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PLAINVIEW BAR HONORS JUDGES WITH BANQUET

Retiring Judge L. S. Kinder and Judge-Elect H. C. Joiner Will Be Honorees Saturday Evening.

Honoring the retiring district judge, Judge L. S. Kinder, and the judge-elect, Judge R. C. Joiner, the members of the bar of Plainview will tender a banquet to the bar of the Sixty-Fourth Judicial District, Saturday evening.

Judges S. P. Huff, H. G. Hendricks and R. W. Hall, of the Amarillo Court of Civil Appeals of the Seventh District, are invited guests.

There are fifteen lawyers in the district, which comprises Bailey, Briscoe, Floyd, Swisher, Lamb, Castro and Hale counties, residing outside of Plainview. Twenty-two have Plainview as their residence. A formal program is being arranged by Judge W. C. Mathes, Judge H. C. Randolph and Col. R. P. Smyth. P. B. Randolph, C. S. Williams and C. D. Russell are the committee on arrangements.

BODY OF CHARLES H. DORSEY BURIED AT PLAINVIEW TODAY.

Old-Time Resident of Plainview Dies at Tulsa; Was Salesman Here Six Years Ago.

Charles H. Dorsey died in Tulsa Sunday, and the funeral services were conducted there yesterday. The body was brought to Plainview this morning and interment was made at the Plainview Cemetery.

Mr. Dorsey was a salesman for the Nobles Brothers Grocer Company at Plainview for several years. Six years ago he retired and moved to Tulsa.

He is survived by his wife and two daughters.

JURY GIVES BROOKS FIFTY DOLLARS IN DAMAGES.

In the case of G. H. Brooks vs. the P. & S. F. Railway Co. et al, the plaintiff was given damages in the sum of fifty dollars. The suit was for \$386 and interest, and involved the shipment of a car of potatoes from Nebraska in 1909.

PROFESSOR BAKER HERE AGAIN.

Has Been Investigating Water Supply in Other Sections of the Plains and Panhandle.

Professor Charles Lawrence Baker, of the board of economic geology of the State of Texas, is in Plainview again. He has been in other parts of the Panhandle and Plains for the past few weeks investigating the mineral resources. His report on the water supply and minerals—or rather on the minerals—will be published by the University of Texas as a bulletin early in the new year.

MYSTIC CLUB POSTPONES THEIR LANIER PROGRAM.

Inclement weather caused the postponement of the Lanier program of the Mystic Club until January 2. This date is the time for the election of officers. After the business meeting the program postponed from December 19 will be given.

FORTY TOLLS A DAY OVER PLAINVIEW PHONE EXCHANGE.

During the past month there were 1,214 calls over the toll lines of the Plainview telephone exchange, an average of more than forty calls per day.

Kaiser Wilhelm Again Able to Review the Army at Front

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The German Emperor has completely recovered and returned to the front, according to an announcement from Berlin transmitted through Amsterdam to Reuter's Telegram Company.

SOUTHWESTERN ABOLISHES NIGHT TELEPHONE RATES

Day Rates Reduced and Minimum Charge Changed to 15c; Air-Line Distance Basis.

The Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company have abolished night rates.

P. J. Becker, district construction manager; J. L. Palmer, district traffic chief; H. G. Gillis, manager at Hale Center; F. M. Grundy, manager at Lubbock; H. T. Owens, manager at Floydada; J. F. Ross, manager at Lockney; J. L. Mills, manager at Tulla, and E. L. Doland, manager at Plainview, were in conference here Friday and Saturday arranging the details for the change in this section. They discussed night rates, how to arrive at a rate for a given call and the traffic status between six and nine in the evening.

In regard to the policy of the Southwestern Company in withdrawing the night rates, Manager E. L. Doland of the Plainview exchange said to a representative of The Herald: "The withdrawal of the night rates by the Southwestern Telegraph and Telephone Company is planned to distribute through the day the calls that formerly piled up at night, and should be of interest to all parties having telephones or using toll lines for long distance calls. The night rate withdrawal was effective December 20. This is the result of a long study of conditions. We found that the same conditions confronted us here that have been met at some time or another by every telephone company in the country. People used our lines during the day to make appointments for talks to be carried on at night, when the reduced rates were in effect. As a result our lines were taxed with the requests for six-thirty or seven-thirty calls. We couldn't let everyone talk at the same time. We had to distribute those calls through the day.

"No one would expect the company to put in additional equipment enough to care for all the business that would come at night through the reduced rates. That equipment would lie idle during the day, and would be a source of loss. To meet the exigency we reduced the rates for calls from a minimum of twenty-five cents to a minimum of fifteen cents, with the result that many towns that have been paying 25 cents for calls are now able to talk day or night for 15 cents. At the same time, we have extended the time allowed for conversations to three minutes before any additional charge is made for time.

"Long-distance calls are now computed on the air-line distance between the town calling and the town called. This is the system in effect in the North and East. It is what has enabled the large centers to maintain good, dependable service at all hours of the day, at the minimum cost to the subscriber."

Dixmude Is Again Evacuated By German Army Is Report

LONDON, Dec. 21.—The Exchange Telegraph Company has a dispatch from Amsterdam which says: "The Germans have evacuated Dixmude, but the report that the allies have taken Middelkerke is untrue."

HUBBARD SELLS HUPS.

Hubbard Bros. have delivered four nineteen-fifteen model Hupmobiles. T. D. Stark, of Whitfield; "Boss" Gardner, of Paducah, and Messrs. Cooper and Martin, of Matador, were the buyers.

E. H. Humphrey Went to Amarillo Sunday, in His Hupmobile, to Meet His Daughter, Miss Jennie, and Miss Madge May, who have been attending Saint Mary's College, at Dallas.

Both of the young ladies will return to school after visiting with relatives during the holidays.

MISSSES DAISY AND MARIE GIDNEY RETURNED FROM FORT WORTH.

Misses Daisy and Marie Gidney have returned from Fort Worth, where they have been attending Our Lady of the Victory Academy. They will visit with their parents, Dr. and Mrs. C. C. Gidney, during the holidays, returning on January third.

Christmas Homecoming

One of the great features of Christmas is the home meeting. How many hundreds of thousands who have been separated throughout the year will now be gathered together once more under the old home roof! It is well that it should be so. It warms the heart to read of the trains to the north and the trains to the south, east and west being filled with people going home for their Christmas holidays. "I am told," said Gladstone once, "that the strain of our commercial life has loosened even the bonds that unite the family; that in the struggle for existence the parents forget the child and the child forgets the parents. Well, I read the other day that some hundreds of thousands of people were leaving London to spend their Christmas holidays at home. That is a pleasing and practical refutation of much of this pessimism." It is. If the parents did not think of the children they would not have them home, and if the boys and girls did not think of the parents they would not go home. Blood is a great deal thicker than water, and nothing will alter it. Go home for Christmas!

Underwoods Will Move Here; Buy Stock in Citizens National

R. A. and W. W. Underwood, who have been connected with the Tulla Bank and Trust Company in the capacity of Cashier and Assistant Cashier, respectively, have bought stock in the Citizens' National Bank of Plainview and will make Plainview their home.

YESTERDAY RECORD BREAKER IN SALES OF POSTAGE STAMPS.

Heavy Shipments of Holiday Packages Almost Swamped Local Post Office Force.

Sale of stamps for Christmas packages at the Plainview post office yesterday reached \$114.50, according to Postmaster Ben O. Sanford. The office was taxed to its full capacity all day yesterday. The postmaster has given up his office as a repository for packages. The force was busy handling packages and waiting on customers for stamps.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC AT ST. MARK'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH.

On Christmas Day (Friday) Holy Communion will be celebrated at nine o'clock in the morning. At ten-thirty the full-vested choir will sing the service of Morning Prayer and Ante-Communion. Rev. J. S. Wicks will preach at this service. The order of music at the ten-thirty a. m. service is as follows:

- Processional Hymn—"Hark! The Herald Angels Sing." "Venite"—Old Chant. "Gloria"—Old Chant. "Te Deum"—Woodward. "Jubilate"—Tours. Hymn—"Oh! Little Town of Bethlehem." "Kyrie"—F. Schubert. "Gloria Tibi"—Anon. Sermon Hymn—"It Came Upon the Midnight Clear." Offertory—Selected. Offertory Hymn—"Holy Offerings. Rich and Rare." Recessional Hymn—"Adeste Fideles."

On next Sunday night at seven-fifty the choir will sing a Christmas cantata entitled "The Manger Throne," by Charles Fonteyn Morrey. The soloists are Mrs. Grady Lindsay, soprano; Miss Mabel Wayland, contralto; Mr. Austin F. Anderson and Mr. Albert Hinn, tenor, and Mr. W. H. Mason, baritone. Violin obligatos by Mr. Douglas Murphy.

MARRIAGE LICENSES ISSUED.

Robert H. Gregory to Miss Georgia Brown, on the twenty-first. These young people reside in the Petersburg community.

U. L. Morehead to Miss Susie Ragland, of the Abernathy community, on the twenty-first.

Heavy Snow Storm Sweeps Over Kansas and Missouri

KANSAS CITY, Mo., Dec. 21.—The heaviest snow storm of the season swept over Kansas and Northern Missouri today. From several points a fall of snow from three to eleven inches is reported.

CLARENCE DANIEL'S REMAINS ARE BURIED AT SILVERTON.

Young Man, Twenty-Eight Years Old, Died at Little Rock, Arkansas; Buried Today.

The body of Clarence Daniels was received at Plainview to-day, consigned to Undertaker A. A. Hatchell. Mr. Daniels was a young man, twenty-eight years of age at the time of his death, which occurred at Little Rock, Arkansas.

His mother, Mrs. Jennie Daniels, lives ten miles north of Lockney. Interment was made to-day at Silvertown.

GOVERNMENT BUDGET REDUCED SEVENTEEN MILLIONS FROM 1914

"Book of Estimates" Shows Administration's Policy of Economy in Operation of Government.

WASHINGTON, D. C., Dec. 22.—The total estimates of funds required to conduct the United States Government for the fiscal year commencing July 1, 1916, aggregate \$1,090,775,134. This is \$17,906,643 less than the total estimates of last year. The total estimated appropriation for the Postal Service is \$297,355,164, as compared with \$313,364,667 appropriated by Congress for the current fiscal year.

The Rural Delivery Service, according to recommendations of the "Book of Estimates," is to be put on a contract basis at an estimated reduction of \$18,000,000.

An amendment to the Salary Classification Law is recommended to the effect that all promotions in the automatic grades shall be biennial instead of annual.

The 8-and-10-Hour Law, the "Book of Estimates" recommends, should be changed to a 48-Hour-per-Week Law, with the proviso that any one day's service shall not extend over a period longer than twelve consecutive hours.

PETERSBURG BANK WILL DISCONTINUE BUSINESS.

J. R. Hall, of Petersburg, was in Plainview today en route to Amarillo, on business. Mr. Hall has been cashier of the State Bank at Petersburg, which bank he told a Herald representative today is now in process of liquidation. They will discontinue the business.

NO HERALD THURSDAY.

The Herald will not be published Thursday. The next issue will be Saturday, December 26.

PLAINVIEW FIRE RATE LOWERED BY ORDINANCE

City Dads Pass Ordinance Offering Reward for Fire Bug Detection; Key Rate Lowered.

The key rate for fire insurance in Plainview will be reduced two per cent, following the adoption by the City Council last night of an arson ordinance. The ordinance empowers the city authorities to give a reward to any person apprehending and reporting anyone setting fire to any building. The ordinance was drawn by the State fire insurance rating board.

