

The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

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SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Godfrey, a newspaper reporter, is talking with his friend Simmonds, a detective, when the janitor of the Marathon, an apartment house, comes in with the story that a murder has been committed. At the Marathon, Miss Croydon, an acquaintance of Godfrey, is found with a pistol in her hand in a room with a dead man. She denies being responsible for his death and claims that she came to his room to secure family papers which he claimed to possess. She alleges that the murder was committed by a stranger who came into the room, but states that she fired a shot at the assailant of the deceased. The bullet from her pistol was found imbedded in the wall.

Later, Jimmy, a well known crook, is arrested for the murder, but he insists on his innocence until told that Miss Croydon will appear as a witness against him. Then he suddenly asks to be locked up.

CHAPTER IV.

THE coroner's court was crowded, as it always is at any hearing presenting features of morbid or sensational interest, and Goldberg, with an in-born love of the theatre, arranged his witnesses so as to lead gradually to the climax, the denouement. He put the janitor on the stand first, and then had Simmonds tell his story. Some medical testimony followed as to the exact nature of Thompson's injuries, and the bullet, which had been extracted, was put in evidence—it was plainly much too large to have come from Miss Croydon's pistol. Finally Miss Croydon herself was called. A little gasp of delicious excitement ran through the crowd as she appeared at the door of the witness-room. Here was a tidbit to touch the palates of even the jaded police reporters.

Godfrey, looking at her as she came steadily forward to the stand, felt his heart warm with admiration. She seemed perfectly composed and, if not perfectly at ease, at least as nearly so as any woman of her position could be in such a place. Godfrey was pleased to see Drysdale in close attendance, and he nodded to him encouragingly.

Miss Croydon told her story clearly and with an accent of sincerity there was no doubting. It differed in one detail from the story she had told the night before. Thompson, she said, had perceived the intruder, and there had been a short, fierce struggle before he fell under the blow of the pipe. He was not unconscious, but was struggling to his feet again when his assailant shot him.

The coroner glanced at the jury, but none of them seemed disposed to ask any questions. Then Goldberg made a sign to Simmonds. He left the room, but reappeared in a moment, leading in Jimmy the Duke.

Not until they were quite near did

Miss Croydon perceive them; then, as her eyes met the prisoner's, she half started from her chair, her face like marble. As for Jimmy, Godfrey was astonished to perceive the fascinated gaze he bent upon Miss Croydon. Goldberg had perceived their agitation, and the gaze he bent upon the witness grew perceptibly more stern.

"Miss Croydon," he began, "you have described the guilty man as short and heavy, set with a dark mustache, turning up at the ends. Look at the prisoner before you. Is he the man?"

"He is not," replied the witness in a firm voice and without an instant's hesitation.

"You are sure?"

"Perfectly sure; there is little or no resemblance."

"That is all," he said abruptly. "You may go, Miss Croydon."

She passed from sight, the door closed, and Godfrey leaned back in his chair to hear Jimmy tell a smooth story of his doings the night before. Magraw and half a dozen others confirmed the tale; it was a really good allibi, carefully arranged; there was nothing to disprove it, and at the end the jury, without retiring, handed in the usual verdict of death at the hands of a person unknown.

When it was over Simmonds crooked at Godfrey an inviting finger, and together they went down to the detective's private office.

"Sit down," said Simmonds. "I want to talk to you. We're up against a tough proposition."

Godfrey sat down and looked at him.

"Have you gone through Thompson's belongings?"

"Here they are," and Simmonds brought out a canvas bag and opened it. "Look at them."

Godfrey turned out the contents and examined them piece by piece. It was merely a lot of ordinary clothing, most of it much the worse for wear and all of it strongly impregnated with the odor of tobacco.

"Anything in the pockets?" asked Godfrey.

"Not a thing except some loose smoking tobacco. There's one thing about the clothing, though—have you noticed? It's all summer clothing; see these linen trousers, now?"

Godfrey nodded with drawn brows.

"What's this?" he asked suddenly, holding up a smart object shaped like a clam shell and having in the same way along the sharp edge.

"I don't know. A curio picked up at sea somewhere, perhaps. I have a theory that Thompson was a sailor."

"Why?"

"Well, the bag, in the first place—only a sailor would carry his clothes that way. Then put your head down in it and under the tobacco you'll smell the salt."

Godfrey sniffed and nodded again. Then he got out his knife.

"Let's take a look at the inside of Mr. Thompson's curio," he said, and inserted the blade.

A twist and the sides unclosed. Simmonds sprang back with a sharp cry of surprise as he saw what lay within,

and even Godfrey's heart gave a sudden leap.

For there, coiled thrice upon itself, lay a little viper, with venomous, triangular head.

"Then in an instant Godfrey smiled. "It's not alive," he said. "Don't you see, it's some marvelous kind of nut." Simmonds approached cautiously and took another look.

"A nut?" he repeated. "A nut? Well, that beats me!"

And well it might, for in every detail the form was perfect. Godfrey looked at it musingly.

"This may give us a clue," he said. "I shouldn't imagine a nut like this grows in many parts of the world, though, of course, a sailor might pick it up anywhere—from another sailor, in a slop shop, even here in New York, perhaps."

He closed the shell together again and placed it in the bag, stuffing the rest of the clothing in after it.

"Thompson had no very exalted idea of cleanliness," he remarked. "His clothing needs a visit to the laundry. And this is all?"

"Yes. He'd rented his furniture from a store down the street. He had to pay his rent in advance because he had so little baggage. That receipt's the only thing that's got his name on it—oh, yes. There's a letter tattooed on his left arm, but it's not a T—it's a J."

"Which goes to show that his name wasn't Thompson. I think you're right, Simmonds, in putting him down as a sailor. I thought so last night; in fact, I've already got two men making a tour of the docks trying to find somebody who knew him."

"Have you?" said Simmonds, smiling.

"That's like you. There's another curious thing, though, about the clothing he had on."

"What is that?"

"Some of it's marked with one initial, some with another. Not one piece is marked with his."

The door opened and the coroner's clerk entered.

"Mr. Goldberg sent the exhibits back to you," he said, holding out a parcel to Simmonds.

Simmonds opened it and took out a pocketbook, a pipe, a knife and some silver money.

"All right," he said, and signed a receipt.

Godfrey waited until the door closed, then he rose and came over to Simmonds' side.

"There's something here that might help us," he said, picking up the pocketbook. "Those newspaper clippings—why, they're not here!"

Simmonds smiled dryly.

"That's another thing I wanted to tell you. The clippings have been removed."

"Removed? By whom?"

"That's a question. They were removed some time between the moment we looked at them and the moment the coroner took charge."

Godfrey stared at him with startled eyes.

"You remember," Simmonds continued, "that after we looked at the pocketbook I put it back in Thompson's pocket."

"Yes; I saw you do that."

"We then went into the bedroom and had a look around, leaving the body alone."

"With Miss Croydon," said Godfrey, completing the sentence.

"There's another thing," continued Simmonds after a moment. "Here's the piece of pipe we found on the floor. Do you know where it came from?"

"No—I was going to look that up."

"It came from the radiator. The connections were defective, and a plumber was replacing them. This is a piece of pipe he had removed and left lying behind the radiator. He remembers it distinctly. Do you recall the position of the radiator?"

"Yes; opposite the bedroom door."

"Exactly. Then the person coming from that door must have crossed the room to get it. More than that, he must have hunted for it or known it was there. Miss Croydon knows more than she's told us. I don't think she's been square with us."

"Well, perhaps she hasn't," Godfrey said slowly. "Anyway, we've got to work at the case from the other end. We've got to identify Thompson first."

"Yes," agreed Simmonds. "You'll let me know if you find out anything."

"Of course," said Godfrey, rising, and with a curt nod he went out and down the steps to the street.

At the office he found two reports awaiting him. One was from the man he had sent along the docks—they had found no one who could identify the photograph of Thompson. The other was from Delaney, the head of the Record's intelligence department. At 2 o'clock that morning, just before retiring, Godfrey had phoned a message to the office:

Delaney: I want all the information obtainable concerning the history of the Croydon family, to which Mrs. Richard Delroy and Grace Croydon belong.

This was the result:

Gustave Croydon, notary and money lender, 17 Rue d'Antin, Paris, removed with wife and young daughter about 1873 to Beckenham, just south of London, England. Why he removed from France not known. Rue d'Antin has been completely rebuilt within last thirty years, and only person there now who remembers Croydon is an old notary named Fabre, who has an office at the corner of Rue St. Augustin. He has vague memory that Croydon left France to avoid criminal prosecution of some sort.

Croydon bought small country place near Beckenham and lived there quietly in semi-retirement. Fortune apparently not large. In 1891 mortgaged estate for £2,600.

mortgage paid in 1897. Religion, Catholic. Excellent reputation at Beckenham.

Elderly daughter, Edith, born in France Aug. 28, 1874. Educated at school there, but broke down from overstudy and returned to Beckenham, where she became interested in social settlement work. There met Richard Delroy, New York, who was making investigation of London charities. Married him June 6, 1900, and went immediately to New York.

Only other child, younger daughter, Grace, born at Beckenham—May 12, 1880. Educated at home. No unusual incidents in life so far as known.

Croydon and wife died, typhoid fever, 1901. Delroys came to England and after selling property and settling estate took Grace home with them. Estate, left wholly to younger sister, paid inheritance tax on £7,500.

Godfrey read this through slowly, dwelling upon it point by point.

"The skeleton," he said to himself, "is pretty plain—it lies concealed somewhere behind Croydon's departure from France. There must have been some unusual reason for that—a reason even more serious, perhaps, than this threatened prosecution—the clippings would tell the story."

"But is it worth while trying to dig it up? It wouldn't be a difficult thing to do if the newspapers handled it at the time, but I don't know," and he stared out through the window with drawn brows. "If it's buried again, I believe I'll let it rest—for the present, anyway," and he whirled back to his desk.

He wrote the story of the day's developments and turned it in.

"We've been lucky," said the city editor, with a gleeful smile as he took the copy. "We've got photographs of all the principals."

"Have we?"

"Yes—they cost \$500, but they're worth it. No other paper in town will have 'em."

"That's good," said Godfrey, but it was a half-hearted commendation, and he left the office in a frame of mind not wholly amiable. The methods of a popular newspaper are not always above reproach.

"Thank heaven," he added to himself, his face clearing a little, "there's nothing in my story to implicate either Miss Croydon or Mrs. Delroy—there's no hint of the skeleton! I took care of that which," he concluded, with a grim smile, "is mighty forbearing in a yellow journalist."

What further tests there were to be of his forbearance not even he suspected!

Gems In Verse

OLD FAVORITES.

Sweet and Low.
Sweet and low, sweet and low,
Wind of the western sea,
Low, low, breathe and blow,
Wind of the western sea!
Over the rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon and blow,
Blow him again to me!
While my little one, while my pretty one sleeps.

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest;
Father will come to thee soon;
Rest, rest on mother's breast;
Father will come to thee soon.
Father will come to his babe in the nest—
Silver sails all out of the west
Under the silver moon!
Sleep, my little one; sleep, my pretty one, sleep.

—Tennyson.

When the Frost Is on the Punkin.
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock,
And you hear the kyeok and gobble-
of the struttin' turkey-cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the
cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylooyer as he tips
toes on the fence,
Oh, it's then the times a feller is a-feelin'
at his best,
With the risin' sun to greet him from a
night of peaceful rest
As he leaves the house bareheaded and
goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock.

Their's something kind o' hearty-like
about the atmosphere
When the heat of summer's over and the
coolin' fall is here,
Of course we miss the flowers and the
blossoms on the trees,
And the mumble of the hummin' birds
and the buzzin' of the bees,
But the air's so appetizin' and the land-
scape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airy
autumn days
Is a pictur' that no palater has the col-
orin' to mock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock!

The husky, rusty rustle of the tossels of
the corn
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as
golden as the morn';
The stibble in the furies, kind o' lone-
some-like, but still
A-preachin' sermons to us of the barns
they're growed to fill;
The straw stack in the meadow, and the
reaper in the shed,
The houses in their stalls below, the
doves overhead—
Oh, it sets my heart a-tellin' like the
tickin' of a clock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock!
—James Whitcomb Riley.

Christmas For the Birds.

A traveler in Sweden tells of a beautiful Christmas custom in that land which may well be imitated in many lands. He says: "One wintry afternoon at Christmastide I had seen skating on a pretty lake three miles from Gothenburg. On my way home I noticed that at every farmer's house there was erected in the middle of the dooryard a pole, to the top of which was bound a large full sheaf of grain. In answer to my question as to the meaning of it my companion replied: 'Oh, that is for the birds—for the little wild birds. They must have a merry Christmas, too, you know.'"

