

# THE MIDLAND REPORTER

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## SOME OBSTACLES TO SELLING LIVESTOCK

### LACK OF PROPER ADVERTISING THE STOCKMAN'S GREATEST HANDICAP

The Reporter actually offers the stockmen of the Midland Country, almost without cost, some really good advertising, publicity which, carried to a healthy degree of interest and enthusiasm, would be calculated to help their business interests no little. It our plan, has been often repeated, and to no purpose. We sincerely find a pleasure in commenting upon the excellence of the livestock, and all other products, of the Midland Country, and we ask no more than that you inform us from time to time.

We have readers, numerous ones, who note conditions and facts as reported by our columns; we have exchanges which reproduce our statements and they are scattered far and wide, giving the local stockmen such publicity as he could hope to obtain otherwise only at great cost. We merely ask to be informed.

Along this line we take the following from recent issue of the Progressive Farmer:

The difficulties of advertising purebred livestock in the South and of making sales are those surrounding the building up of any new business.

In the first place prospective farmers are not as numerous in any given area. Within a radius of 100 or 150 miles of any breeder the number of farmers and breeders who are probable buyers is smaller than in an area of similar size where livestock breeding is more extensively carried on. But there are ample buyers in the South for all the good stock which southern breeders have to sell.

Moreover, the quality is as good for the price as can be bought elsewhere and it can be obtained as near or nearer home, than when brought from the North. The express or carrying charges are usually higher, however, than for the same distances in the north. But the chief obstacle to building up sales by southern breeders is the small number of breeders in any one locality. This condition makes advertising more expensive and difficult. And it also makes it more expensive for the buyer who wishes to inspect the animals before purchasing. When there are a number of breeders in any given locality the chance offered the purchaser to find what he wants is much better.

He might afford to make a trip of 100 miles to see the stock if reasonably certain of getting what he wanted, but if he must make his selections from one herd or flock his chance of finding what he wants is much lessened and he cannot afford to incur the expense of the trip.

When there are a number of breeders in any locality more buyers are attracted and the advertising done by one helps all the others. Southern breeders have not yet learned to advertise, nor to adopt selling plans such as are used in all lines of business which supplies more than purely local needs. But, at best, the pioneer has difficulties to overcome which do not exist where there are larger numbers of producers and buyers and the business has the benefit of the accumulated publicity from many years of advertising.

The market is not so large nor so good, but at least a part of the fault lies with the breeders. Too frequently their stock is not in good condition and they have not generally followed good business methods in their sales department. They have not given enough attention to farmer-buyers but have sought sales only to breeders and have quite generally failed to do the advertising necessary to establish any new business. The southern breeder who keeps good stock, who does the necessary advertising to call it to the attention of the prospective buyers that are the small breeders and farmers of the South and uses sound business methods in his sales work, can establish a business in the South, for we are now buying and will continue to buy large numbers of purebred animals.

**Epworth League**  
Subject: "The Spirit of Generosity"  
Leader—Chas. Klaproth.  
Scripture, 2 Cor. IX: 6-15.  
Song, "Joy to the World."  
**Prayer.**  
Song, Hark, the Herald Angels Sing."

"Story of the Birth of Christ" (Luke 2: 1-6)—Tobe Terry.  
"The Cheerful Giver"—Herbert Patterson.

Vocal Solo—Mary Swimme.  
"Three G's; Give, Get, Grow"—Nannie Terry.

Piano duet—Bernice Norwood and Bessie Johnson.

"Tolstoi's Story"—Laura Gay Allen.  
"Thoughts on the Topic"—Leader.  
Song, "Silent Night."  
Announcements and benediction.

Some nice Christmas candies, home made, on sale at Elkin-Patterson's tomorrow, from 2 o'clock in the afternoon to closing time, by Class No. 10 of the Methodist Sunday School taught by Mrs. E. R. Thomas.

Fruit cakes 75 cents per pound, at the Home Bakery.

## MIDLAND LIGHT NOW IN GOOD CONDITION

### ONE DIESEL AND TWO FAIRBANKS ENGINES GIVE GOOD SERVICE

C. S. Dawley, of Dallas, vice president and general manager of the Southern Ice & Utilities Company, has been here this week, to look over the light plant here. He came just about the time Midland's troubles over lights was about over. In the last issue of The Reporter we stated how badly the town was suffering over the condition of the light plant, more than half the town being in darkness. Now everything is fine and dandy.

Manager W. H. Williams and his helpers worked day and night, for weeks, to get things in shape, with the result that they now have at the plant three units that are in first class condition, the two Fairbanks-Morse and one Diesel, the Diesel now rendering most of the service.

The Diesel engine that was shipped here from Dublin will soon be installed. It may take 60 days to get it in running order, but, in the meantime, the three engines now in running order will give Midland all the light and power that may be required.

The Reporter congratulates Mr. Williams upon his efforts to give service under conditions that were so adverse. The company, too, may congratulate itself in that it has a local manager who is so untiring in his efforts to serve; but Midland, especially owes him a debt that we are not likely to pay.

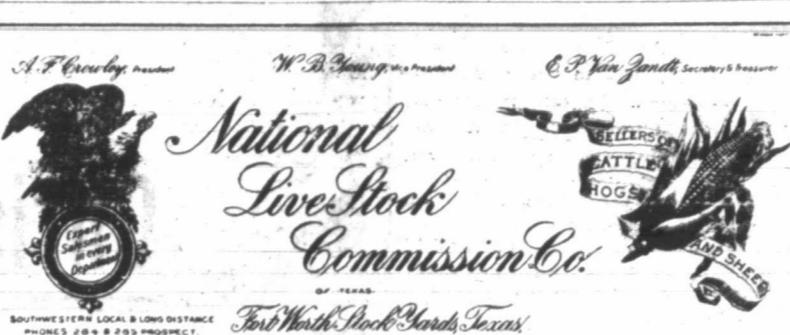
### OCCASIONS WHEN WE REFUSE TO ARGUE

Chas. and John Edwards were in this week from their ranch west, the former for a few days with his family and the latter bringing his family to town for a few days. They report range conditions out there very fine. Midland Reporter.

Play the game fair now, Bro. Watson, and don't go swiping our "leading citizens" in your city building enthusiasm. We grant your possession of Chas. Edwards, but when it comes to the John Edwards, that is another matter. This excellent family, we hope you know, are bona-fide citizens of the city of Odessa, county of Ector and State of Texas, have their beautiful suburban home right here. Mrs. Edwards is president of the Mothers' Club, and they are pillars of the Methodist church, and all round good folks. We know that plenty of good citizens is about the only thing your county lacks of being thickly settled; but don't be greedy. And by the way, just because Midland is incorporated and has a mayor and all that, is no reason why you should mention the "range being good" just like our fair county seat village was a 4-section pasture. —Odessa Herald.

Have it your way, Sister Johnson: it's all yours. We have never yet voluntarily entered into an argument with a lady. We are not exactly afraid, but—discrete.

**Special Notice**  
Don't fail to hear the sermons at the Methodist church on Sunday, December 19th. Morning subject, "Elements Necessary to a Church's Prosperity." Evening subject, "Why I am a Methodist." —S. X. SWIMME, P. C.



## N To Shippers of Live Stock:

When RECEIPTS are LIGHT and the DEMAND STRONG and active with BUYERS KEEN and aggressive, all that you need is some one to show your stuff; but when conditions, as now, are the reverse, RECEIPTS HEAVY, DEMAND DULL and the market draggy with BUYERS QUITE naturally TAKING full ADVANTAGE of the unfavorable situation, it requires SALESMEN OF PROVEN ABILITY and with EXPERIENCED JUDGMENT to handle your stuff so as to obtain for you the FULL STRENGTH OF THE MARKET. It is under these unfavorable conditions where the National's salesmen prove their merit. Try the NATIONAL with your next shipment and be convinced of its superior service. One car or many will receive the same attention—THE BEST.

Market information gladly furnished you upon your request at our expense. Command us by letter, phone or wire. Our service's yours for the asking.

Yours very truly,

## THE NATIONAL

### MR. DURBIN'S DEATH EXPECTED ANY HOUR

Readers of The Reporter have, no doubt, expected to learn of the death of our townsman, J. K. Durbin, ere this, but he has lingered remarkably. One day this week the end was expected hourly, but he rallied, and he died. Readers, ready, though, for the summons. He suffers of tuberculosis, and has for a long time. He, himself, has selected those whom he wishes to serve as pall bearers and has made other arrangements for his funeral. It is splendid to face the summons so bravely and with such fortitude; and the heart of our community is touched with deepest sympathy for the young wife.

### WILL PERMANENTLY LOCATE IN DALLAS

Wood Taylor left the first of the week for Dallas, to join his wife and two little daughters, who have been there for some months. Since his departure the drug store, C. A. Taylor & Son, has been in the hands of the elder Mr. Taylor, assisted by his daughter, Miss Fannye Bess, and W. J. Sparks, the latter a former county clerk of Midland County, and quite popular with a large following of friends. The younger Mr. Taylor expects to remain in Dallas indefinitely, while business here will continue unchanged, under the management of the elder Mr. Taylor.

## Attention, Baracas!

Every member of the Baracas Class of the Baptist Sunday School is expected to be in his place Sunday morning at 9:45 o'clock.

As this is a class of "Good Fellows," they must complete arrangements, making it possible for every person in Midland to enjoy Christmas. Young man, if you are not in Sunday School, and want to become a "Good Fellow" and help to make some one happy during Christmas, visit this class Sunday morning.

A good time socially, spiritually and mentally.

R. V. Hyatt, President.

Harry Tolbert, 1st Vice Pres.; Robt. Scruggs, 2nd Vice Pres.; Ellis Cowden, 3rd Vice Pres.; M. D. Johnson, Sec.

## SOME HISTORY OF CHRISTMAS TIME

### CHARLES REYNOLDS BROWN, IN THE COMPANION, TELLS OF DAY OF DAYS

Charles Reynolds Brown is a delightful contributor to the Youth's Companion, and he tells the following story that ever thrills in the last issue of that paper:

The shepherds were keeping watch over their flocks by night. Simple outdoor men they were, with open minds and honest hearts; and to them it was revealed that something extraordinary was taking place at Bethlehem.

When they reached Bethlehem they found that a child had been born in a stable. How strange it would have sounded that night had some one remarked that the birthday of that child would become the starting point from which the more civilized and progressive nations would all reckon their time. The ends of the earth have set their clocks by that event.