The key rate in Plainview has been seventy-two cents on the hundred dollars, and is now reduced to seventy cents.

Local representatives of insurance companies state that the purchase of a new auto fire truck for the city of Plainview will reduce the rate to fifty-eight or sixty cents.

Our Rate Now High.

In Dallas the key rate is nineteen cents, San Antonio nineteen cents, Austin thirty cents, El Paso, the lowest in the State, eighteen cents, Electric, the highest in the State, eighty-nine cents. Paved streets, adequate water mains and water supply, up-to-date trucks, are instruments in securing low insurance rates.

Plainview has not been visited by the fire inspectors for several months. During the next sixty days an inspector is expected. It is probable that the rate will be made lower than it now is, since the city has made extensions of fire mains and added new plugs since the last inspection.

CARTER-HOUSTON'S WINDOW BEST DECORATED THIS WEEK.

Rivalry among the leading stores in all businesses in dressing windows, and a recognition of the advertising value of an attractive window, have resulted in some very splendid windows during the fall and winter season.

W. G. Chandler, of Carter-Houston's, has produced the most unique window this week. A log cabin, built of blankets, cylindrically rolled, through a window of which may be seen a fireplace with a cheery make-believe fire and a mantle, with the Christmas candles covering it and burdened stockings suspended from it, is the motif.

Pierson & Smith have a large chimney of imitation brick. Candies, nuts, fruits, etc., are piled around the window in great heaps. The window is one of the kind calculated to increase sales. Ben F. Smith made the decoration.

Many Executions in Mexico "To Maintain Republic's Peace"

JUAREZ, Mexico, Dec. 21.—Many executions in Northern Mexico have been reported to headquarters of the Jefe de Armas, General Tomas Ornales, at the Cuartel General. No reasons are given except that the peace of Mexico demands the elimination by firing squads of enemies of the republic who insist on causing strife.

PROGRAM BAPTIST CHURCH, SUNDAY MORNING, DEC. 27.

- Overture—"Coronation" (Holden)—Orchestra. Hymn—325. Invocation. Hymn—348. Scripture Reading. Prayer. Offertory. "Flee as a Bird" (Abt.)—Orchestra. Double Quartette—"Fount of Every Blessing" (Adams)—Misses Kathleen Joiner, Laura Knupp, Lorene Boswell, Ruby Boswell, Messrs. Kirby Scudder, Carl Knupp, Robt. Halley, Harold Knupp. Violin Solo—"Lullaby" (Schill)—Mrs. Grady Pipkin. Sermon—Dr. O. L. Halley. Hymn—285. Postlude—"March from Athalia" (Mendelssohn)—Orchestra.

BIRTHS.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Jas. A. Myrres, on the twenty-first, a boy.

GERMANS ARE WITHIN 30 MILES OF WARSAW

HINDENBURG EXPECTS A STERN RESISTANCE ALONG VISTULA, WHERE RUSSIANS ENCAMP.

SNOW IMPEDES ARMIES

Serious Uprising Reported in Sudan; Eighty Thousand Men from Dar-Fur Start on El Kab.

LONDON, Dec. 22.—Deep snow and mud have checked the fighting between the Russians and Turks. In Poland and Galicia the fighting is in the most bitter cold. Snow and ice impede action.

It is reported from Constantinople that a serious uprising is on in Sudan. It is alleged that the ruler of Dar-Fur, with eighty thousand men, is starting an attack on the British province of El Kab, belonging to the Egyptian government. Sudan and Moslem population of Abu-Rala have risen against the English.

BERLIN, Dec. 22.—The official press bureau today gave out for publication the following item:

"Although certain observers still affect the belief that the German victory in the east will insure against danger of a Russian invasion, for all time," as one commander puts it, it is beginning to be realized that a victory, as complete as it was, is not synonymous with utter destruction of the Russian hosts, and that much remains to be done. There still are no details regarding the action available.

"The Vienna Neue Freie Presse publishes the comment of an unnamed general, who points out that the rear guard engagements of the retreating enemy may not only be designed to save the Russians' train, but also to give re-enforcements time to come up. Upon whether they will be able to bring enough fresh troops, he says, will depend whether the success already achieved will be of lasting value.

Retreating in the Carpathians.

"A Vienna official report describing heavy fighting near Krosno and along the upper Dnanej River, shows that the Russians there are still capable of determined resistance. "Private advices say that the Russians are retreating in the Carpathians northward from Munkacs without fighting. "Another factor that contains a warning against too great expectations in Poland is that the retreating Russians are getting nearer their base of supplies, while their pursuers are getting farther away in a country of terrible highways. Despite this and the paucity of official reports, there is complete confidence that Field Marshal Von Hindenburg will be able to finish what he has begun."

Another Great Battle On.

LONDON, Dec. 20.—Field Marshal von Hindenburg's army, which is advancing on Warsaw over a wide front between the Vistula and the Pilca rivers, and which on Friday occupied Lowicz, reached on Saturday the new Russian positions along the Bzura River and southward to Rawa, with the result that another big battle is in progress.

The Russians retired across the Bzura River, destroying the bridges behind them, and two German detachments, which followed over a partly burned bridge, were attacked and are said to have been annihilated, fifty survivors being taken prisoners.

Only Thirty Miles From Warsaw.

This is only the beginning of the great battle of Warsaw, from which point the Germans are now distant only thirty miles or less. Field Marshal von Hindenburg, however, expects stern resistance from the strongly reinforced Russian army, protected by the Vistula River, which the Germans have been unable to cross.

The Russians are continuing their operations against East Prussia, as though the capital of Poland were not threatened, and, by counter attacks, are attempting to throw off the Austro-German attacks in Galicia. An Austrian sortie in force from Przemysl, according to the Russian official statement, has entirely failed, and there, as well as at other points, prisoners and guns were taken.



# Hints For The Housewife

This Column of Household Hints, Gathered from Various Sources, Will Appear on Page Two of the Tuesday Issue of The Plainview Evening Herald Each Week.

## Orange Gum Drops.

Soak one and one-half envelopes of gelatin in one cup of cold water. Put two cups of granulated sugar and one of cold water on the fire and when dissolved, add the gelatin and boil slowly for fifteen minutes. Remove from the fire and add the juice of one lemon and grated rind of each. Pour into a pan which has been dipped in cold water and let stand over night. Cut in squares and roll in granulated sugar.

## Red Candles for Christmas.

Put half a cupful of red currant jelly into a sauce pan and allow it to melt. Add one cupful of sugar and boil until it spins a thread. Add three tablespoonfuls of gelatin which has been dissolved in three-quarters of a cupful of cold water. Pour into a shallow pan which has been buttered. Sprinkle with chopped walnuts, and put in cold place until firm. Cut into small rounds with a small cutter or cut in squares. Roll in red-colored sugar.

## Divinity Candy.

Two cups sugar, two-third cup syrup, one-third cup hot water, whites of two eggs, two ounces chopped nuts, two ounces chopped raisins, one teaspoon vanilla. Boil sugar, syrup and water until it forms hard ball in cold water. Beat whites very stiff and beat in the nuts and raisins, pour on the hot syrup, beating constantly. When the mixture will stand alone, drop from teaspoon on buttered plates.

## Candles the Children Can Make.

### CREAM FONDANT.

Moisten two cupfuls of confectioners' sugar with thick cream until it can be moulded. Flavor and roll out on the bread board. Cut with a small cookie cutter. This fondant may be combined with nuts, or cocoanut or dipped in melted chocolate.

### FIG AND DATE COOKIES.

Take one cupful of figs, one cupful of dates, with seeds removed, and one cupful of walnut meats. Put these through the meat chopper and place the mixture on a bread board. Work in enough powdered sugar to make the paste roll out like dough. Cut out with small cookie cutter and sprinkle with powdered sugar.

### STUFFED DATES.

Remove seeds from dates with kitchen knife. Place walnut meat in center and roll in powdered sugar or stuff the date with fondant and roll in sugar. Dates may be stuffed with cream cheese, but these should not be rolled in sugar.

## A Christmas Confection.

Boil one cup of granulated sugar with one-fourth cup of water, two tablespoons of vinegar, until soft and creamy. Remove from fire, add a tablespoonful of butter and a cup of ground popped corn and chopped nuts. Beat until thick and creamy. Flavor with vanilla, spread in a buttered tin; when cool cut in squares. When cold and dry dip each square in chocolate, drop on oiled paper, press a nut on top of each.

## Divinity.

### Part 1.

One cup sugar, one-half cup water; boil until it threads.

### Part 2.

Three cups sugar, one cup syrup (white), one-half cup water (cold). Boil until it forms a firm ball when put in cold water.

### Part 3.

Beat whites of three eggs until very stiff, add Part 2, then add Part 1, and one full cup of chopped nuts (pecans and hickory nuts mixed are very fine for this), and one teaspoon of vanilla and a pinch of salt. Beat until stiff. Put in buttered tins and cut into squares.

## Mexican Kisses.

Cook together two cups of light brown sugar, a half cup of cream, and butter the size of an egg, until a little of it forms a soft ball in cold water. Just before taking from the fire add a teaspoonful of vanilla and stir in a cup of the chopped kernels of English walnuts or pecans, beat all together until the mixture begins to look creamy, and turn into greased pans before it becomes too hard to pour. While still warm cut into squares with a knife.

## Mexican Sugar Candy.

Shell sufficient nuts to make half a pint of meats. Put a cupful of granulated sugar into a sauce pan, stir until it melts, but do not let it burn. Take from the fire and when slightly cooled add a cupful of milk; add another cupful of sugar and stir the whole until, when dropped into cold water, the syrup forms a soft ball. Take from the fire, add the nuts, stir until it granulates, and turn

into a shallow, greased pan. Quickly flatten it out, and when cold break into squares.

## Panocha.

Have ready shelled a quantity of pecan nuts. Put one pound of dark brown sugar and half a cupful of cream into a sauce pan; stir over the fire until it melts and boil until it forms a soft ball when dropped into cold water. Take from the fire, add half a pint of pecans, stir until the sugar is granulated and then drop it in little cakes on oiled paper.

## Chocolate Popcorn.

Cook one cupful of granulated sugar, one-half cupful of milk, three tablespoonfuls of grated chocolate and a lump of butter the size of a walnut together until a little dropped in water is quite brittle. Pour over one quart of popped corn, stirring so that all the kernels are coated.

## Crystallized Popcorn.

One cupful of granulated sugar, three tablespoonfuls of water and one tablespoonful of butter. Boil until it will harden in cold water or to that stage that it will stick unpleasantly to the teeth when bitten. Then throw in three quarts of nicely popped corn; stir briskly until the candy is evenly distributed over the corn, being careful that the corn does not burn. Take the kettle from the fire, stir until it cools a little, and each grain will be separated and coated with crystallized sugar.

This recipe is equally as good for crystallizing peanuts, pecans or any kind of nuts.

## Plain Peanut Taffy.

Two cups of sugar and one cup of vinegar. Boil until brittle when dropped in cold water. Before taking up add one-half teaspoonful of soda, one teaspoonful of flavoring, if desired, and one and one-half cups of peanuts. Pour into buttered plates to cool, and when cold break into pieces.

## White Taffy.

Two cups of granulated sugar, one cup of water and a teaspoonful of vinegar. Boil without stirring until it is brittle when dropped in cold water. Pour into greased pans and pull when cool enough. Flavor with vanilla or lemon, as desired. Pull until white, form into sticks and set in a cool place.

## Molasses Taffy.

Boil one quart of molasses for 30 minutes, using a large vessel so that it will not boil over, stirring continually. Then add a half teaspoonful of soda and boil until it will harden in cold water. Pour in greased plates to cool. When cool enough pull to a bright golden color and cut into pieces three or four inches long. Set away on greased plates to harden.

