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ENGINEERS WIDOW SUES FOR \$50,000 DAMAGES

Suit Filed by Mrs. Mary Bohlman Against the G. H. & S. A. Ry. Co.

SUES RAILROAD FOR \$50,000 DAMAGES

Suit by Mrs. Mary B. Bohlman, widow of William F. Bohlman, engineer who was killed July 7, near Marfa on the G. H. & S. A. railroad shortly before the time of boiler explosion, was filed against the G. H. and S. A. railroad yesterday in the civil district court. Mrs. Bohlman is asking for \$50,000 damages.

She charges negligence on the part of the railroad. She contends that the engine was "unsafe, out of repair and in a dangerous and defective shape."

The tragedy occurred early in the morning of July 7, 1921, near Marfa, Texas. A railroad court of inquiry, provided by law and on which mayor John T. Hamie of Marfa and H. M. Fennell, vice president of the Marfa National bank, sat, found that Bohlman "came to his death by foul play from some unknown party prior to the explosion." The next paragraph of their report declares that "since the engineer came to his death by some criminal act" that the board is unable to make recommendations to prevent recurrence of such accidents.

The board found that the explosion was due to "low water in the boiler." It declared that the fireman, the late Charles F. Robinson, had said that the engine was in good order when he got off the train a short time before.

Foul Play Reported

Robinson and Earl Stirman, brakeman on that train, were arrested subsequently on a charge of murder. Robinson had an examining trial at Marfa and was held under a \$5,000 bond to the grand jury. He killed himself here July 18. Stirman was arrested at Alpine and held under a \$3,000 bond. The grand jury at Alpine met and did not indict him.

Wounded Before Explosion

State officers at the time declared that the chief link in the circumstances that led them to believe Bohlman was killed by some person unknown to them was the testimony of two doctors as to a funnel-shaped wound through Bohlman's head. The doctors said this wound was sufficient to cause death. They declared that they were convinced that it had been inflicted prior to the explosion.

The firm of Lea, McGrady, Thompson and Edwards, which filed the petition for Mrs. Bohlman, did so after an investigation lasting over two months. They declined to comment. Other attorneys declared that Mrs. Bohlman would evidently put it up to the railroad to prove that life was so some of the most unusual angles of law ever noted in an accident damage suit here.

The petition says that Bohlman made \$350 a month, had a life expectancy of 20 years and asks \$50,000 "actual" damages. Mrs. Bohlman sues in the name of herself and her two minor children, Mary Ellen, age 13, and Vincent, aged 4, all of Terrell county. The train on which Bohlman rode was engaged in interstate commerce, it is said.—El Paso Times.

ARMY MINE OWNERS SUE FOR DIVIDEND.

The minority stockholders of the Presidio Mining Company—Captain W. S. Overton, U. S. A., commander of the R. O. T. here, and his wife, Constance Mills Overton; Major H. L. King, U. S. A.; Col. Charles D. Winn, U. S. A.; Col. Carl A. Martin, U. S. A., now in command of the strike district in West Virginia and others, have started another legal battle in the United States District Court against W. S. Noyes, B. S. Noyes, L.

M. Doherty, James D. Ralph and Frank M. Parcels.

The plaintiffs in the action seek to compel the officers of the Presidio Mining Company, who are named as defendants in the suit filed yesterday to declare a dividend and to make an accounting.—San Francisco Examiner.

McCarty to be Judge of the SHELBY OCONOR

Eddie McCarty, of Chukwater, Wyoming, who won the championship of the world in bronk riding at Cheyenne in 1919, has been chosen to pass upon the ability of the bronk riders who enter in the championship cowboy contest to be held at El Paso December 29th, to January 1st.

McCarty is one of the best known exponents of frontier sports, and having taken part in numerous contests is thoroughly qualified to pass upon the ability of contestants in any line of western sports, and the management feels very fortunate in being able to secure such a man for this responsible position.

Johnny Mullens, of Engle, New Mexico, whose ability in this position has been proven times without number, is another one of the judges. Mullens has officiated as judge in a great many of the contests the last few years, including Tex Austin's Championship Contest at Chicago in 1920, which was the largest contest of this nature ever held in this country. Most of the boys know these men personally and their integrity is unquestionable. The third judge will be elected by the contestants who enter in the various competitive events which are open to the world under the Western Association Rules.

These rules are the hardest and also the fairest rules that have ever been devised for the various events of cowboy competition.

The bucking horses that will be used to test the skill of the riders are the riders are the same noted outlaw horses that are used in Cheyenne, Wyoming, Annual Frontier Days Contest.

Only the best of longhorn Mexican cattle will be used in the buldging and steer riding events, and good, fast range calves have been obtained to determine the ability of the ropers.

In the old steer roping contest, the professional contestant had somewhat the advantage over the range cowboy, as they all had high-priced and well-trained roping horses and did nothing but practice tying down steers between contests, but the roping and flanking of calves for branding is part of the everyday work of the ordinary range cowboy and most of them are in much better practice on handling calves than the professional contestants.

A great many entries are already being received from the stock country of New Mexico, Arizona and West Texas.

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That pictured halo o'er the Saviour's head
No shepherd saw, no wisdom's men beheld.
'Tis but a fancy, cunningly bespread
By loving art, that thus His glory spelled.

Yet no mere idle fancy unrolled
With peace the Child born to this troubled sphere,
More than the myrrh, and frankincense, and gold
The painter in his vision pictured here:

For this small peace must ever greater grow
Till all the world shall bend beneath its bow.

JAMES CORNELL RESIGNS.

From a special correspondent, to the San Antonio Express, dated So. Tex., December 20th, it is stated that James Cornell of the 83rd district has resigned, and that Gov. Neff has appointed L. F. Elhof county judge of Sutton county to fill said unexpired term.

MAPS OUT PARK AREA.

J. T. Robison, of Austin, State Land Commissioner, was a visitor in this locality last week, his trip here being incidental to his inspection of the proposed State Park in the Davis mountains.

Mr. Robison has been making an extensive study of the proposed park district, meeting the land owners therein, traveling by motor and horseback, even into some of the canyons and over some of the rough

places where men seldom travel. He made a horseback ride for thirteen miles up Madera canyon, and while in that vicinity killed a big bear of which he was very proud.

The State Commissioners map makes Gomez peak one of the points in the north boundary of the proposed park, then he draws his line to include Saw Tooth mountain and Mount Livermore to the South, Ft. Davis to the Southeast and Balmorhea also on the North boundary. His report goes to the Park Committee appointed by the Legislature.—Pecos Enterprise.

NOTICE TO THE STOCKHOLDERS OF THE MARFA STATE BANK.

Of Marfa, Texas.
The regular annual meeting of the stockholders of the MARFA STATE BANK, of Marfa, Texas, for the election of directors and the transaction of such other business as may be brought before it, will be held at its banking house on Monday, January 9, 1925, from 10 a. m. to 4 p. m.

KARL H. WORD, Cashier.

HEREFORD CATTLE ARE CHAMPION FEEDERS

Also Take the Purple in Shortfed Class Honors Split Four Ways

Also Annex Purple in Shortfed Class—Many Veterans Show Carlots

The carload division of the big show contained, as usual, classifications for fat cattle, breeding cattle and short fed specials. In the class for fat cattle, John Hubly, Mason City, Ill., was awarded the grand championship on a load of Angus yearlings. The champion load of two-year-old fat cattle was composed of Angus shown by Ed P. Hall, Mechanicsburg, Ill. The W. T. Jones Cattle Co., Marfa, Texas, showed a load of Hereford calves to the grand championship in the feeder class, and Dan D. Casement, Manhattan, Kan., has the grand champions in the short-fed specials in a load of Hereford yearlings.

The number of cattle shown in the carload division was not large as it had been in many previous years, but it seemed to be the general opinion of those who have closely followed the international that the quality of the entries was better than it had ever been before.

