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Two Cars Turkeys Went Out from Here Within the Last Week

W. R. Free of Chillicothe, representing a poultry dealer, loaded out a car of turkeys Friday of last week and bought enough for another car, with the overflow of the first, sending it out Saturday, making two cars. The entire amount was more than usually carried in two, since there were 35,000 pounds, and \$10,000 is about the usual weight for two.

These turkeys were sold to Mr. Free for 12 cents per pound, the price he had previously advertised, bringing the amount of \$4,200.

This shipment of turkeys would have brought the farmers \$7,000 a few weeks ago when the price paid by Matthews and Johnson was 20 cents per pound. Some of the people would not sell at that price, thinking they would go higher and consequently they lost heavily on their turkeys. They had no doubt figured that they should have brought something like the price paid a year ago, which was around 30 cents, but the big crop last year, which caused a heavy carry-over of 6,000,000 pounds in cold storage, together with the unusually large crop this year could have had no other effect than to have caused a heavy slump in price.

It seems that turkeys were raised all over the state in large number this year, a fact which many did not take into consideration.

Every county needs a poultry association whose work would be, in a part at least, to look after supply and demand. Then the farmers might get protection from such conditions as has just been experienced.

Next Week Will Be One of Active Holiday Shopping

People are coming to realize that it is better to do their holiday shopping early, so next week will be the one of all weeks this year when all the merchants expect to be doing something. If the weather remains fair, buying will be active, as is usual just before Christmas.

The merchants have placed on their shelves nice stocks of goods, much of which has been bought to accommodate the holiday spirit and the buyer need not go to another town to do his shopping.

Besides, it is only right that the home merchants be patronized. Still another fact should have its weight with the farmers, and that is that many of the home merchants have been buying their cotton this fall, paying more than most of the towns in this section of the country. This is a fact well known and means quite an advantage to the farmers of this country.

WRECK ON THE ORIENT WEDNESDAY AFTERNOON

In some way the northbound train was wrecked Tuesday afternoon about six miles north of Crowell but no one was seriously injured, it is reported. The news "butch" sustained some injuries but he is not regarded as dangerously hurt.

It is not known what caused the wreck. There was one freight car in the train and this was thrown from the track several feet. The mail and baggage cars next to the freight were thrown from the track, but the passenger cars remained on the rails.

As a consequence mail service was delayed about three hours yesterday.

Former Quannah Editor Here

Editor Foster, former editor and owner of the Quannah Times, was in Crowell the latter part of last week, having sold the paper the first of the week. He and his wife were visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Harwell. While here Mr. Foster made us a fraternal call. Mr. and Mrs. Foster were enroute to the Rio Grande Valley country where they will spend the holidays with relatives. They went from here to Plainview.

The north following the rain Tuesday was the coldest of the season and the temperature was sufficient to produce quite a freeze Wednesday night.

Two Crowell Boys Making Creditable Records in School

Decatur, Texas, Dec. 6, 1923. Foard County News, Crowell, Texas.

The reader friends of Roy Awbrey and Garland Shults of Crowell, will be perhaps interested to learn that as first year men in Decatur Baptist College, these boys are making creditable records indeed, both as thoroughgoing students and as members of the athletic clubs. The honor of being elected captain of the 1924 football team of the Baptist College Indians has already fallen to the fortunate lot of Awbrey who played a strong end place on the successful team of this season. The Indians scored seven victories from eleven contests, and the splendid performance of Awbrey, coupled with his around popularity with the faculty and students won him the honor that has fallen to him. Awbrey is regarded as not only a splendid athlete but one of the most successful students of the school.

Garland Shults has been elected as student-manager of the football team for 1924. This enterprising young fellow is so full of ability and industry as to progress splendidly in the college work he has variously undertaken, and to leave an amplitude of time to devote to athletic pursuits.

Adelphian Club Will Give Program for Teachers' Institute

The Adelphian Club will render a program Monday evening, 7:15, at the District court room, honoring teachers of the Institute. Everyone cordially invited. The program follows: Music—Crowell Orchestra. Sing-song—Miss Jesalje Cates. Reading—Miss Jesalje Cates. Music. Travelogue—Canada—Mrs. M. S. Henry. Vocal Solo—Mrs. Geo. D. Self. Travelogue—Alaska—Mrs. M. S. Henry. Reading—Mrs. Baxter Johnson.

Prompt Lee Highway Construction Assured

The Lee Highway, from coast to coast, is included in the Federal aid projects, which will develop seven per cent of the existing roads of the country through cooperation between Nation and States. It is classed as a "main street of the Nation" by the U. S. Bureau of Education, which thus designates such roads as the Lincoln Highway, the Dixie Highway, the Old Spanish Trails, and the Lee Highway.

In dedicating the Zero Milestone President Harding said: "There is another reason why this particular location should have been chosen for our 'golden milestone.' It marks the approximate meeting place of the Lincoln Highway and the Lee Highway; of the northern and southern systems of national roads."

When President Coolidge touched a button in the White House and unveiled the Pacific Milestone in San Diego, Calif., the message he sent out said: "Lee Highway Association has done a work of national unification in opening up this route between the National Capital and southern California. The monument may well be dedicated to the purpose of marking the meeting place of this splendid highway with the waters of the Pacific, in the hope that it may hasten the coming day of a perfected system of highway communications throughout the entire Nation."

One hundred and eighteen Federal aid projects are now under construction or in the preliminaries between Washington and San Diego, calling for the construction of twelve hundred and eight miles of road and the disbursement of over twenty-two million dollars. When that work is finished the Lee Highway will be 53 per cent paved, 30 per cent modern, light-surfaced roads, and 7 per cent natural good road across Western Plains, which will make it 90 per cent a good tourist route, leaving only 382 miles of little improved road, out of a total of 3,820 miles.

Mr. and Mrs. Everett Swain and children left yesterday for Salem, Indiana, to visit Mr. Swain's father and other relatives during the holidays.

Program of Teachers' Union Institute at Crowell Next Week

Faculty for Institute

Primary Section—Miss Elsie Sawyer, Supervisor of Primary Education, Hillsboro, Texas.

Intermediate and Rural Section—J. W. Beaty, Professor of Education, N. T. S. T. C.

High School Section—Conducted by the High School Teachers of the Institute.

Lecturers

J. A. Hill, President of W. T. S. T. C.

Phebe K. Warner, well known writer and lecturer.

Jno. T. Conn, representative of the State Dept. of Education.

J. W. Beaty, Professor of Education, N. T. S. T. C.

Hugh Porter, Professor of Mathematics, N. T. S. T. C.

Executive Committee

Chairman—Mrs. Edith Jones, Cottle County.

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Treasurer—Judge Owens, Foard County.

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Hardeman County—Clara Dickson.

King County—Mrs. L. A. Hollar.

Foard County—Lena Rasor.

Committee on Resolutions

W. B. Taylor, Lena Fullingham, Kittle Carter.

Reception Committee

B. W. Self, chairman; Tom Reeder, Herbert Edwards, Miss Jode Brian.

DAILY PROGRAM OF GENERAL SESSIONS

Monday

R. C. Campbell, Chairman.

9:00 A. M. Music—Junior Band of Paducah, Texas.

Devotional—Rev. Billington.

Welcome—Rev. Willett.

Response—Dow W. Tate.

Organization.

11:00 A. M. Departmental work.

Noon.

1:30 P. M. Address—J. T. Conn.

2:30 P. M. Departmental work.

County meetings.

Tuesday

D. W. Tate, Chairman.

9:00 A. M. Opening.

Address—J. A. Hill.

11:00 A. M. Departmental work.

Noon.

1:30 P. M. Address—J. A. Hill.

2:30 P. M. Departmental work.

County meetings.

Ex-Students of W. T. S. T. C. Get-together.

Wednesday

W. E. Taylor, chairman.

9:00 A. M. Opening.

Address—Hugh Porter.

11:00 A. M. Departmental work.

Noon.

1:30 P. M. Address—Hugh Porter.

2:30 P. M. Departmental work.

County meetings.

Ex-Students of N. T. S. T. C. Get-together.

Thursday

R. A. Manire, chairman.

9:00 A. M. Opening.

Address—Phebe K. Warner.

11:00 A. M. Departmental work.

Noon.

1:30 P. M. Address—Phebe K. Warner.

2:30 P. M. Departmental work.

County meetings.

"Stunt night."

Friday

Judge Cross, chairman.

9:00 A. M. Opening.

Address—J. W. Beaty.

11:00 A. M. Departmental work.

Noon.

1:00 P. M. Departmental work.

HIGH SCHOOL SECTION

Each talk will be followed by round table discussion.

Monday

Forenoon—Leader—W. A. Stephenson.

Afternoon—Leader—Alfred Jackson.

Tuesday

Forenoon—Leader—J. Henry Lewis.

Afternoon—Leader—Thressia Godfrey.

Wednesday

Forenoon—Leader—D. C. Mitchell.

Afternoon—Leader—Thomas F. Bice.

Thursday

Forenoon—Leader—W. C. McClellan.

Afternoon—Leader—Marvin Sosbee.

Friday

Forenoon—Leader—J. E. Dockery.

Afternoon—Leader—Walter Lafevre.

INTERMEDIATE AND RURAL SECTION

J. W. Beaty, conductor.

Same periods as in high school section.

PRIMARY SECTION

Miss Elsie Sawyer, conductor.

Same periods as in high school section.

INFORMATION

Sessions will begin at 9:00 a. m. and 1:30 p. m.

General sessions will be in District Court Room.

Each teacher will be required to contribute \$1.50 to defray expenses of Institute.

A record of daily attendance will be kept for each county.

On arriving in Crowell, teachers should report to reception committee in County Judge's office in court house.

Pay registration fee in County Judge's office.

Thursday night is "Stunt Night." Announcement of program and place will be made during general session.

Scriptural Basis of the Tithe Is the Theme of Sermon

Justice would say that when one recognizes the supreme ownership of the Lord of all things counted as blessings of a material, as well as a spiritual nature, there ought to be adopted a system of stewardship. This is based upon the fact that to own, in the sense in which we think of the term, is to owe. The Lord furnishes man with the working capital and man owes interest on that capital. Briefly that is the sum and substance of the matter of tithing. It is a business proposition, pure and simple.

It is pointed out in many places in the Bible that tithing is an obligation. Ten cents out of every dollar belongs to the Lord, and by some the payment of the tenth has been practiced for thousands of years. It was taught hundreds of years before the law was given. It was taught through the days of prophecy, and it has been taught all down through the days of grace to the present time.

This was the outline of the sermon delivered by Rev. Willett Sunday morning.

Tithing, he said, should be practiced, not because God needs one's money, except as a means of evangelizing the world, but it should be practiced because we need it. The pastor places tithing as a duty just as the keeping of the Sabbath is a duty. Not that the Sabbath was made for God, but that it was made for man. He needs it as a day of rest. One-seventh of his time should be set aside for his spiritual recuperation. So also should one-tenth of his income be set aside in a systematic way as a means of rendering financial obligation to God. It was pointed out that this is not the need of the church but is the need of man himself. It is true that the church is benefitted, but the individual is benefitted beyond comparison with that of the church as an institution.

Where tithing is and has been practiced by a church as a whole the achievements of that church stand as a monument to the faith and sacrifice of its members. The Mormons were used as an example, where tithing is required, and they done almost impossible things by this means. Its benefits to them have been to show them the things that are possible through systematic effort. It is the business side of the religious life.

The lesson we draw from the preacher's sermon is that religion is more than a mere sentimental something. It has a business side, which is as essential to full development in the Christian life as is the sentimental side of religion.

Southwestern Grain Rates

We are pleased to call your attention to the fact that the Interstate Commerce Commission has issued orders putting into effect December 9, 1923, the new rate scale on grain shipments between points in West Texas and the Southeastern states.

The reductions in this tariff range from 5c to 23 1/2c per 100 pounds, which we hope will enable our dealers to get back into the Mississippi Valley and the Southeastern trade.

This is the case which has been prosecuted during the past three years jointly by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and the Texas Grain Dealers Association, each of which organizations put up a total of \$2500 for this program.

Respectfully,

PORTER A. WHALEY,
Manager West Texas C. of C.

Return to Foard County

O. E. Connell and family have moved back to this county from Jones county where they resided the past year. They lived here before going to Jones county. They will make their home on Ferguson Bros' farm in the Baker Flat community.

C. E. Thacker of Sawtelle, Cal., came in the latter part of last week from Snyder where he and Mrs. Thacker had been visiting Mr. and Mrs. W. B. McCormick. Mrs. Thacker is visiting relatives at Fort Worth and will join her husband here in a few days to spend the Christmas holidays.

Tulia Men Think Permission Will Be Given to Build Road

The following is a portion of mention made in the Tulia Herald of last week of the matters relative to the proposed new railroad:

W. B. Hale and H. H. Tracey have returned from Austin where they had been as delegates to the hearing before the State Railroad commission on the proposed Texas Panhandle and Gulf railroad. Foster Klous, C. L. Cooper and E. G. Parks, the other delegates from Tulia, are expected in soon.

After being present and hearing the evidence these men are very optimistic over the prospect for the new road.

In consultation with Mr. Tracey he said that the hearing opened the eyes of the people of Texas with regard to the proposed line and to the possibilities of West Texas and the Panhandle. In fact many things were brought out in the data that many people of the State and the southwest had not heretofore realized.