## Plain Molasses Candy.

Take two cups of molasses, one cup of sugar and one tablespoonful of butter. Boil until it will harden in cold water; then stir in one tablespoonful of vinegar, pour it on buttered plates and pull it as soon as cool.

## Molasses Peanut Candy.

Two cups of molasses, one cup of sugar, one tablespoonful of butter and one tablespoonful of vinegar. Boil all together until it will harden in cold water. Have buttered tins thickly spread with shelled peanuts and pour the candy mixture over them. Break into squares when cold.

## Butter Scotch.

Take three cups of white sugar, half a cup of water, half a teaspoonful of cream of tartar and a tablespoonful of butter. Boil without stirring until it will harden in cold water; turn into well-greased pans, having it about one-fourth of an inch thick. Mark into squares with a well-greased knife. May be flavored with lemon if desired.

## CHRISTMAS FRUIT CAKES.

### Pork Cake.

When one wishes to economize on both eggs and butter, pork cake will be found delicious, and no one would suspect that it is minus pound, milk or eggs. Chop one-half pound of fat pork very fine, pour over it one pint of boiling water, and let stand until cool. Add three-fourths pound of raisins chopped fine, two cupfuls of sugar, one cupful of molasses, one teaspoonful of cloves, half a nutmeg, two teaspoonfuls of soda, and flour enough to make a little stiffer than ordinary cake. Bake in long, narrow loaves, and ice with an icing made

from one cupful of sugar and two tablespoonfuls of milk boiled together until they will "hair" on the spoon, then taken from the fire and beaten until smooth. If this recipe is frequently used a pleasant change in the icing may be had by cooking together one cupful of dark brown sugar and one-fourth cupful of milk until a spoonful will form a ball when pressed between the thumb and finger. Beat this until it thickens, and add any kind of chopped nuts.

## Fruit Cake.

Two cups sugar; one cup butter; two well-beaten eggs; one-half cup sour milk and one teaspoonful soda; three cups flour, with one heaping teaspoonful baking powder. Measure two cups of dried apples and cook, which, after thoroughly cold, add to the cake dough. Also add one package of raisins; one package currants; one pound pecan meats; one teaspoon cinnamon; one-half teaspoonful cloves, an done-half teaspoon allspice. This may be baked in loaf or layer with any good icing, but is very, very good with no icing at all.

## Christmas Fruit Cookies.

Take one-half cupful lard, one-half cupful butter, one cupful sugar, two beaten eggs, one-half cupful milk, two cupfuls flour, one-quarter teaspoonful soda, three-quarters cupful currants, three-quarters cupful raisins, two cupfuls uncooked rolled oats; cream the butter and lard, add the sugar, eggs, milk, flour, soda, currants, raisins and rolled oats; mix thoroughly, drop a teaspoonful at a time in unbuttered pans, and bake in a slow oven.

## Fruit Coffee Cake.

Mix together half a cupful of butter, one and a half cupfuls of sugar, two well-beaten eggs, one cupful of cool, strong, black coffee, one cupful of molasses, one pound of seeded raisins, half a pound of shredded citron, one tablespoonful each of ground allspice, cloves, cinnamon and ginger, and three cupfuls of flour that has been sifted with two teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Beat well and bake very slowly.

## Delicious Christmas Cake.

Soak two cupfuls of dried peaches in water over night. In the morning drain and chop fine. Cover with three cupfuls of molasses and let simmer for two hours. Cool and add one and one-half cupfuls of sugar, one cupful each of butter and lard, one cupful of sour milk, three well-beaten eggs, one teaspoonful of ground cinnamon, one teaspoonful of ground cloves, half a teaspoonful of grated nutmeg, two teaspoonfuls of baking soda dissolved in two tablespoonfuls of water, and five cupfuls of sifted flour. Mix well and bake in a moderate oven. This quantity of ingredients will make two large loaves.

## Christmas Spice Cake.

Put into a sauce pan one cupful of sugar, one cupful of cold water, half a cupful of shortening (I use half lard and half butter), one cupful of seeded raisins, one teaspoonful each of ground cloves, cinamon and nutmeg and a saltspoonful of salt. Boil together about four minutes. Take from the stove and, when cold, add one and three-quarters cupfuls of sifted flour in which has been mixed one level teaspoonful of baking soda. Mix the ingredients thoroughly and bake in one loaf in a moderate oven. Frost when cold with boiled white frosting. This cake contains no milk or eggs and keeps moist and fresh a long time.

## APPLE DESSERTS.

Apples are cheap this year, and housewives who are trying to keep down expenses would do well to use them freely on the table. There are many delicious desserts to be made of them, and desserts are among the difficult problems for the housekeeper during the winter.

An apple charlotte is an inexpensive dish and easily prepared. Cut bread into slices a quarter of an inch thick, then into strips one and a half inches wide and as long as the height of the mold to be used. Cut one piece to fit the top of the mold and then divide it into five or six pieces. Butter the mold, dip the slices of bread into melted butter and arrange them around the mold, overlapping the edges. Fill the center of the mold entirely with apple sauce made of tart apples stewed until tender, then broken into coarse pieces, drained and seasoned with butter and sugar. Cover the top with bread and bake in a hot oven for about thirty minutes. The bread should be of an amber color. Serve with a hard sauce.

Flaming Apples—Pare and core several apples. Stew them in sugar and water until tender, but still firm enough to hold their shape. Remove them to a serving dish and fill the centers with any sort of jam. Boil down the liquor to a thick syrup and pour

over the apples. Just before serving pour several spoonfuls of brandy over the apples, and when they are on the table light the brandy with a candle. These flaming apples make a very pretty dish.

Snow Apple Pudding—Fill a baking dish half full of apple sauce, well seasoned with butter, sugar and cinnamon. Pour over it a batter made of one and a half cupfuls of flour mixed with two heaping tablespoonfuls of baking powder, one-half teaspoonful of salt and a tablespoonful of lard. Moisten it with three-quarters of a cupful of milk. The batter should be thick, but not stiff. Cook in a steamer for about three-quarters of an hour and serve with a hard sauce.

Apple Fritters—Peel and core some apples, cut them into thick slices and rub in white sugar and powdered cinnamon. Make a pancake batter, dip in the slices of apple and fry in deep fat. Drop in the batter-covered slices one or two at a time. When the fritters are a golden brown, lift them out with a frying spoon and drain on soft paper. Serve very hot, with extra powdered sugar if desired.

Carbon Paper at The Herald.



## The Value of a Telephone

in the farmer's home cannot be measured in dollars and cents. It may be the means of saving your property from destruction by fire, your family from serious illness, your products from a drop in prices.

Thousands of farmer's telephones are connected with the vast system of this Company. The cost is most reasonable. Inquire of our nearest Manager.

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co.

**An Ancient Christmas Hymn.**  
Oh, come, all ye faithful,  
Joyful and triumphant!  
To Bethlehem hasten now with one accord.  
Come and behold him  
Born the King of angels—  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

Sign, chorus of angels:  
Sing in exultation!  
Jesu, forever be thy name adored,  
Word of the Father  
Now in flesh appearing.  
Oh, come, let us adore him, Christ the Lord!

—From the Latin.

**The Christmas Angel.**  
Here comes the Christmas angel,  
So gentle and so calm.  
As softly as the falling flakes  
All in a cloud of glory.  
An angel upon the plain  
To shepherd boys in Jewry,  
He brings good news again.  
He is the young folks' Christmas.  
He makes their eyes grow bright  
With words of hope and tender thoughts  
And visions of delight.  
Hail to the Christmas angel!  
All peace on earth he brings.  
He gathers all the youths and maids  
Beneath his shining wings.  
—Rose Terry Cooke.

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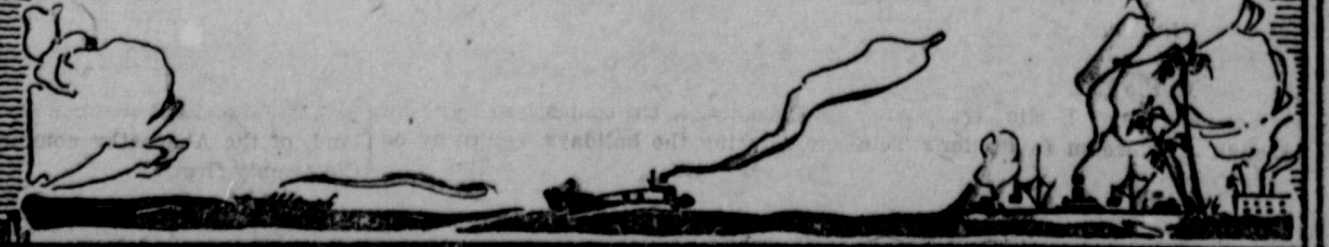
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# THE HOLIDAY SPIRIT; A CHRISTMAS FANCY

**D**RIVEN from the heart of the people, Christmas Spirit left the great shops, fled from the market places and from every habitat of man until he came to the quiet little sunlit path that runs through the deep wood.

When he was yet afar off the most perfect Fir Tree in all the forest called gayly to the Great Oak at her side. "Christmas is coming!"

"Yes," answered the big oak, "but there is something wrong. See how he halts at the end of the path, stooping as if the load of the world's sorrow lay upon his shoulders. See how he comes now, with all the gladness gone from his step."

It was quite true. Christmas Spirit came toward the most perfect Fir Tree in the wood with lagging step, looking away through the forest with sad and troubled eyes.

"Why, what is the matter, Christmas?" called the Fir Tree.

There was no answer. The forlorn figure sat down on a fallen log at the foot of the Fir Tree, but still there was no answer.

"Tell me about it all, Christmas," invited the Fir Tree in a voice vibrant with sympathy.

"I have been over the wide world. I have knocked at the door of every heart, and no one has opened to me. I am forgotten, and there is no one who loves me," he said.

"Every heart?" questioned the Fir Tree incredulously.

"No, but many, many hearts, and they are all alike," he compromised.

"I have been in the home of men and stood so close to them that I could lay a finger on their naked hearts, but they did not stir at my touch. They looked me squarely in the eye, and these are the things they said to some woman in their homes: 'Don't break me.' I shall be months paying the bills you are making." "Christmas is a nuisance." "Confound this custom of giving presents anyway!"

"These are the things they said while they looked into my eyes, and all the while my hands lay frozen against their hearts."

"I went and stood beside the women in many, many homes, and they looked through me as though I was not. One beautiful lady I think of now in particular. Oh, I wanted a place in her heart, and I knocked loud and long, but the door did not open so much as a crack for me to enter. She looked into my eyes and said: 'I wonder what Mrs. Brown paid for that bag she gave me last year. It looked like a cheap thing, and I shall not spend much money on her.' And again, 'It is awful to just have to make gifts to people you do not care a thing about.'"

"No one loves me, and I cannot live without love, and so I shall die," sobbed Christmas Spirit to the Fir Tree. "Christmas has come to be just a big exchange desk, where people give to those whom they know will give to them and grumble in the giving."

"Come closer," whispered the Fir Tree. "I have something to tell you."

"A woman came to the heart of the wood yesterday," said the Fir Tree, "and with her there was another woman."

"We must find the most perfect tree in all the forest, for none other will do," said the first woman.

"Yes," said the second woman, "for the child has no one to bring Christmas Spirit to her, no relatives, no friends, no one to care."

"They talked on and on until the story of the little crippled child for whom they were preparing a joyous Christmas came out. She was nothing to them, but she was alone and not like other children."

