

The Snyder Signal

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TEACHERS INSTITUTE IN SESSION

Splendid Body of Men and Women Spend Week in Professional Work.

The Scurry County Teachers Institute is in session this entire week at the Central High School building in Snyder. There are about sixty five teachers attending and they constitute a fine body of people.

It is an honor to a town to entertain this body of men and women whose lives and energies are being devoted to the moral, physical and mental training of the youth of the country.

It is noticeable that a large majority of the teaching force are bright young women.

The institute was called to order Monday morning by Judge Buchanan who spoke in complimentary and encouraging terms of the character and efficiency of the teaching force in Scurry county.

Devotional services were led by Rev. M. Tillmon Tucker. Mayor J. Z. Noble delivered an address of welcome to which Miss Pearl Wilson of Hud, responded.

Judge Buchanan then made a general announcement of plans of the work.

Miss Zada Maxwell of the Ira school was elected Secretary. Then came enrollment of members and the body divided in sections and the institute work was started.

The time is given to class work along professional lines and nearly every teacher in the County has been assigned to demonstrate some phase of work.

The program called for an address on Thursday by Mr. T. F. Baker on the question of compulsory attendance upon school, and on Thursday afternoon Dr. H. E. Rosser was assigned to discuss School Room sanitation. These are important subjects and the speakers are both competent men.

It is well for the teachers to meet in the institute and get ideas from each other. Leading educators recognized the benefits of these schools and secured the passage of a law to require all teachers to attend. They are allowed their regular pay for their time and it is a good investment.

These teachers will go back to the schools after the holidays better equipped for work.

The enrollment is as follows: Effie Hodge, M. L. Hill, G. H. Leath, M. K. Maples, Pearl Wilson, A. Johnston, Daisy Brady, Ethel Cherry, Maggie Lee Hull, Annie Baines, Bonnie Wilkins, G. G. Hazel, Lizzie Lee Watkins, Birta Wilson, Maggie Ramsey, Mary Heath, D. A. Snelling, Annie May Klapproth, Pearl Falkner, Zaza Chenoweth, Ida Loftin, Mrs. Alpha Newman, Nannie Ball, Mrs. J. W. Leftwich, Mrs. Lola Helms, Eula Campbell, L. E. Walker, Ida Kelley, H. M. Powell, Geneva Davis, Vita Wasson, A. N. Epps, Flora Bozeman, Guy Ohlhausen, Lena Ramsour, Ida Ohlhausen, Ina Davis, Maggie Wilson, Eunice Brice, Mrs. Cora Jeffress, J. W. Kay, E. A. Watson, Ola Shuler, J. W. Leftwich, J. L. Howell, Lucille Miller, Eulala Smith, Lola Turner, Mrs. O. L. Howell, Veda Maxwell, Faye Moore, Bessie Patterson, Zada Maxwell, Mamie Young, Ocie Breeden, Bonnie Sanders, Myrtle Gilmore, F. C. Hairston, B. G. Appleton, M. C. Freeman.

UNIVERSITY LEAGUE OFFICERS ELECTED

The Scurry County Teachers Institute and all the educational forces of the county are in line with the work of the University International Scholastic League and local officers were elected by the County Institute Tuesday.

G. G. Hazel, District General Director;

J. W. Leftwich, District Director of Debate and Declamation; Lizzie Lee Watkins, Secretary and Treasurer of Scurry County.

J. Puresley, of Jayton and Miss Rosa Will Rogers of Post City were guests at the Manhattan last Tuesday.



TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND PATRONS WE EXTEND THE COMPLIMENTS OF THE SEASON, AND WISH FOR YOU AND YOURS A MERRY, CHEERY, BRIGHT AND HAPPY CHRISTMAS.
THE SNYDER SIGNAL.

COAL STRIKE LOSS \$9,940,000

Financial Cost of Disturbance in Colorado Equal to \$80 per Capita for State's Population.

Denver, Colorado, December 10—Conservative estimates place the cost of the coal strike up to and including today at \$9,940,000.

If the loss in business to the merchants and incidenta. costs are included the total amount exceeds fifteen million dollars.

This practically the same as wiping out that amount of Colorado's assets. It is of the same character as the loss from an earthquake, a great fire or similar calamity.

The cost is equal to eighty dollars for every man, woman and child in the State. The loss is such that it can never be recovered.

The losses as tabulated today by the Denver bankers, are:

Wages to eleven thousand miners on strike, \$2,607,000.

Wages to seven thousand railroads and other employes out of work, as a result of the strike \$2,212,000.

Traffic to railroads, \$1,185,000.

Strike benefits collected from union miners at work to maintain the strike \$632,000.

Loss to public through advanced cost of coal \$790,000.

Loss to operators through inability to fill orders \$1,580,000.

Cost on mine guards, loss to property and incidental expenses \$470,000.

Cost of maintaining militia (forty six days at \$5000 per day) \$230,000

Loss in wages by militiamen (average \$5 per day per man) \$230,000
Total \$9,940,000.

FIND SKELETONS IN CAVE

Bones Discovered by Trapper, Supposedly of Indians.—Found in Palo Pinto County

Gordon, Palo Pinto County, Texas Dec. 11—John McDonald, a trapper who lives four miles east of town while setting his traps a few days ago, discovered a cave on the property of M. L. Waller. McDonald got three men to help him remove the large rocks from the mouth of the cave, in which they found four skeletons, a number of flint arrow heads, a pipe of clay and some oval shaped rock such as were used by the Indians.

The skeletons are supposed to be of Indians. The bones are badly decayed.

An Appreciated Visitor.

Mr. John Y. Bowen came over from Pylon last Friday and spent the night with his daughter, Mrs. W. T. Thompson, then he visited the Signal and had the paper sent to two of his sons in New Mexico. There is always a blaze of sunshine when Uncle J. Y. comes around. He is one of the solid, reliable farmers and always makes good. He came here a great many years ago from Colli County, and while he knows Colli is a good county, he says whenever you line up all the good and the ill in this country and that you will find Scurry county shows up to good advantage.

Uncle John Y. has recently killed hogs and he has been in grease up to his chin. He says oats and wheat are rank and the land is too muddy to pasture. He looks for big crops next year.

Aged Lady Died.

Grandma Arnett, an old and highly respected resident of the Dermott country died Sunday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Warren Scrivner, aged 92 years, 8 months and 8 days. She was the mother of Mrs. Scrivner and Mr. D. C. Arnett.

Moving to Scurry County

Mr. B. F. Claborn arrived here Monday from Roanoke, Texas with his car of household goods and is locating here as a permanent citizen of Scurry county. We extend to him a glad welcome to our growing country. We have room and welcome for others.

WE CARRY

A LARGE LINE OF

HOLIDAY SPECIALS



To show our appreciation of the good will and patronage of the people of Scurry County, we planned some time ago, to give away four of the most expensive gifts to be given in this vicinity this year.

We decided to allow our customdrs to name the parties to whom the presents should be given.

The contest is nearly over and the following named parties are in the contest and although the votes have not been counted since Nov. 8th, we are sure all have received many votes and it cannot be told until Christmas day who will win.

MISS EUNICE BARNETT	IRA
MISS OLA BERRY	SNYDER
MRS. C. R. LOCKHART	SNYDER
MISS ZERA BRIDGEMAN	SNYDER
MISS ELLEN DAVIDSON	CAMP SPRINGS
MISS MAMIE PINKERTON	SNYDER
MRS. ETHEL IRVIN	SNYDER
MISS LILLIAN ELKINS	POLAR
MISS ETNA JONES	SNYDER
MISS GLADYS WATKINS	SNYDER
MISS TRULA JENKINS	SNYDER
MISS UNA MIDDLETON	SNYDER
MISS BUNA TAYLOR	IRA
MISS ERA COKER	HERMLEIGH
MRS. ENID IRVIN	SNYDER

Do you see the name of a friend in the list? If so, help them win a prize by sending us customers.

We are holding our prices down to encourage trade during this contest and you can make no mistake by buying in a supply of goods at this time.

Yours for a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year,

STIMSON DRY GOODS AND GROCERY COMPANY

The Snyder Signal

HARDY, PICKLE & HARDY.

Entered in the postoffice at Snyder, Texas, as second class mail matter.

Friday, December 19, 1913

NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of The Signal will be gladly corrected if called to the attention of the editor.

AMONG OUR EXCHANGES

The Sweetwater Reporter says R. Elmore—who has been Secretary of the Chamber of Commerce has severed his connection and gone hence, where was an active hustler and doing something doing.

J. M. Hilburn has been hauling feed Roby this week from his farm in Claytonville country.—Roby Banner.

West Texas farmers are doing that all over the country this year.

A Princeton professor announces that some of these days the earth is going to freeze. We have had no regular symptoms of this in Texas so far.—Austin Statesman.

He must surely be a new comer.

Morris Sheppard and Richard Pearson Hobson are the champions of Nationwide prohibition.

They rely the people of Alabama will not side track a man like Underwood for a man of mediocre ability in choosing a Senator.

The entire citizenship of Dallas last week suffered with cold feet. It is not uncommon for a few citizens

of a town to be afflicted in this way at some period in the development of the commonwealth, but for a whole municipality, democratically and altogether to be thusly afflicted is uncommon. The people of Dallas not only had cold feet, but the entire anatomy was in a frigid state and they had to eat cold grub. It was all brought about by the bursting of the big gas main which supplies the city with fuel; the break was caused by high water.—Graham Leader.

D. J. McNeill, president of that body of farmers who have withdrawn from the original Farmers' Union has called a meeting of his followers to be held in Dallas next Saturday.—Graham Leader.

Maybe they will endorse Cyclone Davis for governor and eliminate Uncle Peter.

Leading Republicans are disposed to shy at the proposition to hold a joint convention of stand patters and progressives. They fear an opening of the old sore.

Felix Diaz is still in Havanna.—Fort Worth Record.

He'd rather be there than dead. Don't bother him.

When you hear a man sneering at the local papers, you can safely bet he doesn't spend his time making them better.—Stanton Reporter.

Probably has not paid it a nickel in three years. If he were ever a subscriber he had to be cut out to meet the postal requirements.

Instead of repealing the homestead law, it should be strengthened.—Jacksboro News.

The homestead law will never be repealed by popular vote, no matter how much money lenders and speculators may desire.

How could you improve your property more than by surrounding it with nice concrete sidewalks.—Ex.

Why, add a few shade trees and flowering shrubbery. These will help and they are cheap.

lot of letters to papers. They report the receipt and tabulation of 208 replies. Of this number 46 favored Mayes, 12 favored Thomas, 4 favored Colquitt, 3 favored Mills and 3 for Lane.—Jacksboro News.

The other nine candidates probably divide up the other 140 replies and the other 492 newspapers probably considered their choice as their own individual business.

Editor Stricklin of the Terry county Herald visited a country subscriber and filled up on backbone and spare rib and his next paper was filled up with urgings to the people to raise hogs.

With all these big, large frosts coming, we see no reason in the world for doing without spare ribs and backbone much longer.—Anson Western Enterprise.

Frost doesn't make spare ribs and backbone.

None but non-progressive merchants pretend to argue that advertising doesn't pay, and no newspaper wants their business anyway as they would have trouble in a settlement.—Terry County Herald.

Generally they can tell a publisher how much he should charge for advertising and knows better than the editor what ought to be printed and will get miffed if the paper fails to say their children are among the brightest in school.

The Lubbock Avalanche tells about a cabbage head grown by a citizen there and says:

"Some time ago he brought one in that weighed 20 pounds and last week he presented the Avalanche editor with a fine big head that tipped the scales at 18½ pounds, sound and nicely leaved."

Affidavit probably forwarded on demand.

Almost every county that takes a crack at the liquor traffic knocks it out. Then the law prohibits shipping it in, thereby preventing wet towns from debauching dry territory. This is making Texas a leader in temperance, provided the law is enforced, and we must suppose it is.

Gov. Colquitt is willing to call an extra session of the legislature, provided a majority of the members will agree to pass just such measures as he suggests and of course just like he suggests. It would save time for the members to send him a power of attorney to make such laws as he would like. Of course they will not do that nor will they promise beforehand to let him dictate a batch of bills and pass them at his bidding. A Fannin county representative says that if Colquitt wants to call them together let him do it, but for one he will not agree to surrender his independence.

NOTICE TO COMPANIONS

Snyder Council, No. 221, Royal and Select Masters will meet on Friday night, December 26th, 1913 for work in the degrees. All members of this council are requested to be present and assist in the work. Visiting companions are cordially invited.

Remember the night, first night after Christmas.

C. L. EZELL, T. I. M.

B. G. Appleton was here from Hermleigh this week.

Mrs. Joe Strayhorn has been quite sick for two or three weeks.