The Hebrews had dated their calendar from what they believed to be the period of the creation, but today if you meet a Hebrew in New York or London or Vienna and ask him, "What year is it?" he will reply instantly, "Nineteen hundred and twenty." It is so long ago that since the child was born. The Romans dated their calendar from the founding of the city on the Seven Hills, and the Greeks from the first Olympic games. But all that was changed by the birth of that child. Grown to be a man and exalted as a Savior, He has drawn the attention of the race to Himself.

He has gathered the forces Himself. He has gathered the forces of history into his own hands in such a way as to cause the nations to reckon their time and date their year from the birth of the child. You count it wonderful that wise men saw a strange star in the east, that shepherds heard songs in the air, that the glory of the Lord shone there in the dark; but none of those things is so wonderful as that a child, born in poverty and obscurity in an out-of-the-way village in Palestine, should thus impress his birthday on the leading nations of the earth.

When Jesus gave his first public address He said, "The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the captives and recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord." And "a year of the Lord" it was indeed! Today we say, "December 25, in the year of our Lord 1920." What ever else is uncertain, this is hard matter of fact.

The kindly note He struck in that opening address, the programme of humane service He announced, the proclamation of the coming reign of good will among men, made that a worthy starting place. It was an earnest of the coming of the other years of splendid history worthy to be called "Years of our Lord." The great fact of Christ, born into the world, building Himself steadily into its life, directing the movement of its thought, changing the calendars of the nations to date from his coming, all this we celebrate at Christmas time!

How swiftly He wrought! For thirty years after his birth we never hear of Him save for one brief glimpse when He was a boy of 12 years. When He was thirty years old He reappeared, taught and healed and lived for three years, only to have his benign career cut short by the enemies who put Him to death.

Three years—for great achievement such a brief space is like yesterday when it is past! How many years Alexander and Caesar and Cromwell and Napoleon wrought in the accomplishment of their work, yet their impress fades and dims, while the impress of the One born in Bethlehem brightens with the centuries. What an abiding significance the events of those three brief years hold in the story of the race!

There stands the Christ, manifesting the glory of the Highest, promoting peace on earth and good will among men. There stands the greatest fact in history, writing his name in a bold hand across all the finer pages of it, saturating with his spirit all the finer movements in it, making the years of genuine progress veritable years of our Lord; "Let us now go even unto Bethlehem and see this thing which is come to pass."

**Christian Church**  
Usual services at the usual hours with inspirational music and gospel sermons.

I. H. Teel, Pastor.

Persons whose subscriptions to The Reporter have expired or may expire the first of the year, are requested to take notice and remit. It will save us a lot of trouble and some expense.

Coconut, grated or sliced, at 25 cents per pound. Also 4x confectioners powdered sugar at 15 cents per pound. Home Bakery.

## Christmas Is On Us

One week in which to do your holiday shopping

Let Us Serve You

We want your business

## Midland Mercantile Company

Grocery Phone No. 6

The Appreciative Store

Dry Goods Phone 284

## Our Name on the Gift Package is a Guarantee of Excellence

Giving "Gifts That Last" is the right thing to do. And when the gift comes from Inman's it is an evidence that the giver believes in selecting a gift of supreme excellence.

Our name on the package is a guarantee that it contains a gift that is right in style, in quality and in workmanship.

See the hundreds of gift suggestions we have on display.

### *Gifts That Last*

## J. P. Inman

Jeweler and Optician

## Buy As You Need

*Everything is on the decline*

We Hope to See

## Everything to Eat

Cheaper Still

## Smith & Youngblood

J. W. Shinn was a visitor to Midland the first of the week, from El Paso.

### LLANO BARBER SHOP

M. D. JOHNSON

Proprietor

Courteous Expert Workmen

Sanitary Specialties

Your Patronage Solicited

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WANTED—Salesman to represent El Paso's Fruit Jobbing House on commission basis, at Midland. This will only take part of your time and will pay you well. Apply to P. O. Box 158, El Paso, Texas. 9-3t

H. F. Anthony, of Pecos, was a business visitor to Midland this week.

Will Hudson was a business visitor this week, from Pecos.

Patronize Home Industry by eating fresh, home made candies. At the Postoffice Confectionery.

CHAS. L. KLAAPROTH

Attorney at Law

Midland, Texas

Telephone No. 347

## MAKES THE JANUARY ASH CAN TO BULGE

GIVE FOR THIS CHRISTMAS GIFTS NOT LIKELY TO BE WASTED

The holiday season with its joys and its problems is upon us. What shall we do to add to the happiness of the occasion? Each one of us would like not only to wish our friends a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, but to give them one. We cannot do this by means of ill-considered presents. Thoughtless gifts cause the January ash can to bulge with debris. Only when our gifts have lasting meaning do they carry the true message of good will which is the spirit of real giving.

We can give happiness and contentment and safety for the future as well as pleasure for the moment. Such gifts are within reach of all. They are to be found in the Savings Securities of the United States government. From the 25 cent Thrift Stamp to the \$1000 Treasury Savings Certificate, they will carry with them not only the greetings of the season but happiness for years to come. In presenting the child a card with one thrif stamp affixed, you bestow not only a present but a habit which will grow in value as the days pass, for he will wish to fill the card. That little gift will have grown wonderfully before another Christmas comes around, and the recipient will be on the way to a life of independence.

In recommending these lasting gifts, the Savings Division of the Treasury does not suggest that a single American curtail his Christmas giving. It suggests only that he broaden it to include this present which will bring future well-being to those he loves.

Thrift Stamps, Savings Stamps and Treasury Savings Certificates will be on sale throughout the year 1921. In continuing the sale of Government Savings Securities, the government is giving the opportunity to every man, woman and child in the land through the coming year to enjoy the happiness, prosperity and contentment which is found in financial independence and security for the future.

## CATTLE-HOGS LOWER

## SHEEP-LAMBS HIGHER

Cattle receipts were larger than expected Monday, and the per cent of fed cattle was liberal for the first time in several weeks past, writes our Kansas City market correspondent under date December 13th. Trade opened slowly at weak to 25 cents lower prices and showed no improvement later. Some prime Christmas yearling steers brought \$17.75. Hog prices were 10 to 15 cents lower, top \$9.65, and bulk \$9.25 to \$9.55. Sheep and lambs were in moderate supply and sold ready at strong to 25 cents higher prices.

Receipts Monday were 16,500 cattle, 13,000 hogs, and 5,000 sheep, compared 11,000 cattle, 9,000 hogs, and 9,000 sheep a week ago, and 21,500 cattle, 11,500 hogs, and 7,950 sheep a year ago.

Strictly finished steers suitable for the high class Christmas trade and choice full fed steers, such as have been lacking for some time past, sold readily today at strong prices.

The top for Christmas yearlings was \$17.75, the highest price of the year.

Short fed and plain to ordinary

warm up steers were slow sale and 15 to 25 cents lower.

The bulk of the supply sold at \$8.50 to \$10.50,

and the bulk of the good fat steers sold at \$11.00 to \$12.50.

Cows and heifers were steady. More short fed

cows were in the run than in preceding weeks.

Most of them sold at \$6.50 to \$8.00, and heifers \$7.00 to \$9.00.

Veal calves were 50 cents lower at \$6.00 to \$11.00.

Demand for stockers and feeders was fairly active at steady prices. Good Panhandle, New Mexico and Colorado grades moved freely and the planer kinds sold slowly. The ability of the market to hold last week's advance indicates that the low price level of the season has been passed.

Hog prices Monday were 10 to 15 cents under last week's close and 25 cents under last Friday. This took the market into the lowest position of the year. At the decline, trade was active and a close clearance was made. Local receipts continue light compared with other markets and prices here are higher than elsewhere. The top price was \$9.65 and bulk of sales \$9.35 to \$9.60. Pigs sold up to \$9.50. In Chicago the bulk of the hogs sold at \$9.25, top \$9.60.

Sheep and lambs prices were 50 cents higher than Wednesday last week and 25 cents above last week's close. Fat lambs sold up to \$11.25 and good grades brought \$10.50 to \$11.10. Ewes at \$4.75 to \$5.25. Receipts were light for this season of the year. Trade in stockers and feeders remained quiet.

Trade in horses and mules under the limit of light receipts remained quiet. Prices were unchanged. Small demand is expected after the holidays.

### Wholly Accidental

"Stonewall" Jackson was not a man to speak ill of another man without reason. At a council of generals early in the war, one of them remarked that Major Smith was wounded, and would be unable to perform a certain duty.

"Wounded!" said Jackson. "If that is so it must have been by an accidental discharge of his duty."

The Southern Bivouac.



## SOME Christmas Suggestions

*in keeping with the spirit of useful giving that prevails this season, offered by this little store where value giving is supreme every business day in the year.*

All Out-of-Town Orders Will Be Carefully  
Filled and Forwarded Promptly.



### MEN'S SOX

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### NECKWEAR

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### BELTS OF THE FINEST LEATHER

with detachable Initial and Sterling Buckles.

### HOUSE SHOES OF ALL KINDS

for Ladies, Men and Children.

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TABLE LINEN, TOWELS, NAPKINS, BLANKETS,  
Silk and Down Quilts; Sweaters for Men, Boys, Children and Ladies; Shoes, Pumps, Boots, Stetson Hats

Mufflers, Handkerchiefs in Plain and Initialed  
and in Hand Worked Linens and Silks.

Beautiful New Blouses, Hand Bags, Grips,  
Boudoir Caps, Camisoles, Blankets, Etc.



### Let Us Help You With Your Packages

and there is always a hearty welcome for you at this little store whether you come to shop or not, and if we are able to serve you in any manner it will be a genuine pleasure.

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### OBLIGATION OF OUR CITIZENSHIP

a special study of government, and have arranged their yearly programs of club study to include citizenship as the topic of principal interest and study. Dr. T. G. Groner, director of the department of history and social science, has prepared a number of interesting and valuable outlines for the women's organizations of the State on the study of citizenship. These include lists of books, magazines, and other reference readings. They deal with such subjects as: The Political Issue and Women; The Nineteenth Amendment; What Women Need to Know About Government; Problems of Local Government; The Child and the Community; Problems of Child Delinquency; Local Conditions in Connection with Punishment of Crime; Reform Suggested, and American Indifference. The outlines may be obtained free of charge by writing the Secretary-Director, Department of Extension, College of Industrial Arts.