"A party of men were walking through the wood last Sunday," went on the Fir Tree, "for Christmas Spirit had stopped sobbing now and was listening intently."

"One of these men was telling the others about his aged father, who worked his fingers almost to the bone in years gone by to give his boy an education. Now he is very feeble, almost down the western slope, and his son—who will always be just a little boy to the old man—is going back to the little country village to spend a portion of the holidays with him and lift the veil of loneliness from his soul. He has planned some wonderful surprises for the lonely old man away back there in the country," ended the Fir Tree.

"Oh, has he?" exclaimed Christmas, no longer a forlorn little figure, but a happy, happy spirit.

"I am going away next week to be decked for the little crippled child," laughed the Fir Tree when Christmas Spirit stopped mid his mad dance of joy. "And I am going across the whole world, and I shall knock so earnestly at the heart of every human being that no one can fail to open wide the inner doors to Christmas Spirit," called the little figure of Christmas Joy as he danced away toward the edge of the wood and the cities and towns beyond—Julia Chandler Manz in Buffalo Express.

**Profit and Loss at Christmas.**  
Old Lady—What's the matter with the little boy?  
Elder Brother—Oh, he's cryin' 'cos I'm eatin' my Christmas cake an' won't give him any.  
Old Lady—Is his own cake finished, then?  
Elder Brother—Yes, an' he cried while I was eatin' that too.

**A Christmas Hymn.**  
Sing, Christmas bells!  
Sing to the earth this is the morn  
Whereon our Saviour-King is born.  
Sing to all men—the bond, the free,  
The rich, the poor, the high, the low,  
The little child that sports in glee,  
The aged folk that tottering go—  
Proclaim the morn  
That Christ is born,  
That saveth them and saveth me.

Sing, angel host!  
Sing of the star that God has placed  
Above the manger in the east.  
Sing of the glories of the night,  
The virgin's sweet humanity,  
The Babe with kingly robes bedight.  
Sing to all men, where'er they be,  
This Christmas morn,  
For Christ is born,  
That saveth them and saveth me.

Sing, sons of earth!  
O ransomed seed of Adam, sing!  
God liveth, and we have a King.  
The curse is gone; the bonds are free.  
By Bethlehem's star that brightly beamed,  
By all the heavenly signs that be,  
We know that Israel is redeemed;  
That on this morn  
The Christ is born  
That saveth you and saveth me.

Sing, O my heart!  
Sing thou in rapture this dear morn  
Whereon the blessed Prince is born,  
And as thy songs shall be of love,  
So let my deeds be charity.  
By the dear Lord that reigns above,  
By him that died upon the tree,  
By this fair morn  
Whereon is born  
The Christ that saveth all and me.

**Lonely on Christmas.**  
Christmas is a homing season. The wanderer times his roamings so they draw him to the family board for the great birthday.

The first Christmas away from home is a sorry one, and the bride who must decide between spending the day with his or her family has need of much grace to make the break in favor of him.

Because the home ties are so strong at the holidays Christmas day brings some of the loneliest hours of the year to those with whom home is only a memory.

It is not a pleasant thought that there is no one who cares whether our Christmas be happy or not. It is a thought that once allowed to rove brings bitterness of soul. Instead of watering loneliness with tears smother it with kind thought for others.

Do not sit mooping the day away; distract yourself; force content; go into the highways and byways for company rather than sit alone.

You may not have money to spend; you may fear rebuffs from advances to comparative strangers, but there is scarcely one among our acquaintances with whom we cannot come into close Christmas touch if the desire be within us.

The thing is to have the Christmas spirit so strong within us that it soars above unhappy environments.

As Dr. van Dyke has put it in his "Christmas Prayer For Lonely Folks:"

Lord God of the solitary,  
Look upon me in my loneliness.  
Since I may not keep this Christmas in the home  
Send it into my heart.

Have Christmas in the heart, and the dredded day will be passed, not in sadness and loneliness, but with inward comfort to sweeten it into forgetfulness of a happier Christmas long since gone.

**Christmas Pudding.**  
One tablespoonful of butter stirred with two tablespoonfuls of brown sugar until creamy; then add one cupful of sifted flour, to which add one and one-half level teaspoonfuls of baking powder. Add one cupful of milk and one cupful of day old breadcrumbs crumbled very fine. Stir in half a cupful of seeded raisins and dried currants, one-fourth cupful of broken or chopped walnut meats, the grated rind of one lemon and a little grated nutmeg. Pour into a fancy mold and steam four hours. If the mold has a tube in the center the hole thus made in the pudding can hold half an egg shell in which the alcohol to burn may be placed, or it can be used to hold a few sprigs of holly. Serve with a liquid sauce.

**What They Ate at Christmas in the Olden Time.**

They served up salmon, venison and wild boars  
By hundreds and by dozens and by scores,  
Hogheads of honey, kilderkins of mustard,  
Muttons and fatted heaves and bacon swine,  
Herons and bitterns, peacocks, swan and bustard,  
Teal, mallard, pigeons, widgeons and, in fine,  
Plum pudding, pancakes, apple pies and custard,  
And therewithal they drank good Gascon wine,  
With mead and ale and cider of our own,  
For porter, punch and negus were not known.

One large and shining apple, with cheeks of ruddy gold;  
Six tapers and a tiny doll were all that he could hold.  
The baby laughed, the baby crowed, to see the tapers bright;  
The forest baby felt the joy and shared in the delight.  
And when at last the tapers died and when the baby slept  
The little fir, in silent night, a patient vigil kept.  
Though scorched and brown its needles were, it had no heart to grieve,  
"I have not lived in vain," he said, "Thank God for Christmas eve!"

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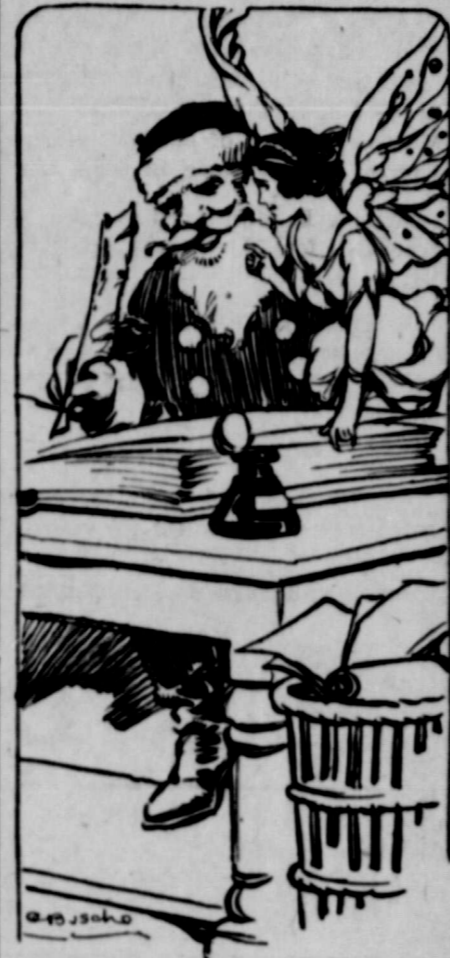
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# The Little Christmas Tree

By Susan Coolidge

The Christmas day was coming; the Christmas eve drew near.  
The fir trees they were talking low at midnight, cold and clear,  
And this is what the fir tree said, all in the pale moonlight,  
"Now, which of us shall chosen be to grace the holy night?"

The tall trees and the goodly trees raised each a lofty head  
In glad and secret confidence, though not a word they said.  
But one, the baby of the band, could not restrain a sigh.  
"You all will be approved," he said, "But, oh, what chance have I?"



THE CHRISTMAS ANGEL AND SANTA CLAUSE.

"I am so small, so very small, no one will mark or know  
How thick and green my needles are, how true my branches grow.  
Few toys and candles could I hold, but heart and will are free,  
And in my heart of hearts I know I am a Christmas tree."

The Christmas angel hovered near; he caught the grieving word,  
And, laughing low, he hurried forth, with love and pity stirred.  
He sought and found St. Nicholas, the dear old Christmas saint,  
And in his fatherly, kind ear rehearsed the fir tree's plaint.

Saints are all powerful, we know, so it befell that day  
That, ax on shoulder, to the grove a woodman took his way.  
One baby girl he had at home, and he went forth to find  
A little tree as small as she, just suited to his mind.

Oh, glad and proud the baby fir, amid its brethren tall,  
To be thus chosen and singled out, the first among them all!  
He stretched his fragrant branches; his little heart beat fast;  
He was a real Christmas tree—he had his wish at last.

One large and shining apple, with cheeks of ruddy gold;  
Six tapers and a tiny doll were all that he could hold.  
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**BOARD AND ROOM**—First house south of Christian Church. Phone 674.—Adv. D-1f.

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## AIDING BACKWARD CHILDREN.

There was a time when the role of the physician was nothing more than that of a dispenser of pills and powders from a saddle bag or satchel. He is now frequently called upon to pass upon the nutritive value of foods; the conditions of sanitation of food and drink; whether water from a certain source of supply is safe for drinking purposes, whether a given article of food is suitably adapted to the needs of the human economy to furnish fuel and energy to sustain life.

He may be called upon to give advice in matters of sanitation pertaining to the home. Often a knowledge of civil engineering is required, as in the drainage of ponds and ditches for the prevention of malaria.

Frequently he is called upon to render a decision as to whether a person signing a legal document, as a will, had the right capacity of mind when the signature was affixed, or whether an individual was of sound or unsound mind at the time he is alleged to have committed some crime.

In dealing with certain aspects of mental deficiency among school children the physician is a public benefactor of immeasurable worth in the preventing and decreasing the ill effects of feeble-mindedness.

When a child is found to be backward in school there is usually to be found some cause for his lack of progress, and in determining what that cause is it is necessary to inquire thoroughly into his physical and mental condition. By this means it is often possible to introduce corrective and preventive measures which will materially decrease the drain on society of the individual with the weak mind, and will be an everlasting blessing to the backward child, who will be enabled to be of service to society, rather than a burden.

In many of the larger schools of the city there are school physicians who make an examination of the children for throat diseases; adenoids, bad teeth, conditions resulting from malnutrition, and recommendations are made to the parent in regard to the child. The family physician may then be called in consultation, or where the parents are too poor to provide the necessary medical aid in correcting the child's ills, with the permission of the parent, treatment will be given at clinics or by the school physician. At no time is treatment administered without the consent of the parents.

The time when a child would be censured and treated harshly because he did not make progress in his work is nearing an end. More and more pressing is the call for teachers educated themselves to an extent that they will be liberal with the child, who will study each child, ferret out individual differences in children, correct ills in backward children and develop the child along lines in accord with its nature.

The increasing accuracy of the knowledge of medical science and the careful development of trained teachers and co-operation between physician and teacher have done much to help the backward child.

## IS PLAINVIEW ASHAMED?

Recently the secretary of one of the trade organizations of Plainview received a request from The American City, a magazine on city building of a rather wide circulation—incidentally a rather superior publication—that he furnish them with accurate information about the city of Plainview. Particular stress was laid in the report about the lighting system. A very pertinent question was, "Are your streets lighted or will they be?"

Here's the report: "Plainview has on her streets, maintained by the city, six five-hundred-watt electric lights suspended from tall wooden poles; three one-hundred-watt electric lights. This is the extent of the municipal lighting system."

Is Plainview ashamed?

## Best Editorial of the Day

### IT HURTS YOU TO GET ANGRY.

From the Kansas City Star. Solomon knew that it was a bad thing for a man to let his anger get the upper hand of him. Solomon was a keen observer and he had noticed that when a man is angry he becomes excited—loses his head—as they say nowadays, and does things that no man in his right mind would do.

