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The Baird

GREAT

Our Motto; "TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIFT-OF-AND

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BAIRD, CALLAHAN COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 10, 1915.

JUNE 29.

"From Greenland's Icy Mountains * * *"
A Painting by Henry G. Keller, Symbolizing the Universal Observance of Christmas.



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is out a docy...
Clove—

COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

Dec. 11th.—The Saturday Evening Post says: "A noted lawyer was retained to defend a negro accused of absconding with the funds of a colored Debating Society. The outlook for the defendant was rather black. At the trial the attorney for the defendant arose as soon as the charge was read and said: "Your Honor, I move this indictment be dismissed—" before he could proceed further his client was on his feet too, addressing the court without the least embarrassment, said: "Your Honor I seconds de motion." Between the two the victory was complete.

The Terminal was on the move Saturday, never saw as many goods sold in the length of time, selling at cost and a blamed sight less. Money changed hands fast and furious. This shows the results of diversification, cotton, peanuts, and cotton seed.

Young Watson, son of the old timer Rev. Watson of the Burkett country, was operated on at Brownwood last week for appendicitis. He was doing well at last reports. We hope for him a speedy recovery.

The Public Weigher, Martin Neebe of the Terminal is the busiest man on earth, no time only for business.

Jack Aiken has sold his livery interests at Cross Plains, and he and son, "Windy" will engage in other business.

Had a nice dinner with my friend Jim Bennett at the hotel.

The heirs of the late Capt. J. T. Freeman, as previously reported, disposed of the home place west of Cross Plains and other landed interests in this and Taylor county, so I am informed by John Freeman. John says his farm is for sale and he proposes going to the South Plains country. I think this country is one of the best stock farming localities in the west. Land being moderately cheap and well adapted to all kinds of feed stuff, and you can raise a little cotton for table purposes if you desire. Texas is a grand state if the Dutch don't take it.

Oil promoters are much in evidence at the Terminal, but have heard of no wells being sunk.

The students of the Texas Normal at Denton purpose coming home Christmas for a short stay.

We are dry to a finish but hope for rain soon. Grain needing it badly and the ground is hard.

Several thrashed goobers the past week, very good yields. The vines were stacked and will be baled later.

We learn the schools will give one week vacation Christmas.

Broad Baum of the Mercantile Co is now a full fledged gin and mill man, having charge of the outfit owned by said firm at Cross Plains.

Thanks to Foster Bond for favors extended.

The prodigals are returning to "home sweet home" for a happy and merry expected Christmas.

From reports Cottonwood is short indeed on cotton, but full up on goobers and with no M. D. they simply sick it out.

Gen. Hudson says he bought the Prater calves and they are for resell at \$30.00.

Old friend Harpole says he and "Juan," Uncle Epp and John are "slightly disfigured" but still in the ring to the finish." Uncle Epp says he never saw a fellow from Coryell or Bell county without he had some excuse to offer.

It's cream every Saturday at the Terminal.

We had a nice little season Monday, commenced raining early in the morning continuing until noon,

twisting to the northwest knocking the whole thing in the head, though we have good prospects for more which we will be glad to report later on.

Auto trips somewhat limited at this time; have to fall back on the old reliable hoss and mule. Postmaster General Burleson has knocked the motorcycle mail routes in the head and replaced it with "the aforesaid and the same," all of which shows his good Texas sense.

The press generally has put a quietus on the Wilson matrimonial affair. Maybeso the event will not occur as scheduled, there is and should be a limit.

Glad to learn our esteemed excitee, Judge Clarence Russell is among the boys. Clarence deserves well, wherever he be a better and more competent young man never lived than Clarence Russell. A long life and prosperity to him and his.

Push the pest nuisances with eradication. Uncle Bill they are a pest.

The Star man advertizeth "Farm and Ranch for the men, Hollands 2 yrs for the women, and The Baird Star for everybody, and all for \$2. Good and trio that can't be beat.

"What time of day is it, "Juan?" asks a native. I've got a new clock and the blamed thing like me is trying to run away with itself. "Go farther if you don't want fast time,

Our recent rain will make plowing practicable and the average granger should hike himself while the season lasts.

Our "Staff Poet" singeth some beautiful lines.

"Will Jim Ferguson be hard to beat?" Uncle Bill suggests that you interrogate Tom Ball.

Morris Sheppard purposes at the proper time to introduce his bill for Nationwide Prohibition. To be sat down on good and hard, you know.

This evening is warm and the grain moveth out in a whoop.

Last week I stated in "Youth" "that I was taught to reverence a preacher, Sunday School Supt., and teacher and etc., and forgot to revere our grand old friend, Dr. Collier, then a young preacher, as the smartest man in America.

Mrs. O. D. Morrow visited Mrs. Jno. W. Aiken, Thursday.

Lee Payne bought a little bunch of cows from Ed Odom which he will pasture on his recent lease, the Warren land.

"Give me liberty or give me death said Patrick Henry, but "Give me Nationwide Prohibition," says Morris Sheppard for political purposes, you know. Take your choice, but as for me give me men who advocate that grand principal advocated by "Pat" and to hell with the latter principal as indorsed by "Morris."

Thanks to Congressman Jeff: McLemore for favors, we get the seed and raise the sass.

Frank Bryson, the hay man, shipped a car of the "aforesaid and the same" to Fort Worth the first of the week.

Mr. and Mrs. Robinson have returned to their home at Moran after visiting Mrs. Robinson's sister, Mrs. S. P. Long of Dressy.

Cotton moveth Terminal bound, for the Xmas rise I presume. The Payne boys are hauling to the aforesaid city and are storing the same an account of the war.

Ed Odom is sowing what he calls spring oats, I dub it the winter variety.

We learn that Dr. Payne has returned to Cottonwood and "Uncle Jimmie" now has an M. D.

Cattle and other stock are in fine shape for the winter and with the



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help of the grain grazing will need but little feed.

"Have you any barley for seeding asks one native of another. "Plenty of it." "How much is it worth?" "\$1 per bushel." It must be of the variety from which you manufacture booze. "Juan."

MARRIED.

Married at the residence of the bride's sister, Mrs. Mathis Watson, in this city Tuesday, Nov. 16th, 1915, Miss Mary Hatton and Mr. George Biggerstaff, Jr., of Putnam, Texas, Rev. W. M. Dawson of Wills Point officiating. Only a few friends and relatives were present.

The home was made beautiful with chrysanthemums, ferns and vines. A bower was made of ferns and flowers. An arch suspended and massed with chrysanthemums, and evergreens formed an attractive background for the pretty ring ceremony.

Mrs. J. G. Clark sang "My Little Grey Home in the West" and "Oh Promise Me" for the pre-nuptial songs, accompanied by Mr. Rhea on the clairnet with Mrs. Rhea at the piano. Mrs. Graham Meredith played Mendelssohn's wedding march. The bride wore a tailored suit of imported blue cloth trimmed in fur, with hat and accessories in corresponding tones. She carried a bouquet of beautiful white chrysanthemums.

The bride is a member of one of the county's oldest and most prominent families and has won a host of friends by her many lovely traits of character. The groom is a son of Mr. and Mrs. George Biggerstaff, Sr., of Putnam. Mr. Biggerstaff Sr. is one of West Texas' most prominent ranchmen, the son being a partner in his father's business.

The bride and groom left immediately after the ceremony for Dallas where they spent the week attending the Shriners' convention. They will make their home at Putnam.—Grand Saline Sun.

George Biggerstaff has a host of friends in Callahan County who join THE STAR in wishing him and his bride bon voyage on life's sea.

EULA LOCALS.

Dec. 12, 1915.—Good morning Uncle Billie, how are you and The Star Force? Well we are all enjoying good health. We had a fine rain, and the wheat that was beginning to die, is now looking good. There will be more wheat planted since the rain, there will be lots of oats planted this winter.

The Eula Country has done well this year, we made a good feed crop and a good cotton crop, considering the price on seed and lint, corn made good, and you know corn and hogs will help most every body, the peanut crop is fine in the sand, but only a few have them.

Will Maltby and Dr. Rogers have traded places Dr. has moved to the sand and Will to the black land, I hope they both have done well.

Sam Johnson has traded for a place in south-west Eula. We are glad to have Sam and family with us.

Uncle Sam Ozment has moved to Sweetwater.

J. F. Hampton and Dan Clark were in Eula last week buying cattle D. A. Farrar was a visitor at Denton Saturday.

Warnie May general manager of the Harris ranch was trading in Eula Saturday.

Well soon we will have another Xmas, seems like they come more often than when we were boys.

Next Saturday is the day to kill the ticks, and here's hoping the election will bring good results.

Here's wishing a merry Xmas, and a happy New Year to you Uncle Bill and the entire Star force.

"Patsie"

POSTED, NOTICE.

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The feature Theatre 28th.

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Mrs. J. J. Jones and son, Henry, of Oplin, spent Monday in Baird.

John Gibson of Eula, was a Baird visitor, Monday.

C. B. Holmes made a business trip to Abilene Monday evening.

Jno. W. Robbins of Clyde, agent for the Overland auto, was in town Tuesday. He says he recently delivered a car to Atwell parties. See his large ad in this issue.

Frank Horn, of Fort Worth, spent a few days in Baird last week.

Mrs. H. H. Walker, of Big Springs, spent several days in Baird the past week with relatives.

Two entrees for county judge this week, so we say the campaign has fairly opened up in Callahan county. Nearly every paper in adjoining counties had a full list of candidates some weeks ago.

Mrs. M. L. Teeple is seriously ill and has been for the past week. Mrs. W. E. Lowe, of DeLeon, is with her mother.

Syd. Brearley, the barber, who has been absent from Baird for three years has returned and is at work at his old place in Fulton's Barber Shop

Frank McGraw and family who have been making their home at Mingus, have returned to Baird to make their home.

R. J. Harris of Admiral, came in Monday and went up to Abilene same evening to have Drs. Dailey and Simmons who have been treating his eyes, to fit him with glasses.

We learn that Gray Powell of Cross Plains, son of T. E. Powell of Baird, has accepted a position in The First State Bank of Abilene. Congratulation to Gray.

Mrs. W. E. Lowe of De Leon arrived the latter part of last week to be with her mother, Mrs. M. L. Teeple, who has been quite sick for several days.

Mrs. Geo. Price and little son, George, Jr., have returned to their home at Stanton after attending the Bell-Price wedding and spending the holidays with her parents Mr. and Mrs. R. G. Halsted.

Oscar Jones of Shamrock stopped over in Baird a short time Tuesday, and went home with his uncle, Capt. J. W. Jones, and after visiting his sister, Mrs. Tom Windham at Oplin, will go to his ranch near Midland.

The following members attended the regular meeting of Abilene Commandary No. 27 Knights Templar attended the regular meeting of the Commandary at Abilene Monday night: Harry Meyer, T. E. Powell, Judge B. L. Russell, A. W. Sargent, C. E. Johnson, R. E. Bounds, J. I. McWhorter, W. D. Boydston, W. E. Gilliland, B. L. Boydston of Baird, and C. S. Boyles of Cross Plains.

Dr. P. W. Cain examines eyes and fits glasses. All work guaranteed. Office with Dr. Ramey. 5-4t

Mrs. August Horn, of Fort Worth, came out to Baird the latter part of last week to spend a few days with friends, and look after her property here.

See announcement of J. R. (Bob) Black, of Baird, for County Judge. Bob Black was raised in Callahan County and is well and favorably known to most of the voters of Callahan County as he is now serving his second term as County Attorney. He will appreciate your support.

M. C. Council, of Clyde announces this week as a candidate for County Judge. Mr. Council has lived in this County for several years and is generally known over the county, having been engaged in the practice of law and land agent as well. See further announcement made by Mr. Council.

J. B. Walker, of Texola, Okla., and R. J. Walker, of Independence, Miss., twin brothers who had not met for 39 years, after spending Christmas with their brothers, John, J. P., F. L. Walker and sister, Miss Susie Walker, returned to their respective homes last week. It was a happy reunion to all of them, and we hope will be repeated often.

Fred Cutbirth had bad luck Saturday out on the ranch. While trying to load a hog in a wagon he slipped and fell breaking his right arm at the elbow. He was carried to Cross Plains for treatment. His mother, Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth went to the ranch Tuesday to spend a few days with him. We hope the break will not prove serious.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

NOTICE:—All announcements, State, District and County Offices, \$10.00; County Commissioner, \$5.00; Precinct Offices, \$2.50. Cash must be paid in advance in every instance. No deviation from this rule.

We are authorized to announce the following candidates subject to the action of the Democratic Primary to be held in July:

For County Judge:

J. R. (Bob) Black
 of Baird
 M. C. Council
 of Clyde

EPISCOPAL SERVICES.

Rev. E. C. Seaman will hold services at the Episcopal Church Sunday morning, Jan. 16. Communion services at 10 o'clock and regular morning services at 11 o'clock. All cordially invited to attend.

Jules Krogull, for long years a citizen of Baird, but a few years ago moved to Freeport Ill., is back shaking hands with his old friends. Some predict Jules will never find his way back to Freeport. Callahan County is a goodly land and hard to stay away from after one drinks the water, and breathes the glorious air that floats over it's everlasting hills as long as Jules Krogull did. We would all be glad to see Jules Krogull remain with us permanently.

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

DEEP CREEK NOTES.

One more bright Xmas has come and has gone
 A new year we enter with a bright happy song
 The year that is past was a prosperous one
 Can you record with smiles of good deeds you have done,
 Perhaps in your home there is one vacant chair
 And you think it a year of sorrow and care
 But if you live right and our Saviour you love
 You have right to meet them in Heaven above
 Be it pleasure or pain we always take it
 For we have heard it said life's what we make it
 Now we welcome the new year to do all we can
 For the love and welfare of our good fellow man
 With our smokehouse full of middlings and our barns full of feed
 We can start the new year much in the lead
 So with plenty of grub for ourselves and our stock
 We can brace the hard times as firm as a rock.
 I wish health, wealth and happiness, and may each own a car
 That reads through this year
 THE BAIRD TEXAS STAR.
 —Star Poet.

COTTONWOOD LOCALS.

Jan. 11, 1915.—We are having lots of damp foggy mornings but no rain, the weather remains warm and no sign of a change up to date. I believe we ought to have some rain and some cold weather too, we want a bottom season in the ground before we begin a new crop, and if this warm weather continues the fruit trees will bloom prematurely and the probabilities are the fruit will be killed. On the other hand farmers want a good start on their crops, for this is election year, and we will have to contribute some time to the candidates and again election year is also picnic year and these are more or less expensive.

John Hembree, post master at Cross Plains, was in town Tuesday the 4th. We judge from his general apparel, he was on the bird hunt.

The Bank of Cottonwood burned Friday morning at four o'clock, January 7th, 1916. Cause of fire unknown, many conjectures as to origin of fire. We are pleased to state that but a short time elapsed before the business was running smoothly. Just as soon as the vault was cool enough to be opened and everything found to be all right, the bank resumed business in the back end of Everett Bros. store, where they are doing business as though nothing had occurred. The building and few fixtures and perhaps some of Cashier Shanks abstract business or papers pertaining to his business were burned. Immediately after the fire at a meeting of the directors, it was unanimously decided to rebuild at once and Monday wagons were dispatched to Cross Plains for the lumber, and a suitable building will be erected without delay.

