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## EXCITEMENT RUNNING HIGH IN EAGLE PASS

**HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FLOCK TO THE SCENE TO WITNESS THE LIQUID AS IT IS BROUGHT TO THE SURFACE FROM A DEPTH OF 3000 FEET—STOCKS TAKE BIG ADVANCE.**

The Thing—The Oil Well.  
The Name—The International No. 1.  
The Capacity—Thousand Barrels a Day.  
The Grade—High.  
The Depth—Three Thousand Feet.  
The Place—Eagle Pass.  
The Man—Dr. Van E. McFarland.  
The Owners—The People.

Eagle Pass' oil well has arrived. The golden liquid is being bailed up by the bucketful and it is getting slimmer and oilier with each succeeding bucket that is brought up. The people are wild with excitement. They are flocking to the well by the hundreds, there being a continuous string of automobiles leading to the well, from early morning until dark. The oil is pronounced by experts to be of high grade and it is estimated that it already has a capacity of 1000 barrels a day. When a match was set to it the oil burned like gasoline.

The first indication of the present strike was had on Friday afternoon when the bailer brought up a lot of pure lubricating oil. Operations for the day ceased at 4 o'clock since no preparations had been made for taking care of a flow, and when the news reached the city crowds of people immediately repaired to the scene.

Saturday morning found another crowd on hand to witness the bringing up of the bailer, and when the contents were dumped out there were exclamations of enthusiasm by everybody present.

**High Grade Oil.**  
"It is a high grade lubricating oil," said J. H. Clark of the Uvalde Rock Asphalt Paving company, who is in the city, supervising the work of street paving. "There is no trace of asphalt in it, which makes it a valuable product."

This well, which is known as "International No. 1," has been making a good showing practically from the time that the work of drilling began last April. The first showing was made in the first hundred feet of drilling and it was then predicted that a gusher would be brought in here. Geologists from all parts of the country visited the well and they viewed the conditions in an extremely favorable light, the unanimous verdict being that the showing was the best they had yet seen.

**Stock Takes Spurt.**

Each succeeding showing of oil was an improvement over the previous one. The drill passed through Austin, chalk at a depth of about 2000 feet and next it encountered a strata of Eagle ford, bringing up the first sand bearing traces of oil. This sand was more impregnated with oil as it was brought up from day to day for the past month. Oil stock began to sell rapidly, requiring no solicitation, and when the oil came up in liquid form the price of stock jumped from \$10, the original price, to \$50 a share. Stockholders were offered big sums for their shares, these offers ranging as high as \$100 a share.

**Anti-Cline Formation.**  
This well was sunk by the International Oil & Gas company, which was organized by Dr. Van E. McFarland. He has always expressed his confidence that there is oil in Eagle Pass, and it was due to Dr. McFarland that this well was sunk. He had to encounter numerous obstacles in order to interest the people in the project, and it was only by his determination to put it through that he succeeded.

The International Oil & Gas company is practically a home institution, most of the stock being owned by Eagle Pass people. It has a lease on 480 acres of land known as the DeBona tract. It is believed that a rich oil basin underlies Eagle Pass and Maverick county.—Eagle Pass News Guide.

## COMMISSIONERS' COURT SENATE WELCOMES SENATOR HARDING

### Assessment Rolls Approved—New Officers Give Bond and Qualify.

On Nov. 24th the assessment rolls of Presidio county, Henry J. Reynolds assessor, were examined and approved.

On Thursday, 2nd of December, the following officers gave bond and qualified according to law:

- K. C. Miller, county judge, bond \$2500 with United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, surety.
- K. C. Miller, ex-officio county commissioner, bond \$3000, United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, surety.
- Essie Aiken, district clerk, bond \$5000. United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, surety.
- John Clarence Fuller, county attorney, bond \$2500. Lion Bonding company, surety.
- J. H. Fortner, county clerk, bond \$2000. United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, surety.
- J. E. Vaughan, sheriff, bond \$5000.
- J. C. Orgain, A. M. Avant, R. R.

- Smith and Gustav Raetzsch, sureties.
- George Harper, tax collector, bond \$26,000. United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, surety.
- W. J. Yates, justice peace precinct No. 1, bond \$1000. T. H. Rawls and A. M. Porter, sureties.
- Jack Rawls, constable precinct No. 2, bond \$500. J. C. Fuller and T. H. Rawls, sureties.
- William Coughran, constable precinct No. 4, bond \$500. A. M. Porter and Gustav Raetzsch, sureties.
- T. C. Mitchell, commissioner precinct No. 1, bond \$3000. United States Fidelity & Guaranty company, surety.
- F. C. Mellard, commissioner precinct No. 2, bond \$3000. J. H. Lock and J. C. Orgain, sureties.
- Edwin F. Hill, commissioner precinct No. 3, bond \$3000. Frank Russell and M. Jiminez, sureties.
- T. A. Thurston of El Paso was employed to audit the books of the county.

### MARFA CATTLE WIN PRIZES AT BIG SHOW

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 4.—A. C. Easterling, secretary of the Highland Hereford Breeders' association, is in receipt of a telegram from Chicago, dated December 1, which reads as follows:

"Your Highland Hereford Breeders calves won first and second in class championship by ages and were made the grand champion feeders of the International. Also won silver trophy that goes to your association. Signed, J. G. Imboden."

The news was very gladly received by the members of the Highland Hereford Breeders' association, as well as everyone who heard of the achievement, as the winning of the grand champion at the Chicago International is as high as a bunch of calves can secure.

These calves were sold to Mr. Imboden on the 18th of November during the American Royal Stock show at Kansas City when the Highland Hereford Breeders' association held its second annual auction sale. Mr. Imboden purchased 49 head expecting to feed them out for the fat car lot show and exhibit at the International next fall, but after making his purchase he said that they looked good enough to him to take them there this fall and enter in competition with other grass calves, as they had the breeding, the size, conformation and quality.

Just what they will do next year will be looked forward to by everyone in this section and we are expecting great things from them, as the Big Bend district of West Texas has come into its own from a cattle breeding standpoint and is now engaged in raising the best feeder calves in the United States.

This has been a busy week in the shipment of cattle from Marfa, some of them going to market while others were purchased by breeders for their ranges. Among the shipments were:

- C. T. Mitchell to Frank Russell at Tankersley, Texas, 589 head of calves;
- J. W. Pool to same party 288 head of calves;
- Coughran, Avant & Cardwell, to E. H. Martz, at Martz, Texas, 716 head of calves;
- J. M. Pool to same party 318 head of calves. The first lot was raised by T. C. Crosson.
- J. D. Nichols & Son, to Fort Worth market, 800 calves, 200 coming 3-year-old steers.—El Paso Herald.

Dr. Church of Fort Davis passed through Marfa Tuesday en route for San Antonio. The doctor has rented the old Mahon residence in the northern end of the city, and expects to move his family here about the 20th of this month. He formerly lived in Marfa and has many friends and acquaintances here who will be glad to welcome him back home.

### Big Bend Winner.

The Big Bend district of Texas won 13 out of 16 prizes in the big carlot Hereford feeders show at the American Royal Livestock show at Kansas City last month.—San Antonio Express.

### WILSON WALKS WITH CANE INTO BLUE ROOM OF WHITE HOUSE TO GREET COMMITTEE WITH NOTIFICATION THAT U. S. LEGISLATORS HAVE ASSEMBLED—MAY NOT READ PAPER.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 6.—The Third and final session of the 66th congress began here today with President-elect Harding in his seat in the senate. The galleries began to fill early in the day and were crowded when the gavals of Vice-president Marshall and Speaker Gillett fell at noon.

President Wilson has not yet made known whether he will deliver his last annual message to congress tomorrow in person but arrangements have been made at the capitol to receive him should he decide to resume the custom interrupted by his illness. Tickets of admission to the house galleries are ready for distribution upon announcement from the White House that the president will visit the capitol.

Senator Harding was given a round of applause as he entered the senate chamber just before noon. Spectators rose all over the galleries to obtain a better view of the president-elect, who entered from the Republican cloak room with Senator Lodge, Republican leader.

Mr. Harding was surrounded immediately by a crowd of senators who shook his hand and slapped him on the back. The president-elect welcomed his admirers with a broad smile.

Senator Harding spoke briefly and the senate then adjourned without transacting any business to await a communication from President Wilson. A day of co-operation and friendly relations between the White House and congress was forecast in Mr. Harding's address.

Though disclaiming any desire to criticize the present administration, Mr. Harding declared it one of the ambitions of his four years as chief executive to insure better team work between the two branches of the government.