One thing was very noticeable—something by the way, to which the Hereford Journal has repeatedly called attention—and that was that early maturing baby beef weighing 1,000 pounds or less, is becoming increasingly popular with the consumer and hence with the packer. Our readers may remember that we published, some months ago, several interviews with prominent commission firms calling attention to this trend in American beef desire. The judges of the carlot classes penalized over-weight and over-finish. True, there was not much over-weight and over-finish to penalize, as exhibitors had seen the handwriting on the wall as plainly as everyone else. The result was that there has never been a collection of cattle in the International carload classes that averaged as low in weight as that shown this year.

Hereford men have every reason to feel proud of the showing made by their breed. In the fat cattle class, Herefords won all prizes in the north central district. In the south central district they bowed to the Angus, as they did in the Cornbelt district. But in the southwest district they had everything their own way.

In the feeding cattle classes the Herefords won everything except one place in the north central district.

Herefords made a clean sweep in the shortfed specials. This is one of the most important classes of the show, as quality and condition count 50 per cent and cost of grain the other 50 per cent. And when all is said and done, cost of gain is what determines whether the feeder will make a profit or loss. It would look as though rival breeds have given up the idea of competing with Herefords in the shortfed specials and have decided to confine their efforts to other classes where inroads on the pocketbook in preparing cattle for the exhibition pens are entirely disregarded and economy of production has no place in the feeders calculations. The winning yearling put on gain at a cost of \$10.79 per cwt.

Many of the old guard, who are well known to everyone who has followed the history of Hereford feeding in America, were in evidence

in Chicago this year among the prize winners. J. G. Imboden & Son, Decatur, Ill.; J. W. Frazier, Rardin, Ill.; the W. T. Jones Cattle Co., Marfa, Texas; the Matador Land & Cattle Co., Murdo, Texas, and the Griffins, Grant Park, Ill., are the names to conjure with. Most of them will be back in Chicago again next year to shed further glory on the white faces. John G. Imboden & Son have already begun to lay their plans for another decent on the windy city, as they bought the Jones calves, which placed first in class in the Southwest feeder competition, and the Matador yearlings, which also placed first in class in the feeder competition in the same district, and will mature them for next year's show.—American Hereford Journal, Kansas City, Mo.

THE ROBERT E. LEE HIGHWAY.

The Robert E. Lee Highway, as designated, parallels the Southern Pacific railway from San Antonio to El Paso, traversing Bexar, Medina, Uvalde, Kinney, Val Verde, Terrell, Pecos, Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis, Culberson, Hudspeth and El Paso counties, a distance of approximately 650 miles. It is an all-year highway, connecting the Atlantic and Pacific states and when completed will be a popular route.

Terrell county has already voted bonds and expects to have her portion of the highway ready for traffic when the Pecos bridge is opened. Val Verde county will receive bids for the construction of this bridge on the 6th of this month. Her bonds are already issued for this highway work. It will probably require 12 to 15 months to construct the Pecos bridge.

Brewster county will be required to build about 78 miles of this highway. Required is the proper word, because if Brewster county fails to do her part the highway will no doubt be diverted to competing points.—Alpine Avalanche.

Yes, the citizens of Terrell county voted the bonds for this highway by an almost unanimous vote and we are certain that Terrell county will be ready with her portion of the highway for traffic by the time the Pecos bridge is opened. No work has been done yet, but we are sure that our county commissioners will take definite action at their next meeting in February and that work will then begin. Our county commissioners are composed of liberal far-sighted men who will readily see the great advantage to Sanderson and Terrell county by quick action in this highway matter. This highway will be a permanent asset; the building of it is not only a duty we owe to ourselves but is also a duty we owe to our children and the generations to follow.—Sanderson Times.

STOCK SHIPMENTS TO SAN ANTONIO MARKETS.

Among the shippers with stuff on the markets this week are the following: Russek Bros., Schullenberg, car hogs and cattle; J. G. Childress, Cotulla, car calves and yearlings; Deier & Fields, Victoria, car mixed cattle; H. C. and H. D. Story, Cotulla, car calves; T. H. (Chub) Poole, Artesia, car calves; J. H. Coker, Marfa, car yearlings; R. A. Serna, Marathon, car calves and two car cows; W. H. Bell, Stockdale, car calves; J. E. Denmark, Westhoff, car mixed cattle; Shannon Bros., Marfa, two car calves; R. C. Simms, Kennewick, car calves and car mixed; L. R. Duhose, Yorktown, car mixed cattle; W. R. Boldt, Yorktown, car mixed; Arthur Danz, Fredericksburg, car hogs.

A Christmas Dream

By
LUELLA KERSTEN

THE spacious farm house living room was unlighted and quiet. The outlines of several large armchairs were visible here and there about the room and made it look temptingly restful. The table which stood between the two windows was not untidy but held several opened books and many letters strewn about a letter file.

One of the large armchairs stood in front of the massive coal stove in which the blue flames danced like little elves upon the red coals, defying heartily the howling wind outside. Some one seemed to have been present recently. The chair held a bath robe, the cord of which dangled carelessly on the floor, and the tassel of which rested upon an open letter below it. Some one had been reading old letters and that person was cozily nestled in the bath robe. His tousled head of grey rested on the back of the chair. He was sleeping and certainly was having the happiest of dreams for a smile took possession of his face. The flames leaped in the happy mood by dancing higher and faster. Even peaceful and happy hours have endings. Mrs. Bohmestock had come quietly into the room and gently shook her husband.

"No, no, Helen," said the man without opening his eyes, "I am too old to dance and romp."

"Helen? When are you talking of? I do believe you have been dreaming," answered his wife.

At the sound of her voice, he was entirely awakened and arose from the chair. He staggered about before he regained all consciousness and his arms and legs ached from their cramped position. "I guess I've been dreaming. Molly, it seems as though I'd been asleep for a whole year. Molly dear, why didn't you call me? My stock must be fed and it's way past feeding time now."

"Do not worry about your stock, George. It has all been taken care of. John Uglov came over this afternoon and we talked about our Christmases when our boys were small. When it began to grow dusk, he said that I should not disturb you and that he would feed the stock."

"Well, Molly, so you and John talked over the Christmases we had with our little boys," said Mr. Bohmestock, sinking back into his chair and beckoning his wife to sit on the arm of it. "I am glad to see that others miss those beautiful holidays and the whose month before, when the air was full of mysteries."

"Oh, George, now I know what you were talking of when I came to wake you," Molly said, running her fingers through his tousled hair. "Tell me about it."

"I was reading some of the letters from Henry, for I'd been thinking of him all day," began her husband. "The last letter I read was the one we got from him last year just before Christmas, in which he told us how he and Jane were planning Christmas for the youngsters, and how he hoped that another year he would be home with us. I sat there recalling the many Christmases you and I had planned for our children. Molly, do you remember the year we had the Uglov boys over for Christmas eve?" he excitedly continued, half rising from his chair as the happy part came back to his mind in jumbled snatches. "I can see them now, the four boys and two girls sitting around this very stove, telling the Christmas stories which they had learned in school. Then, how their eyes bulged and their mouths opened when Santa came into the room. The children danced with glee, but the girls were a bit timid. The boys, however, were real chummy and asked Santa many embarrassing questions about his trips.

All this he said slowly, pausing now and then, so that he could live it over again. He looked up into Molly's face, for she had been very quiet, and there he saw big tear drops falling slowly down her thin cheeks which now showed a delicate pink flush.

"Well, well, Molly," began her husband.

"Don't, George, I know it's foolish for me to cry, but I wish we could have a tree and children to fuss for. Christmas comes and goes now without much excitement and it makes me feel as though I'm getting awfully old."

"Molly, let's have a tree and we will get ready for Christmas just as we did long ago."

The next morning, the happy couple took a trip to the woods to choose a tree. By the twenty-second of De-

ember, all the things were finished. George found Molly sitting before the fire looking very sober.

"Molly, why do you look so blue? This is the time for everyone to be happy."

"I know it, but, George, I think our fun is over. All our planning is done and we have no one here to enjoy it. No children's voices to sing the lovely Christmas songs. Oh, I shall miss it," she said sobbing.

"We still have three days in which to find children. We are going to have a Christmas just as we want it. I feel as though this will be the happiest."