Almost without any warning we found Saturday last, early in the day a cream station running in Cottonwood, buggy's, hacks, wagons and people on foot, in front of the building heralded the busy scene on the inside. We call that enterprise and perseverance, burn a business in a village and in twenty four hours it is running again and another

business inaugurated in less than one hundred yards of the site of the fire. Old Cottonwood always gets there with the goods when it becomes necessary.

Prof. Guy Casey of Snyder, was a visitor at Cottonwood for a few days of last week and this week, a guest of his father who has been quite sick.

We presume the scourge of "grip" that has been doing our country has relaxed to some extent, we presume because the material is exhausted.

A Mr. Dick Brown, we think of Rising Star, and a brother to the Misses Brown who taught in the Cottonwood school just a year or two ago was a visitor at Cottonwood the latter part of last week, the guest of Mr. Casey and family.

Mr. Levi Everett and son were week-end visitors at Cottonwood last week, the guests of his brothers, citizens here.

Next Saturday the Veterans will meet at Cross Plains, all members are requested to be on hand, and any old Veteran who is not a member and is a citizen of the County near is requested to come and unite with us.

Have exhausted our material "Gotta Keno."

"Uncle Jimmie"

BURNT BRANCH CULLINGS.

"The Old Boatman," the typical old time negro of the Old South is taken from the Confederate Veteran and worthy of space:

I changed my name when I got free
 To Mister like the rest
 But now that I am going home
 I likes de old name bes'
 Sweet voices calling "Uncle Rome"
 Seem ringing in my ears
 And swear in sorter sociably
 Old Master's voice I hears.
 De way he used to call his boat
 Across de river Rome
 "You dam ol nigger come and bring
 Dat boat an row me home.
 He's passed Heavens river now an
 soon
 He'll call across its foam
 You Rome, you dam old nigger
 Loose your boat and come on home
 "Fritz" tells me he has all land
 seeded but 3 or 4 acres. He is
 strictly a grain man. We turn the
 old cows, horses and mules on the
 grain until we think we have it down
 it cometh and we turn in again.
 I am going to the Bayou country
 just as soon as it clears up and visit
 among the Star family.
 Two old ex-Confederates died at
 the Home of the grip. You should
 not let the old boys die of such a
 simple disease as "grip," having
 passed through shot and shell. I
 have visited the home, and it liked
 a blamed sight of being desirable up
 to that time.
 "Sull Ross" camp meets Saturday
 before Trades Day at the Terminal
 to fight their battles ore, and be
 sociable as of yore. Dear old Uncle
 John Wagner is as spry as a cat on
 such occasions being "color bearer"
 and "Juan," well—he didn't get an
 office.
 All seems happy and people on
 the move determined to make 1916,
 the year of their lives, if tick eradication
 didn't carry, you know.
 We all have follies during our existence,
 but we are glad we are in
 Dixie, arent you?
 Com. Milton Houston, on a tour
 of road reviewing in these parts,
 spent a pleasant day and night with
 Jno. W. Aiken and family. Come
 again, you are always welcome. A
 County Commissioner has always
 more time than money, does a blamed
 sight of work he gets no money



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It is handsomely finished in solid black with bright nickel and polished aluminum fittings.

Five adults can ride comfortably.

The tires are four inch all around because we believe in the advantage of large tires. They insure greater mileage and comfort than can be obtained from

the smaller size used on other cars of similar specifications.

The motor is four-cylinder, long stroke bloc type, having a 3 1/2-inch bore and 5-inch stroke. Horsepower is 20-25. It is of the most modern design.

It has high-tension magneto ignition. This is the kind used on the most expensive cars.

The electric starting and lighting system is one of the most efficient on the market. It is of the two-unit type.

The electric switches are conveniently located on the steering column. This is the same arrangement used on the highest priced cars.

It has the easy working Overland clutch which any woman can operate. The pedals are adjustable for reach. The steering wheel is large and turns easily. The brakes are large and powerful.

The rear springs are the famous cantilever type. These are probably the easiest riding and most shock absorbing springs ever designed. With these springs riding comfort is insured.

It has a one-man mohair top. In short, there is everything that makes this car up-to-date and comparable with many cars costing considerably more money.

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| Pure streamline body five-passenger touring car | 20-25 horsepower motor; cylinders cast on bloc | Electric starting and lighting | Left hand drive; center One-man top | Electric horn |
| Finished in black with nickel and polished aluminum fittings | High-tension magneto ignition | Headlight dimmers | 31 x 4 inch tires | Roll-in, rain-station cam-tilting type windshield |
| | Wheelbase 104 inches | Electric switches on steering column | Floating type rear axle | Magneto speedometer |
| | | | Concave springs on rear | Full set of tools |

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for. Gets more cussings and less thanks than anybody and is a general target for growlers and would be some bodies, you know.

H. Aiken's little boy has been quite sick lately.

New Year's Gift! Lets form good resolutions, keep them and swear off and be generally good.

Sweet taters from the sand belt are selling for \$1.00 per bu, and really worth about 50c.

The Johnson Ranch contingent demand good roads to their markets, Baird and Cross Plains, but our demands sometimes are greater than we realize.

Dr. Tyson was out yesterday and called professionally.

Good Lord! Tom Campell for the U. S. Senate, with Brooks thrown in for good measure. Never mind, gentlemen, we will put a quietus and draw that "hump out of the camels" back, we've got the material to do it, and distance to spare.

I knew a gentleman in the long ago, who for grand services preformed for the Democratic party, had the naming of the P. M. at Baird, and instead of some political pet or taking the office himself as I would have done, he named a poor but competent widow woman and she was appointed. Now I call no names,

but every blamed fellow knows his number, though I simply refer to the actions of this gentleman and recommend them to the consideration of political aspirants of the day. That man deserves to be governor of Texas. Would that he were and as to competency, he is in line.

Damp, cold and gloomy, wish it would rain or snow.

I got lost the other day almost on my native heath.

Turning the soil in these parts, also Dressy and Cross Plains country not by the tractor, but the old stand by, the "hoss and mule," as Josh Billings once said in his almanac: He who by the plow would thrive

Must no two forty cattle drive
 But weary along both deep and slow
 With horned critters you can scarcely see go.

And there was a picture of a native between two plow handles in front a yoke of Georgia steers. "Chickens come home to roost" you know the rest.

Tommie Aiken has returned to school at Denton and Daddy J. Aiken has bought his livery business back. This is what we call and rechange.

Our young friend Fritz broke a bone in his arm while handling a hog. Fritz

don't hurt, but he hied away with Hugh McDermott to the doctor at Cross Plains and had the member set.

A little grand-daughter of Uncle Bill Neebe was hurt by an auto Saturday, not serious, however. Hold down them blamed autos.

Preaching at Burnt Branch on Sunday at 6 o'clock p. m.

Oh for a Star! None for two weeks to date. Wonder if Uncle Bill got too much "nog" or may be so "Dukes" Misery Smoking Tobacco."

Born to Mr. and Mrs. Pomp Payne a girl.

Another M. D. at Cross Plains in the person of Dr. Payne.

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"Juan."

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vices from this place, Mr. A. J. F. Hughes
and follows: "I was down with
trouble for five (5) years, and
would have sick headache so bad, at
times, that I thought surely I would die.
I tried different treatments, but they
did not seem to do me any good.
I got so bad, I could not eat or sleep,
and all my friends, except one, thought I
would die. He advised me to try
Thedford's Black-Draught, and quit

taking other medicines. I decided to
take his advice, although I did not have
any confidence in it.

I have now been taking Black-Draught
for three months, and it has cured me—
haven't had those awful sick headaches
since I began using it.

I am so thankful for what Black-
draught has done for me."

Thedford's Black-Draught has been
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rangements of the stomach and liver. It
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I WISH MY FRIENDS

A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

I desire to thank my friends and customers for their liberal
patronage during the past year, and especially for the volume of
business that I received during Xmas week, this having been
the greatest Xmas trade that I have experienced since beginning
business. Wishing all my customers a Prosperous and Happy
New Year, I am
Sincerely Yours,

GEO. B. SCOTT.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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LESSON FOR JANUARY 16

PETER'S SERMON AT PENTECOST.

LESSON TEXT—Acts 2:14-47.
GOLDEN TEXT—Whosoever shall call
on the name of the Lord shall be saved.—
Acts 2:21.

Comparing verse one (R. V.) with
the last clause of verse 15, we con-
clude that this was one early morning
prayer meeting which drew a crowd.
In this crowd (vv. 9, 10) and on this
occasion we see in miniature the
evangelism of the world. What Peter
hoped to accomplish is an interesting
speculation and is answered by his
manner and mode of testimony. His
famous "sermon" consists of 12 verses,
and the balance in quotations from
Joel, Psalms, etc.

I. The Empowered Witness, vv. 14-
36. (1) Peter testified that Jesus is
alive. (a) These men, speaking by
the power of the Spirit, are not drunk-
en, but are speaking in soberness of
a great fact. (b) This that they hear
"is that" prophesied by Joel (2:28,
29). This Jesus of whom they have
been speaking had fulfilled this prophe-
cy by mighty deeds (v. 22), by hav-
ing risen from the dead (v. 23) and
of this the disciples were all witnesses
(v. 32); he had also been "exalted"
(v. 33), and his glory Peter had wit-
nessed upon the mount (II Peter 1:
16-18). (2) Peter asserts that who-
ever believes in Jesus as Lord and
Christ, the Anointed One, the Messiah,
shall be saved (vv. 21, 36). (a) He
shall be saved from sin and misery in
this world; (b) saved unto a life eter-
nal; (c) he shall receive this same
power the disciples had received. Pe-
ter's witnessing is the same as Jesus
has a right to expect of us, the testi-
mony of personal experience, backed
up by the word of God. Jesus was in-
dorsed by his miracles, the testimony
of those who had seen him as the
risen Lord and by his fulfillment of
Messianic prophecy.

He was also exalted in the testi-
mony given in all tongues by the em-
powering spirit.

II. The Powerful Result, vv. 37-42.
The truth of Peter's words was car-
ried home by the Holy Spirit produc-
ing deep conviction of sin. (1) Con-
version. The question of verse 37
was a result. They had seen the
place of Jesus in the plan of prophecy
of God. They saw the boldness of
these disciples and they also saw
their sin. (2) Confession. Peter's an-
swer to their question was plain and
simple. (a) "Repent," i. e., change
their minds and their attitude towards
Jesus, from that which had caused
his crucifixion, to one of absolute sur-
render, of repentance and renunciation
of sin; the surrender of the will to
Jesus as Lord. (2) "Be baptized." Out-
ward water baptism is involved, but
it is the symbol of the inward
change of heart, of the renunciation
of sin, death to self (Rom. 6:4) and
the putting on of Christ (Gal. 3:26, 27).
(3) Continuance (v. 42). Having ac-
cepted and confessed Christ, they were
to teach others, to have fellowship
with believers in prayer and in break-
ing of bread, to continue "in the way."

III. Added Evidence of Power, vv.
43-47. This passage is not a brief for
communism. It is interesting to note
that this communism was among be-
lievers (v. 44). It was for a special
occasion, for they had "tarried at Jeru-
salem" many days, and beyond
doubt had not provided for a long
visit. It was according as each "had
need." It was purely voluntary (5:
4, 9). The Holy Spirit, however, does
bring unity and altruism among be-
lievers which expresses itself in social
relations and service. There is a
difference between the gift of the Holy
Spirit and the Holy Spirit's gifts (I
Cor. 12). The baptism of the Holy
Spirit or "the gift of the Holy Ghost"
is always dependent upon real re-
pentance and is accompanied by re-
mission of sins. This experience is
the blood-bought right of every be-
liever in the Lord Jesus Christ. To
"receive" is to take or to claim, and
by simple prayer and faith that to
which we have a right (Acts 4:31; 8:
15, 16; Luke 11:13; I John 5:14, 15).
By making Jesus Lord and Christ we
shall receive the promise (v. 39) which,
Peter declared, was for Jewish be-
lievers, their children for coming
generations, and "all that are afar off,
even as many as the Lord our God
shall call," i. e., gentiles of every
coming century.

In other words, Pentecost was but
an episode which ushered in an age,
the age of the Holy Spirit, and he
is for every child of God, Jewish and
gentile, in every age and in every
church.

During that apostolic age every man

manifestation of the spirit through its
accompanying addition to the num-
ber of believers—"The Lord added day
by day those that were saved . . .
many believers; believers were the
more added . . . multitudes of
both men and women . . . the
word of God increased; a great com-
pany of the priests were obedient to
the faith."

Peter's sermon honors the Scriptures,
Christ and the Holy Spirit. The spirit
can and does use the living word
in preparing men for the kingdom of
God.

GROWING SUGAR-BEET SEED

Outbreak of European War Has Cut
Off Supply From Germany—Farm-
er Must Find New Source.

The greater part of the sugar-beet
seed sown each year in the United
States has formerly been imported
from Europe, principally from Ger-
many and Russia. The outbreak of
the present war has cut off this sup-
ply and now the problem is to find
new sources for obtaining seed. The
growing of beet seed has been neg-
lected in this country due to a de-
creasing sugar content in beets from
native grown seed and also to the
scarcity of the hand labor necessary
in harvesting the crop. But now it is
up to the American farmer to grow
his own seed.

Although most of the factories have
sufficient seed on hand for the
1916 sowing, yet a considerable ac-
reage has been set to seed beets. The
beets are set out early in spring in
rows four feet apart, the crown of
the beet being just level with the sur-
face of the ground.

First a large thick cluster of leaves
grows up to about 18 inches in height
and then the seed stalks appear.
Some beets send up but one large
branching seed stalk but the major-
ity have several, four to ten, of the
tall branching stalks.

The beets are cultivated both ways
similar to corn until about the first
of July when the seed stalks get so
tall, in some cases reaching up five
and six feet, and bending over pre-
vent cultivation. When viewed near
by a field of these plants does not
present a very prepossessing appear-
ance, the tall, straggling seed stalks
greatly resembling large plants of
the narrow-leaved or curly dock.

TO APPLY ANIMAL MANURES

Fertilizer Should Be Spread on Top of
Plowed Ground and Then Well
Harrowed Under.

Manure for spring crop should be
well rotted and fine. It should be
spread on top of the plowed ground
and well harrowed in. Harrow the
field three times across the furrows,
the full length of the field, and then
diagonally.

A thorough mixing of the manure
with the soil acts quickly, and less
manure will be needed. Long, coarse
manure should be spread over the
soil and plowed under. The proper
time to spread fresh manure and long
stalk and straw manure is during the
winter and early in spring.

When coarse manure is plowed un-
der late in the spring it will take some
time to rot, and is sure to make the soil
too loose, allowing the free entrance
of air and the loss of a great amount
of moisture, which is needed by the
corn. If this coarse manure is plowed
under, roll the ground; if it is dry as
soon as plowed, then harrow and roll
to compact the ground, and just be-
fore it is time to plant harrow the
field both ways with the spring tooth
harrow, followed with the smoothing
harrow. By this method the coarse
stalks and straw will rot by June, and
will be in condition to be taken up by
corn roots in midsummer. Put the
corn in with 250 pounds of some good
bone fertilizer to the acre to promote
quick, vigorous growth.

