

## OIL SHOWING IN TOYAH-BELL NO. 2; OTHER RIGS WORKING

A statement that there had been a slight showing of oil in the Toyah-Bell No. 2, in Loving county with the well just before the well was closed down to erect a standard derrick on the location was made by L. M. White, treasurer of the company who made an inspection of the work this week.

Mr. White asked that a few additions be made to the derrick and Pearce Bros., the contractors, promised that this work would be completed in time to permit drilling to start late in the week. The engines and boilers are now in place and the drillers are ready to start as soon as the derrick is completed.

At the time of the shut down announcement was made that sufficient gas had been struck at 2,025 to warrant the belief that the drill was near the oil and that the advice of the drillers was that a rig should be erected in order that they may be able to handle the casing in case of a strike, or in case of water troubles as the Star rig on the location was not thought large enough to do this work efficiently.

The oil showing is declared to be small and not important enough to justify an attempt to develop but such that it would indicate that oil in larger quantities would be found within the next few hundred feet.

The drill is in a hard lime formation that when pulverized is so fine that it feels as soft as flour. This lime rock was found under alternating series of lime rocks and rock salt, and while it would not surprise the drillers to strike another stratum of salt, it is their belief that the drill is very near the bottom of the record breaking salt formation, which is now over 1,200 feet deep.

This well is on Section 80, Block 1 W. & W. N. survey, a few miles north of Porterville on the east side of the Pecos river.

Actual drilling is finally under way on the Bell-Reeves well. After having steam up for several days the tools were put in the hole Tuesday, and after underreaming for a time the lost underreamer lugs were struck and it was necessary to put in the drill to push these tools down. Due to the presence of the lugs a longer period of time will be required to drill out the remaining seventy feet of hole that remained between the oil sand and the end of the casing when work was stated.

The Los Pecos Syndicate has started their rotary rig on a water well which is being drilled inside the derrick. They expect to get the water at about 35 feet. This well is necessary to the successful operation of the rig as it provides plenty of water to flush out the hole. This work should be completed within a very few days and actual work on the regular wells started before the end of the week. Van Havis of Pecos is assisting Arch W. Bell in the operation of this rig.

A few finishing touches to the rig of the Texas Drilling & Development company remain before the well will be spudded in but the understanding is that there will be no delay incident to the holiday season on this well. The two wells last mentioned are located within a mile of the Bell discovery, the Los Pecos north of the Bell on Section 20 and the Texas on Section 29 south of the Bell.

The two will prospect a new area for the Bell shallow sands.

Isaac Bell, brother of Ira J. Bell, is here to take charge of the field operations when the Bell discovery well is deepened in the hope of finding a deeper sand under the one ruined by the water which broke in from the top. This work is expected to start immediately after the Xmas holidays, and will be financed by money raised by the Dixieland Syndicate stockholders in Chicago.

The Pecos Angeles, on the scrap section three miles south of the Bell, has secured casing to effect the water shut-off at 312 feet, and this will probably be set and drilling resumed by the end of this week.

The Toyah-Bell company interests have decided to concentrate their efforts on the No. 2 well and shut down the No. 1 well on section 4, block 55, township 3. Difficulty in securing a water shut off is given as one reason for this action.

Another engine has been taken to the site of the Toyah-Bell well on section 20, block C-19, about 18 miles up the river, but operations are awaiting some minor repairs that were found necessary when the attempt was made to start the engine. Progress on this well has been slow, and engine troubles galore have developed. The hole is not in shape to be carried more than a couple of hundred feet further, it is now 700 feet, but L. A. Adams the driller declares that the formations struck during the last 100 feet of drilling compare so well with those of the Bell well that he expects to strike a sand within fifty feet.

Formations in the Soda Lake well

down. While no actual oil showings have been had in this well, according to the best information obtainable, the showings of gas have been very encouraging, and taken altogether the prospects are considered excellent.

The River well, which is the property of the Arthurs-Pitts Oil company of Texas, the owners of the Soda Lake, has underreamed down and set ten inch casing after successfully completing a 110-day job of fishing for a lost string of tools. This has proven one of the most ex-

## BILL SANDS IS FREED ON SELF DEFENSE PLEA

The forepart of the week was occupied by the district court in the trial of W. B. Sands, charged with killing Sergeant Owen Biernie in the Coney Island saloon in El Paso on May 16, 1917, and transferred to Pecos for trial.

One hundred eighteen special veniremen had been summoned to appear Monday morning and before the jury was secured more had to be summoned. The jury was secured and the trial begun with probably as fine an array of attorneys as ever got together in one case before the

Pecos bar. On Wednesday the case was given the jury which thereafter went to dinner and consumed very little time in announcing a verdict of "manslaughter in self-defense."

This was a noted case in which both parties were prominent, the deceased being a sergeant in the U. S. army while Sands was a Texas ranger and both had made many friends by their acts of daring and bravery and sticking to their friends. The case had been tried twice in El Paso resulting both times in a hung jury before being transferred to Pecos.

With the rendering of the verdict by the jury Sands received many congratulations which almost equaled an ovation by Pecos friends as well as many from El Paso who were here in attendance upon the trial.

## PECOS COUNTY'S WONDER WELL AVERAGES 26 BARRELS DAILY

That Pecos county's wonder well of the Grant Oil Corporation has produced an average of 36.6 barrels of oil since it was placed on the pump more than a month ago and that drilling in the vicinity had revealed that the structure in that vicinity is standing practically on edge was the word brought to Pecos from the Pecos county territory by "Bill" Ross, veteran oil scout of the Trans-Pecos region.

The oil is of a heavy asphalt base and due to its slow burning quality has brought a price of \$5 per barrel at the well, according to Mr. Ross. The purchasers are the drillers of other rigs in the near vicinity, who can afford to pay that price due to the heavy transportation costs of oils.

A cement bridge has been placed in the second well of the Grant people which is located 115 feet from the discovery well. A seven foot sand was found at the bottom of this hole at 130 feet, and efforts to make it a larger producer by 'shooting' it with nitroglycerine unseated the casing which had shut off much of the water and made the cement job advisable. This bridge will probably be drilled through late this week.

The fact that this well struck small strata of sand at 68 and 93 feet, but did not reach the larger sand until about 130 feet, indicates that there is a big dip in the structure at that point. Further proof of this is had in a well started 200 feet in another direction, which is now down about 200 feet and has not yet struck the formations had in the original well. This indicated that there is as steep a slope in that direction and that the latter well may have to go quite a distance deeper to get the structure.

The Fort Stockton Syndicate well, three quarters of a mile to the northwest of the Grant is down over 300

feet, and the Oregon Texas, 3,000 feet to the southeast is at about the same depth. The latter is drilling while the former is shut down waiting for a sand line.

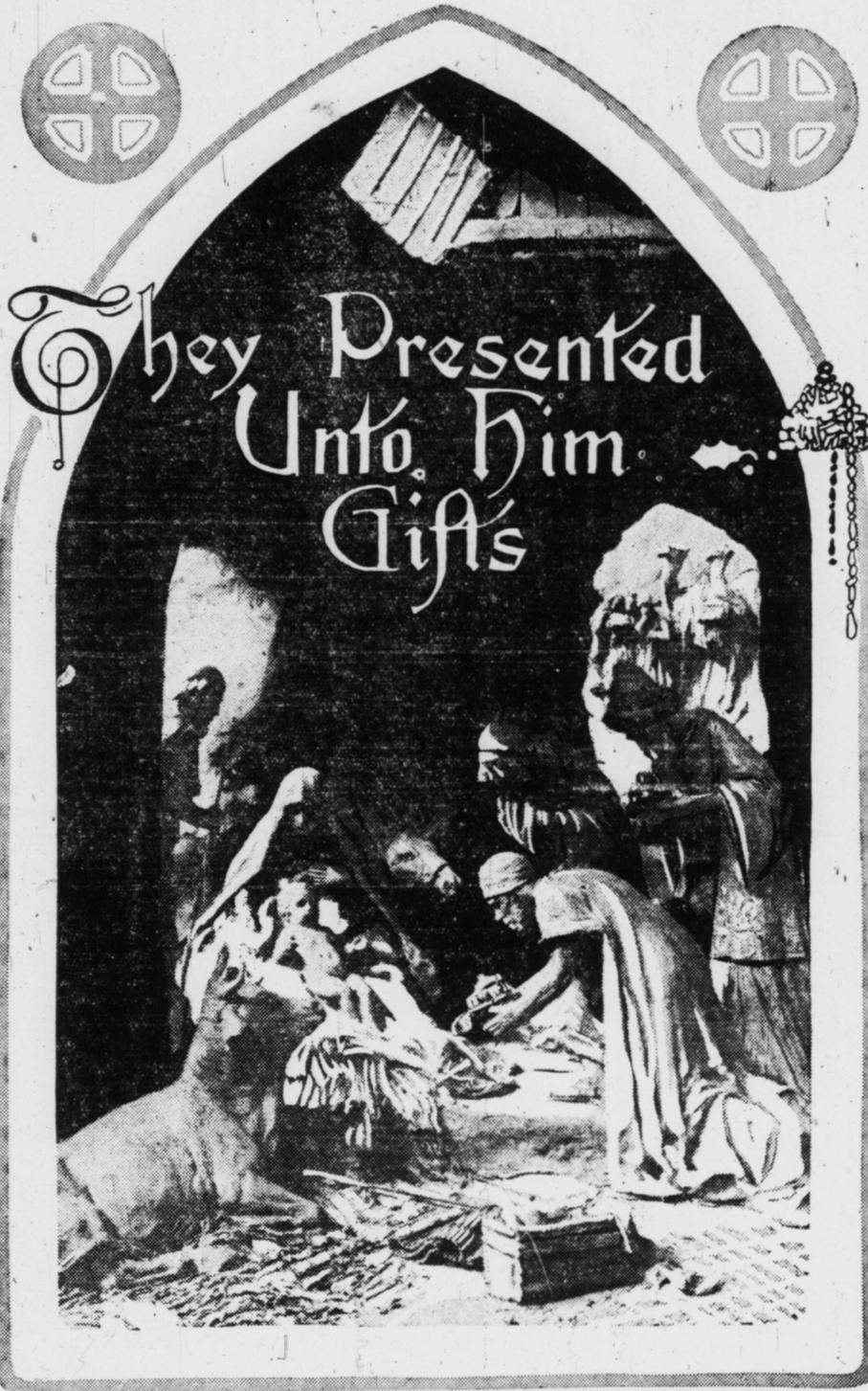
The Pinaldome Oil Co., eight miles to the southwest is drilling at about 450 feet. The latter company is the one which holds a contract to drill on the Evans ranch on section 23, block C-26, Loving county, and it is understood that this company plans to begin operations some time during January.

The Pinaldome location in Loving county was made by Roy Morris, a geologist formerly employed by the Standard Oil company and now head instructor in the geological department of the University of California. Mr. Morris spent considerable time in the local field at several periods last winter and spring, and at one time with four assistants made thorough survey of the territory east of the river in Loving county. His report caused the contract which tied up about 35,000 acres to be made.

The Pinaldome company, which has recently disposed of much of its California production to the Union Oil company at a big profit, is seeking a new field and has selected the Pecos Valley territory as the best chance.

The company has constructed earthen tanks near the location in the hope of catching enough drilling water from the fall rains to permit the installation of a steam rig, but the tanks have not caught sufficient water to justify the carrying out of the original plans and it is now understood that the standard rig will be erected with a big gasoline engine as power.

The Pecos Valley Oil company on section 86, block 1, H. & G. N., Pecos county, is reported to be rigging up preparatory to starting operations. The derrick on this location was constructed late last summer.



They Presented  
Unto Him  
Gifts

And when they were come into the house, they saw the young child with Mary his mother, and fell down, and worshipped him: and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, and frankincense, and myrrh.

MATTHEW II : 11.

continue to show favorable and the drill in this well is about 2,000 feet pensive jobs in Pecos Valley history, the tools having been lost the latter part of August and almost constant effort has been made to remove them since that time. The resetting of the casing was made necessary by the unseating of the casing during the fishing job.

The past ten days at the El Paso-Saragosa have been taken up with changes on the boiler on the advice of experts. An eight inch hole has been started in the second rock sand formation and the company plans to proceed with this hole leaving the casing seated on the rock sand, and will explore for a hundred feet or more with the small hole in the belief that another sand will be found. Through calculations on the part of the drillers a hole through the cap rock formation was made so large

that the casing dropped through it and made a water shut-off and a test of the oil rock sand struck at between 438 and 500 feet impossible. This well is on section 221, block 13 H. & G. N., 25 miles south of Pecos. As efforts to seat a larger casing would be as expensive as drilling a new hole, negotiations have been carried on with several parties to drill the new hole. One of these is practically completed, as word was received this week from the Owens Syndicate of Birmingham, Ala., that money had been raised for a test and that it would be put down practically on the section line between sections 220 and 221. The members of this syndicate are stockholders in the El Paso-Saragosa company.