That pretty suit, hat, coat or dress you have been wanting is only half price now, and the style and material are so good that you can start next season with them too. At Whitmeyer's Shop.

### J. M. PERRY

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We now have a big line of Xmas goods on display. Come in and look them over.

With every 50c worth bought here there will be one Ticket given for the big beautiful Doll, which is to be drawn on Dec. 24th.

## THE ECONOMY STORE

Telephone 19

# The Most Thoughtful Gift of All

*Bring the Holiday Spirit into your Home with the*

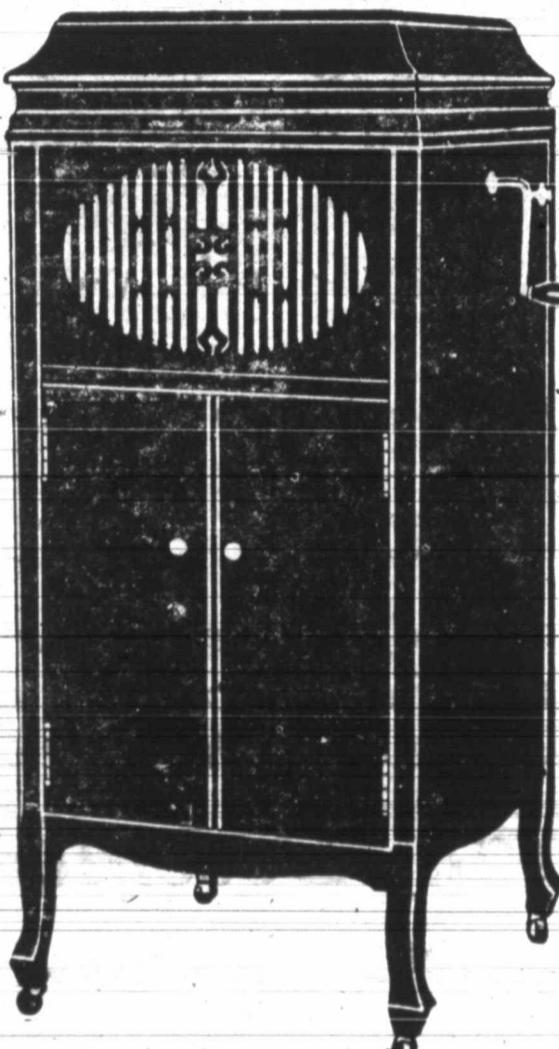
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brings you Christmas music--music for all times, and for all the family and friends. It opens to you the music treasures of the ages, because it makes possible the playing of all Records of all makes.



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A Good Guess

"My doctor sized my pile up pretty accurately."

"How's that?"

"He said I was as sound as a dollar, and that was all I had."

Nothing Unusual  
"Traveling alone this trip, Boss?" asked the Pullman porter.

"Yes, George," replied the little man. "But why do you call me Boss?" The last time I was on your train you called me Chief."

"Yes, Boss; but your wife was with you then and I had a suspicion she would feel hurt to hear me call you Boss."—Yonkers Statesman.

CHICKENS FOR SALE—Pure bred Minorcas, splendid foundation stock, priced at a rare bargain. Address Mrs. B. P. Harrison, Midland, Texas.

10-2tp

SELLING VERY MANY

CHRISTMAS SEALS

Nearly 15,000,000 Christmas seals have been sold in Texas during the first fifteen days of the sale of the little seals of health, is the estimate of Miss Winnie I. Bracy, State seal sale director, of the Texas Public Health Association.

"From reports from all parts of the State it appears that Christmas seals are being widely sold," said Miss Bracy. "The county chairmen report that the little stamps are already beginning to appear on letters, and that people are pasting them on their Christmas packages.

"Poor crops in some sections of the State, as well as the drop in the price of cotton, hurt the Christmas seal sale; but the majority of the reports coming into the State office of the Association are gratifying. I feel sure that when all reports are in we will find that Texas has responded in the fight against tuberculosis and for better health."

Local affiliations of the Texas Public Health Association at Dallas, Houston and Beaumont have called for a larger quota of seals than were first assigned to them. Many of the counties with small quotas have reported that they exceeded their quotas during the first few days of the seal sale.

Christmas seals will be kept on sale until the holidays in booths and stores, and tuberculosis workers hope to see their slogan: "A Christmas Seal on Every Piece of Mail in Texas" come true.

Annual Meeting of Stockholders of Midland & Northwestern Railway Company

Physiologically Proven

"You say that preparation will make the hair grow?" asked the thin haired man of the druggist.

"Why, say," came from the drug man, "I know a customer who took the cork out of a bottle of that stuff with his teeth, and now he's got a hair lip."—The Monitor.

By combining equal parts of our extra fancy fig, date and seedless raisins w/ pecans, you will have a most delightful Christmas confection. Try our stock before buying elsewhere. Postoffice Confectionery. adv

# What is Bank Service?

To understand and appreciate the customer's needs; to feel an earnest desire to help him to succeed; and to be both able and willing to extend to him every accommodation consistent with conservative banking methods—*this is Bank Service.*

## First National Bank

### He Knew One

"I will now," remarked the teacher, "place the letters of the alphabet upon the blackboard. As I write each letter I wish you to tell me the name of a bad drink that begins with the letter I put on the board."

He then chalked the letter A, and one of the children called "Ale!" Next B, and a youth volunteered "Beer."

A silence when he wrote the letter C caused the lecturer to ask, "Is there nobody here who can name a bad drink beginning with C?" He pointed to a small boy in the front row and said "There is a little man who I am sure can tell me."

To which the youth replied: "Sure I can. Castor oil!"

### Just So, Of Course

"You sign this deed of your own free will, do you, madam?" asked the lawyer.

"What do you mean by that?" demanded the large, florid-faced woman, looking threateningly upon the lawyer.

"I mean there has been no compulsion on the part of your husband. Has there?"

"Him?" she ejaculated, turning to look at the little meek man sitting beside her. "Frederick? I'd like to see him compulse me."

A glass of our Orange Marmalade will make your breakfast your chief delight. Try it. Postoffice Confectionery. adv

*The  
Season's  
Greetings*

Christmas is drawing nigh. We wish to say a few words to the Husband. If you are wondering what to give friend wife, just whisper the amount you wish to invest in your Yule Tide expression. We will help you to get the very best, most acceptable gift for your coin. We have so many things that will please her. To the Wife: No one knows better than a man what a man likes. We charge nothing for advise. If friend husband smokes and you wish to give him cigars, by all means consult us. We will sell you a man's smoke, a cigar that makes every puff a nerve soother, that just makes an optimist of a grouch. A good smoke will help to digest that Xmas dinner. Nothing so delightful to the smoker as the after dinner cigar of right blend and strength. To the Young Man: The young lady in question will think you are just a dear if you give her a box of our special holiday boxes of unusual confections. Those Johnston's chocolates are different, the triumph of the candy maker's art. They stamp the giver as a man of good taste. When in doubt send a box of our Xmas confections deluxe and perhaps it would be well to include a goodly bit of one of those delicate perfumes in the dainty bottle for her dressing table.

To the Young Woman: Choosing the gift for Him is sometimes a much mooted question. We have a number of things that are bound to please no matter how fastidious he may be. The useful gift though moderate in cost is always in good taste.

Remember we sell stamps and have a telephone:

During the holidays we will be glad to wrap and tie your packages to be mailed.

**C. A. Taylor & Son**

**Druggists**

# Allen & Lawrence

**Tinners, Plumbers  
Radiator Specialists**

When any of your plumbing freezes, or gets out of order, we will make it good as it ever was. We do all kinds of sheet metal work. We will not "fix" your radiator, but we repair it and make it like new. We can weld anything that can be welded anywhere.

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HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY  
CONCERT GREAT SUCCESS

Last evening the high school literary society gave their initial concert in the Christian church to a large and appreciative audience. Two of the best numbers on the program, or rather two of which pleased the audience most, was "Roaming in the Gloaming" sung by the boys' glee club. In this delightful Scotch song the boys were costumed and they received encore after encore and finally retired amid a storm of applause. We believe they could have repeated this song a dozen times with success. The other song was the "Anvil Chorus" in which an anvil effect was introduced, and the boys made a decided hit from the very first note. We wish we had the space to comment upon the other numbers, for all did their parts exceedingly well. Following was the program:

Program  
"O Praise the Lord" from "Mendelssohn's Athalie" (Mendelssohn)—High School Chorus with Orchestra.

Readings: (a) "If" (Kipling). (b) "Crossing the Bar" (Tennyson)—Midland High School.

Piano—"Jy Peuse" (Helmund)—Mabel Holt.

Romance: "Love's Hope" (Arnold Stickney)—Orchestra.

Baritone: "The King of the Storm" (Spalding)—W. W. Lackey.

"Sandman Am a-softly Comin'" (Humoreske—Devorak-Rix)—Girls' Choral Club with Orchestra.

Reading: "He Tried to Tell His Wife" (Anonymous). Leola Bigham.

Declaration: "Rienzi to the Romans" (Mitford)—Carroll Hill.

(e) "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust"; (b) "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore" (Verdi)—Boys' Glee Club with Orchestra.

Reading: "A Christmas Kid" (Cooke)—Miss Elkin.

(a) "Carry Me Back to Old Virginny" (Bland-Hilton); (b) "Near, My God to Thee" (by request—Excell)—High School Chorus with Orchestra.

"Roamin' in the Gloamin'" (Lander)—Select Male Voices with Orchestra.

Soprano and Alto: "Home to Our Mountains" (Gipsy Diet—Verdi)—Misses Nelson and Wilhite.

Baritone and Chorus: "Jerusalem" (Arr. Prof. Troe)—High School Chorus with Orchestra.

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O. P. Jones is registered at the Llano. He has been spending the week looking over his ranch 25 miles south.

Our esteemed friend and former townsman, J. S. Means, was a visitor this week, from Polytechnic, and went out to Andrews County to look over his extensive ranch and other interests.

H. Hamilton, of Stanton, visited our city this week, and was a guest of the Llano.

Mrs. R. O. Brooks has lately been very ill. Friends will rejoice to learn that she is now improving.