Lime Sulphur and Potatoes.

Lime sulphur is not a good spray
mixture for potatoes. This is the
decision of the New York experiment
station after a series of tests. Where
lime sulphur was compared with bor-
deaux mixture as a remedy for potato
blight it was found the lime sul-
phur decreased the yield about 25
bushels per acre while the bordeaux
increased the yield 20 bushels per
acre.

Armenian History.

The history of the later years of the
Armenian kingdom is found up in the
history of Am. The stronghold city
became the capital of the Bagratid
kings of Armenia in 961. The Byzan-
tium emperor captured it in 1046, and
it was then a hive of many scores of
thousands, a wealthy city and an invit-
ing one. The Seljuk Turks carried
fire and sword throughout its confines
18 years later; the warlike Georgians
took it five times between 1125 and
1209; the Mongols overran it in 1239
and an earthquake in 1319 completed
the work of ruin. The great cathedral,
the most perfect survival, was found-
ed in 1010, just at the beginning of the
long dark days of the Seljuks.

QUALITY TO BE CULTIVATED

Not Altogether a Matter of Curiosity
in Asking a Woman If "She Is
Vain Enough."

That may seem a strange question
to ask most women, for, according to
the opinions of the other sex, we pos-
sess all the vainglorious tendencies of
the peacock, and then some; but there
are women, and we all know them,
who are not vain enough. They really
could not care about their personal
appearance, or they would not let the
wisps of hair float unrestrained about
otherwise half-dressed coiffures, or
noses go shiny when the least dab of
powder would remedy matters. It is
not so much one's personal appearance
that counts, for, after all, such people
will tell you that they would rather
take the time for improving their
souls or their minds, or something
equally intangible; but one should re-
member that one owes a certain
amount of visible personal charm to
one's neighbors; that even if you do
not care whether your hair lies flat and
unbecoming on your head, other peo-
ple get some pleasure out of seeing
you with a duffy, prettily arranged
coiffure. Again, there is a psychologi-
cal effect from well grooming. A good
complexion, beautiful hands and nails,
becomingly arranged hair, a good,
sweet figure all act upon one's man-
ners. A wave in the hair will take
the kinks out of one's disposition. So
cultivate enough vanity to make you
always look your best and to empha-
size your own good points.

MONEY WAS EASILY EARNED

But Manufacturer Got What He Wagt-
ed and Paid for Knowledge
Chemist Had Acquired.

A manufacturer of some patent com-
pound came into the laboratory of an
analytical chemist one day with a bot-
tle containing an unwholesome-looking
mixture.

"I would give \$100," he said, "to
know what would make the water and
oil in this mixture separate."

The chemist looked at the bottle.
"Very well," he said, "write out your
check."

"Check?" the other echoed.
"Yes, your check for \$100. You say
you are willing to give that, and for
that price I am willing to tell you
what will make the water and oil sepa-
rate."

The visitor hesitated a moment, and
then wrote a check for the sum named.
The chemist carefully deposited it in
his pocketbook, and then quietly
dropped into the liquid a pinch of
common salt.

Instantly the water and oil separ-
ated, and whether the client was sat-
isfied or not, he had got what he want-
ed and he had paid his own price for
it.

Legend of Belgian Lacemakers.

Once upon a time there was a girl,
a dark-eyed Venetian girl, who had a
lover—all Venetian girls had, once
upon a time. She was a lacemaker, he
was a sailor; and one day when he
had just returned from the Indian seas
she showed him the lace she had been
making. Thereupon he tossed into her
lap a wonderfully delicate piece of
coral and told her it was lace the mer-
maids wove in their caves deep under
the sea.

And when he had gone again she set
herself to weave her bridal veil; after
the pattern of the coral she wove.
Flimsy seaweed, fluted shells, tiny sea-
horses and starfish grew under her
hand until at last the veil was finished
and it was time for her lover to return.
This is a real story, so—he came back,
and they were married, she in the veil
it had pleased her fancy to make.
Whether the wedding was a quiet one
or not, all Venice heard of the veil.
Queens and princesses sought her out
and "point de Venise" became the
rage.—Vogue.

Weeping Trees.

One of the wonders of plant life is
the weeping tree of the Canary
islands. It is of the laurel family, and
rains down a copious shower of wa-
ter drops from its tufted foliage. This
water is often collected at the foot
of the tree and forms a kind of pond,
from which the inhabitants of the
neighborhood can supply themselves
with a beverage that is absolutely
fresh and pure.

The water comes out of the tree
itself through innumerable little pores
situated at the margin of the leaves.
It issues from the plant as vapor dur-
ing the daytime, when the heat is suf-
ficiently great to preserve it in that
condition; but in the evening, when
the temperature has lowered very
much, a considerable quantity of it is
exuded in the form of liquid drops
that collect near the edges of the
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down that the tears tumble off on
the ground below in a veritable
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Mexican bandits supposed to be Villistas held up a train west of Chihuahua, Mexico and took off 18 Americans and murdered 17 of them. One Tom Holmes, made his escape. This is a fair sample of the order that Carranza has restored in Mexico. Any other government but the United States, in place of making useless protests would send an army to Mexico and shoot the last one of these bandits. This wholesale murder of Americans provoked a bitter debate in Congress Wednesday.

Congressman Burgess of South Texas has withdrawn from the race for the senate and will again be a candidate for Congress. Congressman Burgess is an able man, but is little known in this part of the state. This leaves two antis and three pros in the race provided Culberson does not run again. The antis are Colquitt and Henry; the pros are Brooks, Riddle and Tom Campbell. They all declare that they will stay in the race to the end; if they do a second primary will be necessary. We make a prediction here and now that if a second primary is required O. B. Colquitt will be one of the two to run in that primary.

The Russians, that the Germans thought were down and out for the war, or at least until next spring; have come back and for more than a month have been pressing hard against the eastern German-Austrian battle line, so much so that the German allies have had to send every available soldier to stop the unmannerly Russian bear, that "come back" at least five months ahead of the shortest time the Germans expected him. This new offensive movement of Russia no doubt has caused almost a complete cessation of war in the Balkans for the present.

Malcomb R. Patterson, of Tennessee was recently defeated for the United States Senate, and he can devote the rest of his days to making pro speeches for the Anti-Saloon League, which he will no doubt do so long as the League will anti up with the spondulax. Patterson, in the days of the lameted Carmack, was a leader of the antis in Tennessee. He was defeated for reelection as governor and later turned pro in a night. Then he was said to have been employed by the A. S. L. at a salary of \$12,000 a year to make pro speeches. Patterson is an able man; but his flop to the pro side seems not to have benefitted him politically. He was defeated by Congressman McKeller who is a pro.

The Baird Star, Uncle Billy Gilliland's paper at Baird, rounded out its twenty-eighth year of usefulness last week. It is now, as it has always been, one of the strongest and best country papers in the State. The writer had "Uncle Billy" for a competitor for the two years preceding his coming to Olney, and we know him to be honorable, clean, and capable, and courageous to a remarkable degree when his convictions are called for. Long may the Star shine to illumine the greatness of old Callahan county! Long may Uncle Bill wield his facile pen in behalf of his town and its people!

—Olney Enterprise.

A SHINING STAR.

W. E. Gilliland is the editor and proprietor of the Baird Star. On Dec. 10 the Star began its twenty-ninth year. It was founded twenty-eight years ago when old Callahan county was a part of the frontier of Texas and the pioneers of that day were among the empire builders of the West.

W. E. Gilliland is one of the old guard of Texas publishers.

He has been a builder and a developer for more than a third of a century, and as a lawmaker of Texas years ago he was one of the wisest and most progressive of the men who gathered under the big dome at Austin to legislate for their people. In the days of Hogg and Culberson he had his fighting clothes on and was a champion of progressive legislation long before the coming of the Bryans, the LaFollettes, the Roosevelts, the Wilsons, or the present generation of Democrats who call themselves "the only original progressives" and claim for themselves the honor of the wise legislation which was made possible when Reagan was in the senate and Hogg was at the helm in Texas.

The Record congratulates the Star and its editor and wishes them a glorious Christmas and a very prosperous New Year.

Men of the type of Gilliland blaze the way for a newer, a brighter and a more human civilization. May he live long and his tribe increase.—Ft. Worth Record.

F. S. BELL OF BAIRD, PROBABLE CANDIDATE FOR DISTRICT JUDGE.

Judge F. S. Bell, of Baird has been mentioned frequently of late as a probable candidate for District Judge and may make formal announcement soon. Judge Bell has lived in this county about 35 years and in the early days was County Attorney for several terms. Later he served as District Attorney of this district. He has the ability and is competent to discharge the duties of this important office and withal is a man of unimpeachable integrity. In other words he comes up to Jefferson's standard for office. He is capable, he is honest, firm, but conservative and his friends all believe he would make an ideal judge should he be elected. We cannot say positively that he will enter the race; but from what we have heard we rather believe he will. If he does, and he should be the choice of the people at the primary election, he will fill the office with credit to the district and to himself. Judge Bell has been practicing law for about 37 years. He comes from a distinguished Virginia family, one of whom was distinguished in the early history of Texas, Peter Hansborough Bell, who fought in the battle of San Jacinto, and after Texas became a state of the union he was twice elected governor of Texas.

With all due respect to other candidates we do not believe that any of them are equal to Judge Bell in legal ability, and none certainly have been as long in the practice.

We ran into several candidates for district offices at Abilene, Monday, among them former District Attorney W. P. Mahaffey, candidate for District Judge; former State Senator W. J. Cunningham who is a candidate for District Attorney. We saw Judge Blanton as he came flying by the hotel in a jitney, but he was going so fast he did not see us. Judge Blanton and J. M. Wagstaff are in a red-hot campaign to see which one of them will be selected as a candidate to pit against Judge W. R. Smith for Congress. We did not see Judge Wagstaff, suppose he was out somewhere shelling the mesquite brush for votes.

We met several old time acquaintances, among them Newt Ferguson

and Miles Cope whom we knew at Tecumseh long years ago. Both now live in Abilene. We also met John Castles who formerly lived in Baird, and Jesse Cannon who lived near Clyde before he moved to Abilene. We must not forget Capt. John Clinton, Chief of Police and Fire Chief in Abilene for thirty years. The bunch of Knights Templar from Baird went to the "Chief's" office and reported as they always do. The Captain said he would just go home and turn the city over to the "bunch."

Abilene has ever evidence of a growing town, with its beautifully paved streets, and autos! everybody in Abilene seems to own an auto, but they don't speed like they do in Baird. We noticed a number of new buildings going up and everyone seemed busy. Abilene has some magnificent buildings erected on lots formerly occupied by one-story wooden buildings when we first knew the town 35 years ago. Some of these buildings have been erected recently. We did not meet any of the newspaper men while in town as we only had a short time to attend to the business that carried us to the out hustling city in West Texas.

ABILENE COMMANDERY.

Monday night was a great occasion for Abilene Commandery No. 27, Knights Templar. It was the annual election of officers and the annual inspection, followed by a splendid banquet at Hotel Grace.

The Commandery met in stated conclave and transacted regular business matters. Then the commandery was inspected by Eminent Sir Charles W. Connerly, grand visitor. The commandery then elected the following officers for the ensuing Templar year.

- R. W. Haynie—Commander.
- J. B. Hetchew—Generalissimo.
- Oscar Parker—Captain-General.
- W. G. Shelton—Senior Warden.
- L. J. Gorsuch—Junior Warden.
- O. H. Cooper—Prelate.
- B. L. Ellis—Treasurer.
- C. W. Roberts—Recorder.
- Emmett Chandler—Standard Bearer.
- W. B. Hale—Sword Bearer.
- B. L. Russell—Warder.
- Joseph M. Daly—Sentinel.

Most of the officers of last year were re-elected at this meeting, to serve another year.

The banquet at Hotel Grace followed the work at the Asylum. It was pronounced splendid by all the Knights, and speeches by R. C. Crane, Dr. L. B. Gray, F. H. Sparrow, C. W. Connerly, A. H. Kirby, T. E. Powell, Gas Schorsch, C. W. Raberts and other Knights helped to enliven the evening.

With Eminent Sir C. W. Connerly was Eminent Sir Frank H. Sparrow, Past Commander of Worth No. 19. Visitors were here from the following places:

- Baird—B. L. Boydston, W. E. Gilliland, A. W. Sargent, C. E. Johnson, T. E. Powell, B. L. Russell, W. D. Boydston, R. E. Bounds, Harry Meyer and J. I. McWhorter.
- Cross Plains—C. S. Boyles.
- Guion—J. H. Moody.
- Sweetwater—R. C. Crane.

There were forty Knights in full uniform who made the march to the Grace. Commander R. W. Haynie was master of ceremonies at the banquet.

After an auto ride to the principal points of interest, personally conducted by Judge A. H. Kirby, the distinguished visitors, Sirs Connerly and Sparrow, departed on the noon train Tuesday for Weatherford, where they will inspect the commandery there.—Abilene Reporter.

Monroe Dawkins of Fort Worth visited his mother, Mrs. R. C. Dawkins of Admiral this week.

Pay What Thou Owes

We have tried for six long years to be lenient, patient and comodating to every one, we have even borrowed money at a rate of interest in order that we might not crowd or annoy those who might be in worse financial condition than we are. We have always heard the cry of the needy and have not turned a deaf to any one languishing on afflictions bed. Nor do we ever expect to reach that point in humanity's scale that we will not divide last crust with those who have been less fortunate in life's battle than we, and it is a happy moment in our business life when we can feel that we have assisted in some way in lifting the load from the tired back of the worthy.

But you know that we never get too old to learn, and we have been learning a little all the while until we have reached a definite conclusion about several things. One of which we discuss at this time for the benefit of all the people in general, you and the undersigned in particular.

It takes money to conduct any interprise, society or business, and unless those in charge of such concerns look after that part of it, the thing will soon perish and be forgotten by all except those who put their time and money into it, and even they will strive, but in vain, to forget and forgive those who were responsible for its failure. Now as for us, we don't want to perish and be forgotten in a business way, nor do we want to look at any man in the future and say, "That fellow was the cause of our failure." So we have decided to sell our goods to those only who appreciate it and will pay us when we call or before. Hence if you traded with us in 1915 and paid, we want you in the future to come and let us serve you, and we promise you better service than you have ever had before. But if you traded with us in 1915 and did not pay or call and explain why you failed, it will be necessary for us to get the CASH.

If you get your salary every month and come and settled regular we want to serve you better than before, but if you promised and did not pay, but spent your money elsewhere and made us carry your account month after month, we will expect CASH.

Now of course we understand that you intended to pay and all that, but that did not help us. We know you are good for every cent you owe, but that did not help us. We like you personally and think you are a good fellow, but the Wholesale Man said, "Where is the money?"