The seventh Culberson county well will probably be started before the end of the present week. This is the hole to be drilled by the Consolidated Sulphur company, section 26, block

11, school lands, about twenty miles southwest of Orla. A standard rig was erected earlier in the fall, but the machinery has but recently been placed in position and a few finishing touches remain to be made before the hole is started. A natural water reservoir in the foothills nearby has been connected with the machinery and will furnish plenty of steam water.

The Ben Andrews well in section 33, block 60, township 5, Culberson county easily retains the distinction of having the deepest hole in the Toyah Basin. It has reached 2,600 feet, according to reports received from the well, but no report was made as to the formations. The Duquesne States well in central Culberson county is reported to have passed well beyond 1,000 feet. No reports were received from the Gossett, the Lewis Jones or the two Owens wells this week.

## ADVISES FARMERS TO PLANT MORE SUBSTANTIAL ACREAGE

In reply to a letter from the "Marshall Morning News," asking him to advise East Texas farmers as to what crops should be planted in lieu of cotton, D. E. Lyday, Vice-president, American Cotton Association, Cotton Division, Texas Farm Bureau Federation, to-day gave out the following communication:

King cotton is dethroned. Millions of former loyal subjects have revolted and next year will strive to make a living without him—a thing they have failed to do this season with his aid.

In casting about for crops to take his place, the farmer will be largely governed by the strength of his convictions as to the necessity for a different system of farming.

Some will regard this terrible agricultural crisis as temporary, and in East Texas these will no doubt plant a few more acres in peanuts, melons, sweet potatoes truck and ribbon cane; while this will be a great improvement these crops will be regarded merely as a temporary makeshift to meet an emergency, and at the first moment the cotton situation begins to look a little better, these devoted slaves will cast aside all the lessons learned from the present and former bitter experiences, and drift back to the cultivation of cotton only.

On the other hand, the real farmer who uses reason and profits by experience, will pursue a different course.

In addition to the crops named, he will lay out a program of real diversified farming. He will lay the foundation for a stock of pure-bred hogs, he will provide for a few milk cows, he will sow down some of his land in permanent pastures for hogs and cattle.

He will secure a couple of good brood mares and begin to raise a good colt or two every year. By proper management this can be done without serious or continued interference with field cultivation. He will build hog and cattle proof fences and by rotation of pastures and grazing crops, his hogs and cattle will be brought to maturity with very little grain and at very little cost. He will put up poultry yards and houses and vastly increase his production of chickens, turkeys and other fowls. He will plant a fair sized crop of berries and a family orchard and he will cultivate and care for them after he has them.

Down in the creek bottom he will plant a few acres of paper shell pecans. He will dam the spring branch and stock the lake with his own fish. Perhaps he will have a few sheep and goats in the wood pasture, with fresh mutton on his table whenever he wants it.

He will join the Farmer's Union, The Farm Bureau and the American Cotton Association and will be able

## HOLIDAY SHOPPERS THROUG TO PECOS

Pecos has been a busy place for the past week or so. The district court in session has brought many visitors to the town and the Holiday season is bringing even more here who are laying in their supply of Holiday gifts. The stores report a most liberal patronage along this line and if the buying spirit keeps up until Christmas day the stores will be pretty well sold out. This issue of The Enterprise contains many advertisements of our home merchants all of whom have something special to offer you in the line of Holiday goods. The merchant who has life enough left to get in the newspapers and solicit your trade and thank you for the business you have already given them and wish you a continuation of your prosperity is usually the ones who are wide awake when it comes to buying their stocks and are able to offer you the real bargains and are therefore the ones to go to when making your purchases. Read each and every advertisement in this paper and then go and make your purchases. The time is ripe for those who have not already made their purchases to get busy if they do not want to find that the stocks have been broken and that the very thing you wanted has already been purchased and laid aside by the other fellow.

to pay his dues without begging a loan from his banker or his merchant. He will read the best books and papers and become a leader in his community, instead of "A Pore Struggling Cotton Farmer". The first book he ought to buy should be "The Legend of Sleepy Hollow." From it he will get a bird's eye view of what every American farm ought to be. He will soon learn that it is practicable, sensible and easy to farm in this way, and easier in East Texas than perhaps any other place in the world.

After he has adopted this plan of farming, he will look back over the dark, bitter years of his slavery to King Cotton and wonder why the good Lord ever permitted a creature endowed with brains, to act the "Tarnation Fool" in the way we cotton farmers have been doing.

SANTA CLAUS LETTER  
DEAR SANTA:  
I want a bicycle, nails, hammer, gun and lots of nuts and candy.  
—THURMAN LAWSON

**C**H RISTMAS stockings have come down to us from the good St. Nicholas, who was a saint of the fourth century of the Christian era and was born December 6, 342, in Lycia, Asia Minor. He was regarded as especially the patron saint of children, young girls and sailors. The Christmas stocking custom arose as follows:

It seems that St. Nicholas, who was the archbishop of Myra, lived in the same town with an impoverished nobleman who because he had no portions to give his daughters, and indeed no means with which to support them, was about to sell them into a life of pain. St. Nicholas, who was accustomed to dispense his large fortune in gifts of charity, resolved to rescue the young women. As he approached their house wondering how he should proceed, the moon shone out and displayed an open window. Instantly St. Nicholas threw a purse of gold in at the window which, falling at the feet of the father of the girls, enabled him to portion his oldest daughter. The second time St. Nicholas visited the house he also was able to throw a purse of gold through an open window, thus providing for the portion of the second daughter. On the third visit the father, watching for his benefactor, cast himself at the feet of the saint and cried:

"Oh, St. Nicholas, servant of God, why seek to hide thyself?"

The saint made the father promise not to reveal his benefactions. From this habit of bestowing gifts in secret and under the cloak of night arose the practice of putting out shoes or stockings for the younger members of the family, so that the good saint would be able to fill them without being spied on. At one time it was the custom for young women pupils in convents on the even of Saint Nicholas to hang their new silk stockings on the door of the apartment of the abbess. They would also write notes calling the attention of the good St. Nicholas to their stockings. In the morning when the convent pupils who had not gone home for the holidays arose they invariably found their stockings filled with sweetmeats.

#### BE SURE GIFTS WILL PLEASE

In Making Same Articles for Friends It Is Well to Be Sure of Appreciation.

**W**OMAN tells in recently published magazines how she has a "pillow Christmas" for the benefit of her many friends. She consulted the piece bag, and from it drew forth the materials for making any quantity of dainty sofa pillows, all destined for different friends. The cost of the materials was chiefly that spent for silk cords, for embroidered silk and for filling for the completed pillows. Nearly all the pillows were made by couching figures cut from contrasting materials on a chosen background, and the result was completed. The very same idea might also be carried into effect by the girl who loves to make dainty stocks. There never was a time when the prevailing styles offered such a dainty array of collars, and a box of assorted colors and kinds would be welcomed by any girl friend. There might be found in the piece bag all sorts of bits of silk and ribbon which could be fashioned into the daintiest of dressy stocks, as well as bits of lawn and percale which would do nicely for stocks for every day wear with cotton shirt waists. The gift of a box of stocks might be made valuable if the box itself was a thing of beauty, and this could be brought to pass by the girl who is expert with her needle. Giving the same sort of gift to a large number of people is perfectly proper if the gift is one which is calculated to please everybody. We've heard the story of a nice old lady who always made pin-cushions for all her nieces and mittens for all her nephews every year. It was said that her plan gave great pleasure to one person, the aunt. It's a good idea to be sure your gifts will be appreciated before you go into the wholesale manufacture of one style of article for many people.



#### OH BOY

"I shall hope to catch you under the mistletoe Christmas eve."  
"If you do, I warn you now, I'll be too busy to see you."

#### Christmas Animals.

They're red.  
They're of rubber.  
And they're for baby.  
They make good chewing.  
They cannot possibly wound.  
And they are wonderfully lovable.  
One may indulge at from 20 cents upward.  
The choice ranges from mice to elephants.

**I**F CHRISTMAS eve comes in mild and warm and Christmas morning follows its gentle prophecy, the city florists will be happy. That will mean that the thousands of boxes of Christmas flowers which must be delivered on Christmas forenoon can go out with only the ordinary packing. But should there be freezing weather, every flower must be packed in cotton, which doubles the labor and the time necessary. Even with the mild Christmas, which is the florist's delight, the force in the big retail flower stores works all night the night before Christmas. From midnight until 7 o'clock in the morning all hands are busy packing the boxes which in a few hours are to convey Christmas remembrances. At 7 o'clock the delivery wagons start, and before noon all the fragile blooms have reached the feminine hands for which they were purchased. Probably 20,000 such boxes are delivered every Christmas morning in New York. One dealer in a fashionable residence district has sent out between 300 and 400 every Christmas morning for many years.

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

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

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

#### Trees and Fires.

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

#### About the Mistletoe

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

#### An Unsatisfactory Plan.

"Why, Johnny," said the caller, as the lad wept bitterly, "crying on Christmas morning?"  
"Yuh—yessir," sobbed Johnny. "We all agreed in our family this year to gug-give each other only what we needed most."  
"Well, that isn't such a bad idea, is it? Nothing to cry about, anyhow, eh?"  
"It's rur-rotten," sobbed Johnny. "Dad gave me a liekin'."



## THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS

It's an age-old, time-worn adage, but there is nothing that will ever more fully express our wishes, and so we are wishing it for you.

The nearer we approach the happy Yuletide season, the more we are impressed with the warm, throbbing, joyous significance of "Merry Christmas," and this year it's going to be a very merry one.

For the best that this year brings to us is the revival of that old-time spirit of warmth and contentment, interspersed with a glad, new joy. We have at last stripped away some of the shucks of show and superficiality and have found revealed the rare, true, untarnished kernel of the old-fashioned Christmas—the gift spirit of service.

### A HAPPY NEW YEAR

Though disappointment has sometimes shrouded the landscape of our prospective futurity, the New Year always brings again the resolution to do better, to be a little more careful, to save a little better, and to be ready to grasp new opportunities.

Like all the rest, this institution has pledged itself towards a greater service to the community; to make its business system a little stronger. As never before, we have confidence in the resources and future of our Nation; in the integrity and stamina of our citizenship and the ultimate success and prosperity of our community.

Make this a great Christmas for you and your family and with the dawning of the New Year resolve to join us in making this community a wealth of prosperity.





## Ho! and A Merry Christmas For Everyone.

Just a few more days and Santa will be among us with his bags of toys for the little tots, and his good cheer for the grown-ups.

And so we are taking this last opportunity to wish all our old friends and customers their full share of the joy that Santa brings.

When the bells toll off the twelfth hour of the old year, let us wish that it will find you on the threshold of many new opportunities and ready to prosper as never before.

### SOME NEW BICYCLES

We have just received a new shipment of Victor Bicycles this week and invite the boys to come in and look them over.

## Sims-Jordan Hardware Co.,

"WHAT YOU BUY, WE STAND BY"

# Holiday Season Here

As the holiday season approaches our hearts are filled with the joy of living and giving, which is the true spirit of Christmas.

## Just to Remind You---

There will be thousands of Christmases made happy this year through the use of the "Little Ol' Ford." Families will be united who otherwise would have seen Christmas slip by without a visit with the homefolk.

For sensible and practicable buying combined with service there is no near competitor to the

### FORD CAR and the FORDSON TRACTOR

We wish our friends and customers the very merriest of the holiday season's greetings.

## Pecos Auto Company



# Christmas Time

It comes but once a year

But the Christmas spirit will prevail the whole year 'round when you have

## The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

It is the gift permanent, the phonograph supreme.

It is the only phonograph that can stand up under the rigid comparison test where the artist sings with the NEW EDISON'S RE-CREATION of his voice. This test has been given before over three million people and the critics of more than 500 representative newspapers have stated in their papers that they were unable to distinguish even the slightest difference between the living and the RE-CREATED voice.

Could you, after knowing of the superiority of the NEW EDISON, be content with an instrument that does not give you what the NEW EDISON gives you?

Come, hear, and you will buy the NEW EDISON, the superlative Christmas gift.

Brady-Camp Jewelry Co., Inc.

# LAUNDRY

NOW OPEN FOR BUSINESS

## WIESEN & CURD

W. SECOND AND PLUM STREETS.

### The Doctor's Wife

By Mary Graham Bonner

(© 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)



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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Something, some curious something, made her listen.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"You've been to—" she began.

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

"Boy?" she shrieked.

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

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

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

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

And the doctor was saying: "My dear, do you know that it is Christmas morning and that I'm wishing you a Merry Christmas!"