Judge Thomas will be in Snyder on the 22nd to hold a special session of District Court. The principal business will be the judicial fixing of the final settlement of the famous Scurry County school land case.

Avin Elkins of Kent county visited A. L. Bettis and family this week.

Jess Eoff and family left Thursday for Thorp Springs for the holidays.

Frank Edwards of Wise county was prospecting in Snyder this week.

J. A. Guinn of Camp Springs spent Thursday night in Snyder.

J. J. Brownfield was registered at the Maxwell last night.

Pastor M. Tilmon Tucker of the First Baptist church made a flying trip to Dallas this week.

CHRISTMAS GREETING.

The Signal extends greetings to its readers and friends all over Scurry County and elsewhere, wishing you a Merry Christmas and a happy, and prosperous New Year. We appreciate your friendship, good will and patronage and hope to continue to merit and receive the same cordial relationship in the future. As we have labored together in the past for the general betterment of our town and country, let us hope for a continuation of mutual confidence and co-operation.

FOR RENT—Nice three room house on West Side. Close in. Inquire at Burton-Lingo & Co. office. 27-41

Poultry raising is growing in favor in Scurry county and ought to be made a valuable side line. Hog raising is sadly neglected. Right here where the climate is the best for hogs where diseases never bother and the best of hog feed, abound, it is said that this industry shows about one hog for every family. No wonder meat is expensive.

FEED INTERNATIONAL MEDICINAL STOCK FOOD TONIC. IT'S THE BEST. WE HAVE IT—FRESH STOCK, IN ALL SIZE PACKAGES AND IN PAILS.

27-21 OWL DRUG STORE

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Lowrey of Roscoe spent Thursday and Thursday night here enroute to Lamesa to spend the holidays with relatives.

Something that makes a nice XMAS GIFT is an ELECTRIC IRON. So useful and convenient. GRAYUM DRUG CO.

Earnest Elkins and wife of Post City visited the family of A. L. Bettis in Snyder this week.

BOYS! BOYS!! Buy your FIRE WORKS from GRAYUM DRUG CO. The best assortment in Snyder. The prices will suit you.

J. M. Hunter, the leading lumber man of Fluvanna was a guest at the Maxwell Wednesday night.

MRS. BAKER ENTERTAINS BUSY BEES CLUB

The Busy Bees Club met in regular monthly session on the afternoon of December 16th at the home of Mrs. T. F. Baker.

The attendance was good although the weather was very threatening, which fact gave evidence of the enthusiasm of its members.

The roll call was answered by each one giving a name, date and place of birth and time of death of a famous musician.

Then followed the election of officers with the following result: Lois Sears, President, Doris Marshall, Vice President, Ella Mae Sturdivant, Sec.

A unique history lesson was given. Each pupil having brought two questions and answers, the former were given to the class to be answered.

Quite an interesting musical program was given by the pupils which was begun with the song "Glorious Morning" and ended with "Christmas Carol."

The class then adjourned to meet at the same place at an early date.

This club is composed of pupils of Mrs. Baker who are bright little girls and are doing good work, which shows that they are well taught.

—ONE PESENT.

Lee Clark of the State Department of Education delivered an interesting address to the Teachers' Institute Thursday afternoon. It is good for such men to come to us and give us the benefits of their mature judgment on important educational subjects.

A. Rhoades of Ira, returned last Thursday from South Texas. He was at Waco, Houston and Galveston and saw the flood in all its stages, and the height of its enormity. He says it is beyond description.

A. C. Wilmoth, Dr. Warren, J. K. Blackard and J. W. Couch autoed over the south part of the county early this week.

Mrs. T. J. Thompson will leave on Saturday to visit her sons in San Antonio.

Caton-Dodson Dry Goods Co.'s Clearing Clothing Close-out Sale!

Christmas Clothing Close-out Sale!

Beginning Sat-
urday, Dec. 20,
Ending
Wednesday,
Dec. 31, 1913.

We Will Sell For
CASH ONLY

Any Gents' Suit for
\$11.00

Any Gents' Hat for
\$2.35

Any Shirt for
95c

Any Ladies' Suit for
\$11.00

We have never yet
been accused of putting
on a grafting sale. We
will never put on such
a sale. It is not our
way of doing business.

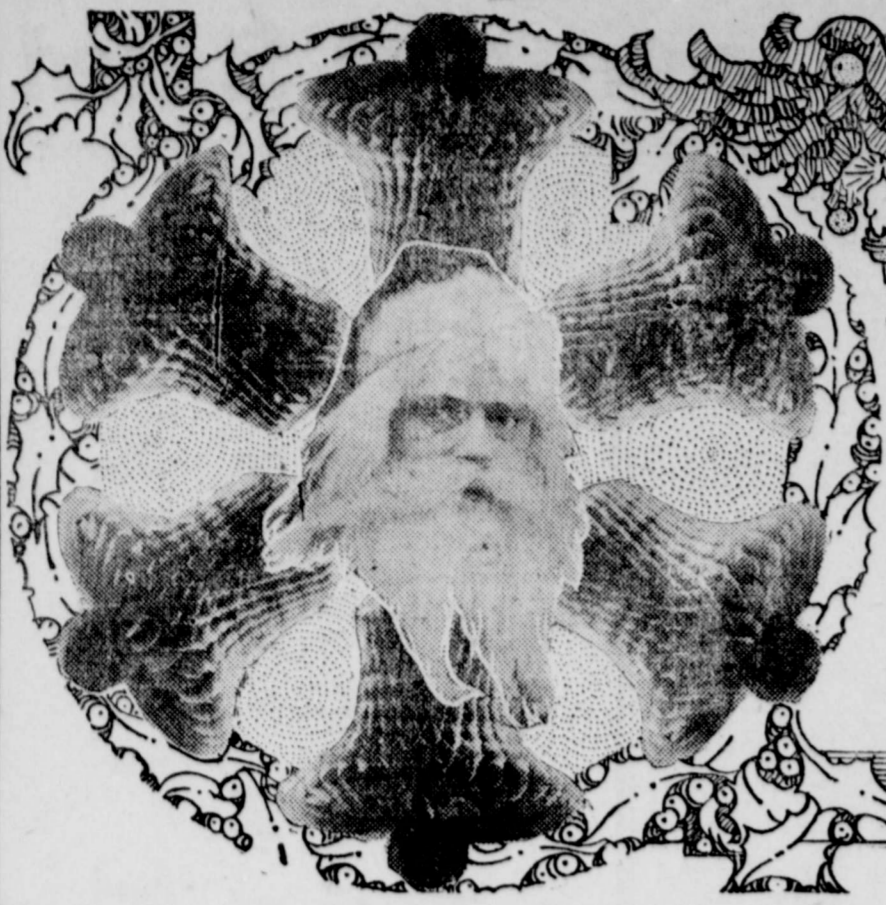
No man has ever yet
said that he did not get
more than the value of
his money for the goods
purchased at these
sales.

We defy any man to
say that we have not
always done just as we
advertised.



COME TO THE CHRISTMAS CLOTHING CLOSE-OUT SALE!
And purchase the cheapest Gents' or Ladies' Suit that you ever purchased for the money, or if it is a
Shirt or Hat that you need
We are loaded and will give you unprecedented bargains

Your Friends,
CATON-DODSON DRY GOODS COMPANY
SNYDER, TEXAS



MERRY CHRISTMAS

ON WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 24th, 1913

The First National Bank of Snyder will give away 750 Calendars for 1914. We want one in each home in Snyder and surrounding country. So be on hand and get your calendar that day as none will be given away before or after that day.

THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK

PROFESSIONAL

ARTHUR YONGE
 Attorney-at-Law
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 Snyder, Texas

RICHARD W. WEBB
 Attorney-at-Law
 Office in County Attorney's Office
 Court House

DRS. HARRIS & HARKRIDER
 Dentists
 Office up stairs in the Thomas building.
 Snyder, Texas

Resolutions of Respect.
 To the Union Baptist Church:
 We your committee on resolutions in regard to the death of Brother W. N. Davis, have drawn up and submit the following:
 Whereas, God in his infinite wisdom has seen fit to remove from our midst our brother, W. N. Davis, who departed this life August 26, 1913,

to that bright home above, there to dwell forever with his Savior.
 Therefore, be it resolved by the Union Missionary Baptist church that in losing Brother Davis, we have lost one who, as long as health permitted, attended faithfully all services of the church, was a faithful and consistent member.
 Resolved, that we extend to the bereaved wife and children and other relatives, our heartfelt sympathy in this their great affliction, and can only point them to his Savior and theirs, who alone, can guide and lead them through life. He can not come back to us, but we can meet him in the sweet bye and bye.
 Resolved that a copy of these resolutions be sent to the family, one furnished each of our county papers for publication, also a copy spread on our minutes.
 W. S. UPTON,
 FRANKIE WREN,
 D. C. BENTLEY,
 Committee.

Mrs. Giles Connell, Mrs. Led Wallace, M. J. Johnston, G. W. Connell and Led Wallace all of Gail were guests at the Manhattan last Sunday.

WEST TEXAS IS SETTLING UP SWIFTLY

Mr. D. F. Baker who lives in the Lone Wolf Mountain community near the line of Scurry and Mitchell counties was here a few days ago and said that his part of the country had become almost depopulated in the past two years because of the drouth and the consequent crop failure, but now the people are coming back and new people are coming in.
 There had been thirty two vacant homes within twelve miles of his place and now there in only one place unoccupied. This shows that people are looking to West Texas for homes and there is no country anywhere that offers more solid advantages to settlers.
 West Texas has suffered more in reputation than was just. The fact is that conditions have been no worse here than in most other parts of the State, but because this region is set down as semi-arid, people are apt to magnify a dry season into a blighting drouth and when a fellow gets away dissatisfied, the people over east listen to his tales of woe.
 The West is coming out now into the open. A few home seekers venture out here and look around. They find fertile land to be bought cheap, mild climate and abundance of the best water in the State, good society everywhere. Barns filled with provender, smokehouses full of meat, fine orchards growing and they decide here is a good place to locate.
 One good feature is that our people are not putting the land up at boom prices, but figures are made liberal, terms easy and the real estate men are not trying to load the home seeker up with too much land. In this way we will get satisfied home owners and our population will build up on solid lines.

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE SHOOTING OF FIRE WORKS WITHIN THE FIRE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF SNYDER, TEXAS.

Be it ordained by the City Council of the City of Snyder, Texas, that from and after the passage of this ordinance, it shall be unlawful to fire, shoot, or cause to be fired or shot any fire cracker, torpedo, roman candle, or fire works of any character within the fire limits of the City of Snyder, Texas.
 Any person who shall violate this ordinance shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be fined in any sum not to exceed one hundred dollars.
 Done by the City Council in regular session Monday evening, December 15th, 1913.
 J. Z. NOBLE,
 Mayor
 Attest:
 T. F. BAKER, City Secy.

Brother W. W. Werner and Prof. A. S. Berry were at Fluvanna Saturday attending the Sunday School institute. They report a fine meeting.

ESTATE OF JOHN B. TINKER AND ARTHUR TINKER

Number 182
 THE STATE OF TEXAS
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Scurry County, Greeting:
 Malinda P. Tinker, guardian of the estate of John B. Tinker and Arthur Tinker, minors, having filed in our county court her final account of the condition of the estates of the said John B. Tinker and Arthur Tinker, minors, together with an application to be discharged from said guardianship, you are hereby commanded, that by publication of this writ for twenty days in a Newspaper regularly published in the County of Scurry you give due notice to all persons interested in the account for final settlement of said estates, to file their objections therein, if any they have, on or before the January term A. D. 1914, of said County Court, commencing and to be holden at the Court House of said county in the City of Snyder, on the 12th day of January, A. D. 1914 when said account and application will be considered by said court.

Witness W. T. Skinner, Clerk of the County Court of the County of Scurry, Texas.
 Given under my hand and seal of said court at my office in the City of Snyder, Texas, this 10th. day of December, A. D. 1913.
 W. T. SKINNER,
 Clerk of the County Court, Scurry County, Texas.
 A true copy, I certify.
 J. B. BOLES,
 26-3t Sheriff, Scurry County Texas

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Money to loan on patented and unpatented lands from 8 per cent to 10 per cent. No charges if we fail to obtain loan.

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 Snyder, Texas.

SNYDER COUPLE WERE MARRIED AT POST CITY

Mr. Harold Black who resides on his farm south of Snyder and Miss Irene Pegue, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pogue, of Snyder, went to Post City Wednesday of last week and were married there.
 The Signal joins their many friends in congratulations.

JOHN G. PEEBLES
 Electrical and Mechanical Expert
 Member "Master Mechanic's Association of America," National Association of Electrical Engineers."