The next night, they again were cuddled in the big armchairs drawn before the stove. Both of them were deep in thought, wondering and hoping. Both of them started when the telephone rang, breaking up their thoughts. George answered and was astonished when he heard a telegram read to him. He hung up the receiver with a slam and ran over to Molly, threw his arms about her, picked her up and carried her around.

"George, tell me about it. What has happened?"

"Molly, I can't talk, I'm so happy. I knew we would find children but now I mustn't keep you in suspense any longer. It was a telegram like



"No, No, Helen."

this. 'Family coming to spend Christmas on the farm. Arrive on noon train tomorrow. Henry.'

Now Molly took her turn in rejoicing. She danced about the room. Her face was pink and her eyes sparkled like an overjoyed child's. "We must get the toys ready for the children," she said, and immediately went off to make a new dress for a doll.

The next noon, George and Molly were standing on the station platform, trembling with excitement. The bystanders could tell that something unusual was happening for the old people. Finally the train came.

"There they are! I see Jane and Helen. Where is Henry?" cried Molly.

"Here, Mother," answered her boy and he picked her up and kissed her. "Didn't know me, did you?"

That afternoon, the big doors to the living room were kept closed. The children suspected nothing for they were busy exploring the farm.

In the evening after they came from church, the doors to the living room were opened; the children were so happy that they danced about the tree and excitedly grabbed one parcel after another. In their excitement they could not untie the packages so their father and mother and grandparents were called upon to help. Helen came to her grandfather with all of hers, but Junior was not so partial. After the children had seen all their presents, and the others had exchanged theirs, Helen and Junior sang songs and spoke Christmas pieces.

After the candles were lighted, little Helen came tripping over to her grandfather. "Come dance around the tree with me and my dolly, Grandfather."

"No, no, Helen! I'm too old to dance and romp," he answered.

"George," interrupted Molly "those are the same words you used the day I found you sleeping in the armchair after reading old letters."

"Well, well, that's so," exclaimed George. "This Christmas has been exactly as I dreamed it."

Henry leaned over and whispered to his wife, "I'm glad we came. I didn't know how much it would mean to them."

GIVE!

If it be true (and folks there are
This legend who believe)
That every year the Christ Child walks
Our earth, on Mary's Eve,
How much of suffering He feels
To make His kind heart grieve!

So many starving babies, pinched
And whimpering with cold,
Such piteous woe faces drawn
With hunger, gray and old!
A hundred needy ones? Oh,
The half has not been told!

And we, whose homes are holly-wreathed,
And gay with Christmas trees,
What have we done to merit cheer
And comfort—more than these?
(The Child with sad and puzzled eyes
Must wonder, as He sees!)

Then, ere the birth-morn of the Babe,
Give gladly, every one,
As this past year has prospered you,
That some poor little one
May know a taste of Christmas joy
Before the Day is done!

—MAZIE V. CARUTHERS.

CHRISTMAS MENU.

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| Olives | Celery |
| Oyster Soup | Crackers |
| Roast Turkey | Cranberry Jelly |
| Mashed Potatoes | |
| Baked Macaroni and Cheese | |
| Stuffed Peppers with Rice | |
| Boiled Onions | |
| Tomato and Lettuce Salad | |
| French Dressing | |
| Christmas Molasses | Fruit Pudding |
| Hard Sauce | |
| Nuts | Coffee |
| | Raisins |

Distributing the Gifts

GOING to the post-office is a jolly method of distribution. Pasteboard and brown paper, aided by judicious grouping of chairs and tables, easily transform a room into a post-office, and a wisely selected postmaster may make the collection of mail an occasion of much merriment. Have general delivery and lock boxes, and at the general delivery window see that each person is properly identified.

A Christmas hunt is always exciting. The clue, given at the breakfast table, is written on a slip of paper in some such words as these: "Pass the parlor, shun the hall, seek the summer kitchen wall." In that vicinity the gift will be found, wrapped and addressed. It adds to the fun if the directions lead first to other rhymes, three or four being followed up before the hidden treasure is found.

The cobweb party is not new, but is always good sport and is especially adapted to Christmas festivities. The tangled threads may lead to the laden tree or to the bulging stocking hanging from the mantel-shelf.

Still another hunt takes the form of a polar expedition and is great sport in the country when there is snow enough for it. Immediately after breakfast the entire party sets out for a walk. When they turn toward home the host or someone selected as guide informs them that supplies are hidden along the way in various caches and they will do well to look out for them. Each cache is merely a mound of snow covering lightly a quantity of gift packages, securely wrapped. There need be only three or four mounds and the gifts should be divided promiscuously among them. If the walk has been long, the first cache to be found—that is, the one farthest from home—may hide a box of cookies which will be halved joyfully and will make the gifts in the next cache an even greater surprise.

The last cache to be reached may be the centerpiece on the dining table. Here it should be of cotton glittering with diamond dust, with the pole rising from the middle of it, a fat, squat pole with a jolly Santa Claus atop.

Small gifts may be concealed in a Jack Horner pie, brought to the table when dinner is finished. Choose a deep round pan of a size to fit the number of the party and put into it the presents, each daintily wrapped and marked with the name of the one to receive it.

To a far-away relative may be sent the kiddies' latest photo (it may be only a snapshot if it be well taken) accompanied by a little verse after this sort:

We're very small, but we want to send
To one Auntie far away,
Some love and a kiss, with a happy wish
For a Merry Christmas Day.

CHRISTMAS DOES NOT STAND ALONE

IF CHRISTMAS stood alone it would be an idle mockery. But it does not stand alone. It is part of a year. Yet it is a peculiar part. It is that brief period in which the child rules the world.

It marks nowadays the culmination of a civilization which has had a leading principle. The selfish, the hard, the grasping and the unsparring are out and apart that one week from the great flowing tide of the development of the world's progress. The man or woman who does not know this or see it or feel it is alien to the Christian spirit and to all the products wrought by the Christ spirit in the twenty centuries last past.

Christmas day, then, brings a message. But it also sings a song of hope and calls aloud a prophecy. The message is that gentleness is stronger far than force and that the greatest power on earth is the compelling power of tenderness.

Every Christmas tree is lit with that light. The great flood of presents bears this as its message. The cheer and charity of the whole season are fed by this love.

If the result of this process is only a century flower, however, or one that blooms even only once a year, then of what use is this more than that, this grotesque fact than that stranger plant? It is a curious phenomenon only, a hothouse spectacle and not an abiding food product.—Rev. Dr. David M. Steele, Philadelphia.

4-POWER PACT FOR CONTROL OF PACIFIC

Following is a full text of the four-power agreement entered into by the United States, Great Britain, Japan and France for the preservation of peace in the Pacific, an accurate outline of which appeared exclusively in the Times of Friday morning.

The United States of America, the British Empire, France and Japan. With a view to the preservation of the general peace and the maintenance of their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific ocean.

Have determined to conclude a treaty to this effect and have appointed as their plenipotentiaries.

The president of the United States of America.

His majesty, the king of the United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland and the British dominions beyond the seas, emperor of India.

And for the dominion of Canada—
For the commonwealth of Australia—
For the dominion of New Zealand
For India.

The president of the French republic.

His majesty, the Emperor of Japan.

Who, having communicated their full powers, found in good and due form, agreed as follows:

Article 1. The high contracting parties agree as between themselves to respect their rights in relation to their insular possessions and insular dominions in the regions of the Pacific ocean.

If there should develop between any of the high contracting parties a controversy arising out of any Pacific question and involving their said rights, which is not satisfactorily settled by diplomacy and is like-happily subsisting between them, they shall invite the high contracting parties to a joint conference to which the whole subject will be referred for consideration and adjustment.

Article 2. If the said rights are threatened by the aggressive action of any other power, the high contracting parties shall communicate with one another fully and frankly in order to arrive at an understanding as to the most efficient measures to be taken, jointly and separately, to meet the exigencies of the particular situation.

Article 3. This agreement shall remain in force for 10 years from the time it shall take effect, and after the expiration of said period it shall continue to be in force subject to the right of any of the high contracting parties to terminate it upon 12 months' notice.