The testimony on the stand in regard to actual possibilities of the territory which this proposed road is to cover was very much of a surprise to the people of the state and even to the people to be directly benefitted by the road.

Mr. Tracy says that there is plenty of room for two more roads besides this one to be built in this territory, and that it will only be a few years until they are a reality.

It is wonderful, he says, the co-operation, Powell and his associates have worked up in the interested towns and communities along the proposed line.

The other railroads of the state are making one of the hardest fights against this road of any in history, as they wish to absolutely preempt this territory and hold back development. He further said that it seems to be the consensus of opinion of the thinking men of the state that the permit for the road will be granted.

Crowell Girl Is Popular at College of Industrial Arts

Denton, Texas, Dec. 10, 1923.—Miss Bernice Long of Crowell, a sophomore at the College of Industrial Arts, was elected reporter for the Girl Scouts at a recent meeting of the organization. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Long of Crowell. Miss Long took a prominent role in the play staged by Girl Scouts December 2. She is also taking work in journalism at the college.

Texas Schools to Get \$1,304,270 in Dec.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 10.—The State Board of Education in regular monthly session Monday purchased school district bonds aggregating \$140,000. Of this amount \$60,000 were 6 per cent bonds and the remainder were 5 per cent.

The December apportionment for the public school is \$1 per capita, it being the second apportionment made since the beginning of the present scholastic year on Sept. 1. The first apportionment, which was \$1 per capita, was made in November. The total per capita apportionment for the year was \$12. The December apportionment of \$1 means that \$1,304,270 will be distributed this month among the various schools.

Mr. and Mrs. Ben Crowell and children came up from Wichita Falls Sunday to visit relatives. Mr. Crowell returned home Sunday while Mrs. Crowell remained over till Wednesday and was accompanied home by her sister, Mrs. L. A. Beverly.

Dr. Hines Clark and Elbert Seales motored to Amarillo Sunday to get doctor's Franklin car which had been in that city for several weeks undergoing repairs and receiving a new coat of paint.

Glenn Offield returned Wednesday of last week from Iowa where he had been for two months selling cattle. He reports the market in that country very low at this time.



Give One For Christmas

The Tudor Sedan is a gift every member of the family will share. It adds to daily happiness. It will extend the joyous spirit of Christmas to every day of the year.

This new Ford type is of an exceptionally pleasing design. Wide doors opening forward, folding right front seat, and a roomy interior make it a convenient car to use; its high radiator, broad cowl, sun visor, and large windows make it stylish in appearance. Yet it is sold at the lowest price ever asked for a Sedan—only \$590 L. & B. Detroit.

The rich, permanent luster of its finish, the quiet good taste of its upholstery, and the ornamental treatment of its full-nickel hardware, all help to make it a car you are proud to drive.

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QUICK SERVICE STATION
Northeast Corner Square

Notice—Automobile Owners
The 1924 automobile supplies are here. Application blanks must be filled out before cars can be registered. These blanks can be had by calling at the tax collector's office, any garage or filling station in the county. All truck owners must bring a weight ticket (according to State Highway Department) before truck

can be registered. Be sure to register before Jan. 1, 1924.
L. D. CAMPBELL,
Tax Collector.
I have the Mammoth Bronze turkeys for sale, the toms at \$10.00 and the hens at \$5.00 each.—Mrs. J. S. Bell, phone 248, short and long. 25p

THALIA ITEMS
(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. T. A. Johnson has returned from the sanitarium in Vernon and is recovering nicely from an operation she recently underwent.

A. B. Wisdom received a letter from his father, W. M. Wisdom, last week stating that he was in a very critical condition in a hospital in Clovis, N. M.

Mrs. Brown of Vernon, who previously nursed the sick children of Mr. and Mrs. Will Tarver, spent Wednesday afternoon in their home.

John Thompson Jr. and wife took Mrs. Brown back to Vernon Saturday after she had nursed the sick in the H. W. Banister home for the past five weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. I. C. Thomas of Crowell attended church at the Church of Christ here Sunday.

A large crowd attended preaching at the M. E. church here at both the morning and evening services last Sunday which was highly appreciated.

Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Atcheson and children of Crowell attended church here Sunday.

Doyle Hopkins and Riley Coley of Dallas visited Mr. Hopkins parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hopkins, last week. They went from here to Johnson County, Okla., to look after business. They were traveling in a car.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Johnson have been at Vernon for several days at the bedside of her sister, Mrs. Frank Gamble, who underwent an operation for appendicitis at a local hospital.

J. G. Thompson and T. N. Abston were business visitors in Vernon Wednesday of last week. Mrs. Abston and children returned with them after several days visit with relatives there.

Will Awbrey of Crowell was busy last week writing insurance in this community.

Mrs. Gus Neill and Mrs. Early Shaw and Charley Roberts were shopping and visiting relatives in Vernon Wednesday of last week.

Mrs. Frank McNair and Albert Jones were shopping in Vernon Saturday.

Lawrice Hopkins of Johnson County, Okla., came in Monday to visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. R. D. Hopkins.

The young folks enjoyed a party at Garland Thompson's Wednesday night.

We failed to get the announcement last week of the marriage of Miss Bertha Durham and Mr. Harrison who were quietly married in Vernon. May peace, joy and happiness attend them through wedded life.

Mr. and Mrs. Burtus Abston and Mrs. Pearl Cobb and their children of Rayland attended church here Sunday and spent the remainder of the day with their brother and sister, Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Phillips.

J. A. Land of Paris, Texas, and Allen Adams and Emmitt Wish of Manchester, who have been picking cotton several weeks for John Thompson left Monday for their homes. John took them to Vernon where they took the train.

Bro. T. S. Taddlee of Vernon filled his appointment here Friday night, Saturday night, Sunday and Sunday night. He will return the 4th Sunday. His wife and son and her father, Mr. Webb, and Mr. and Mrs. Campbell were here with him.

Bro. Thomas E. Milholland and wife, Hen Henderson, wife and daughter were here from Vernon Sunday afternoon to hear Bro. Teddee preach. They visited in the W. H. Banister and Luke Johnson homes a while.

Miss Ava McNair of Thalia and Carroll Jones of Parsley Hill motored to Vernon Saturday and were quietly married. The bride is the oldest daughter of Rev. and Mrs. McNair. The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harlow Jones also of Thalia and is highly esteemed. Their many friends extend congratulations and best wishes.

WEST RAYLAND NEWS
(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. McKinley and sons, Earl and Herbert, also Tom Burrison, left Sunday for a few days stay at Lorenza and Brownfield.

Mrs. Huntley returned home Saturday after a two weeks stay with Joe Huntley and family.

Sam Scales and family of Crowell spent Sunday in the Wallace Scales home.

Mrs. Elvy Parkhill is very sick at this writing.

Mrs. H. H. Hopkins and daughter, Melba, of Vernon spent Saturday night and Sunday in the home of Mrs. J. M. Adkins.

Little Dorothy Greig has been suffering with a sore throat.

Mr. Parker has returned home from Denton where he has found a location. He and his family will move in the near future.

Clarence Cuiver and wife are en-

CHRISTMAS
Comes But Once a Year

IT USED TO BE COMMON FOR PEOPLE TO GIVE GAUDY PRESENTS OF SMALL VALUE, OR IF COSTLY, MORE ON ORNAMENTAL LINES.

TODAY, IT SHOWS BETTER SENSE TO GIVE USEFUL ARTICLES THAT CAN BE ENJOYED BY ALL FOR YEARS TO COME.

FURNITURE, PHONOGRAPHS, FINE STOVES (Red Star and New Perfection) RUGS, FLOORLAMPS, CEDAR CHESTS, TRUNKS, HOOSIER AND SELLERS KITCHEN CABINETS, ROCKERS, LIVING ROOM, DINING AND BED ROOM SUITES, LINOLEUM, CONGOLEUM, DURALIN.

W. R. WOMACK
FURNITURE AND UNDERTAKER

tertaining a new boy at their home. Frank Matthews has been suffering with a light case of blood poisoning in one of his hands.

Mr. Johnson and family, S. E. Tate and wife and Ed and Earle Maynard of Crowell spent Sunday with Allen Thompson and family.

There will be a box supper at West Rayland school house Friday night for the benefit of the school.

AYERSVILLE NEWS
(By Special Correspondent)

Mrs. Inez Gamble underwent an operation for appendicitis at Moore's Sanitarium in Vernon last Friday night.

Floyd Jackson and family who have been picking cotton for J. W. Davis left Friday for Garvin County, Okla., where they will visit his brother, Wesley Davis took them to Vernon where they took the train.

E. W. Burrow and wife attended a banquet given by the Rebeccahs in Crowell last Friday night.

Leonard Pyle and family of Vernon, S. E. Tate and wife and Ed Maynard, D. W. Pyle and wife and Ed Adams of Crowell attended the singing at the E. W. Burrow home Sunday night.

Homer Zeibig, wife and little daughter of Crowell spent last Friday night with Vernon Pyle and family.

Frank Cates and family of Catesville visited in the Walter Shultz home Sunday.

C. D. Haney, wife and baby, Richard Johnson, wife and baby and G. A. Shultz and family of Thalia spent Sunday in the P. M. Shultz home.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Bradford gave a dinner Sunday in honor of the bride and groom, Mr. and Mrs. John Bradford. The following were present: John Bradford Sr. and family of Margaret, Ben Bradford and family, J.

W. Davis and family, Ulyses Brown and family, and Misses Tommie Monkres and Vera Davis.

Mrs. Nina Chandler and little son spent Monday with her brother, Vernon Pyle, and family.

REDUCING
Grocery Stock

In order to reduce our stock of groceries we are going to sell at cost until the first of January, 1924. This sale starts Wednesday, December 12. Now is the time to get your groceries at big money saving prices.

Note the following prices:

Marechal Neil and Oriole flour, per sack	\$1.75
Colorado re-cleaned Pinto beans, per 100	\$7.95
Colorado re-cleaned Pinto beans, 50 pounds	\$4.00
Colorado re-cleaned Pinto beans, 25 pounds	\$2.10
70-pound sack of Michigan meat salt	\$1.35
3-pound bucket White Swan coffee	\$1.40
3-pound bucket First Pick coffee	\$1.15
3-pound bucket Maxwell House coffee	\$1.15
2 1/2-pound bucket Folgers coffee	\$1.15
4 pounds fancy Santos Peaberry coffee	\$1.00
25 pound box raisins, apricots, peaches, prunes, each per box	\$2.85
10-pound box of same, each	\$1.40
No. 2 hand packed tomatoes, new stock, per case	\$2.45
Fancy corn corn, White Swan, A1 and First Pick, per case	\$3.45
No. 2 Kuners Cut Green beans, per case	\$3.25
No. 2 Kuners Sauer Kraut, per case	\$2.45
All cane syrup, any brand, per gallon	90c
No. 2 Campbell's Pork and Beans, per can	10c
Post Toasties, per box	12 1/2c
Regular 35c box Hershey's Cocoa, sale price	20c
Gallon can peaches, apricots, apples, sale price per gal.	50c
21 bars P. & G. Soap	\$1.00
One-pound carton Wilson's sliced bacon	40c

All California canned fruits at wholesale cost.
All Christmas fruits and candies at low price.

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Buy Your Christmas Groceries Here

This is the place to find Santa Claus in the Grocery line. We have everything you will need for cooking and baking. And when we say everything it means that nothing has been overlooked in our buying to suit your needs.

From a line of the best staple groceries to all kinds of nuts, fruits and candies.

Let this place be your headquarters for Grocery buying for the Holiday season and you can't go wrong.

Miller & Bain

At Elliott Stand, North Side

MARGARET NEWS

(By Special Correspondent)
The Parent-Teachers Association met last Friday night with a large attendance. A splendid program was rendered by the school children. The next meeting will be Friday, Dec. 21.

Mrs. M. O'Connell of Crowell spent Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley.

Dr. Hill of Crowell was called Sunday night to see Miss Walden. We are glad she is better.

W. A. Smith moved his family to town this week. They bought Mr. Pierce's home. Mr. Pierce and family moved to Crowell.

Mr. and Mrs. I. R. Miller entertained the young people of the community with a party Saturday night.

Leo Owens and Miss Edna Crabtree of this place were married Wednesday night.

Sid Boman and family visited in Thalia Sunday.

Wesley Taylor of El Reno is visiting his grandparents, Mr. and Mrs. John Wesley.

Uncle Jake Middlebrook made a business trip to Altus this week.

Donald Launa was seriously stung by a wasp Sunday. The wasp stung him on an artery causing much pain.

Mrs. Jim Malone accompanied her sister, Mrs. M. O'Connell of Crowell, to Vernon Wednesday.

Mr. Taylor took the high school students to hear President's Coolidge's address to Congress as it was broadcasted at 11 o'clock Thursday morning of last week.

Vega Priest and family and Miss Billie Rice of Vernon were visiting relatives here Sunday.

Invest Your Money at Home

International bankers and bond houses are impertuning the American public to invest its money in foreign bonds, and many are doing so.

But are such investments at this time wise?

Let us see.