Cyclamen for the holidays. Nothing more appropriate than plants. No plants so satisfactory as Cyclamen. See them at The Elite. adv 10-3t

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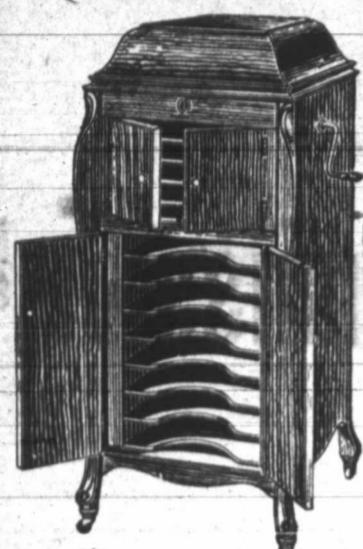
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### RIALTO THEATRE

By a Moviephan

Fr. day, today, a continuous show after 2 p. m. A Henry Lehrman Comedy entitled "A Twilight Baby," featuring Ham Hamilton and Virginia Popple. This is one rollicking comedy with a big round of laughs. Also big cartoon comedy and International News picture together with the big serial, "The Moon Riders."

Saturday, matinee and evening, a Realart Special "The Law of the Yukon," with an all star cast, based on the poem by Robert W. Service. The theme of this story is that the unit must perish and only the strong survive when brought into difficult conditions such as are in an Alaskan mining town far from civilization.

Monday, Constance Talmage in another delightful comedy drama entitled "Happiness a la Mode." Also a Star comedy and International News.

Tuesday, matinee and evening, the Presbyterian Ladies Aid Benefit, Douglas Fairbanks in his latest picture "The Mark of Zarro." A bigger and better picture than "The Mollycoddle." Also educational reel on polo. In the evening some vocal solos by Misses Nelson and Wilburt and Mr. Robert Fasken, and music by the Midland Orchestra.

Wednesday, May Allison in a sparkling comedy, "Fair and Warmer," from the famous stage success. The play that made the weather man famous. Snub Pollard and Sunshine Sambo comedy, "Don't Weaken."

Thursday, a Selznick special, "The Valley of Doubt," with an all star cast. A gripping story of the frozen north, containing beautiful snow scenes and wonderful acting by animals. Charlie Chaplin in a third million dollar comedy "Shoulder Arms," a burlesque on army life in the trenches.

Friday, "Romance of Tarzan," by Edgar Rice Burroughs. Those who failed to see "Tarzan of the Apes" will see it in synopsis from the first reel of this bill.

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### MIDLAND COLLEGE NOTES

By D. O. W.

The girl's basketball team played big Spring in the latter's grounds Saturday afternoon. Our team put up a good fight all during the game and lost by a score of only 16 to 10. We half beat them when they play here, for our girls were handicapped on account of sorry goals.

The College boys will play the Stanton high boys basketball team on Thursday the 16th. A hard game is expected.

Many clubs are being formed among the students now, and this is especially true of the girls. It is rather a unique thing to have half the boarding girls in a school that bear the same name, but we have that very thing here. The Johnsonian club is a club composed of the Johnsons. There are three Johnson sisters in the club and they each have two sisters, which makes nine; the other two Johnsons are not related to these in any way. They make out the eleven.

We wish to correct one error of omission that was made last week. John McKissick, our faithful, accurate and always reliable center, received a letter at the football banquet last Monday night, John played four quarters in each and every game the College played this year, and much of the success of our strong backfield was due to his accurate pass work.

A general organization of the third floor girls has been perfected and given the mysterious name of "L. O. P. H." club. The following officers have been elected: Miss Lura Johnson, president; Miss Willie Cole, secretary-treasurer; Misses Jessie Morton, Lois Johnson and Lura Johnson, social committee.

The French club, under the tutelage of Joseph Fasken, went on one of its regular frolics Saturday night. A good picture show to stimulate the imagination and a cup of hot chocolate after the stroll from town, after the show, completed the evening's program.

Mr. Laney has been seen going about the campus in a manner that would indicate profound thought. We presume he is thinking of his trip home.

School turns out Friday, December 17th, and will resume January 3rd. Everybody is expecting a great Christmas, and here is hoping that none will be disappointed.

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C. I. A. BEAUTIFYING GROUNDS WITH TREES

The people of Texas and the country at large have realized more in the last few years than ever before the civic value of beautifying school grounds and public parks. The College of Industrial Arts set apart Monday afternoon, December 13th, for this purpose, and the students and faculty entered heartily into the spirit of the occasion. Promptly at 1:30 o'clock a short general program, consisting of suitable songs and addresses was held in the auditorium of the College, after which the faculty and student body numbering about 1,400, adjourned to the campus for the tree planting. The exercises were participated in by every one connected with the College and resulted in the planting of about 400 trees and several hundred shrubs. First the freshmen, sophomores, juniors, and seniors planted their class trees with appropriate exercises; then the 23 different club organizations gave interesting programs on different parts of the campus in connection with the planting of their respective trees; and finally members of the faculty representing the various departments of the College also contributed their share. The 400 trees were of the following kinds: One hundred pecan trees; 130 sycamores; 40 redwoods; 20 elms; 20 poplars; 10 maples; 10 mountain trees, and 1 magnolia tree. Nothing mesquite trees; 4 catalpas; 4 red oaks; 4 Spanish dagger; 4 wild Chinas; 2 bois d'arc trees; 2 walnut trees, and 1 magnolia tree. Nothing adds more to a college campus or to public school grounds of any kind than does the planting of flowers, shrubs, and trees, and it is believed that this phase of civic improvement will characterize more and more the communities, large and small, throughout the State.

Notice of regular annual meeting of stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company:

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company that the regular annual meeting of the stockholders and directors of said Company will be held at the offices of the Company at Midland, Texas, at 2 o'clock p. m. on the 18th day of January, 1921.

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It may be a dump,  
It may be a farm,  
With an old oaken pump;  
It may be a palace—  
It may be a flat,  
It may be the room  
Where you hang up your hat;  
It may be a house—  
With a hole in the floor—  
Or marble hotel  
With a coon at the door;  
It may be exclusive,  
Or simple, or swell,  
A wee bit of heaven—  
Or one little—well—  
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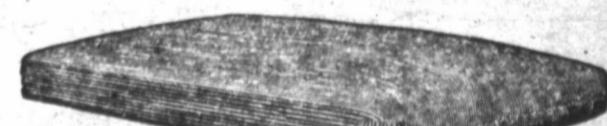
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Since ancient Bethlehem beheld  
The Christmas star arise,  
Astronomers have vainly sought  
Its splendor in the skies,  
But when the bells of Christmas Eve  
Repeat the glad refrain  
"Peace on earth good will to men,"  
Behold! it shines again.

In every home where little feet  
Go patterning to and fro,  
And little voices merrily  
Ring out across the snow,  
And scarlet-berried holly makes  
The glittering windows bright,  
The holy star of Bethlehem  
Reveals its dazzling light.

It sparkles from the Christmas tree  
In gold and silver sheen,  
And tiny tapers strung along  
The branches darkly green.  
It shimmers on the angel perched  
Upon the topmost spray,  
And o'er the tinsel cards that tie  
The gifts of Christmas Day.

O! may no little one awake  
Upon a Christmas morn  
To find his stocking hanging up  
All empty and forlorn.  
For lo! the glory that aroused  
The shepherd in the fold,  
Is shining still in childish eyes  
And curls of baby gold.

—MINNA IRVING in Texico Star.

Newbie W. Ellis and R. V. Hyatt had a delightful visit to Waco last week, as delegates from the local Masonic lodge to the meeting of the Masonic Grand Lodge. The visit was most instructive in every way.

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general throughout the Midland

Country.

D. J. Perry, a business man from

Abilene, was registered in Midland

this week, a guest of the Llano.

### B. Y. P. U.

Hymn No. 122.

Invocation.

Scripture: Luke 10:25-37—Ina Fay

Young.

Leader—Marie Horde.

"The Essential Nature of Religion"—Annie Wall.

"The Nature of Ethics"—Willie

Ramsay.

Violin duet—Lady Connell and Elsie

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"The Relation of Religion to

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Hymn No. 236.

Benediction.

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Mr. Coyle spent fifteen years in New York, directly connected with polo activities, and during the years he has lived in Midland he has been the means of much favorable advertising of his home town. He never fails to let it be known that his home is Midland, whenever it is not already known, which is now rare, for stockmen everywhere know him by reasons of his polo interests.

Mr. Coyle is rather reticent about his business along this line, but our conversation with him recently satisfied us that his purchases of polo ponies, from year to year, will aggregate a very large sum for during the last two seasons, he bought and shipped out about 400 of these ponies and it is getting so that when a stockman discovers, among his horses, an animal that has characteristics of a polo horse, his first thought is of Coyle.

Coyle is the man for you if you have a polo animal. This is a general thought among stockmen and Mr. Coyle's work is thus facilitated to a

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Midland people deeply sympathize with Mr. and Mrs. A. D. Gilbert, of "WLS" ranch in the loss of their infant last Wednesday. The little body was brought to Midland for burial. Mrs. Gilbert is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. Kelton.

Send a sample and make a happy Christmas for some one. Whitman's assorted candies, all size packages, both in holiday and plain. Mail orders given special attention. The Elite. adv 10-3t

Ed Lewis, stockman of San Angelo, was a business visitor to Midland in the early part of this week.

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### TEACHERS INSTITUTE WILL MEET TOMORROW

The Midland-Martin County Teachers Institute begins a 3-day session tomorrow, and have a printed program of much interest. The Reporter hoped to have space in which to publish the entire program but did not. Persons, however, who are interested in educational endeavor will be welcome visitors, and they are promised a season of much interest and pleasure. Many visiting teachers are expected to be present.

A. L. Bland and wife, of Colorado, were guest of the Llano the first of the week.

For Christmas specialties, see the Home Bakery in time. adv

W. D. Connell, of El Paso, was here this week looking over our range and was registered at the Llano.

J. R. (Rowdy) Love, of Marfa, is shipping a string of calves to market this week. He is a guest of the Llano.

### BUSINESS STALLED BUT IT CANNOT STAY SO

The writer was talking recently with one of the South's foremost students of economic problems.

Our manufacturers, we remarked to him, report that they have cut the prices and cut the prices but say that seemingly they have not yet cut prices enough to make people buy. The real trouble, we added, is that the cuts made by manufacturers have not reached the consuming and buying public. The retail merchant has a lot of goods on hand bought at old prices and he is not willing to make sales on the basis of present wholesale values.

