a table knife across the table, striking his father in the forehead. His father then stepped back and fired again. One shot taking effect in the right side and the other just below the right shoulder. The stricken boy then rose and attempted to reach the bed but fell about half way between bed and table. His wife bending over, crying and preying, was shot in the back by the elder Hawes, the bullet penetrating the body and passing out the abdomen. Testimony of Doctors Wollard and Williams are to the effect that the nature of the wounds of both were such as to produce almost instant death.

After the shooting, Alvin Hawes told his wife to leave the house for safety sake. She with the small children and Clinton Hawes' little seven year old girl made their way to the home of J. A. Tinsley, which was about a mile and a half away.

The testimony of Mrs. Alvin Hawes was practically the above, and the little girl, Letha, stated that she saw her father throw the knife which struck her grandfather, and that he fired the fatal shot. Also that while her mother was kneeling over her husband, that her grandfather shot her in the back.

Both child and Mrs. Alvin Hawes, stated that neither Clinton nor his wife were armed.

Alvin Hawes stated that while they were sitting at the table, his father asked Clinton why he didn't get a house in town as they were so crowded. He stated that, "with his mother sick it was not right for him to go till she got better." His father said, "you will go," and reached for his gun and fired, then his brother threw the knife, then his father fired again. He stated to

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### CHRISTMAS GREETING

To every reader of the Portales Valley News, as well as to every citizen of Roosevelt county, we extend the cordial greetings of the season. Perhaps 1921 has not been all that you had looked forward to, but the future holds in store many good things that only await your claiming.

You are blessed with a home in the Sunshine State, and in the best county in the state.

You have enjoyed good health—the greatest gift to anyone.

On Christmas Day pause and remember that this should be the gladdest season of the year. The Star of Bethlehem will shine for you. Let this be a day of gladness, and remember the less fortunate, who may have a limp Christmas stocking, and get double joy on this day by making someone happy who would have been sad but for your effort.

Again we extend to you the season's greetings and it is our sincere wish that your Christmas stocking may be full to overflowing, and that the blessings of the Babe of Bethlehem may be on you and yours.

### WOULD CONTRACT ENTIRE SWEET POTATO CROP

Capt. Gail T. Aid, of Council Bluffs, Iowa, was the guest of his cousin, Chas. Toler of the Kentucky Valley country, last week.

Toler brought his cousin up to show him the wonders of the Portales Valley sweet potato project, and on a visit to the potato curing plants. Mr. Aid was astounded by the possibilities of this industry. Mr. Aid, being chief clerk for the Northwestern Railway, at once conceived the possibility of turning a neat piece of business for his road in the way of handling the Portales Valley sweet potatoes, so he took a sample of them back with him and stated that he was confident

that he could contract the entire crop with one Omaha wholesaler. Up that way they get their sweet potatoe from West Virginia, and can make a saving of the freight rate from Portales. It is indeed fortunate for Portales and all of Roosevelt county that Mr. Aid made this visit at this time, as it will not only stimulate the potato growers, but it indicates that there is a ready market for everything we raise if we only get in touch with the proper parties. We are nearer to the north and northwest than the southern potato country, and that is the logical market for the Portales Valley Sweet Potato Association to break into.

### The Miller Brothers Tragedy

The Miller Bros. who were killed at Wortham, Texas, had contracted Dallas property for a certain tract of land belonging to one Carter Sessions and had never had a lease on the land. Shortly after the contract was made oil was struck on adjoining land. Sessions then leased this land to a wild-catter and was not able to make a good lease as he contract between the Millers and Sessions was properly executed and recorded so the title was clouded. On Thursday before they were killed the Miller Bros. with their attorneys met Sessions and his attorneys in Fort Worth, and effected a compromise. After all was settled both parties dined together.

Miller Bros. were in Wortham on Saturday, December 10, to attend to some business. Fox Miller was in the act of calling up Sessions over the phone when the door opened and Sessions was heard to say "I have come to settle with you boys," and immediately fired on Fox Miller, the shot taking effect in the back of the head. Elliott Miller grabbed Sessions as he fired a second shot at Fox Miller and Sessions shot off two of his own fingers. This shot also hit Fox Miller in the leg. Just at that instant a son of Sessions shot Elliott Miller in the head. Fox Miller never regained consciousness but Elliott Miller did and made a statement, also told their street address, telephone number, and whom they

should call. The Millers were not armed and were expecting no trouble, notwithstanding Sessions had threatened their lives.

### PORTALES NEEDS A CURFEW LAW

From developments of the past few weeks Portales needs a curfew law, and a night watchman to enforce it. A stitch in time will save much expense and many heart aches.

### DISTRICT COURT FRIDAY

Friday, December 23, Judge Sam G. Bratton will convene the district court and dispose of such of the docket as was carried over from last term. In the morning at 10 o'clock the grand jury and petit jury will be drawn for the February term of court.

### WILL CELEBRATE HIS 88TH YEAR

Sunday, January 1st, Rev. Carter will preach at the Methodist church in the forenoon. This is the anniversary of his 88th year. Rev. Carter has constantly preached for over 70 years and will doubtless have a valuable message for you.

### VICTIMS OF TRAGEDY LAID TO REST

The funeral of Clinton Hawes and wife was held at the Pentecostal church this afternoon at 1:30. Burial in the Portales cemetery.

### LAST CHANCE FOR THE ORPHAN HOME CAR

This will be the last call by the Portales Valley News for funds to purchase a car for the Baptist Orphans' Home. We had hoped to obtain sufficient funds to present the home with a car on Christmas Eve.

There may be enough yet to do this. If you want to contribute to this fund send in your name and contribution to the Portales Valley News. If you live at a distance wire in your name and mail your check. Time is short. Let's make it snappy.

Following are the subscriptions up to date:

ROY CONNALLY	5.00
A. D. RIBBLE	5.00
PORTALES VALLEY NEWS	5.00
REV. J. F. NIX	5.00
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MRS. J. L. WILLIAMS	1.00
Mrs. N. F. Wollard	5.00
R. L. Wood	5.00
O. S. Strickland	5.00
Mrs. R. Hardy	5.00
Monroe Hones	5.00

### WILL ERECT METAL GRAINERY ON FARM

Howard Edmonds, who lives about 11 miles south east of Portales, is erecting a 1000 bushel metal grainery on his farm.

Mr. Edmonds is preparing for the year that the grain crop will be short.

### MAKE YOUR PAPER THE PAPER

Many subscriptions will expire about the first of the year. For the past year we have tried to give you a paper worth the subscription price, and feel that we have not failed in the attempt. We hope to give you even a better paper the coming year. To do this we need the hearty support of every citizen of Roosevelt county. If you are a subscriber watch the date on the margin of your paper and do not let your subscription expire. If you have a neighbor who does not get the paper, ask them to subscribe and help us to help them make this a better county in every way. Could we secure the solid support of the farmers of Roosevelt county, we could give them a paper that would be worth five times the subscription price to each one in less than a year's time. This is your paper—help us to make it one that you will not be ashamed to claim. The subscription price is \$1.50 to all alike. Help us to add 500 new names to the list by names to the list by January 1st.

Wednesday word from Dallas is to the effect that the baby of Prof. and Mrs. Arrant, which was operated on last Friday is now out of immediate danger. Prof. and Mrs. Arrant will remain in Dallas a few days longer to guard against any complications.

### TWO YOUTHS GIVEN EXAMINING TRIAL IN JUSTICE COURT TODAY

Today, Thursday, the district court room is packed as the examining trial of Troy Dendy and "Shorty" Chitwood is being held before Judge Fairly. At the beginning of the trial Judge Fairly had the court room cleared of all boys under 18 years of age.

The audience in breathless silence listening to catch every word of witnesses in this case where two boys are on trial of a serious charge.

As we go to press the indications are that it will be a long drawn case and taking of testimony will consume the greater part of the day.