During the past few years hundreds of thousands of Americans have invested good American money in German marks. They bought the marks at a low figure, expecting to become suddenly prosperous when the mark went up to par again. But the mark didn't go up. Instead it went steadily down, until today it is hardly

Don't eat with your fingers. You might nip off an end.

The fellow who is perfectly satisfied is darned easy to please.

'Tis fortunate that the average backyard is in the rear of the home.

The more some people have the more they want and the more they cheat to get it.

Try a Clermont cook stove and get the best.—J. H. Self & Sons.

After thinking twice the wise man takes a third think and comes fairly close to being right.

People with sharp tongues do not always have hard fists.

For Sale—80 acres of land, 65 in cultivation, 1 1/2 miles south Pease river.—Henry Machac. 25p

The hypocrite doesn't always masquerade in a false face. Some are quite transparent.

Holiday Gifts.



EXQUISITE GIFTS OF PERFUME

We offer for the Perfume Gift the extracts of the master perfumers of America and France.

BEAUTIFUL STATIONERY

Dainty boxes of excellent writing paper in special Holiday boxes from 50 cents up.

GIFTS FOR THE FAMILY

Cameras, Vacuum Bottles, Hot Water Bottles, Military Brushes, Razor Straps, Shaving Needs, Flashlights, Smoking Articles.

DO YOUR SHOPPING NOW WHILE THE STOCK IS COMPLETE

FEREGSON BROS.

The Retail Store

worth the paper on which it is printed.

With the exception of England, Europe is dotted with countries that owe the American government vast sums of money, about seven billions of dollars, on which not even the interest is being paid.

A foreign government bond is no more secure than the government that issues it. We have an illustration of that fact in the utter collapse of the mark.

If these foreign securities were as valuable as bond houses represent them to be the rich men of those countries could and would absorb them, or at least a majority of them. Do you see them doing anything of the kind?

If foreign countries can not or will not pay the interest on what they already owe us is it the part of wisdom for us to pour more good money into a bottomless pit? There are plenty of opportunities in this country for the investment of every dollar that is available for that purpose, and American investments are the soundest securities in the world today.

When Europe makes an honest effort to pay us what they owe us it will be time to think again of sending money abroad.

But until then wisdom warns us to keep that money at home.

Let the People Speak

Political leaders are gumshoeing around in an effort to determine who they want for president to succeed Mr. Coolidge. Apparently they want to supply the motive power that propels the popular band wagon.

Through long and honored custom it seems to be the prerogative of the leaders to select the proper candidate, and the exalted privilege of the voters to humbly swallow the selection thus made.

The leaders have brains, and use them. That's the reason they are leaders.

The voters have brains, but do not always use them to the best advantage. That's the reason they are just voters.

Most of the talking and cogitating should be done just now by the voters. They should make their preferences known to and felt by the leaders

before the latter get behind any certain candidate in a concerted effort to put him across.

The people are many, but the leaders are few.

The people should select their own band wagon, then crack the whip and tell the leaders to pull it along to victory.

The people are strong only when they realize their own strength.

Now is the time to apply that realization.

No man is ever without an admirer. He always has his own opinion.

DR. H. SCHINDLER

Dentist

Bell Building

Phone Number 82 2-Rings

Phone local news items to 43.

Get a sack of Marechal Neil Flour at Fox & Sons. Every sack guaranteed. It's good stuff.

CUT GLASS

It is not always that one finds the wide variety of Cut Glass Goods that we have in stock, and we want you to come in and make your Christmas selections from our big stock. In this line we have such articles as:

- Sugar Bowls, Spoon Trays, Candle Stick Vases,
- Poinsetta Baskets, Comports, Salad and Berry Dishes, Cranberry Dishes, Fruit Bowls, Optis Vases, Comport Grimpee, Melrose Bowls.

J. H. Self & Sons

HARDWARE THAT WEARS



You will want

FRUITS, NUTS, CANDIES, RAISINS, GRAPES, MINCE MEAT

and the thousand and one good things that go to make up the Christmas dinner.

We are prepared for your every need in this line, and if you give us your order we will guarantee you satisfaction in the ingredients.

We have made a special effort this year to anticipate your every holiday requirement in our line. Come in and see how well we have succeeded.

Matthews-Crawford Grocery Co.

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

KIMSEY & KLEPPER, Owners and Publishers

Entered at the Post Office at Crowell, Texas, as second class matter.

Crowell, Texas, December 14, 1923

THE TEACHERS' INSTITUTE

The teachers' institute will be held in Crowell next week, commencing Monday morning and closing on Friday following.

Hardeman, Cottle, King and Foard counties will be represented by their teachers in this institute.

It is a distinct honor for a town to entertain a body of public school teachers and Crowell takes upon itself this responsibility with keen delight.

This is evidenced by the ready and willing response of the people of Crowell to the request that they throw their homes open to the teachers that they may be entertained during their week's visit in our town.

It will be regarded as a privilege rather than a burden and those homes that may be so situated that they can not share in this co-operative extension of hospitality will have cause for regret.

There is no more worthy class of workers in our country than the public school teachers. They are public servants whose time is spent unselfishly in the molding of character for future responsibilities, so their service is not merely for the present. Its influence goes on down through time and reaches into eternity.

It is this class of public benefactors that Crowell has the privilege and pleasure of entertaining next week, and that each and every visiting teacher shall be made to feel that he or she is in the midst of friends who will be the wish of every citizen of the town, and there is no cause to fear that every one will take pleasure in seeing that this is done.

A program has been prepared and is published in this issue. A portion of this will be interesting to the public and will be attended by a number of our citizens if the weather permits.

Let's all enter into the spirit of this occasion and properly regard it as a part of our work, for so it is to the extent of our interest in the education of our children.

Some of our "Personal Liberty" lovers are terribly worried over the matter of teaching the Bible in the public schools. If personal liberty is to be regarded in the selection of courses of study for the children the bigger per cent of them would eliminate arithmetic, history, grammar, algebra and most all the others. If the Bible is not taught in the public schools under an instructor who is prepared to teach it where shall it be taught? In how many homes is it taught? In how many Sunday schools is it really taught in a manner that enables the child to get more than a smattering knowledge of it? Just as well expect the child to get a good knowledge of arithmetic under the tutelage of the busy mother by giving him one lesson a week. But we are afraid the kids will be taught doctrines which our denominational affiliations will not permit us to accept and that would ruin the child! Better let him grow up ignorant of the Bible, they say. What about it? Of course, there are two sides to the question. Which side are you on?

E. G. Senter, a well known writer of this state, in a magazine article makes the argument that the farmer should be taxed only for the equity he owns in his farm rather than the full amount. To make it plainer, if a farmer owns a \$5,000 home and owes \$2,500 on it, he should pay half of the taxes and the holder of the notes the other half. The argument sounds just and reasonable, since the holder of the notes is supposed to be taxed for his equity anyway, and the unpaid part is thereby penalized with a double rendition. And why not extend the same rule to industrial affairs, and all business which suffers a similar condition? Any other rule is graft, pure and simple, and the government to which we look for protection should not father and set the example of a fraud for which it would punish the individual.—Eagle Pass Guide.

Of course, it may not be any of our business, but our observation is that we would have a better set of boys and girls in town if fewer of them were boarding and more of them boarded.

At the Methodist Church

Next week we will have as our guests the teachers of Cottle, Hardeman, King and Foard counties. Let us make them to feel that we are glad to have them and that the pleasure is all ours. Many of them will be coming Sunday. Don't stay at home from the Sunday evening service just because you have some of them with you, but come on to church and bring them along and introduce them to your friends. We have planned a special sermon for those who will attend the evening service at the Methodist church. The sermon subject will be, "The Master Teacher." The sermon for the morning hour will be "Tithing As a Test of Faith." A message and a welcome at the Methodist church.

T. C. WILLETT, Pastor.

Adelphian Club

Mrs. Jesse Owens was hostess to the Adelphian Club on Wednesday, Dec. 12th. Due to the inclement weather few members were present. Mrs. Will Russell was elected to membership.

With Mrs. Yoder as leader the lesson presented to the club was Public Addresses of Civil War Period. Mrs. Oswalt discussed the political ideals of Lincoln and Webster. Webster was a great statesman and a wide reader. His political speeches belong to literature as they are still read and studied. Lincoln, a world figure, is an inspiration to humanity. His wisdom was pure.

Mrs. Geo. Self gave a biog-raphy of Douglas. The Second Joint Debate of Lincoln and Webster was on the question of slavery.

The remainder of the time was spent on Stephen's speech, "Secession," and Miss Cates gave a pleasing report of Lincoln's Gettysburg speech.

The hostess served dainty refreshments after which the club was dismissed to meet again, Guest Day, December 27th, at Mrs. Joe Johnson's.—Reporter.

Card of Thanks

We desire to tender to one and all our heartfelt thanks for the many deeds of kindness done for us by our many friends and neighbors during the brief illness and ultimately death of our darling little infant who was permitted to bless our lives only a few short days. There is no people who know better how to help in time of need and comfort in time of grief than the people of Vivian who are indeed our brethren, our friends and our neighbors, whose kindness words can never express our appreciation. Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Whatley.

Columbian Club

Mrs. Marion L. Hughston was hostess to the Columbian Club at her home Wednesday afternoon when

Pyrex Week

Dec. 15 to 22, Is Pyrex Week at Our Store

Pyrex Glass oven ware is a beautiful gift and is useful 365 days in the year.

Free A beautiful Pyrex Tea Pot and Tile given to the customer who buys the most Pyrex on these dates

Dec. 15 to 22

We will wrap your Xmas package

MAKE THIS A HARDWARE CHRISTMAS

M. S. Henry & Co.

HARDWARE FOR HARD WEAR

Don't overlook our Bargain Days

"LABELED" NUT COAL

for HEAT, ECONOMY and SATISFACTION—Just the right size for Ranges and Heaters. "Labeled nut" is hard bright Colorado bituminous coal uniformly sized and free from slack and slate. Get it off the car and save \$1.00 per ton. Look for the Label—it means "good all the way thru"

ALLEE FEED STORE

TELEPHONE NO. 152

COAL

I have pure Colorado Negrohead coal for sale at a big saving to you. You will find this as good coal as you can find and I am making a special price on it. It means a big saving to you if you need coal and want good quality with it. I am selling this at

\$12.00 per ton While it Lasts

I also have some Negrohead and other lump coal cheap.

Better not let this opportunity pass to get your winter's supply at a saving never before given.

J. M. JONAS

Phone 207

JEWELRY BARGAINS

Owing to the probability of my having to move from my present location and in order to meet the situation, I am going to reduce my stock of Jewelry and will have some mighty good bargains to offer.

Now is the time to buy good jewelry at low prices. My stock is good you will seldom find in this line such bargains as I will offer.

A. C. GAINES

Notice

We, the members and officials of the Crowell Mutual Benevolent Association desire to express our appreciation of our deceased member and brother, T. J. Bell. We also desire to extend our sympathy to Mrs. Bell and relatives of the deceased. We sincerely mourn with them in the loss of husband, father and friend. C. T. SCHLAGAL, Pres. JOHN P. TYE, Sec.

Letter to Santa Claus

Crowell, Texas, Dec. 12, 1923. Dear Santa Claus:

I am a little girl 6 years old. Please Santa come to see me. I want a doll and a doll trunk and a pair of house slippers. I will thank you ever so much.

As ever, your blue eyed girl, BERNICE POLAND, Crowell, Texas, Box 263.

At the Christian Science Chapel Services are held at the Christian Science chapel every Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:15 p. m. Subject for Sunday, Dec. 16 "God the Preserver of Man. Testimonial services Wednesday at 7:15 p. m. The public is cordially invited.

Again we are reminded of the need of paved streets for Crowell. Every time a rain comes it is an argument for it.

C. T. Schalagal is recovering from a badly infected thumb.

Crowell, Texas, December 14, 1923

Arriv sale so —Self— J. S. Crowell bed fo Fre and ti Pyrex Buy goodr \$5.00 I h bron each 1 1/2 J. E.



CONFIDENTIAL PERSONAL RELATIONS ARE THE BASIS OF OUR SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS.

They are not dealt with impersonally as depositors merely; they are treated as clients, in whose financial problems our officers take a personal interest.

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J. W. BELL, PRESIDENT
T. B. BELL, ACTIVE V. PRES.
S. S. BELL, CASHIER

Local and Personal

All millinery less than half.—Self's.

Steve Mills is reported ill with tonsillitis.

All kinds stove repair done at J. H. Self & Sons.

New coats in the Bolivias and Bytomias at Self's.

Phone any news items you may know to News—43.

Christmas toys at cost in rear of Bank of Crowell bldg. 24p

D. W. Pyle is a new addition to the sales force of Massie-Rasor Grocery Co.

Arrived this week too late for the sale some wonderful dress bargains.—Self's.

J. S. Long is ill at his home in Crowell having been confined to his bed for several weeks.

Free! A beautiful Pyrex tea pot and tile to the one who buys the most Pyrex.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Buy your wife a real honest-to-goodness oil stove—a Red Star. Save \$5.00 in price now.—W. R. Womack.

I have a lot of farm-raised fancy bronze turkeys for sale, young toms each \$5.00; hens \$3.00, at my place 1½ miles southwest of Foard City.—J. E. Stone. 25p

New spring millinery next week at Self's.