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

### The Cake Lady

By Mildred White

(© 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)



ESSIE LOUISE was making a great deal of trouble. From the time her invalid mother had brought Tessie to the city hospital to be treated for her spine, the golden-haired baby had been the pet of the nurses. And as her stay was prolonged, partly because the mother was too ill and too poor to yet understand the care of her child.

"What in the world," asked the autocratic young house doctor, "does that child want?"

"Tess-ese wants a Nora Christmas doll," the nurse said eagerly.

Doctor Bruce wrinkled his brow.

"What does she mean?" he asked.

"Miss Nora Dean," the girl answered, "is a young woman who visits the children's ward and has been much interested in them. She lives in a cottage out on the lake shore, and last summer she came in and took two of our little convalescents for a month's stay there. Tessie Louise was one, and she so fell in love with Miss Dean at the time that we could hardly

soax her back. But it was necessary that she should come. Yesterday, Miss Dean came to the hospital with a basket of Christmas cakes, made like dolls, with currant eyes, and colored frosted dresses. The kiddies were so pleased; they call her the Cake Lady.

Doctor Bruce frowned.

"That's bad practice," he complained, "allowing women to come in here and feed our patients. I did not suppose—"

The pleasant nurse hurried to champion her friend.

She has helped us in many ways. I should call Miss Dean a philanthropist if she were not—"

The pleasant nurse paused, "in humble circumstances herself."

"The young woman you speak of lives on the lake shore?" the doctor asked.

The nurse nodded.

"Her uncle was an old sea captain," she told him. "Miss Nora made her home with this uncle and aunt when she was as small as Tessie here."

"Now she lives on in the house at the water's edge to take care of her

aunt, who is old and crippled. And still that girl—"

The pleasant nurse choked up unaccountably.

"Well, she's always trying to do things for others," she finished; "that is the way Nora Dean finds happiness."

"Great Scott!" interrupted the doctor; "there goes Tessie again; that noise must be stopped. She must not disturb the sick ones."

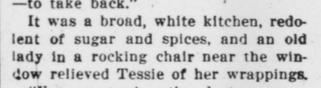
The prettiest nurse came hastily.

"Tessie says she won't stop until she is taken to Miss Nora. I really wish we had made arrangements yesterday to have her driven out to the lake shore for over Christmas."

"How far out is it?" Doctor Bruce asked briskly.

"I'll take her in my car," he explained. "It's closed and comfortable."

Donald Bruce sighted the cottage as he brought his car to a stop in the



roadside. Then he gathered his small charge in his arms and made his way to the white door.

"Come in," Nora greeted cheerily, "the nurse phoned me of your coming. There's a new Christmas doll for Tessie Louise in the oven, and a lot more — to take back."

It was a broad, white kitchen, redolent of sugar and spices, and an old lady in a rocking chair near the window relieved Tessie of her wrappings.

"You must give the doctor a cup of coffee, Nora dear," the old lady said, "before his cold drive back to the city."

But Donald Bruce seemed in no hurry to return.

"This," he said musingly, "smells like my grandmother's kitchen. Used to spend our Christmas with grandmother when I was a boy."

"We are going to have a roasted chicken for dinner," the old lady suggested tentatively—"I wonder if it might not seem just a bit like being at grandmother's—if you'd stay and eat with us?"

It was remarkable how swiftly the afternoon hours flew in the lakeside cottage.

"I'm so glad," the old lady whispered at parting, "that you decided to wait to take Tessie back with you. It has been a happy Christmas for Nora. I can see it in her eyes; and usually happiness is only Nora's through the giving. She's the dearest girl in the world!"

"She is just that!" Donald Bruce answered solemnly.

His eyes were on Nora, as he clasped the old lady's hand.

## WE THANK YOU

For your patronage of the past and solicit your future business, and extend sincere Holiday Greetings and Good Wishes.

## J. A. HARDY & SON

MACHINE SHOP AND GARAGE  
Blacksmith Shop in Connection.  
Phone 79



ALL TRIMMED HATS  
HALF PRICE

HAPPY

CHRISTMAS

We wish to thank our patrons and friends for their loyal patronage in the past and to wish for each and all every good in 1921.

MISS LILLIE POE

### "Cold in the Head"

is an acute attack of Nasal Catarrh. Persons who are subject to frequent "colds in the head" will find that the use of HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will build up the system, cleanse the Blood and render them less liable to colds. Repeated attacks of Acute Catarrh may lead to Chronic Catarrh.

HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE is taken internally and acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. All Druggists 75c. Testimonials free. \$10.00 for any case of catarrh that HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will not cure.

F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio.

See Hayes for Oil Leases—1-acre tracts and up to 10,000. Write Postoffice Box 347, or phone 44, Pecos. 12-4f

THE ENTERPRISE has two perfectly good scholarships in Tyler Collier College for sale at a saving.

See Hayes for Oil Leases—1-acre tracts and up to 10,000. Write Postoffice Box 347, or phone 44, Pecos. 12-4f

See Hayes for Oil Leases—1-acre tracts and up to 10,000. Write Postoffice Box 347, or phone 44, Pecos. 12-4f

OIL LEASES

5 and 10 acre tracts near the Dominion River No. 1, Victory, Laura, Zone, Citizens, Bell, Saragosa and Troxel wells—See I. E. Smith. 45-1f



**T**HE YULETIDE SEASON is just closing, and with its passing a New Year is about to be ushered in, rosy with promise of better things; glowing with services to be rendered and responsibilities to be shouldered.

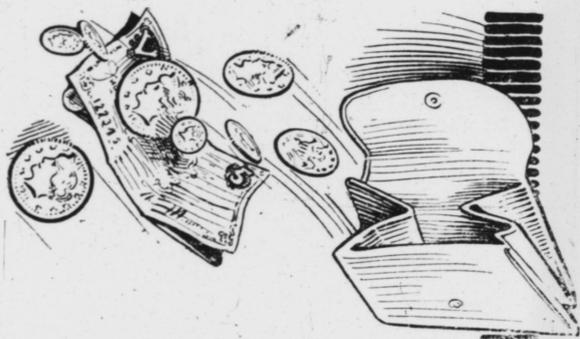


What it brings to us depends largely on how well we prepare to take advantage of what it has to offer.

We are not permitted to read hurriedly ahead, but on those mystic pages that comprise its record there will ever be accounts of success and joy and happiness for some, while for others sorrow, disappointment and loss.

Why not grasp your opportunities in 1921 and by systematic saving make it the biggest and best year of your life?

**SPIRIT OF SERVICE**  
 Filled with the true "Spirit of Service" this institution pledges itself during the year 1921 to serve a little better, to make friendship a little stronger, and to prove itself a helpful, constructive factor in the upbuilding of this community and the happiness and success of its people. To this end we ask your hearty co-operation as we wish for you and yours a full measure of gladness for Christmas and the New Year.



**MAY THE UNFILLED HOPES OF THE OLD YEAR FIND REALIZATION IN THE NEW**  
 RESOLVED, As we stand upon the threshold of a New Year, to strive earnestly and in every way that lies within our power for bigger, better work and service, and with new enthusiasm and unbounded faith in the future to do our full share in making this year of 1921 the biggest and best in our history.

**THE PECOS VALLEY STATE BANK**

**LET'S MAKE IT COMPLETE**

What would Christmas be without the big dinner that goes with it?  
 Whether you are to be among the big family that will eat with us Christmas or not — we are going to take this occasion to tell you that we wish you

**A JOYOUS CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR**

We have appreciated your business during the last year and we are still hoping that we stand high in your favor.  
 May the season's greeting be yours with all the Prosperity of a Bright New Year.

**THE OIL KING GRILL**

**SEASON'S GREETING**

**T**HE season of mirth and jollity and good cheer is a recognized occasion with us. We have tried to make our market a part of the Christmas spirit. No Christmas dinner is complete without the usual decoration of delicious meats. You will find them here.

**WE ARE WISHING YOU —**

Your share of the Holiday Joy and a New Year filled with Prosperity.

**CITY MARKET**  
 Fresh and Cured Meats

## ALL SET—LET'S GO

**M**AKE this the breeziest, snappiest little Christmas you have ever had and when old Father Time taps the gong for the starting of a New Year, let's see you all set at the wire ready to run the longest and greatest race of your life. Of course the "kiddies" are going to miss the tinkle of bells and the reindeer, but Santa knows a good thing when he sees it and he can't be blamed for trading his antlers for an automobile. The grown-ups know that he can reach more children and bring his gifts with speed and efficiency and make more hearts glad by so doing.



Perhaps you have not been able to afford a Dodge, Buick, Essex or Hudson this year, but if you will take right hold of the opportunities of this bright New Year you will surely be making the trip to your next Christmas dinner in a "blunder bus" that makes you "park your cares" and forget only that a Good, Reliable Mobile makes life worth living.

Lest we forget, we are wishing that this will be your Merriest Christmas.

## CASNER MOTOR CO.

"IF IT'S AN AUTOMOBILE, WE HAVE IT"



## Batteries—That's All

Willard's specialty is automobile starting, lighting, and ignition batteries.

When you buy a Willard Battery you get the benefit of the most important battery improvements. Willard is the only battery builder using Threaded Rubber Insulation—the only one who can give you the benefit of "bone dry" shipment so necessary to battery newness.



Ask us about Willard Batteries and their features, specially Threaded Rubber Insulation

### GREETINGS

Accept from us the season's greetings and let nothing keep you from having a Joyous Christmas and a Happy New Year.

**PECOS BATTERY CO.**  
Telephone 303



Have your Clothes Pressed on an American Steam Pressing Machine.

Suits made to your individual measurements.

We have added to our department an experienced tailor on ladies' clothes. Remodeling, altering and new work done to your satisfaction.

With the closing of the Yuletide season, we wish to say that there's no greater happiness than that which we are wishing for our friends and customers. Let the New Year bring to you your brightest future.

## HUBBS & PALMER

Work called for and delivered promptly.  
Phone 177

## TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

### GREETINGS:

We wish you a Merry Christmas, and may the New Year bring us a dozen real, honest-to-goodness OIL WELLS popping OVER THE TOP.

Please remember that we do —

Expert Auto Work Guaranteed,  
Accurate lathe and machine work  
with new equipment,

We have an absolutely expert Electrician.

If you have any ignition trouble—bring it to us. Do not discard your old generator, armature, etc. WE CAN FIX IT. TRY US. Make us prove it at our expense.

## PACE MOTOR CO.

Concrete Block Building

Pecos, Texas

Phone 247. P. O. Box 219

THE ENTERPRISE

Pecos Valley News, established 1887; Pecos Weekly... PUBLISHED EVERY FRIDAY. JOHN HIBDON, EDITOR, OWNER AND PUBLISHER.

ADVERTISING RATES: Single copy, 5c; per inch, flat, 50c; per line, 10c; classified, 10c; per word, 1c; (minimum 25c, paid in advance).

SUBSCRIPTION RATES: One year, \$2; Six Months, \$1.25. Positively in Advance.

Foreign Advertising Representative: THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

A CHRISTMAS EDITORIAL

One That the World Never Tires of Reading

Years ago this appeared in the New York Sun, written by Francis P. Church, editorial writer, and the world has never tired of reading it:

Dear Editor: "I am 8 years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says if you see it in the Sun its so. Please tell me the truth, is there a Santa Claus?"

—Virginia O'Tanlon.

Editor's Reply

115 W. Ninety-Fifth St., Dear Virginia:

"Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible to their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, in his intellect as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge. Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! how dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus. It would be as dreary as if there were no Virginias. There would be no child-like faith then, no poetry, no romance to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished. Not believe in Santa Claus? You might as well not believe in fairies. You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas Eve to catch Santa Claus? But even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down, what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus, but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus? The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not, but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders there are unseen and unseeable in the world. You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. It is all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world there is nothing else real and abiding! No Santa Claus? Thank God he lives, and he lives forever! A thousand years from now, Virginia—nay, ten times ten thousand years from now—he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood."

Son Accidentally Shoots Father

W. W. Black, prosperous farmer and ranchman of the Toyah Creek country and friend of the Enterprise, was in town this week navigating on one foot and a crutch, the result of an accident which leaves him minus two toes. While Mr. Black did not go into details with the editor it is understood he and his son were out hunting when the gun in the hands of his son was accidentally discharged and came so near severing two of his toes that the physician finished the job by taking the toes clear off. Mr. Black is doing nicely and will soon be able to lay aside the crutch. It is said the son really believes he did his dad a good turn after all since he had a corn on one of these toes which will not bother him in the future. Here's hoping he does not suffer materially from the accident and that the corn does not come back.