Kind Old Man.

Ascum—What did that rich old uncle of yours give you for Christmas? Something useful, I'll bet.

Hauskeep—Yes, a little device for saving coal bills.

Ascum—Ah, an arrangement to attach to the heater?

Hauskeep—No, to keep on my desk. It's a bill file.

ORDINANCE NO. 6.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Canyon City, Texas, that—

For the purpose of guarding against the calamities of fire, as well as to encourage the erection of fire proof buildings around and near the public square and by which the lowest rate of insurance may be obtained for merchandise kept therein, the following fire limit is hereby defined and established, to-wit: All of blocks numbers Thirty-one (31), Thirty-two (32), Thirty-three (33), Forty (40), Forty-two (42), Forty-

three (43), Forty-four (44), Forty-five (45), Forty-six (46), Forty-seven (47), Forty-eight (48), Forty-nine (49), Fifty (50), Fifty-one (51), the same being the four blocks immediately fronting on the public square and the four blocks known as the Key blocks at the respective corners of the said square as the same are platted and shown on the maps of said city.

Sec. 2. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to erect, construct, build or place any wooden building on either of the eight blocks above named, or any part of either of said blocks.

Sec. 3. Hereafter every house, building or other structure to be erected on either of said blocks above named and defined as within the fire limits shall be constructed and made only of fire proof material such as brick, stone, artificial stone or iron whereof the sleepers, joists, rafters, casings, studding, floors and other inside work may be of wood.

Sec. 4. The city council may at any time, upon the written consent of the adjoining property owners liable to be effected or endangered thereby, grant a permit to any person for the erection of any building out of other material provided the size, location and proposed material be submitted with the application for such permit.

Sec. 5. Any building or structure erected or placed within the said fire limit in violation of this ordinance is hereby declared to be a nuisance and shall be removed as such.

Sec. 6. Any person who violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than twenty-five dollars nor more than one hundred dollars and may also in addition thereto be imprisoned for any length of time not exceeding ten days.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906.
Jasper N. Haney, Mayor.
Attest: C. L. Abbott, City Sec.

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Many sufferers from rheumatism have been agreeably surprised at the prompt relief afforded by applying Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It makes sleep and rest possible. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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For immediate sale over 50,000 acres in the —N— ranch plains pastures. No more agricultural land in the panhandle. Situate 3200 feet. Rainfall abundant, adapted to corn, wheat, oats, alfalfa, vegetables, cotton. Cotton yield one-half to three-fourths of bale to acre. No weevil here. Hogs thrive and are free from disease. Farms and cotton gin on the ranch property. Prospectors entertained as guests at ranch headquarters in Crosby county east of Emma.

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"Will" Foster is building a house near his own residence for his sister-in-law, Mrs. Emma Foster, who arrived here from "back east" a week or ten days ago.

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Off Santa Claus' Beat

ISPOSE there is a Santa Claus
That brings them pretty toys
An' candy an' gingsies an' things
To lots o' little boys.
But where we live down here, I guess,
Is sort o' off his beat.
I'm pretty certain, any way,
He never found our street.

He gets around to all the stores
An' fills 'em full o' things
Like sleds an' skates an' railroad cars.
The kind he always brings,
An' then he seems to love the way
To our house. An' it queer
That all the times he's come to town
He's never been down here!



HE GOES AROUND TO ALL THE STORES AN' FILLS 'EM FULL O' THINGS.

I asked my mother if I might
Go wait for him uptown
An' tell him that the boys I know
Invites him to come down,
But she just sort o' chokes an' coughs,
An' then she looks away
An' says, "He'll find us out, I guess,
An' visit us some day."

An' yet I've been a-waitin' here
So long that I don't b'lieve
I'll ever see him come at all
On any Christmas eve.
I'm goin' to ask a p'liceman if
Santa he should meet
He'll just go up an' speak to him
An' point him out our street.
—New York American.

Be a News subscriber.

CANYON CITY NEWS

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Before another copy of The News is issued the climax of the ancient winter solstitial festival—the legally adopted birthday of Christ—Christmas, will, for the good year 1906, have departed, leaving nothing but its memories behind.

To some of us "old cranks" the practices of the present day are sadly out of keeping with what the true spirit of the occasion demands.

Anciently and well within the memory of the writer, the giving of presents was confined, as on the original Saint Nicholas Day, to the children.

For "Peace on Earth" and with "good will to men" With this sentiment permeating its management The News wishes for each of its patrons a Happy Christmas.

City Council Proceedings. At a session held last Friday night with all present, except Dave Park, the following business was done, to-wit:

An ordinance (No. 5) was adopted levying an ad valorem tax of 25 cents on the \$100 for street purposes exclusively. A second section of this ordinance levies an additional ad valorem of 10 cents on each \$100 for general purposes.

Ordinance (No. 7) defining the fire limits was passed. Ordinance (No. 8) of sanitary regulations was passed.

Ordinance (No. 9) adopted regulates the running at large of stock. Ordinance (No. 10) defines certain minor offenses within the city limits.

Dr. Parsons was appointed health physician. All of these ordinances are published in this issue of The News and should be read by all interested or affected thereby.

ORDINANCE NO. 7.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that the following ordinance is hereby adopted and shall be enforced as a part of the laws, rules and regulations of said city and any and every person refusing to conform hereto, or who violates any of the provisions herein, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar and not more than one hundred dollars and in addition to such fine may be imprisoned for any term not exceeding ten days.

Sec. 1. Each owner, lessee or occupant having the control of any lot, block or other parcel of land within the city limits shall forthwith clean up said lot, block or parcel of ground by removing therefrom all decaying, unwholesome or offensive matter and thereafter keep the same clean, so that deposits or accumulations shall not be offensive, or deleterious to the health of the people.

Sec. 2. Each owner, lessee or occupant of person having the possession, control or right to control any such lot or premises shall disinfect and with earth fill up any and every sink, cesspool, closet, privy, or other place used as a repository for excrements, filth and waste on such premises and hereafter no such excrements, filth or waste shall be placed or deposited under or in the ground within the city limits.

Sec. 3. Each and every water closet, privy or other receptacle used as such closet, privy or place of deposit shall be provided by the owner or user thereof with a water tight box or drawer sufficiently large and so arranged above ground that the city scavenger can have easy access thereto for emptying, cleaning and replacing the same.

Sec. 4. Said box or drawer shall be emptied and cleaned not less frequently than once each thirty days and a part of such cleaning shall consist of covering the bottom of said box with unslacked lime. And it shall be an offense and punishable as herein provided to permit any closet or privy to become foul or offensive to an extent that such offensive condition can be detected from the outside thereof.

Sec. 5. The city scavenger shall be permitted to collect a fee of not over twenty five cents per month from the owner or user of any such privy or closet at a private residence to compensate him for the cleaning thereof. And for the cleaning of privies and closets at hotels, boarding houses, wagon yards, livery barns or other such like places he may charge a fee not exceeding fifty cents for each privy and for each cleaning and provided further that privies in this class shall be cleaned at least twice per month.

It is further ordained that the city scavenger shall be deemed and construed to be the keeper of each and every such closet in the city where the owner or user thereof employs and pays him to clean the same as provided herein and said scavenger shall, upon conviction, suffer the penalty for a violation of this ordinance, and said scavenger shall be compelled to attend and clean each and every closet and privy as herein provided whenever the owner, lessee or user thereof pays or tenders to him the lawful fees therefor.

And further, after the owners or users of such closets shall have arranged the same in substantial compliance with this ordinance and have paid or tendered the lawful fees to said scavenger such person shall be held guilty of a violation of this ordinance. Provided further, that W. J. Simpson, the duly appointed city scavenger, is hereby appointed a policeman of Canyon City with all the powers and duties incident to such office and is hereby strictly charged with the observance and enforcement of the foregoing sanitary regulations as well as all other laws and ordinances of Canyon City.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906. JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor. Attest: G. L. ABBOTT, City Sec.

ORDINANCE NO. 8.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that it is hereby made unlawful for the owner, helper or person entitled to the possession of any horse, mule, jack, jennet, cattle, sheep, goat, pig or other animal of like kind to permit such animal to run at large (day or night) within the city limits of Canyon City; and any person so offending shall upon conviction therefor be fined not less than one dollar and not over twenty-five dol-

lars for each and every such offense.

Sec. 2. The city marshal is hereby directed to take up, restrain and impound every such animal found running at large and unless reclaimed by such owner as above defined to sell such animal within ten days from the date of taking the same up, the notice for such sale shall be posted up at three public places, viz: One at the court house, one at the postoffice and one at some other public or business place in Canyon City for not less than seven days before such sale which shall be made to the highest bidder for cash and all of the proceeds not necessary to pay the fees below named shall be paid to the city treasurer and by him held and paid to the owner thereof as other city warrants are paid. The fees of the marshal under this ordinance are and shall be as follows, viz:

- 1. For taking up each animal \$1- 2. For feeding each animal, per day, 50 cents. 3. For selling each animal \$1- Pound fee for keeping per day for each animal 25 cents.

The city marshal may establish or rent (at his own expense) a pound, lot or other enclosure in which to place and hold all animals found at large in violation of this ordinance, and any person who shall take away or turn out any animal impounded or put up by him without his consent, shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and fined therefor not less than five dollars and not more than twenty-five dollars.

This ordinance shall go into effect and be strictly enforced on and after the 1st day of January, 1907.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906. Jasper N. Haney, Mayor. Attest: G. L. Abbott, City Sec.

ORDINANCE NO. 9.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that it is hereby made unlawful for any person to do any of the acts herein below specified within the city limits.

1. To fire or discharge, within the ordinary definition of such terms, any gun, pistol, or other like firearm. 2. To fire, ignite or cause to explode, any roman candle, pyrotechnic, firecracker, or other like explosive within the fire limits of Canyon City.

3. To kick, throw or play any football, baseball or other ball or device of amusement on the public square, or on any public street in the corporate limits. 4. To remove from its accustomed place, or from the place where the owner left it and had the right to leave the same, any property, without the consent of the owner.

5. To deface, mark, scratch or caricature with pen, pencil or by any other means, any public property or the property of any other than the person so offending.

6. To ride or drive on any public street or on the public square at an unusually fast, dangerous or reckless rate.

7. To ride, drive or lead any animal or bicycle or other vehicle on any sidewalk in the city limits provided a person may lead a bicycle on the sidewalks.

Any person guilty of a willful violation of any of the foregoing prohibited acts shall be fined not less than one dollar and not more than five dollars.

This ordinance goes into effect at once.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906. JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor. Attest: G. L. ABBOTT, City Sec.

ORDINANCE NO. 5.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that there shall be and is hereby levied an ad valorem tax for the year 1907 of ten cents on each one hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property in Canyon City not exempt from taxation by the constitution and laws of this state, for general purposes.

Sec. 2. There is also hereby levied a tax of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property within said city for the year 1907 to be used and expended in the construction of permanent street and sewerage and such like improvements during said year 1907.

Sec. 3. The tax herein levied shall be due and payable on the first day of April, 1907, and all such tax which is not paid by the first day of May, 1907, shall therefore become, and is hereby declared delinquent and the property on which such tax is assessed shall be subject to sale as provided by law and a penalty of ten per cent upon all such delinquent tax is hereby fixed and levied and shall be collected

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with such delinquent tax.

Sec. 4. The rules for listing, rendering, assessing, equalizing and collecting the taxes and penalties herein provided for shall be the same as are prescribed for the assessment and collection of the state and county taxes and the statutes relating thereto are hereby adopted in so far as they apply and where not otherwise specifically provided for by the charter and ordinances of this city.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906. JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor. Attest: G. L. ABBOTT, City Sec.

Hon. Carl Gilleland, county chairman of the Deaf Smith Democratic executive committee, was in town Tuesday on his return home from a trip to Tulsa. Questioned about Senator Bailey he said that while personally against him, he thought his county was about equally divided on the proposition to retire the senator to private life.

Death—Joe Reid, of Reid Bros., painters and paper hangers, died yesterday. His death grew out of a chronic ailment. Mr. Reid was a fine man and one of the best and most artistic painters in the Panhandle. His relatives live near Louisiana, Missouri, to which place his body will be shipped for burial.

The Tulsa Standard came out last week with a Christmas edition of eight pages including the colored cover and all of it full of display ads from the business men of Tulsa.

READ THE ORDINANCES.

This week The News again submits to its readers a lot of interesting reading in the way of more city ordinances.

The sanitary regulations and the stock law going into effect as they do, almost immediately, should come in for particular consideration on the part of our citizens.