Believing I can better serve the interests of auto owners by so doing, I have opened a repair shop in the rear of Petty's on the East Side of the square. I have only the latest improved tools and the KNOW HOW to use them, and do not have to experiment at your expense. All work guaranteed FIRST CLASS. Mechanical Drafting neatly executed. I have the necessary technical training, supplemented by fifteen years practical experience. "Nuff said. Day Phone 178.

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Useful Gifts.



In giving your Christmas presents it would be the part of wisdom to give something useful, something durable and something that will give valuable service for years to come. Such gifts will be more appreciated by the person upon whom you are bestowing your favors.

We carry many things in stock that would make sensible and serviceable presents.

Good will to everybody and a Merry Christmas to all.

Coates-Coleman Company.

NORTH SIDE SQUARE

JUST TAKE HOME A BOX OF NORRIS' EXQUISITE CANDY and you will please everyone in the home. BEST CHOCOLATE ON EARTH.—Grayum Drug Co.

Rev. A. B. Ingram of Pittsburg, spent just a little while in Snyder a few days ago. Many friends who afterward heard of it were disappointed.

BOOKOUT ITEMS

Everyone is looking happy up this way. Most all are feasting on fresh meat and sausage.

Brother Leslie of Hermleigh filled his regular appointment here last Saturday and Sunday.

The young people of our community enjoyed a musical entertainment at Uncle Jop Brown's last Wednesday night.

Bro. McKnight and son Charlie of Dickens county were shaking hands with friends in our community last week.

Boss Landess and wife of Snyder attended the Box Supper at Bookout last Friday night.

Hog Killing seems to be the order of the day.

Bob Browning and family have returned from their prospecting tour of the Western States.

The box supper given at Bookout last Friday night proved to be a success the proceeds amount to \$12.85 which will go to repair the organ at that place.

Several young people from Snyder attended the musicale at Uncle Jop Brown's last Wednesday night.

Mr. R. Y. Dorsett returned from his prospecting trip in Eastland county last Tuesday.

J. I. Burroughs transacted business in Fluvanna last Friday.

Mr. Roy Dorsett visited friends at Camp Springs last Friday.
CLOD HOPPER

FOR A NICE XMAS GIFT get a CONKLIN SELF FILLING FOUNTAIN PEN. Grayum Drug Co.

J. J. Koonsman, J. V. Riley, I. W. Boren and A. C. Wilmeth will do the first work today toward opening the Snyder-Polar road.

Santa Claus Letters

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 7, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
I am a little girl eight years old and am a good little girl and go to school and am in the third grade. Will you please bring me a big doll and a doll buggy and some apples, bananas and candy, nuts, oranges, pecans, and fire crackers. Don't forget my little sister and a little ring. Will close with love to Santa Claus.
Yours truly,
MATTIE BUSBY
Route 1.

Hermleigh, Texas, Dec. 15, '13

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a little doll buggy and a doll too and bring my little sister a doll too. And bring us some apples and some oranges and candy and nuts of all kinds.
Your little friend,
OLLIE CASTON.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 8, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you a letter to let you know what I want for Xmas. I want a bracelet, locket, jewelry case a doll, a doll carriage, some candy, apples, oranges and nuts.
Your loving little girl,
FROM BOB
Rt. 1, Box 60

Snyder, Texas, Dec 8, '13

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to send me some candy and oranges, and a big doll. And say I want you to bring me a ring with a ruby in it.
To dear Santa Claus,
FROM SALLIE
Rt. 1, Box 61

Dear Santa Claus:

I'm going to write you a little letter to tell you I've tried so hard to be mamma's good girl and as a reward I want you to bring me a big doll that can say, "mama and papa" and some candy, oranges and a little money. And please bring me a necklace to wear around my neck and a ring with a garnet set in it.
Please don't forget the rest of the little boys and girls nor my papa and mamma.

Your little friend
PETE
Rt. 1 Box 63

P. S.—Don't forget my school teacher.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 8, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a work box and a little cupie doll, and some candy and nuts. If this isn't too much I will be awfully good.
Your little friend,
WILLIE FERN CURRY

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to please bring me a big doll, a piano, some story books, and a set of furs.
I will be proud of anything you bring me.
Your little friend,
THELMA WENNINGER

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 7, 1913.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a tool chest and a little cupie doll. I will be very good if you will. I would like some candy and nuts too.
Your little friend,
HUBERT CURRY

Snyder, Dec. 17, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a big doll and buggy for it and bring my baby sister a doll and doll buggy. She is three and one-half years old. She has been good and I have too.
Please don't forget us and don't forget daddy, Boy and mamma.
Your good little girl,
DOLL DIMPLE BEEMAN

Snyder, Dec. 7, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me one big blue eyed doll, a doll buggy, some candy with nuts in it, some apples and oranges and a little stove.
Yours in thanks,
IRENE BOYD

Dear Santa Claus:

I want you to bring me a drum, a horn and a teddy bear. I want a lot of nuts and candy too and I'll be a good boy.
Goodbye,
BILLIE MORROW

Dear Santa Claus:

Please sir bring me a big Kewpie doll and anything else you can, and don't forget the fruit, nuts and candy.
Your little friend,
MARTHA MORROW

Snyder, Dec. 7, 1913

Dear Sannta Claus:
Please bring me one shetland pony and a little kit of carpenters tools and some fire crackers.
Yours truly,
WALTER A. BOYD

Snyder, Dec. 15, 1913

To Santa Claus:
Dear Santa Claus:
We are so glad that you will visit us. Please bring us a doll apiece, a go-cart apiece, rings, and locket and chain. Some nuts and candy and oranges.
Lovingly,
IRENE and IRIS NEWMAN

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 14, 1913

Dear Santa:
Please bring me another dolly. My other one died from a hole in her head.

I would lik: some good books and a stocking full of candy, nuts, apples and oranges.
BULA DAVIS.

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl five years old. Please bring me a doll that will go to sleep, a set of dishes, a little stove and doll dresser.
Will thank you very much.
VERA BLACKARD

Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little boy four years old. I want a little tricycle, a little set of tools, a boy doll, a little wagon and horses.
Will thank you very much.
Lloyd Blackard.

Snyder, Texas, Dec 14, 1913

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a pretty doll, a set of little dishes and lots of good things to eat.
RUTH DAVIS

Dear Santa:

Do please bring me an air gun, a top that sings, candy, nuts and fruit and any thing else you have to spare a boy.
FRANK DAVIS

Dear Santa:

I wish you would bring me a doll and doll buggy; also skirt and middy blouse pattern to fit the doll. I would like a large doll and lots of pretty clothes for her. Of course I'll be happy and satisfied with anything you are good enough to bring me.
ELLEN BUICE JOHNSON.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 12, 1913

Dear Santa:
Please bring me a little baby doll and a machine and a doll trunk and some fruit, nuts and candy.
Your little friend,
ROSA LEE WEBB

Hello Santa:

We have been good for one whole year. Please bring us a pocket knife and some fire crackers and a whole lots of good words from every body. And please dear santa don't forget a peck of candy. Now don't forget our number for it is only "CENTRAL."

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 10, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
Will you please bring me a long stick of candy and some nuts, any kind you wish, also an orange and an apple, and dear Santa please bring me a tricycle. I am five years old.
I am your little friend,
FRANKLIN MOTLEY, Jr

Snyder, Texas, Nov. 23, 1913

Santa Claus,
Iceland.

Dear Santa:
I want you to bring me a muff and fur. And I wish you would bring me two books, Bad Little Hannah and Teddy.

If you can, please bring me a little china closet. Please bring me some candy and fruit and a cocoaanut too. Santa, if you cannot bring these, bring me what you think best for me. I will close.
Your little friend,
DAVIDA CURRY

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 15, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a piano, a pretty doll, a story book, a box of handkerchiefs and roman candles, and bring my little sister Ruth a doll with yellow hair, a little doll's whole outfit
And Santa, I have three brothers. Bring them some fire crackers, but tell them not to throw their fire-crackers at me, and Santa bring mam-

ma and papa and grandpa something nice too.

Hoping that you will be on time and not forget anything, I will close
ANNIE and RUTH CLEMENTS

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 17, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
I want you to bring me a pocket knife, a necktie and some pretty toys with lots of candy, nuts, apples, etc and then I'll try to be a good boy.
Bring papa and mamma something nice.
Your little chum,
MARVIN LEMONS
Box 63, Route 1.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 17, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
I would like for you to bring me a doll, a doll buggy, a little set of dishes and lots of fruits and nuts and candies. I also want a pencil and a tablet.
Don't forget mamma and papa and all the other little girls and boys.
Your little friend,
FAYE LEMONS
Rt. 1, Box 63.

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 15, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
I will write you a letter to tell you what I want you to bring me. I want a big sleepy doll, some little dishes, little stove and plenty of candy, apples, nuts and oranges. I will be a good girl if you will bring these.
Your little friend,
GERTIE CORDILL

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me some toys and also a box of tools, some house blocks, roman candles, cannon, Santa Claus books, soldiers, Christmas tree, boat and roller skates.
NELSON EZELL

Dear Santa:

Please bring me a big doll, a doll buggy, a bed and a dresser. I want the dolls that run and wont break.
NANNIE SUE EZELL

Snyder, Texas, Dec. 16, 1913

Dear Santa Claus:
Please bring me a nice doll, a doll buggy, a little trunk and a dresser.
With best wishes to Santa Claus
Your little friend,
OUITA COLE.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a doll and a doll chair and one of those kitchen cabinets.
RUTH BELLE BOREN

Mr. Wilmeth on Shade Trees.

Editor Signal:
Can't you get our ladies to organize a town beautifying campaign. There is a season in the ground and shade trees properly planted and cultivated will live and grow. It is the best opportunity that has ever come to the town. I suggest that each street organize for that street. All persons living on the street meet at some central place and agree on the kind of trees and employ one man to plant and care for the trees for one year. In this connection I wish to call attention to the fact that there is not a shade tree in the town planted at the right place. The only ones that amount to anything are those on Second street west of the creek and they are so close to the walk that they crowd two people to walk on the walks and when they get large the roots will ruin the walk. There should be system about the planting. In the first place the street improving has cut too wide. The rule in city building, I am informed is one half for drive way and one fourth on each side for walk and park. It analyses thus—for 60 foot street, 30 feet for driveway, 5 feet for walk and 10 feet for park. Will not our club women assist or take the lead.
A. C. WILMETH.

NOTICE

I will crush Maize and Kaffir Corn at my wood and coal yard Tuesday, December 23rd only.

JIM DAWSON

MARRIED WEDNESDAY AT THE COURT HOUSE

County Judge C. R. Buchanan officiated at his office Wednesday afternoon at the marriage of Mr. J. F. Landess and Miss Margie Woodward. The groom is a prosperous young farmer north of town and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Woodward of Route 3.
The Signal extends congratulations.

We need your Furs and Hides. You need our prices. Phone 181.
C. NATION & SON

Bob Warren of Post City is Tuesday night in Snyder.

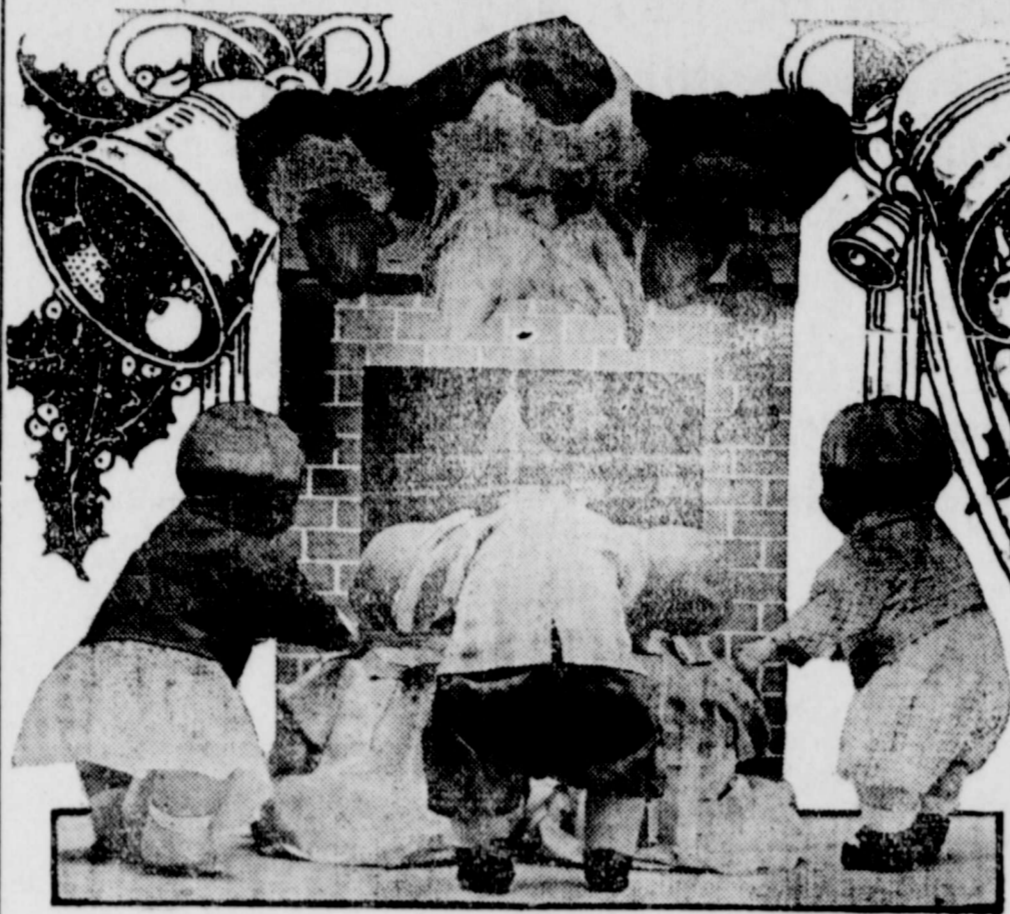
JUST FIVE MORE BUYING DAYS BEFORE CHRISTMAS.