The speech, which did not touch on detailed questions of policy, was delivered by the president-elect in response to an ovation that greeted him when he went to the senate chamber in his capacity as a senator and answered to the opening roll call of the new session.

### Reluctant to Quit.

Senator Harding in his address to the senate said:

"No member of this body could be more reluctant to leave it. I may say to this senate that I came here with very high respect for this body, and I am leaving it with greater respect than that which I came. If one could always direct his own political fortunes to his liking, I should have preferred my membership here to any office a citizen may hold in this republic or elsewhere in the world."

"I like the freedom, the association the patriotic sense of responsibility which abides here. I am conscious of the great place which congress holds under our constitution, and particularly sensible to the obligations of the senate."

"When my responsibilities begin in the executive capacity I shall be as mindful of the senate's responsibilities as I have been zealous of them as a member, but I mean, at the same time, to be just as insistent about the responsibilities of the executive."

"I want to express today the wish of a colleague for the confidence and the co-operation of the members of this body in the four years which begin next March 4. I do not limit this sincere request to this side of the aisle. One cannot promise agreement in all things with an opposite party which is some times insistently wrong, but we may find common ground in the spirit of service, and I hope for that agreeable and courteous and oft times helpful relationship with the opposite side which has added to the delights of fellow service during the past six years."

"We are facing no easy task. We have our full part in the readjustment of human affairs, after the world turmoil. We have our tasks at home, we have our part in the

### inevitable work of the civilized world.

Service to Country.  
"With propriety I cannot venture upon any suggestions now, even though I am speaking as a member of this body. Three months of the present administration remain, and I would have house and senate join cordially in making them fruitful, rather than wasted months. There is so much to be done and we already have had so much of delay, that I should like unanimous recognition that there are no party enos to serve but precious days are calling for service to our common country."

"I cannot resist the repetition of my regret that my association on this floor and in committee rooms is ending today. Let me express the hope to one and all that, though there comes a change in official relationship it will not interrupt our co-operation or deprive us of the personal fellowship which I have found to be a great compensation for the sacrifices of conscientious public service.

"Our governmental good fortune does not lie in any surrender at either end of the avenue, but in the co-ordination and co-operation which becomes the two in a great and truly representative popular government."

"This brings me to the thought particularly in mind. Something has been said about the 'senatorial oligarchy.' Of course everyone here knows that to be a bit of highly imaginative and harmless fiction. But I do recognize how essential is the helpfulness of the senate in the making of a successful administration."

### Wilson Is Notified.

Senator Lodge, of Massachusetts, headed a committee which called at the White House today to inform President Wilson that congress was in session and ready to receive communications from him. It was the first meeting between the president and Senator Lodge since before the peace treaty was defeated in the senate, under Senator Lodge's leadership.

The president received the senators and representatives in the blue room. It was the first committee of notification from the 66th congress to call upon him, and was the first congressional committee, with one exception, to be received by Mr. Wilson since he was taken ill more than a year ago.

### BIG STOCK SHIPMENTS FROM THE BIG BEND

The following shipments were made over the Southern Pacific lines Wednesday in the Big Bend district: Russell & Mertz shipped 30 cars of cattle from Marfa to Tankersley; A. P. Sachse shipped 12 cars from Marfa to Fort Stockton and Rawls & Franklin shipped 2 cars from Marfa to Fort Worth. The following shipments were made from Marfa yesterday: N. N. Nichols, 22 cars, to Fort Worth, and J. D. Nichols & Son, 10 cars, also to Fort Worth. J. C. Payton will ship 13 cars from Finley to El Paso today; F. A. Mitchell will ship 12 cars from Marfa to Kansas City, and 8 cars from Ryan to Kansas City; Mr. Cardwell will ship 4 cars from Marfa to Fort Worth and G. A. Monkhouse will ship 2 cars from Ryan to Fort Worth.—San Antonio Express.

### Garage Burned.

Wednesday evening the garage belonging to Mr. Charles Bailey, located near his residence was completely destroyed by fire. It seems that some one threw a lighted cigarette on the grass near the building, and this caused the fire. The wind was blowing at the time toward the garage when Mr. Bailey first noticed the blaze as it swept toward the house. Before he could reach the place to extinguish it, the building became enveloped in fire. Besides this building, only the nearby fence and a woodpile was destroyed.

### Rev. L. F. Parrish.

The sad news reached Marfa on last Sunday that the Rev. L. F. Parrish had passed away at his home in Birmingham, Ala.



**ARTICLE 10 THE CAUSE OF MUCH TROUBLE.**

**Change in Covenant Now Appears Likely at Present Session.**

Geneva, Switzerland, Dec. 4.—Presentation and adoption of a resolution eliminating article 10 from the covenant of the League of Nations before the end of the present session of the assembly would occasion no surprise here, it was declared in some quarters, when the assembly began its meeting this morning.

Assertions were made that yesterday's decision of the committee on the admission of new states, which held, in effect, that the article does not guarantee the territorial integrity of any member of the league, represented the view of a majority of the delegates at the present meeting. This interpretation and the postponement of consideration of certain changes in the covenant were the principal topics of conversation today.

These changes proposed by Scandinavian countries were said in no wise to prevent consideration at this session. N. W. Bowell, a Canadian delegate, brought this out clearly by questioning A. J. Balfour, of Great Britain.

The committee to which was referred the question of how to choose the four elective members of the council of the league had not reported. The question is whether these members shall be elected for four years or two, and it still is being debated whether their terms of office should begin from the first entry of the council into operation, or from the present meeting of the assembly. If the latter idea prevails, the four representatives must be elected here.

The chance of Brazil returning to its place on the council is considered excellent, but Greece, it is thought, will lose its place.

**Decision Is Important.**

The declaration on article 10 is generally regarded as one of the most important decisions yet taken by the league members. The interpretation was provoked by the proposal of Giuseppe Motta of the Swiss delegation, who asked that if the present status of Austria were changed, Vorarlberg be permitted to join Switzerland. The text of the interpretation follows:

"We cannot recommend the adoption of the proposal put forward by M. Motta. We are indeed of the opinion that the entry of Austria into

the league will in no way prejudice or affect the question raised. We cannot help adding that the suggestion that admission to the league should have any such effect appears to arise from a misconception of article 10. It cannot be too emphatically stated that article 10 does not guarantee the territorial integrity and the political independence of any members of the league and calls upon the council to consider what can be done to resist such aggression."

M. Motta made the point that Vorarlberg at a recent plebiscite indicated its desire to join with Switzerland. He contended that under article 10 Vorarlberg would be prohibited from becoming part of Switzerland should Austria at a later date join Germany and the purpose of his proposal was to remove any obstacle in the way of Vorarlberg.

**Argentina May Quit.**

Buenos Aires, Argentina, Dec. 4.—Rejection by the assembly of the League of Nations of Argentina proposals in favor of the admission of all countries to the league may result in the withdrawal of this country from the league, it was learned here last night. It was said a cablegram was expected from Honorio Pueyrredon, Argentina foreign minister and chief of the Argentina delegation at Geneva, notifying the government of his decision in the matter.

Foreign minister Pueyrredon is understood to have received instructions from his government before leaving for France to withdraw from the league if it appeared the assembly would refuse admission to all sovereign states, and if Argentina's proposal for the constitution of the council on a basis of equality of representation of all nations was not adopted.

**Armenia Reply Received.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—President Wilson today received the reply of the League of Nations council to his acceptance of the role of mediator between the Armenians and the Turkish nationalists. The text of the council's reply reached the white house last night.

While white house officials had no information as to the procedure to be adopted by the president, the presumption was that he would await communications from the Spanish and Brazilian governments, who also offered their services as mediators. The council in its reply

to the president stated that it had requested Spain and Brazil to communicate with Mr. Wilson.

**U. S. Urged to Join.**

Washington, D. C., Dec. 4.—The invitation of the League of Nations that the United States name a delegate to act in a consultative capacity with the league commission on armaments was received today at the state department. Officials there said the government had no eye come to a decision on the question of representation on the commission.

"It would, of course, be perfectly understood that the presence of the representatives of the United States would in no way commit the American government to whatever opinion may be finally put forward in the report of the commission," said the invitation. "Nor indeed can that report itself be more than a basis for the consideration by the members of the league of measures of reductions in armament which united action may enable them to achieve."

"Nevertheless just as in the case of the financial conference at Brussels, the presence of an American representative whose function was only that of giving and receiving information, was an important factor in the success of the work of the conference, so that it cannot be doubted that the general consideration of the subject of the reduction of armaments will be greatly facilitated if the government of the United States can see its way to be represented in a similar manner at the meeting of the permanent advisory commission."