If possible, we will notify every customer at least once a month, the exact amount of his or her account with us, and while this will not be intended as a request for money, we will expect you to call and pay when you get yours, if account is due. There will be no exceptions to this rule unless we just get too busy to notify you.

You will probably say, "Oh well I don't owe them but a dollar or two so I will just wait." But please remember that we have several hundred that are "just waiting" causing us to "just wait" but the Wholesale man "won't wait." So you see your "waiting" causes lots of trouble and doesn't help you much either.

Now we love every body and want to keep on loving every body, but we can't keep on loving and crediting without at least a little cash in return. Could you?

Thanking you in advance for your trade and cash in the future and assuring you that it will be our constant endeavor and controlling purpose to extend to you every kindness possible and if misfortune overtakes you, or sickness enters your home and can serve you day or night, we will gladly do so. Hoping to see you soon and to feel your financial presents at the same time, we are

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COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst.

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

I also had dreadful pains in my back and sides and when one of those weak, sinking spells would come on me, I would have to give up and lie down, until it wore off.

I was certainly in a dreadful state of health, when I finally decided to try Cardui, the woman's tonic, and I firmly

believe I would have died if I hadn't taken it.

After I began taking Cardui, I was greatly helped, and all three bottles relieved me entirely.

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IMPROVING THE POST-ROADS

Four Hundred and Sixty-Five Miles of Experimental Highways Are Now Under Construction.

Four hundred and sixty-five miles of experimental post-roads of different types, benefiting 28 different counties, are now under construction in 13 states, which are co-operating with the federal government. These roads, which are being built under the supervision of the department, are authorized by the act of congress of Au-



Ohio State Highway, Brick.

gust 24, 1912, which appropriated for the post-road department \$500,000, to be expended in an experiment to test out the value of improved rural-carrier routes. The federal government pays one-third and the state or county benefited must defray two-thirds of the cost. The entire sum of \$500,000 of federal funds and \$1,000,000 of local funds will be expended under the supervision and checking of federal highway engineers.

The following work on post-road improvement has been undertaken, according to a bulletin dealing with the construction and maintenance of roads and bridges, issued by the department:

Lauderdale county, Alabama, 30 miles of earth road.

Boone and Story counties, Iowa, 51 miles of earth road.

Dubuque county, Iowa, 20 miles of gravel road.

Bath and Montgomery counties, Kentucky, 11 miles of macadam road.

Montgomery county, Maryland, 5.4 miles of macadam road.

Cumberland county, Maine, 21 miles of bituminous macadam road.

Leflore county, Mississippi, 24 miles of gravel road.

McDowell county, North Carolina, 16 miles of earth road.

Davie, Forsyth and Iredell counties, North Carolina, 48 miles of sand-clay and top-soil road.

Licking and Muskingum counties, Ohio, 24 miles of concrete road.

Jackson county, Oregon, 51.4 miles of earth road.

Aiken county, South Carolina, 27.3 miles of sand-clay and top-soil road.

Loudon county, Tennessee, 6.4 miles of macadam road.

Montgomery county, Tennessee, 7.6 miles of macadam road.

Bexar, Comal, Aravis, Hays and Guadalupe counties, Texas, 71.6 miles of gravel road.

Fairfax county, Virginia, 12.3 miles of gravel road.

Spotsylvania, Caroline and Hanover counties, Virginia, 38.2 miles of sand-clay and top-soil road.

As rapidly as these roads are constructed the department is endeavoring to interest the local authorities in inaugurating systematic maintenance to keep them in condition.

The county engineer has undertaken the maintenance of the Virginia post-road in Spotsylvania county, and another will supervise the upkeep of the completed part of the Ohio post-road. It is believed that this local maintenance system will be extended to the post-roads to be built in Maine, Tennessee, Texas and Alabama.

Bulletin on Roads.

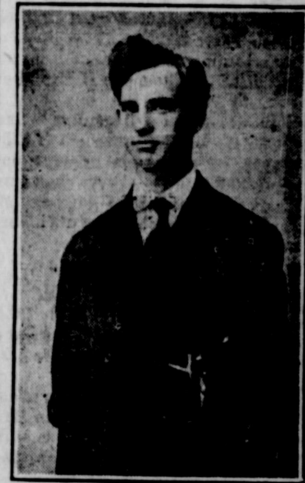
The United States department of Agriculture bulletin, No. 220, is upon the subject of roads, and it is well worth reading. It tells of Roman roads, French roads, and treats not only of road surfacing, but of road grading and foundations for roads. Send for it. It's free.

WANT TOO MUCH HAPPINESS

Trouble With Humanity Is That It Would Have Its Enjoyments Come in Chunks.

We are told that happiness comes by pieces, and that it is these small bits linked together that make our lives worth while. Some of us are not content to take our happiness by degrees or at intervals. We want it all the time in big pieces, and if we cannot have it that way we think we are deprived of our natural rights and look upon ourselves as injured beings. It is a rather singular expression of human nature how happiness affects the individual. With some of us it makes us friendlier toward others and anxious that they should experience like joys; with others it makes us too satisfied with ourselves to think very much of our neighbors. Perhaps those of us who know what the joy of living means have experienced both of these attitudes at different periods of our lives and are in position, therefore, to appreciate a varying viewpoint, but even so it is only after we lose something of that joy of living and have found out for ourselves that there are shadows which no amount of sunlight can disperse that we can readily appreciate the blessing of whatever happiness may find its way into our lives. The little things that count so much in our intercourse with each other are not always regarded as highly as they should be, and for this reason we pass by much that would give us joy if we only knew how and where to find it.

WILL SHOW APPARATUS FOR MEN WITHOUT ARMS



Quentin D. Corley
The Armless Judge of Dallas County.

Dallas, Texas.—County Judge Quentin D. Corley will leave about Dec. 22 for Washington and, by invitation, will show the French, German, British, Belgian and Austrian embassies his apparatus for use of armless men. He will place before them also a plan for the establishment in each of the countries of a school for wounded men who lose their arms in the present European struggle. Judge Corley intimates he might consent to go to Europe and take charge of such a school.

Keep Roadsides Clean.

Roadsides and fence rows free of weeds, rank grass and rubbish, are not only pleasing in appearance, but injurious crop pests cannot start housekeeping in such places. Neither is there a chance for noxious weeds to mature or dangerous plant diseases to start on clean roadsides.

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The greatest single factor in national economics is transportation, and the greatest single factor in economical transportation is good roads.

Spirella Corsets

I will be glad to call and demonstrate to the ladies of Baird the splendid features of this corset. Phone me and I will call at your residence and show you the different models. Fit guaranteed. Prices very reasonable. This corset is never sold in stores.

MRS. J. R. PRICE
Phone 6. Corsetiere

Wedding Stationery

Have just received a new line of samples in latest styles of Engraved Wedding Invitations and At Home Cards, etc which we would like to show to any who are interested in stationery of this kind. Prompt attention given to all orders. See this line of samples before ordering engraved work somewhere else.

The Star Job Office

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I have a beautiful line of up-to-date Furniture, Carpets, Art Squares, Rugs, etc., and invite my friends and the public to come in and see my line.

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We carry a full stock of Lumber, Shingles and Builder's supplies. See us before you buy anything in this line.

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MAKE THIS A MAGAZINE CHRISTMAS

All the following clubs can be sent to different addresses, and in this way you can make gifts that will be a source of pleasure all the year instead of perhaps a few hours. Cards will be sent announcing the donor of these gifts.

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| Woman's Home Companion | Woman's Home Companion |
| Ladies' World \$2.00 | Home Needlework \$1.85 |
| Woman's Home Companion | Woman's Home Companion |
| Pictorial Review | Housewife |
| Ladies' World \$3.25 | Ladies' World \$2.40 |
| American Magazine | Little Folks (children's magazine) |
| Everybody's \$2.50 | People's Home Journal \$1.25 |

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City Bakery

Furnishes pure and healthy Bread and Rolls, made of the very best material on the Market, absolutely free of alum or any other substitute. Fresh every day. Also a variety of Cakes. Phone 116.

O. NITSCHKE, Proprietor.

Abilene Steam Laundry

First-class laundry work of all kind, cleaning, dyeing and pressing. Work called for on Tuesday of each week and delivered Friday or Saturday during the winter months. I will appreciate your patronage.

MRS. EMMA ASHTON, Agent
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Two Doors North of Globe Cafe

Everything new, nice and sanitary. All work strictly first-class and at regular rates. I will appreciate your patronage and guarantee prompt service and fair treatment to all.

W. S. WHITES, Proprietor.

Money to Lend on Land

Long time—Low rate of interest. Vendor's lien notes bought taken up and extended.

B. L. RUSSELL

Tornado insurance is the cheapest insurance one can buy. Martin Barnhill represents some of the strongest companies in the country.

NOTICE.

All persons are notified that my place south of town is posted, and are warned that I permit no trespassing whatever on it.

51-3t W. G. Powell

PASTURE POSTER

Hunters are warned to keep my pasture on Coleman miles south of town. Don't trespass any one, but keep out. J. Y. Gilliland

The Baird Star.

FRIDAY, DEC., 17, 1915.

Entered at the Postoffice at Baird, Texas, as second class mail matter.

W. E. GILLILAND,
Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES.

One Year \$1.00
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Terms: Cash in advance.

Tick Election tomorrow. Are you pro-tick or anti-tick?

Gen. Francis Marion Cockrell of Missouri died at Washington Monday. Gen. Cockrell was born in 1834. During the civil war rose to the rank of Brigadier-General in the Confederate Army. His command engaged in much hard fighting during the war and Gen. Cockrell was wounded three times. Gen. Cockrell served thirty years as United States Senator from Missouri and later served as a member of the Interstate Commerce Commission. He was a brother of the late Col. J. V. Cockrell of Abilene who served two terms in Congress from this district.

We admire German efficiency and all that; but we do not want this country to ever become as thoroughly saturated with militarism as Germany. See what preparedness has done for Germany. She is fighting nearly all Europe as a result of her thorough preparedness for war. A reasonable preparedness for defense by all nations is absolutely necessary but there is no use to go hog-wild. One prominent military expert wants an army of a million men. We can raise fifteen million and possibly twenty million if necessity demands but what use has this country for a million men in time of peace? One Congressman has become so excited that he wants a conscript law. There is as much danger of going too far as in not going far enough in building up our army and navy. President Wilson and his cabinet ought to be better prepared than any others to advise Congress on preparedness.

President Wilson had as well retire from the race for re-election, he is already beaten. Frank Putnam says so and what he doesn't know isn't worth knowing. Frank says Wilson has ruined himself with the Germans, but he may learn different. All Germans in America do not approve of sinking the Lusitania and other passenger ships, the blowing up of American factories, and ships carrying either food or munitions of war to Germany's enemies. Putnam will find that there are two sides to the war question and Wilson ought to gain more than he will lose by trying to enforce the laws of this country. The republicans will find it difficult to successfully attack the President on his record on the war question.

Next Sunday the Sunday Schools will consider a lesson commemorating the birth of Jesus Christ the Saviour, Luke 2:1-20. "Song of the Angels." No doubt the lesson will be interesting and instructive quite in keeping with the important event. On Thursday night Dec. 24th the Christian world will celebrate the event. Christians and worldlings alike make it a joyous occasion of cheer, good will and exchanging of presents, etc. In the South since the civil war, Christmas night in place of July 4th is made the occasion of booming guns and some time riotous and heavy drinking. It is all right to have the egg nog and all right to drink in moderation, but no one honors either themselves or the "Saviour" by drinking themselves into drunkenness. Let us celebrate the greatest event in the world's history in decency and in order and

not with too much drinking and carousing. We have seen some celebrations on Christmas night that reminds one more of the bacchanalian feasts of the ancient Greeks and Romans in honor of the heathen god, Bacchus, the god of wine and revelry. Let us not do this. The world, even the non-Christian world, no longer encourages the old time excesses practiced by some in celebrating the birth of Christ. Make it a time of joy, good will strictly in keeping with him whose birth we celebrate. May all the readers of THE STAR have a most joyful Christmas.

Word comes by wireless that some of the Ford peace party almost came to blows over a resolution censuring President Wilson's preparedness plans. The Ford Peace cruise is liable to go down in history as the as the greatest farce of a great war, yet it may do some good after all, we hope it will, but really the trip at this time seems more likely to be taken as a joke if not a burlesque. Ford no doubt means well, but we fear the trip will do more harm than good. If a ship load of cranks can bring peace to distracted Europe they will have accomplished good, no matter how much the world laughs at them.

Rev. J. H. McLean of the North Texas Conference M. E. Church, South, after serving 55 years as an itinerant preacher has retired and will make his home in Dallas. Rev. McLean entered the ministry in 1860 when the "Discipline" fixed the salary of the preachers at \$150. a year. He says one year he only received \$30, but always had three meals a day and wore good clothes. Society owes much to the old pioneer preachers of Texas.

He who is blessed with more of this world's goods than his fellow man should, and most of them no doubt will, remember those less fortunate on Christmas day. Christ said: "The poor ye have you always and so we have. They are in Baird and every other town in the country. Don't forget them, you know them."

RED CROSS CHRISTMAS SEALS.

One Cent Each.

Everyone should place them on the back of all mail until January 1st, 1916. Should use seals in every possible way and should encourage others to use them.

Business Men should use seals on bills, statements, check and pay envelopes, and on packages to be delivered.

Women should use seals on all notes, invitations, gift packages and should help to sell them.

Seals on Sale at B. L. Boydstuns, W. D. Boydstun, H. Schwartz, Holmes Drug Co., J. H. Terrell, Geo. B. Scott.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

Sunday, Dec. 12, 1915.

| Methodist Sunday School. | |
|---------------------------------|---------|
| Number present | 115 |
| Collection | \$3.07 |
| Baptist Sunday School. | |
| Number present | 141 |
| Collection | \$6.00 |
| Presbyterian Sunday School | |
| Number present | 105 |
| Collection | \$3.51 |
| Church of Christ Sunday School. | |
| Number present | 87 |
| Collection | \$4.15 |
| Chapters read | 669 |
| Total attendance | 448 |
| "collections" | \$16.73 |

Considering that there were quite a number of children ill with colds, this is a very good report, both as to attendance and collection.

The Methodist after a long delay had a photograph made of the school Sunday though the attendance was the smallest for some time.

Next Sunday is the Christmas lesson—The Song of the Angels,

Luke 1:1-20.

Golden Text: "The angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. Luke 2-10.

MARRIED.

One of the most brilliant home weddings of the season took place Tuesday, Dec. 14th, 1915, at 2 o'clock in the afternoon at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Van Jones when their beautiful and accomplished daughter, Miss Hazel Loungle Jones was united in marriage to Mr. John Walton Green of Abilene.

The home was beautifully decorated in white and pink with an arch of evergreen bedecked with flowers and mistletoe, the altar being under this arch and decorated with ferns and pot plants, formed a very pretty place for the exchange of vows. Mr. W. T. Stange of Chicago, Ill., was best man and Miss Cora-Nelle Boydston was maid of honor. The wedding party entered the room to the beautiful strains of the wedding march played by Mrs. Stange of Chicago, the groom and best man entering first, then the maid of honor followed by the bride on the arm of her father, and was met at the altar by the groom where the impressive ring ceremony was used uniting two in one, Rev. H. M. Peebles, pastor of the First Presbyterian Church officiating in his usual pleasing manner in the presence of a number of close friends and relatives.