Visit the Columbian Gift Shoppe for gifts that please.

December 15 to 22 is Pyrex week.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Have that old broken piece welded like new.—Swain's Garage.

The boys all say the Daisy air rifle is the best.—M. S. Henry & Co.

A. N. Vernon was here last Thursday from Vernon attending to business.

A wonderful assortment of dresses from \$10 to -14.85, and all new numbers.—Self's.

A beautiful tea pot and tile free to the one buying the most Pyrex.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Mr. and Mrs. O. Pike and small daughter left this week for Lamesa to make their home.

The Columbian Gift Shoppe opens Tuesday morning, Dec. 18 at ten o'clock in the rear of Gaines jewelry store.

The White Front Confectionery is selling Christmas toys at rare bargains. Rear of Bank of Crowell building. 24p

Miss Emma Kimard of Haskell, supervisor for the Haskell Telephone Co., spent last week-end in Crowell in the interest of the company.

Buy your Christmas presents at Self's.

Xmas gifts of service.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Say it with a gift from the Columbian Gift Shoppe.

Give her Pyrex, the most useful gift.—M. S. Henry & Co.

The rains this week will be quite a help to late sown wheat.

Judge Jesse Owens made a business trip to Wichita Falls Monday.

Make the Owl Drug Store your headquarters for Holiday purchases.

See my special sale on jewelry elsewhere in this issue.—A. C. Gaines.

Sellers kitchen cabinets, the finest we have ever seen.—W. R. Womack.

Early wheat is furnishing fine pasturage for hundreds of head of stock.

Second hand Ford touring in good condition at \$125.00.—J. H. Self & Sons.

Ernest King has recently accepted a position with R. B. Edwards Co. as clerk.

Meet me at M. S. Henry & Co. They will wrap my Xmas packages for me.

Buy your jewelry while you can get it at greatly reduced prices.—A. C. Gaines.

For Sale—25 or 30 pigs and two milch cows.—J. W. Beverly or Luke Graham.

Make our store your headquarters. We will wrap your Xmas packages.—M. S. Henry & Co.

One and one-half H. P. Fairbanks engine for sale. Has been used very little. Good shape.—L. A. Beverly & Co. 25

If it's in the toy line the Owl has it. The Owl has a fine assortment of Holiday goods. See them before you buy.

Mr. and Mrs. Dodson of Chillicothe were here last Saturday and Sunday visiting their daughter, Mrs. Geo. Self.

Don't forget the time and the place—dainty hand-made gifts and home-made candy at the Columbian Gift Shoppe.

Christmas greeting cards 5c and 10c at News office. Christmas greetings are always appreciated by your friends.

The News received a subscription this week from J. P. Scott at Plano. The Scott family just recently moved from Foard City to Plano.

For Sale—Real bargains in Foard county and Plains lands, farms and ranches. Am agent for the Yellow House Canyon lands in Hockley and Lamb counties—\$25 per acre, small payments, 15 years time at 6 per cent.—J. W. McCaskill. 27

"The Crowns of Glory" now ready. Over one hundred new songs that you will like. Will accept orders for this new 1924 Gospel song book which sells for 35c per copy or \$3.60 per dozen at 25c per copy or \$2.40 per dozen post paid if orders reach me before Jan. 1, 1924. If its pep you want, these songs have it. Some of the best quartettes of the season in this book. It will suit you. Order now.—W. H. Dunagan, Sherman, Tex., Box 654. 27

Service Value Quality

Newest Spring Footwear

Our new spring footwear in all the newest things are here.

We have the new oxfords, pumps one and two straps, in a variety of colors, heels and leathers.

The new suedes in the cocoa, bamboo and brown are beautiful.

Silk hose to match. See the new spring footwear at our store.

Self Dry Goods Co. One Price Cash Only

New coats at reduced prices at Self's.

L. K. Johnson of Vernon was in town yesterday.

Holiday goods of all kinds at the Owl Drug Store.

The boys select Daisy air rifles every time.—M. S. Henry & Co.

A well assorted stock of Christmas toys at Ringgold's variety store. 27

Good second hand Ford truck for sale worth the money. See J. H. Self.

The worst blizzard in many years is reported in the Panhandle country.

Give Pyrex glass ovenware, useful 365 days in the year.—M. S. Henry & Co.

Sale tags remain on all ready-to-wear until Saturday of this week.—Self's.

The White Front Confectionery is closing out Christmas toys at cost in the rear of the Bank of Crowell. 24p

Dr. and Mrs. W. M. Schindler and children of Vernon were here Sunday visiting Dr. and Mrs. H. Schindler.

The Shelton Grocery store opened its doors for business last week in the new building west of the Bon Ton Cafe.

Salesman wanted to sell sewing machines in West Texas territory. Expenses paid, car furnished.—W. C. McKown. 26

Floor lamps, cedar chests, service trays, sewing stands, Polychrome mirrors and buffet sets for Christmas.—W. R. Womack.

J. R. Coffman purchased 100 acres of land from Will Morris this week paying \$70 an acre. Mr. Morris will go to the Plains country.

There will be a school exhibit and silver tea in the building formerly occupied by the White Front Confectionery Wednesday, Dec. 19, 1 to 4 o'clock p. m. Proceeds will go to school group equipment.

Halsell farms for sale in Lamb county, \$25.00 an acre, \$5.00 down, 15 years on balance, 6 per cent interest. This is the garden spot of the Plains, water 60 to 90 feet, black chocolate cat claw sand, soil 3 to 4 feet with red clay sub soil. This is known as the best drought resisting land and not blowing sand, on good railroad and state highway. Will carry you to see this land free if you are interested. See Zeke Bell, exclusive agent, Crowell, Texas.

New spring footwear is here at Self's.

Only a few of those 6-burner Red Star stoves left at \$84.00. The new price right now is \$89.00.—W. R. Womack.

For sale 14½ acres of land well improved 2 miles east of Margaret. Terms, \$1,000 cash or \$800 cash and \$250 on time at 8 per cent.—Mrs. M. L. Ivie. 25p

See the new spring dresses in the poreitheen at Self's.

When in Crowell visit Ringgold's variety store for Christmas presents, as we have a large stock to select from this season.

J. H. Lanier, John Ellis, W. J. Franks and Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Smith went to Floydada Sunday returning Wednesday. Mr. Franks had been here looking after property.

Holiday Goods

We will have a full and complete line of Holiday Goods, as usual, and we ask that you come to see us before you make your purchases. You need not wait for suggestions as to presents, but come and see what we have. We shall be glad to show you what we have any time.

ACCURACY SERVICE COURTESY

Owl Drug Store

T. B. REEDER, MGR. PRESCRIPTION DRUGGIST

PENSLAR AGENCY CROWELL, TEXAS

The Law of Life

Slowly but surely! That is the law of life.

Nothing was born full grown. Immense fortunes were accumulated gradually.

The man who has attained what we turn "easy circumstances" reached that point by **perseverance**, and reached it **gradually**.

You can command success. It will come slowly but the very **first** step will be the very **slowest** step.

The proper solution of a bank relationship will aid you immeasurably.

Because we consider that our **patrons' interests** and our **interests** are the same, we feel that you could use us to your advantage.

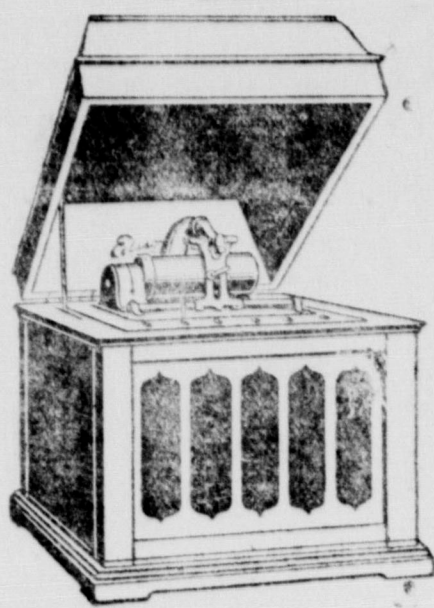
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Edison and Brunswick Phonographs and Records

Edison Ambrolia
\$50.00

A good stock of
Phonographs and
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W. R. Womack

Photographs for Christmas

Remember there are only a few more days that we can make sittings and promise pictures for Christmas. If you are thinking of having some made you had better hurry, as it will take something like a week to get them out.

Don't stand back on account of bad weather. We make them, rain or shine, and guarantee good results.

We also have on the road a nice lot of easel frames of most any size. Will be here the latter part of the week.

L. V. ROBERTSON, Photographer

His Christmas Spent at Club

By MARY GRAHAM BONNER

Lonesome Rich Man Finds Happiness in Playing Santa Claus

HE WAS SITTING alone in his fashionable club. It was quite deserted. It had been for some days now. Everyone seemed to have other things to do than to come to the club. They had talked, a number of them, the last time many had been there, of the busy days ahead, shopping, wrapping up Christmas parcels, helping their wives or their daughters or their grandchildren in the gay plans for Christmas.

Only he had no plans to make. He gave his employees, and a number of others with whom he came in contact, money at Christmas time. That fulfilled his Christmas demands.

Other years he hadn't felt it so much as this year. This year the loneliness seemed lonelier than ever before. His solitary condition saddened him.

Well, he would go back to his suite. He would leave the club. Perhaps among his own books, his own things he would not feel so lonely. He would not dine at the club; he would have some cheese and crackers and coffee at home. His excellent valet could always prepare a little supper for him.

Outside of the club his chauffeur and car were waiting. He got in and sat down on the soft, luxuriously upholstered cushions, and the chauffeur closed the door, shutting out the clear, cold Christmas time air and the noise of the streets—the noise of many voices of many people going shopping, with the higher voices of children rising every once in awhile above the din.

His soul seemed to ache. He was alone. Rich, comfortable, luxurious, alone! No one wanted him, needed him, cared for him. He had everything which money could buy; he had enough money to buy everything he wanted.

No, not everything! He wanted love and affection, he wanted to be a part of all this going on outside the luxurious confinement of his car and that he couldn't buy. Mix with the crowds? Yes, he could do that, but not as one of them. Only as a lonely man who had a fat bank account which didn't help in the slightest.

And yet couldn't it help? Suddenly he had an inspiration. He called through the speaking tube to his chauffeur. "I think," he said, "I will get out here and walk the rest of the way home."

The chauffeur was surprised, but he was too well trained to show surprise. He got out before a large store where in the window was a decorated Christmas tree. He went inside the store. No longer did he feel so lonely. He, too, had a purpose in mind. He was a part of all this now.

Tinsel, candles, red colored paper, ribbons, small toys, decorations, oh, how much he bought. His arms were filled with bundles just as were the arms of others. It was such fun to carry bundles, too. He had never known before the joy of ever-crowded arms.

Home he went, carrying his beloved purchases with him. And then he summoned the janitor to his lonely suite, which now seemed filled with the Christmas cheer. He talked it all over with him, the plans for his own Santa Claus suit.

He had given the janitor money before, of course. This time he would take part in the Christmas of the children of the janitor.

Christmas morning came. Never had he arisen so early on a Christmas morning. Dressing himself carefully, he went downstairs. He had worked until late the night before, decorating the tree, but he was not tired.

Suddenly there was a cry, a cry of joy such as he had never heard. "Why, there's Santa Claus! Dear, dear Santa Claus!"

The janitor's children had always been afraid of him, but not so of Santa Claus! He undid his pack, he took gifts of the tree and the children clustered over him, kissed him, hugged him, loved him. With what a splendid gusto they loved him!

And the children begged Santa Claus to stay for dinner. Curious thing for him to be doing! But he stayed, and for the first time, almost since he had been a child himself, he had a Christmas, a real Christmas, a Christmas filled with love which had driven the loneliness out!

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WHEN HE WAS A BOY

What a high-hearted fellow old Santa Claus is. He must have been a newsboy.

Illustration of a man sitting at a desk, likely the author or a related figure.

BILL SAM'S DICTIONARY

Housework Is a Burden



Woman's lot is a weary one at best. But with backache and other distressing kidney life indeed becomes a burden. Doan's Pills have made life brighter for many Crowell women. Ask your neighbor!

Mrs. C. C. Ashby, Crowell, says: "My back was so bad I could hardly stoop to do my housework. Right through the small of my back and across my hips was a steady, dull ache. At night my back ached so I could hardly sleep, and I was unable to straighten when I got out of bed in the morning. It seemed as though every muscle were lame and sore and when I stooped I got so dizzy I could hardly stand. My Kidneys weren't acting right, so I used Doan's Kidney Pills and they cured me entirely."

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

LOCAL ATMOSPHERE.

"Schoolin' has enabled our boy Josh to speak wonderful smooth and grammatical," remarked Mrs. Corn-tassel proudly.

"Yes," replied her husband; "he'll have to stop it pretty soon and practice up on his old line of farm dialect so's to keep the summer boarders amused."

ASPIRIN

Say "Bayer" and Insist!



Genuine

Accept "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" only. Each unbroken package contains proper directions. Handy boxes of twelve tablets cost few cents. Drug-gists also sell bottles of 24 and 100 Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid. 186-F

Unless you see the name "Bayer" on package or on tablets you are not getting the genuine Bayer product prescribed by physicians over twenty-two years and proved safe by millions for Colds Headache Toothache Lumbago Earache Rheumatism Neuralgia Pain, Pain

Pre-Inventory Sale OF GROCERIES

WE MUST reduce our stock of groceries and will sell at cost until the first of January, 1924. This sale starts Thursday, December 13. Now is the time to get your groceries and save money.