WHERE the GOODS

Are Always
THE BEST!

AT THIS STORE your every want under the heading of Christmas Gift Goods can be filled. Never before have we brought on such extensive lines Acceptable remembrances here at any price you care to invest from 25c upward, that is if you do not delay your shopping until the last moment, for if you do lines will then be more or less broken, making choosing much more difficult.

There only remains five more days to do your shopping. The rush will be on in full blast.



WHERE the PRICES

Are Always
THE LOWEST

OUR CHRISTMAS DELIVERY has been carefully planned to properly care for all orders entrusted to us.

Make your gift selections early, and we'll make delivery at whatever time you may desire. See the many splendid Gift suggestions on display in our show windows.

Plain statement of facts are given—no exaggeration or twisting of the truth allowed here.

ORDER BY MAIL

We are receiving lots of mail orders and are filling them promptly. Send yours in now. We duplicate any prices made by mail order houses quality considered.

The Place to Solve Your Gift Problem. Give Jewelry Because of Its Lifetime Usefulness.

Can you think of anything more appropriate for useful giving than a piece of good Jewelry? Something which, through its continued usefulness and enduring satisfaction, makes a worth-while Christmas gift and a lasting remembrance? But it should be good jewelry, jewelry made on honor, jewelry possessed of individuality and attractiveness of design and of that trustworthy character of construction which befits it to lasting service, the kind of jewelry you always find at this store. Here you'll find great holiday stocks which offer hundreds of special gift suggestions, and all bear a price lowness which brings you most for the amount you are prepared to spend.

H. G. Towle, Jeweler and Optician

Mr. G. W. Harris, while on a recent trip north bought for Mrs. Harris some beautiful and rare imported flowers which are a delight to the eye. It is probable that if the stock of these floral gems could be preserved for the propagation of their kinds, it would add greatly to the entertainment of floral culture.

In Rings, we handle and sell nothing but Solid Gold.
Howard G. Towle.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Wright Moorar were here Saturday from their ranch.

Born, 4 miles northeast of Snyder December 11, to Mr. and Mrs. Ivey Wimberley, a boy.

The children are getting two weeks of holiday. This week they are enjoying the fact that the teachers have to knuckle down to business while they watch for Santa Claus. Next week they will be in the midst of the Christmas fun.

Our solid gold knives make useful and lasting Gifts. H. G. Towle.

Born, 6 miles south of Snyder, December 12 to Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Gullledge, twin girls.

Dressed turkeys at the Palace market. Please get your orders in early.

English suffragettes propose to cut out sleep as well as grub.

ELLIS COUNTY CITIZEN LIKES SCURRY COUNTY

Mr. J. P. Sims a prominent farmer and merchant in Ellis county arrived here Monday to look after his property interests in Scurry county and paid the Signal a pleasant visit. Mr. Sims owns a farm at Crowder and one near Ira and was here to see about them. He likes this country and says if he could dispose of his Ellis county holdings he would come here to live. He likes the climate, the land, the water and the people. He knows a good thing when he sees it and has had interests here long enough to know what he is talking about. We have lots of room here for such men as Ping Sims.

Correspondents Wanted
Several have responded to our request made last week for correspondents. We want a live, active, fair correspondent from every community in Scurry Co. Correspondents will please get their letters to the Signal office not later than Tuesday of each week and sign their real name as well as their pen name to each communication Stationery furnished for correspondence.

School Christmas Trees.
The schools all had Christmas exercises at the several rooms last Friday afternoon. There were Christmas trees loaded with presents for the children. Short programs were rendered at the Central and both the ward buildings.

Notice to the Public.
The Signal will gladly and freely publish any church announcements or preaching, and our only request is that the copy for such notices be turned in as early as possible, not later than Wednesday noon. We are always glad to do whatever we can to advance the interests of the churches and the public schools of the country. Notices of charitable entertainments where admission is charged will be printed in the Signal at one-half the regular advertising rates.

Lige Deavours was a pleasant caller at the Signal office this week.

E. A. Warren made a business trip to Dunn and Ira.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued by the Justice of the Peace, for precinct No. 1, of Scurry county, on the 3rd day of December, 1913, in a certain cause wherein F. J. Grayum is plaintiff, and Camp C. Cowling is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 27th day of Oct. 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff, F. J. Grayum, against said defendant, Camp C. Cowling, for the sum of Sixty seven and 50-100 Dollars with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, 1914, at the court house door in Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Camp C. Cowling in and to the following described Real Estate levied upon as the property of Camp C. Cowling, to-wit:

A part of lot No. one (1) in block No. 14 of the Scarborough addition to the town of Snyder, in Scurry County, Texas, it being a tract of land 100 feet wide north and south by 161 feet long east and west in the northwest corner of said lot.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for Sixty-seven and 50-100 Dollars, in favor of F. J. Grayum, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. B. BOLES,
Sheriff Scurry County, Texas
Snyder, Texas, Dec. 4th, 1913.

Uncle Kin Elkins is said to be nursing a political bee inside his bonnet. Infact the Clairement Reporter says his hat is already in the ring for sheriff and tax collector in Kent county. While Uncle Kin's Scurry County friends cant vote for him, we may make it a point to stay all night with him when in his community.

Dr. C. W. Merrill was here Monday from Ira.

H. G. Towle has a full line of Vest Chains of all kinds.

Bishop Temple Visits Snyder

The Rev. J. M. Temple, bishop of the diocese of West Texas was a distinguished visitor in Snyder last Sunday and preached at Grace Episcopal Church.

The Rector, Rev. Cecil Seamon was present also. It was a fine service.

A large congregation was present to hear the Bishop and was pleased and edified.

Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Gildart were confirmed in the faith of the Episcopal Communion.

You need our prices. Phone 181.
C. NATION & SON.

The government cotton report came in last Saturday showing a total up to that time 13,677,000 bales. Added to this were 602,000 bales of linters. Following this report cotton went up 10 points.

White Wyandotte and Plymouth Rock roosters 50c.
26-2tp J. H. Hamlett.

C. C. Huckabee of the R. S. & P. general office at Roscoe was here Sunday.

Ivory Combs, Brushes, etc engraved and inlaid free at H. G. Towle's.

Thos Trammel and son Hamilton, of Sweetwater, were here Sunday.

Born, recently near Ira, to Mr. and Mrs. Tubby Crunk, a boy.

RUD. H. STULKEN PASSES AWAY AT HERMLEIGH

Mr. Rud. H. Stulken, a prominent citizen and merchant of Hermleigh died last Friday morning at Post City where he had been taken for treatment.

He had been sick for several months. He had a long spell of typhoid fever during the summer and his later ailment was pronounced Pellagra.

He had been a resident of Hermleigh for several years and was engaged in the furniture business. He was a loyal and progressive citizen and a good business man.

The remains were taken to his old home in South Texas for burial. The Signal extends profound sympathy to the family and to the people of Hermleigh in the loss of this good man.

Notice "Single Wrapper" Subscribers

Signal subscribers are coming up nicely with their renewals. There are still a few in arrears to an extent to require discontinuing. The Signal has a great number of subscribers away from here whose time will expire Jan. 1, 1914. Many of these were sent by friends who may or may not wish to renew. We hope to retain all of these, but we ask to be notified of the wishes of those who are getting the paper, or those who are sending it. In some cases where the paper goes to a party in other states and counties, and it is found later that such parties have moved away, the loss falls on the publisher; therefore we have adopted a rule to discontinue those faraway subscriptions at expiration unless renewed or satisfactorily arranged for.

WE WISH A
Merry Christmas
TO ALL OUR CUSTOMERS!

Remember we are the boys who put the "Claus" in Santa Claus, and we are
Headquarters For All Sorts Of Christmas Fruits, Nuts and Candies

Come to see us before you buy your Christmas supplies, and don't forget that we can still sell you your groceries. All we ask is a chance.

Again we wish you a
Merry Christmas

Denson & Smith
On the Southeast Cor., Phone 34

Notice to the Public

I have put on a wagon, and can make quick repairs on work that the public may see fit to give me. I understand how to do first class plumbing and windmill work.
Satisfaction guaranteed.

Frank Darby



WHO Wants The Shetland Pony!

It is not too late for
you to get into the race.

The Contest Is Warming Up

Buy your goods from these enterprising merchants, and get the votes. Every vote is a CHRISTMAS GIFT for some anxious child.

These are the Dunlap Pony Stores: J. W. Templeton, Caton-Dodson Company, Snyder Drug Company, Blackard Bros. Hardware and Furniture Co., Higginbotham's Studio, Jim Dawson, Wood and Coal

This Pony is a Thoroughbred To Be
Given Away Monday, Feb. 16, 1914

GET BUSY.

For each \$1.00 purchase from the following named merchants you will be given one 10 cent ticket free, good for one motion picture show at the Snyder Opera House any night we have motion pictures. Remember to call for your tickets, come and see as fine a picture show as you will see anywhere.

Curry & Taylor, Groceries.
Rogers & Casstevens, Hdwe.
Owl Drug Store.
D. P. Strayhorn.
Warren Bros.
Snyder Drug Co.
Denson & Smith.
J. H. Sears & Co.
The Arcade. Stet.

Born, in Snyder last week to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Ferguson, a girl.

Better have Peebles to tune up your car at your private garage while the roads are bad, and be ready to use it when needed. It costs no more. Day phone 178. 26-2t

All the standard lines of Silverware at Towle's Jewelry Store, at prices that are right.

For Sale Cheap.

Section of patented land 7 miles from Snyder, farm, house, well and windmill. \$800 cash, balance good terms. Will take some trade. For rent to man who will furnish himself if not sold by January 1st. See me over State Bank. 26-2t H. M. BOYD.

It is said that every convict ever pardoned by Will Mayes while he was acting governor promised to never drink any more liquor.

Four new touring cars to close out at \$575.00 each. 25tf W. L. PETTY, Snyder, Texas

If the United States can hold the warring factions in Mexico within their own lines until they thrash each other to a frazzle, it will be better than to invade the country and have to fight a combination of those treacherous blood thirsty ruffians.

Inquire of J. V. White at the Maxwell hotel for cheap fruit trees. 1f

Mr. and Mrs. A. T. Bridgeman were shopping in town Saturday.

WEST TEXAS OFFERS

CURE FOR TENANTRY

Statisticians have figures on an alarmingly large percent of Texas people as tenants and they say that tenantry is increasing. There is absolutely no necessity for such increase. If people will have the courage to get away from the congested cities and the thickly settled counties they can buy homes in the west and soon pay for them with what they are now paying out for rent. The trouble is, they have heard the stories of the knocker on West Texas and they are afraid. They prefer to eke out a meagre existence where they are than to risk an independent effort in a new country. Of course there is an element of squatters who had rather be serfs, or peons, than to try to conduct a business of their own. That sort would do no good here or anywhere, but intelligent, industrious and self-respecting families could come to West Texas and buy land in any quantity desired and can soon have a home paid for.

There is no use to waste sympathy over tenantry, where people could better themselves, but will not. West Texas has homes for them on easy terms and good settlers are wanted here. We are not inviting riff-raff. We have as good society as can be found in the State and we hope to keep it so. We invite intelligent, moral, industrious enterprising people, whether they have money or not. We have fertile land, elegant, healthful climate and home seekers will find here a hospitable people.