### CANDLE LIGHT SERVICE

Christmas is a holy, sacred day. This year it falls upon the Lord's day so it should be doubly so. Of course, no true Christian will let the thought of a big dinner keep him, or her, away from the Lord's worship and service. Have a meal a trifle late if need be, but be sure to come to Bible school and morning worship. Let us have the greatest service, Christmas morning, of the year and a still greater one in the evening. There will be a sermon appropriate to the occasion in the morning, and a candle light service beginning at 7:00 p. m. Christmas Eve there will be a tree at the church and a general good time of Christian fellowship, to which we invite all of the Bible school and the church, and all of our friends.

NORRIS J. REASONER, Minister.

### Portales Valley News Advertising Pays in Farm Sales

Thursday of last week the sale of Victor and Wolfe was attended by about 600 people, most of them buyers. At this sale the bidding was spirited and Auctioneer Campbell had no trouble in disposing of everything offered at a good price. This sale was attended by people from 50 to 60 miles and the Jersey cattle brought good prices, ranging

\$60 and \$65. The News prevailed on these gentlemen to use a little newspaper advertising in connection with their bills and a buying crowd and profitable sale was the result. It is much easier for the auctioneer to give you a snappy sale if it is properly advertised, and the people of Roosevelt county read the advertisements in the Portales Valley News.

### Enrollment of Roosevelt County Schools

District	Boys	Girls	Total
Portales, No. 1	419	460	879
Eida, No. 2	69	93	162
Fairfield, No. 3	61	60	121
Floyd, No. 5	118	110	228
East Valley View, No. 6	17	11	28
Tolar, No. 9	29	33	62
Arch, No. 10	30	25	55
Kentucky Valley, No. 14	29	28	57
Plateau, No. 17	10	13	23
Pleasant Valley, No. 19	41	37	78
Willow Mills, No. 20	11	11	22
Kenna, No. 22	28	44	72
Eagle Hill, No. 25	19	7	26
Richland, No. 27	84	75	159
Nigger Hill, No. 28	20	15	35
Union Valley, No. 31	31	24	55
Rogers, No. 33	127	130	257
Garrison, No. 35	17	14	31
Dora, No. 39	32	24	56
Causey, No. 40	37	24	61
Benson, No. 47	6	5	11
Rock Lake, No. 53	22	24	46
Oklahoma, No. 56	20	12	32
Milnesand, No. 58	26	18	44
Center Point, No. 59	12	7	19
Bluff, No. 62	13	8	21
Lingo, No. 63	22	15	37
Perry, No. 74	23	33	56
Hebron, No. 81	7	4	11
Claudell, No. 97	14	10	24
Roebuck, No. 115	14	11	25
Total	1408	1385	2793

#### SWEET CLOVER

(By the County Agent). Since the campaign conducted by C. A. McNabb in the interest of sweet clover there have been quite a number of inquiries concerning it and the indications are that a substantial acreage of this crop will be put out on both the irrigated and dry land farms next year. An order is being made up to cover the combined orders of the various prospective growers.

Sweet clover has been encouraged as a hog pasture for the dry farmers. They cannot grow alfalfa and it is pretty sure that they need some kind of hog pasture. Small acreages rather than large ones are recommended for the reason that it is hard to start. If a failure results (and the chances for failure are greater with the large acreage than the small one) the resulting backfire would greatly injure the prestige and reputation of the crop. This would be very unfortunate for sweet clover is an excellent crop for hog pasture. Although it is hard to start and requires the proper conditions and preparation of seed bed, when it is started it will grow under the most adverse conditions. It will withstand drought and it will flourish well on the alkali lands where the water seeps close to the surface. Owing to these qualities it will make a good crop for either the dry farmer or those with alkali land.

Sweet Clover is a biennial but a continuous pasture can be maintained by sowing 5 pounds of seed to the acre annually. Stock will not like it at first but as soon as they become accustomed to it they will eat it well. As well as furnishing a good pasture sweet clover will build up the land by the action of symbiotic nitrogen fixing bacteria. This property together with the value of the decaying roots plowed under make this crop a valuable one in crop rotations for the dry farmer. All semi-arid lands are deficient in organic nitrogen and the addition of that element will not only make for better crops but will lessen the trouble from soil blowing. The proposition of sweet clover is one worth considering and a good number of the best farmers over the county are considering it. It is not claimed to be a cure all for the farmers ills or that it can be grown without pains and care and work but it is a valuable addition to dry farmer's crop rotation as the experience of men in other localities has proven. There are now hundreds of acres of sweet clover in Union county of this state and a few years ago the man who talked sweet clover in Union county was laughed at. Give it a thought. If you want information or literature on it write the county agent at Portales. If you want to try out some of it write him and your order for seed will be taken care of when it is placed. Ten pounds to the acre for dry land is the rate of seeding. A four or five acre plot for the first year is a nice sized pasture.

#### CHRISTIAN UNITY

God made covenant with Abraham in Gen. 12:1-3, promising him that if he followed where God led, God would make of him a great nation, bless him, and bless through him all the families of the earth. In Gen. 17:2-14 God reaffirmed the old promise making it stronger, that he would become the father of a multitude of nations. Here he promised Abraham the land of Canaan, in addition and conditioned this promise upon the rite of circumcision. The un-circumcised was to be cut off. Because of the obedience of Abraham in offering his son, Isaac, God again called attention to the covenant that Abraham was to be greatly blessed and all nations were to be blessed through him. Gen. 22:16-18. The promise of the land and the promise of the blessing to humanity were both given through Isaac in Gen. 26:3-5. The covenant was to last forever, but is not to be confused with the LAW which was shown last week to have been done away in Christ. Now in Gal. 3:8 we learn that the gospel was preached unto Abraham in the promise that all nations were to be blessed through him. Again in vs. 16 we learn that the PROMISES were to Abraham and his SEED which is Christ. Then all BEFORE Christ had the gospel preached to them ONLY in PROMISE, since Christ in FACT. As the promised embraced all, so the fact embraces all. In Matt. 16:18 Christ said: "I WILL build MY church." It was then in the future—about three months before his death. (In the following quotation the Greek word used means both covenant and testament). Heb. 9:16-17, "For where a testament is, there must of necessity be the death of him that made it. For a testament is of force where there hath been death: for it doth NEVER avail while he that MADE it LIVETH." The church of Christ was established AFTER the DEATH of JESUS, not under the FIRST covenant (though

God's promise under the old continues forever) but under the NEW covenant. Now Heb. 9:15 "For this cause He is the mediator of a NEW covenant, that a death having taken place for the redemption of the transgressions that were under the FIRST covenant, they that have been called may receive the promise of the eternal inheritance." Again, Heb. 9:13 "In that he saith a NEW covenant he hath made the first OLD." Finally, "Jesus came to them and spake unto them, saying, ALL AUTHORITY hath been GIVEN unto ME in Heaven and on Earth." (King James reads "power." "Authority" is correct.) The conclusion is inevitable; Authority for the Christian is not found in the Old Testament but in the NEW TESTAMENT, and it is all summed up in Christ Jesus.

NORRIS J. REASONER.

#### ECZEMA!

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#### Sealy

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#### George & Manis

#### ROSWELL CHILDREN TO SEE REAL SANTA

ROSWELL, N. M.—Under a plan worked out by the Roswell Advertising Club, Roswell youngsters are going to see a real Santa Claus and a big Christmas tree. The tree is being brought to this city from the Capitan Mountains and will be planted on the courthouse lawn, brilliantly lighted with electric lights and will be laden with presents for the poor children of the city. A real Santa Claus is to arrive on the afternoon train on Christmas Eve and besides parading up the main streets of the city will be at the municipal Christmas tree and will distribute the gifts prepared for the poor by the various civic and charitable organizations of this city.

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#### IS PORTALES GOING TO BE A REAL SCHOOL TOWN?