Article 4. This agreement shall be ratified as soon as possible in accordance with the constitutional methods of the high contracting parties and shall take effect on the deposit of ratifications, which shall take place at Washington, and thereupon the agreement between Great Britain and Japan, which was concluded at London on July 13, 1911, shall terminate.

The treaty has not been signed, but has been initiated by representatives of the four powers as affirmed.

Christmas Festival

THE INSTITUTION of the festival of the birth of the Savior is attributed by some authorities to Pope Telesphorus, who died A. D. 138.

In the early days of the Christian religion it was one of the most movable of feasts, being often confounded with the Epiphany and celebrated by the eastern churches in April and May. In the fourth century the urgency of St. Cyril of Jerusalem obtained from Pope Julius I. an order for an investigation to be made concerning the day of Christ's nativity. The result of the inquiry, made by theologians of the East and the West, was an agreement upon the twenty-fifth of December.

As told in the gospel of St. Luke, Christ was born in the night. Therefore, divine service is performed on the night of December 24-25. It is the custom in Roman Catholic churches to usher in Christmas day by the celebration of three masses, one at midnight, the second at early dawn, and the third in the morning. This custom dates from the sixth century.

Preparatory to Christmas the bells are rung at midnight throughout England and the continent. After the solemn celebration of the mass in the churches of the continent, which are magnificently adorned for the festival, it is customary for the worshippers to partake of a collation.

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BUT IT CAN'T! The editor of a national magazine said not long ago that if the big city newspaper could get as close to its readers as those of the country, it could have a three million circulation. "But," the editor added significantly, "It can't." That is why the country newspaper, which has had its doom sealed again and again, continues to go on—because of its intimate, personal appeal to its readers. Abe Martin says that except for a temporary chairman, there is nothing under the sun so hard to stop as a country weekly, and he is right. The country and small town see the value and need of their own little newspaper and so they will not see it die. "Subscribe for your home town paper week" has been set for November 7-12 to remind as forcibly as possible the folks of the home town—and the home town folks who are many miles away—of the big service which the home town paper renders. **Subscribe for Your Home Town Paper**

THE NEW ERA

Published Every Friday by
New Era Printing Company
(Incorporated)

H. H. KILPATRICK, Editor and
General Manager
Entered as second class matter
May 29, 1886, at Marfa, Texas, under
act of March 2, 1879.

Subscription, per Year, \$2.00
ADVERTISING RATES

Display advertising, per line, except
first page, 25c per inch.
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inch.

Ads. in plate form, 15c per inch.
Legal advertising, 10 cents per
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each subsequent insertion.

Cards of thanks, 50 cents.
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minimum price 15 cents.

Reading notices, 10 cents a line.
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and resolutions, 40 cents a line.
Obituary notices, 5 cents a line,
minimum charge 50 cents.

EVERY TEXAN OVER 21 MUST PAY A POLL TAX.

Austin, Tex., Dec. 11.—Tax collec-
tors over the state have been advis-
ed by controller Lon A. Smith that
the payment of a poll tax by a man
or woman "is not optional" or de-
pendent upon their intentions with
respect to voting, but that it is a
legal obligation fixed by the laws of
the state.

"A poll tax is not levied merely
for the privilege of voting," said
controller Smith. "It is a tax fixed
by the law, one-third of which is for
general revenue purposes and two-
thirds for school purposes, and
must be paid, irrespective of whether
or not the person against whom
it is assessed or levied desires to
vote."

"A person does not have to be a
citizen of the United States to be li-
able for a poll tax. An alien is re-
quired to pay a poll tax if he has
been in the state since January 1
preceding the poll tax levy, but only
native born or naturalized citizens
of the United States can vote. Therefore a person's intentions not
to vote, or the fact that he is not
a qualified voter, in no way relieves
him from the payment of a poll
tax."

This applies to men and women
alike.

THE CHRISTMAS IDEAL ONLY CAN STOP WAR

"It would be in vain for Statesmen
to diminish armaments and contrive
treaties of conciliation in a world de-
termined to fight. Even the unfor-
gotten horrors of war will not
prevent nations rushing to mutual
destruction. More is required, and
that more the churches must pro-
vide. It is not that I desire to see
the churches take any corporate
share in current political contro-
versies. The churches have a high-
er mission, for it is their supreme
duty to raise the ideals of commu-
nity which they serve and to create
the atmosphere in which these
ideals can flourish.—Rt. Honorable

For Rent—Two nice upstairs
rooms, suitable for single gentle-
men. Enquire of Mrs. W. A. Wells.

When in a hurry for your groceries
ring 288. We believe you will
like our service. Griffith Grocery
Company.

Notice of Application for Probate of Will.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
To all persons interested in the
Estate of Robert J. Orr, deceased,
Mrs. Mae Belle Orr has filed in the
County Court of Presidio County, an
application for the probate of the
last will of Robert J. Orr, deceased,
and asking that the letters testa-
mentary be issued to her, which will
be heard at the next term of said
Court, commencing the 1st Monday
in March A. D. 1922, at the Court
House thereof, in the town of Marfa,
Presidio County, Texas, at which
time all persons interested in said
Estate may appear and contest said
application should they desire to do
so.

Herein fail not, but have you then
and there before said court this
Writ with your return thereon en-
dosed, showing how you have exe-
cuted the same.

Given under my hand and the seal
of said Court at Marfa, Texas this
9th day of Dec. A. D. 1921

(Seal) J. H. Fortner, Clerk
County Court, Presidio County,
Texas.

By Lorene Settle, Deputy.

The Mimms Ranch will deliver you
the best of whole sweet milk in
quart bottles or gallon cans.—Phone
59.

A neat 4-room cottage \$15.00 a
month, water included. Enquire at
New Era Printing Co.

Rooms for rent—unfurnished—
close in. Phone 152.

Shop early at Bailey's. We have
the goods in stock for you to see.

Folgers Golden Gate Coffee, money
back if not satisfied—Murphy-
Walker Co.

Men's Sweaters and Wool Under-
wear, Packard Shoes—Murphy-Wal-
ker Co.—The Store of Quality.

TOYS! TOYS! TOYS! Where?—
At Bailey's of course.

THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any other con-
stable of Presidio County, Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to
summon Justo Gonzales by making
publication of this citation once
each week for four consecutive
weeks previous to the return date
hereof, in some newspaper publish-
ed in your county, if there be a
newspaper published therein, but if
not, then in a newspaper published
in the nearest county where a news-
paper is published to appear at the
next regular term of the District
Court of Presidio County, to be hold-
en at the court house thereof in Mar-
fa, Texas, on the third Monday after
the first Monday in January A. D.
1922, then and there to answer a pe-
tition filed in said court on the 18th
day of November 1921, in a suit num-
bered on the Docket of said court
No. 2619, wherein Andreas Espinosa
Gonzales is Plaintiff and Justo Gon-
zales is Defendant, said petition al-
leging in substance that Plaintiff
and Defendant were lawfully mar-
ried on or about July 10, 1916, that
they continued to live together as
man and wife for about six months
at which time the Defendant perma-
nently and with no intention of re-
turning abandoned plaintiff without
cause, since which time they have not
lived together as man and wife, that
the residence of Defendant is un-
known; that Plaintiff and Defendant
are the parents of one child, a girl,
Aurora Gonzales, whose age is now
five years, and that the father has
never contributed to the support of
said child; said petition praying for
the dissolution of the marital re-
lations existing between Plaintiff and
Defendant, for custody of said child
and for costs of suit.

Herein fail not, but have you be-
fore said Court, at its aforesaid next
regular term, this writ with your
return thereon, showing how you
have executed the same.

(Seal) Witness, Essie Aiken, Clerk
of the District Court, of Presidio

County.
Given under my hand and seal of
said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas,
this the 18th day of November, A.
D. 1921.

Essie Aiken, Clerk District Court
Presidio County, Texas.

By Hilda Weber, deputy.