Mr. Green, who holds a responsible position with Swift & Co., of Abilene, has been well known to the family of the bride for 19 years, he having been present at the marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Jones, being at that time only 4 years old.

The bride wore a going away suit of beautiful blue Bengaline with a black picture hat. Mrs. Stange and Miss Boydston wore tailored suits of brown with hats to match. The groom and best man wore the conventional black.

The happy party left on No. 13 for Abilene where they will make their home. A pretty coincident of blending the past with the present was the fact that Mr. Dave Tobin, who was conductor on the train which 19 years ago took the bride's father and mother on their wedding journey, was conductor on this train.

The bride has many friends in Baird who wish her and her husband a long and happy life.

The out of town guests were: Mrs. Green and Mrs. Nesbitt of Abilene, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Stange, of Chicago. x x

MARRIED IN FORT WORTH.

Another very beautiful December wedding took place Wednesday evening at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Julius Norton of McKenzie avenue, when Miss Cora Maud Norton and Benjamin Grady O'Neal of Weatherford were married, with Rev. H. A. Boaz officiating. Of special interest were the nuptials, as the bride and bridegroom are both prominent. Following her engagement announcement, Miss Norton was honored at a number of social affairs. The bride is a graduate of Polytechnic college, and also was a student of the University of Chicago, and is very talented in expression. Mr. O'Neal is an attorney of Weatherford, a member of the firm of Lanham & O'Neal.

The living room and library of the Norton home were abloom with masses of rich, yellow chrysanthemums and banks of ferns at the Dutch windows and in the hall, a flowery alcove of plumosis ferns and yellow chrysanthemums was arranged and here Miss Exa Hargrave served punch throughout the reception hour.

A short musical ceremony was

rendered before the ceremony by Miss Ruth Boaz, who sang "Oh Promise Me," accompanied by Miss Lucy Pope at the piano and Miss Catherine Collie the violin obligato. This was followed by Lonengrin's chorus, sung as a duet by Miss Boaz and Mrs. Jesse D. Buckley. During the marriage ceremony "Traumerel" was the nuptial selection played pianissimo.

The bridal procession was led by the bridesmaids, Misses Ima Norton of Hico, a cousin of the bride, and Mable Puckett, who were followed by Misses Maye Welch of McAllister, Okla., and the matron of honor, Mrs. C. J. Duggan of Littlefield, who is a sister of the bride. Preceding the maid of honor, Miss Tera Bartley of Cleburne, came the little ring-bearer, Master Maurice Norton, a nephew of the bride, carrying the ring in a chrysanthemum. He was attired in a Neapolitan suit of panne velvet.

Following the maid of honor came the bride and groom, who entered together, and at the Dutch window, were a huge bank of ferns and chrysanthemums made a fitting setting for the marriage vows. Rev. Mr. Boaz performed the ring ceremony.

The bride wore a traveling suit of field mouse panne velvet with trimmings of beaver fur, and in her hat was a bird of paradise. Her only ornament was a diamond bar pin, a gift of the bridegroom. Unique and attractive were the flower muffs used by the bridal party, that of the bride being wrought of tulle and lilies of the valley, with showers of the lilies, and interwoven in these was a corsage of violets, which she wore on her suit after the ceremony.

The matron of honor wore a gown of sapphire blue satin, with the bodice of gold cloth and beaded

THE HOTEL MAE

has been remodeled, re-furnished and cleaned throughout by the new management and is up-to-date in all departments.

JNO. H. LAIRD, Prop.

net. Her muff was of yellow narcissus and smilax, and in her hair were paradise feathers.

Each of the bridesmaids was attired in a gown of sapphire tulle over white satin, with the bodices of gold cloth and beaded tulle, and they also wore paradise feathers in their hair and carried muffs of yellow narcissus and smilax.

After the wedding a reception was held, with the receiving line being composed of Mrs. Walter M. Dobbs, Mrs. B. H. Johnson of Dallas and Miss Edith Boaz. Mr. and Mrs. O'Neal left for a wedding trip, after which they will be at home in Weatherford.

Among the out-of-town guests were Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Norton of Wichita Falls, Mr. and Mrs. Fritz Lanham of Weatherford, and Mrs. B. H. Johnson of Dallas.—Fort Worth Record

Christmas candies at B. L. Boydstun's. 2.2t

NOTICE.

The Ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fireworks on the streets, especially within the fire limits will be enforced.

By order of the Council.

J. W. TURNER

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We Invite You to Make This Bank Your Depository

If you have an idle hundred or fifty or any other amount which you desire to lay aside for safe keeping, bring it to us for deposit. It matters not what amount of money you have to deposit, we will accept it.

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W. A. Hinds

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J. B. Cutbirth.

THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS IS IN THE AIR!



The spirit of giving and good cheer will possess our hearts as never before and without a sense of selfishness we should join in the pursuit of happiness for ourselves as well as others. We have many things that suggest Christmas and the things that belong to it. Our goods for wear or gifts are selected with care and consideration and your Christmas shopping will be counted a real pleasure instead of a dreaded task as is often the case

Winter Millinery

We are now offering the season's most fashionable showing of winter millinery at extra value-giving prices. Pay this department a visit and we are sure you will be pleased.

Christmas Suggestions

We have a beautiful line of Silk Crepe de Chine Waists, Ties, Silk Hose, Etc. in pretty holly boxes which will make pretty gifts. Also many other suggestions for gifts

Shop Early

Only a short time until Christmas and we urge that you do your shopping early while you have first choice of stocks and have time to make selections

Make Our Store Your Headquarters While Doing Your Christmas Shopping

WILL D. BOYDSTUN

Dry Goods

Millinery

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Hoover, have returned from Merkel.

John Lones, of Houston, is visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones.

John Estes was called to Anson Tuesday by the serious illness of his father.

Mrs. W. P. Kershner, of Taylor, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Asbury were in town Saturday.

Will Rice and W. O. Spencer, from the Bayou, were in town Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Brightwell, from the Bayou, spent Saturday and Sunday in Baird.

Dr. P. W. Cain examines eyes and fits glasses. All work guaranteed. Office with Dr. Ramsey. 1-3t.

Ed Horn and Arthur Young, from the Bayou, were in town the first of the week.

Miss Gladys Ham is able to be out again after an attack of typhoid fever.

Mrs. Will Young and children, A. J. and Marguerite, from the Bayou, are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. I. McWhorter.

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Capt. J. W. Jones, and W. P. Brightwell of the Bayou and Ben Signal, Baird, all have new Ford cars.

Mr. and Mrs. Wylie M. James have returned from their ranch in Reagan county, where spent several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. A. R. Williams, of Abilene, spent Sunday with Mrs. Williams' parents, Mr. and Mrs. E. M. Wristen.

Bora Brame, who works on the Love Ranch, near Van Horn, is at home for a short visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Brame.

Mr. E. Sigal, who has been in failing health for some time is still very feeble and is confined to his bed most of the time.

Miss Cornelia Beck left Wednesday morning for Cicco to assist in nursing the little child of her uncle, Wm. Waid, who is sick with pneumonia.

J. M. Caddenhead, one of the pioneer settlers of this county, living near Dudley, his son and Will Crain were in Baird this week attending county court.

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Just received from New York, the most wonderful and beautiful lot of Xmas. Handkerchiefs ever in Baird. Boy 1-1t

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Scott, of Erath county, came out to Baird a few weeks ago and will spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. P. G. Hatchett and family.

G. H. Brame was in from his farm west of Baird, Saturday. He called at THE STAR office and had the paper sent to his daughter, Miss Cora Brame, who is teaching the Eagle Cove school.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Davis were among the Admiralties who were in Baird last Saturday, "Dollar Day." They called at THE STAR office and renewed their subscription for another year.

J. O. Hall, of Baird, had in a shipment of three cars of cattle. The Cassidy-Southwestern Commission Company handled the shipment.—Ft. Worth Record.

Arthur Young, of Burket, had in a shipment of mixed cattle. The Campbell-Rosson Commission Company handled the shipment.—Ft. Worth Record.

"The Goddess" a splendid serial feature, will be given at the Royal Theatre, beginning Tuesday, Dec. 21st. See the opening chapter.

LOST—In Baird a few days ago pocket book with 7 or 8 dollars in silver in purse with name of First National Bank, Baird. Return to T. R. Price, Rt 1. Baird and get reward. 1-1p

Ranch For Sale or Lease.

Also horses, calves, steers and cows for sale. E. K. Alvord, Baird, Texas. 1-4t

WILSON'S MEAT MARKET.

Will buy Hogs, Chickens, Turkeys, Butter, Eggs and Country Produce. See us before selling your produce. 1

DOG LOST.

A liver and pointer bird dog liver spot in forehead. Reward for return of dog. M. D. Driskill 1

SOCIAL AFFAIRS OF THE PAST WEEK

Miss Jessie Powell was hostess to the "Kard Klub" Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in sewing on Christmas gifts. Refreshments were served and the Club adjourned to meet next week with Miss Amy Bowyer.

Miss Ada Lea Powell was hostess for the Wednesday Club on November 24th. This being the regular business session several important business matters were discussed and voted on.

Mrs. Blackburn read a paper on "The English Bible and its Influence on early New Englanders."

Questions from the Query Box were answered

Club adjourned to meet with Mrs. Bell on December 1st.

Misses Amy and Evalyn Bowyer entertained the Kard Club and the As You Like It Club last Tuesday evening. The evening was spent in playing Bridge. Delicious refreshments were served and the Club adjourned to meet next week with Miss Laura Brock.

METHODIST SERVICES

The subject of the sermon at the Methodist church at 11 o'clock next Sunday will be "Militant Christianity". At the evening hour, 7:15 the second of the series to young people will be preached by the pastor the subject being "Danger Signals". A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services.

FEDERATED CLUBS.

The Department of Help of the Federated Clubs submits the following report:

Garments distributed, 270.
Children provided with books 15.
Spent for school supplies \$2.46.
Free will offering last meeting, \$5.
Collected on machine, \$3.20.

Mrs. E. C. Walton will have charge of the box for the present.

Mrs. Venable
Mrs. Ramsey
Committee.



Neither War nor Panic

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COUNTRY CORRESPONDENCE

COTTONWOOD LOCALS.

Dec. 7th.—This scribe is very much under the weather this morning, having contracted a violent cold, we are prepared to announce the fact that we are as sick as a dog, yes we believe we are as sick as two dogs, and our condition is not an exception to the general rule. When we get sick everything is out of joint. We are now out of wood and all the family sick with cold save one. With all these misfortunes there is yet some good coming our way as yesterday morning we were visited with a fine rain, and "Juan's" wheat has a season we presume or at least we hope so, and our land is in good condition to plow, and the old wagons and buggies has had a soaking and such people as your humble scribe, who is not in a position to pay the blacksmith can ride a little and haul a little wood too.

Our blacksmith, Mr. J. F. Coffey has leased the corn mill from Mr. Smith and has installed it in his shop and he is now prepared to grind the farmers corn for them, so you see when a man's plow gets dull he can go to the shop and to the mill at the same time.

Mr. Walter Respass, who has been working in the west since last May has returned to his home in Cottonwood.

Miss Zena Bennett has accepted a position with J. M. Ferguson at the switchboard in the Telephone office and is now doing duty as "Hello" girl in Cottonwood.

Mr. Martin Clifton, of Foard county, is visiting his brother, G. H. Clifton at his home three and a half miles east of Cottonwood.

Ross Respass has been confined to his room for several days with a violent cold.

Hog killing has been practiced here for several days and ribs, backbone, sausage and hoghead cheese have been very much in evidence during that time.

Last Thursday night Mr. and Mrs. E. B. Whitehorn received a message from Alabama, their former home, that Mrs. Whitehorn's mother was dangerously sick and they started at once for Alabama. We have had no tidings from them yet.

Dr. Payne, our doctor at Cottonwood, who took a little jaunt out west is back at home again to ply his vocation.

Mr. Smith, our gin man we are informed is preparing to move to Ballinger. We are not informed as to what disposition he has made with his property at Cottonwood.

Mr. C. W. Worthy and Mrs. Conghron of Cottonwood, were married last Sunday, at Baird we presume. This is no new enterprise to either as both have been married twice before. We wish them much happiness and a prosperous journey through life.

Now Uncle Billie if we had not already missed two weeks we would not have written for we are bad enough at best but when we are sick we are "wusser" ever and we have just "gotta keno" right now.

"Uncle Jimmie."

DEEP CREEK NOTES.

Some moisture we need, how long can we wait?

If not pretty soon we think it too late

For our wheat needs rain, not all planted yet

Can't sow and get a stand until the grounds wet

One year it's too wet, next year it's too dry

These extremes are what makes our living come high

But as long as we're well, with plenty to live
Our thanks to Our Maker we always will give

Lets live and be happy for we are out of the flight

That we talk and read of by our fireside at night

Each farmer has killed hogs, we have plenty to eat

If you will pay us a visit with welcome we will greet

With a hand that has worked from morning till night

Our people are generous they will sure treat you right

No news this week as is always the case

So I write a few lines to fill up my space.

Boatwright and Son each one owns a half

Of a fine bunch of cattle and a fine Hereford calf

The calf they've just purchased and say it's grand

Good registered stuff makes a prosperous land.

Homer Boatwright now sports a brand new Ford

So when you see him coming kindly give him the road.

Mr. Clinton called out the road hands last week

He's as fine an overseer as we've had on the creek

No ride over rough places you say makes you sore

Our road is all smooth, is'nt rough anymore

So Tom Wylie's Ford can "ramble along

No bad places to break his new cars song.

—Star Poet.

BURNT BRANCH CULLINGS.

"There is a ship with golden sails
A ship with golden spars
That I can take asleep, awake
Beyond the sunset bars
That bears me on a soundless sea
Up to the shining stars"

"Imagination is her name
She never rests, but flies
Upon the creamy sea of dreams
Beyond God's bluest skies
Oh! ship of joy or ship of love
That leads to paradise."

Now here is a text for some one upon which to preach, ponder and think: "Half our sorrows, our joys, and our very being itself is in the 'Imagination.'"

Uncle Epp Bond has relatives visiting him from the state of his nativity.

Friend Spencer and family were at the Terminal Saturday. They are strictly in the cream and chicken business, having on hand quite a string of nice thoroughbred birds of different strains.

Ed Horn and the boys visited Cross Plains on "Dollar Day" turning loose a few of the "aforesaid and the same."

We learn our old friend V. A. Mauldin is permanently located in the far off New Mexico, and is well pleased and happy. Our loss is Mexico's gain.

Most all of the fat pokers killed and its "hog and hominy" with us, home raised.

Banker Hart and Uncle Tom Henson have an ideal hog ranch near the Terminal, divided and sub-divided into different pastures with acorns and other feed in abundance, and are sanguine of success.