With the building of the new school house it is the hope of the citizens of Portales that Portales will make a real school town. But before this can be accomplished the town must be cleaned up till the people who are looking for a school location will not be afraid to come here. We have been cautioned time and again about printing anything which would reflect on the town, but the time has arrived when conditions can no longer be ignored. If the citizens of the town want to make a real town they will have to get behind the officers with every ounce of moral support they can produce, and assist them, and demand that laws be enforced. Without this support the new school house will be as big a mockery as the Tower of Babel.

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**Honor Roll**

12th Grade.—Wanda Smith.  
10th Grade.—Jim Partin, Lawson Halford.  
9th Grade.—Jack Williamson, Dovie Stigall.  
8th Grade.—Icie Stigall, Bernice Bradford.  
7th Grade.—Gladys Page, Birdie Loughridge, Blanch Slaton.  
6th Grade.—Mantha Evelyn Hodges, Hazel Gordon, Mabel Short.

3rd Grade.—J. R. Smith.  
2nd Grade.—Vivian Schwartz, Addie Wilson.  
Primary.—Leecy Lott, Bennie Helmer.

Last Friday evening, December 9th, the Richland and Rogers basket ball teams had another fine game of basket ball on the Richland court. The game ending 3 to 36 in favor of the Richland team.

Very few were present at Sunday school Dec. 11th, on account of the singing convention at Rogers.

Miss Myrtle Wilson spent last Thursday night with Miss Sybil Lyons.

Charley Radcliff was called to the Melrose community on business last week.

While in Portales Friday, Mrs. J. W. Stigall called on Mrs. John Swafford.

We wish to thank the people of this community for the interest they show in our fine school. Several were present to witness the basket ball game Friday. All are invited to visit us and see how we are coming along.

Robert Locke has just started to school. He has been in bed with rheumatism.

Last Sunday Miss Sybil Lyons, Miss Myrtle Wilson, Donald Gordon and Lester Powers increased the growth of their muscles by pushing a car through the sand.

Mrs. Carl Swafford and Mrs. Sadie Carroll spent Saturday at Mrs. H. B. Cooper's.

Rev. J. W. Partin preached at Milnesand Saturday night and Sunday.

Miss Thelma Bailey spent Saturday night with Miss Lorena Page and went to the convention with her at Rogers Sunday.

Last week was examination week. We are all glad it is over.

We are preparing a Christmas program which will be given on Friday night, Dec. 23. All are cordially invited.

Misses Thelma Bailey and Lela Gordon spent the night with Miss Wanda Smith Sunday night. A good time was reported by them. Hairpins are plentiful around Richland. Ask Mr. Servis.

Mr. Davidson of Portales was visiting in this community Sunday.

**Eighth Grade Boosters**

We are now progressing nicely and are receiving new pupils occasionally.

The B. E. S. Society is improving greatly in English and the mistakes of the B. E. S. are gradually decreasing. We have had good attendance the past month and are hoping to have better next.

We are doing well in reading, and are now reading "John Gilpin," by Wm. Cowper.

The society is still thriving under the leadership of Miss Icie Stigall.

Our committee for the following week consists of Misses Kit Tisdale and Margaret Carroll. We hope our list of mistakes for the following week will be smaller than ever before.

**Seventh Grade Items**

The seventh grade has organized a C. T. C. club which has improved their English greatly. We hope they will do better in the near future.

We are all glad that school is going on which proves we love our teacher. We have almost completed our reader by Searson & Martin and will then study Elson's.

Wanted—A girl to iron and wash dishes. 310 Richerson St. Miss Beryl Watson.

Wanted—A boy 15 years old to clerk in store. See Add Hobbs. Snapshots

Found—On the playground, a bottle of red cake coloring which had been used in a way it hadn't order. Owner refused to claim it.

The teachers seeing that wrestle wish to thank the people of girls took it up, have made it a criminal offense.

Mr. Servis made a long speech to the history class last Monday. When he had finished, Jim asked, "What was he talking about?" Carl answered: "He didn't say."

In the history class Mr. Servis asked why the Catholic church was considered the most popular. The answer was: "because there were more Catholics than any other."

We wonder: Where Donald got his pet lion (Lyons.)

Why Jack talks so loud in history class?

What Lela Gordon was looking at when she ran off the cattle guard Sunday night.

Why Mr. Butts came to lodge Saturday night, went home and returned too late for the lodge?

**KENTUCKY VALLEY ITEMS**

We are glad to report Grandpa Taylor is much improved.

Mrs. Page is no better, still confined to her bed.

Mrs. Powell has been on the sick list for the past ten days.

Miss Mae Miller is sick this week.

Mr. C. L. Beard was sick last week.

Charley Toler is in Santa Fe this week on business.

J. G. Greaves of Portales visited at Dan Suffy's last Friday, also looking after property interests.

The Suffy's attended the sale at Rogers last Thursday.

Mrs. Lute Scott and children left for Arizona Saturday. We are sorry to drop Dorothy from our roll.

Miss Yvette Stephens has enrolled in high school.

We are going to have a Xmas tree next Friday night. Everybody is invited. There will be a program by the primary room.

Misses Louise Beard, Valora Fleming, Carrie Hendrix and Yvette Stephens all stayed all night with Vera and Dorothy Scott last Thursday night, and Bobbie Toler with Johnnie Scott, as a visit to Vera and a farewell visit to Johnnie and Dorothy.

There was a singing last Sunday night at Mr. and Mrs. Will Scott's. All report a nice time.

Arden Turnbull went over to his father's place Sunday.

Pierce Hendrix was a visitor at C. M. Myers' Sunday.

**PLEASANT VALLEY**

Mrs. J. W. Peed and her little son, Howard, came up from Roswell last week to visit Mrs. Peed's son and family, J. O. Peed.

Mr. and Mrs. Thompson and family from Portales were visiting their relatives, the Lockers, in this community last Sunday.

Barnie McCabe and Kary Wall spent last Saturday night with Haskel McRorey.

W. D. McDorman and his nephew, Vernon McRorey, left last Tuesday for Texas points.

Mrs. L. K. Jones visited Mrs. Burnett last Sunday.

Stop! Look! Listen! Santa Claus will stop on his way at the Pleasant Valley school house Christmas Eve night.

Miss Mildred McDorman visited

Miss Magnolia Ward last Sunday. J. W. Taylor took his mother to Lockney, Texas, Friday night, and returned Sunday.

Quite a few were out to Sunday school last Sunday. Come again, that is what keeps the good work going.

**BIRTHS**

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Walter Ford, of Inez, a boy, Dec. 12.  
To Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Fenton, a boy, December 21.

**To Whom It May Concern:**  
"Whoso shall cause one of these little ones that believe on me to stumble, it is profitable for him that a great millstone should be hanged about his neck, and that he should be sunk in the depth of the sea."—Jesus, Matt. 18:6. Read also Mark 9:42 and Luke 17:2. Norris J. Reasoner.

**MORTUARY**

The funeral services of Miss Mathilda Henrietta Bohn were conducted at the family residence in Portales at 2:30 P. M. Thursday, December 15, with Rev. Richards in charge, assisted by Rev. A. K. Scott.

Miss Bohn was born at Olney, Texas, December 26, 1896. Three years she suffered but always cheerful, loving and abiding in her faith to "Him who doeth all things well." She was a member of the Evangelical Association, her Christian faith was an inspiration to those who knew her best. Another jewel in Heaven bids us to look upward through our tears—someday we will understand the glory of it all and will meet our Savior, and redeemed loved ones face to face.

Interment in the local cemetery was attended by a large crowd, with many expressions of love and sympathy for the bereaved. The beautiful floral offerings were only typical of her sweet young life in our midst.

The pall bearers were R. A. Palm, O. S. Strickland, H. V. Thompson, J. W. George, Joe Naylor and Jim Cyphers.

Joyce-Pruit Company will be closed all day Monday, observing Christmas Day.

Advertisement—1tc

**Greer's Barber Shop**

Old Experienced Barbers to serve you and you get your money's worth.