Choice Farm for Rent
640 acres, 350 in cultivation, 4 houses, extra good place. See H. H. Cotten. 26-3t

When U. S. Admiral Fletcher told the warring armies to get up, or he would train his guns on them, they heard him.

Anything in the feed line, we have it. Phone 181.

C. NATION & SON.

Joe Golden split the mud from his home to town Wednesday.

See H. G. Towle for Libbey's Cut Glass, the World's Best.

Actors on Christmas

There's lots of work.
And there ain't no play.
So what's the use
Of a Christmas day?

THAT little verse, paraphrased from one familiar to soldiers, just about sums up the real Christmas sentiment existing among people connected with the theatrical business. No, that doesn't mean that the actor, the manager and the advance agent do not appreciate the giving and receiving of presents from their friends. But it does mean that people connected with the stage have come to look upon the Christmas time as a season of short pay and hard work.

It isn't generally known, but it is none the less true, that most actors have a clause in their contracts which calls for half pay the week before Christmas. This clause was inserted in the days when the week before Christmas really was a "tough" one in the theatrical business. But nowadays there are many productions which pack the theaters to the doors the week before Christmas as well as any other week in the year. Nevertheless some of the managers live up to that contract and deduct the half week's pay. That is one reason why actors aren't particularly merry at Christmas.

There are other managers who make a practice of laying off their companies the week before Christmas and some of them ten days or two weeks before. In that case there is no salary at all forthcoming. That, probably, is another reason why the average actor cannot understand why Christmas is an occasion to be unduly joyful.

It was only last year that some of the managers came to the conclusion that stage people, like other human beings, might like to spend some part of the Christmas holiday with their friends and relatives. Up to that year it had been the custom of all managers to give a special matinee on Christmas day. That meant, of course, that about all the actor had to do on this festive occasion was to rush to the theater almost as soon as he had acquired his regular amount of sleep, give an afternoon performance and then, if fortunate enough to have friends or relatives living in the city, to hurry through his Christmas dinner with them or leave before it was half over to go back to the theater to play the evening performance.

But a few of the managers changed that last year by omitting the Christmas matinee and giving it on the day following. There were other managers, however, who not only gave the Christmas matinee, but acted on the suggestion of their more charitable competitors and gave the matinee the day after too. However, this omission of the

ence. This comes from the fact that if the dog doesn't like a show he will start to howl, and he has to be removed from the theater before the performance can be continued.

Only a month before a well known concert singer was appearing at the theater. She had about finished one of her best selections when the dog poked his nose over the railing of an upper box and began to howl his disapproval. That led to the temporary banishment of the dog critic from the theater. But when the stock company came along the manager heard about the dog, and, willing to take a chance that the dog's judgment of his show would be favorable, he suggested that the dog be allowed to sit by a big well, which was a part of the scenic effect in one of the acts, just for the sake of realism.

Now, this same manager had concluded to give his company a dinner on the stage after the performance. In the course of the play the dog was brought out and tied to the well. Everything went all right until the dog sniffed the turkey and the other good things at the side of the stage, and without waiting for the finish of the act he made for the food, dragging the "heavy rock walled well" behind him.

This action on the part of the dog critic-actor disturbed things generally,



CHRISTMAS TREE FOR STAGE CHILDREN.

for the villain had just been arranging with one of his confederates to rid himself of the hero of the play by tossing him down the aforesaid well. The villain, after the laughter subsided, arranged his part of the plot by canceling the order to have the hero tossed down the well and instead to have him tied to a railroad track. However, the audience refused to take the play seriously after the well disappeared.

There is probably more real Christmas sentiment in plays that have to carry children as a part of the production than in any of the others. With these shows there is usually a Christmas tree between the matinee and the evening performance in which every one joins in and makes merry.

A hard lot is that of the actor who happens to be playing what is known as "the small time" around the holidays. "Small time" contracts call for three shows a day, and on Christmas day an extra one is usually added. A vaudeville actor on "big time" probably has more time to appreciate Christmas—if Christmas really can be appreciated away from home—than any other because he is usually in the theater but an hour in the afternoon and an hour in the evening, and the rest of the time is his own unless the house manager has promised to "ask" him to go over to some club and entertain the guests at their Christmas reception. Of course the actor doesn't have to do this, but if the manager is of any standing at all in the vaudeville world the actor usually finds it expedient to grant the request.

But the man probably who spends the loneliest Christmas of them all is the poor advance agent—recognized on the program as business manager, advance representative or manager in advance. Unless the advance agent is close enough to his home town to "jump" for Christmas he usually gets a genuine attack of the simon pure blues. True, the advance man who has been on the road for any length of time can usually be depended upon to meet people he knows, but they are people who live in the town, and he usually finds himself dining alone when the time comes for him to eat his "Christmas dinner."

A Real Santa Claus.

SANTA CLAUS, I hang for you.
By the mantle, stocking two.
One for me and one to go
To another boy I know.

There's a chimney in the town
You have never traveled down.
Should you chance to enter there
You would find a room all bare.
Not a stocking could you spy.
Matters not how you might try.
And the shoes you'd find are such
As no boy would care for much.
In a broken bed you'd see
Some one just about like me,
Dreaming of the pretty toys
Which you bring to other boys.
And to him a Christmas seems
Merry only in his dreams.
All he dreams, then, Santa Claus.
Stuff the stocking with, because
When it's filled up to the brim
I'll be Santa Claus to him!

—Frank Deapster Sherman

AUNT LOU'S FUNNY PRESENT

FREDDIE was very fond of Aunt Lou and had been saving up his pennies to buy her a Christmas present. He had five when he climbed into his mother's lap to consult as to how the money should be invested. After the conference it was agreed that Aunt Lou's present should be a rose.

The florist's was only five blocks down the street. In front of the little corner grocery store stood Bobbie, Freddie's chum, studying the wonderful things in the window.

"Hello!" said Freddie. "Have you got a copper?"

Bobbie displayed two, and Freddie asked what he was going to buy.

"Don't know. Come on; let's go in," said Bobbie.

On the counter was a box of white clay pipes with funny faces on them. Bobbie's bright eyes spied them at once. "How much is the bubble pipes?" he asked.

"Just a cent," said the man behind the counter.

Bobbie bought one, and Freddie lingered at the box. He asked, "How many would five coppers buy?"

"Six," Freddie bought six.

Freddie returned home, and mamma looked up from her sewing and asked, "Did you get it?"

"Six, mamma, six beautiful ones!" he cried excitedly.

"Why, Freddie, you couldn't get six for 5 cents," said his mother.

"Yes, I did," said the little boy. "Just look here!"

"Why, Freddie, they're pipes, and Aunt Lou doesn't want pipes. Where is the rose?"

Freddie stood before her, speechless. He had forgotten the rose—forgotten



"BUBBLE PIPES!" SHE CRIED.

all about Aunt Lou's Christmas present! He was a very little boy, but not too little to be ashamed.

"Did you spend all of your coppers?" mamma asked gently, and Freddie nodded his head and gulped.

"I don't think Aunt Lou will like pipes quite as well as a rose, do you?" mamma asked. "Never mind, dear; wrap up the pipes for her."

"But Aunt Lou doesn't want pipes," Freddie said chokily.

"Didn't you buy them for Aunt Lou, dear?" mamma asked.

"They are for me," said Freddie in a low voice.

"And what have you got for Aunt Lou, who always gives you such a nice Christmas present?"

Freddie crept very close and asked, "Will you please give me 5 cents?"

"That would be mamma's present, dear, and not yours. You saved the coppers for Aunt Lou, and if you have bought pipes with them you must give her the pipes."

Christmas day Freddie gave the pipes to Aunt Lou. His papa laughed. His mother smiled, and a merry twinkle appeared in Aunt Lou's eyes. She caught sight of a little red, mortified face with two blue eyes brimming with tears. That was too much for Aunt Lou. Not for worlds would she add to Freddie's distress.

"Bubble pipes!" she cried joyously. "Now, isn't that splendid? Why, bubble parties are all the rage now. I'll be able to give a party myself tomorrow afternoon, and you must all be sure to come."

A little smile was beginning to dimple around Freddie's lips, and he was blinking away the tears that had gathered. "One's broke," he said in a little waver voice.

"Is it? Why, yes! And right close to the bowl, isn't that fine? Why, lots of girls I know always curl their hair on pipestems and think they're far nicer than curling tongs."

After Freddie had gone to bed mamma told papa and Aunt Lou all the story about Aunt Lou's present.

"You're a darling, Lou," papa said as he kissed his sister. "I'm really ashamed of myself for laughing."

Aunt Lou smiled. "Will you come to my bubble party?" she asked.

"I'll do more than that," papa answered; "I'll buy the prize for it."

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Snyder National Bank.

OUR PRICES DROP!

This is the most unheard of event, but we are forced to do it. The continued warm weather has caused unusual conditions, and in order to dispose of the large stock of winter wearables, we have decided to make the most radical price reductions in this great

EMERGENCY SALE

Profits are sacrificed, values do not count and you are now offered your stock of Women's Newest Furs, Suits, Coats, Millinery, Skirts, Etc., at the most radical price reductions. Men's Suits, Overcoats, Furnishings and our entire stock of Men's, Women's and Children's Furnishings at emergency prices

Emergency Prices on Women's Suits

Two Extra Special Values

A large assortment of styles in new fall models. All wool fabrics in the most popular weaves and wide range of desirable colors. Not a suit in the lot worth less than \$15.00 and many that were \$16.50 to \$18.00.

On Sale at the Emergency Price \$10.85

Handsome collection of stylish models that were marked to sell at \$25.00 to \$30.00. Now in the

Emergency sale at \$16.50

Your choice of any Ladies' Suit for \$19.85

Emergency Prices on Furs.

Some extra special values are included in this selection of fur sets and single pieces. Every set will go at greatly reduced prices and

This Sale enables you to make a handsome Christmas gift at a very low cost to you.

A fine set of white Iceland fox worth \$20.00 now for

\$15.00.

A fine set white Iceland fox worth \$15.00, now for

\$11.75

A fine set Red fox worth easy \$25.00 you can get it now for

\$19.85.

A finer set red fox and longer marked to sell at \$35.00, now for

\$28.95

Many, Many, others too numerous to mention at \$8.50 to \$12.50 per set. don't fail to see them before you select your Christmas gift.



Entire Stock of Women's Coats at Emergency Prices

Coat values that reach the limit of price cutting are to be found in this big Sale.

Any 25.00 Coat for \$18.75

Any 20.00 Coat for \$14.85

Any 15.00 Coat for \$11.85

Any 12.50 Coat for - \$9.85

Ladies' Coats as low as \$3.75

Misses Coats reduced in proportion.

Childrens coats as low as 1,50

Space forbids any more prices here now, but come and see for yourself.

We wish you a Merry Christmas and a Happy Prosperous New Year.

THE HUNTER MERCANTILE COMPANY

CUPID'S CONQUESTS.

County Clerk Skinner did a rushing business in the marriage license line Wednesday as is shown in the records:

W. B. Arnold and Miss Eula-Thompson.

L. O. Smith and Miss Adelle Harless.

J. F. Landess and Miss Margie Woodard.

BOYS—IF YOU WANT YOUR SWEETHEARTS TO BE SWEETER give them a nice XMAS PACKAGE of NORRIS' EXQUISITE CANDY the best in SNYDER. Grayum Drug Co.

L. Crowder was here last night.

CITY COUNCIL MET

LAST MONDAY NIGHT

The City Council met in regular session Monday night. Present: Mayor Noble, Secretary Baker, Aldermen Maxwell, Bolin, Monroe, Curnutte and Fickas. City Marshal Wolfe.

The following accounts were allowed:

Rogers & Casstevens, \$4.15.

J. F. Ramsey, \$9.25.

J. W. Green, \$77.25.

An ordinance was passed to prohibit the shooting of fire works with in the fire limits. The ordinance appears in another column of this paper.

Tilmon P. Perkins, Esq. is visiting at Palo Pinto.

MUST HAVE THE SIGNAL

SAYS MR. SIDONS

Our old time Hermleigh friend R. F. Siddons, who is now cashier of the Farmers' State Bank at Brandon sends the Signal a check to move his date up a year in advance and says: "Be sure to send the Signal this week and hence forward."

For Eye-Glasses and Spectacles. See H. G. Towle. Eyes tested free.

Supt. Johnson of the Sweetwater Schools was a visitor at the Teachers' Institute Wednesday.

Don't forget to renew for the Signal.

GRANDEST AND BEST PAPER

Here is the kind of expression that makes a newspaper man feel like life is worth living. Mr. August Stahl is one of Scurry County's most solid citizens and in sending renewal for the Signal he says: "I am sending you a check. Hope it will find everything alright and put me in good standing with the grandest and best paper in Scurry county."