CLASSIFIED

FOR SALE—Permits on Sections 27, 28, 34, 39, 45, 46, 47 and 48, Block 50, township 10. Dated December 26, 1919. Located on the famous Grant well anticline which is a prolongation of the Barillo mountain structure. Make me an offer. P. O. Box 1047, Dallas, Texas. 17\*4

FOR SALE OR OIL LEASE—About three miles north of Pecos, two acres in water tract No. 3, Section 49, Block 33, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey. Address J. C. Camp, 1391 Agate St., Eugene, Oregon. 17\*2

FOR SALE—Large size Fort Worth spudder. Everything to drill and complete a well. For particulars and price see E. R. Call, Slater Drilling Co., at Mrs. J. W. Parker residence. 17\*4

TO TRADE—For sheep or goats, land in fee or oil and gas lease; land extremely well located in Reeves and Ward counties. Address Los Gentry, owner, Artesia, New Mexico. 17tf

FOR SALE—Registered and full blood Hereford bulls coming yearlings and twos. R. W. Smith, Odessa, Texas. 17\*2

MILK GOATS—The editor has four good milk goats which will be fresh in January for sale. All four bred to pure Saanen buck. Call at the Enterprise office for particulars.

FOR SALE OR RENT—Two new residences for sale or rent. Apply to Dr. I. E. Smith. 16tf

FOR SALE—Three lots, well located. Call at Enterprise office. 12tf

FOR SALE—One Ford touring car; one Ford 1-ton truck; one Chevrolet roadster; one Dodge touring car. Slover & Day Garage. 18\*4

FOR SALE—Several tons of good No. 1 hay, delivered to Pecos, \$25.00 per ton. Knower Bros., Pecos. Phone 96-21. 18\*4

FOR RENT ROOMS—Furnished suitable for light housekeeping. Apply to Mrs. Ben Randals, Pecos. 1\*

FOUND—Ladies' glove; owner may have same by calling at Enterprise office and paying for ad. It

Do your Xmas shopping here. You will be surprised at the amount you will save.—O. J. Green & Co. 1t.

CLASSIFIED

WANTED—Governess for primary grades, to begin January 1st. Apply to Mrs. Tom Crum. 17tf

WANTED—Salesman to represent El Paso wholesale fruit jobbing house on commission basis. This will take only part of your time daily. If you are a hustler will pay you in applying. Give references. Apply Postoffice Box 158, El Paso, Texas. 17-3

WANTED—To buy or rent a used piano. 18 tf

Famous Belle of Wichita Flour, best in the world by test—try a sack.—O. J. Green & Co. 1t.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days. Druggists refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, Blind, Bleeding or Protruding Piles. Instantly relieves Itching Piles, and you can get restful sleep after the first application. Price 60c.

THE CHURCHES

METHODIST CHURCH. The hours of services at the Methodist church are as follows: Church School 9:45 a. m. Morning Worship 10:50 a. m. Epworth League 5:30 p. m. Evening Service 6:30 p. m. FRED B. FAUST, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN. Regular Worship at the Presbyterian church Sunday at usual hours. The Sunday school is planning their Christmas program for Friday evening the 24th. A good program is in preparation, and a delightful time is expected for the children and all. Subject for the morning sermon: "Voices from the Forest" and for the evening: "Last Look at the Old Year." You are invited to enjoy these services. —PASTOR.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza. LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 30c.

A big line of all kinds of feed. Compare our prices.—O. J. Green & Co. 1t.

LISTEN Farmers, Ranchmen and Contractors. On account of the depressed conditions, we will deliver you any amount of lumber in straight carloads, in any grade, at absolute wholesale prices. Act quick, lumber will be much higher in 60 days. ADDRESS: Box 76, Texarkana, Texas

CLOSING OUT OUR ENTIRE STOCK OF U. S. ARMY and NAVY Other Goods AT SACRIFICE PRICES. U. S. ARMY SHOES 4.75, GREY WOOL BLANKETS 4.45, OLIVE DRAB MACINAWS 11.95, ARMY LONG TROUSERS 5.75, O. D. BLANKETS \$5.50, OLIVE DRAB SHIRTS 3.75, NEW DOUBLE COTTON BLANKETS 2.95, NEW DOUBLE COTTON BLANKETS 3.50, WOOLNAP BLANKETS 4.25, BLUE-GRAY BLANKETS 7.75. MUELLER DISTRIBUTING CO., 221 E. Commerce St., San Antonio, Texas

We are making a big reduction on all our goods—get our prices and be convinced.—O. J. Green Mer. Co. 1t.

To Cure a Cold in One Day. Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE (Tablets.) It stops the Cough and Headache and works off the Cold. E. W. GROVE'S signature on each box. 30c.

A line of nice fruits and vegetables for Xmas. Give us your order.—O. J. Green & Co. 1t.

end before the Sixty-sixth session is over.—Harold Kunston of Minnesota, member of the house immigration riculture pursuits. I hope and believe congress will take steps to this committee.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days. "LAX-FOS WITH PEP SIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

THOROUGH WORK. How a Pecos Citizen Found Freedom From Kidney Trouble.

If you suffer from backache—From urinary disorders—Any curable disease of the kidneys, Use a tested kidney remedy. Doan's Kidney Pills have been tested by thousands. Pecos people testify. Can you ask more convincing proof of merit? Mrs. Lou Duncan says: "My kidneys were weak and I suffered much from inflammation. At times I was most uncomfortable. I had a dizzy, swimming sensation in my head when everything seemed to be dense in front of me. I had heard of Doan's Kidney Pills, so I started using them and they certainly helped me wonderfully. Doan's relieved the congestion and rid me of the disagreeable feeling in my head." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Duncan had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

BIG EGG YIELD. "From a small flock of hens I now get 20 to 25 eggs per day, whereas before giving them Dr. LeGear's Poultry Prescription, I only received three or four. Its cost has been repaid to me over and over." So writes Mrs. J. W. Montgomery, Tunnell Hill, Ga. You should increase your yield now while prices are high, through Dr. LeGear's Poultry Prescription. It is a tonic which builds up the hen's strength and vitality, and stimulates the egg-producing organs. For 28 years Dr. LeGear has been recognized as America's foremost Expert Poultry Breeder and Veterinarian. Any time your poultry or stock are ailing, it will pay you to get the proper Dr. LeGear Remedy from your dealer. It must give satisfaction or your dealer will refund your money. A TONIC. Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic restores Energy and Vitality by Purifying and Enriching the Blood. When you feel strengthening, invigorating effect, see how it brings color to the cheeks and how it improves the appetite, you will then appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is simply Iron and Quinine suspended in syrup. So pleasant even children like it. The blood needs QUININE to Purify it and IRON to Enrich it. Destroys Malarial germs and Grip germs by its Strengthening, Invigorating Effect. 75c.



It'll soon be in Museums. Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into sour bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bones and should never be put into your system.

Take "Dodson's Liver Tone" Instead! When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel, just remember that your druggist sells for a few cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside, and can not salfate. Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tone straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe.

A MERRY CHRISTMAS 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. May the dawning of the New Year bring a world of Prosperity to you and yours and may this be the most joyous Christmas you have ever had. ED. OTTO WHOLESALE AND RETAIL BUTCHER. Fresh Meats Always on Hand. Phone 19

WISHING ALL A MERRY CHRISTMAS AND A HAPPY AND PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR. I WISH TO THANK the good people of Pecos and surrounding country for the ever-increasing amount of insurance business you have given me during 1920. All forecasts now indicate a year of prosperity ahead, and I feel certain that the money tightness of the past few months will soon be forgotten in the good times that the coming year 1921 has in store for us. Nevertheless, NOW is the time to keep up your insurance; this is no time to neglect such an important matter, as it would hurt much worse to have a fire loss now without insurance than when money is plentiful. There are an average of FIFTEEN HUNDRED FIRES EACH DAY in the United States; you do not know when it may be YOUR HOME, or barn, or place of business; consider then the cost to rebuild at present prices for labor and materials. It takes \$2.71 now to go as far as \$1.00 did six years ago in building; your insurable values have increased—have you increased your insurance? The cost is small,—insure and be safe. With the season's greetings, I am, Yours for business, W. W. DEAN. 16 Years Insurance Experience. Strongest Agency in West Texas. "I INSURE ANYTHING ANYWHERE"

## TO THE PEOPLE OF PECOS AND SURROUNDING TERRITORY

### GREETING:

"For unto you is born this day in the City of David, a Saviour who is Christ the Lord. Peace on earth, good will to men."

So sang the angels on the first Christmas night. What a message! What a gift! The Father wills for man nothing but the good, and He longs for our peace, and He gives His Son, that through Him we may find the peace of God.

May the spirit of Christmas, yea, the spirit of Christ, fill all our hearts, and bring us to a realization of all the good things to be found in God's gift to man.

Yours in His service,

**CHURCH OF CHRIST.**

## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

**A**S the holiday season approaches our hearts are filled with the joy of living and giving, which is the true spirit of Christmas,—and who dares to say there is no Santa Claus as long as the world holds faith and the love of little children and the memory of our childhood endures?

Not since that first day in Bethlehem, when Jesus of Nazareth born in a manger, came with His gift of Life Eternal has there been such an opportunity for service to our fellowmen.

We are offering nothing but the "OLD-FASHIONED RELIGION." It was good enough for your Fathers and it should be good enough for you.

Come to Church on this greatest of all days.

**METHODIST EPISCOPAL CHURCH,  
SOUTH**

## A Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

This will probably be our last opportunity to thank you publicly for your good patronage, before Christmas.

May the great day find you surrounded with friendships as strong as ours.

And when the New Year arrives let it bring to you and yours such a wealth of happiness and prosperity as you have never enjoyed before.

Through late orders, our stock of Holiday Gifts is still well supplied. If you are still in doubt as to what to give her or him, come in and look around—we are always glad to show you, without any obligation for buying on your part.

Thanking you for the past year's business, and again wishing you your full share of Yuletide Greetings —

**PECOS DRUG CO.**

## BIG DISCOUNT SALE ON TIRES

Our big sale on Goodrich Tires just about cleared our present stock because of the cut in prices, but we still have a few sizes left. Now is the time to lay in a surplus tire if you can find your size among those left.

### 25 PER CENT OFF

Goodrich Tires dropped about 10 per cent the first of November, but as long as our present stock lasts we will sell at a special sale price of 25 per cent discount off the new list.

### SPECIAL SERVICE

It is our custom to give special service on all tube and casing work. Remember, we absolutely guarantee our workmanship.

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

It isn't hardly possible for us to meet or greet all our old customers and friends, either personally or by mail, but nevertheless we are wishing you your share of the Yuletide Joy, and here's hoping that the dawning of the New Year will find you on the threshold of your greatest wealth.

**PECOS VULCANIZING CO.**  
YOURS FOR SERVICE

# VULCANIZING!

J. A. Hardy & Son have generously offered me space in their auto shop for a vulcanizing shop and I will be ready for business each school day after school hours and Saturdays. All work guaranteed. I will appreciate any business you may give me or turn my way.

EUGENE HAIRSTON

## Trees Trees

Choice Fruit, Shade and Ornamental Trees of all kinds. Order now while our stock is complete. Write for catalog and price list.

HEREFORD NURSERY CO.  
HEREFORD, TEXAS

# The Only Way

to remedy the present scarcity of houses in Pecos is to BUILD MORE HOUSES. We are not only prepared to furnish you lumber for these, but for your OIL DERRICK as well. Let us figure with you.

Pruett Lumber Company

## For Christmas



—For Christmas you will want to look spick and span. Let me reblock your hat and clean your suit, putting the proper creases where they should be.

WALKER—THE TAILOR

TWO DOORS SOUTH OF ZIMMER HARDWARE CO. PHONE 28

## BUICK K-45

1920 Model, Five-passenger; run just a little over 3000 miles; practically as good as new, for sale cheap. See, write or phone

S. T. HOBBS

Room 3, First National Bank Building, Pecos.  
Phone 29

## AUTOMOBILE REPAIRING AT HIGHWAY GARAGE

PECOS, TEXAS

By a man that has had 15 years of practical experience. All work guaranteed. Phone us your road troubles day or night.

PHONE 100

## 5 ACRES FOR \$50

Section 4, Block B-20, one mile from drilling contract; has been cut into 5-acre tracts, which will be sold at \$50 each.

D. A. DODDS, PECOS

The Quinine That Does Not Affect the Head Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor ringing in head. Remember the full name and the initials of D. W. CRAIG.

## PUTTING IT UP TO THE LAND COMMISSIONER

PUTTING IT UP TO 6... 6... 6... Following is taken from the Midland Reporter:

Our townsman, Tom T. Garrard, Jr., has written a letter recently to Commissioner J. T. Robinson, of the State land office at Austin, which stockmen and land owners will appreciate when they read it. The letter is especially interesting in that it sets out the condition of this country and gives the reader an adequate idea of the stockmen's present handicaps. No explanation of Mr. Garrard's letter is necessary. It clearly explains itself. Addressing Commissioner Robinson in the usual form, Mr. Garrard writes:

Dear Sir:

I understand from your recent rulings that you are going to forfeit all school lands for failure to pay interest for the years 1916, 1917 and 1918, and possibly for other years, and I have been wondering if you would extend the time of payment of this past due interest if you knew the exact condition of the country with reference to money matters.