**TAX ASSESSORS TO URGE TAX REFORMS**

Houston, Texas, Dec. 4.—Resolutions calling upon the legislature to amend the laws governing the assessment of property to effect uniformity in "rendition values between many counties," and the election of officers closed the fifteenth annual convention of the Tax Assessors' association of Texas Thursday at Houston.

The creation of a state board of equalization or a tax commission, having the powers of the court, whose duties shall be "to adjust any inequalities of taxation, maintain such equalization and see that the state derives its just revenue from the different counties of the state in an equitable manner" was recommended. R. B. King of Jim Wells county, the

outgoing vice president, was elected president of the association, and other officers elected are: Spuire Boone, Tom Green county, vice president; Gus Reininger, Comal county, re-elected secretary and treasurer.

Fort Worth was selected as the meeting place of the next convention.

A legislative body for the purpose of urging tax reform at the next legislature was appointed, composed of the following: President King, Albert V. Huth, Bexar county; S. D. Shannon, Tarrant county; W. A. Gilmer, Tarrant county; Cabeen Blake, Harris county, and Secretary Reininger.

**MRS. AGNES ORNER PARDONED CONDITIONALLY**

Austin Texas, Dec. 7.—A conditional pardon was granted today by Acting Governor Johnson to Mrs. Agnes Orner of El Paso, convicted at El Paso in 1915 on the charge of murder by poison of her little daughter, Lillian, and given a life term in the penitentiary.

Conditions under which the pardon was granted are that Mrs. Orner leaves El Paso and does not go back there.

This is quite a noted case in that it had been tried six times. In the first trial, at El Paso, Mrs. Orner was given 99 years in the penitentiary, while four of the trials which were held at other places than El Paso, all resulted in hung juries.

The last time the case was tried, in 1915, a life sentence was imposed. The crime for which Mrs. Orner was convicted occurred at El Paso in 1911 and before she reached the penitentiary she had served 5 years in jail and has also served virtually 5 years in the state penitentiary.

In recommending the pardon, the board of pardons was divided. Judge William Knight dissented, while Chairman Fritz R. Smith, the other member, made a favorable recommendation on the ground that the woman was convicted on circumstantial evidence.

Mrs. Orner was pardoned on the ground that she is suffering from tuberculosis.

The woman was tried first at El Paso in 1911, when J. M. Nealon was district attorney. When her conviction was reversed, she was granted a change of venue and was tried successively at Midland, Marfa,

Pecos and Van Horn and then case was brought back to El Paso, after the juries had failed to convict her in each of the other trials. W. W. Bridgers was district attorney the last time she was tried, and secured her conviction.

On February 18, 1911, Lillie Cordova Orner died suddenly. The mother, who lived at 608 North Ochoa street, was arrested on a charge of murder and after a pre-

liminary hearing before Justice E. B. McClintock, remanded to jail without bond to await action of the grand jury.

On July 27, 1910, after an illness of six hours, the child's father, Alfred F. Orner, Pullman conductor, died in the same manner. On August 9, 1910, Mrs. Orner was arrested on a charge of lunacy, but was acquitted three days later before a jury in probate court.

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Fred Guyon has been on the sick list this week.

Mr. Robert Hicks and wife are now domiciled in the Dr. Jones' residence—formerly Dr. Monagins.

Mr. Middleton has moved into his new residence, which he has just completed in the northern part of town.

Miss Emma Golby has been very ill this week and at times her life was despaired of. She is considered somewhat improved today.

Mr. Meade Wilson has just had a ranch house—two rooms and a hall—built on his and Mr. Brown's ranch about 10 miles southwest of town.

Claude Smith, who has been occupying the Shannon residence, has moved his family to the ranch. He says it is too lonely out there by himself.

Sheriff Knight came in yesterday from the river country, he having been hurried home by the illness of his two children, who have been quite sick, but we are glad to learn are now improving.

Mrs. Joyce, nee Miss Eva Mitchell, is spending a few weeks with the home folks at the Antelope ranch. Mr. Joyce has gone on to California, in which state they will make their future home.

Mr. P. M. Smith came in from the ranch on Thursday morning's passenger train. He brought Mrs. Smith with him for medical treatment as she is not in good health. Mrs. Smith will stop at Mrs. Farmers' while here.

Mr. Jack Brown is having a 2-room addition built to his dwelling and Mr. Wylie Moore is having added to his residence three rooms and a hall. Contractor Dick Chastain is doing the work for both.

The Marfa & Mariposa Mining Co. shipped to New York this week from Marfa a solid carload of quicksilver. This is the first car load lot of quicksilver to be shipped from the new district. Another car will go forward in a few weeks.

**Personals.**

Miss Bessie Smith is visiting Alpine.

Joel Fenly visited the city this week.

J. G. Erickson, the jeweler, paid Shafter a business visit this week.

W. R. Simms, of Hubbard City, is here for the benefit of his health.

J. A. Pool, Sr., and Mrs. Jim Pool and child were among the week's visitors.

Benton Bowers and R. H. Dewar, Shafter, were registered at the St. George this week.

Judge Peyton Edwards, of El Paso, and Judge Williams, of Stockton, are here on business.

Buck Hay, of Shafter, who has been spending a few days in San Antonio, returned Thursday morning.

John Crosson and family, of El Paso, came in on Friday morning's train and will visit the Crosson ranch.

Mrs. L. B. Phares, of Meridan, Miss., aunt of Mr. D. P. McKay, is here on a visit to remain several weeks.

Albert Rose was doing the metropolis this week. Albert has sold his cattle to Gus Elmendorf, we understand.

Charles Mulhern and S. A. Thompson and daughter, Miss Lois, of Fort Davis, were over Thursday, returning Friday.

Mrs. M. B. Anderson went over to Fort Davis Tuesday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Merrill, mother of her son-in-law, Mr. Jesse Merrill.

W. H. Reagin, county and district clerk of Brewster county, has been in Marfa most of the week on business. He was a guest of the St. George.

Miss Laredo Bunton came in yesterday from Dysart. After spending a few days with Mrs. Porter she will be the guest of Mrs. T. A. Childers, until after the holidays.

A. Johns, G. B. Triplett, Tom Platt, and Billy Smith came up from Shafter last Saturday and returned Monday, accompanied by T. A. Childers and G. T. Wilcox. The party were acting as guards for the bullion.

**DIED**—December 10, at her home near Fort Davis, Mrs. Martha Merrill, aged 78 years and 1 month.

Mrs. Merriell had lived near Fort Davis about sixteen years and was probably better loved than anybody who was ever known there. Most loving and gentle by nature, her whole long life was spent in ministering to others. She was zealous member of the Presbyterian church and was faithful and cheerful in all her relations in life. She bore her indescribable agony with fortitude, and it was graciously allowed that for a few days before death she should cease from suffering and pass

peacefully into perfect rest, surrounded by loved ones.

Her two brothers, Mr. Martin Rankin and Mr. Thomas Rankin and wife, all of Pittsburg, were with her several days before she died, and her son, Dr. Merrill, of Carthage, reached the old home just as the remains were carried away.

She leaves a lonely and delicate husband with whom over a year ago was celebrated their fiftieth wedding anniversary; a daughter and four sons. The funeral services were conducted in the church at Fort Davis by Mr. Bloys, for whom Mrs. Merrill had always the tenderest and most reverent affection, and the remains were interred in the little graveyard near town, followed by many friends who loved her in life and mourned her in death; but she has found joy and heaven, in exchange for unbearably agony and earth.

**Help for the Starving Little Ones.**

A Christmas offering to the starving children of Armenia and the Near East is being asked by the Texas Near East Relief organization, headed by Charles L. Sanger of Dallas, state chairman. This urgent appeal for sharing with the destitute Christians this Christmas is termed as most imperative, with winter setting in and the necessity for redoubled relief work.

"Recent Turkish massacres upon this Christian race," the appeal states, "has resulted in bringing to the Near East Relief thousands and thousands of little children, but because of shortage of room and relief supplies it has been necessary to turn them away from the doors of our 229 orphanages, now caring for over 140,000 little orphaned children. Those that we have been compelled to turn away will undoubtedly die before next spring, as few of them were sufficiently clad to withstand the coming winter, and with no source of food supply, the result is evident."

The Near East Relief has on hand only sufficient funds and supplies to care for these orphans and over 500,000 Christian refugees, for a period of six weeks, it was announced, and the result of the present appeal for a Christmas offering will determine whether or not the remnant of this Christian race can be saved until the activities of the League of Nations and President Wilson as mediator can be felt.

The people of Texas are asked to rush their contribution and Christmas thank offering to the Texas headquarters of the Near East Relief at Dallas in order that they may be converted into food supplies and medical supplies before the first of the year.