"Yes," answered our economist friend, "and do you see where all that leads to? Take cotton, for example. The manufacturer has cut prices of his goods, but the retail merchant hasn't. Consequently, people have held off buying. But with winter coming on, and their old clothes wearing out, the folks will soon be compelled to buy. Then they will likely have to buy in more than ordinary quantities."

This will enable the manufacturers to boost prices again, and then the retailer will have an excuse for holding his prices up—and the only man who will lose out will be the farmer, the man who has tried to sell his raw material on a dead market."

There is a good deal of danger that things may work out just about this way. Business is temporarily stalled, but it can't stay stalled. The vast majority of the people of America are still employed, and employed at rather high wages, and salaries. Consequently, they are going to buy plenty of food and plenty of clothing especially cotton clothing. In fact, the tendency to economize may help the demand for cotton goods by lessening calls for silk shirts and silk hose.

It is true that the market right now is stalled, deadlocked. But it can't stay stalled. And the world must pay enough for cotton to insure getting an adequate acreage planted next spring. Doesn't that mean that it must offer around 30 cents a pound before next April? It looks that way to us.—The Progressive Farmer.

Lids for kids, girls and boys, just the size and kind for the Christmas stocking, specially priced this week at Whitmeyer's Shop. adv

C. H. Toups, with the Drovers National Bank, is in the city this week. He is a guest at the Llano.

J. E. Foster, of Gila, N. M., was a stockman visitor to Midland early this week.

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Born, to Mr. and Mrs. Terry Elkin on Thursday night, a fine baby girl. The Reporter extends congratulations to the happy parents.

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## Beginning a Perfect Day



The Christmas tree is rooted deep in love,  
Its verdant branches tower far above;  
Its fruits are emblems of a fairer clime,  
Its odors whisper of a happier time.  
'Tis planted in all lands to spread and grow,  
And faith and hope among its treasures glow,  
Till the green Life Tree in our midst shall stand,  
And earth once more becomes an Eden Land.

—From Christmas Chimes.

## TELLS OF PRISON CAMP ATROCITIES

WRITER SEEKS FORTIFIED WITH FACTS AND REVEALS REVOLTING DETAILS

Charging that convicts are shot down like dogs in Texas prison camps, beaten to death with heavy thongs, suspended by chains, confined naked in dark cells, beaten and punched with loaded pistols by brutal guards, George W. Dixon, of Houston, has issued an appeal to the public to put a stop to these "cruel and inhuman practices."

Mr. Dixon has issued the following statement to the press, with the request that the facts be given to the public:

"I have in my possession a report showing that the cruelties practiced on prisoners in Texas prison camps are sufficient to shock the conscience of the civilized world. I am no maudlin sentimental; no habitual reformer. I am only a reporter of facts which I am making public solely through sentiments of humanity. I have the names of prisoners who have been beaten to death. I have the names of prison guards in charge at the time of death. My report shows thirteen prisoners killed. Of this number five were beaten to death and eight were shot by prison guards.

Three prisoners were beaten to death at Ramsey Farm, one at Camp No. 2, and one at Allen Farm, all operated by the Texas prison system. Heavy manila rope was used in the beating of one man to death. The rope was first soaked in water then applied to the prisoner's body until he fell in a crumpled heap, dead at the feet of the tormentor. I have the names of two old men who were beaten until their bodies were covered with scars inflicted with the wet manilla rope.

One assistant manager beat a prisoner to death, then prepared the body for burial himself. I have the name of the dead prisoner and the prison camp at which he died under the cruel lash.

During the influenza epidemic volunteer nurses obtained permission from the governor to visit some of the sick prisoners. At Allen farm they found a prisoner had been shot to death the night before and the cause of his death reported as influenza. I have this dead prisoner's

name. I have the name of another prisoner on this same farm who was beaten to death in June of last year. Prisoners are afraid to give out information as to their treatment and dead men tell no tales. A prisoner at Imperial Farm was suspected of giving out facts to a lady who visited the farm in company with the prison physician. The prison farm manager had the man handcuffed and suspended from the floor by chains, and otherwise maltreated him as punishment for his supposed giving out of information which had been used in a complaint to the governor of Texas. On petition of more than 100 Texas women this manager was

GEO. W. DIXON.

Potted Poinsettias for Christmas gift. They are beautiful.

The Elite. adv 10-37

A merry Christmas to all—Home Bakery. adv

restoration they left their home in Mississippi and came to this place, where they have since resided. For perhaps three years he seemed to gain in health, but about two years ago he began to visibly fail, and this failing health culminated in his death as before stated.

He is survived by one sister who lives in Tennessee, a son by a former marriage—a youth of about 16 years and an adopted daughter of about 19 years, both of whom live in Louisiana, and his wife, whom we all know, and to whom he was married about six years ago.

Shortly after their marriage his

health began to fail, and in hopes of

humanity. John Kennison Durbin was born at Waterproof, in Tensas parish, (same as "county" in this State), Louisiana, on Friday, August 18th, 1875, and therefore at the date of his death was 44 years, three months and 29 days of age.

He is survived by one sister who

was also an earnest Christian and lived a most circumspect life. It was the privilege of his pastor during his last weeks to be frequently with him, and his testimony to the saving grace of our Lord Jesus Christ was most satisfactory and withal beautiful. In his last conversation with his pastor he expressed his unfaltering faith in his Lord. He fell asleep in great peace, leaving no doubt as to his destination.

With his many friends his pastor tends to him his congratulations on having "completed" his race with joy, to his bereaved ones his sincere condolence, and prays that God may so lead us that in the end we may find with Him our eternal home, as thitherward our feeble, faltering steps we turn.

S. X. SWIMME.

## STOCKMEN ARE GIVEN MORE TIME

LAND COMMISSIONER WIRES OF INDEFINITE POSTPONEMENT OF FORFEITURES

The following telegram was received Wednesday:  
Austin, Texas, Dec. 22, 1920.  
Midland Chamber of Commerce, Midland, Texas.  
Decided to postpone forfeitures indefinitely. Am notifying county clerk.

J. T. Robison, Commissioner.  
This is of great importance to those who are unable to meet their interest payments on their State lands. Not only has the Chamber of Commerce been active in securing this relief but many of our citizens have personally taken the matter up with the Commissioner. We published last week a letter written by Tom T. Garrard on this subject and Mr. Girlday has given the matter considerable attention. Realizing the serious situation the Commissioner has acted wisely and we are very grateful for his leniency.

Bread will sell at 10c, commencing Christmas day. Home Bakery. adv

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purpose of awakening men; he must live a consistent Christian life for the people look to him as a religious example. The people in the pew will not rise above the religious life of the minister.

The second rule: We must enlarge our spirit of benevolence; we may be stony means and yet not be benevolent. Benevolence rises above the mere giving of your money, but it includes it. We need to enlarge our missionary activity at home and abroad. We are doing a great deal to retard our work in Mexico by our treatment of those in our midst. If all members of the Methodist church would sign a contract every time they go to a show they would pay the price of the ticket in missionary box, we could pay all obligations. A church will never be a prosperous church until there is a spirit of unity in the church. We must be of one mind agreed in desires as well as words of prayer. Until all are in sympathy the baptism of the Holy Spirit will not come. There must be a unity of spirit of peace with each other. A little man or woman won't acknowledge his faults. It takes a big soul and the grace of God in a man's heart to say he has wronged another, but it has got to come before you can enter Heaven. Change your relation to the fellow by changing your attitude. You can't get to Heaven with unforgiveness and lack of love in your heart. If we are out of harmony we are injurious to our lives and are in the way of others. One need of the church in Midland is

Splendid attendance at all the services even though quite a number had gone to the ranches for the holidays. Sermon at eleven o'clock by the pastor, subject: "Elements Necessary to a Church's Prosperity." First scripture lesson, Psalm 15-second lesson, Neh. 1:4-11; text, Psalm 118:15. Extracts from sermon: prosperity is the object of our seeking; prosperity is given of the Lord. Man, woman, boy and girl is under moral obligations to the church. In seeking prosperity we lose sight of the fact that material prosperity is the heart of all prosperity. Wesley's rule was: make all you can, give all you can give. Prosperity of a financial sort, unaccompanied by benevolence, is like a man with money and without character. Prosperity of the church: Just what does it take to constitute a prosperous church? The following rules if properly applied will guarantee a prosperous church:

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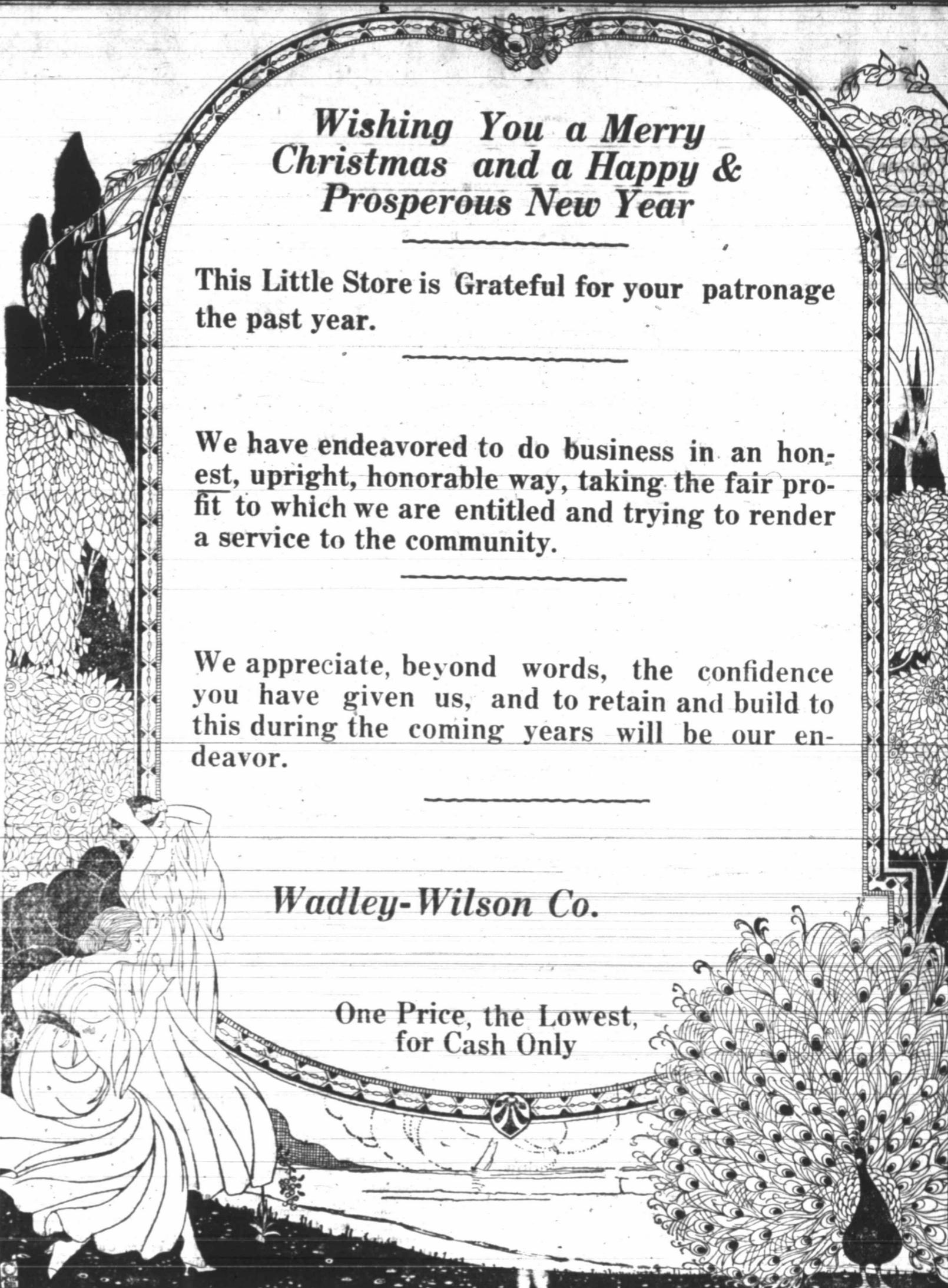
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unity of purpose.