The attention of our boys should also be called to the firecracker ordinance and also to that portion of it prohibiting the playing of ball, foot or any other kind, on any of our streets.

Then, the driving of vehicles, riding or leading of horses, etc., on the sidewalks is also forbidden.

All of these ordinances go into effect at once and as ample provisions are made for their enforcement to the certain sorrow of the willful violator, it is well that we read them carefully.

Amarillo and Canyon City baseball fans are already beginning to talk of a "Panhandle League" for next season. They expect to take in Dalhart and Childress and have a four-club circuit. The first two towns are baseball crazy and will perhaps be able to support a team. But we doubt the ability of a league to last the season. Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News since last report, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail.

Table with 2 columns: Name and Amount. Mrs Geo Reynolds \$.50, David Thomas 1.00, W. H. Hicks 1.00, John E. Briggs 1.00, W G Weidman 1.00, J W Morrison 1.00, Lewis Saltzman 1.00.

Local Weather Record.

From Friday until Wednesday of this week all kinds of weather was indicated but only threatened and that was all.

Wednesday, yesterday and today all nice, sunny days, good enough for anybody.

Notes About Hereford.

Gathered from "The Brand." The city council has set the standard width for sidewalks at 3 1/2 feet. Should have made it even number, 4 feet anyway.

The location of the county seat of Parmer county is to be determined by an election on Jan. 5. The Brand says that Boyina will secure it as "the majority of the voters live there." Of course.

"The Brand" is expecting hundreds of immigrant families to land in Hereford during the winter and says they are coming now every day.

Hereford was "in darkness" last week, the electric light plant being out of coal.

Notwithstanding all the recent disclosures "The Brand" is still for Bailey, viewing the junior senator in the light of a martyr who is being persecuted by old political enemies. The News can indulge Bro. Ray. He professes to be ignorant of politics and then again he hails from the immaculate Joseph's home district.

The News' banner subscriber, M. N. Gallagher and his neighbor, Lewis Saltzman, purchaser and now residing on the Cruikshank home section, called on us yesterday and Mr. Saltzman added his name to our county subscription list.

A rousing meeting of the commercial club last night. Particulars next week.

HOLIDAY GOODS Before buying see my line of Watches, also a nice line of Solid Gold and High Grade Gold Filled Jewelry and Emblem Charms and Pins, Eastern Star, Woodmen, Masonic and K. P. My Repair Department is complete with Tools and material to do all kinds of Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing. ALL WORK GUARANTEED FIRST CLASS. YOURS FOR BUSINESS. J. W. HOWELL, THE JEWELER. AT WIRT'S DRUG STORE NORTH SIDE SQUARE.

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TOWN & COUNTY

PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Mr. and Mrs. Steen expect to spend Christmas at Anson, Texas.

Mrs. John Orr and children left Monday for Hillsboro.

J. H. Pinson and family left last week for Hamlin, Texas.

Fine Candies—Best in town at Wilson's.

All kinds of Racket Goods School Supplies and Confectionery at Wilson's. Try us.

M. S. Lusby will take Christmas with his brother at Elk City, Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. T. Burnett who was reported a week ago as sick with pneumonia is now getting well.

Joel Preslar has sold the northwest quarter of the block upon which he resides to Bob and Ed Pipkin.

Just Received at the Canyon Hardware Co. a Fine Line of Hand-Painted China.

Dave Park left on Friday to take Christmas with his wife at Corpus Christi.

T. W. Barrett is reported to have recently purchased a farm within five miles of Cordell, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Parks left Wednesday for Tennessee, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

C. R. Burrow went yesterday to Henrietta, where his wife is visiting relatives.

Call and see the large assortment of Fine Lamps at The Canyon Hardware Co.

Wilbert Peterson, the Jeweler is now prepared to do all kinds of engraving and do it right. See him about it.

Buy your Steel Wire fence stay from CANYON HARDWARE Co.

Miss Clara Eckman, a student of C. I. A. College, Denton, is at home for the holidays.

The public school will adjourn today until Monday, December 31st.

Judge Haney spent several days of this week in Ochiltree county on legal business.

Misses Ellen Donald and Elizabeth Sweeney, two of our public school teachers, leave today for their respective homes where they will spend the holidays.

After January 1st it won't be necessary in Canyon City to sing, "When the cows come home," for they must be there all the time.

Wade Stephens moved into C. P. Money's new residence Wednesday. Mr. Money and family also expect to move in there by the last of the week.

For tablets, pencils, pens and ink and other school supplies call at S. V. Wirt's Drug Store, north side of public square.

Sterling Coffee and wife left yesterday for Hillsboro and other points east where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Found a Hat—Near the depot, a derby with initials on the inside. Owner come to this office, identify and pay for this notice and get the hat.

A. E. Brown this week traded the south half of section 200, blk M 6 to L. E. Cowling of Washington, Arkansas, for a farm of 310 acres in that state.

Most of the Panhandle papers will miss an issue next week and take Christmas, so they say, "as 'tis the custom." The News may do so and it may not—it's owing to circumstances.

Oscar Smith returned Wednesday from a business trip to Temple and Hico. He says it rained down there steady from Friday until Monday and was cold with it.

J. L. Brown of Allen, Texas, is here to spend Christmas with his son-in-law and daughter, Elder and Mrs. Stockard. He informs the News that Bro. Stockard wrote him twelve pages concerning the killing of that deer.

Thomas Bros. have purchased from John Hutson at \$500, the quarter block adjoining the Gober residence on the west and propose at an early date to erect thereon an eighteen hundred dollar residence.

Editor Dillard of the Lubbock Avalanche, was in town Saturday. Questioned about the other newspaper recently born at Lubbock he stated that it had really proven an advantage to him, having increased rather than diminished his business.

The office occupied by the Peeper Real Estate Co. and by Judge Haney was on the first of the week moved to a lot opposite the postoffice in order to get it out of the way of the Prichard concrete building, the foundation of which is now being prepared.

John Orr and family left on Sunday evening for Stamford, near which place they expect to make their home. They are nice people and The News heartily recommends them as such to the folks among whom they go.

J. A. Wallace and family will take their Christmas with relatives at Stephenville. They left left yesterday.

In Line With the Pure Food Law.

The National Food and Drug Act which takes effect Jan. 1, 1907, does not effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that Act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with a cough or cold. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

NOTICE.

Dr. Albert J. Caldwell, of Amarillo, Texas, specialist on the diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, announces to his friends and patients through the local columns of our paper that on account of the inclement weather and continued illness, he will not make any out of town trips during the remainder of 1906.

On or about December 20th his office will be moved from its present location to the new Carson building on the corner of 5th and Polk streets, his former location before the fire.

After January 1st, 1907, Dr. J. Wright Hicks, formerly of Hereford, Texas, who has spent several months in New York and New Orleans preparing for special work on the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, will be associated with him at the Amarillo office.

Dr. Hicks has had a number of years of experience in the field of medicine, is a gentleman of sterling qualities and high reputation, thoroughly competent to do any work in this special line.

After January 1st, regular visits to Hereford, Dalhart and other points will be made as before.

His Amarillo office will be open every day from this date.

Any and all of his friends and former patients needing his services can find him at Amarillo each and every day.

The Bates Addition.

I have sub-divided this addition of land into tracts of from one block, containing 3 1-8 acres, to blocks containing as much as 100 acres. All blocks except one will front the street. Some of these blocks have alfalfa land on them and living water. For further particulars call on or address W. E. BATES, Canyon City, Texas.

Dr. Black is having an acetylene gas system installed in his residence. It will be similar to the one in use at the Keiser Bros. & Phillips office building—the chauffeur of this firm is doing the work.

A Turkey Dinner just like Mother used to have at the Model Restaurant Third door south of Victoria Hotel. LOUIS HART, Proprietor.

-- Xmas! Xmas!! Xmas!!! --

Is Almost Here and no doubt you are studying and planning as to what you shall give. We wish to inform you that in a few days there will be on display in our Store the largest and most complete line of Xmas Goods ever brought to our town. You will find here a wide range of prices from which to select the most artistic and latest designs in Holiday Goods. Our line of Cut Glass will be complete. Don't leave your home to buy Cut Glass for we will have it.

Our Stock of Jewelry is superb in beauty and very extensive. You can get Late and Original cuts in Brooches, Necklaces, Crosses, Bracelets, Stick Pins, Hat Pins, Rings, Chains, Lockets, Diamonds, Waist Sets, Collar Buttons, Gold & Silver Thimbles, Cuff Buttons, Etc. Our stock of Watches is the largest ever carried in the Town, and we can save you money and guarantee our goods.

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THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK CANYON, TEXAS. At Close of Business, November 12th., 1906. STATEMENT CONDENSED FROM REPORT TO COMPTROLLER. Includes table of Resources and Liabilities.

John Crawford has sold his residence to J. F. Hood at \$2000 and will, between now and January 15, move to Cordell, Okla.

The Canyon City Real Estate Company's steam gaging plow arrived last week and on Wednesday they were turning over Plains sod land at the rate of thirty acres per day, which is the capacity of the machine.

Mesdames Ross and Reeves left Tuesday for Oklahoma City on a visit. From there Mrs. Ross, who has spent about a year in this town with relatives, will return to her home in Florida.

I. C. Jenkins and family moved into their new town house Tuesday. They are to be congratulated in having one of the neatest and most comfortable homes in the city.

There are to be Christmas trees at all the churches under the auspices of the Sunday school organizations. They will all have them about the same time on the night of the 24th.

M. P. BROWN, Shoe Repairing Promptly and Neatly done at the Old Meisterhan's Shop.

THE "OUTDOOR" Registered Hereford Herd BULLS IN SERVICE: Ten Strike 80169 Majestic Chief 156063 Armour Dale 156843 Stock located in Pasture 1 mile north Canyon City Depot—Texas STOCK FOR SALE Apply to JOHN HUTSON, Canyon, Texas.

Mrs. B. T. Johnson was a welcome caller at The News office Wednesday and ordered a copy of The News for her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe King of Portland, Tennessee, as a Christmas present. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson at their hospitable home on December 26, will celebrate their china wedding and The News editor regrets exceedingly that he cannot respond to the kind invitation he had to be present on that occasion.

Miss McWhirter who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Rollins, returned to her home, Greenville, latter part of last week.

John H. Wills and W. H. Bush of Amarillo, were in town Monday seeing about taxes due on lands and other relevant matter.

Miss Emma Brandon left on Monday for Lampasas, at which place and at Burnet, she will visit relatives and friends for about a month, she says.

Christmas shopping is the rule now and lots of it is being done here.

J. N. Donohoe of Plainview, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. He stated to our reporter that the railroad was then in nine miles of his town and that it was confidently expected at Plainview by Christmas day.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Bertram of Deaf Smith, passed through our midst last Tuesday en route to Canyon.

L. A. Pierce and wife, Mrs. C. H. Hitchcock and daughter, Miss Mollie, left Thursday for Tennessee, where they will spend the holidays.

Miss Ora Cage and Mrs. Day went to Hereford Monday in search of old Santa.

Mr. Sailor and wife of Plainview, are here visiting their old neighbors.

Will Cage went to Amarillo Friday with a load of turkeys and to meet his brother, John, who will spend Xmas at home.

Mr. Hoffman and wife went to Amarillo Wednesday.

B. T. Johnson and wife went to Canyon Wednesday.

The thanks of the editor of The News are due this correspondent for some real nice country sausages, which was accepted with appreciation as a Christmas present.

Bob Caylor of Happy, was in town Tuesday introducing his cousin, Geo. F. Caylor, late of Colorado, who is here visiting relatives and taking in the Panhandle generally. He says he may locate with us.

Geo. C. Long is at home to spend the holidays with his family.

J. A. Wallace on Wednesday purchased from Jim Postern about 80 acres of his 160, lying two miles east of the court house at \$55 per acre. It is alfalfa land on the creek and Mr. Wallace gets the portion of the 160 acres lying east of the creek.

Of Interest to Mothers.