DON'T send your money out of
town. We need it. Bring your
mail order house catalogs to our
store—we will meet their prices
and let you see what you are buy-
ing. No disappointments if you buy
at Bailey's Store.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF PRESIDIO:

To the Creditors of H. B. Young &
Bro., a partnership composed of H.
B. Young and G. B. Young, and of
H. B. Young and G. B. Young as in-
dividuals.

You are hereby notified that H. B.
Young & Bro and H. B. Young and
G. B. Young, all of the County of
Presidio and State of Texas, on the
3rd day of December A. D. 1921, ex-
ecuted a deed of assignment, con-
veying to the undersigned all of
their property for the benefit of
such of their creditors as will con-
sent to accept their proportional
share of their estate, and discharge
them from their respective claims,
and that the undersigned accept said
trust, and has duly qualified as re-
quired by law.

All creditors consenting to said as-
signment, must, within four (4)
months after the publication of this
notice, make known to the assignee
their consent in writing, and within
six (6) months from the date of this
notice file their claim, as prescribed
by law, with the undersigned, who
resides at Marfa, Texas, which is
also his postoffice address.

Witness my hand this 5th day of
December A. D. 1921.

T. C. MITCHELL.

BIG DISCOUNT SALE at Baileys
on entire stock of high class jewelry
watches, silverware and cut glass,
25 per cent off.

THE STATE OF TEXAS:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Presidio County GREETING:

You are hereby commanded to
summons Marcos Franco by making
publication of this citation once
each week for four consecutive
weeks previous to the return date
hereof, in some newspaper publish-
ed in your county, if there be a
newspaper, published therein, but
if not, then in some newspaper pub-

lished in the nearest County where
a newspaper is published, to appear
at the next regular term of the Dis-
trict Court of Presidio County, to be
held at the court house thereof
in Marfa, Texas, on the third Mon-
day after the first Monday in Janu-
ary A. D. 1922, then and there to
answer a petition filed in said Court
on the 5th day of December A. D.
1921, in a suit numbered on the doc-
ket of said Court No. 2620, wherein
Luisa Campo Franco is plaintiff
and Marcos Franco is defendnt,
said petition alleging in substance as
follows; that plaintiff was an actual
bona fide inhabitant of the State of
Texas for more than one year and of
Presidio County at least six months
next preceding the filing of this suit
that plaintiff and defendant were
lawfully married May 12th 1913 and
lived together until on or about
Sept. 21st 1915 at which time de-

fendant was convicted of a felony
and that defendant was not con-
victed upon the testimony of plain-
tiff and that defendant was not par-
doned by the Governor of this State
but that defendant was released only
upon the expiration of his term.
Said petition praying for the dis-
solution of the marriage relations
and for the costs of suit.

Herein fail not, but have you be-
fore said court, at its aforesaid next
regular term, this writ with this re-
turn thereon, showing how you
have executed the same.

(Seal) Witness, Essie Aiken,
clerk of the District Court of Pre-
sidio County.

Given under my hand and the seal
of said court at Marfa, Texas this
5th day of December A. D. 1921.

Essie Aiken Clerk of the District
Court of Presidio County, Texas.

By Hilda Weber, Deputy.

Purity Blackleg Vaccine

It Stands The Test
MAC'S DRUG STORE

Marfa Manufacturing Co.

(INCORPORATED)

BLACKSMITH, MACHINE SHOP
and Garage

SAMSON AND ECLIPSE WIND-
MILLS, GASOLINE ENGINES,
PIPES AND WATER SUPPLIES,
AUTOMOBILE CASINGS, TUBES
AND ACCESSORIES

Marfa - - - Texas

"The Store of quality"

Murphy-Walker Company

The Management

Takes this opportunity at the close of the year 1921, to thank our many Customers
and Friends for their kindly patronage and assistance given in the past year, and hope in
the year 1922 by courteous treatment and the accommodation of trade, to merit a
continuation of your past favors. We wish you and yours a MERRY CHRISTMAS,
a HAPPY NEW YEAR and a most PROSPEROUS FUTURE.

Murphy-Walker Company

"The Store of Quality"

Locals and Personals

All the newest games at Bailey's.

Montgomery Ellison came in last Saturday to spend a few days with his parents.

Beautiful glove silk strip hose at \$3.75 a pair at Milady's Shoppe.

D. D. Kilpatrick, of Candelaria, shipped from Marfa Monday 30 bales of cotton. It was billed to Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. John A. Pool, Sr. have returned from an extended trip to Fort Worth, Austin and other points.

Blankets and Comforts at Murphy-Walker Co.—The Store of Quality.

Miss Myrtle Rawls left Wednesday for San Antonio, where she will spend the holidays with her sister.

George Shannon returned Monday from San Antonio, where he shipped several car loads of cattle. He reports the market low.

George Mecklin and family reached Marfa from Las Cruces Saturday. He is now holding down his old place with the New Era.

Beautiful all wool slipover sweaters in all the new colors—below cost at Bailey's.

Mr. C. R. Sturgis, who has been with the New Era since May, left with his wife and daughter, Ruth, for El Paso last Saturday. Sturgis is a fine all-around newspaper man and has received a number of flattering offers, but when leaving, had not decided on a location.

Work has been started on the school grounds. All roads have been blocked and fenced off. The treading will be started soon.

Mrs. A. G. Hoffman was club hostess December 15, with Mrs. Davis leader. Those present were: Mesdames Myrick, Metcalfe, Kerr, Kuekendall, Mitchell, Davis, Murray, Maurer, Lockley, Rosson, Murray, Anderson and Ray. Mrs. J. C. Bean was a guest. Both decorations and refreshments were in keeping with the holiday season. Mrs. Murray is hostess January 5th.

Ralph Thomas is now teaching at Falfurrias, Texas, and writes that he is well pleased with that part of Texas.

Miss Mary Thomas is now teaching in Mexico City, and has charge of the kindergarten school there in connection with Prof. Horn, who is in charge of the public school system of the city. Prof. Horn was for a number of years superintendent of the public schools of Houston.

Midnight Mass in Sacred Heart Church.

Saturday, the 24th, at midnight, a solemn mass will be sung in this church, to celebrate the great festival of Christmas. A choir, composed of members of the congregation will be in charge of the singing. Everybody most cordially invited.

Christmas Services at St. Paul's Church.

You are cordially invited to attend any or all of the services held during this blessed season. A play and pantomime, given by the students of the church school, will be held in the rectory at 7:30 p. m. Saturday, Christmas eve. The giving of gifts from the tree will follow. The choir of St. Paul's will then tour the town and the army camp, singing Christmas carols.

The services in the church will start promptly at 11 p. m. by candle light and the singing of Christmas carols, this being followed by the midnight celebration of the Holy communion.

The only service of any nature on Christmas day will be held at 10 a. m., at which the rector will read Henry Van Dyke's "The Other Wise Man."

Monday—St. Stephen's Day—Holy communion and sermon at 9 a. m. Tuesday—St. John's day—holy communion and sermon at 9 a. m. Wednesday—Holy Innocents day—Holy communion and sermon at 9 a. m.

TO MY FRIENDS

Glad to be back in Marfa. Am broke, but no disheartened. Office above candy shop—residence same and phone 9.—J. C. Midkiff, M. D.

WANTED—Oldest and largest loan and investment company in North America wants live manager for Marfa and adjacent territory. Address 610 Two Republics Life Building, El Paso, Texas.

Everything new in Holiday Gifts at Bailey's.

WILL CLOSE ON MONDAY

We, the undersigned, agree to close our place of business Monday, December 26th, 1921, just the same as if it were Christmas day.

Livingston Mabry Co.
Cash Grocery.
Populay Dry Goods Store.
Union Drug Co.
Murphy-Walker Co.
Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Co.
Texas Tailor Shop.
Hans Briam.
Griffith Grocery Co.
Alamo Lumber Co.
H. W. Schutze Broadway Store.
M. Stool.
Mac's Drug Store, open til 11.
Wm. Harper.
Milady's Shoppe.
Anderson's Gift Store.
J. M. Radford's Grocery Co.
Marfa Saddlery Co.

CUSTOMERS FROM MEXICO.