Shave.....15c  
Hair Cut.....35c  
All the Best Tonics.....25c  
Cleaning and Pressing, any kind of alteration and re-lining, Hats Blocked.  
W. M. GREER

**MR. DAIRYMAN:**

Ship us your cream direct. We pay all express charges, and you cream check will amount to about \$1.00 more per can.  
EL PASO CREAMERY CO.  
El Paso, Texas.



**Your Voice at the Other End**

When the family is gathered together at the old home for the Christmas reunion, it's wonderful to be there.

But if you cannot be there in person, a long distance call is the next best way.

Station-to-station service from 8:30 p. m. to midnight costs about one-half the day rate; from midnight to 4:30 a. m. about one-fourth.

The station-to-station rate, which is considerably lower than for person-to-person service, applies when you will talk to anyone who may be at the telephone called.

Wherever you are, drop in on the absent friends via Long Distance, for an exchange of Christmas greetings.

**THE MOUNTAIN STATES TELEPHONE AND TELEGRAPH COMPANY**



**A Christmas Account**

WHAT WOULD PLEASE YOUR SON OR DAUGHTER MORE THAN A BANK BOOK WITH A SMALL DEPOSIT TO THEIR ACCOUNT FOR A CHRISTMAS PRESENT?

**THE BANK OF PERSONAL SERVICE**

**The First National Bank  
A HOME BANK**

CAPITAL and SURPLUS \$65,000.00

Portales, New Mexico

Call at my Cream Station and receive a beautiful

**De Laval Calendar**

**FREE!**

Terms to suit purchaser on De Laval Separators and Milking Machines. . . .

**CHAS. NELSON**

PORTALES, NEW MEXICO

MICKIE SAYS—

WHEN YOU'RE HUNGRY AND WANT A GOOD STEAK, YOU DON'T HUNT ALL OVER TOWN FOR THE CHEAPEST ONE YOU CAN FIND AN' YET SOME BUSINESSMEN BUY PRINTING THAT WAY AND ARE PEEVED BECAUSE THEY GET CHEAP WORK.



SAY THE WORD AND WE'LL MAKE YOU FAMOUS!

GRADLER'S

**QUALITY**

The whole world loves Quality, honors Quality—in the palace of the king, in the humble cot of the peasant.

The youthful lacemaker, plying her tireless needle in the sun and deftly weaving fairy fancy into exquisite design for Milady's decoration, is an originator of Quality.

Your advertisements should express Quality. That vital suggestion is in the attractiveness of the ad.

**..Portales Valley News..**

Portales, New Mexico

**The Portales Valley News**  
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DEMOCRATIC IN POLITICS

CHRISTMAS GREETING

1922 years ago the wise men of Egypt followed the Star of Bethlehem to the manger where the Christ Child lay. On this day a new condition was born into the world. A reign of peace and love as taught by the greatest character the world has ever known.

After a life which has stood the test of 1922 years of criticism, the world has not been able to find another character with as pure a record, with as noble a purpose, with as loving a nature as the Prince of Peace, whose birthday we celebrate on Christmas day.

This should be a day when all mankind give thought to the less fortunate. When all lend a hand to lift up the fallen. When all assist the needy. And never in the history of the world was there a more fitting time for the reverent praise of the greatest character the world has ever known.

On this occasion the Portales Valley News extends to its readers and their friends the best wishes of the season, and bespeaks for them a full share of the peace which has been handed down through the ages by the Babe of the lowly manger.

In recording the news of the day, a publisher gains no pleasure in recording the misfortunes of an erring brother. To suppress the news may be a virtue—or may it not be a crime? The publishing of the news may serve as a warning to some less fortunate. But whatever may be the motive or result, an editor is not his own master. He must give the news of the day regardless of where it hits. Of as a newspaper man he is a failure. Would that the columns of this paper could contain nothing that was not bright and encouraging, would that all heartaches could be banished. However while under the present management its columns will never be used to satisfy a personal spite of anyone. Every effort will be made to give authentic news. The man who praises us today, may condemn us tomorrow. We may never rank in the halls of fame as a brilliant editorial writer, and we ask no more than that it can be said of us that it is the paper of the people—to be classed as one of them and to be taken into the warmth of their hearts as one of the common people is the greatest honor that can be bestowed upon any one.

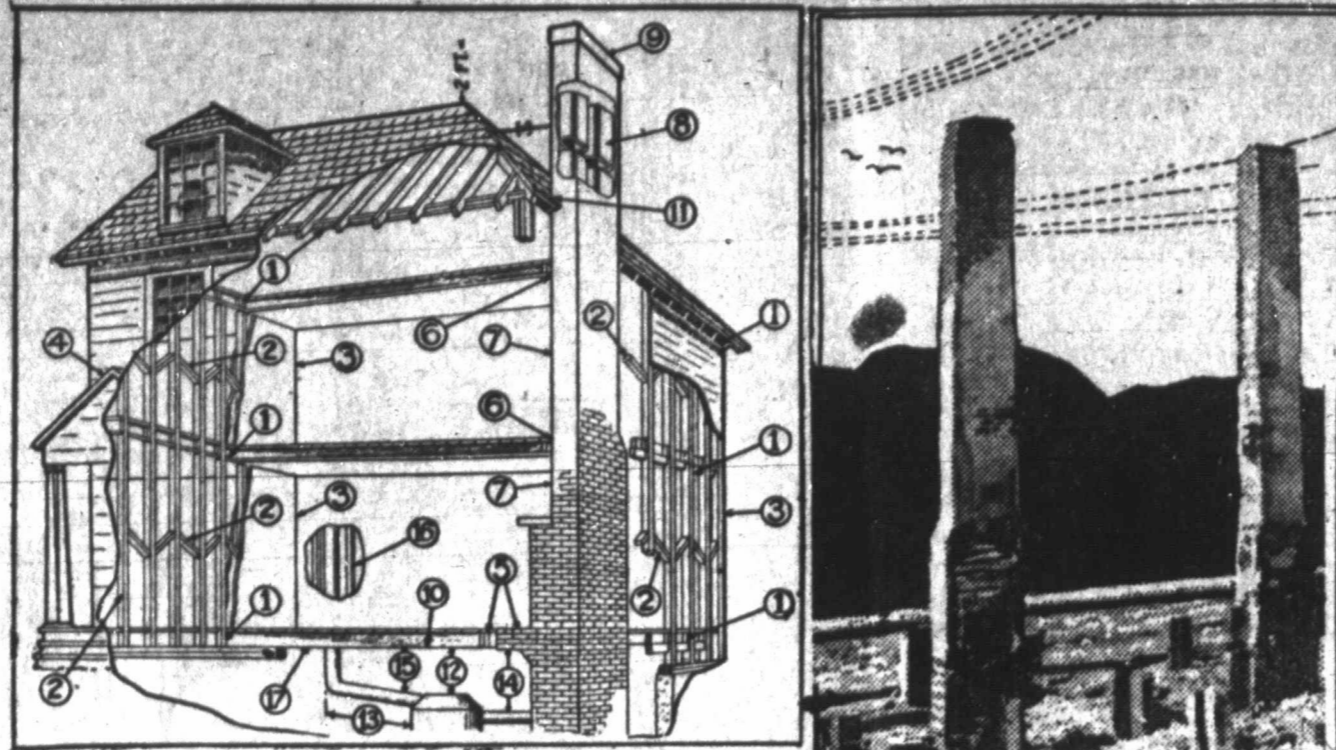
In the next issue of this paper will appear the first installment of our new serial. This is by Francis Lynde, author of the "Wreckers" which proved so popular with our readers last spring. This is a story which would cost you \$2.00 in book form. You get it free in this paper. To insure not missing an installment, note the date on the margin of your paper and renew your subscription today.

Portales merchants enjoyed a splendid holiday trade. The stores have been packed for the past week and we doubt if there is a child in the county who will not receive a substantial visit from Santa.

They met on the bridge at midnight.

But they'll never meet again. For one was an east-bound heifer. And the other a west-bound Santa Fe train.