There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In cases of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears so as to prevent the attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so and it saves them much uneasiness. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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WILBERT PETERSON, JEWELER,
 AT THOMPSON'S DRUG STORE

Mr. Arfur's Christmas Gift

By INA WRIGHT HANSON

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HENRIETTA, on the rug by the fireplace, was absorbed in her occupation, which was putting off all of Arminia Eudella's articles of wearing apparel and putting them away again. When the last tiny garment had been adjusted to her satisfaction she found time to look at Mr. Arfur, who sat by the window, a picture of doldrums. With a regretful glance at Evangeline Bell, who was yet to be attended to, the small mother arose and went over to Mr. Arfur. Resting one hand on his knee, she gazed anxiously into his face.
 The young man roused himself and smiled down at the squarely cut locks, the great brown eyes and dimples.
 "Have you been bad, Mr. Arfur?" she inquired solicitously.
 "I don't think I have been so bad as—the bad man, Henrietta," he answered, squeezing her small hand.
 "I've been good as an angel," she remarked modestly, "so Santa Claus is going to bring me an ever dolly in a tooting cab."
 "In a what, Henrietta?"
 "A tooting-cab," she repeated; then, as Arthur failed to grasp her meaning, she exemplified patiently, "like Sister Wose's what she takes you riding in."
 "Oh, I see! A tooting car, you aristocratic-baby? No more doll wagons and go-carts for you, eh?" he chuckled, then grew gloomy again.
 "What do you want for Christmas?"
 "Something I am afraid I can never have in all this wide world, Henrietta."
 "If you are good, Santa Claus—"
 "It's entirely out of the old fellow's jurisdiction, my pet."
 The child gazed at him curiously.
 "It's a heart of fine gold that I want, Henrietta, and only one person can give it to me, and if she won't, girl!"
 "Is she a fairy?" Henrietta's tone was reverential, her eyes full of excitement.
 "The queen of them all."
 "And has a crown on?"
 "Yes, a crown of her own golden hair, and her eyes are like brown velvet pansies, and she has the sweetest



"LISTEN!" HE WHISPERED.
 red lips, Henrietta. But yesterday I met her, and she hurried by, scarcely speaking, and this morning on the street she pretended not to see me, though I know she did, and all because—you wouldn't have believed such a queen of a girl would care so much because she didn't get the prize at the masquerade, would you, now?"
 "My!" ejaculated Henrietta. But her next eager question was cut short by Mr. Arfur's springing to his feet. "Sister Wose" had entered the room, and Henrietta, knowing from much experience that she was decidedly de trop when they two were together, went reluctantly back to Evangeline Bell and the fireplace.
 "Good morning," said Sister Wose, her tone suggestive of a glare of ice and a flurry of snow. "I have an engagement." But she sat down.
 "Oh, I am sorry. Then I will go," he said gently, but he also sat down.
 In his eyes, honest and gray, was a complexity of expressions as he watched her trying desperately to appear very much at her ease. Love looked from his eyes—there was no doubt of that—and admiration and approval, and yet a growing wonder that, after all, his idol could be so human.
 "I am sorry that you are angry," he began when the silence was getting tense. "Try to realize my position, Rose. I sat there, an unwilling judge—

my duty—awarding prizes to the best sustained characters in the masquerade. Among the maskers was one to whom my heart went out—a slender little figure whose white satin gown, caught loosely around the waist with a silken girdle, fell in straight folds to her tiny feet. Crowning her small head were chrysanthemums, maroon and gold, and a line of the royal flowers reached from one sweet, bare shoulder to the hem of her gown. The chrysanthemum girl was the loveliest sight in the room, but she was not the best sustained character, so—

"I hope you don't think I care because you awarded the prize to Grace Hereford," interposed the girl scornfully, "and please don't for a minute, think I am angry at anything. I am only disappointed in you." Her voice quivered a little.

"I have suspected the chrysanthemum girl of having moods," Arthur observed, looking at her reflectively. "A fellow I know has different names for her—Moonlight, White Rose, Laughing Water, Gentleness, Beauty, Wisdom. The fellow has admired her when she was gay and when she was serious, but never before has he seen her when she was unreasonable."

The chrysanthemum girl sniffed.
 "Will you kindly explain?" added Arthur.

"I had always been so proud of your strength of character," she began. "The first time I ever saw you was in a trolley car. You sat opposite me, and when the car turned the sun shone into your eyes. There was plenty of room on my side, where the sun wouldn't have annoyed you, but instead of changing your seat you got up and pulled down the curtain. I thought to myself, 'There is a man who will be master of circumstances, no matter what they are, and—'

Rose stopped in confusion as she remembered other things she had thought about this finely formed, handsome young man.
 "Go on," he said, leaning forward with great interest. "What else did you think?"

"And now to find out that you are nothing but a chameleon after all," she wailed.

"A what?" Arthur exclaimed in amazement.
 "A chameleon," she repeated fearfully. "If you are on a brown leaf you're brown; if on a green tree then you're green."
 "Well, green I acknowledge I am, for bless me if I can see what you are driving at."

"The other day when auntie was talking about the sin of wasting your time in dancing you said that you agreed with her that when there was work to do folks ought to do it. You said you were not going to the masquerade for that very reason."
 "Well, I didn't intend—"
 "You said you had several hours' work at the office that night. Then Grace Hereford came along and asked you to go, and you went!"

There was a flicker of amusement on Arthur's face which Rose did not see, being too busy winking back unweelcome tears.
 "Miss Hereford had nothing to do with it, Rose," he said gently. "I went to work, as I said. About 9 o'clock Mr. Jones, the president, came to me and said that if I could get Hasson and get his signature to a certain paper and get back by 11 o'clock he would name it worth my while. I had an idea that Hasson was managing that masquerade, and that's where I found him. He buttonholed me at once to be judge of the concern and wouldn't sign the paper unless I agreed. I saw I could get back by 11, so I stayed."

"And had plenty of time to dance with Miss Hereford," supplemented Rose sweetly, but unjudicially.
 "This time Arthur's smile was certain. "I looked for the chrysanthemum girl first and couldn't find her," he said truthfully. "I danced only once. But what made you think Miss Hereford asked me to go?"

"She said she would wager she could get you to go, and that you would dance with her first, so I went to see if I didn't think you would when you said you wouldn't, but—"
 "I see," said the young man quietly. An inborn loyalty to womanhood kept him from telling Rose that just as he had started away Miss Hereford had run to him, exclaiming that as he was so kind to award her the prize she certainly must reward him with the first dance, etc. With a sudden impulse he took Rose's little hand in his.

She sprang up, and started for the fireplace, but he held her gently back.
 "Listen," he whispered.
 On the glowing coals smoked Evangeline Bell, and on the rug, with eyes turned to the ceiling, knelt Henrietta.
 "O God," she was saying, "how I lay me down to sleep. I give my precious dolly, so you will make the fairy queen wiv the crown of her golden hair to bring Mr. Arfur the little heart he wants for Christmas. That's all, God, only please let me see her when she comes. Amen."

"Amen!" echoed Arthur fervently.
 "Grace Hereford has black hair," observed Rose inconsequently.
 "She may have green hair for all it matters to me," said Arthur, with impoliteness. "Rose, darling!"

"I wonder if God will," Henrietta was murmuring, with sad eyes fixed on the mound of ashes which was once Evangeline Bell.
 Rose went over to the fireplace and kissed her small sister. "I think God will," she said reverently; then she went back to radiant Mr. Arfur.

Duty.
 So nigh is grandeur to our dust,
 So near is God to man,
 When Duty whispers low, "Thou must,"
 The youth replies, "I can."
 —Ralph Waldo Emerson.

This office will pay 3 cents per pound for a limited quantity of clean, white cotton rags.

Christmas Cakes.
 Little cakes that will please the children either at the table or on the Christmas tree are made as follows: Bake the cakes in little patty or muffin pans and frost the tops with a white icing. Dip a small new paint brush in melted chocolate and draw a face on each. Make some crying and others laughing, the different expressions being made by the curve of the mouth line. The merest outline will be sufficient. Cut a circle of tissue paper of white or any other color like two inches larger than the cake, pink the edge with scissors and run a thread round one inch from the edge. Put a cake in the paper, draw up the thread, and a cunning little cap is formed. The pleasure of small children will well repay the trouble of making these little cake babies.—Pittsburg Press.

First Aid to Santa Claus.
 A clever idea for a Christmas night party is to have the gifts come in on a sled piled high and strapped on and the sled drawn by two lads, dubbed Santa Claus' assistants. The place cards at the supper which follows the distribution of the gifts should be tiny sleds made from cardboard and dipped in mud, then in diamond dust, the rope to be of silver cord and each sled drawn by a miniature Santa Claus about three inches high.

The Children's Festival.
 "And a little child shall lead them." The entire meaning of the festival of Christmas is contained in these words. It is the festival of the children because on this day God, the Son, the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity, took upon him human nature in the shape of a helpless and beautiful child.—Rev. John Talbot Smith, LL. D., President Catholic Summer School of America.

No More Wanted.
 "Merry Christmas, old man! And many more like it!"
 The man addressed turns a baleful, sleepless eye upon the speaker and replies:
 "Many more like it! Say, you hadn't heard that twins came to our house last night, had you?"—Judge.

"Jessie Christmas!"
 Little Jessie woke up on Christmas morning and called to her four-year old sister Mary:
 "Merry Christmas!"
 "Jessie Christmas!" promptly answered the baby.

Are There Others?
 Christmas is coming
 And Santa Claus, too,
 And, being dead broke,
 I wonder what shall I do?
 The children will cry,
 Their mother will pout—
 I'll have to go try
 Put my watch up the spout.
 —Florida Times-Union.

Notice:
 In accordance with the provision of Sec. 57, Article III of the Constitution of Texas, notice is hereby given that the Amarillo Commercial Club and various citizens of Amarillo, intend to apply to the Thirtieth Legislature of the State of Texas, to be convened in the City of Austin on the Second Tuesday in January, A. D. 1907, for the enactment of a special law authorizing and providing for the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, and abandoned and take up all that part of its line of road, and track between Panhandle, in Carson County, Texas, and Washburn in Armstrong County, Texas, which was formerly constructed and owned by the Panhandle Railway Company, being about 14.72 miles of railway, and acquired by the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, under and by virtue of an act of the Twenty-sixth Legislature known as H. B. No. 123 and appearing as Chapter XXV in the published laws of said Twenty-sixth Legislature, and requiring the Southern Kansas Railway Company of Texas, in lieu thereof, to construct and maintain its road on a direct line from Panhandle in Carson County, in a south-westerly direction to Amarillo, in Potter County, Texas; and prescribing the terms, conditions and regulations under which said old line may be so abandoned and taken up and such new line constructed and maintained.

Witness our signatures, this Nov. 12, 1906.
AMARILLO COMMERCIAL CLUB,
 By **JEFF D. BARTLETT,**
 President,
 and **JOHN K. SHREMAN,**
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The Marathon Mystery

A Story of Manhattan

By BURTON E. STEVENSON
Author of "The Holladay Case"

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SYNOPSIS PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

Godfrey, a newspaper reporter, is talking with his friend Simmonds, a detective, when the janitor of the Marathon, an apartment house, comes in with the story that a murder has been committed. At the Marathon, Miss Crofton, an acquaintance of Godfrey, is found with a pistol in her hand in a room with a dead man. She denies being responsible for his death and claims that she came to his room to secure family papers which he claimed to possess. She alleges that the murder was committed by a stranger who came into the room, but states that she fired a shot at the assailant of the deceased. The bullet from her pistol was found imbedded in the wall.

Later, Jimmy, a well known crook, is arrested for the murder, but he insists on his innocence until told that Miss Crofton will appear as a witness against him. Then he suddenly asks to be locked up.

CHAPTER IV.

THE coroner's court was crowded, as it always is at any hearing presenting features of morbid or sensational interest, and Goldberg, with an in-born love of the theater, arranged his witnesses so as to lead gradually to the climax, the denouement. He put the janitor on the stand first, and then had Simmonds tell his story. Some medical testimony followed as to the exact nature of Thompson's injuries, and the bullet, which had been extracted, was put in evidence—it was plainly much too large to have come from Miss Crofton's pistol. Finally Miss Crofton herself was called. A little gasp of delicious excitement ran through the crowd as she appeared at the door of the witness room. Here was a tidbit to touch the palates of even the jaded police reporters.

Godfrey, looking at her as she came steadily forward to the stand, felt his heart warm with admiration. She seemed perfectly composed and, if not perfectly at ease, at least as nearly so as any woman of her position could be in such a place. Godfrey was pleased to see Drysdale in close attendance, and he nodded to him encouragingly.

Miss Crofton told her story clearly and with an accent of sincerity there was no doubting. It differed in one detail from the story she had told the night before. Thompson, she said, had perceived the intruder, and there had been a short, fierce struggle before he fell under the blow of the pipe. He was not unconscious, but was struggling to his feet again when his assailant shot him.

The coroner glanced at the jury, but none of them seemed disposed to ask any questions. Then Goldberg made a sign to Simmonds. He left the room, but reappeared in a moment, leading in Jimmy the Dude.