"Dollar Day" seemed a success at Cross Plains, but the devil with me I didn't have the dollar. Many of our citizens took in the sights there that day.

"A native was awakened by the norther Saturday night, and thinking it was a cyclone, went out in

scanty apparel to let his calves out for shelter, but they had beaten him to the bars. Imagine his non Sunday School language as he returned to bed thoroughly chilled, to dream of calves and suffering stock.

My information is that Uncle Bill is Superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School at Baird. Good and well deserving. In my growing up I was taught to reverence a preacher, a Sunday School Supt., and a teacher As "Uncle Jimmie" says "see" If not we will open your eyes.

The Irvin boys were much in evidence on "Dollar Day." "Lenghty" and I have buried the hatchet.

Imagine John Harral of Cross-Cut on a good "hoss" bossing the loading of a car of goobers, like a foreman at a "round up."

In the hurry and flurry failed to meet "Uncle Jimmie" on dollar day I'll bet one of the boys he was there

John Westerman has hit the grit for El Paso, on a business and pleasure trip.

Grazing the grain is somewhat of the past with us, but—yes but, with a good rain it will be again ready for pasture. These dry freezes are trying but on packed land it is still standing it.

Our schools are progressing nicely Don't know as yet the day our new Methodist pastor will serve us

Dr. Rumph was called to the Johnson Ranch country professionally last Sunday.

Thanks to Judge Blanton for his complimentary letter.

"Our country 'tis of thee, sweet land of liberty, if the whole push besides us are at war, and as Logan said "not even sparing women and children." Some say more to be dreaded than the yellow peril is the Dutch if successful, but give me the Dutchman every time.

Today is the last day of the fall, and tomorrow will be the first day of winter, and if we live to see it will report it later on, yes winter with a stiff norther, but the sun shineth brilliantly. As the Review man says "The melancholly days have come, the saddest of the year." Grand old winter time and Christmas with all its joys and sorrows will soon be here and then we will face the great reality of 1916 of the 20th Century.

Ed Horn, the young "ventuersome" put up a nice little bunch of calves in these parts this week. Cris Parsons & Co. didn't come and they missed the time of their lives.

Jim Bennett, the all round man of the Terminal City, was out this week finishing up some work and also on the hunt.

At a negro prayer meeting in the long ago, Rastus requested a brother to be more fervent in prayer. "Look here nigger, I'se running dis boat," replied the brother addressed. Rastus who was equal to the occasion came back with a "yes and you'll capsize de whole push, jus like a fool nigger" Now in these times this would be what the law terms "disturbing religious worship," but those times it was permissible, and the meeting place for the discussion of their beliefs and theories and was a general battle ground, with rocks, sticks and brickbats flying through the air. Like Bob Taylor's political "powwows way up in the mountains of grand old Tennessee."

Squire Drewery and wife are so much improved from the treatment received at the Surles Sanitarium at Putnam, that they are now at home for the winter, but will return if occasion demands. The daughter seems entirely relieved and is attending school.

The farm and pasture settled in the long ago by the late Cagt. J. T. Freeman was recently sold by the heirs to Ed Henderson of Cross Plains. It will always be known as the home of the deceased.

Banker Hart and wife of Cross

Money Saved---Positions Secured

POSITIONS. Business is booming in West Texas, new firms are being organized constantly and the trade of old firms is increasing. Book-keepers and stenographers are being promoted to higher positions. All of these have made the demand for Draughon-trained students far greater than the supply.

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Plains recently left by auto to attend the funeral of Mrs. Hart's father.

Ask Jim Bennett who is the best shot, he or Juan.

Little John Aiken is the last to wind up the cotton pick.

Mrs. S. L. Munsey, a Cross Plains citizen died Saturday.

If all the big guns sell out as per ads in The Review, what the devil are we little fry to do.

In the next issue please explain the tick eradication election called for the 18th, who pays the fidler, ect This is by request of interested persons, readers of The Star and patrons otherwise, you know I'm no lawyer an am behind on things generally.

Protect the quail is the slogan now and petitions to that effect are in circulation and signed generally.

"Got up before daylight this morning and am tired and sleepy too just let me to my little old bed and as "Uncle Jimmie" says will "keno."

"Juan."

Editorial Note:—Mistaken. T. E. Powell is superintendent of the Methodist Sunday School. Uncle Bill is only a substitute teacher of the Senior Bible Class.

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JURY IS OUT SEVEN AND A HALF HOURS IN BRINGING VERDICT ON CONSPIRACY CHARGE.

AN APPEAL IS LOOKED FOR

Maximum Penalty for Each Indictment is Two Years in Prison and \$10,000 Fine.

New York—Three high officials and a subordinate officer of the Hamburg-American line were found guilty in the federal district court of having violated the laws of the United States in sending coal and other supplies to German cruisers in the south Atlantic in the first few months of the European war. The jury returned a verdict of guilty on each of two indictments.

The specific charge against the defendants was conspiracy to deceive and defraud the United States. The maximum penalty for each indictment is two years' imprisonment and \$10,000 fine.

In reaching its decision the jury is reported to have taken only one ballot and this after several hours of discussion of the evidence in minute details. The jury was out seven and one-half hours.

Appeal is Expected.

An appeal, it seems certain, will be made to the federal court of appeals and in case the verdict is upheld, to the supreme court of the United States. In the meantime the defendants probably will remain at liberty under \$5,000 bail each as it is the present intention of the government not to ask that the bond be increased.

The four defendants affected by the verdict are Dr. Karl Bueuz, managing director of the Hamburg-American line in New York City; former German consul general here, former German minister to Mexico and German commissioner in the Venezuelan arbitration proceedings before the Hague tribunal; George Kotter, general superintendent of the line; Adolph Hachmeister, general purchasing agent, and Joseph Poppinhaus, a former officer in the German navy and at present a second officer of the Hamburg-American line. A fifth defendant, Felix Seffner, supercargo on one of the neutral steamers, sent to supply the German fleet, was not brought to trial. He was captured by the British while on his errand of relief and is at present a prisoner in a Canadian detention camp.

The trial of Dr. Bueuz and his

three associates was the culmination of an investigation began last winter by agents of the department of justice into the chartering and sailing of certain neutral vessels from American ports in August, September and December, 1914.

TYPHUS SWEEPS MEXICO CITY.

Funeral Trains Run Night and Day. Over 130 Deaths Reported Daily.

Mexico City.—Typhus fever, which has been an epidemic among the lower classes of Mexico City and vicinity for the last two months, has grown to such alarming proportions as to terrify the entire population. The death rate from this disease alone now exceeds 130 a day, and the number of cases is constantly growing. It is estimated that there are 11,000 cases in the federal district and neighboring towns. The authorities seem wholly unable to cope with the situation, and some of the large American mining companies have asked for and received permission to take steps to clean up the towns in their vicinities, as the disease threatens to decimate the population and leave them without workmen.

So great has the demand become on the street car system, due to the deaths caused by the epidemic, that funeral trains are run all night long. In many of the cars from 14 to 18 uncoffined bodies are carried to the cemeteries during these night trips.

The sight at the various cemeteries is a most gruesome one, for the supply of grave diggers is not sufficient to meet the demand and bodies very often have to lie in the open for a considerable length of time before being interred.

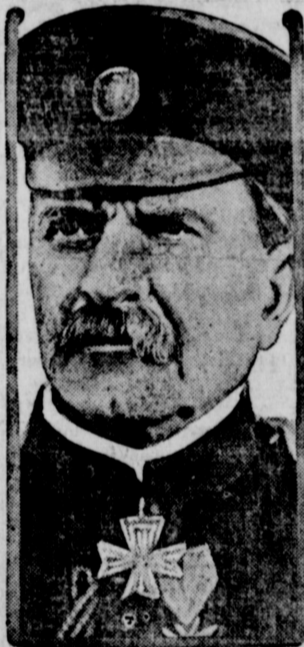
Blow Up Ammunition Plant in Prussia

London.—Destruction of a large ammunition factory at Halle, Prussian Saxony, by an explosion, with the loss of several hundred lives, is reported in a dispatch from Kolding, Denmark, to Copenhagen. It is said a similar disaster was narrowly averted at Bogden, Silesia, by the discovery that the factory there had been undermined. It is asserted discontented workmen are suspected in both instances.

Prison Terms for Steamship Officials.

New York.—Dr. Karl Bueuz, George Kotter and Adolph Hachmeister of the Hamburg-American line, recently convicted of conspiracy to defraud the United States government, have been sentenced to serve one and a half years in the federal penitentiary at Atlanta. Joseph Poppinhaus was sentenced to one year. The Hamburg-American line was fined \$1. All the defendants were admitted to bail pending the suing of a writ of error. Bail was fixed at \$1,000 in each case.

GEN. RADKI DIMITRIEFF



Gen. Radki Dimitrieff, the Bulgarian, who gave up his post of minister to Russia to take command of a Russian army corps, has been appointed commander of the Russian forces which are to be sent to the aid of Serbia.

ALLIED PUBLIC OPINION AROUSED OVER GREECE

PRESS DEMANDING STERN ACTION BE TAKEN TO GET ASSURANCES WANTED.

London.—The negotiations between Greece and the allied powers at Athens still drag, new hitches seemingly arising as the old ones are smoothed out. The people of the allied countries, particularly those of France and Italy, are becoming impatient over the continual delays and the press is demanding that stern action be taken to lemonstrate to King Constantine and his ministers the determination of the quadruple entente to secure the assurances demanded. New proposals are said to have been made by France and Great Britain in the hope of reaching an agreement.

The attitude of Roumania also remains undecided. Since the dispatch announcing the closing of Roumanian ports to foreign trade was received, intelligence has depended on Bucharest

and everyone is awaiting anxiously the next move which will give a meaning to this order.

Meanwhile the Austro-Germans and Bulgarians continue rounding up the few Serbian troops remaining in Serbia, and also are prosecuting with their usual energy the campaign against Montenegro.

Unusual Calm Elsewhere.

Unusual calm prevails on the various battle fronts, even the Italians apparently slackening their offensive probably in preparation for the next phase, which they hope will give Goizia in their hands with other commanding positions on which the Austrian hold has weakened during the last weeks of heavy fighting.

The check suffered by Gen. Townshend in Mesopotamia is a severe disappointment to the British public, which has looked upon this expedition as the brightest spot thus far in the war, with the possible exception of Gen. Botha's conquest of German Southwest Africa.

FORD'S PEACE SHIP LEAVES N. Y.

Salons and Cabins Decorated With National Colors of 17 Nations.

New York.—Henry Ford and more than 80 peace advocates sailed from here Saturday for Christiania, Norway. The party was accompanied by 57 newspaper correspondents and photographers and more than 20 general assistants, secretaries and stenographers.

Just before the gang plank was pulled up a cable messenger rushed on the ship and it was reported that Ford had received word from King Haakon of Norway stating that the Ford party would be courteously received in Norway.

All the salons and many of the cabins on the steamer were decorated with palms, ferns, flowers, flags and streamers representing the national colors of 17 countries. Two large white doves, which had been carefully mounted and bearing olive branches, were suspended from the ceiling of the main salon.

Britain Requisitions U. S. Steamer.

Washington.—Official announcement that the American steamship Hocking had been requisitioned by the British government without the formality of prize court proceedings was received by the state department in a dispatch from Consul General Young at Halifax, where the ship has been detained since she was seized by a British warship while on the way from New York to Norfolk. This procedure will be vigorously contested by the United States government.

ASKS WITHDRAWAL OF BOY-ED AND PAPEN

PRESIDENT SAYS THAT COUNTRY MUST BE RID OF OBNOXIOUS FOREIGNERS.

UNDECIDED ON AN AUSTRIAN

Intimated State Department is Considering Taking Steps Regarding Other Foreign Diplomatic Officials.

Washington.—Immediate withdrawal of Captain Karl Boy-Ed and Captain Franz von Papen, respectively naval and military attaches of the German embassy, has been requested by the state department. In making formal announcement of this action Secretary Lansing said the attaches had rendered themselves persona non grata to the United States government by improper activities in connection with naval and military matters.

The secretary acted with the full approval of President Wilson, who is understood to have determined that the United States shall be rid of foreign officials who make themselves obnoxious by activity harmful to the best interests of the nation.

The state department made its request through Count von Bernstorff, the German ambassador. Announcement of the fact was withheld for three days as a matter of courtesy to Germany and to prevent the charge being made that the jury trying the warship supply conspirators of the Hamburg-American line in New York had in any way been influenced in reaching a verdict.

Official Washington was speculating upon the effect of the action might have on public opinion in Germany. Information on that subject it was said in high official circles, would be awaited with interest.

It also became known that the department has under consideration the case of Alexander von Nuber, Austro-Hungarian naval general at New

York, whose name frequently has been mentioned with those of Boy-Ed and Von Papen in connection with activities which have been frowned upon by the United States government. It was said authoritatively that it has not been decided just what action, if any, would be taken.

RUSSIANS PREPARING FOR DRIVE

Millions of Men in Camps Are Well Clothed, Well Fed and Contented.

At the Russian front, via Petrograd and London.—The next forward movement of the Russian armies will be in numbers of millions, not army corps, according to the statement of a high army official. The armies are in better shape than for many months said this official, and quite capable of moving forward at any point. But the new broad plan of campaign contemplates much more than the taking of towns and territory by drives at this point and that the Russian staff is well satisfied with the net result of the strategy during the last summer and it is asserted, is willing to bide its time for the inception of the new campaign.

A contented army, well fed, clothed and house and weekly steam cleaned is the first Russian army, as seen by the correspondent during a ten-days' visit to the positions along the eastern front. The army is in snug, permanent winter quarters, but is ready at an hour's notice to march.

New German War Plane.

London.—A German battle plane steered from the bridge like a steamship is described by Baron Cederstrom, director of the Swedish government's aeroplane factory, who has been visiting the aviation centers in Germany. Describing a machine on which he made a trip, the baron says it was a giant battle biplane of improved design and enormous dimensions, with immense lifting power, great stability and notable speed and carrying an unprecedented weight of armor, artillery, petrol, wireless apparatus, provisions and a very large crew.

Italy to Send Help to Serbs.

London.—Italy, through her foreign minister, Baron Sonnino, has announced her adhesion to the treaty of London whereby the allied powers undertake not to conclude a separate peace and at the same time has declared her intention of sending help to the Serbian army in the Balkans. This news, the most important for several days, will go far to heal the situation, especially in Greece, where negotiations are still proceeding between King Constantine, his cabinet and the ministers of the quadruple entente.

To Force Collection of Belgian Levy.

Amsterdam.—When the year covered by the original war levy on Belgium expired last month it was reported that the German administration would continue to collect at the rate of 40,000,000 francs monthly. Later, according to prominent Belgians, German authorities announced that they would require the sum of 480,000,000 francs, collectible as previously in monthly installments of 40,000,000 francs each, but that security for was to be provided immediately.

School Apportionment Made.

Austin, Texas.—A state per capita apportionment of 50c was announced by W. W. Doughty, state superintendent of public instruction. The apportionment is based on a scholastic enrollment of 1,135,000 children and amounts to \$567,500. This is the first payment on the 1915-16 apportionment and indications are that another apportionment can be made early in the new year.