And so in his Proverbs—which contain so much wisdom and good advice that everyone ought to read it clear through at least once a year—Solomon wrote a good deal about the folly of anger.

And since Solomon's day many another wise man has preached the folly of becoming angry.

All of these philosophers, from Solomon down, advised against anger because of its effect upon the mind.

Now come the scientific men and tell us that anger has even a worse effect upon the body.

Every time you permit yourself to become angry you do yourself as much injury as if you had swallowed some sort of a harmful drug or slow poison.

Prof. Walter B. Cannon, of Harvard University, told all about it in a Lowell lecture in Boston the other day.

"When a man is angered his body prepares itself automatically for a supreme struggle," said the professor.

That is a heritage from the old savage days, when man became angry only when he had to fight. Through years of evolution the time came when the body automatically prepared itself for a fight whenever the mind became inflamed with anger.

We have advanced far along the path to civilization since those days of the cave men, but we have not yet got to the point where we don't want to grab a club when we become angry.

When a man gives way to anger the mind unconsciously telephones along every nerve to every muscle in the body:

"Get ready for a fight."

And here is what Professor Cannon says happens: The breath of the angry man quickens because the body, anticipating a struggle, needs a generous supply of oxygen to burn off the waste collected in the muscles, and so the man breathes deeply and rapidly.

"Most of our work is done by the use of carbonaceous matter which is stored in the muscles in the form of glycerin," says the professor. "This glycerin, made principally of sugar, gradually disappears as the muscle does its work, breaking up into lactic acid."

And so the muscles, expecting a fight, cry out for more sugar and its manufacture begins, and the heart begins pumping, harder and harder.

The capacious blood vessels of the abdomen are vigorously contracted, the blood thus expelled flows into other regions, causing increased pressure in brain, lungs and heart.

If the angry man fights he works off this energy. If he does not he is more than likely to "feel bad" for several hours after the fit of anger.

Many persons are made positively ill by anger. Failing in an opportunity to fight in a spell of anger the average person "works it off" either by an outburst of profanity or abuse, by clinching the fists or stamping the feet, or simply by walking the floor and scolding.

But in any event a man makes a fool of himself every time he becomes angry, and a truly wise man never loses his mental poise and self control.

"He that is slow to anger is better than the mighty; and he that ruleth his spirit than he that taketh a city."

Rev. and Mrs. W. M. Pearce have been visiting in Amarillo, at the home of Mrs. C. C. Chenoweth. They are now living at Bovina, Texas.

## THE HOLLY TREE.

O reader! hast thou ever stood to see The Holly Tree?

The eye that contemplates it well perceives

Its glossy leaves, Order'd by an intelligence so wise As might confound the atheist's sophistries.

Below, a circling fence, its leaves are seen

Wrinkled and keen; No cattle through their prickly round Can reach to wound;

But as they grow where nothing is to fear, Smooth and unarm'd the pointless leaves appear.

I love to view these things with curious eyes,

And moralize; And in this wisdom of the Holly Tree Can emblems see

Wherewith perchance to make a pleasant rhyme,

One which may profit in the after time.

Thus, though abroad perchance I might appear

Harsh and austere, To those who on my leisure would intrude

Reserved and rude,

Gentle at home amid my friends I'd be

Like the high leaves upon the Holly Tree.

And should my youth, as youth is apt, I know,

Some harshness show,

All vain asperities I day by day Would wear away,

Till the smooth temper of my age should be

Like the high leaves upon the Holly Tree.

And as when all the summer trees are seen

So bright and green,

The Holly leaves a sober hue display

Less bright than they,

But when the bare and wintry woods we see,

What they so cheerful as the Holly Tree?

So serious should my youth appear among

The thoughtless throng,

So would I seem amid the young and gay

More grave than they,

That in my age as cheerful I might be

As the green winter of the Holly Tree.

—Robert Southey (1774-1843.)

Mrs. Recola MacDaniel, of Tahoka, came in yesterday to be the guest of Mrs. Fred Moore during the holidays.

R. A. and W. W. Underwood, of Tulla, were in Plainview last night on business.

Mrs. R. P. Andrews and sons, Ted and Ralph, left Sunday for Anson, to spend Christmas with her parents.

J. C. Wimberly, of Whitfield, who has been attending school at the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, at Bryan, Texas, has returned home to spend the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. T. E. Richards is in Stephenville attending the bedside of her brother, who has a severe attack of pneumonia.

E. H. Perry left to-day for Oklahoma City, in response to a telegram stating that his mother is seriously ill.

Mrs. M. C. Wilson, of Pauls Valley, Okla., left today for her home, after a month's visit with her daughter, Mrs. J. C. Whitson.

Mrs. L. A. Moore, of Los Angeles, Calif., is spending the holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. C. Whitson.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Mabee drove from Matador this morning and will leave at noon today for Los Angeles, Calif., accompanied by Mr. Mabee's brother.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Ryan, of Hillsboro, are visiting Mrs. Ryan's parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. W. O'Keefe.

George Worley had business in Paducah this week.

J. W. Ray is repainting his house and barn on his home property.

Stokie Bishop, of Seth Ward, is spending the holidays at his home, in Floydada.

Claude Donaldson is in Tahoka with his parents for the holidays. He has been attending school at Seth Ward College.

Berthel Glenn, of Seth Ward, is spending the holidays with his parents, at Tulla.

Dixon Randolph, of Seth Ward, is at Tulla for the holidays.

Paul Crum, of Seth Ward, is spending the holidays with his parents, at Tulla.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Stewart returned home yesterday from Myra, Texas. They have been visiting with Mrs. Stewart's father, Mr. McCarrol.

Mr. and Mrs. T. J. Sanders returned to their home, in Mt. Calm, Texas, yesterday. They have been in Plainview for the past six months.

Miss Lee Jones left yesterday for her home, at Roaring Springs, where she will spend the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. L. N. Bell, of Canadian City, passed through Plainview yesterday en route to Lockney for a few days' visit.

Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Braly and little daughter, Bessie May, went to Roaring Springs yesterday to spend the holidays.

Misses Teague and Cecil, of Clarendon returned home yesterday. They have been visiting at various points in South Texas.

Miss Ethel Todd, of Floydada, passed through Plainview yesterday en route to Tulla, where she will spend several days.

Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Burke, who have been visiting with Mr. Burke's uncle, Mr. Chas. Busby, of Lockney, left yesterday for their home, in Ohio.

Mrs. L. L. Miller and children left yesterday for Oklahoma to visit with Mr. Miller's mother.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Trulove and children left yesterday for Alvarado, Texas, for a visit with Mr. Trulove's mother.

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Jno. Newton arrived here yesterday from New York City. He will spend the holidays with home folks.

Pelham Clements, who has been attending school in Dallas, came in yesterday to be with home folks during the holidays.

Mrs. D. W. Hawkins, of Post City, who has been visiting with Mrs. C. R. Houston, left yesterday for Hereford.

Miss Lena Reeves, who has been visiting with Mrs. Melvin Mise, returned to her home, in Lockney, yesterday.

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## COURT DID NOT ALLOW FULL ROAD CLAIMS.

In the report of claims allowed by the Commissioners' Court published last week, the statement was made that A. J. Bell had been allowed \$25.00 on a road claim. The court allowed only \$12.50. There were two other exceptions, the account of E. R. Williams, which should have been \$5.90 allowed, and not \$20.00, and the account of the Dorsey Printing Co., which should have been \$39 and not \$52.

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## RELIGIOUS FEELING IN ERIN'S CHRISTMAS

THE celebration of the festival in Ireland does not differ to any great extent, perhaps, from its method of observance in other countries. The deeply religious sentiment of the country makes the religious observance of the festival its dominant feature.

The humblest habitation wears an air of cheerfulness when decorated with holly and ivy, from which the red berries which grow on the holly peep out in great profusion.

In the Catholic churches in the larger cities and in many of the smaller places as well masses are celebrated hourly from midnight on Christmas eve, thousands flocking first to the midnight mass and later to those that follow. Even in the penal days, when it meant death for a clergyman to perform the holy sacrifice or for those who assisted at it to be caught in attendance, the midnight mass was never abandoned.

When the churches were destroyed by Cromwell and Elizabeth the priest took refuge beneath some protecting rock, and with scouts among the flock thrown out to guard against surprise by the soldiery the mass was offered up as it had been in the earlier days of Ireland's religious glory.

Today, happily, there is no such ban on the religious faith of the people, and the throngs who then flocked to the glen or the mountain side to assist in the holy sacrifice can attend their religious services in comfortable churches everywhere throughout the land.

On Christmas morning, especially in the rural portions of Ireland, the people flock to the morning masses, often traveling eight and ten miles from their homes in the remote hills and valleys of their respective parishes. The goose hangs high in Ireland on Christmas day, and no family is too poor not to provide the delicious bird.

On Christmas night the waxed blessed candle is lighted in honor of Christ's nativity, and music and good cheer of every kind are enjoyed everywhere.

The day following Christmas, St. Stephen's day, is also regarded as practically a holiday. It is mostly avoided by the young people, especially the boys, for fun and frolic of every description. Athletic sports, football matches, hurling and other enjoyments are general.

### A CHRISTMAS PRAYER.

WHERE were feet pattered down the hall  
Of Want and Wretchedness and Woe,  
Where were eyes shine and wee lips  
call  
Upon a dream they may not know  
Or where a mother marks their plea  
And hurra her misty eye away  
From where they cluster at her knee  
To dream with her of Christmas day.

God, hear their prayer through snow  
and rain  
Or waiving wind and driven sleet.  
Let it not be they call in vain  
To find their dream of Christmas sweet.

Let it not be their eager eyes  
Shall look in vain through blurring tears  
And find beneath life's shadowed skies  
The hurt—the heartache of the years.

God, answer them who still hold faith  
Or clasp a dream so brave and true  
That Christmas sends no phantom  
wealth

To those whose message wings to you,  
To those who whisper through the night  
Of one to come at morning's gleam.  
O Father of the Hearth of Bright,  
Give them to know their day of dream!

Where love is prone or vanished far,  
Where life's gray shadows haunt their play,  
Give them to know the eastern star  
Which guides them to thy holiday.

Give them for this their day, at least,  
All absence from the bitter rod  
And through the fallness of their feast  
The heart to smile up to their God.

—Grantland Rice.

### THE BUSY FAIRIES

I have heard from Uncle Peter, who is wonderfully wise,  
That just before the Christmas snow is falling from the skies  
The little folk in Fairyland begin to work away

At all the very sweet toys for Santa Claus' sleigh.  
He says they choose the nighttime, when you cannot hear a sound,  
When the playroom fire has flickered out and shadows gather round.

Not silent hours they do not mind, they do not heed the night,  
For the moon holds up her candle, and they want no other light.  
And Uncle Peter tells me, so I think you should be told,

That those who work for other folk are very seldom cold.  
They trim the dainty benches, and they sweep the dainty halls,  
They sew the dainty dresses that the pretty ladies wear,  
They paint the lovely engines, and the sailing boats they make.

And the best of all the mimental piece are what the fairies bake  
And Uncle Peter tells me—and I think he must be right—  
That work like this is just the sort to make our Christmas bright.  
And don't you think a loving thought should go on Christmas day  
To those who for our pleasure work and make no other part?

—Infants Magazine

## CHRISTMAS FRUITS.

Seasonable Delicacies to Adorn the Holiday Dinner Table.

Fortunately at Christmas there are many fruits to be had. These not only add to the elegance of the table, but are dainties that will neutralize the indigestible qualities of other foods. The acid fruits, like oranges, grapefruit or pineapple, are especially good for this purpose. They may be served in the form of salads or as sherbets, mousses, compotes or as fillings for puddings and pies.