The following prices are now in effect:

Sweet Pea, Belle of Vernon, Amarillys, per sack	\$1.75
Colorado re-cleaned Pinto beans, per 100	\$7.85
70-pound sack of Michigan meat salt	\$1.35
3-pound bucket White Swan coffee	\$1.35
3-pound bucket Maxwell House coffee	\$1.15
2 1/2-pound bucket Folgers coffee	\$1.10
Bull Peaberry and Arbuckle coffee, 1-lb. packages	30c
25-pound box raisins, apricots, peaches, prunes, each per box	\$2.75
10-pound box of same, each	\$1.40
No. 2 hand packed tomatoes, new stock, per case	\$2.35
Fancy corn, A1 and First Pick, per case	\$3.40
No. 2 Kuners Cut Green beans, per case	\$3.15
No. 2 Kuners Sauer Kraut, per case	\$2.25
All cane syrup, any brand, per gallon	85c
No. 2 Campbell's Pork and Beans, per can	10c
Post Toasties, per box	12 1/2 c
Regular 35c box Hershey's cocoa, sale price, 2 for	35c
Gallon can peaches, apricots, apples, per gallon	50c
23 bars P. & G. soap	\$1.00

Everything at cost for CASH.

Goods charged at regular prices.

Russell Grocery Co.

Stock tubs, barrels, cisterns, flues and all kinds of tin and pipe work.— T. L. Hayes.

I have 110 acres land 4 miles south-west of town will sell. Take some stock.—W. J. Carter.

Cream, chickens and eggs wanted will pay the highest market price.— Matthews-Crawford Gro. Co.

Charity should begin at home and stay there until there is a surplus for other people.

But possibly Europe wants to go to war as the best means of paving for the last war.

SHERIFF'S NOTICE OF ELECTION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Foard.

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the 22nd day of December, A. D. 1923, at Thalia school house in Thalia Consolidated School District No. 3 in Foard county, Texas, as established by a declaration of the commissioners court of Foard county, Texas, in accordance with Article No. 2817 1-4, Revised Statutes of Texas 1923, which is recorded in Book 4, pages 357 and 358, of date of the 8th day of October, A. D. 1923, of the minutes of said court, in the county clerk's office of this county and by an order of the county trustees of Foard county, Texas, which is recorded in Book 1 (one), pages 252, 253 and 255, of date the 16th day of October, A. D. 1923, School Record Foard County, of the minutes of said trustees, in the county judge's office of this county, to determine whether a majority of the legally qualified property tax-paying voters of said district desire the issuance of bonds, numbered consecutively from 1 (one), to 40 (forty), both inclusive, of the denomination of \$1,000.00 each, aggregating \$40,000.00, to bear interest at the rate of six (6) per cent per annum, payable semi-annually April the 10th and October the 10th of each year, said bonds to be payable forty (40) years from date, maturing serially on the faith and credit of said Thalia Consolidated Common School District No. 3, in Foard county, Texas, to provide funds to be expended in payment of accounts legally contracted in building and equipping a brick school house at Thalia in said district and to determine whether the commissioners court of Foard county shall be authorized to levy, assess and collect annually while said bonds or any of them, are outstanding a tax upon all taxable property within said district sufficient to pay the current interest on said bonds and provide a sinking fund

sufficient to pay the principal at maturity. All persons who are legally qualified voters of this State and county and who are resident property taxpayers in said district shall be entitled to vote at said election. Said election was ordered by the

county judge of this county by order made on the 28th day of November, A. D. 1923, and this notice is given in pursuance of said order. Dated the 30th day of November, A. D. 1923. L. D. CAMPBELL, Sheriff, Foard County, Texas.

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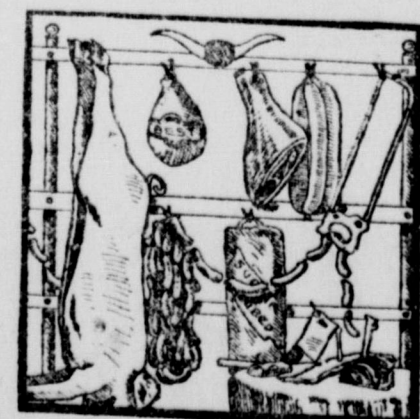
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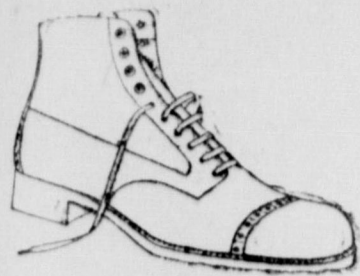
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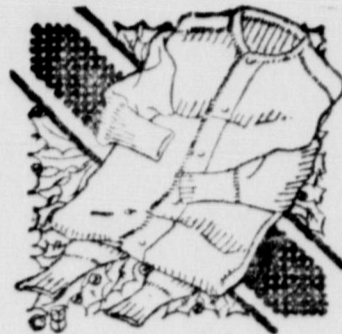
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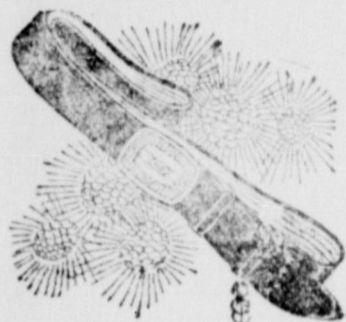


Highly desirable to every man or boy are the many nifty creations we have in our Neckwear section. Both four-in-hand or bow Ties in the latest colors and materials. Put up in gift boxes.



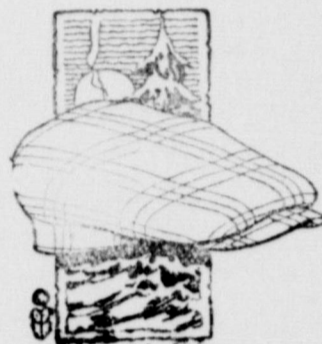
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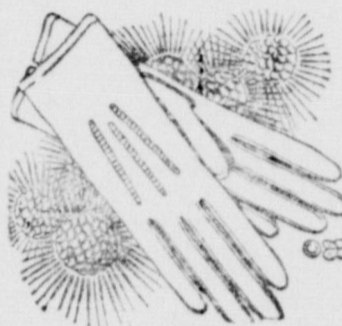
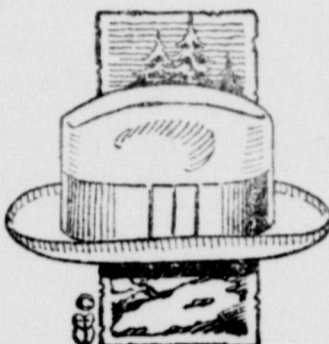
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We have a wide variety of Belts and Belt Buckles that will please him.



Men's and Boys' HATS AND CAPS

We invite you to look over the many fine Hat and Cap Gift suggestions we have ready for your selection.



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Johnnie Gamble loaded out his household goods Monday for Lamesa where he and his family are to make their home. Mr. Gamble bought land in that country some time ago and is now going to it. He thinks the Lamesa country is all right, but he says as he leaves Foard County that he is not burning any bridges behind him, which is to say that he reserves the right to return to this country, provided he sees fit to do so.

He is going to a good country and since he is an industrious farmer, no doubt he will make good.

A male writer takes a shot at women because they spend more than a billion dollars a year on hair nets, soaps, cosmetics and toilet preparations—and it's money well spent. We don't know how many billions men spend on moonshine and poison booze, but whatever it is it is not well spent.

Be sure pure water goes into your battery. We have it.—Swaim's Garage.

If speculators were forced to eat storage eggs they would soon quit storing them.

Pebbles Picked Up in Passing

You have noticed many times how insects flutter around a bright light. The light is powerful, the insects weak. One attracts, and the other responds to the attraction.

It is so with mankind.

Some men possess the mental power to forge ahead, to sweep away obstacles, and to attain positions of honor and trust. Others flutter around them, humbly accepting the crumbs that are tossed their way.

Be a human light, and let others emulate the insects.

You will go far and accomplish much.

The present congress will make history. It will also dig some political graves.

There is much constructive work to be done, and the opportunity is at hand to do that work.

But the session has begun amidst jealousy and bickering, and the outlook is not bright. Each group is attempting to supplant the other groups and grab off the plums.

That isn't the purpose for which we elected them, but it is the result we must expect and which we must accept—until the political graves are filled.

Since we can never agree upon any subject ourselves we can hardly expect congress to improve upon the example we set before it.

That's the situation in a nutshell. Watch it grow, and let's hope that it doesn't explode.

King Tut lived three thousand years ago.

He has been dead a long time, long enough for the present generation to become morbidly curious and desecrate his last resting place in the name of archaeology. They want his ancient body.

Some day you will die, and your remains will be laid away, and perhaps three thousand years hence our more enlightened descendants will be digging up your bones or ashes and wondering how many sins you possessed.

It doesn't bother King Tut now, and it won't worry you then, but it

does seem that common decency ought to prompt us to let our human dead rest in peace.

The habit of observation is strong, and it brings to our mind just now a certain little girl in this community—brings her to our mind because her daily acts have attracted that observation.

She is very gentle, very sweet, very ladylike. Part of it is in the blood, but most of it is probably in the training.

Is she your girl?

Some people say there is a skeleton in every closet. It may be true—we don't know.

But skeletons indicate age, in this case indiscretions of bygone days.

Because a person's foot slips once is no reason why the rest of us should grab it and keep it forever out of place.

Let a skeleton rest. If it does not rattle its own bones it will do no harm.

The future holds too much that is bright for us to dwell in the shadows of the past.

With faltering steps a very aged lady was crossing a street. A speed-motor car crashed into her—and her soul kept marching on. The aged lady was crossing a street. A speeding was welcome when it came. But the killer has yet to receive his reward. It will not be welcome when it comes. Think before you kill.

MATTRESS MAKING

I will be here for a while yet making mattresses. Bring your work in within the next few days, if possible.—Tarver's Factory.

If you are unable to decide on your Christmas list just leave it to our local merchants. They'll see that nobody gets left.

Mr. Coolidge declined the customary gift of a Thanksgiving turkey. We didn't—and you know why.

Of course we all want our taxes reduced, but each wants his own lopped off first.

Most people are honest at all times—except when making out a tax schedule.

Since evil must be accepted along with the good, congress has our permission to talk until exhausted and then adjourn.

Mr. Ebert, the German president, is a harness maker. He should have been a rail splitter.

Ambition leads many a man to great heights only to let him drop with a thud.

If you want to "throw on dog" eat dinosaur eggs. They are only \$2,000 each.

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Scourge Known as "Black Death"
The name "Black Death" was given to the epidemic that devastated Asia and Europe in the Fourteenth century. It was so called from the black spots that appeared upon the skin at the time of death, and was probably a highly malignant form of typhus fever. The scourge ravaged China in 1333-1347 and carried off 13,000,000 of its inhabitants, and 24,000,000 in other parts of Asia.

The Black Death first appeared in Europe in 1347, but it was not until August, 1348, that it reached England. In London 100,000 persons died of it, and in Norwich over 60,000. It is estimated that the victims of this one visitation numbered from one-third to one-half of the entire population of England, which, at that time was about 5,000,000. The Black Death reappeared in Europe in 1360, 1373 and 1382. It is said to have carried off in all its visitations more than 30,000,000 Europeans.

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LEO SPENCER,

FOARD CITY ITEMS

(By Special Correspondent)

Mr. and Mrs. M. E. Johnson of Dallas are visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Fox.

Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Eubanks of Lubbock are visiting at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. Weatherall.

Dr. Macumber went to Crowell Monday.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. U. C. Rader Saturday evening. Everyone present had a good time.

Mr. and Mrs. Tom Calaway and baby went to Crowell shopping the first of last week.

Miss Ruth Weatherall who has been visiting in Lubbock has returned home.

Prayermeeting every Wednesday evening in Foard City. Don't forget to come.

Next Sunday is Rev. Russell's day to preach. Sunday school at 10:15, preaching services at 11 and league at 6:30. Evening services at 7:30. Come and bring somebody.

Mrs. Geo. Canup went to Crowell one day last week.

J. E. Acheson of Crowell was in Foard City Monday on business.

There will be a Christmas tree and program at the Foard City high school next Friday.

There will be a tree and Christmas program at the Cottonwood school next Friday.

Miss Grace Fox was shopping in Crowell last Saturday.

Rev. Russell went to Aspermont last week on business.

Grady McLain has bought the parsonage shed and moved it to his place.

Simmons Home-Coming

Abilene, Texas, Dec. 7.—In the first turkey day home-coming ever held on the Simmons campus some three hundred ex-students and alumni of the school returned to the old place for a gala occasion on Thanksgiving. The big feature of the day drawing the Simmonsites home was the annual football contest between the Simmons Cowboys and Howard Payne resulting this year in a gruelling three-point tie. Between 3500 and 4000 people witnessed the game. Almost as great an attraction to the home-coming exes was the real turkey dinner and get-together staged in the science building with the Abilene Simmons club as host. Dinner was prepared for five hundred people; the number served was less than this because scores of alumni and exes living within driving distance of Abilene were prevented from carrying out plans to attend by rains the day before. A Thanksgiving reception was given in the evening in the Caldwell Fine Arts building with about 500 in attendance.