I have been a resident of the Midland Country for practically fourteen years, during which time I have been rather extensively interested in cattle. I have ranches in several counties of the Midland Country, and for the past six years I have been district attorney of a district covering ten of the largest counties in Texas. With the interest I have personally had in the cattle business for the past fourteen years, and with the acquaintance I have had as district attorney for six years, I believe I know the condition existing in this country as well as any one in the country, and in addition to the experiences above enumerated I have been attorney for one of our banks of the Midland Country, therefore, I should at least know the people, the condition of money matters, and the cattle business generally.

While there never has been a time since I have known this country that natural conditions were so good as at this time, still there has never been a time in all my business experience when artificial conditions were worse than now.

We have more grass and fatter cattle than one would ever have thought of seeing in this country and our calf crop I think is the largest I have ever seen, but in spite of the fine local conditions, money matters are simply at the lowest ebb.

To begin with the Federal Reserve Banks, some time ago, issued orders to the local members banks to let out no money at any price or suffer the penalty of having the Federal Reserve Bank withdraw its credit. The results have been that there has been no buyers for our cattle at all, except the packers, and they have taken advantage of the situation, in which they find no competition, and buy our cattle on the market at their own price.

Numbers and numbers of our fellows are holding their cattle, feeling that the price would be better in the spring, and are straining every nerve to get by without having to sacrifice their cattle to the packers at half or less than half of their true value.

There have been so many demands made on local banks recently that it is impossible for them to put up the money necessary to handle the State school interest that will have to be paid January 1st.

Most of the cattle loans in this country are handled by Kansas City, Oklahoma, Chicago and other cattle loan companies, and they being foreigners, care nothing about our local troubles, and have absolutely refused to put up the money necessary for our people to pay their school land interest, and as they have all the security of their customers tied up, local banks cannot carry this school interest debt and the foreign banks hold all the securities.

As an example of their actions, we have but to cite you to a client, who last year owed approximately \$79,000.00 and who has reduced his loan \$16,000.00 and has more than half the security left. Instances similar to this can be multiplied, almost indefinitely, in which good men with good cattle, and an abundance of grass cannot get money at any price, either for the purpose of paying school land interest, or other debts, without selling their cattle at sacrifice prices to the packers and letting their good grass and weeds go to waste.

With grass and weeds as good as they are now, we should be permitted to get the use of them while they are good. The only way we can use them is for the cattlemen to manufacture them into beef and if we are compelled to sell our cattle we, of course, cannot then get the benefits to which we are entitled out of our lands and grass.

I believe I know the western people as well as any man, and I will say to you that the heavens never smiled upon a braver, gamer, more honest set of men. They have been called upon to face many difficulties in years past and gone, and surmounted many obstacles and at no time have they ever said quit, but with all their gameness and honesty there are times in which they need help to bear their burdens.

I am sure that your past experience with western people has convinced you that what I say is true, and in the end the State of Texas is

not going to lose any money on these people.

All the bankers with whom I have talked believe that money matters will be better within ninety or one hundred and twenty days.

If you can see your way clear to carry our school lands for this length of time, or if you can carry a portion of it upon payment of part, without any forfeitures on January 1st, I believe you will have helped as many or more people than you have yet had the pleasure of serving; I believe you will have done a meritorious service for the country, locally as well as the State at large, and know you will never have cause to regret the action.

Remember that the country is in better shape locally than it has been in for years, and that all our troubles are caused by the stringency in the money market, following upon the heels of the war and drouth.

Hoping that you have the power and authority to defer the payment of our school interest as I suggest, and assuring you of our earnest appreciation for anything you may do, I am,

Sincerely,  
Tom T. Garrard, Jr.

P. S. This letter is written at the instance of a number of interested parties.

### ACKNOWLEDGES PAYMENT

Pecos, Texas, Dec. 10, 1920.

Mr. W. W. Dean,  
Agent, Home Insurance Co.,  
Pecos, Texas.

Dear Sir:

I hereby acknowledge payment in full of loss for one bale of cotton, burned on last Tuesday and Wednesday, the 7th and 8th insts., which was insured with you under Cotton Certificate No. 3, in The Home Insurance Co., of New York, the full amount of my claim for \$66.22, having been this date paid me in full by you, as Agent and representative of the company.

This cotton was discovered on fire on the 7th, but it was not possible to determine the amount of loss until the following day, so that claim was not made until day before yesterday, December 8th, and therefore full settlement has been made under this loss within forty-eight hours after the fire.

Very truly yours,  
(Signed) O. J. GREEN. 18-1t.

Nice fat corn-fed turkeys at Greens

Don't fail to get our prices on any thing that you want—we will save you money.—Green & Co. 1t

All dress shoes and work shoes going at half price must be sold regardless of costs. Come and get them.—O. J. Green & Co.

## Buy the Famous TRAVELER SHOE

I. T. WIT, Maker

Sold in Traveler Stores to the people of more than a hundred New England cities and towns. Buy them by mail direct from the makers at their prices. Order your pair today, but

## SEND NO MONEY

Pay the postman when he delivers your shoes. We pay postage.



Model 4494



Traveler Garrison Shoe . . . 6.45

The Biggest Money's Worth We Have Ever Offered. A Handsome Shoe and It's "Wear Proof." MADE FOR WEAR out of durable full-grain cow-hide leather, has two full-length soles of toughest oak leather. Full bellows tongue that makes it dust-proof. This shoe is a sewed shoe—no nails—every seam reinforced with four rows of stitching. It's a Munson army last with soft tip for greater comfort. Note the one-piece back extending around the entire heel. Will outwear three pairs of the shoes that are usually offered for a dollar or two less than this price—A wonder at \$6.45

Get the new Traveler Style Book Mail Order Dept. Traveler Shoe Co. 287 Atlantic Ave. 247. Boston, Massachusetts

Please send promptly Traveler Shoes No. 4494, postage free. I'll pay the postman \$6.45 on arrival—my money back if not entirely satisfied.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_  
Size \_\_\_\_\_ Width \_\_\_\_\_

SEE

ARTHUR E. HAYES

THE PECOS OIL MAN

## FOR OIL LEASES

ANY SIZE TRACTS

Can sell drilling sites—5,000 acres or more—making special price on limited amount of 5-acre tracts, on what is known as Colonel Henry Lepp lands or Wheat lease, \$40 per acre. Centrally located as to the Laura, Bell, and Leeman wells now in operation.

ARTHUR E. HAYES

THE PECOS OIL MAN

P. O. BOX 367, PECOS, TEXAS

Office Phone 44 Residence Phone 180

## IN THE LONG RUN

—You will find a bank account with a strong, reliable bank one of your best business assets.

—This bank is prepared to serve you in all your financial transactions and we will welcome your use of the service we offer our customers.

—If you desire to put some of your savings in Government Savings Securities we recommend this investment, and will get such securities you desire.

## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

Capital and Surplus \$100,000.00

PECOS, TEXAS

## H. & G. N. RY. LANDS FOR SALE IN REEVES COUNTY

Surveys Nos. 45, 47, 53, 55, E. half of 61, and 63, in Block 4; and Nos. 43; 45; 47 and W. half of Block 5.

The surveys in these blocks are situated from 5 to 8 miles from Pecos City, in the artesian belt of the Pecos River country and will be sold only in whole sections.

Also, surveys No. 49 in block 6 and Nos. 9, 15 and 15 in block 7.

Also, surveys Nos. 1, 3, and 5, fronting on the Pecos River, in Reeves county, and Nos. 19 (a river survey) and 51, block 8, Pecos county.

Also 15 surveys in block 11 and 3 surveys in block 12. None of these are river lands. All are in Pecos county.

All these lands are under lease for oil, gas and mineral purposes and any sale of same will be made subject to such leases.

J. C. LOVE of Pecos is agent for the sale of all these lands situated in Reeves County and application should be made to him for the purchase of same.

There is no local agent for the sale of the lands in Pecos County, and parties desiring to purchase any of same should apply to the undersigned.

IRA H. EVANS, Agent and Attorney in Fact,  
AUSTIN, TEXAS

## MRS. D. A. DODDS

LANDS AND OIL AND GAS LEASES—FIVE ACRES TO FIVE HUNDRED ACRES

MRS. D. A. DODDS

PECOS, TEXAS

## Indigestion

Many persons, otherwise vigorous and healthy, are bothered occasionally with indigestion. The effects of a disordered stomach on the system are dangerous, and prompt treatment of indigestion is important. "The only medicine I have needed has been something to aid digestion and clean the liver," writes Mr. Fred Ashby, a McKinney, Texas, farmer. "My medicine is

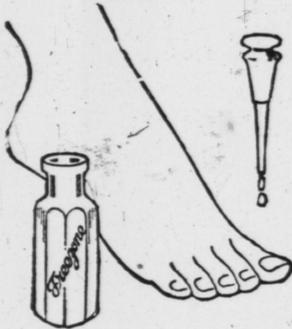
## Theford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

for indigestion and stomach trouble of any kind. I have never found anything that touches the spot, like Black-Draught. I take it in broken doses after meals. For a long time I tried pills, which griped and didn't give the good results. Black-Draught liver medicine is easy to take, easy to keep, inexpensive."

Get a package from your druggist today—Ask for and insist upon Theford's—the only genuine. Get it today.

## LIFT OFF CORNS!

Apply few drops then lift sore, touchy corns off with fingers



Doesn't hurt a bit! Drop a little Freezone on an aching corn, instantly that corn stops hurting, then you lift it right out. Yes, magic!

A tiny bottle of Freezone costs but a few cents at any drug store, but is sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the calluses, without soreness or irritation.

Freezone is the sensational discovery of a Cincinnati genius. It is wonderful.

## ASPIRIN

Name "Bayer" on Genuine



Take Aspirin only as told in each package of genuine Bayer Tablets of Aspirin. Then you will be following the directions and dosage worked out by physicians during 21 years, and proved safe by millions. Take no chances with substitutes. If you see the Bayer Cross on tablets, you can take them without fear for Colds, Headache, Neuralgia, Rheumatism, Earache, Toothache, Lumbago and for Pain. Handy tin boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Druggists also sell larger packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Mononaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.

## WHY THAT LAME BACK?

That morning lameness—those sharp pains when bending or lifting, make work a burden and rest impossible. Don't be handicapped by a bad back—look to your kidneys. You will make no mistake by following this Pecos resident's example. Ask your neighbor.

Mrs. R. E. Miller says: "Several years ago my back was weak and lame and ached constantly. My kidneys acted too often and that annoyed me very much. It didn't take many boxes of Doan's Kidney Pills to cure me."

Mrs. Miller gave the above statement October 27, 1913, and OVER THREE YEARS LATER on April 7, 1919, she added: "I still recommend Doan's Kidney Pills highly. They are fine. I use a few of Doan's occasionally and they keep my kidneys in good condition."

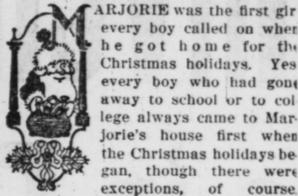
Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Miller had Foster-Milburn Co., Mfrs., Buffalo, N. Y.

**No Worms in a Healthy Child**  
All children troubled with Worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance. GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC given regularly for two or three weeks will enrich the blood, improve the digestion, and act as a general strengthening Tonic to the whole system. Nature will then throw off or digest the worms, and the Child will be free from them.

## A Christmas Romance

By Mary Graham Bonner

(© 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)



MARJORIE was the first girl every boy called on when he got home for the Christmas holidays. Yes every boy who had gone away to school or to college always came to Marjorie's house first when the Christmas holidays began, though there were exceptions, of course.

Many of them, coming home at the same time, on the same train, would agree to call together.

Then they would have a good time, singing, talking, laughing. Marjorie was such a good sort. The whole "bunch" liked her.

She played the piano well for dancing and had the kind of voice which made others want to gather around the piano and join in the chorus.

In truth, without Marjorie the "bunch" would have been oftentimes very lonely, very restless and wretched. Marjorie danced well, too, and if one wanted a girl to come up to a prom or a class dance Marjorie would always fit in anywhere. Then, too, she wouldn't be mad if a fellow asked another girl.

Marjorie was an exceptional girl. Marjorie wasn't jealous of any of them. She seemed to regard them as they regarded her—good sorts as she was a good sort. They passed the time for her merrily as she did for them.

They were jolly good companions as she was a jolly good companion.

So it went on. And another Christmas came along and Marjorie's house was the center of the gaiety.

It was the night before Christmas. The "bunch" were taking around their Christmas presents. They were going to call on Marjorie last because then they would stay there for a while. They all had presents for Marjorie, typical presents from members of a "bunch" to a friend of the "bunch."