"Seventeen cents a day," stated O. M. Lowry, state secretary, "will feed one of these little starving Christian orphans, and Texas has an apportionment of 5000 of them to keep alive."

John Humphris represents Presidio county in the "Near East and Armenian Relief" campaign.

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 Get your Edison for a Gift to the whole family.  
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**Anderson's Gift Store**

**Announcement.**

We desire to announce to our friends in Marfa that we have purchased the confectionery store formerly operated by Mr. H. C. Mills, and known as the Busy Bee.

Extensive changes and improvements are contemplated which should make our establishment most complete and up-to-date.

At an early date we will be equipped to serve hot and cold light lunches.

We are sales agents for those of the most popular and delicious candies made—Chocolate Shop, Hoffman's and Miss Saylor's. The utmost in candy cannot be told without mention of these brands.

We desire it understood that we have no purpose in business other than to SERVE. The word SERVICE is our motto. We shall overlook no opportunity to live up to it. Try us out. If there is anything in our line that you want and it so happens that we haven't it in stock we promise to do our utmost to get it for you.

We have embarked on our enterprise just before Christmas and have a most complete and attractive stock of Christmas candies, both in boxes and in bulk. They must be seen to be appreciated.

With an assurance of prompt, efficient and courteous service, we earnestly solicit your patronage.

L. HOLT ELLIS,  
HARRY ELLIS,  
JOS. S. COOK.

**THE BUSY BEE.**  
Ellis & Cook, Proprietors.

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Four-section ranch near Valentine, fine valley land, splendid grass and abundance of water.

For price and terms address:  
W. A. DAUGHERTY,  
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Cooper's Electrical Shop can supply you with anything electrical that can be found in the cities, and at the same prices.

**SAYS G. O. P. CONGRESS MUST PROHIBIT SUNDAY SPORTS**

Will Be Turned Out Unless They Pass "Blue Laws," Asserts Dr. Crafts.

Washington, Dec. 4.—The Republican congress will be turned out of office two years hence if it chooses to be only a treasury annex too preoccupied by money matters to pass bills prohibiting all Sunday sports, including baseball and horse racing and all amusements such as moving picture shows, said Dr. Wilbur F. Crafts, superintendent of the International Reform bureau, here today.

The bureau is very much in earnest as is shown by the fact that it will concentrate its forces, including many of the most influential churches and reform organizations in the country, in Washington on December 8.

It became known today, although not officially admitted, that the utmost effort will be made to induce Senator Sheppard of Texas and Representative Volstead, author of the prohibition enforcement act, to introduce concurrent bills covering practically all of the proposed reforms in the house and senate.

When informed of his probable selection, Mr. Volstead uttered an exclamation of dismay. He said he had not expected to be asked to introduce the bill.

We have a supply of Type-writer ribbons for Remington, Underwood and Oliver machines. Call at The New Era for a new ribbon when in need.

Electric Toasters, Electric Heaters, Percolators, Curling Irons, Machines, Irons, in fact, everything electrical will be found at Cooper's electrical shop.

A few of our best models in coats at prices that will move them quick. MILADY'S SHOPPE.

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Santa Claus is at MURPHY-WALKER'S Big Store With the Ghoicest Line of Christmas Goods Ever Displayed In Marfa.

**Do Your Shopping Early Get the Pick**

Something nice for everybody. Make this the happiest Christmas you ever spent.

**Cut Glass--Silverware-- Everything To Bring Joy To the Hearts of Men, Women and Children**

**TOYS! TOYS!**

Look over our counters as we have many bargains to offer during the holiday season. We have gone throughout the store and chosen fresh new merchandise you are needing right now and will need later in the season. Regardless of cost have marked many items at prices that mean remarkable savings to you. Now is the time to buy this merchandise. Buy what you need for the coming months N-O-W. Such wonderful reductions cannot be made again this year.

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H. H. Kilpatrick.....Editor  
 M. Wilkinson.....Business Manager

Entered as second class matter May 29, 1886, at Marfa, Texas, under act of March 2, 1879.

Marfa, Texas, Dec. 10, 1920.

## MINCE PIE AS A BEVERAGE.

We live and learn. Always have we regarded mince pie as pastry—something to be eaten. But we appear to have been wrong. Mince pie is a beverage—something to drink. Anyhow, that is the way we interpret the prohibition enforcement department's ban on pie flavored with anything containing more than one-half of one per cent alcohol by volume.

When the 18th amendment first came to our attention we read it carefully and thought we understood it. It set forth in plain language that it was proposed to prohibit the manufacture, transportation or sale of intoxicating liquors for beverage purposes. We read the amendment again rather wonderingly when the draft of the Volstead act was made public. Many times since have rulings of the prohibition enforcement department caused us again to peruse those few short and simple sentences and to marvel at the elasticity of the English language.

Incidentally, the latest ruling prohibits the use of anything in the way of a "hard sauce" with plum pudding. This really is not stretching the wording of the amendment quite so far as in the case of mince pie. Sauce is a liquid, though it would be difficult to classify it as a beverage, and the process of absorbing it might be construed as drinking. But pie as a beverage somehow excites our risibility.

Still, we suppose the hardened mince pie toppers must be saved from themselves; so, this year at Yule Tide we expect to see no gatherings of convivial persons holding wassail with pegs of brandy sauce and quaffing bumpers of mince pie.—El Paso Times.

## WHERE WILL IT END?

For the saloonkeepers who were put out of business by the advent of prohibition throughout the land, none has any sympathy. The saloonkeepers brought their punishment upon themselves. By their unwillingness to obey the laws made to regulate their business, after they were licensed by the law to carry it on and by their continued law violations they and their business became a stench in the nostrils of the public and they had to go.

Now the same leadership among the people that made possible the growth of prohibition sentiment until the saloon was wiped out, is going into other fields and gives promise of destroying its ability to accomplish things by extremes equal to those which destroyed the saloonkeeper and his business. Many things can be overdone.

Since the adoption of the Eighteenth amendment and the passage of the Volstead act, prohibition leaders, prohibitionists so-called because they wanted to prohibit the sale of liquor, have become almost rabid in the use of the word prohibition and are seeking to prohibit everything. They have frightened two other lines of trade, the coffee and tobacco dealers. Already the tobacco trust is flooding the country with tobacco propaganda, in anticipation of the enactment of a law prohibiting the sale or use of tobacco. Coffee dealers come next.

These things become a nuisance to the liberal business man and he likens them to agitation for law enforcement against minor things, to the neglect of the great crimes which are menacing the very institutions of the government.—Cisco Round-Up.

## OLLA PODRIDA.

(By Booster.)

Any person, it makes no difference whether or not they like to dabble in politics, they can help but to admire the words of President-elect Harding in a recent utterance he made when he said: "We choose no aloofness, we shirk no obligation, we forsake no friends. We never have, we never will. But we built in nationality and we do not mean to surrender it. We crave fraternity, we wish amicable relations everywhere, we offer peace and choose it, but we demand our freedom and our own America."

Don't you think that the firebell should be again erected? It will be remembered that the supports it was suspended to were burned in the fire that swept out the section adjoining the National bank. An electric gong, large enough to be heard at lower town should be purchased and placed in a suitable place, and equipped in such a manner that it could be sounded by the operator at the telephone office by the pressing of a button located on the telephone switchboard. As the matter now stands there is nothing to sound an alarm of fire, and this important thing in our town's improvements should not be overlooked.

Some twenty members of the Highland Hereford Breeders' association held a most enthusiastic meeting at the Muehlebach hotel in Kansas City on the night of November 17th, and there discussed plans for still bigger and better show for 1921. The meeting was called to order by President Mitchell. The members didn't bemoan the fact that the feeder market had slumped to an even lower level than they had anticipated, and that it meant the loss of thousands of dollars. They went right to work planning for next year. One of the things the members did was to vote unanimously to turn into the treasury of the association all the prize money won at Kansas City this year. Then they authorized the announcement that the association would pay \$1000 in gold to the man who would win the grand champion in the carlot fat cattle show at the International in 1921, on cattle purchased in their 1920 sale. There was never a better bunch of feeder calves assembled together, and the members of the association expect great things from the calves sold this fall, and will no doubt have to part with the \$1000 prize they are offering.