Winter pears, juicy red apples, oranges, bananas and clusters of grapes piled high in a basket or fruit dish make a handsome centerpiece for the Christmas table. Dates and figs may be served also.

Fresh fruits are to be preferred, of course, but for the dinner the housewife who is proud of her culinary skill has opportunity to draw on her store of put up fruit for jams, jellies or preserves.

A delicious salad may be made of pears, apples, nuts and figs as follows: Peel and core the apples and pears. Cut them into slices, arrange the slices of apple around the salad bowl, over



FRUIT FOR CHRISTMAS TABLE.

these the pear slices; then lay little heaps of blanched walnuts all around the dish. Upon each heap place the figs, cut in two, around and overlapping the apple and pear slices; then a mound of minced almonds. In the center of the bowl arrange a mound of minced apple slices; screen these with walnut, also minced, and lemon slices, peeled and free from seeds. Screen the whole with whipped cream, at intervals dusting in fine powdered sugar. White wine vinegar may be added to taste or the juice of two or three lemons.

### ROAST PIG DINNER.

- Bouillon.
- Olives. Caviar Canapes.
- Fillets of Sole, Sauce Tartare.
- Roast Suckling Pig.
- Apple Croquettes. Pickled Peaches.
- Sweet Potatoes. Baked Onions.
- Beets. Brussels Sprouts.
- Lemon Ice.
- Stuffed Tomato Salad.
- Wafers. Roquefort.
- English Plum Pudding.
- Fruits. Nuts.
- Coffee.

### THE FISH COURSE.

Lobster Appropriate to Serve With the Christmas Dinner.

The color of boiled lobster makes it useful at Christmas, when red and green are the seasonable colors. Lobster served whole, dressed with sprigs of holly, is a handsome addition to the table.

Creamed lobster, croquettes or patties are nice, but by far the most popular way of serving it is in a salad. To make this, prepare thick and well-seasoned mayonnaise dressing and put it on the ice. Then thrust a clove of garlic in a small cube of bread and put the bread, garlic side down, in the



LOBSTER DISHES.

bottom of a cold salad bowl. Mix the diced meat of a boiled lobster, a hard boiled egg chopped fine, a cupful of chopped celery, salt and pepper and the mayonnaise.

Put the mixture in the salad bowl and arrange a border of crisp, white lettuce leaves. Garnish the dish with the small claws of the lobster. The garlic gives an elusive flavor, but since it is protected from touching the salad by the bread it is in no wise too strong.

Curry of lobster may be prepared with canned lobster. Take between two and three pounds of lobster meat, a small onion, three tablespoonfuls of butter, two of flour, a scant teaspoonful of curry powder, a dash of cayenne, a little salt, a scant pint of water or stock. Let butter get hot; then add onion cut very fine and fry brown. When the onion is cooked add the flour and curry powder and stir all together for two minutes; add stock, cook two more minutes and strain. Add meat of lobster cut into disks and simmer five minutes. Serve with border of boiled rice round the dish.

## Resume of Plains News of the Week Past

Farmers in the Spur country are planning to raise turkeys.

J. P. Sims, of Crosbyton, has recently purchased a \$2,400 stallion of the Percheron species from the Holbert Importing Company, of Iowa.

Crosbyton has shipped farm products this year double the amount shipped last year at the same time.

A sixty-five-thousand-dollar cattle deal has just been closed in Crosby County. Julian M. Bassett becomes the owner of 1,300 head of cows and calves by the deal.

A new opera house has been opened at Paducah.

A three-and-seven-tenths-inch snow fell at Amarillo Saturday.

W. E. Thompson, of near Paducah, died last Monday, at his home, of pellagra.

A big fire at Matador entailed twenty-five thousand dollars' damage last week.

The Dalhart Poultry Association opened their annual poultry show Monday.

Mayor Reese Tatum, of Dalhart, will have an East Texas 'possum for his Christmas dinner.

Arthur C. Faulkner and Miss Eula B. Neal were married at Dalhart Saturday.

Ground has been broken in Amarillo for a new Federal Building.

Jno. L. Wilson and R. N. Mounts, of Deaf Smith County, have recently closed a deal for 2,500 head of 3-year-old steers for spring delivery.

Crawford B. Reeder, son of Judge and Mrs. C. B. Reeder, of Amarillo, and a member of the Add-Ran Literary Society in the Texas Christian University, was adjudged individual winner in the annual declaimers' contest in that institution recently.

D. B. Hilbert, of Hereford, proprietor of the Cardova Hotel, died suddenly in Hereford Sunday.

A rabbit drive for Deaf Smith County is planned.

### RALLS.

Mr. Haley, a good farmer living near Lorenzo, was here this week selling cotton and buying supplies.

Mr. Atkins was a business visitor here from Lubbock this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Bayless will leave this week for East Tennessee, where they will visit the mother of Mrs. Bayless. They will be gone about ten days.—Banner.

### LOCKNEY.

Will and Grady Brewster went to Floydada Monday.

Sheriff J. C. Hooper, of Hale County, was in the city Sunday.

J. J. Ellerd, of Plainview, was in the city last Saturday on business.

Mrs. B. F. Rigdon visited Mrs. C. A. Wilson, at Plainview, last Saturday.

A Floyd County boy, E. C. Nelson, Jr., has been chosen as one of the eight on the debating team of the Texas Christian University. This team will try out with the State University for honors.

### Will Endow College.

At the regular meeting of the Board of Directors for Lockney College, held in the college building December 15, the Board passed a resolution to raise \$50,000 as an endowment for the college. Prof. W. F. Ledlow declared that this was the only possible chance to hold and build the school. "We must endow it or bury it," was his earnest plea.

The Board responded to the call and subscribed about \$6,000, and agreed to launch the campaign at once. A committee will be selected in a few days, and will go to work at once to raise the funds.

It was further agreed that no subscription would become payable until \$20,000 had been subscribed; then all subscriptions will be converted into bankable notes. It is planned that

\$20,000 will be raised by March 1, 1916, and the total amount, \$50,000, in three years.

In case the public will respond and endow the college, the Board of Directors agree to secure three more university graduates as teachers, and make the school a regular "junior college."

It is our candid opinion that Lockney never had a better chance to have a real college, and should she fail, she will in all probability lose the school forever. The tuition will not maintain an ordinary faculty. It will by no means support a faculty prepared to do real, genuine college work.

The college has improved much during the present year, and has bright prospects for the future. Conservative men think that Lockney is a good location for a good school. The present head of the school has spent ten years in college and university work as a student, and is well prepared to build a standard college. But he cannot and will not remain with the Lockney school and nurse it as it passes away. He came here to help our people build a great school, and will do so in case they rally to him. It will be a serious mistake to let this proposition fail. Let us all rally at once, and raise \$20,000 by March 1st, 1916, and steadily move till we reach the entire amount.—Beacon.

### KRESS.

KRESS, Texas, Dec. 21.—Dr. Ford and wife moved to Plainview last week.

There will be a Christmas tree at the Baptist Church Thursday evening.

Mr. Emmett Houser and Miss Frank Moore were married Sunday, December 6th, at 2:30 p. m. by Rev. B. W. Winkins, at Rev. J. F. Moore's home. Mr. F. T. Skipworth, grandfather of the bride, and thirty-eight of his children and grandchildren spent a pleasant evening at Rev. Moore's home.

Rev. B. Y. Dickinson, of Lubbock, preached two sermons in Kress Sunday.

Mrs. J. T. Boston returned to her home last Tuesday from a happy visit with her daughter in Kansas and Oklahoma, and met a new baby granddaughter.

Robert Lyans returned to California last week, after a business visit here.

Professor Ralph Porter, of the West Side Public School, is spending the holidays in Tulsa with his parents.

### PROVIDENCE.

PROVIDENCE, Texas, Dec. 21.—The party at the home of E. G. Foster Friday night was well attended, and all report a pleasant evening.

E. C. Dodson returned home the 16th, after an eight days' trip to Kansas and Missouri, where he purchased some fine Hereford cattle from Gudge and Simpson, and they will be shipped as soon as the quarantine is raised.

Miss Margaret Thomas, of Floydada, is visiting her sister, Mrs. Charles Barrett.

Miss Mary Dodson is spending a few days at Mrs. Barrett's.

Brother Bone came to his appointment at Lone Star Sunday, but no one else came to church.

The Wayland students of this and Lone Star communities are at home spending the holidays.

P. A. Hubbard and wife left Friday for Taft, New Mexico, their home.

Mr. Dow Wood, of Lovington, New Mexico, has purchased the registered Hereford cattle of H. C. Randolph, paying \$100 per head for the cows and \$50 for the calves. These cattle were bred by E. C. Dodson.

John Fry and family spent Sunday in Lockney.

Mr. McFadden has sold to Will Randolph his entire herd of cattle, and will leave soon for East Texas.

The Ladies' Circles met at the home of Mrs. Bates last Thursday and made many arrangements for the Christmas tree.

A merry Christmas to all, and a happy New Year.

### PUBLIC LIBRARY NOTES.

From now until further notice the library will be open from three till five o'clock and Friday afternoons. Next Friday, the 25th, being Christmas Day, the library will not be open, but any books falling due on that day may be retained until Tuesday, December 29th.

### COMMITTEE.

Geo. S. Fairris returned home yesterday from Lubbock, where he has been visiting his father, who was seriously ill.

C. E. Whitman, of Lockney, was in Plainview to-day, on business.

Miss Nellie McGuire, of Hale Center, is spending a few days in our city.

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# My Christmas Tree

BY Charles Dickens

I HAVE been looking on this evening at a merry company of children assembled around that pretty German toy, a Christmas tree.

Being now at home again and alone, the only person in the house awake, my thoughts are drawn back by a fascination which I do not care to resist to my own childhood. Straight in the middle of the room, cramped in the freedom of its growth by no encircling walls or soon reached ceiling, a shadowy tree arises, and looking up from the dreamy brightness of its top, for I observe in this tree the singular property that it appears to grow downward toward the earth, I look into my youngest Christmas recollections.

All toys at first I find. But upon the branches of the tree, lower down, how thick the books begin to hang—thin books, in themselves at first, but many of them, with deliciously smooth covers of bright red and green:

"A was an archer and shot at a frog." Of course he was! He was an apple pie also, and there he is! He was a good many things in his time, was A, and so were most of his friends, except X, who had so little versatility that I never knew him to get beyond Xerxes or Xantippe.

But now the very tree itself changes and becomes a beanstalk, the marvelous beanstalk by which Jack climbed up to the giant's house.

Good for Christmas time is the rusty color of the cloak in which, the tree making a forest of itself for her to trip through with her basket, Little Red Riding Hood comes to me one Christmas eve to give me information of the cruelty and treachery of that dissembling wolf who ate her grandmother without making any impression on his appetite and then ate her after making that ferocious joke about his teeth. She was my first love. I felt that if I could have married Little Red Riding Hood I should have known perfect bliss. But it was not to be, and there was nothing for it but to look for the wolf in the Noah's ark there and put him last in the procession on the table as a monster who was to be degraded.

Oh, the wonderful Noah's ark! It was not found seaworthy when put in a washing tub, and the animals were crammed in at the roof and needed to have their legs well shaken down before they could be got in even there, and then ten to one they began to tumble out at the door, which was but imperfectly fastened with a wire latch. But what was that against it?

Again a forest and somebody up in a tree—not Robin Hood, not Valentine, not the Yellow Dwarf; I have passed these and all Mother Bunch's wonders without mention—but an eastern king with the glittering scimitar and turban. It is the setting in of the bright Arabian Nights.