There were several boxes of candy (which the "bunch" would help eat), and there were some books, which perhaps some of the "bunch" later would borrow and read.

One of the "bunch" has gone to Marjorie's earlier that evening, and had



Without Marjorie the "Bunch" Would Have Been Very Lonely.

taken with him a present which could neither be divided and eaten, nor borrowed and read.

Soon, soon he was going to give it to her, and soon, soon he hoped to see her wear it.

"Marjorie," he began, "the other fellows all like you, of course, but you know I've been feeling for some time kind of differently about things. And before I went back to college again I thought perhaps—you know—I thought Christmas eve would be such a nice time to look back upon when we had grandchildren as our engage—"

The front door burst open after a quick and vigorous knocking, and the "bunch" came in.

"What! You here, Jim! Stole a march on us, eh?"

They gave their presents to Marjorie. Then they asked her to play the piano. Then they sang. Nervously Jim looked at his watch. It was almost Christmas day—and he so much wanted to be able to look back on Christmas eve as the time of his engagement, and somehow he had fancied Marjorie looked upon him a little more affectionately than upon the rest. Finally he could bear it no longer.

"I say, fellows," he began, "it seems to me that as long as the 'bunch' wants to hang around the best friend the 'bunch' ever had and won't give any one fellow any more chance than another I'll just have to do my proposing before the whole 'bunch'."

"I've got a little ring here I'd like Marjorie to wear, and while I always want to be one of the 'bunch' and she always wants to be a friend of the 'bunch,' I know, I'd like to have her regard me as more than just a friend!"

"And I'd like to be more than a friend to one of the 'bunch,'" Marjorie said.

"Congratulations!" shouted the "bunch." "And Merry Christmas and lots of them!"

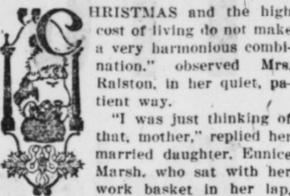
"But to think," one of the "bunch" said to the rest afterward, "that one of us was able to 'put it over' on the rest of us—and Marjorie, too!"

And the next day, which was Christmas, the "bunch" all came around to see one of the "bunch" and friend of the "bunch" and which favor was

## A Christmas Stocking

By Bertha Esmond Ridgeley

(© 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)



CHRISTMAS and the high cost of living do not make a very harmonious combination," observed Mrs. Ralston, in her quiet, patient way.

"I was just thinking of that, mother," replied her married daughter, Eunice Marsh, who sat with her work basket in her lap, her needle threaded with mending yarn, and rounding one of her husband's stockings at the heel.

"There! that is done, and I hope it will pass muster as half respectable pinned up to Aunt Mary's mantel."

Mrs. Ralston sighed, and Eunice did not act any too cheerful. They were lovable, generous souls, and until the past year or two had never known what it was to skimp and watch the corners closely.

The mother picked up the stocking Eunice had placed on the table.

"Come to think of it, Eunice," she said, "we can do better than that. Just run up to the storeroom. Here is the key. You'll find father's clothes and things as they were when he died."

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"A necktie, gloves and a pen knife. That from aunt. Something always useful. A letter, no! a card of greeting, no! Why, what does this mean!" spoke Randal Marsh, and read it as they all gathered about the fire place, and then he knew. Unselfish man that he was, he actually blushed like a culprit detected at the revelation of a sleeping secret of years.

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

## GIFTS FOR EVERYBODY



# Christmas

WILL SOON BE HERE

WE HAVE A LARGE SELECTION OF HOLIDAY GOODS

SELECT WHAT YOU WANT EARLY—DON'T WAIT UNTIL XMAS DAY

DOLLS OF ALL KINDS FROM ONE DOLLAR TO SIXTY-FIVE DOLLARS

Manicure Sets, Gentlemen's Traveling Sets, Mary Garden Sets, Dejeu Kiss and Mavis Sets. Anything in White Ivory that you may want. Don't fail to see the Pathe Talking Machines. \$25.00 worth of Records FREE

MERRY CHRISTMAS AND HAPPY NEW YEAR

With just one more week left in which to select your final gifts, it behooves you to hurry along. Lest we be too busy in this last mad rush we are taking this method of wishing you all the joy of the season and hoping that the New Year will bring you a wealth of prosperity.

## CITY PHARMACY

PECOS, TEXAS

A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

# On His Way



Out of the North, with Joyous sound Santa Claus has started, Southward bound; Treasures piled high in his well-worn sleigh, Making glad hearts for the Christmas Day.

It's an Old-Fashioned Xmas —with a New-Fashioned Joy

## Our Christmas Menu

SERVED 11 A. M.—8 P. M., \$1.00

- Cream of Turkey Soup with Rice
- Celery
- Radishes
- Choice of
- Stuffed Young Turkey, Cranberry
- Baked Sugar Cured Ham, Sweet Sauce, or Potatoes, or
- Fried Spring Chicken a la Maryland
- Tenderloin Steak, Racher of Bacon
- or
- Breaded Veal Cutlets with Tomato Sauce
- Mashed Potatoes, Sweet Potatoes
- Green Peas
- Choice of Home-made Apple, Pumpkin or Mince Pie
- Hearts of Lettuce and Tomato Salad, French Dressing
- Coffee
- Tea
- Milk



# THE MINT CAFE

# NOTICE

All Land Lease, Permit Holders and Royalty Owners

who are interested in development of the field in the vicinity of Section 8, Block C-20, public school lands, Reeves County, communicate with ARROHEAD OIL COMPANY, Pecos, Texas.

## Permit Holders

If you want to block in your acreage and prove it up thru a well to be drilled in above vicinity advise us fully in your first letter what you have, give full description first letter.

**ARROHEAD OIL COMPANY**

**PEARCE BROS.**  
EXPERIENCED RIG BUILDERS  
GET OUR FIGURES ON COMPLETE RIGS, MATERIAL, RIG IRONS, OR LABOR CONTRACTS  
PECOS, TEXAS  
BOX 246 PHONE 69

## BUSINESS DIRECTORY

**HUDSON & STARLEY**  
LAWYERS  
ROOMS 21 AND 22 COWAN BLDG.  
PECOS, TEXAS

**W. W. HUBBARD**  
LAWYER  
OFFICE IN SYNDICATE BUILDING  
PECOS, TEXAS

**JOHN B. HOWARD**  
LAWYER  
PECOS, TEXAS

**CLEM CALHOUN**  
LAWYER  
SYNDICATE BUILDING  
PECOS, TEXAS

**J. A. DRANE**  
ATTORNEY AT LAW  
OFFICE OVER PECOS VALLEY STATE BANK  
PECOS, TEXAS

**JOHN F. GROGAN**  
DRILLING CONTRACTOR  
Phone 276 P. O. Box 547

**JOHN HIBDON**  
PRINTER AND STATIONER  
ENTERPRISE OFFICE  
PECOS, TEXAS

**J. C. MURRAY**  
FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER  
PECOS MERCANTILE COMPANY  
Phones: Day 18; Night 78

**GLASSES—SPECTACLES**  
We will send you a pair of our LEAR SIGHT glasses for ten days free trial and save you more than one-half agents profit. Write for particulars today.—A. C. HADPUBB OPTICAL CO., Martin, Nence, Jank Idg, Martin, Texas.

## A Yuletide Blessing

By Ralph Hamilton

(© 1920, Western Newspaper Union.)



CHRISTMAS CHEER was in the air everywhere. The sleigh bells had a special tone for Ned Graham as he sped over the glittering snow homeward bound, the melodious clang of the skates along the river course made perfect music to his enraptured ear, the stars appeared to shine with a new luster—and all for him, he almost fancied, on this the first Christmas eve he could remember where peace on earth, good will to men had a real vitalizing meaning, and himself a part of it all!

Left an orphan at eight, for five years he had been the slave of a miserly old being. Then Victor Wade, a distant relative, and his wife Alice had taken Ned to their humble little home.

"You have no children of your own and a blessing will come to you for caring for this poor outcast," the village clergyman had told them, and indeed his words had come true. He nestled down into their hearts and gave them an obedience and love.

And Ned as well shared the shadow that hovered over their lives. Alice was the only daughter of the richest man in Brompton. She had married Wade against the wishes of Martin Brill, who had from that hour shut both of them out of his life.

"He can't treat my dear, good mother that way!" declared Ned sturdily to a chum. "Some day I'm going to let him know how mean he is to the best two people who ever lived."

Mr. and Mrs. Wade had gone to a Christmas entertainment and Ned was speeding homeward full of holiday plans.

Dashing through the gateway Ned came to a sudden halt. A light showed in the parlor, the porch window of the room was open, and plainly visible inside was a rough-appearing man tossing over the packages grouped under the little tree.

"It's a burglar!" gasped the startled Ned, "and stealing our Christmas presents! Hey, you! get out of there or I'll shoot you full of bullets!" and



A Rough Appearing Man Tossing Over the Packages.

Ned ran to the window, drew a revolver from its case and presented it in menacing view.

The intruder turned, dashed from the room into the hall and disappeared. Valiantly triumphant, Ned went back to the parlor, for the first moment noticing a small satchel lying open on a chair. It somewhat thrilled him to observe strange-looking articles of steel within.

"Burglars' tools!" whispered Ned, fairly awed. "And here's a great big wallet stuffed full of papers and bank notes, and right across it is stamped the name of 'Martin Brill' in gilt letters. Say! This fellow must have robbed the old man before he came here."

Half an hour later Ned stood in the garden of the Brill home. Gazing into the one lighted room of the place he saw Brill tied to a chair and striving to dislodge a gag in his mouth. He was frantic; he tore his hair; incoherently he babbled forth the visit of a night marauder as Ned released him.

"You're the Wade boy, aren't you?" he quavered. "You've done me a good turn. Do another. Call the police."

"Say," interposed Ned, "if you'll come with me I'll see that you get your wallet back."

"What—why—come with you—where?"

"To your daughter's home. A funny thing has happened, and if you want your wallet back you've got to go with me there."

Half distracted, fully mystified, Martin Brill consented to the strange proposal. Arrived, Ned told his story, produced the wallet and restored it to its owner.

"Oh! had, you've won my eternal gratitude!" cried the delighted old man, but paused abruptly, his eyes fixed upon a decorated framed portrait of himself.

"Mr. Wade got the holly for that," said Ned, "and your daughter trimmed it. They do that every year."

Martin Brill sat staring at the portrait, a dim mist crossing his eyes. Ned stole quietly from the room as he heard footsteps on the front porch.

"Sh-h!" he whispered, reaching it. "Mother, you've got a visitor."

"Why, who is it?" asked Alice surprisedly.

"Santa Claus, I'm thinking," was the prompt response—and it was.

## WHY SHE BELIEVED IN HIM

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



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

Hastily breaking the seal the young girl he addressed gazed for a brief interval at the beautiful object that lay in her hand. Then advancing swiftly to where he stood she threw her arms around the neck of the man who had so worthily won her, exclaiming with a glad cry:

"Dearest, how can I doubt you! Any man who is cute enough to kill two birds with one stone by giving a girl an engagement ring for her Christmas present cannot help but succeed!"

## CHRISTMAS THINGS FOR BOYS

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



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

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

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



**CHEAP ENOUGH**  
She: Now George, I want you to give me something cheap for Christmas.

He: I was going to offer myself.

**Impossible to Resist Influence.**

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

# Pre-Inventory Prices in Effect

Our stock is entirely too large for this time of the year. We must move it in order to get the cash to satisfy our creditors. Profits have long been forgotten. Our only thought now is to make the prices that will appeal to the buying public regardless of former costs or present prices

## The Price Tells the Tale and We Are Making the Price

- Below are only a few of the many bargains we offer:
- \$40.00 Ladies' Dresses only ..... \$25.00
  - \$55.00 Ladies' Coat Suits ..... \$35.00
  - \$27.50 Ladies' Coats only ..... \$19.00
  - \$20.00 Ladies' Coats only ..... \$14.50

Children's Coats also at enormous reductions.

- Red Rose, Toile Du Nord Dress Gingham, former values to 50c, only ..... 24c
- 32-inch Bates Zephyr Gingham only ..... 44c
- Heavy Weight Canton Flannel, worth from 40c to 50c, at only ..... 29c
- Renfrew's 32-inch Winter Gingham only ..... 39c
- Cone's Boss and Carhardt Overalls ..... \$1.79
- Men's Heavy Blue Work Shirts, formerly \$2, only ..... \$1.19
- Full size all new Corded Cotton Comforts, former price \$7.50, now only ..... \$5.29
- \$2.75 Men's Hanes Union Suits now only ..... \$1.89

Hundreds of other tremendous bargains in right now merchandise — and at prices that can't be any lower.