**Science Cuts Frame House Fire Risk In Half**



Plan by N. L. M. A.  
Sketch Illustrates New Features of Fire Resistant Construction.

**D**ANGER from fire in frame houses has been reduced fifty per cent. through improvements in construction worked out by the most competent engineers in the lumber industry. This announcement has just been made after these engineers have been working upon improved designs in frame construction during the past year with a view to reducing the fire hazard for wood houses to a minimum. Practically no change in appearance in houses constructed by the improved methods and very little, if any, additional cost is involved, but the methods recommended by the engineers give protective features making the frame house essentially resistant to fire. Interposing of panels and short pieces within spaces that ordinarily serve as flues for rapid spread of fire, for instance, reduces danger from this cause. Other protective improvements prevent wooden parts catching fire from chimneys, fireplaces, heating plants and steam and hot water pipes. While wood will burn and there is no such thing as a "fireproof" house within the reach of the ordinary pocketbook, the new protective measures devised by the lumber engineers offer an economical type of construction that is fire resistant and as nearly fireproof as frame construction as now developed can be made, according to their conclusions. The methods conform strictly to the scientific codes of the most progressive cities and carry a minimum of fire risk because of the necessarily slow spread of combustion in houses following the new type of construction.

All That Was Left of a Frame Dwelling Built by Old Methods.  
(Numbers Correspond to Those on Sketch)

- (1) Fire stopping at all intersections of walls and partitions with floors, ceilings and roof.
- (2) Herring-bone fire stopping in partitions midway between floor levels.
- (3) Partition and wall corners framed solid.
- (4) Wall between porch attic, and house sheathed solid.
- (5) Header beams 20 inches from the fireplace breast. Incombustible hearth.
- (6) Wooden members 2 inches from chimney, space between filled with loose incombustible material.
- (7) Plaster applied directly to chimney breast.
- (8) Flue lining in chimneys.
- (9) Top of chimney 2 feet above-peak of roof.
- (10) Protection over heating plant.
- (11) Roof framing 2 inches from chimney, flashed, permitting free movement of chimney.
- (12) Top of heating plant 15 inches from ceiling.
- (13) Furnace 8 feet from warm air riser.
- (14) Smoke pipe 1 1/2 times its diameter below the ceiling.
- (15) Heat pipes 6 inches below ceiling.
- (16) Doubled tin pipes, 3/4-inch air space between in partitions, kept 1 inch from all woodwork. Steam and hot water pipes 1 inch from woodwork.
- (17) Heat pipes running through floors, fire stopped with loose incombustible material.

Wednesday's tragedy brings to mind that the murderer of Duncan who was shot in the back on the highway north of Portales last spring, is still at large. It would be quite a feather in the hat of the officer who brings this man or men to justice.

S. A. Greaves, of the News, received a very much appreciated present from his son, J. M. and his nieces of Smith county, Texas. It consisted of a box of real holly and some East Texas hickory nuts.

C. M. Dobbs returned last Friday from a visit of several weeks to his old home in Mississippi. While away Mr. Dobbs attended the Confederate Soldier's reunion at Chattanooga, Tennessee, and also took part in a fox hunt.

Joyce-Fruit Company will be closed all day Monday, observing Christmas Day.  
Advertisement—lts

The Portales Valley News now has on hand a supply of standard notes bound in books of 25 each at 25c per book.

**"SAY IT WITH FLOWERS"**  
We specialize in Floral Designs and all kinds of Cut Flowers in season, also blooming plants and ferns.  
First-class designers with life experience.  
Largest floral establishment in the Panhandle.  
**AMARILLO GREENHOUSE**  
A. Alenius, Prop.  
Phone 1116 Box 101  
Amarillo, Texas.

Christmas preparations at the different churches are under full way and it is safe to say that every child in reach of Portales will be remembered this Christmas.

**LOCAL MARKETS**

Cream	36c
Turkeys	25c
Eggs	30c and 40c
Chickens	10c
Hens	10c
Maize and Kafir	55c
Corn	75c

**Not Because It is an Honored Custom,**

But because of the sincerity of our appreciation we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity the past twelve months and we will wish you a MERRY CHRISTMAS and a HAPPY NEW YEAR.

**J. B. Sledge Hardware Company**

**TOOT YOUR HORN**



If you toot your little tooter and lay away your horn, within a week there's not a soul will know that you were born. The man who tries to advertise by short and sudden jerks is the man who's always kicking because it never works. That's the way it's put by Hubbell, and, by heck, he puts it well.

Try a little tooting in  
**THE PORTALES VALLEY NEWS**

**The GIRL A HORSE AND A DOG**

By FRANCIS LYNDE



**F**ROM a silver-spoon and soft-mattress existence, Stanford Broughton suddenly is confronted with the alternative of looking for a job or, another kind of quest, try and locate a mysterious legacy left him by an eccentric grandfather.

He does not know the character of the property, but the grandfather's directions say that it is somewhere between the 105th and 110th degrees of longitude west from Greenwich, and the 35th and 40th degrees north latitude. When he finds it he will be able to identify it by the presence of a girl with brown hair and blue eyes, a small mole on her left shoulder, a piebald horse and a dog with a split face—half black and half white. He is game and he starts to look for the combination. The troubles he has in locating it and the adventures and dangers through which he passes in securing possession of the property, also the romantic incidents in which the girl is a figure, make up this very fascinating narrative.

It is Mr. Lynde's habit to tell stories like this, and there are readers in multitudes who would be sorry to have him depart from the custom.

READ IT AS A SERIAL IN THESE COLUMNS

FRANCIS LYNDE



Mystery, Romance,  
Adventure, Character  
and Humor

**The Girl  
a Horse  
and a Dog**

By FRANCIS LYNDE

THE clever author of "The Wreckers" and other great railroad tales, has turned his attention to a different theme. It is of the West, matchless in its expression of the out-of-doors, with charming human types and an absorbing and fascinating wealth of incident. The search for a lost mine is interwoven with a most delightful love story. Watch for it as a serial in this publication. If not a subscriber, become one now.

**You Must Not Miss It!**

Francis Lynde is another example of "When a Man Comes to Himself," the title of an excellent little book, which ex-President Wilson wrote for young men some years ago. He was born at Lewiston, N. Y., in 1856, went to Denver as a young man, got him a job on a railroad, married a nice young woman and sailed along in obscurity until he was thirty-seven years old. Then he woke up and took his pen in hand. What he had to say didn't stir the nation appreciably during the first five years. In 1898 he wrote three novels within 12 months, each one of which was a ten-strike. After that it was easy. Mr. Lynde has romanticized the railroads of the West and written many other fascinating tales of that region. We have been fortunate enough to secure his late story, "The Girl, a Horse and a Dog," as interesting as its title implies, for serial reproduction in this publication. You must read it!

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# SOCIETY

**Seventh Grade Entertains.**  
Miss Maurine Rice entertained her pupils the 7th grade, at the home of Mrs. J. P. Stone Wednesday evening of this week. These young folks had a real jolly time in a real-social way.

**Mrs. Arthur Jones Entertains the Kiddies.**  
After school Wednesday evening Mrs. Arthur Jones entertained the little fellows who compose her Sunday school class. These report a real jolly time while the guest of their teacher.

**Miss Sybil Dean Entertains.**  
Wednesday evening at the home of her parents west of town, Miss Sybil Dean entertained her school mates, the "notorious" freshman class with a social Reports are that they turned out in full force, with two of the high school teachers as chaperones. Knowing the meaning of freshmen as you all do, we are awaiting a fuller report from Mr. Dean as to whether they left a particle of his house and farm.

The Christian Ladies Aid met Thursday, December 15th, with Mrs. McMinn. Mrs. Reasoner outlined some new work for the coming year which the society voted to adopt. The society will be reorganized and the new work taken up the first of the year. After the business session, the hostess served delicious refreshments to Mesdames Ribble, Moore, Reasoner, Hart, McCormack, Morrison, Robertson, Graham, S. N. and G. W. Hancock, Catt and McMinn.