Not until they were quite near did

Miss Crofton perceive them; then, as her eyes met the prisoner's, she half started from her chair, her face like marble. As for Jimmy, Godfrey was astonished to perceive the fascinated gaze he bent upon Miss Crofton. Goldberg had perceived their agitation, and the gaze he bent upon the witness grew perceptibly more stern.

"Miss Crofton," he began, "you have described the guilty man as short and heavy set with a dark mustache turning up at the ends. Look at the prisoner before you. Is he the man?"

"He is not," replied the witness in a firm voice and without an instant's hesitation.

"You are sure?"

"Perfectly sure; there is little or no resemblance."

"That is all," he said abruptly. "You may go, Miss Crofton."

She passed from sight, the door closed, and Godfrey leaned back in his chair to hear Jimmy tell a smooth story of his doings the night before. Magraw and half a dozen others confirmed the tale; it was a really good alibi, carefully arranged; there was nothing to disprove it, and at the end the jury, without retiring, handed in the usual verdict of death at the hands of a person unknown.

When it was over Simmonds crooked at Godfrey an inviting finger, and together they went down to the detective's private office.

"Sit down," said Simmonds. "I want to talk to you. We're up against a tough proposition."

Godfrey sat down and looked at him. "Have you gone through Thompson's belongings?"

"Here they are," and Simmonds brought out a canvas bag and opened it. "Look at them."

Godfrey turned out the contents and examined them piece by piece. It was merely a lot of ordinary clothing, most of it much the worse for wear and all of it strongly impregnated with the odor of tobacco.

"Anything in the pockets?" asked Godfrey.

"Not a thing except some loose smoking tobacco. There's one thing about the clothing, though—have you noticed? It's all summer clothing; see these linen trousers, now?"

Godfrey nodded with drawn brows. "What's this?" he asked suddenly, holding up a swart object shaped like a clam shell and halving in the same way along the sharp edge.

"I don't know. A curio picked up at sea somewhere, perhaps. I have a theory that Thompson was a sailor."

"Why?"

"Well, the bag, in the first place—only a sailor would carry his clothes that way. Then put your head down in it and under the tobacco you'll smell the salt."

Godfrey sniffed and nodded again. "Let's take a look at the inside of Mr. Thompson's curio," he said, and inserted the blade.

A twist and the sides unrolled. Simmonds sprang back with a sharp cry of surprise as he saw what lay within,

and even Godfrey's heart gave a sudden leap.

For there, coiled thrice upon itself, lay a little viper, with venomous, triangular head.

Then in an instant Godfrey smiled. "It's not alive," he said. "Don't you see, it's some marvelous kind of nut. Simmonds approached cautiously and took another look."

"A nut?" he repeated. "A nut? Well, that beats me!"

And well it might, for in every detail the form was perfect. Godfrey looked at it musingly.

"This may give us a clue," he said. "I shouldn't imagine a nut like this, grows in many parts of the world, though, of course, a sailor might pick it up anywhere—from another sailor, from a shop, even here in New York, perhaps."

He closed the shell together again and placed it in the bag, stuffing the rest of the clothing in after it.

"Thompson had no very exalted idea of cleanliness," he remarked. "His clothing needs a visit to the laundry. And this is all?"

"Yes. He'd rented his furniture from a store down the street. He had to pay his rent in advance because he had so little baggage. That receipt's the only thing that's got his name on it—oh, yes. There's a letter tattooed on his left arm, but it's not a T—it's a J."

"Which goes to show that his name wasn't Thompson. I think you're right, Simmonds, in putting him down as a sailor. I thought so last night; in fact, I've already got two men making a tour of the docks trying to find somebody who knew him."

"Have you?" said Simmonds, smiling. "That's like you. There's another curious thing, though, about the clothing he had on."

"What is that?"

"Some of it's marked with one initial, some with another. Not one piece is marked with his."

The door opened and the coroner's clerk entered.

"Mr. Goldberg sent the exhibits back to you," he said, holding out a parcel to Simmonds.

Simmonds opened it and took out a pocketbook, a pipe, a knife and some silver money.

"All right," he said, and signed a receipt.

Godfrey waited until the door closed, then he rose and came over to Simmonds' side.

"There's something here that might help us," he said, picking up the pocketbook. "Those newspaper clippings—why, they're not here!"

Simmonds smiled dryly. "That's another thing I wanted to tell you. The clippings have been removed."

"Removed? By whom?"

"That's a question. They were removed some time between the moment we looked at them and the moment the coroner took charge."

Godfrey stared at him with startled eyes.

"You remember," Simmonds continued, "that after we looked at the pocketbook I put it back in Thompson's pocket."

"Yes; I saw you do that."

"We then went into the bedroom and had a look around, leaving the body alone."

"With Miss Crofton," said Godfrey, completing the sentence.

"There's another thing," continued Simmonds after a moment. "Here's the piece of pipe we found on the floor. Do you know where it came from?"

"No—I was going to look that up."

"It came from the radiator. The connections were defective, and a plumber was replacing them. This is a piece of pipe he had removed and left lying behind the radiator. He remembers it distinctly. Do you recall the position of the radiator?"

"Yes; opposite the bedroom door."

"Exactly. Then the person coming from that door must have crossed the room to get it. More than that, he must have hunted for it or known it was there. Miss Crofton knows more than she's told us. I don't think she's been square with us."

"Well, perhaps she hasn't," Godfrey said slowly. "Anyway, we've got to work at the case from the other end. We've got to identify Thompson first."

"Yes," agreed Simmonds. "You'll let me know if you find out anything."

"Of course," said Godfrey, rising, and with a curt nod he went out and down the steps to the street.

At the office he found two reports awaiting him. One was from the men he had sent along the docks—they had found no one who could identify the photograph of Thompson. The other was from Delaney, the head of the Record's intelligence department. At 2 o'clock that morning, just before retiring, Godfrey had phoned a message to the office:

"Delaney—I want all the information obtainable concerning the history of the Crofton family, to which Mrs. Richard Delroy and Grace Crofton belong."

This was the result:

Guilave Crofton, notary and money lender, 17 Rue d'Antin, Paris, removed with wife and young daughter about 1873 to Beckenham, just south of London, England. Why he removed from France not known. Rue d'Antin has been completely rebuilt within last thirty years, and only person there now who remembers Crofton is an old notary named Fabre, who has an office at the corner of Rue St. Augustin. He has vague memory that Crofton left France to avoid criminal prosecution of some sort.

Crofton bought small country place near Beckenham and lived there quietly in semi-retirement. Fortune apparently not large. In 1891 mortgaged estate for £2,000.

mortgage paid in 1897. Religion, Catholic. Excellent reputation at Beckenham.

Elder daughter, Edith, born in France Aug. 26, 1874. Educated at school there, but broke down from overstudy and returned to Beckenham, where she became interested in social settlement work.

There met Richard Delroy, New York, who was making investigation of London charities. Married him June 4, 1890, and went immediately to New York.

Only other child, younger daughter, Grace, born at Beckenham May 12, 1880. Educated at home. No unusual incidents in life so far as known.

Crofton and wife died, typhoid fever, 1901. Delroys came to England and after selling property and settling estate took Grace home with them. Estate left wholly to younger sister, paid inheritance tax on £7,500.

Godfrey read this through slowly, dwelling upon it point by point.

"The skeleton," he said to himself, "is pretty plain—it lies concealed somewhere behind Crofton's departure from France. There must have been some unusual reason for that—a reason even more serious, perhaps, than this threatened prosecution—the clippings would tell the story."

"But is it worth while trying to dig it up? It wouldn't be a difficult thing to do if the newspapers handled it at the time, but I don't know," and he stared out through the window with drawn brows. "If it's buried again, I believe I'll let it rest—for the present, anyway," and he whirled back to his desk.

He wrote the story of the day's developments and turned it in.

"We've been lucky," said the city editor, with a gleeful smile as he took the copy. "We've got photographs of all the principals."

"Have we?"

"Yes—they cost \$500, but they're worth it. No other paper in town will have 'em."

"That's good," said Godfrey, but it was a half hearted commendation, and he left the office in a frame of mind not wholly amiable. The methods of a popular newspaper are not always above reproach.

"Thank heaven," he added to himself, his face clearing a little, "there's nothing in my story to implicate either Miss Crofton or Mrs. Delroy—there's no hint of the skeleton! I took care of that—which," he concluded, with a grin, "is mighty forbearing in a yellow journalist!"

What further tests there were to be of his forbearance not even he suspected!

[TO BE CONTINUED.]

Off Santa Claus Beat

ISPOSE there is a Santa Claus That brings them pretty toys An' candy an' mince pies an' things To lots o' little boys. But where we live down here, I guess, Is sort o' off his beat. I'm pretty certain, anyway, He never found our street.

He goes around to all the stores An' fills 'em full o' things Like sleds an' skates an' railroad cars, The kind he always brings. An' then he seems to lose the way To our house. Ain't it queer That all the times he's come to town He's never been down here!



HE GOES AROUND TO ALL THE STORES AN' FILLS 'EM FULL O' THINGS.

I asked my mother if I might Go wait for him uptown An' tell him that the boys I know Invites him to come down. But she just sort o' chokes an' coughs, An' then she looks away An' says, "He'll find us out, I guess, An' visit us some day."

An' yet I've been a-waitin' here So long that I don't b'lieve I'll ever see him come at all On any Christmas eve. I'm goin' to ask a p'liceman if Santa he should meet He'll just go up an' speak to him An' point him out our street.

—New York American.

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Gems In Verse

OLD FAVORITES.

Sweet and Low.
Sweet and low, sweet and low,
Wind of the western sea,
Low, low, breathe and blow,
Wind of the western sea!
Over the rolling waters go,
Come from the dying moon and blow,
Blow him again to me,
While my little one, while my pretty one
Sleeps.

Sleep and rest, sleep and rest;
Father will come to thee soon;
Rest, rest on mother's breast;
Father will come to thee soon.
Father will come to his babe in the nest—
Silver sails all out of the west
Under the silver moon!
Sleep, my little one; sleep, my pretty one,
Sleep.

—Tennyson.

When the Frost is on the Punkin.
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock,
Or you hear the kye-cuck and gobble of
the struttin' turkey cock,
And the clackin' of the guineys, and the
cluckin' of the hens,
And the rooster's hallylover as he tips
toes on the fence,
Oh, it's then the times a feller is a-feelin'
at his best.
With the risin' sun to greet him from a
night of peaceful rest
As he leaves the house bareheaded and
goes out to feed the stock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock.

They's something kind o' hearty-like
about the atmosphere
When the heat of summer's over and the
coolin' fall is here.
Of course we miss the flowers and the
blossoms on the trees
And the humble of the hummin' birds
and the buzzin' of the bees,
But the air's so appetizin' and the land-
scape through the haze
Of a crisp and sunny morning of the airy,
autumn days
Is a treat that no painter has the col-
orin' to mock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock!

The husky, rusty rustle of the tassels of
the corn
And the raspin' of the tangled leaves, as
golden as the morn';
The stubble in the furrows, kind o' lone-
some-like, but still
Approachin' sermons to us of the barns
they growed to fill;
The straw stack in the meadow, and the
reaper in the shed,
The hoeses in their stalls below, the
clover overhead—
Oh, it sets my heart a-clickin' like the
tickin' of a clock,
When the frost is on the punkin and the
fodder's in the shock!

—James Whitcomb Riley.

Christmas For the Birds.
A traveler in Sweden tells of a beautiful
Christmas custom in that land
which may well be imitated in many
lands. He says: "One wintry after-
noon at Christmastide I had seen skat-
ing on a pretty lake three miles from
Gothenburg. On my way home I noticed
that at every farmer's house there
was erected in the middle of the
dooryard a pole, to the top of which
was bound a large full sheaf of grain.
In answer to my question as to the
meaning of it my companion replied:
'Oh, that is for the birds—for the little
wild birds. They must have a merry
Christmas, too, you know.'"

—Selected.

Kind Old Man.
Aseum—What did that rich old uncle
of yours give you for Christmas?
Something useful, I'll bet.
Hausek—Yes, a little device for
saving coal bills.

Aseum—Ah, an arrangement to at-
tach to the heater?
Hausek—No, to keep on my desk.
It's a bill file.

ORDINANCE NO. 6.

Be it ordained by the City Council of Canyon City, Texas, that—
for the purpose of guarding against
the calamities of fire, as well as to
encourage the erection of fire proof
buildings around and near the public
square and by which the lowest
rate of insurance may be obtained
for merchandise kept therein, the
following fire limit is hereby defined
and established, to wit: All of
blocks numbers Thirty-one (31),
Thirty two (32), Thirty three (33),
Forty (40), Forty-two (42), Forty

three (33), Forty four (44), Forty five (45),
Forty six (46), Forty seven (47), Forty eight (48),
Forty nine (49), Fifty (50), Fifty one (51),
Fifty two (52), Fifty three (53), Fifty four (54),
Fifty five (55), Fifty six (56), Fifty seven (57),
Fifty eight (58), Fifty nine (59), and Sixty (60),
the same being immediately fronting
square and the four blocks at the
corners of the said square, as the
same are platted and shown on the
maps of said city.