This week there came from Mexico several customers who had heard of Marfa as being an up-to-date and live bargain center. One of these parties purchased from one firm alone—that of Livingston-Mabry Co., \$900.00 in goods. Buyer's week and the splendid campaign put on by our pushing advertising merchants, is still bearing fruit—and more will come.

CHRISTMAS SERVICES AT CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

At the Christian church there will be a joint service between the Presbyterian and Christian churches on Christmas day. Special Christmas music, and Dr. R. L. Erwin preaching. You are cordially welcome to worship with us.

J. S. STOCKARD, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE PROGRAM.

December 25, 1921 (Christmas Night)
Topic—"Following the Star."
Leader—Mrs. Arnold.

Song.
Prayer.
Scripture—Math. II.
Song—Special.
Leaders Address.
"A Child's Dream of the Star."
Miss Davis.
"Three Wise Men."—Sykes McClain.
"The Other Wise Man."—Miss Terry.
"The Angel and the Star."—Miss Wilson.
The Signin the Christmas Fire—Mrs. Hoffman.
Announcements.

Song.
Benediction.
On December 31st, at the Methodist church, a social and wach night service will be held. All the young people of Marfa are cordially invited and urged to be present.

BAPTIST CHURCH.

There will be services at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Sunday—Christmas day. What a good day to go to your place of worship and reverently give thanks for God's unspeakable gift to men.

"Through the tender mercy of Our God the dayspring from on high hath visited us, to give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet in the way of peace."

May the light of His love lift every shadow from every sorrowing heart this glad yuletide, and may peace be the portion of all my friends.

C. S. HARRISON, Pastor.

Henry Elroy, the landscape gardener and floral artist, has located in Marfa. He has already been engaged by several of our leading citizens for several months ahead. Mr. Elroy says that his work will prove his best recommendation.

Special in high grade canned fruits this week—Murphy Walker Co.

Gus Raetzsch returned Monday from a trip to San Antonio. He was called there by wire to be with his sister who was very ill.

Beautiful Camisoles at \$1.00 each at Milady's Shoppe.

Dr. J. C. Midkiff has returned to Marfa, and he says to stay. He and Mrs. Midkiff and son, Joe, came in from Las Cruces by auto Monday. The two girls will remain in Las Cruces for awhile.

See our new line of Ladies Dresses in Canton Crepe and Tricotine—Murphy-Walker Co. The Store of Quality.

ORIENT TO HASTEN WORK OF CLOSING GAPS IN MEXICO.

Early completion of gaps in the Kansas City, Mexico and Orient railroad in Mexico is probable, according to an article by Consul Francis J. Dyer, Nogales, Mexico, in the current issue of Commerce Reports, government publication, received at the Chamber of Commerce.

"At the present time," the consul writes, "through service over this line—which has its terminus at Kansas City, Mo., and Topolabampo, Mexico, on the Gulf of California—is limited to the lines of this country. Two unfinished gaps remain in Mexico, on between Ensenada and San Cruz, a distance of 155 miles, the other between Alpine and Palomares, approximately 158 miles.

The British interest in controlling the line are ready to begin construction work with the object of putting the property in a revenue producing condition. Labor is cheap and plentiful and the movement would have the approval of the Mexican authorities as a source of employment for a considerable number of men.

"Furthermore, the government is said to desire the completion of the road as a means of ready access to its northwest territory, and, being considered a railroad of first importance, the line will be entitled to a federal subsidy.

"The work, including necessary grading and tunneling will take about three years."—El Paso Times.

No hunting allowed in my pastures. Please do not ask.—J. H. Locke 1-22

Beautiful imported dolls at Baileys

MAN'S DUTY TO HIS CITY

What does a business man owe to the city in which his business is located besides the payment of taxes? Nothing, some close-fisted and tight-lipped business man will say. But they are not the kind of business men who make the biggest success, nor are they the kind of business men who get the most out of life. The business men who make the biggest successes and who get the most out of life are the kind who believe they owe something more to the city in which their business is located than the payment of taxes, who believe they owe it what they can contribute of active aid in solving the problems that confront it, social, political or commercial. Fortunately for the cities of this country, there are many able business men who, disregarding the advice of the kind of business men who say that it may cause them to lose some trade if they take sides in a city's affairs, are devoting considerable of their time and talents to doing something for the general good of their city. And that number of such business men is growing.—Lawrence (Kan.) Telegram.

See our pretty sport skirt in black and white striped, also browns, tans and other shades at Milady's Shoppe.

ST. PAUL'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

Christmas Eve Service at 11 P. M. Pro. "It came upon the midnight clear."—Hymn 59.

CAROLS.
"Adeste Fideles."
"The First Nowell."
"We three kings of Orient are."
Kyrie—G. J. Elvey.
Gloria Tibi—Paxton.
Sermon Hymn—"O Little Town of Bethlehem."—L. H. Redner.
"While Shepherds watched their flocks by night."—Traditional melody.—Mrs. Johnson.

(From the old English).
Offertory—Anon.
Sursum Corda—J. Camidge.
Sanctus—C. Steggall.
Communion Hymn—231.
Gloria in Excelsis—Old Chant.
Kneeling Hymn—Morecombe.
Rec. "Hark the Herald Angel sing"—Mendelssohn.

AMMUNITION of all description—bought and sold. Can save you money—See Schutze.

ROOMS at attractive rates by the month at Hotel Jordan.

HENRY ELROY LANDSCAPE GARDENER AND FLORAL ARTIST

Landscape Gardening Work in General, for both Public and Private Gardens.

Pruning and Grafting of Trees and Flowers.
Landscape Architecture in Different Ways and Plans for Beautifying Your Home Grounds.

Builder of Pergolas, Tennis Courts, Water Ponds, Etc.
Scientific Planning and Estimating on Your New Homestead.

Chemical Analysis of the Soil.

Expert Advice on all Matters Pertaining to Spraying.

Ten Years of study around the World
in Gardens

ALTA VISTA HOTEL

MARFA, TEXAS.

A WARM PAPER

75c Gets K. Lamity's
Harpoon 1 year
or 2 years \$1.00

The Hottest Paper Printed
The Harpoon, San Antonio, Tex



ONCE each year at
Christmas time the
business world pauses to
take stock of its friendships

Without the lubricant of
warm, human, friendships,
business would indeed be
drab and dreary

With the approach of
Christmas and the thought
of our friendships, we are
sincerely grateful for the
large number of friendships
we have made in Marfa and
surrounding territory. We
appreciate all the kindnesses
that have been shown
us and we wish for you and
yours a Happy Christmas
and New Year.

GRIFFITH GROCERY CO.

Marfa, Texas



Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Company

With best wishes
To all our Friends and Customers
for a
Merry Christmas
and a
Happy New Year

Mitchell-Gillett D. G. Co.
"Gossard Corsets"

Taste is a matter of tobacco quality

We state it as our honest belief that the tobaccos used in Chesterfield are of finer quality (and hence of better taste) than in any other cigarette at the price.

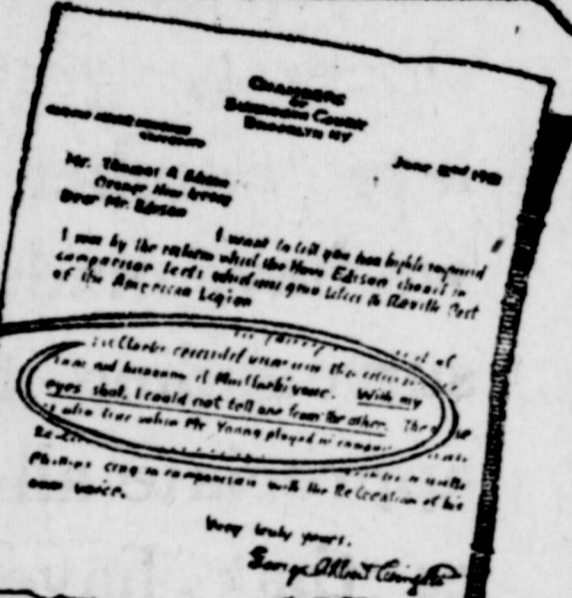
Liggett & Myers Tobacco Co.