The Highland Hereford Breeders' association sold to John G. Imboden, of Decatur, Ill., said to be one of the most successful feeders in the United States, and a great authority on feeding, a load of 46 steer calves with the understanding that Mr. Imboden was to feed them out and exhibit them in the name of the association at the International next fall in the carlot fat cattle show. After receiving the calves Mr. Imboden was so greatly impressed with their scale, their vigor, quality, breeding and general make-up that he decided to carry them on up to Chicago and exhibit them at the International in the carlot grass fed class. When one goes into the ring at the International they are going up against the best in the United States, and the winning of the grand champion there is an achievement that any person anywhere can well be proud of. The secretary of the association received a telegram from Mr. Imboden dated Chicago, Nov. 30th, as follows: "Our Highland calves won first and second in class championship by ages and were made the grand champion feeders of the International. Also won silver trophy that goes to association. This news was received with much pleasure by, not only the members of the association, but by everyone in this section, as it again demonstrates that the members of the Highland Hereford Breeders' association are raising the very best feeder calves in the world."

The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a letter from the secretary of the Denton Chamber of Commerce that states if we have any one in this section who a breeder of fine hogs that they have several breeders in their section who would sell a few registered hogs of the best blood lines in the breed on a credit and let the animals grow out the money paid for them.

The secretary of the American Hereford Cattle Breeders' association, of Kansas City, writes that the Kansas Black Leg Serum company offered a premium of \$75, \$50, and \$25 for the first prize load of calves shown at the American Royal provided they were vaccinated with Kansas Black Leg Serum. At least a part of this money, if not all of it, will be won by the members of the

Highland Hereford Breeders' association.

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 shortage of cattle next year is the prediction of many of the foremost cattle men of the country. Over half a million cattle from South and West Texas has been shipped out the past few months. The price depressions have caused many stockmen serious losses, but in the Big Bend district the stockmen are perhaps in better shape to withstand the loss than many other sections. The general condition of the country and the fact that practically no money will have to be spent for feed this winter will help our people quite a lot.

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 The secretary of the Highland Hereford Breeders' association is in receipt of a letter from a man of Iowa who has a carload of yearling bulls and a carload of bull calves, all of purebred Anxiety breeding, with papers, that he wants to sell for \$85 and \$75 per head respectfully. Anyone wanting to buy some good range bulls can take the matter up with the secretary.

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 The secretary of the Marfa Chamber of Commerce has spoke to a number of the members as to whether or not they desired to have the annual New Year's banquet and entertainment as has been given the past several years, and those spoken to seem to think that on account of the depressed market conditions the trend of thought along the line of going slow in the way of celebrating, that it is thought best not to undertake such a move. He would like to hear from others, as the Chamber of Commerce is for the people of the town and wants to only undertake those things which will prove of the most good to our town and community, and wants everyone to feel free to express themselves on any subject that may come up.

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 The membership dues to the Marfa Chamber of Commerce is \$19 per year, and when the secretary comes around, if you are not already a member, give him the glad hand, tell him you want to join and kick in with a check, and not have him beg you to become a member. He is working for the good of the town and if you do not join and lend your support to those things that will help the town, then you have no kick coming should things not take place that you thing ought to be done.

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 The secretary of the Chamber of Commerce is in receipt of a telegram from Congressman C. B. Hudspeth dated Washington, D. C., Dec. 7, which reads: "I have made arrangements with secretary of state to promptly grant permission for hunters to carry arms and ammunition into Mexico. Anyone desiring to hunt can make application direct to me. I have all necessary blanks in my office and can expediate matters. Please publish in local papers for benefit of other citizens." Congressman Hudspeth is always on the lookout for things to accommodate and serve his constituents.

## In Memory of Dr. Fletcher Parrish.

(By Nannie Hillary Harrison.)  
 Dec. 6, 1920.

We are bereft. He has but stepped across  
 The narrow veil that spans the bridge between,  
 And separates from us a little while  
 The glories of that matchless, vast unseen.

We are bereft. But we are not cast down.  
 He, great in heart, in mind, in faith sublime,  
 Faced cheerfully the "crossing of the bar"

That sped him onward through the gates of Time.

We are bereft, yet all who passed his door  
 Caught the reflection of his joyous life,  
 He smiled "good cheer" along the weary way—  
 The sunshine of his soul was ever rife.

His life was glad. His death a tranquil sleep.  
 If true, we reap as we have sown,  
 He'll stand surrounded by the golden sheafs  
 Of noble deeds and triumphs he has won.

## Taking Stock.

An Arkansas editor kept track of his profit and loss during 1919 and gave the following accounting:  
 Been broke..... 361 times  
 Had money..... 4 times  
 Praised the public..... 1728 times  
 Told lies..... 2856 times  
 Told the truth..... 1 time  
 Missed prayer meeting..... 52 times  
 Been roasted..... 431 times  
 Roasted others..... 52 times  
 Washed coffee bowl..... 3 times  
 Missed meals..... 0 times

Mistaken for pastor.....	11 times
Mistaken for capitalist.....	0 times
Found money.....	0 times
Took bath.....	0 times
Delinquents who paid.....	28
Those who didn't.....	136
Paid in conscience.....	0
Got whipped.....	0
Whipped others.....	21
Cash on hand at beginning.....	\$1.47
Cash on hand at ending.....	.17

## NO TRESPASSING.

**No Trespassing**  
 Our pastures are all posted. Hunting positively forbidden. Persons caught violating the law in this regard will positively be prosecuted. Our friends will please not ask for permits.

**Posted—Posted.**  
 My pasture is posted. Please take notice. WM. MIMMS.  
 Absolutely no hunting or trespassing allowed. Smith Bros. 1-1-21.  
 Positively no hunting will be allowed in my pastures. Please do not ask. C. E. JONES.  
 Positively no hunting allowed in my pastures. Please do not ask. 1-1-21 D. O. MEDLEY,  
 W. T. JONES CATTLE CO.

**Posted Notice.**  
 No hunting allowed in my pasture. Please don't ask. W. H. CARDWELL.  
 No hunting or trespassing on the Keneday ranch. All violations will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. MRS. J. P. KENEDY.  
**Posted.**  
 No hunting, no camping allowed on my Barrel Spring ranch. J. B. GILLET.

## FOR SALE.

**For Sale**—Set of 20 volumes. "Book of Knowledge," new, will sell at discount. Call Wilkinson, New Era.

**For Sale.**  
 First-class picture show, only one in town of 2000; new building by January 1. Will sell cheap for cash. Apply Box 96, Alpine, Texas.  
**For Sale**—Buick roadster in perfect mechanical condition. Cheap for cash. Call at New Era office.

## FOR RENT.

**For Rent**—One 3-room house. Ben S. Avant. 2t

**For Rent**—Nicely furnished room, close in, priced right. Call New Era office.

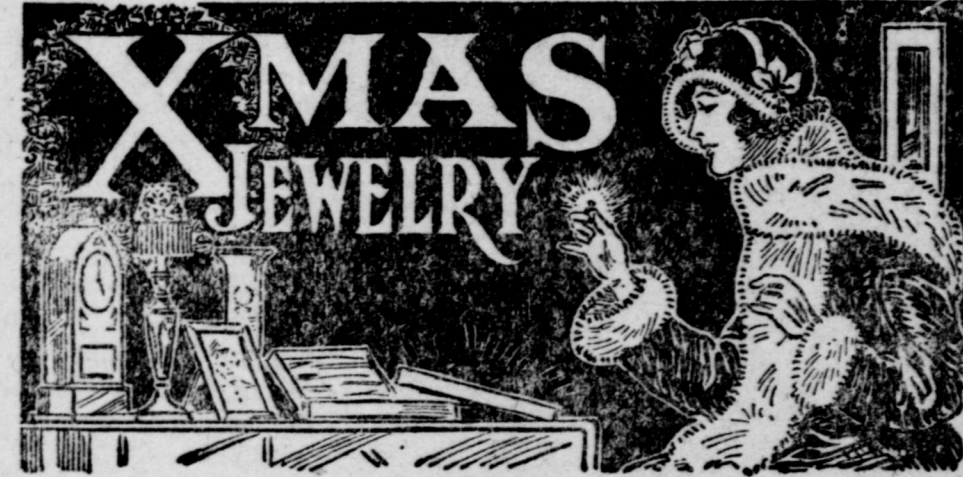
**For Rent**—Jan. 1, cottage, hot water in lavatory, sink and bath. Mrs. G. W. Hysaw.

**For Rent**—Two-room furnished apartment. Mrs. G. W. Hysaw.



## Old Santa Suggests

## Gifts That Last



**Anderson's Gift Store**  
 JEWELER & OPTICIAN  
 MARFA, TEXAS

## No Job Too Large Or Too Small

For all kinds of team work, wire fencing and rough and concrete cement work, see me.

No job to far nor to near.

I let my work speak for itself; a chance at your work is all I ask.