Oh, now all common things become uncommon and quite enchanted to me! All lamps are most wonderful. All rings are talismans. Common flower pots are full of treasure, with a little earth scattered on the top; trees are for all Baba to hide in; beefsteaks are to throw down into the Valley of Diamonds, that the precious stones may stick to them and be carried by the eagles to their nests, whence the traders, with loud cries, will scare them. All the dates imported come from the same tree as that unlucky one with whose shell the merchant knocked out the eye of the genie's invisible son.

But, hark! The waits are playing, and they break my childish sleep. What images do I associate with the Christmas music as I see them set forth on the Christmas tree! Known before all the others, keeping far apart from all the others, they gather round my little bed—an angel, speaking to a group of shepherds in a field; some travelers, with eyes uplifted, following a star; a baby in a manger; a child in a spacious temple, talking with great men; a solemn figure, with a mild and beautiful face, raising a dead girl by the hand; again, near a city gate calling back the son of a widow on his bier to life; a crowd of people looking through the open roof of a chamber where he sits and letting down a sick person on a bed with ropes; the same, in a tempest, walking on the waters; in a ship again, on a seashore, teaching a great multitude; again, with a child upon his knee and other children around; again, restoring sight to the blind, speech to the dumb, hearing to the deaf, health to the sick, strength to the lame, knowledge to the ignorant; again, dying upon a cross, watched by armed soldiers, a darkness coming on, the earth beginning to shake and only one voice heard, "Forgive them, for they know not what they do!"

Entered by the social thoughts of Christmas time, still let the benignant figure of my childhood stand unchanged! In every cheerful image and suggestion that the season brings me, the bright star that reared above the poor roof, be the star of all the Christmas world!

A moment's pause, O vanishing tree, of which the lower boughs are dark to me yet, and let me look once more. I now there are blank spaces on the branches, where eyes that I have loved have shone and smiled, from which they are departed. But for above I see the raiser of the dead girl and the widow's son—and God be good!

## CHRISTMAS IN OLDEN TIME

By SIR WALTER SCOTT

HEAP on more wood! The wind is chill. But let it whistle as it will. We'll keep our Christmas merry still. Each age has deemed the newborn year the fittest time for festal cheer. And well our Christmas sires of old loved, when the year its course had rolled, and brought blithe Christmas back again. With all its hospitable train. With social and religious rite To honor all the holy night. On Christmas eve the bells were rung. On Christmas eve the mass was sung. Then opened wide the baron's hall To vassal, tenant, serf and all!



THEN CAME THE MERRYMAKERS IN.

Power laid his rod of rule aside. And ceremony doled her pride. All hailed with uncontrolled delight And general voice the happy night. That to the cottage, as the crown, Brought tidings of salvation down. The fire, with well dried logs supplied. Went roaring up the chimney wide. The huge hall table's oaken lace, Scrubbed till it shone, the day to grace. Bore then upon its massive board No mark to part the squire and lord. Then came the merry-makers in And carols roared with blithesome din. If unmelodious was the song It was a hearty note and strong. England was merry England when Old Christmas brought his sports again. 'Twas Christmas broached the mightiest ale. 'Twas Christmas told the merriest tale. A Christmas gambol could cheer The poor man's heart through half the year.

### A HISTORIC CHRISTMAS.

Charlemagne Crowned as Emperor of the Romans 1,100 Years Ago. On Dec. 25, in the year 800, the holy Roman empire was born. Europe was in the iron grasp of Charlemagne. The great king had gone to Rome to investigate charges lodged against the pope, Leo III. The pontiff made good his defense and on Dec. 25 took a solemn oath of excommunication. Two days later, early on Christmas morning, the pope celebrated mass in the great basilica of St. Peter's, a church not at all like the huge renaissance structure reared by Bramante and Michelangelo.

The edifice was crowded to the doors, for all Rome flocked in those days to see the wonderful Frank, who, like Mohammed, spread his gospel by the sword. Charles, clad in Roman costume, with the chlamys hanging from his shoulders, knelt in prayer before the tomb of St. Peter. When he rose to his feet Leo approached and, placing a golden crown upon the king's head, acclaimed him emperor of the Romans. Again the pontiff folded him in a purple mantle, and a great shout went up from the people as a greeting to the first of the new Caesars.

The scene is thus described by Eginhard, the historian of Charlemagne: "At the moment when, in his place before the altar, he was bowing down to pray Pope Leo placed on his head a crown, and all the Roman people shouted, 'Long life and victory to Charles Augustus, crowned by God, the great and pacific emperor of the Romans!' After this proclamation the pontiff prostrated himself before him and paid him adoration, according to the custom established in the days of the old emperors, and thenceforward Charles, giving up the title of patrician, bore that of superior and Augustus."

A millennium later, on the banks of the Seine, another pope crowned another emperor, who had planted his throne on the wreck of the fabric reared by Charlemagne.

### A Christmas Time Saver.

To save the minutes of Christmas eve and leave time for the many things that are bound to come up shut off from the children one room in the house suitable for the tree a couple of weeks before Christmas and gradually accumulate there all decorations and presents. The tree can be trimmed a day or two before the holiday and the presents wrapped more quickly and easily because they are all in one place. —Housekeeper.

## HONOR OLD AND YOUNG ON CHRISTMAS DAY

ESPECIALLY in the southern part of France great preparation is made for Christmas, which begins the 4th of December with planting St. Barbara's grain. Women fill plates with wheat, which are well watered and then put in the sunshine or in warm ashes to germinate. If St. Barbara's grain grows well or ill so will the coming harvest be. Later comes the cutting of the Yule log. The oldest man of the family cuts a fruit bearing tree—almond, apple, oak or pear. The grandfather uses the ax, and then the son finishes the work. The log is five feet long and is expected to burn, if covered all night, from Christmas eve to New Year's day. Before the eating of the great supper the youngest members of the family light the log.

The little gayly painted "creche" and other small, inexpensive clay figures are found in every home. Before dark Christmas eve the children go out to look for the magi. They carry with them confectionery for the magi, figs for the servants and hay for the tired camels. They also put up sheaves for the birds, and the wealthy send out donkeys laden with bread, meat, figs and almonds, which are sold for a few cents to the poor. The nougat pie or pudding of almonds and honey is on the table for the great supper.

### GET ALL THE FUN YOU CAN OUT OF CHRISTMAS.

Get all the fun you can out of Christmas. Plunge into the atmosphere right away. Smuggle packages up and down stairs and hide them in the "old-fashioned" hiding places.

And remember everybody, not with the substantial presents you have thought it imperative to give, but with a jar of jelly, a piece of fruit cake or book or magazine cover made from bits of linen your scrap bag has furnished, a dainty sachet made from silk scraps or any one of a hundred other simple things you can work on at odd times. These are the sort of presents which will restore the old time thrills that have been well nigh lost in the loveless gift giving of recent years.

Teach your children that Christmas time is a giving time as well as a getting time. Teach them particularly to think of children whose nests are less downy than their own. There are so many such. And there is no more tragic thing in a child's life than to be forgotten on Christmas day. Is there any picture on earth so appealing as to see a child at a shop window with only a windowpane between his pinched nose and pointing finger and a high piled world of dolls and drums and skates and picture books? Can you imagine a keener pang, a more sorrowful thing, than the unanswered prayer of a little child at Christmastide?

### Christmas Gift Suggestions

The Christmas shopper will make no mistake by following this list of useful Christmas gifts.

- Gifts For a Woman.**
- A baby's bottle warmer.
  - A chafing dish.
  - A curling iron.
  - A foot warmer.
  - A hair drier.
  - A heating pad.
  - A hot water kettle.
  - A coffee percolator.
  - A small pressing iron.
  - A bedside reading lamp.
  - A sewing machine motor.
  - A nursery sterilizer.
  - An art glass table lamp.
  - A toaster.
- Gifts For a Man.**
- A cigar lighter.
  - A motor for the workshop.
  - A shaving mirror.
  - A shaving mug.
  - A bedside reading lamp.
  - A vibrator.

- Gifts For the Home.**
- A small pressing iron.
  - A luminous radiator.
  - An electric combination grill.
  - An art glass table lamp.
  - Plane lamps, large and small.
  - A corn popper.

Think Mistletoe Brings Trouble. In many parts of the United Kingdom the silver berries and the gray green leaves of the mistletoe are looked upon as anything but an emblem of good cheer. On the contrary, the plant is regarded with dread as being the bringer of ill luck and the sign of ill omen. This superstition exists both in Devonshire and in Ireland, and, strange to say, is neither of these places does the plant flourish.

The Christmas Dances. When grandpas danced the latest some sixty years ago. The stately couples often met beneath the mistletoe.

To waiters now the custom veer. But Mabel's fuzzy hair. That danced both contrary to stair beneath the mistletoe.

Business changed, but not the game. As some observers know, Few mortals eat about the same beneath the mistletoe. —Louisville Courier-Journal.

### FOR THE CHRISTMAS SEASON.

To live content with small means; to seek elegance rather than luxury and refinement rather than fashion; to think quietly, talk gently, act frankly; to bear all cheerfully, do all bravely, await occasion, hurry never—in a word, to let the spiritual, unbidden and unconscious grow up through the common—this is to be my symphony.—Channing.

### Christmas and the Children.

Once a year at least we are all children together. Imagine, if you can, a world from which childhood should be absent. If in any star among those sweeping planets over our heads there is one wholly inhabited by grownup folk that must be a quiet and grave place, a place to shun, a place of lone some dignity, robbed of motive and of charm.

Our homes exist for the children. They afford us our best reason for the incessant toil, which is less a curse to the race than a blessing. Their insistent claims on our care cannot be put aside. Their joyful irresponsibility is in contrast to our continual sense of obligation. Like the birds and the flowers, they bring song and bloom into our lives, and their dependence on us is as simple, their faith as sincere, as ours ought to be on the great All Father.

When Christmas comes their little cups are full to the brim. Such small things please them, too—the doll, the train of cars, the toy elephant, the picture book. When we do not spoil them by defrauding them of their share in the giving as well as in the receiving, how much pleasure they take in choosing their presents; what wonderful ideas they have of the possibilities of a dollar; how they select the biggest and most beautiful things without a thought of the cost! Money is nothing to a child. He has not yet entered upon that sordid phase of being when expense obtrudes itself like a genie of evil in the garden of roses. A child's heart is as large as heaven. A child's love is as wide as a child's life. At Christmas we all dwell for a little while under the beautiful scepter of the Child in the Midst.—Margaret E. Sangster.

### Christ the Center.

It is not a mere figure of speech that Christ, the anniversary of whose birth we celebrate, is to our moral and spiritual what the sun is to our planetary system. The dependence in both cases is alike. If the body has appetites the soul has ambition, and both must be satisfied or human equilibrium is lost. We must possess the two, linked together in some mysterious way, or we shall fly to social and moral chaos. Good government, good morals and every orderly, well directed progression rests on that concession.

To be infidel to it is to destroy the ideal, to shivel the heart of the race, to make might right, to enthroned selfishness and greed and to displace and do violence to the public conscience.

The Man of Nazareth and what he represents are the embodiment of the law of moral gravitation which holds the world in its orbit. He gave us the ideas on which orderly communities base their legislation. He furnished us with the spiritual ideal, created new motives, made quiet, humble endurance a cardinal virtue and placed on the brow of bereavement the radiant coronet of hope.

Others have sought the same end, the same crowning achievement. Confucius, Zoroaster, Mohammed and Buddha were of the royal family of souls, but at most they were mere princes in the presence of the King. They gave much; he gave all.