## WITH THE CHURCHES

**PENTECOSTAL CHURCH**  
Sunday school at 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m.  
Prayermeeting Thursday at 8 p. m.  
You are always welcome to come and worship with us.  
A. C. BATES, Pastor.

**BAPTIST CHURCH**  
"Where Was Christ Before Christmas?" is the subject to be used at the 11 o'clock hour next Sunday. Come and let us make it a great day. You are always welcome to attend all our services.  
J. F. NIX, Pastor.

**NAZARENE CHURCH**  
We would like to see you at the Nazarene church Sunday, December 13. Special services at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.  
Subject for the morning hour: "Feeding the Hungry." Evening hour: "What Must I Do?" Follow the crowd to these services.  
A. K. SCOTT, Pastor.

**ROGERS CIRCUIT**  
Rogers, July 4th Sunday.  
Floyd, August, 1st Sunday.  
Causey, 3rd Sunday.  
Inez September 1st Sunday.  
Shady Grove, September 3rd Sunday.  
Rev. W. G. Fondren, P. C.  
Rogers, N. Mex.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH**  
Good audiences both morning and evening last Lord's day, also an increased attendance at the Bible school. Plans have been made for a Christmas party and tree at the church from 6:30 until 9:00 o'clock on Christmas Eve. Everybody welcome.

**METHODIST CHURCH**  
The pastor regrets very much that he was unable to fill the pulpit of the Methodist church last Sunday. We are glad to announce that we will be able to meet the congregation next Sunday however.  
We are looking for a great crowd both morning and night.

As Christmas comes on Sunday, let's make it a real celebration of the greatest day in human history, by every man of us being in church both morning and evening.

Of course we will have a large crowd at the Christmas tree and Sunday school program Saturday night. The program begins at 7:30. Come and see Santa with the kiddies.  
Last Sunday the Sunday school broke all records in both attendance and collections. There were 204 in attendance, with collections amounting to \$27.47.

Sunday school at ten o'clock, preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Morning subject: "Peace." Evening subject: "Rooms all Taken." In the evening service the pastor will relate an experience which he had in Fort Worth, Texas, two years ago. He saw the sign "Rooms all Taken" shoved four times in the face of a man who was almost dying.  
The pastor wishes for everybody in Portales a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.  
J. J. RICHARDS, Pastor.

## NOTICE

The News office will be closed Monday to take Christmas.

## CHRISTMAS THINGS FOR BOYS

Youngsters Like Presents That Afford Amusement as Well as Being of Educational Nature.

IT IS to be wondered if the small boy's taste and temperament are really and truly considered when buying gifts that are meant to appeal to his inventive mind, or whether we simply purchase for him some toy or object of entertainment which we in our never-falling judgment think fit that he should have. It happens oftentimes that the boy who would give half his little kingdom for the Humpty-Dumpty circus that some other small youth received as his share from the Christmas pack receives a pebble, a pair of gloves and books, and vice versa. With the host of wonderful inventions for the entertainment and education of childhood, why not study the boy's bent and give him something with which to develop his bent?

One boy, in fact many, would prize a box of tools, and these very desirable outfits may be had in any size desired; another lad of the spirited age of ten or twelve, would like a football and a suit to play in; the mechanical mind just revels over the mechanism of a wonderfully constructed railway, a miniature airplane, or just a simple engine that can be made to run gives hours of pleasure; then there is the popular pushmobile, the wonderful joy everlasting, while snow and ice lasts, sled and ice skates. If the young man is a collector of stamps, large packages of foreign postage may be had, and the nearest approach to attending a moving picture show is to give the boy a postcard projector with which he can have a picture show of his own and invite the other boys if he wants to.

To these few suggestions may be added games, boy scout stories, numerous articles of wearing apparel and possibly a wash, an Indian or some other masquerade outfit, a wigwam and so on through an indeterminate list, but give him something he wants.

**CHEAP ENOUGH**  
She: Now George, I want you to give me something cheap for Christmas.  
He: I was going to offer myself.

**Impossible to Resist Influence.**  
It is quite impossible to resist the sweet influence of the coming holidays and not to feel a thrill of sympathetic delight over that which serves to gladden all mankind. The very air seems to have caught the inspiration of the hour, and no one can fail to perceive, as he hurries through the streets, when Christmas is drawing near.

## LOCAL PERSONALS

Ed Lee was up from Kenna Saturday of last week.

George Chavers made a business trip to Tulsa, Texas, Monday.

Big line of Christmas Cards at Ed J. Neer's. Advertisement-7-2tc

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Miller were up from Elida Tuesday looking over Santa Claus' displays.

Thursday Commissioner Geo. T. Littlefield drove home in a new Ford Coupe.

Miss Leona Forbes is in from Moriarity, N. M., to spend the holidays with her parents.

W. H. Anderson left Wednesday for Brady, Texas, to spend the winter.

Go to Ed J. Neer's for toys. Advertisement-7-2tc.

The News is only \$1.50 a year.

## WHY SHE BELIEVED IN HIM

Kills Two Birds With One Stone—Engagement Ring for Christmas Present.

BEFORE opening the slight Christmas token I have brought you, Miss Clara," said Mr. MacNerve, as he took from his inside pocket a small package and handed it to the young lady in question, "I think it best to acquaint you, in my imperfect way, with the state of my feelings. To come to the point in as brief and practical a manner as possible, sparing you all the unnecessary details, I may as well tell you at once that I love you. From the moment that I first met you I was fully aware that this was inevitable. The more I set my mind against it, the more I struggled to control myself—to be strong—the more hopelessly I became involved. You will naturally ask at once why I should struggle against a passion which is admitted by all to be the source of the greatest happiness known to humanity. But I could not regard the matter in a selfish light. It was done, Miss Clara, because I have doubted all along whether a man in my circumstances had it in his power to make a girl like yourself, who has been reared in such luxury, entirely happy in the new and changed conditions that matrimony leads to. Was it right in me, I said to myself, to jeopardize your happiness by asking you to share the lot of one, who, while his present salary is a fairly comfortable one, is not at the same time prepared to say positively that he will succeed? I have now put the case before you. I know you to be a sensible girl, and one whose intuitions I am sure will lead you aright. After this brief explanation I beg of you therefore to look at my gift, and, if your heart tells you to do so, accept it from the man who loves you above all others."

Hastily breaking the seal the young girl be addressed gazed for a brief interval at the beautiful object that lay in her hand. Then advancing swiftly to where he stood she threw her arms around the neck of the man who had so worthily won her, exclaiming with a glad cry:  
"Dearest, how can I doubt you! Any man who is cute enough to kill two birds with one stone by giving a girl an engagement ring for her Christmas present cannot help but succeed!"

**PORTALES SANITARY DAIRY**  
Butter.....50c per lb.  
Milk.....12 1/2c qt.  
Milk.....7 1/2c pt.  
Cream.....40c pt.  
Call 149  
**BROWN & McKESSICK**  
Proprietors

**A WARM PAPER**  
Gets K. Lamity's  
**75c** Harpoon 1 year  
or 2 years \$1.00.  
The Hottest Paper Printed.  
**THE HARPOON**  
San Antonio, Texas

J. H. Hendrix and son, Earl, of Claudell, were in town Tuesday night on business.

Attend the candle light service at Christian church Christmas evening. Advertisement—1tc

Mrs. Anna Saunders returned Friday from a several months visit with relatives in Kentucky.

Mr. and Mrs. Nathan Stradley of Clovis, were over night visitors in the H. L. Newby home Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred McClung and Mrs. Wright of Melrose, were guests of Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Catt Friday.

Joyce-Pruit Company will be closed all day Monday, observing Christmas Day. Advertisement—1tc

N. C. Dixon of Farwell, Texas, and Miss Maud Minion of Clovis, were married here Wednesday evening by Rev. J. F. Nix. They will make their home in Farwell.