Class reunions in the morning proved the 1923 class to have the largest number back for the home-coming. The oldest class represented was the class of 1893; several from the class of 1902 were also present. Thirty-six towns and cities were represented in the registered list of returning students, including Texarkana, Arkansas, and Tulsa, Okla. Texas cities and towns listed on the register were: Dallas, Waco, Lubbock, Haskell, Seymour, Abilene, Eastland, Anson, Cisco, Ranger, Comanche, Wichita Falls, Winters, Clyde, Merkel, Tuscola, Crowell, Rising Star, Sylvester, Lamesa, Desdemona, Westbrook, Stanton, Harrold, San Angelo, Baird, Breckenridge, Sweetwater, Throckmorton, Quanah, Ballinger, Weatherford, Stamford and Vernon.

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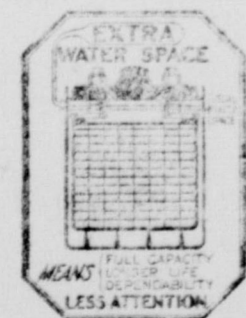
The New Cook Books

Are off of the press and are on sale at the two drug stores in Crowell. Any one at a distance may procure one the books by writing Mrs. H. Schindler or Mrs. R. L. Kincaid, Crowell, Texas.

Price
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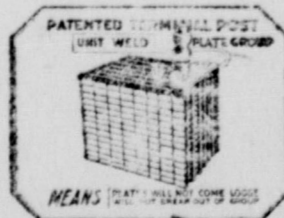
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One-Half Dozen Happy Kiddies

By ELEANOR KING

Young Woman Gathers in Homeless Tots for Christmas Festivities

THE dining room of this exquisite home was beautiful, spacious and furnished in the best of taste. Its massive Jacobean high-backed chairs, long table, draperies all harmonized. But that quality which puts one at ease was lacking. It looked austere and unfriendly. The servants had decorated the table and room profusely, trying to give a little of the Christmas atmosphere. The forlorn look still asserted itself, bidding from the length of the table and amount of edibles piled upon it, one might have judged there was to be quite a party, but only four places were set.

The dinner gong sounded. A middle-aged well-dressed man and woman appeared.

"And you say Theima went out in the car?"

"She didn't say where she was going, Robert," replied his wife.

"She probably thought Hubert was taking too long in getting over here, so she took it upon herself to go after him."

"Undoubtedly," assented Mrs. Fremont.

Theima came soon bursting in upon her folks, coat and hat still on. To be sure, she had Hubert with her.

"Dad, mother," she exclaimed, "come and see what I have out here!"

She led her folks into the front hall. To their astonishment, they found the

butler and a maid occupied in removing coats and hats from six children.

"Well, where did you get these?" said Mr. Fremont in his bustling way.

"It's like this, Dad," began Theima with a rather apologetic air. "When I came downstairs this afternoon and saw that dining room table heaped up with good things—well, I just went for Hubert; together we found the name of the nursery or home or whatever you call it, near here and we went over there. I had the matron give me half a dozen children, and here they are."

She pointed to the group in front of her, who were busy taking in their surroundings. "Children, this is my father and this my mother. Now, Dad, here is Tony, Rose, Frederick, Charles, Anna and Marie," as she gathered the children to her.

"Now, children, we are going in and have dinner. Let's see, Hubert, you take Frederick and Charles. Dad take Tony; Mother, you take Anna, and I will have Rose and Marie."

The children, ranging from six to eight, were rather shy until they set eyes on all the goodies on the table; then they were all excitement. Theima winked at Hubert, and then looked at her dad. He was busy keeping meat enough cut up for Tony, supplying his numerous other demands, and keeping up with his many questions. The children were fairly stuffed when they climbed down from the table.

"We are going to play some games now," said Theima. "Hubert, you get on that side of the circle; come on, Dad and Mother." But no amount of coaxing could bring Dad and Mother. Dad thought he had done his share.

"What do you think?" said Theima to the children a little while later:

"Hubert tells me he was just in the library, and Santa left a Christmas tree and some gifts for you in there. They all made a dash for the door."

"Where do you suppose she got these things?" queried Mr. Fremont of his wife.

"I can't imagine," she replied; "this must have been the planning of more than today."

It came time for Theima to give the friend announcement that they were to leave for the home. Before doing so she surveyed the scene before her: There was Dad, on his hands and knees, crawling about the floor with Tony, playing train. Tony had succeeded in winning over Mr. Fremont. There sat her mother reading a story to three of the youngsters, and Hubert—she could hardly believe her eyes—sat cuddling a little sleeping form in his arms. She went over and sat down on the arm of his chair.

"You dear old thing," she said, putting her arm around him; then, "Hubert, look at Dad. Won't you say this day was a success?"

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UNDER THE MISTLETOE

"Oh, professor, see the big bunch of mistletoe I have hung on the chandelier," exclaimed the young lady, standing under it and spitting indignantly.

Young and Learned Professor (looking near-sightedly through his glasses)—"Ah, yes, it is an excellent specimen of the *Viscum Album*, of the order *Loranthaceae*. It is a jointed dicotyledonous shrub." And that was all!

That Gobbler for Christmas

By CLARA DELAFIELD

They Just Could Not Kill the Bird They Had Watched Grow Up From Babyhood

AL, marm, I might let you have the gobbler for Christmas," said Silas Hicks. "He'll be a fine bird by then. But I donna. He's the only one I've reared out of that brood, and I'm kinder attached to him."

However, he promised Mrs. James finally to let her have the gobbler.

Silas Hicks was not a sentimental man. He was a farmer, and in business for the money it brought him. He had a brother John, who had gone to the city and made money hand over fist. John was a crusty old bachelor and largely devoid of the sense of family obligations.

There had been a time, five years before, when things went badly with Silas. There was a heavy mortgage to meet, the crops had been a failure, and he had been in danger of dispossession. Besides, his wife was on her sickbed, from which she was never to arise.

Silas had gone in his despair to the brother whom he had not seen for years. John had turned him down flat.

"Father left you the farm because you played up to him, and kicked me out into the world," he said. "Now I've made my pile, you have the nerve to come to me for help. I don't see it, Silas."

"My wife's sick," pleaded Silas, "and you've got more money than you know what to do with."

"Oh, I can find a use for it," John retorted caustically. "Maybe if you'd

shown a little sympathy for me when I was hooding it on the sidewalks I'd have a little more for you, Silas."

Silas went home. Somehow he managed to survive the crisis. But his wife died, and he grew lonelier and lonelier. If he had had a few thousand dollars he would have sold out and gone south to live, somewhere away from this bleak New England coast. But he could just manage to make both ends meet. Daily he cursed his brother in his heart.

He started raising turkeys, and that was a failure. Only the gobbler lived. He used to watch the bird with interest. The gobbler would come clucking after him for crumbs. And it was odd how it looked like John.

He began to call it John. It had a queer way of putting its head upon one side and calling, as John used to do when he was a boy. Gradually, to old Silas' fancy, the gobbler became an effigy of John. He hated it.

He hated it, and he was attached, too. He made a sort of pet of the gobbler. He wanted it to love him, so far as a turkey gobbler is capable of love. Then, when Christmas came, he was going to cut its throat very slowly, bending its head back to see the terror in its eyes. He would thus have his revenge upon his brother.

"Yes, marm, John's thriving nicely and putting on flesh," he told Mrs. James. "Here he comes, John! John!"

Up came the big gobbler, put its head on one side and surveyed Silas to see if he had any bread crumbs.

"Isn't he the cutest thing!" said Mrs. James. "I don't wonder you can't bear to let me have it, Mr. Hicks."

"Oh, that'll be all right, marm," responded Silas cheerily.

An elemental hatred for the gobbler had come to fill his heart. Christmas was at hand. He pictured how, on the morrow, he would grab the bird, he would insult it with all the turkey abuse that he had picked up from it; then it should die slowly, as he would like John to die.

On Christmas morning he found a letter from an unknown correspondent in the city. Opening it, he read that his brother John was dead.

John had left forty thousand dollars, half of which was to go to Silas, "in memory of our boyhood times together, and in the hope that any ill feeling, if it existed, has long ago been canceled."

Silas stared at the letter. His eyes grew misty. He saw John again as a little boy upon the farm; his heart went out to him across the years.

"Gobbler! Gobbler! The big turkey was standing in front of him, its head on one side, one claw raised, begging for crumbs.

"You great big faker, you!" bellowed Silas.

The gobbler, looking a little alarmed, retreated a step or two.

"Oh, Mr. Hicks, I'm willing to pay for that turkey, but somehow I—I feel I just can't eat him after seeing him grow up from babyhood."

"Wal, Mrs. James, I was kinder feeling that way myself," said Silas Hicks, scratching his head. "You see, I'm selling out and going south, and I was figuring on taking him along and raising turkeys."

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Puts a Halo on Another Head

By Christopher G. Hazard

Artist Finds New Place for Circle Because of a Service to Mankind

DAVID SPENCER looked again at his watch with some anxiety. The hospitality of the old southern home had been lavish, the exhibition of his paintings had been successful beyond his hopes, there had been congratulations, and flowers, and commissions. Quite overwhelmed with courtesies and attentions, charmed by the quaintness and beauty and customs and scenes new to him, the artist longed to linger, and was loth to leave the old city. But the northern train that he must take was almost due, the station was distant, and his hosts had seemingly forgotten all about it, until they suddenly appeared with apologies and delivered him to the black coachman and the family coach. Fortunately, the train, burdened with its load of Christmas cheer, was late, also, so that when it moved on Spencer was among its passengers.

The rather monotonous landscape threw him back upon reflection, and he found himself reviewing the sights and experiences of his visit with pleasant amusement.

Again he witnessed the bargaining of the old market. "Is you got enny aigs?" "I ain't sed dat I ain't." "I ain't axed yer is yo' ain't, I axed yer ain't yo' is." He recalled the curious operations of the revival meeting that had so illustrated the picturesqueness of negro character and hummed to himself the song that had there been so intensely sung:

Here's a halo on His head,
A halo, oh my Lawd,
But dere's one for me He sed,
A crown ob glory wen I'm daid,
A halo, oh my Lawd.

Dat's de kind ob hat ter git,
A halo, oh my Lawd,
In rain or shine hit's boum' ter fit,
I sholy am a-wantin' hit,
A halo, oh my Lawd.

And I kin feel hit sproutin' now,
A halo, oh my Lawd,
A crown ob shinin' on my brow,
Each time to Him I mek a bow,
A halo, oh my Lawd.

As the train sped on the artist's reminiscences were interrupted by the voices of the conductor and one of the passengers. "But this train does not stop at Redfield," the conductor was saying, as he looked at the old man's ticket. "It must stop this time," answered the passenger; "I just got to see Jim once more before he goes. I only got the message this morning. I want to wish him a merry Christmas and a happy New Year where he's goin'."

The conductor hesitated, then seemed to yield as he passed on, and the old man sat back in his seat, unaware of the atmosphere of sympathy around him. Shortly after the bell rope was pulled, the train drew to a halt, and kindly looks followed him down the aisle and on to the platform of the little station.

The incident was barely finished and the train had attained but little headway when there was a sudden and terrible jolt, followed by a crash and the bumping of the cars over the ties, then a stop and an affrighted silence, broken by the voice of the Pullman porter, crying out, "We's run through an open switch and we's wrecked, but ne' min, de train am standin' on de ground." Engine, baggage cars and dining car were off and broken, but the Pullmans remained on the track.

"If we hadn't stopped at Redfield," said the conductor, "we'd 'a' been going forty miles an hour and all heaped up at the bottom of the embankment."

In the artist's studio today there is a picture of the Christmas Christ, with the halo that believing love has placed upon His head. And just below it another halo rests upon the head of an old man, pictured there because of his unconscious but real service of mankind.

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RING OUT

Ring out! Ring out! ye happy bells,
and make a joyous lay,
For Christ the child has come to us
and we would have him stay;
Make every hill and valley ring, fill
earth and sky with cheer,
For we who have reared the Christ
would show him welcome here.
—F. H. Sweet.

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AT CHRISTMAS TIME

We ring the bells and we raise the strain,
We hang up garlands everywhere
and bid the tapers twinkle fair,
And feast and frolic—and then we go
Back to the same old lives again
—Susan Coelette.

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Last Call

On the 15th of this Month, which is tomorrow, the Bargain Days for the News and Star-Telegram will end, so far as we know. At any rate we cannot say at this time that the offer will be extended.

Better not delay the matter longer. The special offer on the News alone will run until Jan. 1. That rate is

\$1.50

The News

December 16, 1923
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Santa Says:
Be Ready
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Santa Claus Says:

Santa Claus Says: Santa

Don't
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Until
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This
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A Prosperous Year Means Christmas Cheer

You have been blessed this year with an abundance of prosperity and I am waiting here to help you select the many gifts you surely will want to give your loved ones. You can do this because I have a reputation of enviable capabilities acquired through the ages of time. I have in particular chosen this store due to the extreme liberalities I have been given in order that everyone who may come here can secure just what they may desire at a great saving. You can buy some articles for Half Price and some for less than Half Price. Absolutely no reserve on this stock. Everything at great reduction. Come!