### A Christmas Vision.

At Christmas, when the pealing bells Ring back our hearts to Bethlehem, Whence the fair flower of Jesse's stem Eternally our love compels;

Borne on the peal my fancy goes, Far from the Thames and noisy Strand, To Christmas in that distant land Where a more ancient river flows.

And there the desert's changeless calm Is troubled, Gods and goddesses, All Egypt's monstrous deities, Jether in fear by well and palm.

The cry is heard: "O Egypt, hark! We gods must die. Another comes." Again the unrelenting drums Shatter the horror of the dark.

Afar, where some oasis, spiced With palm and lotus, charms the Nile, The sphinx, with her mysterious smile, Sees Mary kiss the sleeping Christ.

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# A Final Word to the Belated Shoppers

NO doubt you have forgotten some dear friend or relative in the rush of Christmas excitement. Go over your list carefully and avoid the embarrassing "afterward" by a "ready made" selection from our list of suggestions.

## GIFTS FOR LADIES

<b>PURSES</b>	<b>TOILET ARTICLES</b>	<b>GARTERS</b>
<b>KIMONAS</b>	<b>TABLE COVERS</b>	<b>SHOES</b>
<b>VEILS</b>	<b>TRAVELING BAGS</b>	<b>COMFORTS</b>
<b>BRACELETS</b>	<b>BLANKETS</b>	<b>SILK VESTS</b>
<b>MUFFLERS</b>	<b>BATH ROBES</b>	<b>NAPKINS</b>
<b>GLOVES</b>	<b>HOUSE SHOES</b>	<b>BAR PINS</b>
<b>RINGS</b>	<b>WEEK END BOXES</b>	<b>PIN SETS</b>
<b>HOODS</b>	<b>BRIDGE SETS</b>	<b>FURS</b>
<b>PETTICOATS</b>	<b>DRESSER SCARFS</b>	<b>TOWELS</b>
<b>SUITS</b>	<b>LA VALLIERES</b>	<b>MESH BAGS</b>
<b>PARASOLS</b>	<b>SILK HOSE</b>	<b>COATS</b>
<b>SWEATERS</b>	<b>HANDKERCHIEFS</b>	<b>DRESSES</b>
<b>STATIONERY</b>	<b>RAIN COATS</b>	<b>SUIT CASES</b>
<b>LACES</b>	<b>EMBROIDERY</b>	<b>COIN PURSES</b>

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## GIFTS FOR MEN

<b>TIES</b>	<b>SMOKING JACKETS</b>	<b>RINGS</b>
<b>SHIRTS</b>	<b>AUTO SCARFS</b>	<b>CUFF SETS</b>
<b>SUITS</b>	<b>MACKINAWS</b>	<b>OVERCOATS</b>
<b>SWEATERS</b>	<b>DRESS GLOVES</b>	<b>SUIT CASES</b>
<b>BELTS</b>	<b>WATCH FOBS</b>	<b>COLLARS</b>
<b>SHOES</b>	<b>HANDKERCHIEFS</b>	<b>BATH ROBES</b>
<b>HATS</b>	<b>AUTO GLOVES</b>	<b>STICK PINS</b>
<b>GLOVES</b>	<b>FANCY VESTS</b>	<b>TIE CLASPS</b>
<b>BOOTS</b>	<b>TIRE TRUNKS</b>	<b>HAT BRUSHES</b>
<b>TIE CASES</b>	<b>HOUSE SHOES</b>	<b>LODGE PINS</b>
<b>MUFFLERS</b>	<b>DRIVING GLOVES</b>	<b>RAIN COATS</b>
<b>SCARFS</b>	<b>SUSPENDERS</b>	<b>HAND BAGS</b>
<b>HOSIERY</b>	<b>AUTO BASKETS</b>	<b>UMBRELLAS</b>
<b>CAPS</b>	<b>HANDKERCHIEF CASES</b>	<b>PAJAMAS</b>

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On many articles in this list there are substantial reductions in prices. It will be much to your advantage to give these suggestions your careful thought.

# Plainview Mercantile Co.

W. A. SHOFNER, Manager



## Letters to Santa Claus

Oilton, Texas, Dec. 16, 1914.

Dear Old Santa:

Please bring me a tricycle, horn, set of tools, some nuts and candy and an auto. That's all.

Your friend,

CURTIS BOYD WILLIAMS.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 22, 1914.

Dear Santa:

Will you please bring me a great big doll and a doll buggy and a doll bed and a set of dishes and some oranges and apples and a whole lot of candy? Now, Santa, please bring me what I ask you to. I want a piano.

LUCILE WREN.

On Seth Ward grounds.

Oilton, Texas, Dec. 16, 1914.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to please bring me a drum, train, some marbles, candy, oranges and nuts. I would like to have a lot more things, but I know you have so many children to go to see, I will be satisfied with anything you bring me. I am 7 years old.

Your little friend,

JIM WILLIAMS.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 22, 1914.

Dear Santa:

I want a doll, a little doll buggy, a set of dishes and a little piano and some oranges and candy.

EDNA WREN.

On Seth Ward College grounds.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 17, 1914.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a very wee girl and I would like to tell you what I want. I want a great big doll and a bed and a cradle and a buggy for my doll. Santa, go to Coan's Variety Store to get my

pretties, and, oh! Santa, don't forget my little brother, 4 months old, D. T., for he wants a pretty little rattle and lots of candy and nuts and oranges.

Your little friend,

BEAULAH VERMELL YOUNG.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 22, 1914.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a little piano and a doll bed and dresses and candy and nuts, apples and oranges.

Your little friend,

ETHEL MAY OGG.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 18, 1914.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send us a little express wagon, a little wheelbarrow, a rag doll, some oranges, apples and candy.

Your friends,

CHARLIE DAVENPORT,

CARY DAVENPORT,

LAWRENCE DAVENPORT.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 22, 1914.

Dear Santa:

I want two nice books and a pair of skates and some candy and oranges.

WILLIE WREN.

On Seth Ward College grounds.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 20, 1914.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a pair of ice skates and candy and nuts. I am a little boy of nine years old and live on Brine Street, No. 506.

Your friend,

HERSHELL PACK.

Plainview, Texas, Dec. 22, 1914.

Dear Santa:

I want a little fire wagon, a football, a tricycle and some oranges and candy.

ALFRED WREN.

On Seth Ward College grounds.

### CROSBYTON.

Jack Linn, of Lorenzo, paid Crosbyton a short visit this week.

Sam Botts, of the Ralls community, has been spending several days in Crosbyton this week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Spencer returned Monday from a short trip to Amarillo, Houston and other Texas points.

Mr. Robert Lynn, one of the oldest settlers of Crosby County, was in town Monday going through the new court house.

Mr. Charley Ellis and C. E. Kelsey, of Lorenzo, spent Tuesday in Crosbyton, looking after business and shaking hands with their many friends.

S. P. Parker is building an enormous granary on his 640-acre farm north of town. It takes a lot of room to house everything Mr. Parker raises.

Mr. and Mrs. Will F. Ezell are the proud parents of a new ten-pound girl, born December 7th. Mrs. Ezell is at Plainview, at the sanitarium, and is reported doing nicely.

E. S. Walker, of the Cone district, was shaking hands with his many friends in Crosbyton last Saturday and hobnobbing with his old friend Bill Lamar.

Zay Powell, the manager of the Hudson ranch, which is also widely known as the Half-Circle C ranch, was in town a couple of days this week.

Sep Smith has the plans prepared for a fine \$6,000 dwelling to be erected somewhere in the neighborhood of Mr. Culwe's home, in the southwest part of town.

Mr. C. C. Shirley, of the Lorenzo community, was in town last week attending to business. Mr. Shirley is one of our most progressive farmers. He has harvested this year 298 acres of cotton.

A jolly crowd of Ralls' young folks motored down Wednesday night and attended the Japanese lecture. All were very much pleased and said the lecture was of a high educational value. Those present were Misses Edith Brown, Mary Robison, Mary Ramseur, Grace Howard, Jettie Davis, and Vena Hinds, and Messrs. McLaughlin, S. D. Ramseur, and F. Beddingfield.—Review.

### LORENZO.

Clay Dunlap, of Petersburg, shipped a lot of hogs from here this week.

Paul Payne, of Cone, brought in a wagon load of cotton Thursday to be ginned.

Miss Ola Bradley, of Lubbock, is visiting a sister, Mrs. Lee Price, for a

few days.

Mr. and Mrs. L. P. Smaling entertained a few of their friends Saturday night at their pretty home. A delightful time was reported by all present.

Charlie Ellis and Mr. Toone, of Plainview, have bought out H. A. McDaniel's blacksmith shop and will be prepared to do an up-to-date garage business right away.

Hershel Roberson, of Petersburg, was in town this week shipping grain from this point.—Crosbyton Review.

Rhode Island Red Pullets for sale by the PLAINVIEW PRODUCE CO.—Adv. 2t.

Mrs. W. E. Holder and children left yesterday for Wayne, Okla., where they will spend the holidays.

### KANSAS CITY STOCK MARKET IN DETAIL.

KANSAS CITY STOCK YARDS, Dec. 21.—There was a sign of life in fat cattle yesterday, but trade is dull today. Conditions are extremely bad at markets east, Chicago reporting prices 50 cents to \$1.50 lower than a week ago, many cattle held over from day to day, and cattle forwarded from

here to St. Louis on bids of \$8.75 and \$9.50 here Tuesday selling in St. Louis late Thursday at \$8.50 and \$9.00, respectively. A string of quarantine steers that had a bid of \$6.00 here Tuesday are hanging fire in St. Louis today, Friday, best bid there \$5.85, doubtless where they will have to sell. There has been no getting away from this break by going farther east.

The river markets have been uneven, and five cars of Colorado cattle that had a bid of \$5.55 in St. Joseph Wednesday sold here yesterday at \$5.60 for two loads, \$6.00 for two and one-half loads and \$6.25 for 10 head. The general killing grades are 25 to 75 cents lower here today than a week ago. The big slump is due to bad beef outlet, coupled with very heavy supplies at Chicago and St. Louis this week, from territory recently released from quarantine.

A sensational market on stockers and feeders, especially heavy stock steers, developed here yesterday, and continues today. A special train of 30 car loads of steers costing \$6.50 to \$7.00 was sent to Blue Jacket, Oklahoma, last night from here, 6 cars to Vinita, Okla., and 10 cars to the Osage country. Further purchases were made today for Oklahoma, and Kansas men have bought generously, cleaning

up the yards of everything in the line of thin cattle. Kansas shipped out 4,102 cattle from here yesterday, Oklahoma 1,914; total stockers and feeders out yesterday 6,603.

Hog receipts have been light here, only 5,000 today, and prices are holding up around steady. Packers and order buyers all want hogs, and trading is active. Efforts to depress prices have been made two or three days this week, but have come to naught. Top to-day is \$7.25, bulk of sales \$7.05 to \$7.20. Heavy hogs bring up to the top price here, and salesmen say heavy weights bring more here than at markets getting a greater number of them, the supply here running to light weight hogs, which makes competition keen on heavy weights.

Sheep and lambs are extremely dull the last two days. Wednesday there was an advance of 25 cents, but it has evaporated since, and trade is extremely slow. Chicago wires to packers say they are bidding \$8.00 there for best lambs to-day. Some pretty good lambs brought \$8.00 here today, but the best ones are being held over unsold. Ewes bring \$4.75 to \$5.35, yearlings \$6.80 to \$7.35. Receipts are light, 3,000 today, 27,000 this week.

J. A. RICKART,  
Market Correspondent.



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