Chesterfield CIGARETTES

of Turkish and Domestic tobaccos—blended

"They Satisfy"

General Wingate says:



Miss Clark's recorded voice were the same as the quality, tone and humanness of Miss Clark's living voice. With my eyes shut, I could not tell one from the other. The same is also true when Mr. Young played in comparison with a

Hear an exact duplicate of this remarkable NEW EDISON and compare!

THE most interesting and important phonograph for the Christmas shopper to hear is Mr. Edison's new instrument.

Its remarkable achievements have created a standard for phonographs.

On May 25th, 1921, at a recital given in the 2nd Field Artillery Armory, Brooklyn, Gen. Wingate heard the New Edison's reproduction of Miss Helen Clark's voice compared with Miss Clark's original voice. The above is an extract from his letter to Mr. Edison. No other phonograph, in a public test, has ever fooled its listeners into believing they heard the living artist.

We have an exact duplicate of the instrument which amazed General Wingate. It is the only phonograph which has something new to let you hear.

Compare it with other phonographs and talking machines. Come in and hear these comparisons. They're worth while. Come in.

Would you pay \$_____ (Fill in your own first payment)

—to give your family a real New Edison for Christmas? This is our offer: Tell us how much you are willing to pay as deposit. We will accept it (provided only that the amount is enough to indicate good faith),—and deliver your instrument for Christmas. The balance on a Budget Plan. All the agreement we ask is a Gentlemen's Agreement. So—Don't hesitate any longer. Come in and select your New Edison. Or—mail the coupon for full details.

Anderson's Gift Store



NAME _____
ADDRESS _____
CITY _____ STATE _____
MAIL TO: Anderson's Gift Store, 1234 Main Street, New York, N.Y.

PARTIES ENLIVEN NIGHTS IN PARIS

Paris, Dec. 18.—In revenge for the desertion of numberless stars in international society from Paris salons to Washington, the cohort of old faithfuls is making up for the diminished size of the "crowd" by the noisy, almost hysterical, gaiety of their gatherings.

While of course affairs at the Ritz are as decorous as ever—the very solemnity of the servants gives dignity even to a debutante after the third liquor—certain other celebrations which have taken place in famous restaurants and in a few private houses have done much to keep up the reputation of Paris as the Breakneck City.

Society, for instance, is still talking about Elsa Maxwell's "Baby" party, held, it is heard, at Veil's, the restaurant on the Boulevard de la Madeleine, famous before the war as a haunt of the true Parisienne.

The regulations were the same as at similar affairs, everyone being told to come dressed as a baby. About forty were present, and the sight of the number on Fifth Avenue, Newport and Avenue du Bois denizens all dolled up in little white sox, starched and lacey frocks, reaching about as far below the waist as a baby's attire usually does, and fastened with wide, pale blue sashes, not to speak of the cute little white lace caps, must have been one for the gods. The most original costume of the evening, it is hinted, was that of a prominent polo player who came in a diaper.

Then there was the American Medical Student's ball, which as many society people attended as could disguise themselves successful as would-be doctors and doctoresses: The largest feminine contingent were models from the Latin quarter and manikins from the Rue de la Paix, with a few joyous dummies from Montmartre thrown in. The result of the mixture can be imagined, but cannot be described in a family newspaper.

The dinner preceding the ball was "progressive" in the fashion invented by an English artist, who is now an R. A. and an American, now for the monthlies: With the soup the ladies removed their hats and the gentlemen their coats: With the fish, off came the ladies' shoes and the gentlemen's waistcoats: When the meat course arrived the men look off their collars and ties and the ladies let down their hair: According to reports, which are sufficiently lurid, the idea was carried out to its logical conclusion, the only person resigning being an American countess, who cried quits when the ice cream arrived, and retired, and chiefly in confusion.

Details are also leaking out of a unique party planned for Christmas eve, when every man present will find himself seated next to his divorced wife: The occasion is expected to make Ludlow street reunions seem dull.

Wrapped nicely, Black Twig, large apples, \$3.75 per box. These apples are the best that have been packed here this year. Try a box or so for Christmas. Write us or see the mail carrier. Thank you.

Burnett Grocery Co., Fort Davis, Texas.

POSTED

This is to notify the public that our pastures are posted and no hunting is allowed—Please do not ask.

DR. M. R. MAHON
R. S. McCRACKEN

POSTED

This is to notify the public that my pastures are posted and hunting is positively forbidden. Please do not ask. W. H. Cleveland.

POSTED

This is to notify the public that our pastures are posted and no hunting is allowed—Please do not ask.

D. O. MEADLEY
SMITH BROTHERS

PROGRAMME.

METHODIST CHURCH, DECEMBER 24, 1921—ALL ARE WELCOME

HYMN 107.

HYMN 112

SONG—"Raise a song of Gladness"—By Sunshine Class.

Bible Reading by Superintendent of Sunday School.

Prayer Response by Hidden Choir.

SONG—"Glory to God"—By Primary Classes.

CHRISTMAS READING—By Nine Beginners.

SOLO—"Under the Stars"—By Vera Settle.

READING—"Legend of Cathy"—By Nell Wilson.

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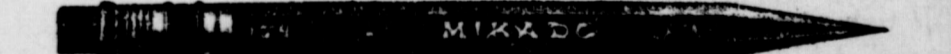
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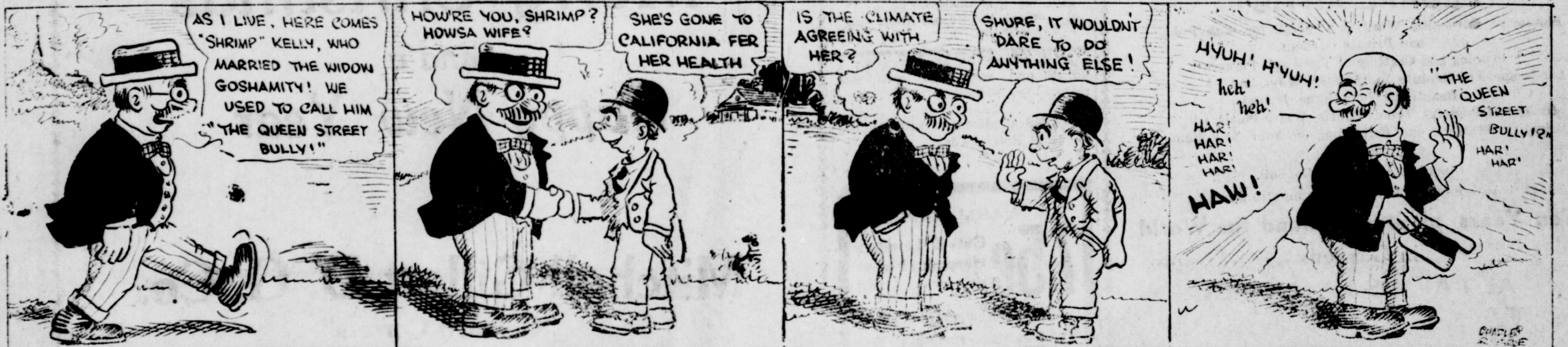
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TALK about the joyous May-time with its blossoms on the trees,
With the strumming and the humming of the little honey bees
Rising in all the sweetness of the orchard over there,
And the summer breezes talking little love words everywhere.
Yet there's something more heart-thrilling in the Yuletide's silver chime
Calling all hearts to be merry for the joyful Christmas time.

Like the sweetly scented summer with its breezes soft and mild,
And the laughing little brooklet dancing like a happy child,
And the shimmer of the sunshine over all the happy land,
Tumbled grasses in the meadow, leafy wood so green and grand
Make you think there's nothing grander—summer is just supreme!
But it doesn't stir your pulses like the happy Christmas time!

Like the happy days preceding, when there's secrets everywhere,
Love-light beaming in all faces, drowning out all petty care;
There's a love and life and lightness that no poet has expressed,
There's harmony and gladness that the summer never guessed,
There's a something most appealing in the Yuletide's silver chime
That makes every heart beat happy for the joyful Christmas time!