Select
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Holiday Bargains

Ladies' Sweaters, \$6.50
value, Sale price
\$4.95 each

2,000 yards brown Do-
mestic, Sale price
10c yard

Ladies white coat sweat-
ers, \$6.50 val, Sale price
\$4.95 each

Ladies high shoes, values
to \$7.50, Sale price
\$3.95 per pair

Men's dress shirts, \$1.50
value, Sale price
\$1.00 each

Ladies Black Kid Gloves,
\$2.00 value, Sale price . .
\$1.49 each

Misses' all-wool Sweat-
ers, \$3.50 values, Sale
price **\$2.95 each . .**

Silks, short lengths, val-
ues to \$3.00 Sale price .
\$1.00 yard

Ladies oxfords, close-out
Sale price
\$1.69 per pair

Shirting, extra heavy,
25c value, Sale price . . .
19c yard

Turkish Towels, size
22x44, 65c value, Sale
49c each

Dress Gingham, 32-inch,
35c value, Sale price . .
29c yard

Indian blankets, \$10.00
value, Sale price
\$7.95 each

Boys cotton sweaters,
\$1.25 value, Sale price
98c each

Men's Stetson hats, \$10
value, Sale price
\$7.95 each

Ladies Silk Hose, all the
new shades, \$1.75 value,
Sale price **\$1.00 each**

French Serge, all-wool,
48-in., \$2.25 value, Sale
price **\$1.69 yard**

Extra heavy outing, 25c
value, Sale price
19c yard

Men's Florsheim shoes,
\$10.00 value, Sale price
\$7.95 per pair

Ladies house shoes,
\$1.75 value, Sale price
\$1.39 pair

5,000 yards Dress Ging-
ham, values to 35c, Sale
price **19c yard**

Dress Gingham, 32-inch,
50c value, Sale price . . .
39c yard

Men's cotton coat sweat-
ers, \$1.50 val, Sale price
\$1.19 each

Men's hats, \$6.50 value,
Sale price
\$4.95 each

Embroidery thread, Sale
price
8 skeins 25c

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Merry Christmas to You and Yours

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Santa Claus Says:

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A Prosperous Year Means Christmas Cheer

Shop early and liberally! Make this Christmas the happiest one you have ever known by remembering all of your friends generously. Never before have we had such suitable gifts both for young and old. Our splendid force of salespeople have been appointed special agents for Santa Claus in helping you select the right gift for everyone you wish to remember. Come at once and let us help you spread Christmas cheer. Bring Father, bring Mother, bring Brother, bring Sister, bring Uncle, bring Auntie, bring all with you and buy your Xmas gifts at great reductions.

Select
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 From
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 Here!

Holiday Bargains

Men's silk knit ties, \$1.50 value, Sale price \$1.29 each	Men's silk ties, \$1.00 value, Sale price 69c each	Ladies coats, \$37.50 value, Sale price \$28.15	Boys shoes, \$5.00 value, Sale price \$3.95 pair	Misses sweaters, \$2.50 value, Sale price \$1.95 each
Men's house shoes, \$2.25 value, Sale price \$1.89 pair	Men's bath robes, \$10.00 value, Sale price \$7.95 each	Children's hats, values to \$3.00, Sale price \$1.00 each	Ladies petticoats, \$6.50 value, Sale price \$4.95 each	Fancy Turkish Towels, 65c value, Sale price 49c each
Indian blankets, \$15.00 value, Sale price \$11.95 each	Ladies dresses, \$21.50 value, Sale price \$16.50 each	Ladies brown and black kid oxfords, \$5.00 value, Sale price \$3.95 pair	Boys sweaters, all-wool, \$6.50 value, Sale price \$4.95 each	Broadcloth, 54 inch, \$3.50 value, Sale price \$2.95 yard
Men's suits, \$25.00 value, Sale price \$18.75 each	Ladies suits, \$30.00 value, Sale price \$22.50 each	Children's coats, \$11.50 value, Sale price \$8.65 each	Men's dress pants, \$6.50 value, Sale price \$4.95 pair	Men's dress shirts, \$3.50 value, Sale price \$2.95
Boys suits, \$10.00 value, Sale price \$7.50 each	Ladies bath robes, \$8.00 value, Sale price \$6.95 each	Ladies hats, value to \$10.00, Sale price \$3.95 each	Ladies oxfords, \$3.50 value, Sale price \$2.95 pair	Men hats, \$7.50 value, Sale price \$5.45

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COOLIDGE VIEWS TOLD IN ADDRESS TO CONGRESS

President in His Message to Lawmakers, Defends Policies.

TO FOLLOW HARDING'S IDEAS

Is Opposed to League of Nations, but Favors World Court—Wants Disabled Veterans Cared For, but Is Opposed to Granting a Bonus.

Washington.—President Coolidge in his first message to the congress had the following recommendations to offer:

Since the close of the last congress the nation has lost President Harding. The world knew his kindness and his humanity, his greatness and his character. He has left his mark upon history. He has made justice more certain and peace more secure. The surpassing tribute paid to his memory as he was borne across the continent to rest at last at home revealed the place he held in the hearts of the American people. But this is not the occasion for extended reference to the man or his work. In this presence, among those who knew and loved him, that is unnecessary. But we who were associated with him could not resume together the functions of our office without pausing for a moment, and in his memory re-creating ourselves to the service of our country. He is gone. We remain. It is our duty, under the inspiration of his example, to take up the burdens which he was permitted to lay down, and to develop and support the wise principles of government which he represented.

Foreign Affairs.

For us peace reigns everywhere. We desire to perpetuate it always by granting full justice to others and requiring of others full justice to ourselves.

Our country has one cardinal principle to maintain in its foreign policy. It is an American principle. It must be an American policy. We attend to our own affairs, conserve our own strength, and protect the interests of our own citizens; but we recognize thoroughly our obligation to help others, reserving to the decision of our own judgment the time, the place, and the method. We realize the common bond of humanity. We know the inescapable law of service.

Our country has definitely refused to adopt and ratify the covenant of the League of Nations. We have not felt warranted in assuming the responsibilities which its members have assumed. I am not proposing any change in this policy; neither is the senate. The incident, so far as we are concerned, is closed. The league exists as a foreign agency. We hope it will be helpful. But the United States sees no reason to limit its own freedom and independence of action by joining it. We shall do well to recognize this basic fact in all national affairs and govern ourselves accordingly.

World Court.

Our foreign policy has always been guided by two principles. The one is the avoidance of permanent political alliances which would sacrifice our proper independence. The other is the peaceful settlement of controversies between nations. By example and by treaty we have advocated arbitration. For nearly 25 years we have been a member of the Hague tribunal, and have long sought the creation of a permanent World Court of Justice. I am in full accord with both of these policies. I favor the establishment of such a court intended to include the whole world. That is, and has long been, an American policy.

Pending before the senate is a proposal that this government give its support to the Permanent Court of International Justice, which is a new and somewhat different plan. This is not a partisan question. It should not assume an artificial importance. The court is merely a convenient instrument of adjustment to which we could go, but to which we could not be brought. It should be discussed with entire candor, not by a political bar, but by a judicial method, without pressure and without prejudice. Parisianism has no place in our foreign relations. As I wish to see a court established, and as the proposal presents the only practical plan on which many nations have ever agreed, though it may not meet every desire, I therefore commend it to the favorable consideration of the senate, with the proposed reservations clearly indicating our refusal to adhere to the League of Nations.

Russia.

Our diplomatic relations, lately so largely interrupted, are now being resumed, but Russia presents notable difficulties. We have every desire to see that great people, who are our traditional friends, restored to their position among the nations of the earth. We have relieved their pliable destitution with an enormous charity. Our government offers no objection to the carrying on of commerce by our citizens with the people of Russia. Our government does not propose, however, to enter into relations with another regime which refuses to recognize the sanctity of international ob-

jections. I do not propose to barter away for the privilege of trade any of the cherished rights of humanity. I do not propose to make merchandise of any American principles. These rights and principles must go wherever the sanctions of our government go.

But while the favor of America is not for sale, I am willing to make very large concessions for the purpose of rescuing the people of Russia. Already encouraging evidences of returning to the ancient ways of society can be detected. But more are needed. Whenever there appears any disposition to compensate our citizens who were despoiled, and to recognize that debt contracted with our government, not by the czar, but by the newly formed republic of Russia; whenever the active spirit of enmity to our institutions is abated; whenever there appear works more for repentance; our country ought to be the first to go to the economic and moral rescue of Russia. We have every desire to help and no desire to injure. We hope the time is near at hand when we can act.

Debts.

The current debt and interest due from foreign governments, exclusive of the British debt of \$4,600,000,000, is about \$7,200,000,000. I do not favor the cancellation of this debt, but I see no objection to adjusting it in accordance with the principle adopted for the British debt. Our country would not wish to assume the role of an oppressive debtor, but would maintain the principle that financial obligations between nations are likewise moral obligations which international faith and honor require should be discharged.

Our government has a liquidated claim against Germany for the expense of the army of occupation of over \$225,000,000. Besides this, the mixed claims commission have before them about 12,500 claims of American citizens, aggregating about \$1,225,000,000. These claims have already been reduced by a recent decision, but there are valid claims reaching well toward \$500,000,000. Our thousands of citizens with credits due them of hundreds of millions of dollars have no redress save in the action of our government. There are very substantial interests, which it is the duty of our government to protect as best it can. That course I propose to pursue.

It is for these reasons that we have a direct interest in the economic recovery of Europe. They are enlarged by our desire for the stability of civilization and the welfare of humanity. That we are making sacrifices to that end none can deny. Our deferred interest alone amounts to a million dollars every day. But recently we are offered to aid with our advice and counsel. We have reiterated our desire to see France paid and Germany revived. We have proposed disarmament. We have earnestly sought to compose differences and restore peace. We shall persevere in well-doing, not by force, but by reason.

Foreign Service.

The foreign service of our government needs to be reorganized and improved.

Fiscal Condition.

Our main problems are domestic problems. Financial stability is the first requisite of sound government. We cannot escape the effect of world conditions. We cannot avoid the inevitable results of the economic disorders which have reached all nations. But we shall diminish their harm to us in proportion as we continue to restore our government finances to a secure and enduring position. This we can do and must do. Upon that firm foundation rests the only hope of progress and prosperity. From that source must come relief for the people. This is being accomplished by a drastic but orderly retrenchment, which is bringing our expenses within our means. The origin of this has been the determination of the American people, the main support has been the courage of those in authority, and the effective method has been the budget system. The result has involved real sacrifice by department heads, but it has been made without flinching. This system is a law of the congress. It represents your will. It must be maintained, and ought to be strengthened by the example of your observance. Without a budget system there can be no fixed responsibility and no constructive scientific economy.

Another reform which is urgent in our fiscal system is the abolition of the right to issue tax-exempt securities. The existing system not only permits a large amount of the wealth of the nation to escape its just burden but acts as a continual stimulant to unneeded extravagance. This should be prohibited by constitutional amendment. All the wealth of the nation ought to contribute its fair share to the expenses of the nation.

Tariff Law.

The present tariff law has accomplished its two main objects. It has secured an abundant revenue and been productive of an abounding prosperity. Under it the country has had a very large export and import trade. A constant revision of the tariff by the congress is disturbing and harmful. The present law contains an elastic provision authorizing the President to increase or decrease present schedules not in excess of 50 per centum to meet the difference in cost of production at home and abroad. This does not, to my mind, warrant a rewriting of the whole law, but does mean, and will be so administered, that whenever the required investigation shows that inequalities of sufficient importance exist in any schedule, the power to change them should and will be applied.

Shipping.

The entire well-being of our country is dependent upon transportation by sea and land. Our government during

the war acquired a large merchant fleet which should be transferred, as soon as possible, to private ownership and operation under conditions which would secure two results: First, and of prime importance, adequate means for national defense; second, adequate service to American commerce. Until shipping conditions are such that our fleet can be disposed of advantageously under these conditions, it will be operated as economically as possible under such plans as may be advised from time to time by the shipping board. We must have a merchant marine which meets these requirements, and we shall have to pay the cost of its service.

Public Improvements.

The time has come to resume in a moderate way the opening of our intra-coastal waterways; the control of flood waters of the Mississippi and of the Colorado rivers; the improvement of the waterways from the Great Lakes toward the Gulf of Mexico; and the development of the great power and navigation project of the St. Lawrence river, for which efforts are now being made to secure the necessary treaty with Canada. These projects cannot all be undertaken at once, but all should have the immediate consideration of the congress and be adopted as fast as plans can be matured and the necessary funds become available. This is not incompatible with economy, for their nature does not require so much a public expenditure as a capital investment which will be reproductive, as evidenced by the marked increase in revenue from the Panama canal. Upon these projects depend much future industrial and agricultural progress. They represent the protection of large areas from flood and the addition of a great amount of cheap power and cheap freight by use of navigation, chief of which is the bringing of ocean-going ships to the Great Lakes.

Another problem of allied character is the superpower development of the northeastern states, consideration of which is proceeding under the direction of the Department of Commerce by joint conference with the local authorities.

Railroads.