Brother Stahl gets credit a year in advance and holds a warm corner in the Signal's affections.

The name NORRIS on a package of Candy means the BEST.

GRAYUM DRUG CO

The Signal acknowledges receipt of a postal card from the Snyder National Bank, presenting us with a handsome new calendar for the year 1914. This little token of friendship is accepted with thanks and we wish for that institution many happy new years.

Hawkes' Cut and Engraved Glass at H. G. Towle.

Miss Ocie Breeden of Hermleigh is the guest of Mrs. F. E. Jolly and attending the Teachers' Institute.

Pete Brady, president of the First State Bank and Trust Company has returned from a visit over in Stone-wall county.

AT THE PICTURE SHOW

Manager Grantham is enjoying a nice patronage at the Opera House picture show and is giving the people a program of high class pictures every night. Snyder should support one picture show well and no doubt will do it. The enterprise deserves a liberal patronage.

Don't pay \$1.00 for a Box of Stock Powders when you can buy Senaca for 75 cents. As large packages get a 40c buggy whip free. Did you get yours.

C. NATION & SON.

Phone 181

Mrs. Roland Wood has our thanks for cash on subscription.

WARNING!

HOLIDAY GOODS--Assortment Now Complete

THE ARCADE.

COME EARLY

"SANTA FE"

Are You Going to Spend Christmas With the Old Folks At Home!

To All Points in Texas:

ON SALE DECEMBER 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 31, and Jan. 1st, Limited January 6th for return

FARE AND ONE-THIRD

To Points in Other States:

ON SALE DECEMBER 20, 21, and 22, limited until January 18th for return, at reduced rates.

Call For Further Information.

Change in Teaching Force

Miss Daisy Brady who has had charge of the primary department of the Central school for more than ten years has tendered her resignation. The board accepted it and elected Miss Nannie Ball to take charge of the work. Miss Brady held the highest confidence of her patrons and pupils and all regret to give her up. Miss Ball had charge of the 6th grade where she has shown her ability to do her work well. She has had training in North Texas Normal College and Eastern Schools in primary work and has been very successful as a teacher in the primary department. It is to be hoped that the patrons will co-operate with her and help her succeed. Mrs. Clyde Miller a graduate of Snyder High School, 1913, takes the 6th grade work. Mrs. Miller is amply fitted both by nature and training for the work and we predict for her greatest success.

Dr. A. R. Ponton of Post City spent Thursday night in this city.

Miss Ina Oxford who has been teaching music here since September doesn't expect to return to Snyder after the holidays. She and her father have been advised that this climate is not good for her and she will go to Corpus Christi for the winter.

Mrs. H. C. Adams and Mrs. M. E. Knowls of Dermott were guests at the Manhattan last night.

N. T. Ford who has been living near Hermleigh the past year has moved back on Route 3 and called in Wednesday and renewed for the Signal.

BIDS WANTED

The Snyder School Board will receive bids on the entire windmill out fit at the West Ward School building. Bids should be submitted prior to Jan. 1, 1914 and left with R. M. Stokes.

E. B. BARNES, Sec'y. School Board.

Mrs. Walter Wasson has returned from a visit with relatives at Uvalde and San Antonio. She was accompanied by her niece Tennie Patterson, who will make a short visit here and then spend the winter with her aunt at Odessa.

Public Weigher Hooper of Hermleigh spent one day in the county-seat this week.

Our good friend O. L. Jones has thanks of the Signal for cash on subscription.

Fine Horse For Sale
Fine Percheron Stallion, 6 years old, dapple gray, weight about 1500 pounds. One of the best horses in this country. Shipped from Kansas at two years old. Will sell this horse for about one third of first cost and guarantee him to be alright in every way. Will sell him for \$600.00 and give time for good note.

C. B. HALEY, Midland, Texas

B. L. Baze, of Snyder, Texas is visiting at the home of his sister, Mrs. J. L. Suits, this week. Mr. Baze says he is well pleased with our town and will probably locate here.—Roaring Springs Echo.

Prof. Lee Clark, connected with the Department of Education at Austin was a distinguished visitor in Snyder Thursday. He is a son of one of the founders of Add-Ran College. He is a worthy son of an honorable ancestry.

To the Stockholders of the First National Bank.

You are hereby notified that the regular annual meeting of the Stockholders of the First National Bank of Snyder, will be held at their banking house on Tuesday, Jan. 13, 1914 at ten o'clock a. m. This meeting is for the purpose of electing a Board of Directors for the ensuing year and such other business as shall be brought before said meeting.

ROBT. H. CURNUTTE, Cashier

Vitralite

THE LONG-LIFE WHITE ENAMEL



THE smooth, porcelain-like, white surface of Vitralite, The Long-Life White Enamel is a delight to the eye. It is never marred, chipped off, cracked or turned yellow. You, yourself, can easily and economically make old woodwork and furniture new, with Vitralite. Try it.

Wilkirson Lumber Company



MR. J. C. MAXWELL, the government cotton census agent for Scurry County has this week handed the Signal the report of cotton ginned up to December 1, which shows:

United State—	
1912	11,854,541
1913	12,081,100
Scurry County—	
1912	7,677
1913	9,297

The government report that came out on December 13 showed 13,677,000 bales ginned.

On the same day there was an advance of \$2.00 a bale reported on the New Orleans market.

Listen Here Ladies.

Just arrived at A. D. Dodson's and full line of Franco-American Hygienic toilet goods, the purest toilet goods on earth. Call and see them.

MRS. W. A. WATKINS, Representative.

Dr. A. O. Scarborough has moved his office from the hotel building to rooms over the Grayum Drug store.

Pigs for Sale.
25tf COM EZELL

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain execution, issued by the Clerk of the District Court of Scurry county, on the 25th day of November, A. D. 1913, in a certain cause, wherein W. W. Smith is plaintiff and W. L. Gross and W. S. Boling are defendants, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 19th day of September, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff, W. W. Smith, against said defendant W. L. Gross for the sum of fourteen hundred ninety seven and 45-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I did on November 26th, 1913, levy upon and will on the first Tuesday in January, 1914, it being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door in the town of Snyder, Scurry County, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of W. L. Gross in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of the defendant, W. L. Gross, and situated in the County of Scurry and State of Texas, to-wit:

All of the south half of section No. 200, in Block No. 97, H. & T. C. Ry. Co. survey, in Scurry county, Texas, Abstract No. 1815; Also Lot Nos. 1 and 6, block 63, Wilson sub. div. of Scarborough Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 4, 5, and 6, block 30, Wilmeth Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 1 and 6, block 7, Westside heights Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 28, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 29, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 44, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, and 6, block 45, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 10, 13 and 14, block 4, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 5, 6, 7, 8, 11, 14, 15, 16, blk 5 Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots 6, 7, 10 and 16, block 6, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots Nos. 4, 7 and 11, block No. 7 Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots Nos. 6, 11 and 12, block 8, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Lots Nos. 2 and 11, block No. 9, Colonial Hill Add. to town of Snyder, Texas.

Also the following sixteen full blocks, to-wit:

All of Blocks Nos. 13, 14, 15, 17, 24, 25, 32, 33, 40, 41, 42, 43, 46, 47, 48 and 49, in the Colonial Hill addition to the town of Snyder, Texas, all of said property is more fully described in the maps of said additions of record in the deed records of Scurry county, Texas.

The above sale to be made by me, to satisfy the above described judgment for (\$1497.45) Fourteen hundred ninety seven and 45-100 Dollars, in favor of W. W. Smith, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof, less a credit of \$400, heretofore collected under order of sale.

J. B. BOLES, Sheriff, Scurry County, Texas. Snyder, Texas, November 26th, 1913. 25-1t.

THOUGH the children call me Santa And I'm growing rather old, I am not too old for kisses, And my heart is never cold. I've long known about the meaning Of the sprig of mistletoe When a maiden's found beneath it With her lips all puckered—so. I have found the dainty maiden Just as sweet as maid can be, And as I collect the tribute You may watch and envy me.

ORIGIN OF CHRISTMAS CARDS.

First One Was Designed Nearly Seventy Years Ago.

The Christmas card as we know it has an origin easily traceable, and it is now not quite seventy years ago since the first was designed.

The artist who claimed to be its originator and who was at any rate the first to see its possibilities was W. C. T. Dobson, R. A., an Englishman who when quite a young man in 1844 was prompted at Christmas to make a little sketch symbolic of the season's joys and festivities and to send it to a friend. It seemed to give great pleasure, and the next year Mr. Dobson determined to follow up the idea on a larger scale and by having his card lithographed was enabled to send copies to twenty-five or thirty friends. The delight with which they were received was so great that Mr. Dobson was quick to perceive that he had found out a new pleasure for Christmas.

The Holy Hay.

There is a popular legend which tells how the very hay in which the Holy Babe was laid put forth living blossoms at midwinter at the touch of the Babe's body.

SNAPPING THE CRANBERRY.

Dinner Game Suggested, but Not Recommended.

This is a game to be played at the Christmas table. When the cranberry sauce is brought on each guest must place a cranberry on the end of a knife, holding the knife in the left hand with the right hand close behind the cranberry. At the word "snap," given by the hostess, the cranberry should be snapped with the first finger of the right hand at the target. The game shall be continued until each player has shot away all of his cranberries. The score is counted thus: Hitting the hostess with a cranberry counts one. Hitting grandpa counts two; grandma, three; Uncle Will, four; Uncle Tom, five, and so on, depending on whom the guests and those around the table are.

A cranberry that goes on the floor is out of play, but one that falls in any person's lap or sticks in the hair or on a coat or dress can be picked up and played again. Anybody that hits anybody else squarely on the nose counts fifty to the lucky player's score. This is a highly diverting game and one that all will enjoy, especially the hostess.—New York World.

Saddening.

"What makes little Tommy so sad on this happy Christmas day?" asked Fosdick.

"His presents are all unbreakable," replied Keedick.—Town Topics.

A Fin de Siecle Catastrophe.

'Twas the night preceding Christmas, And Santa far away, He lacked enough of gasoline To run his deerless sleigh.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain execution issued by the Justice of the Peace for precinct No. 1, Scurry county, on the 2nd day of December, 1913, in a certain cause, wherein H. P. Wellborn, is plaintiff, and E. L. Moore is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 27th day of October, 1913, in favor of the said plaintiff, H. P. Wellborn against said defendant E. L. Moore, for the sum of one hundred and thirty three Dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will on the first Tuesday in January, 1914, it being the 6th day of said month, at the court house door in Snyder, Texas, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of E. L. Moore, in and to the following described real estate, levied upon as the property of E. L. Moore, to-wit:

All of the north one-half of section No. 120, Block No. 3, of the H. & G. N. Ry. Co. survey, abstract No. 1658; also all of the Southwest, one-fourth of section 120 block no. 3, H. & G. N. Ry Co. survey, abstract, No. 2560.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for One hundred and thirty three Dollars in favor of H. P. Wellborn, together with the cost of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

J. B. BOLES, Sheriff Scurry County, Texas Snyder, Texas, Dec. 4th, 1913.

Neal Farr and wife, J. R. Coker, Burtis Appleton, John Bowen and W. O. Moore were here Monday from Hermleigh, transacting business.

Card of Thanks

We desire to thank all those of the different churches who have helped us so liberally in our bazaar enterprise. We want you to know that we appreciate your kindness and it will be a pleasure to be of service to you at any time that opportunity may offer.

LADIES AID OF THE FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

The Christmas show windows are fairly gleaming with Yuletide decorations and it is worth your while to come down town and look through the magnificent stocks of goods on display.



Your Way for Blacksmithing and all kinds of repair work, located back of Grayum Drug Company.
W. HEDGES
Snyder, Texas

LANDS AND INSURANCE THAT'S MY BUSINESS

I have a large list of choice property for sale or trade, also write Insurance and do Notary work. See me.

Jess Wilson
Office N. Side Square
Snyder, Texas

For making quickly and perfectly, delicious hot biscuits, hot breads, cake and pastry there is no substitute for

Dr. PRICE'S

CREAM


BAKING POWDER

MADE FROM GRAPES
Sixty Years the Standard

BE

A Christmas Present!

GO YOURSELF!



Excursion Rates For The Christmas Holidays

See T. & P. Ry. Agents for particulars

A. D. BELL Asst. General Passenger Agent
GEO. D. HUNTER General Passenger Agent
DALLAS, TEXAS.

WIFE OF RELATIVE DIES IN GEORGIA

Liv Davis of the firm of Kincannon & Davis received a message last Saturday informing him of the death of the wife of his cousin, Mr. S. J. Carter at Parrot, Georgia, which occurred at their home last Friday.