Mrs. J. C. Mabry is visiting her mother, Mrs. M. H. Taylor, of Gainesville, Texas. Mrs. Mabry will spend the holidays there.

Mr. and Mrs. H. I. Nelson and daughter of La Junta, Colo., are visiting Mrs. Nelson's parents, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Forbes.

Joyce-Pruit Company will be closed all day Monday, observing Christmas Day. Advertisement—1tc

Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Forbes are looking for all of their children and grandchildren for the Xmas holidays for a family reunion.

Mr. and Mrs. Nolan McCall are rejoicing over the arrival of a fine baby girl who came to their home Tuesday, December 20.

Mrs. T. W. Cothorn and Mr. and Mrs. John Cothorn of Claudell were shopping in Portales Tuesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Whaley Newby went to Clovis Sunday to visit their daughter, Mrs. Nathan Stradley. From there they will go to Hereford, Texas, to visit another daughter, Mrs. Nix.

Wm. Cantrell and son, Ross, and Harry White, of Floydada, Texas, were guests of H. L. Newby and family from Sunday until Tuesday. Mr. White's daughter, Miss Effice, who has been making her home with her aunt, Mrs. Newby, accompanied them home.

C. H. Radcliff and son, Roy, of the New Hope country were in town on business Monday of this week.

Christmas! Peace, joy, happiness, good will to all. Join us in worship at the Christian church. Advertisement—1tc

Mrs. Fessie Hill of Pecos, Texas, arrived this morning to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Byrd.

Miss Letha Anderson came in Sunday from Canyon City, Texas, to spend the holidays with her folks.

Dr. Hardy of Ardmore, Okla., came in Tuesday morning in his aeroplane to visit with his father, R. Hardy.

A great day at the Christian church Christmas. Attend all services. Advertisement—1tc

Kodaks for Christmas at Ed J. Neer's. Advertisement-7-2tc

Lee Johnson arrived the first of the week from Abilene, Texas, to spend the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Burl Johnson.

Last Sunday morning Commissioners C. S. Toler and G. T. Littlefield and Assessor Jack Pipkin left for Santa Fe to attend the meeting of County Commissioners and Tax Assessors.

Candle light service at 7:00 p. m. Christmas, at Christian church. Advertisement—1tc

Christmas! How appropriate to worship the Christ. The Christian church invites you.

Chas. and Joe Slack were up from the ranch south east of Elida last Saturday.

People who have been helped by Tanlac are always anxious to tell others about it. Portales Drug Store. Advertisement—1tc

R. A. Palm visited the schools in the north part of the county the first of the week and reports them in a flourishing condition.

Joyce-Pruit Company will be closed all day Monday, observing Christmas Day. Advertisement—1tc

**STOP! LOOK!! LISTEN!!**

Suits cleaned and pressed	.....\$1.25
Pants cleaned and pressed	.....50
Overcoats cleaned and pressed	.....\$1.50
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We do alterations of all kinds. Call in and look our samples over before you order your new suit.  
**THE NEW WAY CLEANERS AND DYERS**  
Next door to Owen's Shoe Repair Shop

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HAVE YOU SEEN OUR VARIED ASSORTMENT OF BEAUTIFUL AND USEFUL CHRISTMAS GIFTS?

FANCY GIFT BOXES OF TOILET WATER, PERFUMES, SACHETS, ETC.—WONDERFUL GIFTS FOR HER.

SAFETY RAZORS AND SHAVING SETS, PIPES, FINE CIGARS—THEY WILL BE APPRECIATED BY HIM.

MANY PLEASURES FOR THE KIDDIES—COME EARLY. THE PRICES ARE RIGHT.

**PIERCE'S PHARMACY**

**CLOSING OUT SALE!**

We are closing our business and will sell all Automobile Accessories at

**33 1-3 Per Cent Discount**

This includes all accessories except Tires, Gas and Oil. Beginning SATURDAY, DECEMBER 24, and ending SATURDAY NIGHT, DECEMBER 31.

**Hot Shots \$2.00; Spark Plugs 50c to 65c; Light Bulbs, Cold Patching, Etc., Etc.**

Come and get all supplies for your car. We have numerous other articles which space will not permit us mentioning. Call and investigate for yourself.

**City Service Station**

**Hardware — Furniture — Undertaking**

**BUSINESS PHONE 68** **HENRY GEORGE** **RES. PHONE 192-F2**

**PORTALES, "The House Without a Competitor" NEW MEXICO**





SAW 12 YANKEES HANGED ABROAD, WITNESS SAYS

He is Unable to Say, However, Whether Any of Them Had Been Convicted by Court Martial.

WASHINGTON, Dec. 20.—Geo. H. Taylor of Philadelphia, who served overseas, told a senate committee today that he saw with his own eyes 12 American soldiers hanged around Ia-Sur-Tille, in France, from April to June, 1918, but was unable to say whether any of them had been convicted by court martial.

One of the soldiers hanged, he declared, was tried for assault on a French girl by a French court martial, at which one American officer was present. Taylor gave the name of the soldier and said he was a sergeant from Detroit, Mich., but the committee decided to omit the name from its records.

Robert A. Harrison of Wilmington, N. C., testified that in 1917 he witnessed the lynching in France of a soldier. The victim was a Mexican from El Paso or Eagle Pass, Texas, who was charged with a crime against a woman and not tried.

"It was told that the man had to be hanged to save some officer from being cashiered," Harrison declared.

Through a pair of field glasses Harrison said he saw the lynching in which 30 men took part.

"It was a nice little necktie party," he said, "I saw the body later with a rope around the neck."

Taylor, the first witness, also declared he saw two executions. The first was on April 1, 1919, at Camp Wilson, he said, and the entire command was ordered to the gallows to witness it.

"They had a double line of soldiers at the gallows," he said, "and Major Ross was in command. The man hanged was a negro. A chaplain went to the scaffold and prayed and then they hanged him."

Dolls from 15c up, at Ed J. Neer's. Advertisement-7-2c

MERGENTHALE COMPANY SEES BETTER TIMES AHEAD

New Orleans, Dec. 12, 1921. Portales Valley News, Portales, N. M.

Dear Sirs—Have you noticed the sensational advance in the price of Liberty Bonds during the past few weeks?

This is the best indication of the strength of this country. Confidence is fast returning, because it is a fundamental fact that when bonds advance, money is becoming cheaper. Cheaper money means capital seeking opportunity, consequently many large operations such as building improvements, which have been held in abeyance until "tight money" are now keen to come to life again.

These are sure signs of returning prosperity, and profits. Good management provides modern methods.

Are you prepared for more and better business?

Sincerely, Mergenthaler Linotype Co. Fred W. Boet, Mgr.

WILL FEED STEERS

Mr. Turnbull of the Pleasant Valley community has purchased an improved feed chopper which will chop and crush the bundle and grain at the same time. He had it hauled out to his ranch last Saturday and will feed a bunch of yearling steers on some of the low priced feed of which there is an abundance in his neighborhood. Lee Ward will furnish the engine power for this machine. This experiment will be watched with interest by the stock farmers all over the county.

Notice of Meeting Proposed for Organization of a Roosevelt County Taxpayers Association.

All Roosevelt County taxpayers who are interested and can, are requested to attend a public meeting in the court room of the court house in Portales, New Mexico, at one o'clock, p. m. of December 31st instant, when and where it is proposed to organize an association of the taxpayers of the county in supplement of the State Taxpayers Association.

8-21 W. E. LINDSEY, Roosevelt County Representative.

Tanlac is made of roots, herbs and barks and contains no mineral or opiates. Portales Drug Store. Advertisement—1tc

CHICKEN THEIF OUT ON MONDAY NIGHT

The majority of Portales citizens are honest, but there are some with taste and habits of Negro Sambo. Monday night one of these came near being captured while stealing a red chicken from the hen house of the writer.

PAINTING UP FOR XMAS

The Portales Garage is now wearing a new dress of paint, preparatory to the holidays. Messrs. Stewart are taking no chances on Santa Claus missing them, and want their place of business to be in shape to receive him.