By the day or contract. Yours for success,

**F. H. WEBER, City**

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North of Park, Wilson Block

ANNOUNCE the presentation of  
 Autumn and Winter, 1920-21,  
 imported and domestic woollens,  
*all pure wool*, and the new, exclusive fashions of

## Shayne-Brun Hand Tailoring

Men and Young Men interested in the finest merchant tailoring will find the utmost in quality in the new display and at prices no higher than elsewhere.

It's a good plan to come in early and make reservation; delivery can be made at any time to suit your convenience.

The additional wear you receive from Shayne-Brun Hand Tailoring means real economy; you don't have to buy so often.



# Locals and Personals

Gifts—Anderson's Gift Store.

Genuine Navajo Blankets at Marfa Saddlery Company.

For Christmas give her an Edison—Anderson's Gift Store.

We can fill your Xmas want. MITCHELL-GILLET D. G. CO.

Expert dental work at all times. Dr. A. Hodges.

Dr. and Mrs. J. C. Darracott paid El Paso a visit Wednesday.

Good looking suits at very attractive prices. MILADY'S SHOPPE.

Don't neglect those decayed teeth. See Dr. A. Hodges.

Good looking suits at very attractive prices. MILADY'S SHOPPE.

Gloves of all kinds for all purposes, at the Marfa Saddlery company.

Deputy Marshal Woelber and wife of El Paso was in the city last Friday.

Mrs. Buford Cline and children are visiting on the John Pool ranch this week.

Miss N. Hillary Harrison is in the city visiting her brother, Rev. C. S. Harrison.

Read the half page ad. of Mitchell-Gillett D. G. Co. Many suggestions for your Xmas needs.

Mr. John T. Hamie has purchased an dis now occupying the residence formerly owned by Harold King.

Ladies' Hats Remodeled. Mrs. W. A. Franks. Call at first house north of Salvation army hut.

Cooper's Electrical Shop has 24 different styles of electrical lamps. Call and select yours early.

The Candy Kitchen has opened up a branch store in the new Stool building, in charge of Mr. Walker.

White Ivory and Fancy Creton Covered Boxes and Cut Glass. MITCHELL-GILLET D. G. CO.

A few of our best models in coats at prices that will move them quick. MILADY'S SHOPPE.

Western Electric sewing machines make work easy for the wife. Get them at Cooper's Electrical Shop.

Gloves of all kinds for all purposes, at the Marfa Saddlery company.

Ladies' Jersey and Glove Silk Underwear. MITCHELL-GILLET D. G. CO.

Christmas Cards—Harcourt line. See them early at Anderson's Gift Store, where better things are stocked.

Our pastures are posted. Take notice. No hunting allowed. SHANNON BROS.

Walk-Over Shoes and Stetson Hats make very suitable gifts. MITCHELL-GILLET D. G. CO.

Still want to sell that Buick roadster. Call and make proposition. Car is in perfect mechanical condition. New Era.

Hemstitching and picoting, accordion, box and knife plating, buttons made. MRS. H. B. HOUSTON, Uvalde, Texas.

Mr. William Velt of Sacramento, Cal., who has been on a visit to his relatives, Mr. and Mrs. John A. Pool, left Wednesday for his home.

Useful and practical gifts. MITCHELL-GILLET D. G. CO.

Miss Jessie Jones went to El Paso Monday, accompanied by her mother, Mrs. W. T. Jones. Miss Jessie expects to be operated on for appendicitis.

Mrs. Willie Hogan went to Sierra Blanca Monday. Her father, J. J. Ellison, has not been well of late and she expects to spend several days with him.

Appreciation. We desire to thank all those who came so promptly and materially

aided us in putting out and arresting the fire Wednesday, which threatened our home with destruction. Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bailey.

Fine Leather Handbags, beautiful new designs moderately priced at Anderson's Gift Store. — Where "Gifts that last are sold."

Colonel Z. I. Williams after spending several weeks with his son Ernest Williams, left Wednesday for Las Cruces, New Mex., to visit his son there.

W. B. Rodgers, owner of the Wild West Show, with his manager, Buster Cheely, were in the city Wednesday, making preparation for the show. See the full page ad. in this issue.

G. A. Sachse spent the first of the week in Marfa, where he received a bunch of 650 fine Hereford yearlings, which he placed on his ranch south of town Thursday.—Fort Stockton Pioneer.

O. L. Nicolls of Marathon was in the city Monday. He reports that in the Marathon territory oil drills are still active, and the prospects are good for a successful strike of oil in commercial quantity.

Our stock of Silk Shirts and Neckwear is complete. MITCHELL-GILLET D. G. CO.

We are now handling the Rokahar Shop-Made Boots. Made by Rokahar Boot & Shoe Co., now on display, \$27.50.

MURPHY-WALKER CO., The Big Store.

Mr. Baldwin, living at the Depot 12 miles below Ruidosa, was in the city Wednesday. He fell some months ago and broke an arm, and at the same time it is thought burst a small blood vessel in one of his eyes. At the time he fell no injury to the eye, but in a short time after the injury to his arm the eye became effected. The sight is entirely gone.

An Unusual Opportunity. A rare opportunity is offered a few more refined girls and young ladies to join my vocal class in Tyler, Tex.

Will reopen my studio in New York City next June. Opportunity to accompany me and study with me there, optional. Eight years' experience in New York. Best of references given. For further information, address Miss Irene Swann, No. 202 4-2 West Irwin St., Tyler, Texas.

Christmas Gift Selection. Gift selection will be made very easy for Marfa people next week, when Mr. J. I. Dixon, who represents a very large wholesale jewelry house of New York and Dallas, will be at Anderson's Gift Store and will show a remarkably well selected stock of jewelry, diamonds, watches, etc. Every one is invited to call and see this wonderful line of jewelry and diamonds.

ANDERSON'S GIFT STORE. Leaves for Oklahoma. Mr. Malott, who for some time has been one of the popular Salvation Army workers in this district, with headquarters at Marfa, expects within a few days to leave for Oklahoma. In that state he will be the special effort secretary of the Salvation army with headquarters at present in Enid. Mr. Malott regrets very much the necessity of his leaving Marfa and Presidio county where he has made many friends and where the country naturally appeals to him, but on account of his wife's health he has been compelled to accept the new field of work.

Christian Church Services. At the Christian church next Sunday morning at 11 o'clock the sermon topic will be "Seeing the Invisible." The topic of the sermon at the 6:30 evening service will be "The Rejected Stone."

The Sunday school will begin at 9:45 a. m.

At the morning service a contribution will be made for the "Child Feeding Fund," as represented by The Literary Digest magazine. Let every member bring or send his contribution to this worthy cause.

You are cordially invited to attend these services and worship with us.

Baptist Church. To all who sin and need a Savior To all who sorrow and need comfort To all who are saved and want to

serve the doors of our church are open, and in the name of Christ we bid you welcome.

Subject for Sunday 11 a. m.: "What Constitutes a New Testament Church?"

Subject for Sunday 6:30 p. m.: "What Are the Causes of the Present Crime Wave that Sweeps the Country?"

Special music at the evening hour. C. S. HARRISON, Pastor.

Methodist Church. Sunday school at 9:45 a. m. Mr. Mabry, superintendent.

Preaching service at 11 a. m. Dr. Young of Dallas will preach at the morning hour.

The hour of the night service will be used by the Epworth League in a public installation service and program.

L. B. ELLIS, Pastor.

Installation Program. The installation of officers of the Epworth League will be a public installation service at the Methodist church Sunday night at 7 o'clock.

The regular league devotional service will be held at 6 o'clock, and the program of the installation service will be rendered at the regular preaching hour. Following is the program:

Song—Selected. Prayer. Song—Selected. Offertory—Instrumental.

Installation of officers by the pastor.

President, C. Patterson; vice-president, Miss Lorene Settle; first department superintendent, Miss Katherine Mitchell; second department superintendent, Miss Blanche Avant; third department superintendent, Miss Vernon Hightower; fourth department superintendent, Sykes McClain; secretary-treasurer, J. P. Weatherford; corresponding secretary, Miss V. Thomas.

Vocal Solo—Miss Parr. Talk: "What Should the Church Do for the Young Life of the Church?"—Mrs. T. M. Wilson.

Violin Solo—Sergeant Fleck. Talk: "What Should the Epworth

League Do for the Church?"—Mr. Metcalf.

Quartette—"He Loved Me So."—Miss Hightower, Miss Mitchell, Messrs. Orgain and Greog.

Announcements. League benediction. Everybody invited. Seven p. m., Sunday, Dec. 12, 1920.

Epworth League Program. Basement of the Methodist church. 6 p. m.

Leader—Mr. C. Peterson. Subject—"The House of God and Community Service."

Song—By League. Scripture Reading—Luke 7th 1-9.

Song—By League. Talk—"Facts About Church Extension and an Adequate Ideal."