We need enforcement of judicial discipline. The world is watching each of you. The world has no respect for a crooked church member. Our Lord desires a Christian church, holy and without blemish. A man who works on Sunday is as much of a thief from God's view as the man who would take my money. One sinner can retard the progress of the church; one sinner can destroy much good. Anyone who does wrong not only hurts himself but others.

The fourth element necessary to church prosperity is efficient financial management. Every member, boy or girl, should feel he has stock in the church and take some part in the financial plan of the church. Each should have a proper conception of our individual responsibility to the church. Each member has the honor and purity of the church in his keeping. Am I living as close to Christ as I should? We should carry Christ into our business office; carry Christ into our social affairs; honor our God in our homes; live so people will regard you as a moral force in the community. We may be active church members and yet not have Him in our lives. We are just marking time. Why? Too many actors in the camp; too much sin in the church. People, inspect your church vows. Refrain from worldly amusements; stay away from the old timer's dance. If you old people you children will be wanting to go to a "hugging" machine pretty soon. The world doesn't respect a crooked church member. Let us be a church clothed with righteousness, having on the girdle of mercy and our hands uplifting the cross.

Sunday night sermon, subject: "Why I am a Methodist." This was a strong doctrinal sermon, broad and instructive. The audience greatly enjoyed a vocal solo by the pastor.

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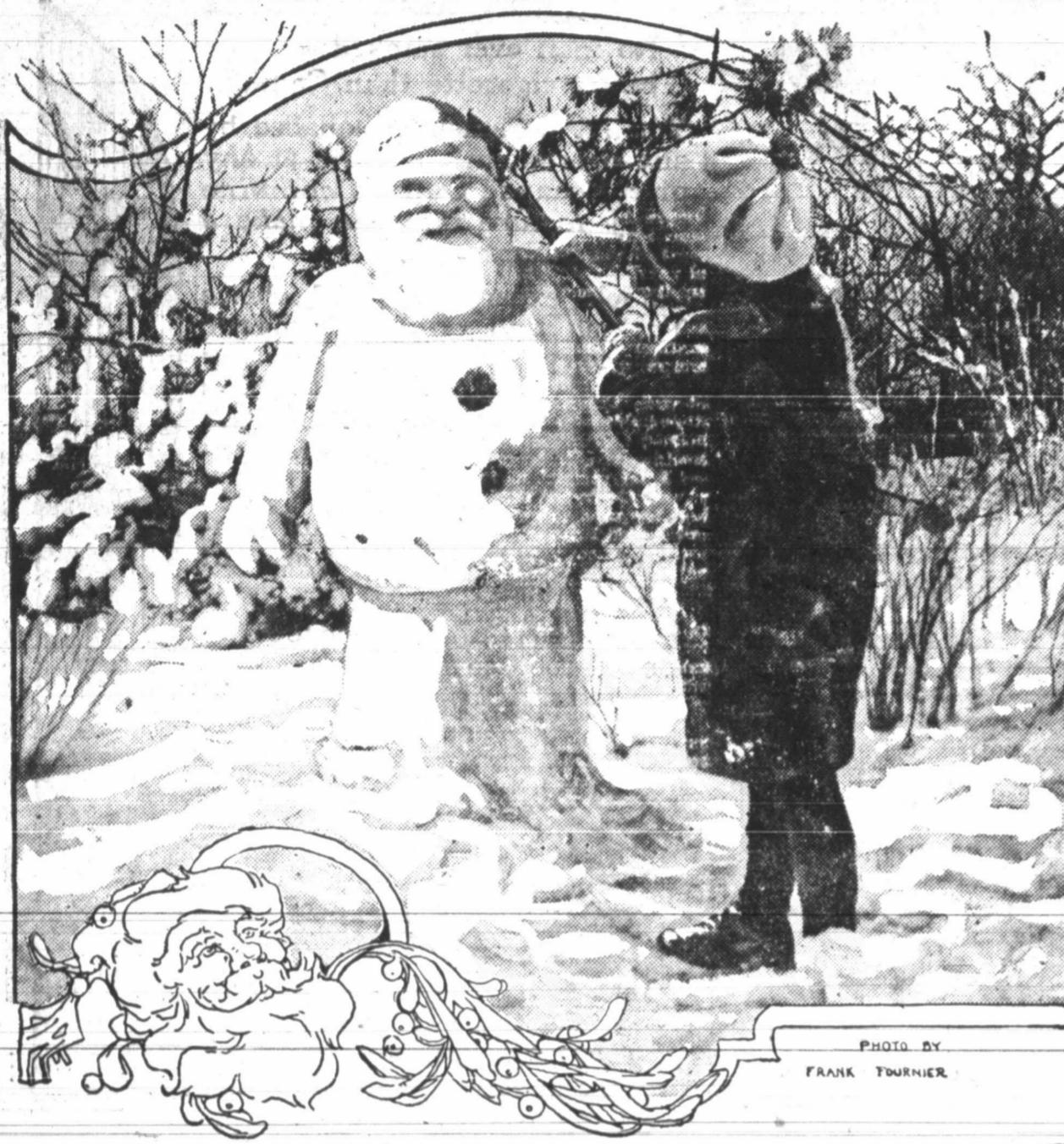
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**MIDLAND SOCIETY**MISS LYDIE G. WATSON  
Editor  
Phone No. 88**A Christmas Blessing**

(By Rev. J. H. Jewett, M. A.)

May Xmas be with thee all the year round! May its music sing on in thy soul! May its flowers bloom on in thy mind!

May the Xmas bells hush all our discords. Impart unto us the spirit of self-forgetfulness, and may we find a holy delight in other people's triumphs. Grant that the sacred light of Xmas tide may shine throughout the year. Amen.

**Many Young People Home for Christmas**

Next week will be replete with

gaiety, Christmas cheer and Midland folk will have their hearts and homes quite full of welcome love and busyness in honor of the girls and boys who have been away teaching and in colleges and will be home for the joyous season. How we miss their bright, cheery faces and how we welcome their return. Among the teachers who have returned are: Misses Brookie Lee, of Sierra Blanca; Florence McKissick, of Britte; Corinne Connell, of Kermitt; Eileen Harrison, of Odessa; Anna Mae Klapproth, of Sweetwater; Esther Klapproth, of Ennis; Eleanor Connell, of Warfield. The college students are: Messers. Meyer Half, of New Mexico Military Institute at Roswell; Joe B. Johnston, of the Commercial College at Tyler; Joe Caldwell, of A. M. C.; Truet Hull, Simmons College, Abilene; Miss Caelyn Caldwell, of Sulphur College, Bristol, Va.; Miss Loraine Davis, of State Normal, Denton; Miss Easie Cowden, Baylor University, Waco; Miss Geraldine Cowden, and Miss Fay Taylor, Boyler, Belton; Miss Theresa Klapproth, S. M. U., Dallas.

**Allen Bailey**

On last Saturday afternoon at 2:00 o'clock, a pretty marriage was solemnized when Miss Mabel C. Allen, of this city, became the happy bride of Mr. Leslie Bailey, of Davis, Okla., Rev. I. H. Teel, of the Christian church, impressively reading the beautiful service which made the twain one. After the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Davis left for Davis, Okla., where he is employed as a mechanic. Numerous friends with The Reporter wish them a long life of wedded happiness.

Miss Thelma White returned last Tuesday from an extended visit to Dallas and points in east Texas.

**Readings by the Author**

The Reporter has had a hard time of it this week, without a printer. Our foreman left last Saturday night and the job was left up to the linotype operator, an apprentice, and the editor. For the first time in nearly twenty years the editor has had to serve as ad-man, make-up, etc., and he is extremely clumsy as such, and irritable and cross and generally worthless; but now, that we are at last issuing the "little sheet," we are all smiles again and wish our readers and everybody else good cheer, a merry Christmas, and a happy, prosperous New Year.

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**Miss Gee King, Honoree**

On last Saturday afternoon a pretty Christmas party was given at the residence of Mrs. C. C. Foster, when Misses Minnie Foster and Jewell Collins entertained with a miscellaneous shower in compliment to Miss Joe King, whose marriage to Mr. John Collins will be one of the charming events of the Yuletide season. The house was prettily decorated with Christmas greens and bells and a sweet spirit of happiness seemed to pervade the entire atmosphere. The guests, who were only a group of congenial girl friends, first wrote a favorite receipt in the bride's book, then followed an interesting contest suitable to the sentiment of the occasion. Miss Jewell Collins, by her nimble wits won first prize, a dainty handkerchief, which she graciously presented to the honor guest. Miss May Marshall came last and thrillingly told of her first proposal. Then in response to a knock, old Kris Kringle, his dear old self, was ushered in, with his pack on his back. With merry jest, he bestowed all his gifts upon the pretty little bride-elect, who then sweetly thanked the girl friends for so beautifully remembering her so young life. At the conclusion of the happy afternoon the most delicious fruit salad, with sandwiches, olives and coffee were temptingly served.