Department of the Interior U. S. Land Office

Pt. Sumner, N. M., Dec. 17, 1921. To all Proof Taking Officers—

You are advised that the Hon. Pedro Romero having qualified as Receiver of the Fort Sumner Land Office, the fees and commissions should accompany all applications and proofs.

Very truly, W. R. MCGILL, Register. PEDRO ROMERO, Receiver.

CARD OF THANKS.

We wish to express our thanks for the kindness and attention shown our daughter and sister during her illness and death, and assure our friends their kindness will never be forgotten.

Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Bohn, MISS HULDA BOHN, Mrs. H. A. WAHLERT, FRANK BOHN.

Christmas Trees by Million

NURSERYMEN grow large quantities of Norway spruce for Christmas use—rather more in the middle West, where conifers are not common in the woods, than on the eastern and western coasts, where they fringe every hillside. But the tree most commonly used is a short-needle pine found in the woods of Northern Michigan and Wisconsin. Early in September the Indians about the lumber camps of this region are set to work cutting these trees for the market, and by early November a little fleet of vessels makes its way down Lake Michigan, a Christmas tree hauled to the foremast of each one, that by this sign all may know that in their holds is a cargo which might not tempt a Captain Kidd, but is far more precious than many a one for which good ships have been scuttled.

Substitute for a Tree.

We are not going to have a Christmas tree, writes a correspondent. To make them brilliant many pretty little ornaments are needed and they cost a good deal. My plan is for a barrel in place of a tree. I have the barrel now in a closet. It is covered with old dark green cambric and the day before the great holiday I am going to pin sprigs of evergreen and holly over it. It will look pretty gay, I think, when it is filled with the gifts that are going into it now, all prettily tied and tied, and my son as jolly Old Santa Claus stands over it to deliver into its mysteries and to proclaim the names of those who are to solve them. I am sure we will enjoy our barrel as much as we would a tree.

FOR SALE—5 acres of orchard and alfalfa land, well improved, at Alamogordo. For terms and price, address Box 845, Alamogordo, N. M. 8-3tp

FOR SALE—Cheap for cash, a shoe shop. See J. L. Wilson. Advertisement—1tc

George & Manis Sell 90 Per Cent of the MATTRESSES. Why? The QUALITY and PRICE is the thing. PHONE NO. 68

PROGRAMME BAND BOYS' MINSTREL COSY THEATER, PORTALES, N. M. THURSDAY EVENING, DECEMBER 23, 1921, 7:30. PART ONE. Selection—Orchestra. Opening Chorus—"I'd Rather Say Hello Than Say Good-Bye." "A Few Facts"—Selected. Interlocutor—"Happy Jack." END MEN: Bascom Howard, Eagle Henderson, Malcolm Trout, Clifford Deen. Solo—"Little Crumbs of Happiness" Weldon Deatherage. "I Got a Gal" Rastus Howard. Quartette—Selected. Henderson, Howard, Trout and Seigner. Solo—"Slim Trombone"—Fillmore. Randy Williamson. "All By Myself" Frank Seignor. Duet—"I Got the Blues for My Old Kentucky Home" Deatherage and Fletcher. Solo—"Moonshine" Sambo Henderson. Closing Chorus—Selected. INTERMISSION. PART TWO. March—"National Emblem"—Bagley Portales Concert Band. Violin Solo—Selected. Gus B. Stephenson. Vocal Duet—"My Mammy" Lois Sullins, Zelma Taylor. Trombone Solo—"Teddy Trombone"—Fillmore. Randolph Williamson. Overture—"Princess of India"—King Portales Concert Band. Vocal Solo—"Sunshine of Your Smile" Mrs. Prue Connally. Saxophone Quartette—"Alice, Where Art Thou"—Ascher. Leach, Deatherage, Hancock, Croft. Finale March—"Chicago Tribune"—Chambers. Portales Concert Band. GOOD NIGHT! MANAGERS—Leach, Whitcomb and Ribble.

INEZ ITEMS

Early Tuesday morning a thresher passed through this community enroute to Rogers. Born to Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Ford, Dec 12, a son—Uncle Polk Williams sold eight turkeys for \$42.50. Which should we raise for money, turkeys or calves.

The postoffice is rather busy sending out and receiving Xmas packages at the present time. The next district convention of the Southeastern District of Roosevelt county will meet at regular session at Causey on the 2nd Sunday in March. By order of the chairman of the convention—Inez wishes to invite your attention to the fact that you are cordially invited to the Christmas tree and program Saturday night. The holidays seem to be celebrated by public sales in this part of the county.

Let everybody remember that there are to be services at Inez from Saturday night until Thursday night. Come yourself and don't forget to tell someone. L. W. Whitfield has purchased himself a truck this week and left it at Inez until repaired.

MARRIAGE LICENSE. Tuesday, marriage license were issued to Miss Ella Rowland and Mr. Horace Tisdale, of near Lakeside. Christmas toys of all kinds. Ed J. Neer. Advertisement 7-2tc

FATHER SHOOTS DOWN SON AT BREAKFAST TABLE (Continued from Page 1) the best of his beliefs when he left the house to notify the sheriff, that his brother did not have a rock in his hand and that his

TAYLOR'S BUS LINE PORTALES AND CLOVIS. Leave Portales...6:00 a. m. Leave Clovis...1:00 p. m. Arrive Clovis...7:00 a. m. Arrive Portales...2:00 p. m. Leave Clovis...8:30 a. m. Leave Portales...3:00 p. m. Arrive Portales...9:30 a. m. Arrive Clovis...4:00 p. m. FARE: \$1.00 PLUS WAR TAX. C. M. TAYLOR, Owner. Residence Phone 81

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sister-in-law did not have a butcher-knife in her hand. He stated that after the shooting his father reloaded the gun, and that he (Alvin) grabbed it and took it away from him and unloaded it. He stated that after Clinton had been shot, Dona, (Clinton's wife) said, "I will send you to the pen or have you hung," his father turned and shot her in the back.

Mrs. Lewis Hawes, wife of the man charged with the shooting, had been confined to her bed for several days and could or would give no coherent account of the shooting. She kept saying that she could not see what was going on, but that she could hear her daughter-in-law saying, "I will kill you, I will kill you."

She also stated that she saw the butcherknife in her daughter-in-law's hand. She is of a religious sect which does not believe in medicine, and would not suffer the doctors to give her relief.

A younger son testified that the rock and butcherknife were in the hands of the deceased till he was confronted with the evidence of his brother, that they had been placed there after they had been killed. This perhaps is the most revealing crime in the history of the county. A father shoots down his son in a moment of anger, then deliberately murders a defenseless woman while she is praying over the body of her dying husband.

The witnesses were sent to different neighbors for help and one to town to notify the sheriff. A telephone call for the sheriff from party who refuses to give his name. Two people unarmed, according to all testimony found armed with butcherknife and rock, after their death. A strange coincidence: Both husband and wife gripping their weapons in their left hands, while on testimony of the dead woman's sister, she nor her husband were left handed.

The dead woman and Mrs. Alvin Hawes are sisters and the daughters of Rev. Knight of Inspiration, Arizona.

Judge Fairly summoned a jury and held inquest at seat of crime. The jury being composed of W. H. Ball, Leo Braley, J. R. Hatfield, R. D. Anderson, J. D. Throgmorton and F. M. McDermott. After hearing the evidence a verdict was returned as follows: "Deceaseds came to their death by gun-shot wounds inflicted by Lewis Hawes."

HEAR REV. JAMES J. RICHARDS Sunday Night (Christmas) AT THE METHODIST CHURCH Subject: "ROOMS ALL TAKEN" SPECIAL CHRISTMAS MUSIC BY THE CHOIR. In the sermon the pastor will tell of an experience he had in Fort Worth, Texas, which will aptly illustrate the text. ..A Hearty Welcome To All.

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