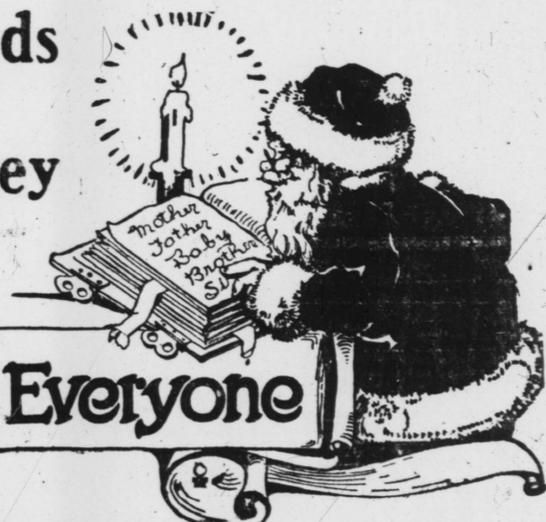
## More Goods

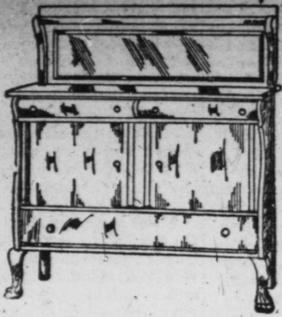
-----for-----

## Less Money

## Gifts for Everyone

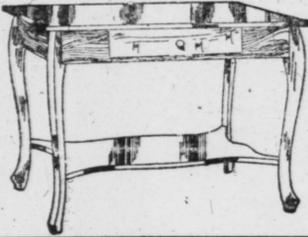
# PECOS BARGAIN HOUSE





No dining room is complete without a Buffet. You should see some of the latest designs in our furniture department. Priced from \$40 to \$65.

The library or sitting room is made more cozy with one of these little stands or tables to fill the center space. It is something she has always needed. Why not get it for her this Christmas. Priced from \$15 to \$35.



## WHY NOT MAKE IT A PRACTICAL GIFT

### LET'S GET TOGETHER

As Christmas draws near and every man's thoughts turn to some present

### FOR HER

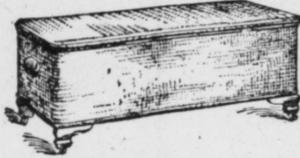
she, in turn, is wondering what present will do—

### FOR HIM

Our department offers many suggestions for gift making. Let us get together on it—make our money count and select needed household gifts that will be an economy as well as a present that both will remember and are sure to be pleased with.

### HOLIDAY GOODS

It would be useless to attempt to enumerate all the useful gifts we have in the furniture department. Thousands of little brick-a-bracks aside from our more substantial line that will gladden the heart of any recipient, both men and women. Don't fail to pay this department a call this last week before Christmas. We have our display rooms full to the top with all sorts of holiday wares.



Every girl cherishes a secret longing for a real cedar "Hope Chest." We have several that will satisfy her every wish. Priced from \$12.50 to \$50.

### GIFT 'EM A CHRISTMAS TO REMEMBER

When it comes to practical gifts there is nothing to compare with Furniture.

Come in and visit us; our stock will give you many suggestions for giving acceptable, attractive gifts that reflect your good taste in selection and are sure to find instant favor in the most critical eyes.

It's a gift that is lasting and one in which there is no waste of money.

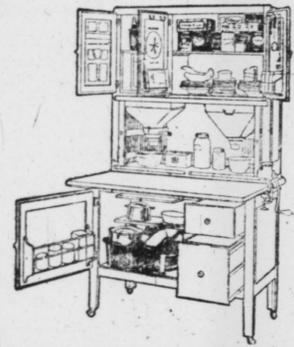
2-inch post Beds ..... \$15.00

Art Square Rugs, big assortment, many designs, priced from \$2.00 to \$60.00.



We have only a few of the Sealy Mattresses left, but our stock is complete with other standard brands. Priced from \$10 to \$40.

Famous Simon Steel Beds and Springs, priced from \$7.50 to \$30.



## FURNITURE DEPARTMENT PECOS MERCANTILE COMPANY PECOS' GREATEST STORE

### Revenue Men Aid Public on Income Taxes

Washington, D. C., Dec. 13.—A county to county campaign by internal revenue officers to aid taxpayers in preparing income tax returns was announced by commissioner Williams to begin shortly after January 1 and continue until March 15, final date for filing statistics of income for the year 1920.

Revenue officers assigned to the work of assisting taxpayers, commissioner Williams said, will be prepared to answer all questions relative to exemptions and income.

"The bureau of internal revenue is urging taxpayers not to delay in filing their returns," the commissioner said, "Merchants and business men are now closing up their accounts for the calendar year of 1920. With the facts and figures necessary to make a correct tax return fresh in their minds, the making out of form should be an easy task."

Mr. Williams claims that tax requirements for the next payments are the same as those for the year 1919, and he urged that all taxpayers begin at once to arrange for the filing of reports of their returns.

### OIL SPECULATION DECLINE

From Austin, Texas, information is received to the effect that during the past six months, 300 of the smaller Texas oil companies have gone out of business. These concerns were formed during the boom period in North Texas oil and many of them were chiefly stock-selling propositions. Investors in the companies have lost heavily, and naturally have become embittered against the oil business. They will not invest money in oil again—and thus legitimate petroleum enterprises are affected adversely.

While a large number of the companies that were exploited unsuccessfully in Texas depended on stock sales, others were really honest concerns, so far as their plans were concerned. They had small capital and when costly dry holes were drilled financial resources and courage on the part of the promoters were lacking. They went down and stayed down.

Many small companies, that owned valuable holdings, were merged with other organizations and are means of profit to stockholders.

When Texas was oil-mad, hundreds of test wells were drilled in wildcat territory, and while showings were made and glowing newspaper stories printed, it is well known that the majority of these ventures were disappointing and costly.

Texas is a great oil state, and within its borders new fields will probably be found in years to come, but its big boom is ended, so far as the stock manipulators are concerned.

In New Mexico a slackening of stock-selling activities is also noted. And in some other Western States the business of gathering in easy money from impressionable investors has taken on a serious slump.

Numerous new promotions are

still reported in connection with the oil industry, but these are not receiving the prompt support of small investors, which, a few years ago, characterized Texas experiments in the same line. By means of much publicity directed against swindling oil activities, investors have been warned and are not believing all the promises of the stock fakery.

Another factor in the decline of oil speculation is the action of the bankers in shutting down loans.—Oil and Gas Journal.

### WEDDINGS

#### MUCK—RICE

Schuyler C. Muck and Miss Bessie Rice were united in marriage Wednesday night at the Presbyterian Manse, Reverend H. W. Lowry officiating. The couple came up from Pecos where the bridegroom is an optician, and the bride has been working at her profession, that of trained nursing, and their friend, M. R. Smith having made all preparations the couple were united in the bonds of wedlock afterward going to the Crawford where they remained until this morning when they left for Pecos. "All the world loves a lover" and many stranger-friends in Carlsbad, join in best wishes to the newly weds for a long and prosperous life together.—Carlsbad Current.

Mr. Muck and Miss Rice are well known in Pecos where they have many friends who wish them a "bon voyage."

### STORK NOTES

BORN—to Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Maley on Thursday, December 9th, a nine pound son. Mrs. B. G. Gunn, the nurse in charge, reports the mother and son as doing nicely.

### BATTERY ADVISE TOO FREE IS OPINION OF LOCAL DEALER

"Battery advise is free," says R. S. Johnson, local Willard service station dealer, and like all free products it is a drug on the market. It is estimated that if a car owner would try to do all the things suggested by the trade papers, the car builders and the battery manufacturers, he would have no time to drive, to attend to business or keep up a speaking acquaintance with his family.

"As a matter of fact, a battery does not need a great deal of care, and the average driver gets good results by putting in a little water every week or so and making regular calls at the service station."

"It is always important to give a battery the right start, and the first thing every purchaser of a car—new or old—should do is to drive around to the service stations so that his battery could be registered and given the right sort of start toward a useful and active life."

Our dry goods stock must be reduced and in order to do it we are cutting the price half in two. Come in and see.—O. J. Green.

We handle the famous Firestone tires and tubes, guaranteed 6,000 miles and our prices are lower.—O. J. Green. & Co.

Let us furnish your table for that Xmas dinner—Green Mer. Co. It

### SOCIAL EVENTS

#### MERRY WIVES ENTERTAIN 20TH CENTURY

One of the prettiest social affairs of the season was the luncheon given by the Merry Wives Club at the home of Mrs. Jim Camp in honor of the Twentieth Century Club Wednesday afternoon.

The home was beautifully decorated throughout with the Christmas colors—red and green, and the Christmas flower, the Ponisetia, ornamented the tally cards and score cards.

The luncheon was served at seven beautifully appointed tables after which a number of spirited games of 42 were played.

This annual exchange of social courtesies has become a fixed custom between the clubs and the members of each look forward to its yearly recurrence with a great deal of pleasure.

Mrs. J. W. Parker responded for the visiting club with a club prophecy, after which the guests departed for their homes planning to rival their hostesses in hospitality for the coming year.

The following ladies were guests and hostesses of this delightful occasion: Mesdames Wilcox, Simms, Taggart, Roberson, Hibdon, Heard, Love, Roy Wilcox, Cavett, Weyer, Krauskopf, Dean, Starley, Harrison, Cole, J. W. Parker, Stine, Casey, Collings, Will Cowan, Garlick, Lusk, Kerr, Runnels, Sisk, Hudson, Moore, Rowden, Camp, Anderson, Jno. B. Howard.

#### CHRISTMAS PARTY

Mesdames H. N. McKellar, G. C. Parker and A. G. Taggart were the hostesses at a most enjoyable party Thursday afternoon of last week at the home of Mrs. McKellar. It was a Christmas party and the decorations were in the Christmas colors throughout the receiving suite. Games of "42" were the afternoon diversions and were played at sixteen tables. Guests on arriving were escorted to a Christmas tree from which to secure the tally cards which were decorated with kewpies.

Music during the games was furnished by the Edison, presided over by Miss Ora Pruett. A delicious salad course was served for refreshments. The following were the guests:

Mesdames, Wm. Garlick, G. B. Finley, Wm. Adams, Harry Anderson, L. W. Anderson, O. H. Beauchamp, Walter Browning, J. W. Brooks, O. J. Bryan, John Camp, H. N. Lusk, Jim Camp, J. F. Cavett, Wylie Cole, M. W. Collie, E. L. Collings, H. T. Collier, J. G. Love, Jim Cooksey, A. J. Cooksey, J. E. Cox, W. Roberts, W. Dean, J. A. Drane, Monroe Slack, Clay Slack, P. B. Smith, J. E. Starley, W. N. Sutherland, David Tudor, E. J. Weyer, R. E. Williams, A. E. Wilcox, W. B. Oats, J. Heard, Chas. Young, J. W. Parker, Will Cowan, Gid Rowden, H. Woods, Add Owen, B. A. Oden, W. O. Green, J. V. Hanson, Tom Harrison, J. B. Heard, Jno. Hibdon, Joe Hollebeke, W. F. Howard, W. A. Hudson, Chas. Jordan, R. S. Johnson, Monroe Kerr, Max Krauskopf, Tom McClure, J. W. Moore,

# Yes Sir-ee!

We made this cigarette to meet your taste!

# Camel

## CIGARETTES



**CAMELS** have wonderful full-bodied mellowness and a flavor as refreshing as it is new.

Camels quality and Camels expert blend of choice Turkish and choice Domestic tobaccos win you on merits. Camels blend never tires your taste. And, Camels leave no unpleasant cigarette aftertaste nor unpleasant cigarette odor!

What Camels quality and expert blend can mean to your satisfaction you should find out at once! It will prove our say-so when you compare Camels with any cigarette in the world at any price!

Camels are sold everywhere in scientifically sealed packages of 20 cigarettes for 20 cents, or ten packages (200 cigarettes) in a glassine-paper-covered carton. We strongly recommend this carton for the home or office supply or when you travel.

**R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO.**  
Winston-Salem, N. C.

O. T. Norwood, H. B. Prickett, T. B. Pruett, Lillian Butler, W. A. Reynolds, H. C. Roberson, W. W. Runnels, R. J. Rutledge, Albert Sisk, I. J. Sims, Sid Cowan and Miss Ora Pruett.

### FINANCIAL REVIEW

In a recent bulletin issued by the Foreign Commerce Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, a change is announced in the method of presenting foreign trade statistics. This is the first real revision in the method of presenting the figures regarding the foreign commerce in more than one-half century. The purpose of the reclassification is to improve foreign trade statistics so as to make them of greater value to the business interests of the country. Business men found many faults with

the old classification. The enormous growth in our foreign trade demanded greater detail in order to properly interpret the statistics.