**Miss Frances Miller, Graduate**

Midland friends this week are receiving invitations to the graduating exercises of Miss Mary Frances Miller, the young daughter of our esteemed friends, Mr. and Mrs. George Miller, which took place in Mineral Wells, Thursday, Dec. 23rd. Many girls graduate but few do it so triumphantly as Frances. The Mineral Wells high school requires eighteen credits for graduation and this little girl, who is the youngest member of her class, met these requirements, was exempt in this term's work, with her lowest grade, 92. She has also done heavy work in music and oratory. Then, too, in a hotly waged contest, she was voted the most attractive girl in the senior class, leading her closest opponent by forty votes. Intellect, ambition and personal charm is a combination that is as rare as it is beautiful and The Reporter warmly and cordially congratulates this favored young daughter of the gods, and will watch her path of future progress with much interest. January 28th Miss Miller will enter William Woods College, Missouri.

The Wednesday Club met Wednesday of last week with Mrs. Half as hostess, at which time the following program was professedly given. To make the study still further interesting Mesdames Rowe and Half had some beautiful prints of the Madonnas which they brought from abroad:

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Picture talk: The World's Greatest Picture, the Sistine Madonna—Mrs. Caldwell.

A story told: Raphael and the Sistine—Mrs. Chancellor.

Mrs. Jennie Collom, who occupies a very warm spot in the hearts of a wide circle of Midland friends, returned last week from Georgia and Tennessee, where she has spent the past year.

Mrs. Rube Clayton and children left Tuesday afternoon for Sherman to spend the Yuletide with relatives and friends and from there they will go to El Paso, possibly for the winter.

Mrs. M. J. Allen left last Friday morning for Vernon and Crowell, to spend Christmas with her daughters, Mrs. May and Misses Eunice and Mitte Lee.

Mrs. John Haley left last week for a visit to relatives and friends in Belton.

Mrs. Roxie Nugent, of Lubbock, arrived yesterday to spend Christmas with home folks.

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CHRISTMAS EVE AND  
ITS HOME BEAUTIES

Christmas Eve in the home is always a joyful event, or should be. The father has closed his ledger with a "Thank God" that there is now and then a respite from toll, from the perplexities and cares of everyday life, an oasis in the desert of the year, and yields himself for the time to the pleasure of creating new joys for the loved ones at the home fireside. The mother's heart overflows with love and thankfulness as she watches the innocent and enthusiastic glee of her little ones over their Christmas gifts. And as for the children themselves, what eternity of time could compensate them for the loss of one Christmas?

Mrs. Pearl Lewis, of El Paso, who has been nursing our deceased friend, J. P. Durbin, left for her home on the early train Monday.

### GREETINGS

We extend to all of our Patrons a joyous Christmas Greeting and in the New Year we wish you good health and prosperity.

### City Drug Store

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#### WATCH NIGHT SERVICE AT METHODIST CHURCH

#### YOUNG BOY STRUCK BY AUTOMOBILE

The Methodist church will observe "watch night" on the night of Friday, December 31st, at the church, beginning with a song service at 7:30. The program includes music, speeches, prayers and refreshments; the latter to be served under the direction of the Women's Missionary Society. It is hoped that all the members of the church will be present.

Don't fail to read the Methodist church advertisement on page eight, and its program for worship in another part of the paper.

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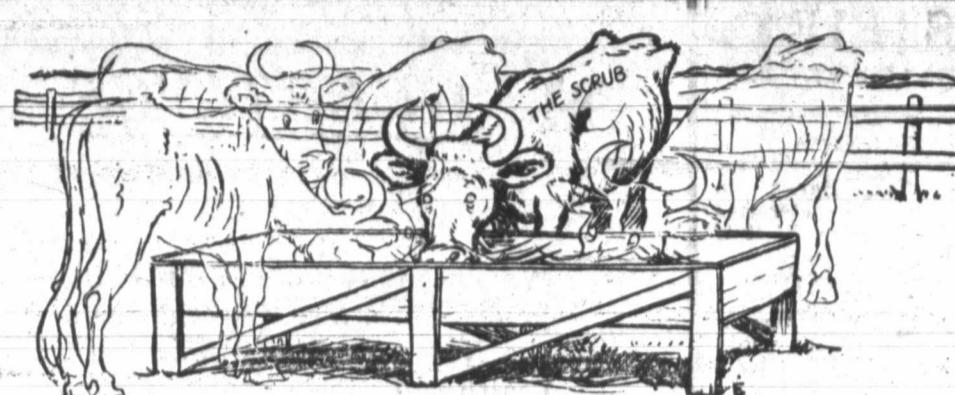
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### THE PRETTY "LAND OF MAKE-BELIEVE"

CLASSIC CHRISTMAS SENTIMENT THAT "THRILLS, AND SOOTHES"

Walter Kennedy was, some years ago, editor of the Memphis Commercial Appeal. He is dead, but his last Christmas editorial will live for ages. Each year, at Christmas time, it is re-published in the Commercial Appeal, and though this writer had read it before, this year our attention is called to it by Judge J. M. DeArmond, who says of it: "It is a gem that thrills and soothes and thrills again. It is full of genuine human sympathy, and gives expression, beyond the power of others, to the thoughts and feelings that come trooping home to us with this Yuletide season. Possibly it is unknown to your readers, and it occurred to me

that it would be of real interest to them if The Reporter would reproduce it."

The Reporter thinks of it no less favorably than does Judge DeArmond; we are glad he has called our attention to it, and it is a real pleasure to reproduce.

"The Land of Make-Believe".

As the Christmas festival recurs, it is observable that certain somber gentlemen of academic mien have begun to inveigh against the pagan absurdities and mythological futilities of the season. They tell us that we make of the Christ Child's birthday a time of Make-Believe, in which we lose sight of the realities of life and the sacred significance of the occasion. These pundits would send Santa Claus, the good St. Nicholas and Kris Kringle, with their sleighs and reindeer, flying into the land of nowhere and oblivion. They would strip the Yule tide of all its accumulated charm of legend and fancy. They would abolish the silly traditions that have clung for ages to the holly and mistletoe. They would eliminate the Christmas tree, with its lighted can-

dles and its fragile toys. They would teach every child not to believe in Santa Claus because there never was any such person, and children ought to cultivate scientific accuracy of thought and not have their curly heads stuffed with fairy lore and the moonshine of myth and legend.

And all this they would do because we live in an age of science and substance and reality, and not in a Land of Make-Believe. "Life" illustrates pointedly the effect of such philosophy in its Christmas number, when it depicts a wise little girl in her nightie receiving Santa Claus and telling him.

"You know I don't believe in you any more, but you may leave the things."

And so this is not the Land of Make-Believe? Could any explicit declaration contain a greater solution of untruth than that? Why, from the cradle to the grave our lives are dominated by Make-Believe. The pleasures of the senses entice us while they last, but they do not linger; and when they go, they often leave the gray ashes of vain regret and chill remorse.

It is only in the land of Make-Believe that we find our noblest and truest joys. Little children make excursions into that enchanted domain when they play among the flowers or sail mimic fleets of battleships out upon the brook that rambles through the forest, or listen, as did Peter Pan, to the call of a wandering Tinker Bell. Their education begins with the telling of stories by the winter fire, and even when they are sent to school the appeal must first be made to the spirit of Make-Believe that haunts every tiny head. And then, at the other extreme, is the old man dozing by the fire, not unmindful of its warmth, perhaps, but with his head full of dreams and memories, ghostly duplications of the days that are no more, faint groupings into that land of light beyond the western hills. Unrealities, phantoms, visions, it is true; but the only things in life for one who stands, patient and serene, before the grave waiting the inevitable summons.

It is not what we eat and drink, what we wear and where we live that constitute the essentials of life. Home, says the poet, is where the heart is. Yet, sifted to its analysis, this is only a piece of make-believe that must be sorely offensive to those of collegiate training and scientific tastes. Those, however, who look beyond crucibles, retorts, solutions and measures, know that there is an underlying truth in this aphorism. The millionaire lives in his palace, surrounded by all the luxuries, and ministered to by all the arts. Yet he is not at home. The place that will always be home to him is a memory—perhaps an old farmhouse on the hill, long since torn down and replaced by a modern mansion, or left to ruin and the bats and owls. Yet this place that has no tangible or material existence

is the only home the millionaire can ever have. On the other hand, the house that one has built from the fruits of honest toil, where the dainty She Who Must Be Obeyed presides, where love's young dream has reached its fair fruition, may well become a true home, for there, indeed, the heart is.

And now, you who are inclined to take material and practical views of life, come into the library. A shaded reading lamp stands upon the table. An old armchair invites you. The walls are covered with books, favorites of yours, perhaps. You are in a chapel consecrated to Make-Believe. About you are the ghosts of Shakespeare, Goethe, Homer, Moliere, Dante and the long, illustrious line. And there are volumes telling you the strange, eventful history of the world's great men. Wonderful songs lie imprisoned and silent in the dark receptacles that men call books. You have but to turn the pages and many voices speak and sing to you. You open Shakespeare, and you hear Hamlet declaiming upon the snowy ramparts of Elsinore, and you follow Shylock through the moon-bathed ways of Venice and stand with him before his shadowy home, where nothing but emptiness answers his knocking upon the door. What somber tragedies, what marvelous histories, what forgotten songs, what side-splitting comedies, what stately epics, are all crowded into one small room! And yet, so far as the senses are concerned, it contains nothing but voiceless books.

Go to the theatre, and you enter again the Land of Make-Believe. Here we have personages that never existed, enacting stories that never were. But, though the play is only Make-Believe, the emotions portrayed, if portrayed well, are true to truth. The illustrations of the stage have become a part of modern life; and when one reviews the years that have passed he realizes that many of his most pleasant memories are associated with the theatre. A fugitive air from the "Bohemian Girl" drifts across his mind, recalling some white night in his experience. Edwin Booth as Iago, or John McCullough as Spartacus, or Joe Jefferson as Rip Van Winkle, step before the mythic footlights and a delightful experience of the past is lived again. Music and the play are among the vital needs of men. Poetry and old romance are factors in the well-rounded life. Art, too, plays its part to some purpose.