Leader. Talk—"A City Without a Church."—Miss V. Hightower.

Talk—"How Good Citizens Are Made."—Mr. E. R. Mabry.

Talk—"Ways in Which the Church Is Serving Communities."—Mrs. Ellis.

Vocal Solo—Miss Maud Parr. Announcements. Song. Benediction.

Everybody is cordially invited to attend.

For your Christmas picot edging and hemstitching, see Mrs. Leonard Lockley.



BACK TO YOU ON TIME. When you give us dry cleaning to be done, you know beforehand that you are going to get your suit, dress, coat, gloves, or other garment when we promise it to you. No delays—no complaints. The same with the quality of our dry cleaning work. It satisfies.

LEWIS THE TAILOR SNAP IT!

## Will Piano Prices Come Down?

If the factories we represent reduce their prices before June, 1921, on any piano or pianola piano which is purchased from us after Nov. 15, 1920, we guarantee that refund will be made of that amount in cash, or if the account is not paid up, an equal credit entered.

Don't delay a single day in selecting your Christmas piano, as our stock is now quite complete. 96 pianos and pianolas to choose from. El Paso Piano Co., W. R. Shutes, Prop., 215 Texas St., El Paso, Texas.

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## OUR HOLIDAY SPECIAL

### Extra Special! Ladies Hand Bags

New shapes Stamped Leathers \$15.00, \$17.00, \$19.00 Values for \$7.50 While they last.

\$8.00, \$10.00, \$14.00 Values for \$5.00 Until We Sell Out.

### Special Sale SILVER HOLLOW WARE

in Sheffield Plate at 1-3 Off

FRUIT BOWL, \$12.50 Value for \$9.35

4-PIECE COFFEE SET, \$20.00 Value for Only \$12.50

BREAD TRAYS, BASKETS, SYRUP PITCHERS, BAKING DISHES, CREAM AND SUGAR All at Remarkable Values. These Silver Bargains Won't Last Long.

### Worth Quick Action Universal Electric Percolators, Grills, Toasters, Irons, Etc., at cost for ONE WEEK ONLY.

Don't fail to buy during this week.

### Special Sale All Ivory Goods

is offered at 25 to 50% Discount Don't miss these Bargains.

A Very Large Assortment Ivory Goods has just been received and will be sold at from 1-3 to 1-2 off regular price.

## Anderson's Gift Store

# Christmas

When we think of Christmas, it brings back memories of long ago—the days when we were small children—waiting eagerly for the wee, small hours of morn to come to see the many, many toys that our dear old Santa had brought us.

Although those joyful childhood days have passed, we still have the spirit of Christmas, because, as we grew from childhood we realized what the word Christmas really meant to us.

Now as you make the little ones' hearts glad, why not remember the mother, the daughter, or the son with a gift that they will long remember?

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**PACKERS CUT MEAT PRICES  
BUT PUBLIC FAILS TO BENEFIT**

Chicago, Dec. 2.—Hogs on the hoof have returned to what it practically their 1913 pre-war price, judging from figures obtained today from one of the "Big Five" packers. Pork and pork products, at wholesale, are on their way toward that same level, the November report of the Institute of American Meat Packers indicates, and have reached the scale prevailing April 1917, when the United States entered the war.

Beef also is on the downward path, the wholesale price of carcass beef having dropped 17 per cent since September 1, according to the Institute's figures.

The biggest drop recorded, however, is in live hogs. The packing house figures show pork on the hoof brought 8 cents a pound in November, 1913. During the war the farmer virtually was guaranteed a minimum average of 17 1/2 cents. In July, 1919, the price reached 23 cents a pound. Today hogs are back around 10 1/2 cents.

Retail prices, however, have not kept pace with the falling wholesale market, the packing house official said, but he declined to be quoted directly on the ground that retailers might boycott his company.

Quotations from two retail dealers, one whose store is classed as a high price establishment, and the other as a cut rate market, show a wide divergence in prices, partly due, however, both said, to a difference in the grade of meat handled.

Figures furnished by the packers and the two stores show the following range between packing house wholesale price and the retailers' schedule:

	1913	1919	Today
<b>Pork Loins</b>			
Packers' price.....	45	40	21
First retailer.....	60	35	
Cut rate store.....			24 1/2
<b>Fancy Smoked Hams</b>			
Packers' price.....	47	40	28
First retailer.....	50	38	
Cut rate store.....			24 1/2
<b>Standard Leaf Lard</b>			
Packers' price.....	12 1/2	37	21
First retailer.....	50	41	
Cut price store.....			20 1/2

The bulletin of the Meat Packers' Institute says that during November the wholesale price of pork loins declined 27 per cent, making a total drop of 45 per cent since October 1. Other declines on November 29, as compared with October 1 of this year, show:

Smoked hams, 33 per cent; fancy breakfast bacon, 15 per cent; standard bacon 25 per cent; fresh skinned shoulders, 30 per cent; lard, 10 per cent.

Explaining why the wholesale price has failed to fall as fast as the livestock quotations, a packing house official said:

"There are two features of the comparative price situation that should be borne in mind. One is the price of by-products; the other the cost of labor. The average consumer naturally thinks of meat animals only as they affect his table. He sees that the price of hogs has dropped and he thinks, of course, that meat should follow at once.

"Only about 76 per cent of the live hog is meat. The other 24 per cent consists of waste and by-products, which just now have little value. Also in the carcass there are parts that must be sold for low prices. The entire carcass does not bring pork loin prices, for example.

"Labor is now receiving much greater awards than it did in 1913. The total increase of plant wages has been more than 170 per cent.

"Thus, though there have been substantial decreases in wholesale pork prices, these price drops cannot quite equal the fall in live animal prices."

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**MRS. ELIZABETH REAGAN  
DIED IN SAN ANTONIO.**

Mrs. Elizabeth Reagan, nee Mitchell, was born in Wilson county near Fairview, February 1, 1872, and departed this life in San Antonio, Texas, November 29th, 1920. According to these dates she was 48 years 9 months and 28 days old at her death.

Mrs. Reagan professed faith in Christ when she was about 10 years old and joined the Methodist church. She was a consecrated Christian and a loyal Methodist.

She was married to William Reagan at Floresville about 30 years ago. She was the mother of eight children, four of whom, together with her husband, preceded her in death.

She was a faithful, loving wife and mother, giving her entire strength and energy for the comfort and happiness of her family.

Mrs. Reagan was ill for a long time. She was a patient, uncomplaining sufferer.

Her tired body was laid to rest under a bed of lovely flowers, placed upon her grave by her girlhood friends, in Old Rock Church cemetery at Fairview, Texas, December 1, 1920.

The funeral services were conducted by Rev. W. N. Carl, pastor of the Prospect Hill Methodist church of San Antonio.

The pallbearers were: Frank B. Seale and E. L. Cale of Floresville, Mr. Starr of San Antonio, and Rev. W. S. Ezzell, Mr. Reynolds and Ed Reese of Fairview.

Mrs. Reagan leaves four children, a mother, two brothers, W. H. Mitchell of Floresville, and C. T. Mitchell of Marfa, and a host of friends to mourn her departure.

Good-bye daughter, sister, mother, friend. We shall see you again. To the bereaved ones we offer our sympathy. JAS. W. ALBRITTEN. —Floresville Chronical-Journal.

**PLUM PUDDING AND MINCE PIE  
TO BE BANNED BY DRY AGENT**

Brandied Cherries and Fruits Are Being Seized by Kramer's Forces. Washington, Dec. 4.—Having killed the home brew, Prohibition Commissioner Kramer is now after the mince pie and the plum pudding, it was learned officially today.

"If they contain more than one-half of one per cent in it they come under the ban of the law," said the commissioner tonight.

This statement followed seizure of all the mince meat and brandied cherries in Houston, Texas.

"A couple of cherries floating in a bottle of strong alcoholic drink are not sufficient disguise to make it acceptable to the law," said Mr. Kramer. "We have had many similar cases in the way of preserved fruit.

"Fruit or fruit concoctions containing more than half of one per cent alcohol are not permissible. Nevertheless, if a person has mince pie or preserved fruit on the Christmas dinner table I think the presumption on that particular day will be that they obtained the liquor prior to January 16, last."

**Brother Bandy Resigns.**

H. M. Bandy, pastor of the Alpine Christian church, startled his congregation last Sunday with the announcement that he intended to resign, and that too forthwith. For more than forty-four years he had been preaching the gospel, and for a good portion of that time had served either as janitor or assistant janitor. He expected to continue to preach as long as the Lord gave him strength, but was willing and rather anxious to relinquish the important duties incumbent upon a conscientious janitor. The resignation was accepted, though reluctantly as his folks realized that it would be hard to find a janitor who would do the work as well for the little pay he has been receiving.—Alpine Avalanche.