Close Evidence in Rate Case Hearing.

Dallas, Texas.—The perpetuity of the entire Texas rate making machinery, as it now exists, is involved in the Dallas-Fort Worth rate case, in which testimony has been concluded, according to the unanimous contention of freight traffic officials of Texas trunk lines. At the same time the handicaps, from a rate standpoint now applied to Dallas and Fort Worth because of the much lower rates prevailing to Shreveport and Texarkana, involve the future of these cities as jobbing and manufacturing centers.

Dallas Party Arrives in Washington.

Washington.—The coming of the Texas delegation to win the Democratic national convention for Dallas, traveling in their special train, bannered and electrically decorated, was a surprise to Washingtonians, who are in the habit of seeing delegations arrive without making an impression, and the event served to put Dallas in the forefront of public notice. The trip commanded attention in Dallas through which it extended.

THROUGH a pouring, cold, early December rain I had driven into the country five miles out of Keersburg, Ind., attended to my business and was back, sitting in the desolation of the office of the Keersburg House with two long hours to wait for train time—damp, depressed, tired, huddled up to the old cannon stove in the center of the barren room.

The Keersburg House was like other small country hotels, only more so. There was the same old wet place on the office ceiling—by it you could tell the exact situation of the washstand in the sleeping room above; the same cheap, spring-balance clock, surrounded by crudely lettered glass signs telling travelers to go to Livermore & Bacon for fine meats, Peleg Hostetter for fine livery, Steve Hankins for fine furniture and undertaking, and Tom Hawk for choice wines, liquors and 15-ball pool.

There was the same grease spot on the wall back of the counter where the proprietor rested his head while he sat and dozed, waiting for the 8:17 night train. There were the same smells of wood smoke, stale tobacco smoke, coal oil, a musty cellar and country cooking.

The only companion of my solitude was a little old man that sat opposite. He had not spoken to me, or I to him. There was no sound except the ticking of the clock, the popping of the wet wood in the stove and the rush of the rain against the front windows of the office.

This old man was dressed in what looked like new homespun, but wasn't. He wore a crumpled felt hat and boots. He had a short, white beard and a pair of sharp, blue eyes looked out of a wrinkled, brown, solemn face. A substantial citizen, I thought, one of those early Hoosier settlers that had knocked out his fortune by hard labor on the farm and had found his education and consolation in genial observance of human nature.

"I was only aware that he was regarding me in my dismal reverie, when he said suddenly: 'Great mystery, ain't it?'"

"What?" I asked.

"Everything," he returned and set his serious gaze again on a glowing crack of the stove.

"But there's agreeable mysteries as well as disagreeable ones," the old man at length went on. "S'pose you never heard of the mystery of who gives Christmas to Keersburg?"

"No, but I'd like to, if it's an agreeable mystery," I said. "I'd like nothing better right now than to hear of anything agreeable."

"Well, it's always been a mystery, and a big one, too," picked up the old man as he twisted toward me in his chair; "for Keersburg always has a big Christmas—everybody, the poorest, the youngest child gets its toys, the oldest wash-woman get her calico dresses and good warm things, and all the needy ones get all they can eat that day an' supplies to last 'em for some time after."

"Even all them old folks out on the poor farm get theirs to put a little pleasure into their weary waitin' time."

"The afternoon before Christmas we have a big tree over in the K. P. hall, all the school children have a celebration with music and recitations an' 'em some to help me give out the toys and the candy."

"To see them children in there, all big-eyed, gigin' an' happy, rich an' poor alike, an' the poor ones happier if anything than the rich ones—an', well, I ain't exactly a man of sentiment, but once in awhile I have to stop givin' out presents an' go behind somethin' an' cry."

"But," and here the old man paused and pointed a bent forefinger at me impressively, "where does it all come from?"

"Who pays the Santy Claus?"

"Who gives Christmas to Keersburg?"

"I didn't know and I felt and looked very blank for an interminable period until the strange little old man, never taking his eyes off my face, took up his story."

"That's what nobody knows. At least, they didn't until—well, I'll get around to that later on."

"It takes some money, I tell you an' the possible guesses as to what it is are mighty few. But everybody in Keersburg is happy at least one day in the year, and that's more'n people in a whole lot of towns can say."

"All the buyin' done an' all the bills is paid by Elum Brown's bank, an' even old Elum himself don't know, for he says the money in bills and the list of the most needy ones in a strange hand-write is mysteriously put on his desk every year, that he just goes ahead and sees that the money is well spent, which by the way is no small job—an' that's all he knows about it. He says, though, that he has suspicions, that he suspects a lot of things in this town both good and bad, mostly bad, but that he ain't sayin' much about 'em."

"Some says it is old Elum himself, but he says it ain't an' his word is as good as his check."

"It's pratty well covered up, but it's somebody that knows about everybody, for this is a old town with a good many old people still hangin' on, an' amongst 'em a lot of widdler ladies that ain't actually in want but don't have much beyond the necessities of life, an' there ain't one but don't get some knick-knack, a book or some little comfort that they wouldn't get if it wasn't for the one that gives Christmas to Keersburg."

The old man swung around and pointed out the window. "You see that place over there?" he demanded.

I looked, as he directed, through the gray of the afternoon, through the falling rain, across the flat mud of the public square, past a forlorn, hitched horse with its head hanging and rain running off his muzzle, and to a big, plain, drab-painted brick house. Most of the shutters were closed and I guessed they were in most of the time.

"Jason Keers lives over there all alone with a darkey man and his wife that take care of the place for him. His grandfather, a shop-keeper, built the first house here and the name is named after the family."

"Jason comes around the hotel, takes some of his meals here; mebbe you saw him some day—middle oldish man, big gray eyes, with shaven face, wears a straight brim plug hat, a long coat that sticks out all around him."

"No? Well, now, Jason, for a"

an' reads an' they full of books—never and forth from his house once in awhile to the bishop comes to town an' preaches."

"He don't even go to the K. P. hall for the Christmas celebration, an' everybody always goes to that. I don't believe anybody ever had the cheek to wish him a merry Christmas, much less a happy New Year, for to look at him anybody would know it was a hopeless task to make Jason Keers happy by any means, cert'n'y not by a wish."

"You see that one-story ell on the side of his house? That's his office. There's a side gate an' a walk leadin' up to the door. His sign hangin' out there says he's a lawyer, but I never knowed him to have a case. I rather think he has some sort of a underground passage over to Elum Brown's bank an' he makes some of the loans the bank can't handle."

"As long as I've lived in this part of the country I don't remember anybody ever sayin' a good word for Jason Keers. They call him an old skinflint, a note barber an' Ol' Scrooge. Yet I never actually knowed of his doin' a mean thing."

"Of course, he loans money an' wants it back again. I never found him a bit different that way from anybody else."

"He loans monthly on farms, an' when I bought, cleared and drained my lower twenty, I got twenty-five hundred from him. Most of these

fine wife—about as pretty a middle-aged woman as you'd see. Black eyes, black hair an' always got a smile an' a good word for everybody."

"Mary Mason, we all call her, an' they do say she's got more sense than he had. A few years ago, they bought a fine place here in town, built on a addition an' furnished it with a piano-player, a phonograph an' a lot of fine stuff. Mary looked mighty happy in it, for I don't think the fact they owed on it worried her much—she knowed it'd all be paid for if he lived."

"A few months ago I heard Mason was takin' work lower than he should, lower than he could do it an' just keep his credit goin'. He was takin' the money from new jobs to pay up on the old ones."

"The wheel of debt finally got so big he couldn't give it another twist. He went home sick one night, took to his bed—an' poor feller, he never got up again."

"For a few days after the funeral Mary sat around in a kind of a daze, hardly knowin' whether she had much, little or nothin'. Of course, she feared the worst."

"One mornin' she set in the bay winder of her house, lookin' down the street. Suddenly over the tops of some bushes next the sidewalk fence she saw a straight-brim plug hat. The hat was movin' towards her house. She knowed that hat, or the man under it, or she thought she did."

"She didn't actually know that Jason Keers was comin' to see her—he was simply comin' that way. But she was scared by the possibility

an' all that was in them. "Finally, she looked out vacant sort of way."

"It was snowin'."

"A smile come over her face an' an' to herself:

"Now I know who gives Christmas to Keersburg."

"Well, Mary took the paper down to Brown at the bank together with some of her husband had signed an' which Jason Keers left in his chair the day he went to see her."

"Ol' Elum took this year's Christmas he had just got, out of his desk an' the hand-write with that of the word 'an' on the paper an' the notes."

"He don't say nuthin', just nodde an' chuckle."

"Jason has been pretty busy of a widdler goin' her affairs fixed up to be up to her house consid'."

"He's ev' had her down supper the other night. I is goin' to have a bigger Christmas this year, an'—"

The little old man stopped ended and then, very reflecti

"—An' I wouldn't be surpris'd."

We sat a moment in silence The bus rumbled up to the never-failing rain. The driv

shivered all over, threw open the the hotel and yelled: "Up train!" tor and two or three loungers up from some secret hiding places.

I put on my overcoat and as I turn to the bus I shook hands with the who looked down at the floor, wagg and then cocked his shrewd, blue eyes repeated in solemn tones:

"Well, I wouldn't be surpris'd—I v surprised."

THE GIFT TIME OF THE YE

The gift time of the year with its ga and lessons, once again faces us in the turning of the years. Every year brings festival back to us. Though by its sublimity it gives to all a common interest and tion, it applies itself to us individually in varied ways. To some it means much, to nothing. Like every other thing in life it we make it. And anyone who cannot beauty and the grandeur of its meaning in appreciation of the lofty things of

This season of the year is the epoch which been the inspiration for the most exquisite the sweetest music and the living of the life. At this time we can hear echoes from voices of the past, luring us to behold the best gift to mankind. The result of the gift a revolution in morals, in society, in government and a new interpretation of life. Is it any wonder that poets sing about the gift, that artists write about it or that artists use it in model?

This time means more than an exchange gifts. If this were all it would be barren indeed. It is a time for the blending of hearts and drawing out of life its sweetest nectar. It the best time of all the year. Though it usually comes clothed in garments of snow and ice, its frigidty is melted away by the rays from an abundant love. We can read its lessons of peace sublimity and beauty written in letters of across the winter sky. It is the children, nival, waited for through a whole year. them it is hardly anything more than a time. But they soon realize that it is no monetary value of a gift that makes its value but the amount of love in which it is given.

As the greatest gift of time was a living so the greatest gift that we can present to manity is a living gift labeled—OURSELVES. Our best of everything, our every fiber vibra in rapid oscillations impatient to spend their energy in doing some deed to help mankind, promulgation of universal peace and the living on of the life that was only merely begun by One whom we have learned to call The Prince of Peace.

LEGENDS OF THE CHRIST CHILD.

The German people have many legends connected with the Christ-child. One is a legend of Saint Hermann Joseph. The story runs that this saint, when a little boy, passed daily by a niche where was an image of the Virgin and Child, and delighted there to pay his devotions. His heart was so drawn toward the Holy Child that one day, having received what seemed to him a gift truly precious—a beautiful red and yellow apple—he ventured to offer it, with his prayer. To his unspeakable delight the Child put forth a hand and took the apple. After that day never was a gift bestowed upon the little Hermann that was not carried to the same place. He needed nothing for himself, but dedicated all his childish goods to the altar.

After a while grief came. His father, who was a poor man, found it necessary to take him from school and bind him to a trade. He communicated his woes to his friends of the niche and the Virgin comforted him, like a mother, and bestowed money on him, by means of which he rose to be a learned and tender shepherd of men.

Another story is that of the holy Rupert. Rupert was the only child of a princely house and had something to give besides apples. But his generosity and love were such that he could never see poor children suffering without giving them whatever he chanced to have with him.

One time, when he had given away his coat to a poor child, he got wearied and belated on his homeward way. He lay down and fell asleep. Then he dreamed that he was on a river shore, and saw an old man bathing many children. Rupert was seized with a strong desire to join them, and begged the old man to bathe him, also, in the stream. But he was answered, "I am not a bath."



"Now I know who gives Christmas to Keersburg!"

farmers around here are scared of him an' won't borrow money from him. They'll get Eastern money from an agent an' pay a big commission an' be put to the expense of furnishin' a abstract. He never charged me a commission an' he knows the abstract on every clod of dirt in the county, by heart."

"Jason has a few farmer tenants around here an' the young ones get as much or more out of his judgment as his land, for he tells 'em what to plant an' where to plant it, an' even advances 'em money to buy machinery, stock an' fertilizer. Course he gets it back, who wouldn't?"

"For me, I figure that when the people here borrow money from a bank or an insurance company, they ain't borrowin' it from any one person in particular, but when they get it from Jason, why, they see him every day an' he is some one person they can cuss an' damn because they don't like to pay it back."

Here the little old man stopped short, took the iron poker from under the stove, wiggled it vigorously in a hole in the front, lifted the top lid and dropped in a chunk of wood. There was an eruption of sparks and smoke before he could let loose of the lid and he sat down, brushing his beard and hands.

"Ed's over to the livery stable, I s'pose," he uttered. "A body could come in here and steal the whole hotel if it was worth carryin' away."

There wasn't a human thing on the square, so far as I could see, and it seemed to me the little old man and I were the only souls in the town.

"For some years there's been a fellow around here by the name of Mason, a contractor. He started in doing small carpenter jobs and finally branched out an' took whole buildings. He put up some stores not only here in Keersburg, but in some other towns around."

"He was one of these fellers with a good deal more nerve an' energy than judgment an' you'd see him on the street in a muddy buggy, a big bay horse, drivin' from one job to another with a worried, hurried look as if he was g a fire. He always look to me as if he know where to go to get his money w from

an' she ran out into the kitchen, shut the door into the hall, put her hands up to her eyes an' waited. She told me all this herself."

"It seemed a awful long time while she waited an' listened. It finally come—a hard, bony kind of knock, she said, that went through the whole house an' kind of chilled the air till she shivered as she stood waitin' behind the kitchen door. Then there come another knock, harder an' bonier than the first one."

"Mary pulled herself together, opened the kitchen door and went through the hall to open the front door, dead set to meet fate with a smile."

"Jason Keers stood on the front porch without a flicker of expression on his face. Mary took him into the settin' room, give him a chair and set down herself. Jason set still a long time, workin' his hat around by the brim. I can see him now myself."

"Then he said it was a cold mornin'. Then he looked all around at the furniture, put his hat on the floor, cleared his throat, looked down at the carpet an' said:

"Mrs. Mason, I don't know whether you know it or not, but a short time before your husband died he assigned to me the equity in this property, all the furniture in these rooms, what he had comin' to him on certain contracts an' even his life insurance, all in consideration of me lettin' him have certain sums of money."

"No, Mr. Keers, I did not," says Mary, 'an' what's more, I don't know anything I can do to keep you from executin' it."

"Well, there is somethin'," says Keers, lookin' Mary square in the face.

"What's that?" says Mary. "Jason, he unbuttons his shirt, goes down into his inside pocket an' unfolds it, hands it to her: "Take this out to the kitchen—burn it."