Yet these things, strictly speaking, are futile and unnecessary. They all pertain to the Land of Make-Believe. What is art but an imitation, a counterfeit presentation? Of what avail is a "painted ship upon a painted ocean," when one can see the actual waves of the sea? People do not sing at one another in real life, so what's the use of opera, and why not consign "Faust" and "Carmen" and "The Troubadour" to the limbo of lost things? And why should we be harrowed by the haunting music of "Madame Butterfly"? She never lived and suffered, anyhow, and that little Japanese house amid the blossoms of peach and the vagrant morning glories, where she ended her dainty, perfumed life, was a false pretense, making an illicit appeal to our sympathies. Besides, the man who wrote such music and drew the reluctant tears to our eyes is a humbug and pretender, and we have a score to settle with him. Shakespeare, too, should be given his conge, for his characters speak in blank verse, and people in real life never do.

It is the spirit of Make-Believe, indeed, that makes life worth living. It sends the boy and girl to school. It impels the youth to get the ball to goal in spite of all obstacles. It fills the maiden's head with happy dreams. It is the architect of storied castle and grand cathedral. The missionary takes with him to the wilderness and the desert nothing that is pliant to the senses, merely the glad tidings that appeal to the spirit. The soldier who dies for a cause or for his country, or who dares to go wherever Valor waves a flag as a challenge to death, is giving up his life for a sentiment. He has made no material gain. He has simply forfeited his life in a good cause, or possibly a bad one, on the field of battle.

This is a season of the year when we should be loath to disturb our beliefs. Take a trip to the Land of Make-Believe, and take the children with you. If you look out of your window at midnight of Christmas Eve, you may see the ghostly reindeer flying through the wintry air, and you may hear the bells of Make-Believe chiming against the misty shores of memory and ringing in the shimmering steeples of hope. Cherish all the legends that are entwined about the yule log, the holly and the rustletoe.

The Elite has now on display a very beautiful and complete line of Davis Christmas and New Year cards and folders.

Notice of Dissolution

Notice is hereby given that the partnership heretofore existing between Tom T. Garrard, Jr., B. W. Baker, and H. G. Russell, and doing a law business under the firm name and style of Garrard, Baker & Russell, did, on the 30th day of November, 1920, dissolve, by mutual consent, the said B. W. Baker having withdrawn, and being in no way longer connected with said firm. The new firm, Garrard & Russell will continue business as heretofore, occupying the offices of the old firm, styled above.

Witness our hands this, the 2nd day of December, 1920.

Tom T. Garrard, Jr.

H. G. Russell.

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## A MERRY XMAS-- A HAPPY NEW YEAR

With the closing of the Holiday season we take this method of thanking our many friends and customers for the fine business they have given us during the past year.

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Dated this 17th day of December, 1920, at Midland, Texas.

B. C. GIRDLEY,  
Secretary.



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## ENTERTAINMENT IN CHRISTIAN CHURCH

MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS CHRISTMAS MUSICAL PROGRAM

The Midland high school presented

its annual Christmas program on last Thursday evening in the auditorium of the Christian church. Many pronounced this program to be the best ever rendered by the high school, and by some it was considered better than the program given by the choral club of this city. All of the numbers had been memorized by the students and besides being well selected, they were the best prepared and most artistically rendered numbers ever given

to a Midland audience by the high

school.

The concert was given by the high school chorus of 160 voices, the Girls' Choral Club of 40 voices and the Boys' Glee Club of 55 voices. These were accompanied by two pianos and the Midland orchestra.

There were four full choruses, three ladies' choruses, two male choruses, two duets, one baritone solo, one piano solo and several readings.

Among the most artistic choruses were the ladies' choruses, Lullaby from "Jocelyn;" "When Twilight Weaves Her Gentle Spell" (Beethoven-Branscombe;) the male choruses, "Soldiers' Chorus" from "Faust" and "Anvil Chorus" from "Il Trovatore;" "Carry Me Back to Old Virginia," (Bland-Hilton) came for its share of appreciation and popularity, and the closing number, "Jerusalem," (Protheroe) was grand, stately and sublime.

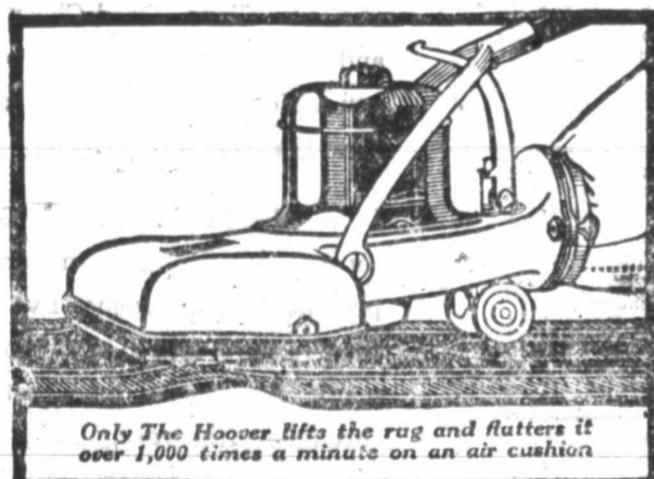
The individual numbers deserving special mention were: a piano solo, "Iv. Pense," (Helmond) by Mabel Holt; baritone solo, "Would God I Were the Tender Apple Blossom," (Fisher) artistically sung by Supt. Lackey and appreciated and enjoyed by the large audience; soprano and alto duets, "Love Divine all Love Excelling," (Geibel) by Arctic Wall and Lillie B. Williams, and "Home to Our Mountains," very admirably rendered by Misses Wilhite and Nelson. "Roamin' in the Gloamin'" (Lauder,) given by select male voices and in the characteristic Scotch costume was the most enthusiastically received number on the program. The declamation "Renzi to the Romans," (Mitford) by Carroll Hill was well delivered and received hearty applause. The readings, "He Tried to Tell His Wife," by Leola Bigham, and "A Christmas Kid," (Cook) by Miss Nellie Elkin, were heartily applauded and encores were given.

The Reporter would like to publish the program again in full, but we have been badly demoralized this week on account of lack of printers. We are therefore compelled to shorten all subjects, however good, and this interesting matter is of much else that is sacrificed.

## EARLY DIFFERENCES ON CHRIST'S BIRTHDAY

The early Christians were divided as to the date on which the nativity of Christ should be celebrated. Some of these celebrated it on the first or sixth of January, other groups observed September 29th and still another March 29th. As early as the fourth century, however, the period of the new year had been generally accepted as the time for celebrating Christ's birthday. The Western branch of the church observed December 25th and the Eastern church January 6th. Finally it was decided that all should celebrate December 25th. Pope Julius I, who presided in the first half of the fourth century, is credited with having set the date.

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But while the crop of kiddies lasts I'll do the best I can  
To make you shout instead of cry,  
And make you laugh instead of sigh!

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Its Officers and Stockholders wish for every one, *not forgetting the Kiddies*, every joy of this Yuletide season. Think of us as

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Preaching at 11 A. M. and 6:30 P. M.; Epworth

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Baptist Church

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At the evening hour there will be special music as follows:

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A Christmas tree Friday evening, program beginning promptly at 7 o'clock. The public is invited to this service. Every child attending will

**HUDSPETH WILL SUPPORT****SHEPPARD-TOWNER BILL**

The following letter, addressed to Mrs. Harry Tolbert, who handed it in for publication, will explain itself:

"Dear Mrs. Tolbert:

"The resolution which was signed by you and a number of other citizens of Midland, urging that I use my influence toward the passage of the Sheppard-Towner Bill is received. In reply I wish to state to you that I shall be glad to support this bill and do what I can to bring about its passage.

"Very truly yours,

"C. B. HUDSPETH."

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**CHRISTMAS IS THE BEST OF ALL HOLIDAYS**

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for the new year —*

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Among the most noteworthy special attractions this week was the benefit performance under the auspices of the Presbyterian ladies. The feature was Douglas Fairbanks, in a very fine comedy in which this great acrobatic comedian performed some most daring and thrilling stunts. Besides this feature as a special attraction Miss Mary Nelson and Mr. Robert Fasken sang some very pretty solos and the Midland orchestra rendered some bright and catchy hits of the day.

"Fair and Warmer," with May Allison was the subject on Wednesday night. This is taken from the play by the same name, and it was very cleverly portrayed.

Constance Talmage on last Tuesday night in "Happiness a la Mode," was distinctly characteristic of this bright little actress and was thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. Miss Constance will appear soon in "The Love Expert." Many have seen her in this play and it has been said by those who have witnessed it that it is her best. It was written especially for this actress and it brings out all her ~~was~~ characteristics. We look forward to this with anticipation.

Saturday Evening Post, Ladies Home Journal and Country Gentleman subscriptions taken at The Elite. We are agents for these publications and guarantee perfect service. Also take subscriptions for any other publication.

**WANTS SOCIETY TO HAVE TWO DAYS OF REST**

"Modern society cannot do with only one day to itself. It should have two—one for play and the other for rest and prayer." This is the latest contribution to the controversy over Blue Law Sundays, and it comes from Rev. Dr. S. Parker Cadman, well known pastor of Brooklyn, N. Y. "We ought to get a whole day Saturday in which to go to the movies and the beaches and baseball games, in which to see our friends—in short to play about. And we ought to reserve a whole day Sunday for resting and going to church and worshiping the Lord in the manner we wish. The two-day holiday would render unto Caesar the things that are Caesar's and unto the Lord the things that are the Lord's."

A beautiful box of Christmas stationery makes a useful and appreciated gift. The Elite Confectionery.

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Dec. 23, 1920

To My Friends and Patrons:

Once more we are in the midst of the season of Santa Claus, Good Cheer and such-like, and I want to take this opportunity to wish you a Merry, Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

I am always glad when Christmas time comes round. It gives me an opportunity to present the good wishes I've been storing up for 364 days, and to say "thank you" for the many favors you have bestowed upon me throughout the year.

I have tried mighty hard to merit your good will and confidence, and am sincerely grateful for your patronage. With the coming of another year I look forward to again numbering you as a friend and customer.

So here's hoping this will be the most joyous and happy Christmas you have ever spent, and my sincerest wish will not come true unless 1921 brings happiness to you.

Cordially yours,

JNO. P. HOWE.