For your Christmas picot edging and hemstitching, see Mrs. Leonard Lockley. —

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**BELIEVED TO HAVE BEEN  
IMPLICATED IN NEVILLE RAID**

Dario Zoens, Mexican, was arrested twice in Del Rio Tuesday.

Zoens came over as a witness for the defense in the case against W. Dominguez for murder, but he was arrested upon arrival by "Bud" Whistler upon telegraphic request of rangers at Presidio that the Mexican was one of a gang who raided the Neville home.

When Zoens was placed in jail he notified the Mexican consul. Judge Joseph Jones ordered him released as he was informed no warrant was issued for his arrest. The Mexican was taken back to the consul's office and given his freedom.

Ranger Captain W. W. Davis acted upon authority of the telegram which stated a warrant had been issued for Zoens and took him into custody once more.

Rangers were of the belief that Zoens was implicated in the raid upon the home of Ed. Neville over two years ago, when Mr. Neville's son, Glenn, was killed and the wife and children of a Mexican helper murdered. The raiders all escaped back across the river and a sharp watch has been kept for them by rangers.

If it develops that Zoens was implicated in the raid he will be charged with murder. Sentiment is high in the Presidio section against the gang who raided the Neville home and all effort has been made to capture them.

Zoens' identity is being investigated, but it has not been definitely learned if he had any connection with the raid. Rangers here were of the belief that he was one of the gang.—Val Verde Herald.

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**THE YOWL OF THE WILDCAT  
IS HEARD IN THE LAND**

Local people who fail of seeing all or any appreciable part, of the oil journals and metropolitan papers that have recently carried articles pertaining to the development work in the Fort Stockton field, cannot realize how widespread is the fame of this section, nor how much legitimate news publicity has been secured—publicity that will gain for the field all of the attention that it rightfully merits. An index of the general interest that is being manifested is embodied in the following extract from the Kansas City (Mo.) Oil and Gas News:

"During the last few days the yowl of the wildcat operating in Pecos county in the vicinity of Fort Stockton has been so loud that it could be heard around the state. Reports from Fort Stockton are to the effect that the Grant well in Pecos county looks good for 300 barrels a day on the pump. The Fort Stockton section is receiving big play at the hands of the Pacific coast men who gave it the once-over themselves and then had a pack of rock hounds visit that section and scented the ground for signs of oil. The geologists stamped the country good, and immediately on the various ranches the chug of the drill and the grindings of the bull wheel could be heard. The Grant well is the first to bring delight to the talent. The drills are still penetrating other holes in that section of the country."—Fort Stockton Pioneer.

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## POST NEWS

Father Polono, of the Sacred Heart Catholic church, gave a very interesting talk to the men at the Service club last Sunday night. We give him a hearty invitation to come again.

### Station Hospital.

The following men, members of the hospital personnel, were discharged today: Privates Homer J. Flynn, Clark W. Neff, Raymond C. ... and Henry G. Miller.

Sergeant Guy R. Walthers is sick in hospital at this writing and we hope he will have a speedy recovery. (Better hurry and get well Walthers, your discharge is due Saturday.)

Sergeant and Mrs. D. M. Towns entertained quite a number of their friends last Friday evening, Dec. 3, from 7 to 10:30 p. m., in honor of their "leather" wedding anniversary. A fine chicken dinner and all that goes with it was served. After dinner several numbers of good music was enjoyed by the guests: Those present were: Master Sergeant Stewart, Master Sergeant B. F. Nudd, Technical Sergeant Charles Bast, P. F. C., F. J. Franklin, Sergeant G. R. Walthers and PFC. Copia, Mrs. Stewart, Mrs. Bast, Miss Parker, Miss Leitha Bast, Masters Lester Bast, Jack Stewart and Billie Stewart.

Private Porta, who has been confined to the hospital for several days as the result of an operation, is convalescing at this writing, and we hope he will be able to be back to duty soon.

### Troop F.

First Sergeant William Bell on December 6th received his orders from the War Department, Washington, D. C., to be placed upon the retired list at once. The troop gave him a special supper and after the supper the troop commander presented to him a token from the troop, a 17-jewel Elgin watch.

Sergeant Bell left on the morning train for Charleroi, Pa., where he will spend the rest of his days.

### Troop M.

The football team went down to defeat at the hands of troop I in one of the best played games of the season last Sunday by the score of 7 to 0.

Private Dwight Dean was discharged on the 2nd and left for his home in Greensboro, N. C., the same day.

Our first cook, Robert E. Dysart, has been granted a 30-day furlough and left for his home in Fort Worth, Texas.

The "oldest inhabitant" went duck hunting the other day and returned with a couple of mudhens, which he tried to pass off on the troop as ducks.

### Troop I.

Corporal Joseph J. Stella, who was called to his home at Beacon, N. Y., by the sudden illness of his father, has returned to the troop. He says it is pretty cold up on the Hudson.

Troop I and Troop M mixed it up in a football game last Sunday. Troop I won 7 to 0.

Private First-class Special Fourth Class John L. Shriner will be discharged on the 8th and says the trains do not start soon enough for Frostburg, Maryland.

### Supply Troop.

The supply troop was defeated in a hard fought football game with

troop A. At the end of the first half neither had scored. About five minutes play in the third quarter and Downie, the right end for the supply troop, was called back to carry the ball, and when he was tackled he was knocked completely out. The ball was put into play and the left halfback of troop A got away for a touchdown while Downie was still "knocked out," and the score was 6 to 0 in favor of troop A.

Bill Wunch has started to study music and has decided to play a trombone, but has had some slight trouble with the instrument already, and thinks it would be better not to play that kind of an instrument.

We are about to lose the best mess sergeant in the army, Mickey will be discharged about the 15th of this month, and the troop will not get the good chow they have been getting for the past year. At least we will remember Mickey every time we go into the mess hall.

Red Kuykendall is hauling laundry for troop H at Lajitas and he has had some very bad frights from a big "panther." He claims that the cat has taken some particular liking to him and every time he stops at a certain place along the road the cat comes about midnight and serenades him but he does not seem to appreciate it very much.

### Troop D.

Well I am sorry to say that troop L beat us bad in the football game last Sunday and we had to quit on account of no players in the line, and the back field all crippled up, and the quarterback was so sick he couldn't even see a football, but we hope to do better in the next game, that is, if we play any more. We lost one of our best players yesterday on account of discharge on account of dependent relatives. He sure knew the game, and that was Alfred T. Whitmore of the back field. We have a few left to go with the team such as A. J. Bliss, the wonderful R. T. and myself, and some more boys.

### Machine Gun Troop.

It is getting much colder down here. We had a fine motion picture here last night, a five-reel picture, "Paris Green," featuring Charles Ray. Every one enjoyed the picture, and also the Machine Gun Quartet, which gave a few selections at the show.

We are practicing football daily now. We played troop G at Ruidosa November 27. The machine gun troop won the game by the score of 20 to 0. We are anxiously waiting for our next game.

Last Sunday a detail of men were sent to the river in hopes of locating a Mexican woman and her 8-year-old child who were drowned. The bodies were recovered on the Mexican side by the authorities. No details of the tragedy have been received yet.

### Troop L.

Sergeant Crawford has several broken bones in his right hand as the result of an excited polo pony trying to knock down troop E corral fence. He almost succeeded, too. Bill says he can "goldbrick" for a while now.

### Troop C.

Private White was discharged last week after spending six months in the hospital.

Horseshoer Lamprecht is on his feet again and is eager to tackle the largest man on the field but Sergeant

Gollins says "Take it easy lad, your time will come soon when C meets K."

Private Murphy has transferred to headquarters troop, and is now attempting to burn "slum" for the boys.

Cook Perkins has left for a 30-day furlough.

### Quartermaster Corps.

The quartermaster office has moved back to the old stamping grounds, by the commissary.

The quartermaster football team were defeated by the Holland's ranch team in a fast game last Sunday. It was tough luck but we all got a square deal.

Section 13 repair unit 321, has been ordered demobilized, and we hope to get some of the men transferred to the quartermaster and keep them at this station.

Major C. W. Harlow, formerly quartermaster at this station, left Wednesday for Camp Pike, Ark., for duty with the 10th field artillery.

The quartermaster team is going to face the Machine gun troop next Saturday. Oh, well, we won't feel sorry for them until after the game. (We have a couple of recruits to put in the game, too.)

We are now handling the Rokahar Shop-Made Boots. Made by Rokahar Boot & Shoe Co., Now on display, \$27.50.

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