THE PRINCE OF PEACE

There is a world of pathos and beauty in the simple story of the birth of Jesus nineteen hundred years ago. In imagination we have pictured to ourselves many times the incidents leading up to that night of all nights. We have watched the sun setting over the hills and touching the bare uplands of the wilderness of Judea and the purple mountains of Moab far off against the evening sky. We have watched a little procession of travelers wending their way along the valley road that leads to Bethlehem. They are in a land full of fascinating memories. Here it was that Ruth gleaned in the fields of Boaz back yonder in the old days, and just outside the gates brave men died in an effort to bring David a drink from the wells of Bethlehem. Two members of the company, we may well believe, are untouched by these memories. Joseph the carpenter, and Mary, his wife, are thinking of other things more personal and more insistent. Hurrying to the village they find it so crowded with census visitors that there is no room anywhere for them, not even in the inn. They find refuge in one of the natural caves of the hillside where cattle are bedded and they are thankful for even this poor hospitality. There is solitude and with no human friendships and ministries Jesus was born and his mother wrapped him in swaddling clothes and laid him in a manger. Then the angels came. In the starlight above the stable they filled the upper spaces and earth and heaven rang with the ancient refrain, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." That sweet story is ever new and on this Christmas as on all others we will look away to those barren hills where light from the other world fell on the first Christmas eve.

What has been the result of Jesus Christ coming into the world? Nineteen centuries have come and gone since that night. There have been wars and hatred and selfishness and bloodshed in every one of them. In this twentieth century after his birth he world has witnessed its most destructive war. Humanity is staggering under war-imposed burdens that generations of toil will be required to liquidate. Yet the message of his coming was a message of peace. It was the message of the angels and it was his own message throughout his ministry.

He did not fail and his coming was not in vain, for the race has been slowly winning its way toward universal peace by establishing those rules of conduct, individual and national, which alone can perpetuate peace among men and nations. The world's leaders are agreed, whether of enduring peace. The wars of the past have come because his teachings have been disregarded and his commandments ignored. This will not be disputed. There are those, to be sure, who contend that his teachings are not practical and that they are too idealistic to be applied to everyday human life and conduct, and yet those who so contend will agree that if they could be applied they would cure the world's hatreds and divisions. The application of the principles of the gospel of Jesus Christ will adjust all international and interracial relationships, heal all divisions and permanently end war and bloodshed. Nothing else will do it.

Next to intentional selfishness and jealousies nothing so divides mankind as industrial conditions. In all lands populations are divided into two contending groups. Capitalists and laborers, employers and employed, those who above all others ought to co-operate, are selfishly disregarding the rights of each other. Jesus can heal these divisions and he alone. He says to the world, "Behold I stand at the door and knock. If you will open open unto me I will come in."

The Call of Christmas

UNTO us a Child is born:
In your hearts, while joys abound,
Christians on this blessed morn,
Let a place for Him be found:
His dear Name is in the greetings
Friends with friends exchange today;
Let not gifts or festive meetings
Steal from Him your thoughts away.

Unto us a Son is given,
God's Eternal only Son;
Bonds of Sin by Him are riven;
Grace for man by Him is won:
He in love becomes our Brother,
Virgin-born of Adam's race;
Truth and mercy meet each other;
Righteousness and peace embrace.

Unto us a Child is born:
Unto us a Son is given;
Church and home with boughs adorn,
From our hearts all ill be driven:
Go we forth with joy to meet Him,
In His temples here below,
As the Shepherds went to greet Him,
Nigh two thousand years ago.
—MARY ANN THOMPSON.

Chestnuts Stewed in Gravy.
Boil the large chestnuts for ten minutes, take them out, shell and peel them, having care to break them as little as possible. Skim and strain the liquor in which the giblets were boiled, season it to taste with salt and pepper, and to a pint of it add a tablespoonful of browned flour rubbed smooth with a teaspoonful of butter. In this gravy place the peeled chestnuts and let them simmer ten or fifteen minutes at the side of the stove. Serve as a vegetable.—The Delineator.

See What Old Kris Brought



Christmas Games

MISTLETOE. Hang it up. Form a circle. A slipper is required. Also a nice, slippery floor. The first player slides the slipper. He tries to land it under the mistletoe. If he fails another makes the attempt. If he succeeds there is a lively scramble. It concerns the young lady toward whom the slipper points. She must seize it and get away before caught. Then the guests are given humorous gifts (previously wrapped), and are admitted (one at a time) to the Christmas room to deposit them in the stockings.

Another jolly game is played with Christmas stockings, a number of which are previously hung up. These are placed in a separate room and the name of the person for whom each is intended is concealed upon it.

Another Christmas stocking game calls for a huge stocking of tough tissue paper filled with toys of all kinds. Each guest is blindfolded, given a light red or cane, turned three times around and told to hit the bag. The first to break the stocking gives the signal for a general scramble, each guest being supposed to get one of the trinkets or conveyance thus scattered.

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Holy Night

Silent night! Holy night!
All things sleep save the bright
And most holy adorable babe,
Holy Child, with ringletted hair,
Sleep in heavenly peace,
Sleep in heavenly peace.

Silent night! Holy night!
Shepherds first saw the light;
Hail the angels' Hallelujah
Hood resounds from far and near,
Christ, the Saviour, is here,
Christ, the Saviour, is here.

Silent night! Holy night!
Son of God, Ah! how bright
Smiles Thy love on heavenly hosts!
'Tis the first Salvation Morn!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!
Christ, the Saviour, is born!

WHEN CHRISTMAS COMES

THE hand of the world seems hard,
The heart of the world seems cold,
Of selfish schemes seem all its dreams
And its only goal seems gold.
Yet whenever Christmas comes,
The world the weak removes
From the tender part of its heart, true heart,
And we learn how much it loves.
We see it's a good old world
Which only plays a game;
Though it loves the race and it keeps
The pace,
It is tender all the same.
Though it struggles hard to win,
The dawn in its heart is sweet;
And on Christmas Day it is glad to lay
The price at its Saviour's feet.
—LEE SHIPPEY in Lark's.

THE CHRISTMAS WATCH

SAVE for the engine's rhythmic beat
The ship is wrapped in dreams,
Behind it on the darkness deep
A wake of silver streams.
I walk my lonely watch, and hear
The voices of the brave
Old Vikings chant their songs wild
In rear of wind and wave,
God seems a little nearer here,
Far out upon the ground
Blue sea than when I used to keep
My Christmas on the land;
Far—so it seems to me—the stars
Are shining angel eyes
That watch above the mariner
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—Minnie Irving in the New York Herald.

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Miss Hester Brite came in Thursday from the State University to spend the holidays at home.

Today Alice Murrell, Evelyn Bynum and Luci-Belle Snyder came in from State University to spend their Christmas vacation with the folks at home.

A. F. Newton, prominent merchant of Valentine, was in the city today on business.

Rev. J. T. McKissick stopped over in Marfa and held services in the Christian church Wednesday evening.

Miss Lela Weatherly, of Ft. Davis, who has been teaching school in San Antonio, came in Thursday afternoon to spend the holidays with her cousin, Miss Lovie Neill. Miss Dorothy Weatherly, who has been attending the Normal at Alpine, also came in Thursday.

Major J. R. Jacobs, wife and son Jean, of Alton, Ill., are here to spend the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. R. Jacobs.

They also expect their son, S. Jacobs, from Chihuahua City, Saturday.

Miss Dorothy Mitchell, who has been attending the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, came in Thursday to spend the Christmas season with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Mitchell.

Mr. Arthur Mitchell, accompanied by his daughter, Miss Katherine Mitchell, left last Friday by auto, for Mineral Wells to join Mrs. Mitchell, who has been there several weeks for her health. Mrs. Mitchell is much improved since going there.

Miss Penelope Snyder, who has been attending the State University of Arizona at Tucson, returned home last Monday to spend Christmas with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Snyder.

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Mass 10:00 a. m. Father C. Palermo, Priest.

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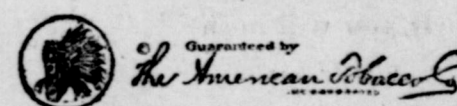
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