Telephone Manager W. P. Duckett went to Fluvanna Tuesday.

The Sanitary BARBER SHOP

Lockhart & King, Props.
HOT AND COLD BATHS IN CONNECTION
North Side Square Next door to Rogers & Casteven's



Getting over the old stile

Clear skies, green fields, full barns for the farmer who realizes that the old order of things has passed. To be modern is to have a Bell telephone. To have a telephone is to live.

Apply to our nearest Manager or write
THE SOUTHWESTERN TELEGRAPH & TELEPHONE CO.
DALLAS, TEXAS



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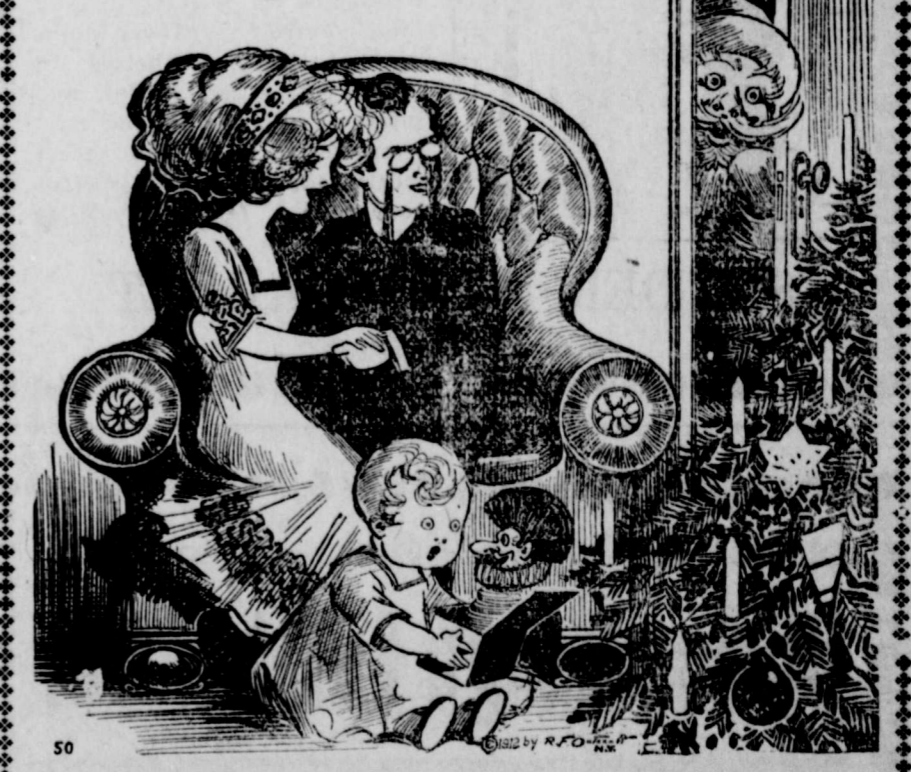
Southwest Corner Square. You will find Sheet Music, Instruction Books, Musical Instruments, Fine strings and supplies of all kinds Piano Tuning and Organ Repairing a Specialty.

J. D. BOYD

YOUR LAND TITLES.

THE SCURRY COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY.
Will be glad to abstract your land titles and assist in perfecting same. The time to do this is NOW, while the necessary papers may be secured. Charges as low as are consistent with first class work. See us in the Court House Basement.

Ask Santa to bring FURNITURE.



Mrs. Money-Wise:—

There is no need for doing without furniture you need when Christmas comes once a year. At that season "Hubby" will "loosen up" and give you anything you ask for. Of course a wise woman will ask for things for the home. Send your husband to select your present from our big, new, stock of the latest and best furniture, and you too come and buy that easy couch for his present.

Blackard Bros. Hwde. Co.
Southwest Corner Square.

Christmas Cards, Tags, Booklets, Etc.

Select assortment—Price range 5c to 25c.

Woolard Gift Books

Compilations of the best in Poems and Prose. Ideal Gifts at 50c each.

Select Stationery, High Class Fountain Pens

Appropriate Gifts at Moderate prices.

High Grade Line of Cutlery

Prices reasonable; quality the Best.

Your drug wants here, as usual, will receive our particular attention during the holidays.

FREE DELIVERY PHONE 221

OWL DRUG STORE

F. V. CLARK, Druggist

At the center of the block—north side.

THE BEAUTIFUL SANTA MYTH.

Don't Undecide the Little Ones About St. Nick.

If your daughter is just six or seven years old and you are beginning to feel your conscience pinch you at deceiving her any longer with the beautiful myth of Santa Claus, just silence that conscience and wait until she finds out the truth for herself.

If your daughter has any illusions left in this day of disillusion, let her keep them. She will feel more resentment toward you for shattering them than she will for deceiving her. You do not think it necessary to tell your grownup girl all the things you have discovered about love and matrimony and thereby terminate her dreams that those myths are all they seem to be, do you?

After all, the sweetest part of a girl's life from babyhood up is the dream part. Some day she will find out that there is no Santa Claus, and then she will find out that there are no fairies, and then she will find out that romance doesn't last, and then that matrimony has its thorns, and then that women grow old, but why open her eyes to these things?

Let a child believe in Santa Claus just as long as he or she will and pluck the delicious fruit from the mythical Christmas tree to her heart's content. It is bad enough to discover the sawdust in the doll of life when it begins to fall out without being told about it when you thought it was really flesh and blood.

If any mother's conscience is troubling her about the Christmas fib telling just now, let her sit down and try to remember that awful day when she first discovered that there was no Santa Claus, and that conscience will shut up tight and never open its mouth again.

The Glastonbury Thorn.

A famous old English tree was the Glastonbury thorn. According to the old monkish legend, St. Joseph, while resting, fixed his staff in the earth, where it immediately took root and ever after blossomed forth on Christmas day. Curiously enough, when the change of style took place no blossom was seen on the tree until old Christmas day came round. The probable truth is the tree was one brought from Palestine by some of the pilgrims, there being a species of thorn, a native of that country, which blooms at Christmas.

Devonshire's Yule Log.

In Devonshire the Yule log was represented by the "Ashton fagot," which was brought in and burned with great glee. The fagot was composed entirely of ash timber, hooped round with nine bands, and while it burnt merrily on the spacious hearth sports and fun were the order of the night. For every crack which the bursting of the hoops made the master of the house was expected to furnish a fresh bowl of liquor.

Dr. I. E. Smith, Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat Specialist of Big Springs will be in Snyder, Monday and Tuesday, December 22 and 23. Office at the Manhattan Hotel. 25-26

A Mistletoe Doubt

By W. B. HOLLAND

SWEET Bessie was there 'neath the mistletoe, An alluring picture in pink and white. Her eyes were inviting, her cheeks aglow, Her lips were puckered and arranged just right.



She knew, of course, when I found her there That she was caught in the kissing trap. I got the kiss—she played the game fair— But I think she expected the other chap.

The Lord of Misrule.

The "Lord of Misrule," who sometimes rejoiced in the whimsical title of the "Abbot of Unreason," was a very important functionary of the Christmas ceremonies in the olden time. His office was that of master of the revels, and in castle and hall, from Christmas eve down to Twelfth day, he was absolute master of all. On taking up the duties of his office he generally made some quaint speech, explaining to the company that he absolved them of all their reason and that they were to be just wise enough to make fools of themselves. Under his rule all were to be equal. No one was to sit apart in pride of self sufficiency to laugh at others. Moreover, being possessed of the magic power to turn his auditory into children, it was his intention while his sovereignty lasted that they should conduct themselves as such.

Don't pay \$1.00 for a Box of Stock Powders when you can buy Seneca for 75 cents. As large packages and get a 40c buggy whip free. C. NATION & SON Phone 181

When You Think of something to eat remember US.

Close Prices Prompt Service The Best Groceries
And the same courteous treatment to everybody.
NO BETTER FLOUR THAN BOUQUET. TRY A SACK.

CURRY & TAYLOR

"THE HOME OF BOQUET"

Car of Red Rust Proof seed oats. Phone us. Price according to amount wanted.

C. NATION & SON

W. C. Fullilove and family have gone for a holiday visit with the homefolks at Shreveport, La.

Genuine Ideal Waterman's Fountain pens, the old reliable. H. G. Towle.

George W. Harris made a business trip to Lubbock this week.

Car of Red Rust Proof seed oats. Phone us. Price according to amount wanted.

C. NATION & SON

Postmaster E. A. Boles was here Saturday from Fluvanna

When in Snyder, be sure and go up stairs on north side of square to H. V. Williams' Studio And have your picture taken there.

He'll always treat you very nice, And give satisfaction too, If you're not pleased he'll take them twice Your likeness will be really true. 27-1t

E. H. Higginbotham continues to make his weekly visit to Post City on photograph business.

extend V. L. Notes, H. H. Cotton. Can make loans on city property or 21-1f.

WANTED—To rent a good 5 or 6 room house, with water and convenient location. Apply at Signal office. Get in touch with the biggest Fur, Hide and Produce House in West Texas. Phone 181.

C. NATION & SON.

Dr. E. Brock was here Tuesday from Hermleigh.

Silver plated and German Silver Dresser Sets, H. G. Towle's Jewelry Store.

COX & SON

GROCERIES and Tailor Work

Your Business will be appreciated.

See Towle's half page Christmas ad this week on page 6

Corn and Oats; Corn and Oats; Phone 181.

C. NATION & SON.

Jess Wilson, one of hustling land men made a business trip to Fluvanna a few days ago.

Xmas gifts of all kinds at Towle's Jewelry store.

WANTED—You to bring us your subscription to the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News \$1.00 per year.

OWL DRUG STORE

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C. NATION & SON.

J. T. Wooldridge, the oil magnate of Lubbock, left his autograph on the Manhattan register Tuesday.

Solid Silver, comb, brush and mirror sets at H. G. Towle's.

Dero Leverett was here Monday from Hermleigh.

Genuine Leather Music Rolls at Towle's Jewelry Store.

WALL PAPER

WINDOW GLASS

Presents Here!

DOLLS, JEWELRY, KING'S CANDIES, CHINAWARE, MANICURE SETS, FIREWORKS and many other appropriate, useful and helpful gifts. See our line and get our prices before you buy.

Warren Brothers DRUGS.

SPECTACLES

JEWELRY

Christmas Gifts!

MORRIS For Father, Mother, Brother, Sister, Husband, Wife, Baby, Sweetheart, Friend, **EXQUISITE CANDIES**



In fact for any one whom you want to make a Christmas Gift. We will help you solve this great problem if you will let us. See our nice and well selected stock before you make your purchases.

Our line consists of CUT GLASS, "1847" ROGERS SILVERWARE, the Old Reliable Silverware, JEWELRY, such as SOLID GOLD PLAIN AND SET RINGS, DIAMOND LA VALIERES, GOLD BROOCHES, GOLD CUFF BUTTONS and many other things in Jewelry. XMAS SOUVENIRS in LEATHER GOODS, such as COMB AND BRUSH SETS, TRAVELLING CASES, MANICURE SETS, TOURIST ROLLS, MILITARY SETS, WRITING PADS and many other things in this line. We have also the "Universal Fountain Pen" which is the CONKLIN SELF FILING, GUARANTEED. Something that makes a Valuable Xmas Gift and a gift that will be appreciated. Also a full line of SHUMATE RAZORS, GUARANTEED FOR LIFE and Our Electric Irons, THE AMERICAN BEAUTY and HOT POINT BRANDS. These make nice and useful gifts and are absolutely guaranteed. XMAS BOOKS and XMAS CARDS of all kinds. Electric Flash Lights for the Boys. FINE MEERCHAUM and FRENCH BRIAR PIPES. Morris' Exquisite Candies, NONE BETTER. In all size packages for XMAS GIFTS. XMAS PACKAGES in FINE PERFUME. And many other things that make suitable XMAS PRESENTS.

FIRE WORKS!

FIRE WORKS!

The largest and best stock in town. Boys be sure to see our line, we have just what you want. SEE UR SHOW WINDOWS

Grayum Drug Company
The Rexall Store



Practical Gifts Are Sure To Please!

With each year there is an increase in the demand for sensible gifts---goods that combine real usefulness with good judgment and good will.

We have scores of good practical gifts. Staple goods at staple prices.

Toilet articles, leather goods, perfumes, stationery, shaving supplies, silverware, smoker's supplies, etc.

Bring your list and you will be able to select something for everyone on it.

The Snyder Drug Co.

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NOTICE TO PUBLIC.

Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing, or reputation of any person, firm or corporation, which may appear in the columns of the Signal will be gladly corrected and called to the attention of the editor.

It is all off with the war officer on either side in Mexico when the enemy gets him.