In the group of commodities designated as "all other," many important commodities were covered up. This new method of classification is the result of the work of a committee of representatives from the various government departments interested in foreign trade. In the revised classification, commodities will be grouped according to items generally associated in trade, such as the various textiles, machinery and vehicles, animal products and vegetable products. These main groups have been further divided and subdivided into smaller groups of commodities. Hereafter not only the value of each commodity but the quantity will also be given. The inconsistencies that ex-

isted in the old statistics have been largely eliminated. Import and export statistics will be quoted in the same terms so that they can be combined. It has been urged by the Foreign Commerce Department of the Chamber of Commerce of the United States, that the new schedule be put into effect on January 1st, 1921.

The Pierce Oil company, so it is said, has chucked up the job of digging for liquid gold in Callahan county, and will pull up its casing, tear down its derricks and other buildings and move the property away—Baird Star. The Enterprise is sorry to see the above paragraph in the Star. It had hoped Brother Gilliland would reap rich reward for his years of newspaper work in Baird through the development of a real oil field in his neighborhood.

# Cotton Drops from 27c to 7½c

## Oil Leases from \$50 to \$5

When ginning commenced in Texas this Fall the price was 27c; it has slowly fallen till today it is 7½c. Cattle and other products have followed a close second to cotton and millions of dollars, much of which would have been used in speculation, has been swept away. We are forced to go to far away points to secure the necessary money to carry on our development, or make a price for oil leases so low that home people cannot refuse to purchase.

I went to Dallas last week for a consultation with our officers. I told them I was unable under present conditions to sell acreage about our derricks at \$10 to \$50 per acre, (according to distance), although those prices were the lowest asked by any other company within my information. I asked their consent to sell a limited amount of acreage at any price I saw fit until we had sufficient money on hand to pay all operating expenses and a fund for the immediate future when I would restore the old price. They told me to use my own judgment.

I returned from El Paso Saturday, where I purchased a complete Keystone drilling outfit from Krakauer, Zork & Co. Everything was loaded on the cars and before you read this will be in place on Section 4, Block O, of the Gunter & Munson, Maddox Bros. & Anderson Survey, one mile South of Aroya on the Texas and Pacific railway, in Ward County. It is at that point that Dr. Richard M. Holden of New York City, probably the most distinguished geologist and scientist that ever investigated this section, said that we would develop a marvelous shallow pool at a depth of 900 feet. Last May Dr. Hugh H. Tucker of Dallas made us a flattering report on the same land and drove the stake for this oil well.

For a very short time I offer acreage in the vicinity at the following heretofore unheard-of prices in the Pecos field—or any other field.

- Oil Leases 1 to 2 miles from the derrick, \$5.00 per acre
- Oil Leases 2 to 3 miles from the derrick, \$4.00 per acre
- Oil Leases 3 to 4 miles from the derrick, \$3.00 per acre
- Oil Leases 4 to 5 miles from the derrick, \$2.00 per acre

Nothing reserved excepting the 640 acres on which the derrick stands. Papers executed and mailed the day order is received. 88 form leases, 5-year term, 25c rental, titles abstracted and approved by our attorney, Hon. W. W. Hubbard, whose opinion will accompany each assignment of lease. The complete abstract contains 125 pages of manuscript, which will be printed and as soon as ready for distribution a copy will be forwarded free to each purchaser.

These unheard-of prices are made for the benefit of home people and those who are stockholders in the company or have purchased leases from it. They will not be advertised generally and will be withdrawn as soon as 5000 acres have been disposed of. There is no time to lose. Call at our office or mail your order NOW. Ten acres or more furnished in any of the zones named. Plats will be furnished on request or if the selection is left to us the best acreage available will be assigned.

We start with an 18-inch drill and if production is not secured at 900 feet a standard rig will be erected over the big hole and the well driven to production. Not a cheap, temporary investment, but the biggest and best offering in the history of the field.

E. L. STRATTON, Fiscal Agent

**TOYAH VALLEY OIL COMPANY**

Suite 1, Syndicate Building, PECOS, TEXAS

### PERSONAL

J. L. Furr went to Breckenridge the early party of the week on a business trip.

Mrs. T. Y. Casey returned Tuesday from a two weeks visit to her daughter, Mrs. Rowen Hudson, who resides in Dallas.

Lee Garrett and a party of five friends from Cleburne left Thursday morning for the Davis mountains on a hunting expedition.

Mrs. W. L. Ross and daughter Miss Callie, and Mrs. Hardin Ross spent Saturday and Sunday in Toyah Valley, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. Tatum Moore.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. Hughes of DelLeon are expected to arrive Monday to spend the Christmas Holidays at the parental home of Mrs. and Mrs. O. F. Woods.

Wallace Looby left for El Paso last week for the purpose of re-enlisting in the U. S. navy. Wallace is a fine young man and the only son of Mrs. G. T. Looby.

Mrs. A. J. Cooksey will leave the latter part of the week for Big Spring and Ranger, to spend the Christmas Holidays with her daughters, Mrs. Joe Ward and Mrs. Frank Rarey.

John G. Allen and family left Wednesday for Memphis Tennessee, where they will make their home for a while at least. Mr. Allen states that he is to take up his same work with the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. splendid gentleman and business man.

A big crowd of the citizens of Toyah Creek was in attendance upon commissioners' court Monday looking into the sale of their road bonds recently approved and the building of good roads through their part of the country.

Jesse D. Woods came in this week from Wichita Falls where he has employment with an oil concern and will spend the Holidays with home folk. Jesse is reliable and accurate and therefore is able at all times to hold the most lucrative situations.

Miss Ruth Copelin left Wednesday night for her home in Cisco after a most delightful visit of ten days duration to Pecos friends. Miss Copelin has many friends in Pecos and says she is in love with Pecos and Pecos people and that Pecos is one of the few towns she has on her visiting list.

Rev. Joshua C. Jones, the new presiding elder of the Roswell district, which includes, Pecos, Barstow and Odessa, was here for his first quarterly conference Sunday and delivered a splendid discourse at the Methodist church Sunday evening. Rev. Jones is not an entire stranger here, he having preached to our people a few months ago. The Bishop saw fit, after the appointments were made, to swap districts with Cochran and Jones, thus giving us a new presiding elder for which The Enterprise is thankful.

Dr. and Mrs. J. A. Daniel left this week for Austin and from there will go on to New Orleans to spend the Holidays. Dr. Daniel is secretary of the Toyah Valley Sulphur Co. and a

The regular monthly session of commissioners' court was in session Monday with County Judge Ross in the chair and A. W. Hosie, C. C. Kountz, Julius Eisenwine and R. N. Couch at the bat. The regular routine of business was transacted.

Mrs. and Mrs. Glen Hampton and little son, Jack, went to Dallas Sunday, where Mr. Hampton will attend to business. Mrs. Hampton and little son will visit friends there and will also visit in Fort Worth and Big Spring before returning home.

J. K. Davis of Fort Worth, arrived Sunday morning for a visit to friends in this section. Mr. Davis ranches in Reeves county along about 1910 and a few years thereafter and lived up school land in the Toyah country, where he made many friends. He is a genial good fellow and since leaving here has spent several years in "cool Colorado."

District court has been grinding slowly this week, only two cases having been tried up to the time of going to press—that of Sands, who was cleared of the charge and A. E. Norman, who was given twenty years on a charge of rape.

Hon. L. M. White, president of the Toyah-Bell Oil company arrived the forepart of the week to start things going again in the Toyah-Bell No. 2, which has been shut down for a short time awaiting the erection of a standard derrick and heavier tools.

A. W. Hosie, county commissioner, here Monday states that he will go to El Paso this week and return home with his wife and daughter. The daughter has been under the treatment of a chiropractic after having been treated by noted physicians all over the country and A. W. says that she is showing more marked improvement than ever before. Mr. Hosie also states that the son of Julius Eisenwine who is also in El Paso under the treatment of the same chiropractic is showing most wonderful improvement and is the "strongest and brightest of the Eisenwine family." Mr. Hosie will also bring him back home to spend the Holiday season. After the Holidays they will all return to El Paso where the treatment will be continued until a complete cure is effected. The many friends all over the county of both these good families will be glad to learn that both families are elated over the wonderful improvement in both these children and have the strongest faith in the chiropractic.

Ira J. Bell, trustee for the Dixie-land Syndicate, has returned to his home here after spending some time in the east. He is now making final arrangements to put the Bell well, which was brought in a good pro-

ducer last spring and after some weeks lost on account of water breaking in, to a greater depth in the hope of striking other pay sands at a greater depth. Mr. Bell is an industrious worker and never lets go where he has once started. Mr. Bell and the Bell well No. 1 is the thing that put Pecos on the oil map and brought on the oil boom which made money for every man, woman and child in the town of Pecos, if not in the entire country—if not directly, then indirectly.

There are many things to be thankful for in this old world and nothing is more important than good friends who will stand by you in adversity and remember you when things are running smoothly. The Enterprise family has a number of such friends whom we appreciate more than the Editor can express in mere words. The editor has been too busy this season to do much hunting but through the courtesy of friends the family has been enabled to enjoy rare juicy venison and yesterday that good Toyah Creek friend, Mr. J. L. Moore, sent the editor by parcel post a fine mess of quail, all cleaned and ready for the frying pan, for which the entire family extends many thanks. The editor suspects that either Willie or Tatum Moore, Mrs. Moore's two dutiful sons, had a hand in the matter also and they are apt to receive their share of appreciation from the Enterprise family.

Mr. and Mrs. Erbin Oden will leave today for a visit with relatives and friends in Wichita Falls and Midland, after a pleasant sojourn with his father in Pecos.

Sidney Smith of the Federal Horticultural Board, was here from El Paso for a few days this week. Mr. Smith says the pink bollworm has showed up all along the Rio Grande from El Paso for a good distance down and that now they have seven hundred and fifty men at work in the valley in an effort to exterminate the pink bollworm and will have one thousand men at work by the first of the year.

Don't fail to phone \$4 your wants we make the price and deliver the goods.—O. J. Green & Co.

#### To Stop a Cough Quick

take HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a cough medicine which stops the cough by healing the inflamed and irritated tissues.

A box of GROVE'S O-PEN-TRATE SALVE for Chest Colds, Head Colds and Croup is enclosed with every bottle of HAYES' HEALING HONEY. The salve should be rubbed on the chest and throat of children suffering from a Cold or Croup.

The healing effect of Hayes' Healing Honey inside the throat combined with the healing effect of Grove's O-Pen-Trate Salve through the pores of the skin soon stops a cough.

Both remedies are packed in one carton and the cost of the combined treatment is 35c. Just ask your druggist for HAYES' HEALING HONEY.



## A Drop of Ink Makes Millions Think

**A**N AMERICAN MAGAZINE reporter once asked John Wrigley, the fifty million gum magnate, what he attributed his huge business success to, and the man replied that it was 90 per cent advertising.

Mr. Wrigley is used as a study among journalism classes as the man who accumulated three fortunes and each time spent them for advertising, after which he started in over again.

It is a well known fact that he spent one million dollars advertising his gum products on Broadway, New York, alone.

### THE FUNDAMENTAL FACT —



however, is that after the gum king had spent three fortunes on advertising he did not stop. He let drop a secret that may well be applied to any business, however big, or however small:—

*"That advertising is a good deal like feeding a furnace—you have to keep shoveling in the coal in order to keep the fire alive."*

A little "ad" dropped here and there in your local paper is really of little value. It is the persistent, weekly and daily call that makes the people sit up and take notice.

### WHAT THE ENTERPRISE CAN DO

It can place advertising, based on the inch rate, in 2,300 homes, virtually circulated among 11,500 people for 50 cents. To attempt to reach the same number of people by post card, the only other means of communication, would cost \$115.00.

It can readily be seen that there is no argument from an economic standpoint as the cheapest and most effective way of reaching the public.

**THE PECOS ENTERPRISE**

## SEASON'S GREETING

**T**HE crackling blaze of the Christmas log; the Christmas tree with its candles, and blue and purple and silver tinsels entwined in the green boughs that mysteriously hide gifts; the aroma from the kitchen; snatches of song, the tripping feet,—all are interpreted by the face at the window watching for someone who is to come.

And as the glad day approaches, though small as it may be, let us add our Season's Greetings to your already boundless store. Let everyone of our old friends and customers make merry on Christmas day and when the New Year dawns with its unlimited new hopes and possibilities—may it bring to you all your cherished desires with a full share of prosperity.

### REMEMBER OUR GOOD SERVICE

is always working to make your Christmas shopping pleasant. Here under one roof, you can buy for every member of the family and be assured of getting quality goods at lowest prices. Rapid delivery and the guarantee of satisfaction or your money back.

### WE ARE DOING OUR PART

We're doing our part to make everyone's Christmas a merry one. Every advantage has been taken by our buyers of the receding wholesale markets. Prices at this store are not coming down—they're DOWN NOW, and the public is benefiting every day.

DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

**PECOS MERCANTILE CO.**  
PECOS' GREATEST STORE