Sec. 2. It shall hereafter be un-
lawful for any person, firm or cor-
poration to erect, construct, build
or place any wooden building on
either of the eight blocks above
named, or any part of either of said
blocks.

Sec. 3. Hereafter every house,
building or other structure to be
erected on either of said blocks
above named and defined as within
the fire limits shall be constructed
and made only of fire proof material
such as brick, stone, artificial stone
or iron whereof the sleepers, joists,
rafters, casings, studding, floors and
other inside work may be of wood.

Sec. 4. The city council may at
any time, upon the written consent
of the adjoining property owners
liable to be effected or endangered
thereby, grant a permit to any per-
son for the erection of any building
out of other material provided the
size, location and proposed material
be submitted with the application
for such permit.

Sec. 5. Any building or struc-
ture erected or placed within the
said fire limit in violation of this or-
dinance is hereby declared to be a
nuisance and shall be removed as
such.

Sec. 6. Any person who violates
any of the provisions of this or-
dinance shall be adjudged guilty of a
misdemeanor and upon conviction
thereof shall be fined in any sum
not less than twenty-five dollars
nor more than one hundred dollars
and may also in addition thereto be
imprisoned for any length of time
not exceeding ten days.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906.

Jasper N. Haney, Mayor.

Attest: C. L. Abbott, City Sec.

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YULETIDE GREETINGS.

Before another copy of The News is issued the climax of the ancient winter solstitial festival—the legally adopted birthday of Christ—Christmas, will, for the good year 1906, have departed, leaving nothing but its memories behind.

To some of us "old cranks" the practices of the present day are sadly out of keeping with what the true spirit of the occasion demands. Instead of, as in times not far back, a season of rejoicing for the birth of the world's Saviour; a time for general good cheer and brotherly feeling among the children of men; for "open house" and for the strengthening of old friendships and the making of new ones, it has degenerated to a large extent to a time for the giving and receiving of presents.

Anciently and well within the memory of the writer, the giving of presents was confined, as on the original Saint Nicholas Day, to the children. The News editor, and no doubt many others who have been permitted to reach the sear leaf age, well remember the joyous games; the Christmas tree; the toys and the goodies that delighted the hearts of the children. It was purely then, as it should be now, presents only for the children—the grown folks getting their enjoyment out of the juvenile happiness, the renewed friendships among themselves and the good cheer they can set upon the tables and bring to the hearts of unfortunate neighbors.

For "Peace on Earth" and with "good will to men" With this sentiment permeating its management The News wishes for each of its patrons a Happy Christmas.

City Council Proceedings.

At a session held last Friday night with all present except Dave Park, the following business was done, to wit:

An ordinance (No. 5) was adopted levying an ad valorem tax of 25 cents on the \$100 for street purposes exclusively. A second section of this ordinance levies an additional ad valorem of 40 cents on each \$100 for general purposes. This, it was also agreed, should be diverted to improvement of streets, etc.

Ordinance (No. 6) defining the fire limits was passed.

Ordinance (No. 7) on sanitary regulations was passed.

Ordinance (No. 8) adopted regulates the running at large of stock.

Ordinance (No. 9) defines certain minor offenses within the city limits.

Dr. Parsons was appointed health physician. All of these ordinances are published in this issue of The News and should be read by all interested or affected thereby.

The council meets again tonight. Have you seen the many new Dishes and Glassware at the Canyon Hardware Co?

ORDINANCE NO. 7.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that the following ordinance is hereby adopted and shall be enforced as a part of the laws, rules and regulations of said city and any and every person refusing to conform hereto, or who violates any of the provisions hereof, shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be fined in any sum not less than one dollar and not more than one hundred dollars and in addition to such fine may be imprisoned for any term not exceeding ten days.

Sec. 1. Each owner, lessee or occupant having the control of any lot, block or other parcel of land within the city limits shall forthwith clean up said lot, block or parcel of ground by removing therefrom all decaying, unwholesome or offensive matter and thereafter keep the same clean, so that deposits or accumulations shall not be offensive, or deleterious to the health of the people.

Sec. 2. Each owner, lessee or occupant of person having the possession, control or right to control any such lot or premises shall disinfect and with earth fill up any and every sink, cesspool, closet, privy, or other place used as a repository for excrements, filth and waste on such premises and hereafter no such excrements, filth or waste shall be placed or deposited under or in the ground within the city limits.

Sec. 3. Each and every water closet, privy, or other receptacle used as such closet, privy or place of deposit shall be provided by the owner or user thereof with a water tight box or drawer sufficiently large and so arranged above ground that the city scavenger can have easy access thereto for emptying, cleaning and replacing the same. And such owner, lessee and user of such closet or privy shall provide and keep on hand in or about the same a sufficient quantity of lime to sprinkle and use therein, at least one-half gallon thereof each week that said closet contains in use.

Sec. 4. Said box or drawer shall be emptied and cleaned not less frequently than once each thirty days and a part of such cleaning shall consist of covering the bottom of said box with unslacked lime. And it shall be an offense and punishable as herein provided to permit any closet or privy to become foul or offensive to an extent that such offensive condition can be detected from the outside thereof.

Sec. 5. The city scavenger shall be permitted to collect a fee of not over twenty five cents per month from the owner or user of any such privy or closet at a private residence. To compensate him for the cleaning thereof. And for the cleaning of privies and closets at hotels, boarding houses, wagon yards, livery barns or other such like places he may charge a fee not exceeding fifty cents for each privy and for each cleaning and provided further that privies in this class shall be cleaned at least twice per month.

It is further ordained that the city scavenger shall be deemed and construed to be the keeper of each and every such closet in the city where the owner or user thereof employs and pays him to clean the same as provided herein and said scavenger shall, upon conviction, suffer the penalty for a violation of this ordinance, and said scavenger shall be compelled and is hereby required to attend to and clean each and every closet and privy as herein provided whenever the owner, lessee or user thereof pays or tenders to him the lawful fees therefor. And further, after the owners or users of such closets shall have arranged the same in substantial compliance with this ordinance and have paid or tendered the lawful fees to said scavenger such person shall be held guilty of a violation of this ordinance. Provided further, that W. J. Simpson, the duly appointed city scavenger, is hereby appointed a policeman of Canyon City with all the powers and duties incident to such office and is hereby strictly charged with the observance and enforcement of the foregoing sanitary regulations as well as with other laws and ordinances of Canyon City.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906.

JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor. Attest: G. L. ABBOTT, City Sec.

ORDINANCE NO. 8.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that it is hereby made unlawful for the owner, helper or person entitled to the possession of any horse, mule, jack, jennet, cattle, sheep, goat, hog or other animal of like kind to permit such animal to run at large (day or night) within the city limits of Canyon City; and any person so offending shall upon conviction therefor be fined not less than one dollar and not over twenty five dol-

lars for each and every such offense.

Sec. 2. The city marshal is hereby directed to take up, restrain and impound every such animal found running at large and unless reclaimed by such owner as above defined to sell such animal within ten days from the date of taking the same up, the notice for such sale shall be posted up at three public places, viz: One at the court house, one at the postoffice and one at some other public or business place in Canyon City for not less than seven days before such sale which shall be made to the highest bidder for cash and all of the proceeds not necessary to pay the fees below named shall be paid to the city treasurer and by him held and paid to the owner thereof as other city warrants are paid. The fees of the marshal under this ordinance are and shall be as follows, viz:

- 1. For taking up each animal \$1. 2. For feeding each animal, per day, 50 cents. 3. For selling each animal \$1. Pound fee for keeping per day for each animal 25 cents.

The city marshal may establish or rent (at his own expense) a pound, lot or other enclosure in which to place and hold all animals found at large in violation of this ordinance, and any person who shall take away or turn out any animal impounded or put up by him without his consent, shall be adjudged guilty of a misdemeanor and fined therefor not less than five dollars and not more than twenty five dollars.

This ordinance shall go into effect and be strictly enforced on and after the 1st day of January, 1907.

Approved Dec. 14, 1906. Jasper N. Haney, Mayor. Attest: G. L. Abbott, City Sec.

ORDINANCE NO. 9.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that it is hereby made unlawful for any person to do any of the acts herein below specified within the city limits.

1. To fire or discharge, within the ordinary definition of such terms, any gun, pistol, or other like firearm.

2. To fire, ignite or cause to explode, any roman candle, pyrotechnic, firecracker, or other like explosive within the fire limits of Canyon City.

3. To kick, throw or play any football, baseball or other ball or device of amusement on the public squares, or on any public street in the corporate limits.

4. To remove from its accustomed place, or from the place where the owner left it and had the right to leave the same, any property, without the consent of the owner.

5. To deface, mark, scratch or caricature with pen, pencil or by any other means, any public property or the property of any other than the person so offending.

6. To ride or drive on any public street or on the public square at an unusually fast, dangerous or reckless rate.

7. To ride, drive or lead any animal or bicycle or other vehicle on any sidewalk in the city limits provided a person may lead a bicycle on the sidewalks.

Any person guilty of a willful violation of any of the foregoing prohibited acts shall be fined not less than one dollar and not more than five dollars.

This ordinance goes into effect at once.

Approved Dec. 11, 1906. JASPER N. HANEY, Mayor. Attest: G. L. ABBOTT, City Sec.

ORDINANCE NO. 5.

Be it ordained by the city council of Canyon City, Texas, that there shall be and is hereby levied an ad valorem tax for the year 1907 of ten cents on each one hundred dollars of the assessed valuation of all real and personal property in Canyon City not exempt from taxation by the constitution and laws of this state, for general purposes.

Sec. 2. There is also hereby levied a tax of twenty-five cents on each one hundred dollars valuation of taxable property within said city for the year 1907 to be used and expended in the construction of permanent street and sewerage and such like improvements during said year 1907.

Sec. 3. The tax herein levied shall be due and payable on the first day of April, 1907, and all such tax which is not paid by the first day of May, 1907, shall therefore become, and is hereby declared delinquent and the property on which such tax is assessed shall be subject to sale as provided by law and a penalty of ten per cent upon all such delinquent tax is hereby fixed and levied and shall be collected

PLOW BARGAINS!



Table listing various agricultural equipment and prices: Columbia Gangs \$50.00, Columbia Sulky, 12 inch 30.00, John Deere Sulky, 14 inch 30.00, Good-Enough Sulky, 12 to 14 inch 30.00, Tripple Disc Rock Island 65.00.

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READ THE ORDINANCES.

This week The News again submits to its readers a lot of interesting reading in the way of more city ordinances. The sanitary regulations and the stock law going into effect as they do, almost immediately, should come in for particular consideration on the part of our citizens.

The attention of our boys should also be called to the firecracker ordinance and also to that portion of it prohibiting the playing of ball, foot or any other kind, on any of our streets.

Then, the driving of vehicles, riding or leading of horses, etc., on the sidewalks is also forbidden. All of these ordinances go into effect at once and as ample provisions are made for their enforcement to the certain sorrow of the willful violator, it is well that we read them carefully.

Amarillo and Canyon City baseball fans are already beginning to talk of a "Panhandle League" for next season. They expect to take in Dalhart and Childress and have a four-club circuit. The first two towns are baseball crazy and will perhaps be able to support a team. But we doubt the ability of a league to last the season. Clarendon Banner-Stockman.

Death—Joe Reid, of Reid Bros., painters and paper hangers, died yesterday. His death grew out of a chronic ailment. Mr. Reid was a fine man and one of the best and most artistic painters in the Panhandle. His relatives live near Louisiana, Missouri, to which place his body will be shipped for burial.

The Tulsa Standard came out last week with a Christmas edition of eight pages including the colored cover and all of it full of display ads from the business men of Tulsa.

Hon. Carl Gitland, county chairman of the Democrat Executive committee, was in town Tuesday on his return home from a trip to Tulsa. Questioned about Senator Bailey he said that while personally against him, he thought his county was about equally divided on the proposition to retire the senator to private life.

HOLIDAY GOODS

Before buying see my line of Watches, also a nice line of Solid Gold and High Grade Gold Filled Jewelry and Emblem Charms and Pins, Eastern Star, Woodmen, Masonic and K. P. My Repair Department is complete with Tools and material to do all kinds of Watch, Clock and Jewelry Repairing. ALL WORK GUARANTEED FIRST CLASS. Yours for Business, J. W. HOWELL, THE JEWELER AT WIRT'S DRUG STORE, NORTH SIDE SQUARE.