The Claremont Reporter says that Judge A. J. Hagins is to be a candidate to succeed himself as representative of the 105th District. He has not said as much to us, but when a man gets started in politics he finds it hard to quit. The probabilities are that Scurry County will furnish a man to make the campaign interesting.

Senator Elihu Root, made the leading speech against the pending currency bill and immediately Senator Gallinger suggested him as the logical candidate for Republican nomination for president. Root is one of the oldest men of his party, but as matters now stand, the country may decide to retain Woodrow Wilson.

The Mexican rebels have withdrawn the siege of Tampico and the federals remain in possession of the town with Admiral Fletcher still in showing distance. It is significant that both sides of the Mexico wrangle are disposed to respect American guns.

The Fort Worth Star-Telegram came its annual big de-
towing the build-
towns
seen

on a large scale. Her greatest features are in factory building and the wonderful progress in road building.

Gov. Colquitt's proposed special session bills sound all right, but legislators will be slow to promise him to do just as he may dictate. The average legislator thinks he is a statesman and stands on his independence. It takes a lobby agent to work the a. l.

TEXAS CONGRESSMEN OPPOSE PENSION INCREASE

Congressmen Oscar Caloway and Martin Dies are two Texas democrats that have become tired of seeing the federal treasury looted year in and year out by pension grafters who persist in building the pension budget bigger and bigger.

There is no Southern citizen who objects to paying pensions to Union soldiers and their widows, but the war has been over so long that most of those Union savers are long since dead, and it is unfair to try to provide for their posterity forever.

The truth is that the rightful beneficiaries never did cut so much figure anyway. The bulk of the pension money has gone to agents, attorneys, officers and men who probably never fired a gun in defense of the Union. We honor our Texas Congressmen for their fight against increasing the burden. Of course they lost out, but they did what they could.

W. S. Payne, Esq. made a business trip to Colorado.

PRESBYTERIANLY SPEAKING

Brother Howard is giving his audiences some close pointed sermons on Christian life and work.

No one is getting angry with him but his audiences are growing gradually better from Sabbath to Sabbath.

Interesting services are anticipated for next Sabbath at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

The public is cordially invited.

If your car breaks down on the road get Peebles to pull you in and fix it up. Day 'phone 178. Charges RIGHT.



I'm specting such a lot of stuff,
My stocking won't be big enough,
And so before I go to bed
I'll just hang mamma's up instead.

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PYRON PICK-UPS

We are still having lots of rain. Mr. and Mrs. J. Y. Bowen spent several days of last week in Snyder visiting their daughter, Mrs. Will Thompson.

Mr. Roy Patterson spent the first of the week in Abilene. Clarence and Claude Lynn who are attending school in Snyder returned home Friday to spend the holidays with home folks.

Miss Della Patterson came in Monday morning from Oklahoma where she had been visiting her aunt.

Prof. Powell, our school teacher is in Snyder this week attending the institute.

Mrs. Dr. Glass and children came in Monday morning from north Texas, where they have lived for the past fifteen months. The doctor is on his way with their car as they are moving back to Pyron. We welcome them back.

We are glad so many are taking interest in our Literary Society as it is improving all the time.

We are going to have a Christmas tree Christmas eve night, December 24th.

The young folks enjoyed a party at I. D. Light's Saturday night and a singing at Mr. Hess' Sunday night. MARIE

Married at Post City
On Wednesday, December 10, Mr. H. M. Black and Miss Irene Pogue were married at Post City, Rev. J. D. Lampkin officiating.—Post City Post.

Mr. Black is a prosperous farmer near Snyder and the bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Pogue of Snyder. They kinder slipped up on their Snyder friends and went to Post to be married.

To Wish You Well

We publish this, our "Yule Tide" greetings to you.

We feel that this is a time when we should all pause in the hurry and strain of active life and think for a moment of the human side of business.

And so we publish this for the very human reason that we want to say a friendly "hello" to you and with heart-deep sincerity extend the happiest greetings of the season and wish you the pleasantest of good things for Christmas.

We believe in making friends as well as customers in business, and we try to make our store service exhibit that spirit distinctly by being just as helpful and pleasant as we can make it.

So here's a hand-clasp across the newspaper to nose we can't reach in person.

Merry Christmas to you and may you win more good things, prosperity and happiness in 1914 than you had before.

D. DODSON,
Snyder, Texas

Waiting For Santa Claus



CHRISTMAS IN GERMANY.

A Day of Cheeriness and Happiness Throughout the Fatherland.

The German Christmas has local differences in various provinces. The Christmas tree is universal, for this is its home. At many places the whole family go to early service, at 5 or 6 o'clock, as the custom may be, and in some parts of the country every one carries a lighted candle. These candles, placed on the backs of the pews, sometimes make the only light in the church. At some places when the clock strikes 12 on Christmas eve the bells ring and every house and church is quickly lighted up.

Christmas is a day of cheeriness and happiness throughout Germany. The presents are usually simple. Men and angels and many kinds of creatures are fashioned in gingerbread. It is twisted into many grotesque shapes, and sometimes it is gilded. Hans Christian Andersen's story of the "Honeybread Soldier" will be better understood by any one who has spent a Christmas in Germany.

In Hanover, just when the candles on the Christmas tree are dying out, there will be a mysterious rap on the door and a bundle will be thrown into the room. It contains a little present for every member of the family and comic verses for some of them.

In Oberammergau there is a more distinctly religious tone given to the whole holiday. The Christ Child is the guardian angel of the time. It is he, they say, who brings the Christmas tree. He comes down from heaven on Christmas eve, holding it in his hands. Two angels bearing presents fly before him and two behind. He puts the tree on the table, rings a bell and flies away. He brings a blessing to the children that have been obedient.

To the children of Oberammergau St. Nicholas is an angel in disguise. He goes about from house to house in ragged clothes and with a bag on his back. He gives a loud knock at the door and asks, "Are the children good?" If the answer is "Yes" he leaves fruits and candles. If the answer is "No" he leaves a stick.

A CHRISTMAS LETTER.

DEAREST PHYLLIS, pray remember when you're making up the list of your presents for December (unless I am to be missed)

That I've slippers, picture brackets, smoking sets of various types, Half a dozen smoking jackets, thirty-seven meerschaum pipes, Twenty patent "kid glove menders," collar boxes by the score, Of embroidered silk suspenders, forty-seven pairs or more;

That each year since I was twenty I've received a paperweight, Have pen wipers, inkstands plenty, paper cutters—twenty-eight; That I've Browning and Longfellow by the hundred—every kind—Shakespeare—black and blue and yellow; Milton till I'm nearly blind.

So there's just one present only that I'm wanting in this year Of my bachelorship so lonely—that's yourself, my Phyllis, dear. —James Courtney Challias.

Attractive Bed Sets.

Bed sets, consisting of spread, pillow covers and valance, are always a welcome addition to the nappy closet, and what color to select need not worry the donor, as the smart thing in these outfits is white scrim trimmed with eyelet embroidery or fillet insertion, edging and motif. Blankets may seem a homely gift to send at Christmas time, but any housekeeper will be glad to have one in thick, soft Australian wool, in pale blue, rose or mauve, and bound with satin ribbon.

One of the nicest things to send to a housekeeping friend is a set of towels. It is a happy idea to furnish a dozen of extra large sized and heavy Turkish bath towels, hemmed in the color of her room and marked with her individual initials.

A Feel In the Christmas Air

By JAMES WHITCOMB RILEY

THEY'S a kind o' feel in the air to me
When the Chris'mas times sets in
That's about as much of a mystery
As ever I've run ag'in.
Fer instance, now, whilse I gain in weight
And giner'al health, I swear
They's a goneness somers I can't quite state—
A kind o' feel in the air.

They's a feel in the Chris'mas air goes right
To the spot where a man lives at!
It gives a feller a appetite—
They ain't no doubt about that!
And yit they's somepin—I don't know what—
That follers me here and there
And ha'n'ts and worries and spares me not—
A kind o' feel in the air.

They's a feel, as I say, in the air that's jest
As blamed-on sad as sweet.
In the same ra-sho as I feel the best
And am the spryest on my feet
They's allus a kind o' sort of a ache
That I can't locate nowhere,
But it comes with Chris'mas, and no mistake—
A kind o' feel in the air.

Is it the racket the children raise?
Why, no!—God bless 'em, no!
Is it the eyes and the cheeks ablaze,
Like my own wuz long ago?
Is it the bleat o' the whistle and beat
O' the little toy drum and blare
O' the horn? No, no! It is jest the sweet—
The sad-sweet feel in the air.

LOVE IS BLIND



—Ketten in New York Evening World

Little Jack Horner and His Christmas Pie

With Variations In the Style of the Poets

By CALLY RYLAND

LITTLE Jack Horner sat in a corner
Eating his Christmas pie,
He put in his thumb and pulled
out a plum
And said, "What a good boy am I."

If Edgar Allan Poe Had Written It.
See Jack Horner in his corner
With his pie.
Where's his ma? Will no one warn her?
He will die!
With a thumblit that is dotting
While he's gloating, gloating, gloating,
He is fishing for the floating
Plum, oh, my!
All his boast of being good,
Careful of his dally food,
Twinkles merrily within his saucy eye,
eye, eye.

Robert Browning Might Have Done
Pastry's all or nothing; it is not m.
dough.
Pounded and pulled and puzzled over, sir
For whiteness or for lightness—and this
pie
Was of the very stuff o' life, sir.
None of your blundering bits of work, but
Infinitely eatable. Well, Horner sat there
Ruminating. 'Twas Christmas, ruminat-
ing time.
You say, and you are right, sir.
Lazily alive and open mouthed he sat,
Feeling the pastry tickle at his lips.
Yet scarcely knowing how to fathom it.
When of a sudden—oh, the fellow's keen!
Occurred his thumb to him, wherupon
Straightway he plunged it in the sweet.
"Good boy!" quoth he, and pulled out a
damp plum.

This Would Be Walt Whitman's Style.
I sing the Christmas pie,
The flour, the lard, the butter that com-
pose it;
The richness of its stuffing.
A divine nimbus exhales from it.
It attracts with fierce, undeniable attrac-
tion.
I am drawn by its breath no less than
Jack Horner, who holds it upon his
knees.
I am one with the plum concealed in its
mammoth vastness.
I loosen myself, pass freely and am at
the door of Horner's lips, smacking
to taste its ingredients.
But he does not know how to get at you,
pie.
He sits, sleepily considering the pose of
his head, his puffed out lips, betray-
ing his gluttony.
Presently a fine smile comes on to his
face. He lunges into the pie with
firm thumb. Its crust yields.
He possesses himself of its richness.
Oh, young men, I would not have you sit
in a corner considering pie stuffings.
Be bold. You—whenever you are—al-
lowed the eternal purports of a pie.
(I loved a certain Christmas pie ardently,
and it gave me indignation.
Yet out of that I have written this song.)

In the Great William Shakespeare's
Style.
"Sweet pastry, do not scorn me, do not
gibe
And frown at me with crusty surliness.
I know that in your flaky depths is hid-
den
A mammoth plum, which, 'Ods my little
life!
I'll have it if I must swing for 't." Thus
Jacques,
Who, thereupon, with swashing stab of
the thumb,
Smote through the crispy lid, which erst
held tight,
And with triumphant shout, "'Ods bod-
kins,
A good lad I!" withdrew the sought for
plum.

Algernon Charles Swinburne's Style.
Here where the world is quiet,
Here upon Christmas day,
With plums and a pie for diet,
In a corner sat Horner.
No feast was ever sweeter,
No finger was ever fleeter
To yank a plum with glee to
A mouth that gapes away.

Saving Up For Christmas

A well dressed man in a Market street car tendered the conductor a one dollar bill in payment for two fares and, receiving his change, carefully selected the ten cent pieces and placed them in a separate pocket. "From the 1st of September until Christmas I never spend a dime," he explained to his companion. "Every time I get one I keep it separate from my other change, and when I get home I deposit my dimes in one of those savings banks that don't open until they contain \$10. I am one of a very large family addicted to the Christmas present habit, and sometimes I am obliged to give as many as thirty or forty gifts. By not spending my dimes I create a Christmas fund without really feeling it. I have done this for several years and find it an excellent plan."—Philadelphia Record.

Why She Shops Early.
"I'm going to start my Christmas shopping right now and get it over with," said Mrs. Jones at the breakfast table.
"Ah, to aid the poor, tired shopgirl and help the movement for early deliveries!" her son remarked in tone of commendation.
"Never thought of that," was the disconcerting reply. "I'm going to buy all my presents at Smart & Co. and shops like theirs have had no delivery wagons. I war-bored to see the wag-bors to see the wag-bors. Last year I bought things at par-