Criticism of the railroad law has been directed, first, to the section laying down the rule by which rates are fixed, and providing for payment to the government and use of excess earnings; second, to the method for the adjustment of wage scales; and third, to the authority permitting consolidations.

It has been erroneously assumed that the act undertakes to guarantee railroad earnings. The law requires that rates should be just and reasonable. That has always been the rule under which rates have been fixed. To make a rate that does not yield a fair return results in confiscation, and confiscatory rates are of course unconstitutional. Unless the government adheres to the rule of making a rate that will yield a fair return, it must abandon rate making altogether. The new and important feature of that part of the law is the recapture and redistribution of excess rates. The constitutionality of this method is now before the Supreme court for adjudication. Their decision should be awaited before attempting further legislation on this subject. Furthermore, the importance of this feature will not be great if consolidation goes into effect.

The settlement of railroad labor disputes is a matter of grave public concern. The labor board was established to protect the public in the employment of continuous service by attempting to insure justice between the companies and their employees. It has been a great help, but is not altogether satisfactory to the public, the employees, or the companies. If a substantial agreement can be reached among the groups interested, there should be no hesitation in enacting such agreement into law. If it is not reached, the labor board may very well be left for the present to protect the public welfare.

The law for consolidations is not sufficiently effective to be expeditious. Additional legislation is needed giving authority for voluntary consolidations, both regional and route, and providing government machinery to aid and stimulate such action, always subject to the approval of the Interstate Commerce commission. This should authorize the commission to appoint committees for each proposed group, representing the public and the component roads, with power to negotiate with individual security holders for an exchange of their securities for those of the consolidation on such terms and conditions as the commission may prescribe for avoiding any confiscation and preserving fair values. Should this permissive consolidation prove ineffective after a limited period, the authority of the government will have to be directly invoked.

Consolidation appears to be the only feasible method for the maintenance of an adequate system of transportation with an opportunity so to adjust freight rates as to meet such temporary conditions as now prevail in some agricultural sections. Competent authorities agree that an entire reorganization of the rate structure for freight is necessary. This should be ordered at once by the congress.

Department of Justice.

As no revision of the laws of the United States has been made since 1875, a commission or committee should be created to undertake this work. The judicial council reports that two more district judges are needed in the southern district of New York, one in the northern district of Georgia, and two more circuit judges in the Circuit Court of Appeals of the

eleventh circuit. Legislation should be considered for this purpose.

Prohibition.

The prohibition amendment to the Constitution requires the congress and the President to provide adequate laws to prevent its violation. It is my duty to enforce such laws. For that purpose a treaty is being negotiated with Great Britain with respect to the right of search of hovering vessels. To prevent smuggling, the coast guard should be greatly strengthened, and a supply of swift power boats should be provided. The major sources of production should be rigidly regulated, and every effort should be made to suppress interstate traffic. With this action on the part of the national government, and the co-operation which is usually rendered by municipal and state authorities, prohibition should be made effective. Free government has no greater menace than disrespect for authority and continual violation of law. It is the duty of a citizen not only to observe the law but to let it be known that he is opposed to its violation.

The Negro.

Numbered among our population are some 12,000,000 colored people. Under our Constitution their rights are just as sacred as those of any other citizen. It is both a public and a private duty to protect those rights. The congress ought to exercise all its powers of prevention and punishment against the hideous crime of lynching, of which the negroes are by no means the sole sufferers, but for which they furnish a majority of the victims.

Regulatory Legislation.

Cooperation with other maritime powers is necessary for complete protection of our coast waters from pollution. Plans for this are under way, but await certain experiments for refuse disposal. Meantime laws prohibiting spreading oil and oil refuse from vessels in our own territorial waters would be most helpful against this menace and should be speedily enacted.

Laws should be passed regulating aviation.

Revision is needed of the laws regulating radio interference.

Legislation and regulations establishing load lines to provide safe loading of vessels leaving our ports are necessary and recodification of our navigation laws is vital.

Revision of procedure of the federal trade commission will give more constructive purpose to this department.

If our Alaskan fisheries are to be saved from destruction, there must be further legislation declaring a general policy and delegating the authority to make rules and regulations to an administrative body.

Army and Navy.

For several years we have been decreasing the personnel of the army and navy, and reducing their power to the danger point. Further reductions should not be made. The army is a guarantee of the security of our citizens at home; the navy is a guarantee of the security of our citizens abroad. Both of these services should be strengthened rather than weakened. Additional planes are needed for the army, and additional submarines for the navy. The defenses of Panama must be perfected. We want no more competitive armaments. We want no more war. But we want no weakness that invites imposition. A people who neglect their national defense are putting in jeopardy their national honor.

Insular Possessions.

Conditions in the insular possessions on the whole have been good. Their business has been reviving. They are being administered according to law. That effort has the full support of the administration. Such recommendations as may come from their people or their governments should have the most considerate attention.

Education and Welfare.

Our national government is not doing as much as it legitimately can do to promote the welfare of the people. Our enormous material wealth, our institutions, our whole form of society, cannot be considered fully successful until their benefits reach the merit of every individual. This is not a suggestion that the government should, or could, assume for the people the inevitable burdens of existence. There is no method by which we can either be relieved of the results of our own folly or be guaranteed a successful life. There is an inescapable personal responsibility for the development of character, of industry, of thrift, and of self control. These do not come from the government, but from the people themselves. But the government can and should always be expressive of steadfast determination, always vigilant, to maintain conditions under which these virtues are most likely to develop and secure recognition and reward. This is the American policy.

It is in accordance with this principle that we have enacted laws for the protection of the public health and have adopted prohibition in narcotic drugs and intoxicating liquors. For purposes of national uniformity we ought to provide, by constitutional amendment and appropriate legislation, for a limitation of child labor, and in all cases under the exclusive jurisdiction of the federal government a minimum wage law for women, which would undoubtedly find sufficient power of enforcement in the influence of public opinion.

Immigration.

American institutions rest solely on good citizenship. They were created by people who had a background of self-government. New arrivals should

be limited to our capacity to absorb them into the ranks of good citizens. America must be kept American. For this purpose, it is necessary to continue a policy of restricted immigration. It would be well to make such immigration of a selective nature with some inspection at the source, and based either on a priori census or upon the record of naturalization. Either method would insure the admission of those with the largest capacity and best intention of becoming citizens. I am convinced that our present economic and social conditions warrant a limitation of those to be admitted. We should find additional safety in a law requiring the immediate registration of all aliens. Those who do not want to be partakers of the American spirit ought not to settle in America.

Veterans.

No more important duty falls on the government of the United States than the adequate care of its veterans. Those suffering disabilities incurred in the service must have sufficient hospital relief and compensation. Their dependents must be supported. Rehabilitation and vocational training must be completed. All of this service must be clean, must be prompt and effective, and it must be administered in a spirit of the broadest and deepest human sympathy. If investigation reveals any present defects of administration or need of legislation, orders will be given for the immediate correction of administration, and recommendations for legislation should be given the highest preference.

At present there are 9,500 vacant beds in government hospitals. I recommend that all hospitals be authorized at once to receive and care for, without hospital pay, the veterans of all wars needing such care, whenever there are vacant beds, and that immediate steps be taken to enlarge and build new hospitals to serve all such cases.

The American Legion will present to congress a legislative program too extensive for detailed discussion here. It is a carefully prepared plan. While some of it I do not favor, with much of it I am in hearty accord, and I recommend that a most painstaking effort be made to provide remedies for any defects in the administration of the present laws which their experience has revealed. The attitude of the government toward these proposals should be one of generosity. But I do not favor the granting of a bonus.

Coal.

The cost of coal has become unreasonably high. It places a great burden on our industrial and domestic life. The public welfare requires a reduction in the price of fuel. With the enormous deposits in existence, failure of supply ought not to be tolerated. Those responsible for the conditions in this industry should undertake its reform and free it from any charge of profiteering.

The report of the coal commission will be before the congress. It comprises all the facts. It represents the mature deliberations and conclusions of the best talent and experience that ever made a national survey of the production and distribution of fuel. I do not favor government ownership or operation of coal mines. The need is for action under private ownership that will secure greater continuity of production and greater public protection. The federal government probably has no peace-time authority to regulate wages, prices, or profits in coal at the mines or among dealers, but by ascertaining and publishing facts it can exercise great influence.

Reorganization.

A special joint committee has been appointed to work out a plan for a reorganization of the different departments and bureaus of the government more scientific and economical than the present system. With the exception of the consolidation of the War and Navy departments and some minor details, the plan has the general sanction of the President and the cabinet. It is important that reorganization be enacted into law at the present session.

Agriculture.

Aided by the sound principles adopted by the government, the business of the country has had an extraordinary revival. Looked at as a whole, the nation is in the enjoyment of remarkable prosperity. Industry and commerce are thriving. For the most part agriculture is successful, eleven staples having risen in value from about \$7,000,000,000 two years ago to about \$7,000,000,000 for the current year. But range cattle are still low in price, and some sections of the wheat area, notably Minnesota, North Dakota and on west, have many cases of actual distress. With his products not selling on a parity with the products of industry, every sound remedy that can be devised should be applied for the relief of the farmer. He represents a character, a type of citizenship, and a public necessity that must be preserved and afforded every facility for regaining prosperity.

The distress is most acute among those wholly dependent upon one crop. Wheat acreage was greatly expanded and has not yet been sufficiently reduced. A large amount is raised for export, which has to meet the competition in the world market of large amounts raised on land much cheaper and much more productive.

No complicated scheme of relief, no plan for government fixing of prices, no resort to the public treasury will be of any permanent value in establishing agriculture. Simple and direct methods put into operation by the farmer himself are the only real sources for restoration. Indirectly the farmer must be re-

lieved by a reduction of national and local taxation. He must be assisted by the reorganization of the freight rate structure which could reduce charges on his production. To make this fully effective there ought to be railroad consolidations. Cheaper fertilizers must be provided.

He must have organization. His customer with whom he exchanges products of the farm for those of industry is organized, labor is organized, business is organized, and there is no less it, too, is organized. The acreage of wheat is too large. Unless we can meet the world market at a profit, we must stop raising for export. Organization would help to reduce acreage. Systems of co-operative marketing created by the farmers themselves, supervised by competent management, without doubt would be of assistance, but they cannot wholly solve the problem. Our agricultural schools ought to have thorough courses in the theory of organization and co-operative marketing.

Diversification is necessary. Those farmers who raise their living on farm land are not greatly in distress. Such loans as are wisely needed to assist in buying stock and other materials to start in this direction should be financed through a government agency as a temporary and emergency expedient.

The remaining difficulty is the position of exportable wheat. I do not favor the permanent interference of the government in this problem. That probably would increase the trouble by increasing production. But it seems feasible to provide government assistance to exports, and authority should be given the War Finance Corporation to grant, in its discretion, the most liberal terms of payment for fat and grains exported for the direct benefit of the farm.

Muscle Shoals.

The government is undertaking to develop a great water-power project known as Muscle Shoals, on which it has expended many million dollars. The work is still going on. Subject to the right to retake in time of war, I recommend that this property with a location for auxiliary steam plant and rights of way be sold. This would end the present burden of expense and should return to the treasury the largest price possible to obtain.

Reclamation.

By reason of drought and other causes, occupants of irrigated lands, which in some cases are in arid regions, should be granted the authority of law empowering the secretary of the interior in his discretion to suspend, readjust, and release of charges against water users. This whole question is being considered by experts. You will have the advantage of the facts and conclusions which they may develop. This situation, involving a government investment of more than \$135,000,000, and affecting more than 30,000 water users is serious. While relief which is necessary should be granted, yet contracts with the government which can be met should be met. The established general policy of these projects should not be abandoned for any private control.

Highways and Forests.

Highways and reforestation should continue to have the interest and support of the government. Everyone is anxious for good highways. I have made a liberal proposal in the budget for the continuing payment to the states by the federal government of its share for this necessary public improvement. No expenditure of public money contributes so much to the national wealth as for building good roads.

Reforestation has an importance far above the attention it usually secures. A special committee of the senate is investigating this need, and I shall welcome a constructive policy based on their report.

It is 100 years since our country announced the Monroe doctrine. This principle has been ever since, and is now, one of the main foundations of our foreign relations. It must be maintained. But in maintaining it we must not be forgetful that a great change has taken place. We are no longer a weak nation, thinking mainly of defense, dreading foreign imposition. We are great and powerful. New powers bring new responsibilities. Our duty then was to protect ourselves. Added to that, our duty now is to help give stability to the world. We want idealism. We want that vision which lifts men and nations above themselves. These are virtues by reason of their own merit. But they must not be cloistered; they must not be impractical; they must not be ineffective.

The world has had enough of the curse of hatred and selfishness, of destruction and war. It has had enough of the wrongful use of material power. For the healing of the nations there must be good will and charity, confidence and peace. The time has come for a more practical use of moral power, and more reliance upon the principle that right makes its own might. Our authority among the nations must be represented by justice and mercy. It is necessary not only to have faith, but to make sacrifices for our faith. The spiritual forces of the world make all its final determinations. It is with these voices that America should speak. Whenever they declare a righteous purpose there need be no doubt that they will be heard. America has taken her place in the world as a republic—free, independent, powerful. The best service that can be rendered to humanity is the assurance that this place will be maintained.