Advertisement for A. B. AXTELL & CO. CONTRACTORS & BUILDERS. Specialty—Cement Blocks, Concrete Tanks, Dipping Vats, and anything else in Concrete or cement Work. Plans and estimates furnished on application.

News Roll of Honor.

Under this heading will be found the amounts received on subscription to the News since last report, and names of the parties paying. This will serve as a receipt to those of our subscribers forwarding money by mail:

- Mrs Geo Reynolds \$ 50 David Thomas 1 00 W H Hicks 1 00 John E Briggs 1 00 W G Weidman 1 00 J W Morrison 1 00 Lewis Saltman 1 00

Local Weather Record.

From Friday until Wednesday of this week all kinds of weather was indicated but only threatened and that was all.

Wednesday, yesterday and today—all nice, sunny days, good enough for anybody.

Notes About Hereford.

Gathered from "The Brand." The city council has set the standard width for sidewalks at 3-1/2 feet. Should have made it even number, 4 feet anyway. The location of the county seat of Parmer county is to be determined by an election on Jan. 5. The Brand says that Bovina will secure it as "the majority of the voters live there." Of course. "The Brand" is expecting hundreds of immigrant families to land in Hereford during the winter and says they are coming now every day.

Hereford was "in darkness" last week, the electric light plant being out of coal.

Notwithstanding all the recent disclosures "The Brand" is still for Bailey, viewing the junior senator in the light of a martyr who is being persecuted by old political enemies. The News can indulge Bro. Ray. He professes to be ignorant of politics and then again he hails from the immaculate Joseph's home district.

The News' banner subscriber, M. N. Gallagher and his nabor, Lewis Saltman, purchaser and now residing on the Crullshank home section, called on us yesterday and Mr. Saltman added his name to our county subscription list.

A rousing meeting of the commercial club last night. Particulars next week.

TOWN & COUNTY
PERSONAL AND OTHER MATTERS
THAT CONCERN OUR CITIZENS.

Mr. and Mrs. Steen expect to spend Christmas at Anson, Texas.

Mrs. John Orr and children left Monday for Hillsboro.

J. H. Pinson and family left last week for Hamlin, Texas.

Fine Candies—Best in town at Wilson's.

All kinds of Racket Goods School supplies and Confectionery at Wilson's. Try us.

M. S. Lusby will take Christmas with his brother at Elk City, Oklahoma.

Mrs. J. T. Burnett who was reported a week ago as sick with pneumonia is now getting well.

Joel Pieslar has sold the northwest quarter of the block upon which he resides to Bob and Ed Pipkin.

Just Received at the Canyon Hardware Co. a Fine Line of Hand-Painted China.

Dave Park left on Friday to take Christmas with his wife at Corpus Christi.

T. W. Barrett is reported to have recently purchased a farm within five miles of Cordell, Okla.

Mr. and Mrs. H. S. Parks left Wednesday for Tennessee, where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

C. R. Burrow went yesterday to Henrietta, where his wife is visiting relatives.

Call and see the large assortment of Fine Lamps at The Canyon Hardware Co.

Wilbert Peterson, the Jeweler is now prepared to do all kinds of engraving and do it right. See him about it.

Buy your Steel Wire fence stay from CANYON HARDWARE CO.

Miss Clara Eckman, a student of C. I. A. College, Denton, is at home for the holidays.

The public school will adjourn today until Monday, December 31st.

Judge Haney spent several days of this week in Ochiltree county on legal business.

Miss Ellen Donald and Elizabeth Sweeney, two of our public school teachers, leave today for their respective homes where they will spend the holidays.

After January 1st it won't be necessary in Canyon City to sing, "When the cows come home," for they must be there all the time.

Wade Stephens moved into C. B. Money's new residence Wednesday. Mr. Money and family also expect to move in there by the last of the week.

For tablets, pencils, pens and ink and other school supplies call at S. V. Wirt's Drug Store, north side of public square.

Sterling Coffee and wife left yesterday for Hillsboro and other points east where they will spend the holidays with relatives.

Found a Hat—Near the depot, a derby with initials on the inside. Owner come to this office, identify and pay for this notice and get the hat.

A. E. Brown this week traded the south half of section 200, blk M to L. E. Cowling of Washington, Arkansas, for a farm of 310 acres in that state.

Most of the Panhandle papers will miss an issue next week and take Christmas, so they say, "as 'tis the custom." The News may do so and it may not—it's owing to circumstances.

Oscar Smith returned Wednesday from a business trip to Temple and Hico. He says it rained down there steady from Friday until Monday and was cold with it.

J. L. Brown of Allen, Texas, is here to spend Christmas with his son-in-law and daughter, Elder and Mrs. Stockard. He informs the News, that Bro. Stockard wrote him twelve pages concerning the killing of that deer.

Thomas Bros. have purchased from John Hutson at \$500, the quarter block adjoining the Goble residence on the west and propose at an early date to erect thereon an eighteen hundred dollar residence.

Editor Dillard of the Lubbock Avalanche, was in town Saturday. Questioned about the other newspaper recently born at Lubbock he stated that it had really proven an advantage to him, having increased rather than diminished his business.

The office occupied by the Peeler Real Estate Co. and by Judge Haney was on the first of the week moved to a lot opposite the postoffice in order to get it out of the way of the Prichard concrete building, the foundation of which is now being prepared.

John Orr and family left on Sunday evening for Stamford, near which place they expect to make their home. They are nice people and The News heartily recommends them as such to the folks among whom they go.

J. A. Wallace and family will take their Christmas with relatives at Stephenville. They left yesterday.

In Line With the Pure Food Law.

The National Food and Drug Act which takes effect Jan-1, 1907, does not effect Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in any manner. No special labels are required on this remedy under that Act, as it is free from opiates and narcotics of every character, making it a safe remedy for mothers to use with their children. This remedy has been in use for so many years, and its good qualities are so well known, that no one need hesitate to use it when troubled with a cough or cold. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

NOTICE.

Dr. Albert J. Caldwell, of Amarillo, Texas, specialist on the diseases of the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, announces to his friends and patients through the local columns of our paper that on account of the inclement weather, and continued illness, he will not make any out-of-town trips during the remainder of 1906.

On or about December 20th his office will be moved from its present location to the new Carson building on the corner of 5th and Polk streets, his former location before the fire.

After January 1st, 1907, Dr. J. Wright Hicks, formerly of Hereford, Texas, who has spent several months in New York and New Orleans preparing for special work on the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, will be associated with him at the Amarillo office.

Dr. Hicks has had a number of years of experience in the field of medicine, is a gentleman of sterling qualities and high reputation, thoroughly competent to do any work in this special line.

After January 1st, regular visits to Hereford, Dalhart and other points will be made as before.

His Amarillo office will be open every day from this date.

Any and all of his friends and former patients needing his services can find him at Amarillo each and every day.

The Bates Addition.

I have sub-divided this addition of land into tracts of from one block, containing 3 1/2 acres, to blocks containing as much as 100 acres. All blocks except one will front the street. Some of these blocks have alfalfa land on them and living water. For further particulars call on or address W. E. Bates, Canyon City, Texas.

Dr. Black is having an acetylene gas system installed in his residence. It will be similar to the one in use at the Keiser Bros. & Phillips office building—the chauffeur of this firm is doing the work.

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--- Xmas! Xmas!! Xmas!!! ---

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and no doubt you are studying and planning as to what you shall give. We wish to inform you that in a few days there will be on display in our Store the largest and most complete line of Xmas Goods ever brought to our town. You will find here a wide range of prices from which to select the most artistic and latest designs in Holiday Goods. Our line of Cut Glass will be complete. Don't leave your home to buy Cut Glass for we will have it.

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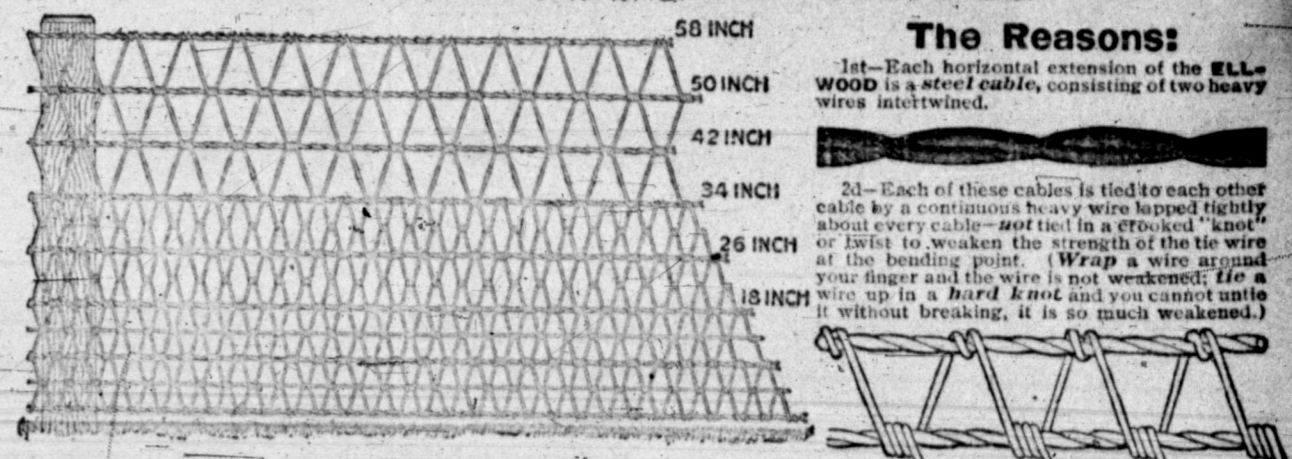
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RESOURCES		LIABILITIES	
Loans and Discounts	\$377,673.87	Capital Stock	\$100,000.00
U. S. Bonds and Premiums	104,746.65	Surplus and Profits	33,132.10
Banking House and Fixtures	9,835.50	Circulation	100,000.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	5,000.00		
Cash & Exchange	215,052.86	Deposits	479,779.78
Total	\$712,911.88	Total	\$712,911.88

I certify that the above is correct. D. A. PARK, Cashier.

John Crawford has sold his residence to J. F. Hood at \$2000 and will, between now and January 15, move to Cordell, Okla.

The Canyon City Real Estate Company's steam gang plow arrived last week and on Wednesday they were turning over Plains soil land at the rate of thirty acres per day, which is the capacity of the machine.

Mrs. B. T. Johnson was a welcome caller at The News office Wednesday and ordered a copy of The News sent to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joe King of Portland, Tennessee, as a Christmas present. Mr. and Mrs. Johnson at their hospitable home on December 26, will celebrate their china wedding and The News editor regrets exceedingly that he cannot respond to the kind invitation he had to be present on that occasion.

Miss McWhirter who has been visiting her sister, Mrs. A. S. Rollins, returned to her home, Greenville, latter part of last week.

John H. Wills and W. H. Bush of Amarillo, were in town Monday seeing about taxes due on lands and other relevant matter.

Miss Emma Brandon left on Monday for Lampasas, at which place and at Burnet, she will visit relatives and friends for about a month, she says.

Christmas shopping is the rule now and lots of it is being done here.

J. N. Donohoo of Plainview, was in town Tuesday and Wednesday. He stated to our reporter that the railroad was then in nine miles of his town and that it was confidently expected at Plainview by Christmas day.

M. P. BROWN, Shoe Repairing Promptly and Neatly done at the Old Meisterhan's Shop.

THE "OUTDOOR" Registered Hereford Herd BULLS IN SERVICE: Ten Strike 80169 Majestic Chief 156063 Armour Dale 156843 Stock located in Pasture 1 mile north Canyon City Depot—Texas STOCK FOR SALE Apply to JOHN HUTSON, Canyon, Texas.

HOFFMAN PARAGRAPHS.

Mr. Bertram of Deaf Smith, passed through our midst last Tuesday en route to Canyon.

L. A. Pierce and wife, Mrs. C. H. Hitchcock and daughter, Miss Mollie, left Thursday for Tennessee, where they will spend the holidays.

Miss Ora Coge and Mrs. Day went to Hereford Monday in search of old Santa.

Mr. Sailor and wife of Plainview, are here visiting their old neighbors.

Will Coge went to Amarillo Friday with a load of turkeys and to meet his brother, John, who will spend Xmas at home.

F. Hoffman and wife went to Amarillo Wednesday.

B. T. Johnson and wife went to Canyon Wednesday.

The thanks of the editor of The News are due this correspondent for some real nice country sagas, which was accepted with appreciation as a Christmas present.

Bob Caylor of Happy, was in town Tuesday introducing his cousin, Geo. F. Caylor, late of Colorado, who is here visiting relatives and taking in the Panhandle generally. He says he may locate with us.

Geo. C. Long is at home to spend the holidays with his family.

J. A. Wallace on Wednesday purchased from Jim Postern about 80 acres of his 160, lying two miles east of the court house, at \$35 per acre. It is alfalfa land on the creek and Mr. Wallace gets the portion of the 160 acres lying east of the creek.

Of Interest to Mothers.

There is one subject which always interests the mothers of young children, and that is how to treat their coughs and colds, or to ward off a threatened attack of croup. For this purpose we can recommend Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. It always proves beneficial. In cases of croup it should be given as soon as the croupy cough appears so as to prevent the attack. Keep it at hand ready for instant use. Many mothers do so and it saves them much uneasiness. For sale by S. V. Wirt, Druggist.

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WILBERT PETERSON, JEWELER,
 AT THOMPSON'S DRUG STORE

Mr. Arfur's
Christmas Gift

By INA WRIGHT HANSON

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HENRIETTA, on the rug by the
 fireplace, was absorbed in her
 occupation, which was putting
 off all of Ariminta Endella's
 articles of wearing apparel and put-
 ting them on again. When the last
 tiny garment had been adjusted to her
 satisfaction she found time to look at
 Mr. Arfur, who sat by the window, a
 picture of doldrums. With a regretful
 glance at Evangeline Bell, who was
 yet to be attended to, the small mother
 arose and went over to Mr. Arfur.
 Resting one hand on his knee, she gazed
 anxiously into his face.
 The young man roused himself and
 smiled down at the squarely cut locks,
 the great brown eyes and dimples.
 "Have you been bad, Mr. Arfur?" she
 inquired solicitously.
 "I don't think I have been so bad as
 the bad man, Henrietta," he answered,
 squeezing her small hand.
 "I've been good as an angel," she re-
 marked modestly, "so Santa Claus is
 going to bring me an ever dolly in a
 tooting cab."
 "In a what, Henrietta?"
 "A tooting cab," she repeated; then,
 as Arthur failed to grasp her meaning,
 she exemplified patiently, "like Sister
 Wose's what she takes you riding in."
 "Oh, I see! A tooting car, you aristoc-
 ratic baby. No more doll wagons and
 go-carts for you, eh?" he chuckled,
 then grew gloomy again.
 "What do you want for Christmas?"
 "Something I am afraid I can never
 have in all this wide world, Henrietta."
 He drew a long breath.
 "If you are good, Santa Claus—"
 "It's entirely out of the old fellow's
 jurisdiction, my pet."
 "The child gazed at him curiously.
 "It's a heart of fine gold that I want,
 Henrietta, and only one person can
 give it to me, and if she won't, girlie—"
 "Is she a fairy?" Henrietta's tone
 was reverential, her eyes full of ex-
 citement.
 "The queen of them all."
 "And has a crown on?"
 "Yes, a crown of her own golden
 hair, and her eyes are like brown velvet
 pansies, and she has the sweetest



"LISTEN!" HE WHISPURED.
 red lips, Henrietta. But yesterday I
 met her, and she hurried by, scarcely
 speaking, and this morning on the
 street she pretended not to see me,
 though I know she did, and all because
 you wouldn't have believed such a
 queen of a girl would care so much be-
 cause she didn't get the prize at the
 masquerade, would you, now?"
 "My!" ejaculated Henrietta. But her
 next eager question was cut short by
 Mr. Arfur's springing to his feet. "Sis-
 ter Wose" had entered the room, and
 Henrietta, knowing from much experience
 that she was decidedly de trop when
 they two were together, went re-
 luctantly back to Evangeline Bell and
 the fireplace.
 "Good morning," said Sister Wose,
 her tone suggestive of a glare of ice
 and a flurry of snow. "I have an en-
 gagement." But she sat down.
 "Oh, I am sorry. Then I will go," he
 said gently, but he also sat down.
 In his eyes, honest and gray, was a
 complexity of expressions as he watch-
 ed her trying desperately to appear
 very much at her ease. Love looked
 from his eyes—there was no doubt of
 that—and admiration and approval,
 and yet a growing wonder that, after
 all, his idol could be so human.
 "I am sorry that you are angry," he
 began when the silence was getting
 tense. "Try to realize my position,
 Rose. I sat there, an unwilling judge—

my duty awarding prizes to the best
 sustained characters in the masquerade.
 Among the maskers was one to whom
 my heart went out—a slender little
 figure whose white satin gown, caught
 loosely around the waist with a silken
 girdle, fell in straight folds to her tiny
 feet. Crowning her small head were
 chrysanthemums, maroon and gold,
 and a line of the royal flowers reached
 from one sweet, bare shoulder to the
 hem of her gown. The chrysanthemum
 girl was the loveliest sight in the room,
 but she was not the best sustained
 character, so—

"I hope you don't think I care be-
 cause you awarded the prize to Grace
 Hereford," interposed the girl scorn-
 fully, "and please don't for a minute
 think I am angry at anything. I am
 only disappointed in you." Her voice
 quivered a little.

"I have suspected the chrysanthemum
 girl of having moods," Arthur ob-
 served, looking at her reflectively. "A
 fellow I know has different names for
 her—Moonlight, White Rose, Laughing
 Water, Gentleness, Beauty, Wisdom.
 The fellow has admired her when she
 was gay and when she was serious, but
 never before has he seen her when she
 was unreasonable."

The chrysanthemum girl sniffed.
 "Will you kindly explain?" added
 Arthur.

"I had always been so proud of your
 strength of character," she began.
 "The first time I ever saw you was in
 a trolley car. You sat opposite me, and
 when the car turned the sun shone
 into your eyes. There was plenty of
 room on my side, where the sun
 wouldn't have annoyed you, but in-
 stead of changing your seat you got up
 and pulled down the curtain. I thought
 to myself, 'There is a man who will be
 master of circumstances, no matter
 what they are,' and—"

Rose stopped in confusion as she re-
 membered other things she had thought
 about this finely formed, handsome
 young man.

"Go on," he said, leaning forward
 with great interest. "What else did
 you think?"

"And now to find out that you are
 nothing but a chameleon after all,"
 she wailed.

"A what?" Arthur exclaimed in
 amazement.

"A chameleon," she repeated tear-
 fully. "If you are on a brown leaf
 you're brown; if on a green tree then
 you're green."

"Well, green I acknowledge I am,
 for bless me if I can see what you are
 driving at."

"The other day when auntie was talk-
 ing about the sin of wasting your time
 in dancing you said that you agreed
 with her that when there was work to
 do folks ought to do it. You said you
 were not going to the masquerade for
 that very reason."

"Well, I didn't intend—"
 "You said you had several hours'
 work at the office that night. Then
 Grace Hereford came along and asked
 you to go, and you went!"

There was a flicker of amusement on
 Arthur's face which Rose did not see,
 being too busy winking back unwel-
 come tears.

"Miss Hereford had nothing to do
 with it, Rose," he said gently. "I went
 to work, as I said. About 9 o'clock Mr.
 Jones, the president, came in and said
 that if I could find Hason, and get his
 signature to a certain paper and get
 back by 11 o'clock he would make it
 worth my while. I had an idea that
 Hason was managing that masquerade,
 and that's where I found him. He
 buttonholed me at once to be judge of
 the matter and wouldn't sign the paper
 unless I agreed. I saw I could get
 back by 11, so I stayed."

"And had plenty of time to dance
 with Miss Hereford," supplemented
 Rose sweetly, but unjustly.

"This time Arthur's smile was certain.
 "I looked for the chrysanthemum girl
 first and couldn't find her," he said
 truthfully. "I danced only once. But
 what made you think Miss Hereford
 asked me to go?"

"She said she would wager she could
 get you to go and that you would
 dance with her first, so I went to see
 if—I didn't think you would when you
 said you wouldn't, but—"

"I see," said the young man quietly.
 An inborn loyalty to womanhood kept
 him from telling Rose that just as he
 had started away Miss Hereford had
 run to him, exclaiming that as he was
 so kind to award her the prize she cer-
 tainly must reward him with the first
 dance, etc. With a sudden impulse he
 took Rose's little hand in his.

She sprang up and started for the
 fireplace, but he held her gently back.
 "Listen," he whispered.

"On the glowing coals smoked Evange-
 line Bell, and on the rug, with eyes
 turned to the ceiling, knelt Henrietta."
 "O God," she was saying, "now I lay
 me down to sleep. I give my precious
 dolly, so you will make the fairy queen
 win the crown of her golden hair to
 bring Mr. Arfur the little heart he
 wants for Christmas. That's all, God,
 only please let me see her when she
 comes. Amen."

"Amen!" echoed Arthur fervently.
 "Grace Hereford has black hair," ob-
 served Rose inconspicuously.

"She may have green hair for all it
 matters to me," said Arthur, with im-
 politeness. "Rose, darling."
 "I wonder if God will," Henrietta
 was murmuring, with sad eyes fixed
 on the mound of ashes which was once
 Evangeline Bell.

Rose went over to the fireplace and
 kissed her small sister. "I think God
 will," she said reverently; then she
 went back to radiant Mr. Arfur.

Duty.
 So high is grandeur to our dust,
 So near is God to man,
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 The youth replies, "I can."
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 laughing, the different expressions be-
 ing made by the curve of the mouth
 line. The innermost outline will be suf-
 ficient. Cut a circle of tissue paper of
 white or any other color liked two
 inches larger than the cake, pink the
 edge with scissors and run a thread
 round one inch from the edge. Put a
 cake in the paper, draw up the thread,
 and a cunning little cap is formed.
 The pleasure of small children will
 well repay the trouble of making these
 little cake babies.—Pittsburg Press.

First Aid to Santa Claus.
 A clever idea for a Christmas night
 party is to have the gifts come in on a
 sled piled high and strapped on and the
 sled drawn by two lads dressed Santa
 Claus assistants. The place cards at the
 supper which follows the distribu-
 tion of the gifts should be tiny sleds
 made from cardboard and dipped in
 nutmeg, then in diamond dust, the
 rope to be of silver cord and each sled
 drawn by a miniature Santa Claus
 about three inches high.

The Children's Festival.
 "And a little child shall lead them."
 The entire meaning of the festival of
 Christmas is contained in these words.
 It is the festival of the children be-
 cause on this day God, the Son, the
 Second Person of the Blessed Trinity,
 took upon him human nature in the
 shape of a helpless and beautiful child
 -Rev. John Talbot Smith, LL. D.,
 President Catholic Summer School of
 America.

No More Wanted.
 "Merry Christmas, old man! And
 many more like it."
 The man addressed turned a baleful,
 sleepless eye upon the speaker and
 replied:
 "Many more like it! Say, you hadn't
 heard that twins came to our house
 last night, had you?"—Judge

"Jessie Christmas"
 Little Jessie woke up on Christmas
 morning and called to her four-year
 old sister Mary:
 "Merry Christmas!"
 "Jessie Christmas!" promptly answer-
 ed the baby.

Are There Others!
 Christmas is coming
 And Santa Claus, too,
 And being dead broke,
 Lord, what shall I do?
 The children will cry,
 Their mother will put—
 "I'll have to go try
 Put my watch up the spout."
 -Florida Times-Union.

Notice.
 In accordance with the provision
 of Sec. 37, Article III. of the Consti-
 tution of Texas, notice is hereby
 given that the Amarillo Commercial
 Club and various citizens of Amari-
 llo, intend to apply to the Thirtieth
 Legislature of the State of Texas,
 to be convened in the City of
 Austin on the Second Tuesday in
 January, A. D. 1907, for the enact-
 ment of a special law authorizing
 and providing for the Southern Kan-
 sas Railway Company of Texas to
 abandon and take up all that part
 of its line of road and track between
 Panhandle, in Carson County, Texas,
 and Washburn in Armstrong
 County, Texas, which was formerly
 constructed and owned by the Pan-
 handle Railway Company, being
 about 14.72 miles of railway, and
 acquired by the Southern Kansas
 Railway Company of Texas, under
 and by virtue of an act of the Twen-
 ty-sixth Legislature known as H. B.
 No. 123 and appearing as Chapter
 XXV in the published laws of said
 Twenty-sixth Legislature, and re-
 quiring the Southern Kansas Rail-
 way Company of Texas, in lieu
 thereof, to construct and maintain
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 handle in Carson County, in a south-
 westerly direction to Amarillo, in
 Potter County, Texas; and prescrib-
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 lations under which said old line
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 and such new line constructed and
 maintained.

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