"An' then Jason buttoned up, he stood out of the room, an' banged it a

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I don't believe any man that is high minded, self esteemed and carries the Golden Rule in his heart, will kill birds on any man's premises when he knows that this man does not want them killed. I have worked all my life for my little home and I do think I ought to be the controller of it so, I am going to prosecute the man who trespasses on my home if I can get evidence that will convict him. I am a friend to the birds and I want everybody to know it. Now I want the men that have such a high fever for killing quail to go out in the country and buy them a home, build a fence around and raise their own birds and kill them at home and quit running their automobiles up and down the lanes and going over in other men's pastures and killing their birds and then running back home to tell the people what good citizens they are. I know some of you trespassers are ready to say that I am a hard old case, but I have a heart in me as big as any man's to do right and would get up at midnight to do you a favor but I don't want the birds killed, for they are a protection to my crops.

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How Each Land Celebrates Christmas

all over the world, which fills the heart with such joy and tenderness. When the fire of gentleness and whatever may be Christmas giving degenerate give-and-take, it is still the poor in the spirit of the day is celebrated.

There was a tradition of illuminated tree, which is appropriate to the season. These traditions may have been created by the fact that about celebrated their Feast of Dedication. A feature of the Jewish feast must therefore have been the Jewish house in Bethlehem about the reputed time of the birth. These vague traditions merging into the permanent establishment of the Christmas tree.

Nothing fascinating about the folk-lore and when such legends are such pleasant conceits, they become stories. Despite the whirligig of old traditions still linger with us, remembered in the different countries according to their peculiar characteristics.

The marriage of Queen Victoria to Prince Albert which led to the introduction of the Christmas tree into England. In America the emigrant brought the tree with it was soon taken up by all classes. In England was the soil in which the Christmas tree took its firmest root. Christmas must be remembered, was not then a day of sport. It began Dec. 16 and it was on Jan. 6, or twelfth night. All this devoted to holiday making.

In Germany, Christmas is a day of great reverence, particularly for the children, and is celebrated

early Christmas Eve. Greens are hung from window and door, and garlands upon the walls. Upon the dining table a great cold supper is spread. The children's eyes are glued to the sliding doors which are presently to open and disclose the tree. At 6 o'clock a bell rings. Back swings the portal, and there it stands, resplendent with lights and tinsel.

Everybody kisses everybody else, and for three or four hours the cares of life are entirely forgotten. For the evening there is a dance, with much music and much merriment.

In no land is Christmas more generally celebrated than in Scandinavia. Peace and good will are the order of the season. The courts are closed, old quarrels are adjusted, and feuds are forgotten. A pretty symbol that reigns is the yuletide practice of placing in a row every pair of shoes in each household, typifying that during the year the family will live together in peace and harmony. Scandinavia is especially the land of the yule-log of Christmas stories and legends of Thor and Odin. The time out of mind custom of telling stories around a blazing hearth is still popular and a good story teller is ever welcome. Even the birds of the air are religiously thought of, and a sheaf of wheat is placed aloft on a pole in front of each house, to provide them with food, and in compliment of the day, all the household animals receive double rations.

In Sweden the people, rich and poor, alike rise as early as 3 o'clock on Christmas morning to attend divine service. But before leaving, every man's house is illuminated with as many candles as he can afford. The curtains are drawn. The windows are brilliantly illuminated, and through them one may catch a glance of the myriad of mystic lights that sparkle on the pungent Christmas tree pointing the way and cheering the procession as it passes along the road of snow. No nation in the world can surpass Norway in its enthusiastic love of country, and national songs are in order, even at a Christmas dinner.

In Germany on Christmas Eve the whole household prepares for church, when a simple but impressive service is always held. The worshippers are armed with lighted candles, and the first comer, of course, will find the church in darkness. He places his lighted candle before him, and, as one after another appears, fresh candles flash out, till the building resembles a large parterre of single flames. The services over, the season is supposed to have fairly begun, and Christmas greetings are heard on every side.

In the rural life of Russia Christmas Eve is an important event. At sunset, young and old assemble in the principal street of the village, and, forming in procession, visit the house of the resident nobleman, the mayor and other village dignitaries, where they sing carols and receive coppers in return.

As soon as the evening star appears above the horizon, a supper is served. The feast begins by dividing the blessed wafer, a small portion of which is given to each person. This is a sacred rite in which none dare refuse to participate. The head of each family is given his first. The remaining members are served according to their ages, the little children, of course, being left to the last.

In Serbia and Bulgaria an early ceremony has to be performed by the head of each household. Before breakfast is thought of, corn is placed in a stocking and the chief of the family sprinkles a little salt before the house, saying, "Christ is Born," to which one of the inmates replies, "He is born indeed." Then the housefather has to "wish," and, advancing to the hearth, where logs are burning in readiness, strikes them until sparks fly out, with a good wish for the horses, another for the cows, and so on through the whole farming stock, winding up with an extra blow for a plentiful harvest.

Then the ashes are collected, a coin is placed among them and the whole is hidden, or, in some districts, burned. As for the yule-logs, they are not permitted to smoulder quite away, but are carefully garnered, and the burnt ends placed in clefts of the fruit trees, so as to insure a bountiful crop.

At Christmas time the Italians prepare for Christmas sumptuous banquets, mostly of fish,

done in wonderful and divers ways, and fish is eaten a week before the great feast night. Conspicuous among the presents is the "Urn of Fate." Children and friends, in order of their age, are bidden to put their hands into the urn and draw their fate. Many a blank is drawn, but in the end each one is satisfied with what best suits him. This urn is to the Italian children what the Christmas tree is to the young people of other countries.

From the land of the "Midnight Sun" to the evergreen south of perpetual Summer is a long journey, but in all the distance there is found no country where the Christmas festival is not celebrated.

The Christmas customs in America have been transplanted from Europe. Our Christmas tree comes from Germany, our Santa Claus from Holland, the Christmas stocking from Belgium or France, while "Merrie Christmas" was the old English greeting shouted from window to street on Christmas morning.

At present Christmas day, if somewhat shorn of its ancient glories, and unmarked by that jollity and exuberance of spirits which distinguished it in the time of our ancestors, is, nevertheless, still the holiday in which, of all throughout the year, all classes of society most cordially participate.

In no country is Christmas more heartily celebrated than in the United States. The spirit of good will and of gift-giving seems to fill the very air. The rich give lavishly and willingly of their abundance—princely sums toward the building of churches, the endowment of colleges, the housing of the poor. Even the countless thousands of poor newsboys who work hard and faithfully in all weathers through the entire year, to them and to the poor in all our great cities is given every Christmas day a substantial dinner.

And so, as the Christmas of 1915 is ushered in by the merry pealing of the church bells, may every living being catch something of the music as they ring out this vibrant message:

"Rejoice! And again I say unto you, Rejoice! For Christ the Lord was born on Christmas day"

The Prospector's Christmas

Among the Mining Camps on Christmas Day

PROBABLY for the reason that he has elected to follow the loneliest calling in the world, Christmas with the prospector in any part of the world can hardly be called an occasion of cheer," said an old-time prospector who had followed the lure of gold pretty well all over the globe. "Generally Christmas is a time of soreness of spirit with me for the reason that the date merely serves to revive old memories and to intensify his sense of aloofness from all the pleasures of life. If he appears to be in a mining camp on Dec. 25 his bitterness is merely intensified. Uncouthness, which passes over his head during the remainder of the year, serves to irritate him on Christmas. I have been in a mining camp in Alaska at Christmas when it was instinctively felt that if I merely said a word about the day it would mean his death. Men talked briefly enough of subjects, but no man ventured a remark about Christmas.

It was in such a camp about ten years ago, miles inland from Council. There was a bunch of 'snowbirds' in there—that being the name of the Alaska prospector who dares the rigors of winter in following his calling. For several days an atmosphere of gloom had settled down on the camp. We were all dreading the advent of Christmas day, with the memories of what was sure to bring. I remembered that I had seen my partner, Alf, for a day or two, but I thought he was glooming around just like the rest of us—preferring to flock alone. But I took a stroll down to Alf's shack, just to see how he was getting along. He had a big dog—one of the native breed, that is more savage than a wolf. I noticed that the dog didn't threaten to make mince-meat of me as was his wont when I came in sight. Wondering what had come over the critter to make him so gentle. I shoved past him and entered Alf's little one-room cabin, but my own heart almost stopped beating when I saw that Alf was dead.

"He had died while kneeling before his bed, saying his prayers. He had been sick for some time, but nobody thought it was anything serious, and Alf, who had been a prospector for fifty years, wasn't the sort to complain. He wasn't much given to praying, but probably the memories of Christmas had started him to repeating some boyhood prayer, and death took him while he was on his knees.

"When the rest of the boys heard what had happened everybody agreed that so popular a man as Alf ought to have the right kind of a funeral. It was two days to Christmas and we decided to bury him on that day. Furthermore, he was to have a Masonic funeral. But there was nothing in that barren waste to serve as a sprig of acacia. Two volunteers offered to mush to Council, a mere matter of forty miles and back, and bring some branches from a few stunted pines that grew there. Others volunteered to prepare the grave. One job was about equal to the other. We blasted a grave out of solid rock, and in the Alaskan winter darkness we buried poor old Alf with all the honors to which his craft entitled him. It was the most solemn scene that ever entered my eyes—that Christmas funeral north of 53.

"Some of the sourdoughs, at a point to spend every Christmas day, never miss a Christmas party.

he had given her to spend. She spent about \$47 for ribbons, which she had strung all over herself from head to heels. She was a sight when she strolled into the lobby of the hotel, where most of us were standing, just as we had arrived. Not one of us cracked a smile but a traveling man who didn't have much idea about the danger of laughing at a sourdough's wife let out a ha-ha. At that a heavy muckluck, propelled by the brawny leg of the biggest prospector in the outfit, landed on him and he flew several feet in the air.

"Down in our southwestern deserts one will find scores of lonely prospectors who fairly dread the word Christmas. Of course, it isn't quite so bad there as in Alaska, as with two or three weeks' start a man can be at home if the longing gets too strong for him. But the prospector who has to spend Christmas out in the desert deliberately tries to fool himself regarding the date. He will try to skip days, but the harder he tries the more firmly each date becomes impressed



on his mind, and when Christmas comes he knows it just as well as if he heard the bells ringing back home.

"I rushed into a prospectors' camp in Nevada one Christmas night. There were two or three burros rustling about near the camp, but one of these animals was more favored than the rest for she was lying down at the campfire when I came in, snoozing away for all the world like a human being. To my amazement I saw a little pine tree by the fire. I knew it must have been brought down from the mountains forty or fifty miles away. It was hung with a knife and salt shaker and various other things out of the pack outfit. I knew it was meant for a Christmas tree, but I had learned the wisdom of keeping a close mouth where other men's affairs are concerned so I said nothing. After I had sat at the camp fire and talked awhile, with the burro snoozing on as if it wasn't worthy of any attention, the prospector told me the story of that tree.

"It seems as if she had gone to the hills and for his pet burro. She had taken a walk or two before. She had been when he had reached the camp, and had laid down with lightning bolts. She was lying on one of the hillsides, and the things of the desert were about her. The burro was the only one of the

perhaps. Or, perhaps, in imagination, the old man may have seen a little child playing about that Christmas tree which the pampered burro regarded with such cold indifference. Who knows?

"Down in Old Mexico I knew a prospector who dated all his luck from one Christmas, several years ago, when he stopped at a little settlement not far over the American line. Broke and hungry, he knocked at the door of the most pretentious dobe house in town. A peon was about to drive him away on account of his disreputable appearance, when a priest came and interfered. The alcade also put in an appearance, and the tired, almost barefoot man was bidden to enter, and his burro—a bunch of bones—was taken care of. After being given food the prospector was asked to join in a Christmas service at midnight. He accepted, and found out that the alcade was the owner of great flocks of sheep that had grazed on the edge of the barren country in which the stranger had been prospecting. The

prospector knew that these sheep were being stolen by a band of Mexicans and shipped across the line. The alcade hired him to run down the guilty persons, which the Americano did so effectively that he was given a share of the business.

"I have seen prospectors, either 'sand rats,' as the desert wanderers are called, or the 'snow birds' of Alaska, spending Christmas under all imaginable conditions. I have seen some of them weep unrestrainedly at getting a letter or some other form of message from home. But most of them must have been men whose home ties evidently were severed through death or some other cause, years before. Some of them turn to the nearest settlement in order to drive away the bitter reflections of the season. But the prospector can't forget Christmas, even though he resolutely determines to spend the day in working. Never a Christmas day comes but I think of these lonely men of the open, and how much they need a word of cheer which the big world could not send them, even if it remembered their existence."

CHRISTMAS FOR THE BIRDS.

Among the other delightful traits of the Scandinavian people is their custom in their Yuletide of thinking not only of the happiness of their little ones, but of teaching these children in mind the happiness of others and in heart the love of the animals about them. Yuletide sees the market

the children's festival. But there is a little sheaf of barley, each person who sets up in the main room of the house at Yuletide for the bairn (born, as they are called in Norway) the sheaf of grain is fastened on the end of a pole and put out in the yard for a Christmas feast for the birds!

If the degrees of civilization of a people can be measured by its behavior to the animals about it, then this custom denotes in the Norsemen a very high plane indeed.

HAPPINESS.

Happiness is a magic talisman when you learn the secret of handling it.

People who do good immediately discover that they get as much as they give.

Bringing joy bestows it. And the old spirit of Christmas comes to life again in every man who prevents it from dying in a child. It's a sort of atonement, and a great deal more besides.

You help yourself by fulfilling part of the responsibility that we all owe to the destitute, and there isn't another way of having so much satisfaction for so little cost as in watching what happens in a tenement room when a child of poverty opens a Christmas box (not to mention the look of the mother and the recording angel's entry on that none too crowded credit side of your eternal account.)

A CHRISTMAS TOAST.

The day of good-will—in the cold weather without and the warm hearts within—to the Christmas tree, which grows in a night and is plucked in the morning by the gladdest of fingers—to the day in which religion gives sweetness to social life—Christmas gifts; may they bless the giver not less than the receiver—to the oldest of our festivals, which grows mellow and sweeter with the passage of the centuries—to Saint Nicholas—to a merry day that leaves no heartache—to a good Christmas; may sleighing, gifts and feasting crowd out all gambling and drunkenness.

Welcome be ye that are here,
Welcome all and make good cheer;
Welcome all another year!
Welcome Yulet!

Louisiana Protects Her Wild Animals.

The conservation commission of Louisiana not only protects the wild birds of that state from ruthless hunters, but also has so protected the wild animals that they multiply in great numbers. New Orleans is now the largest primary fur market in the United States, and a prominent fur dealer of that city recently stated to the writer that sales of musk rat skins in New Orleans in one season has run as high as six and a half million skins. The South and Southwest, as a whole, produce more coon, opossum, musk rat and skunk skins than any other part of the world. All these skins are now bringing better prices than in any previous year, and it would pay our Tennessee boys after all crops are gathered to trap wild animals and sell their skins. The coon and opossum are easily trapped or caught with hounds.

Here's to Merrie Christmas and a Happy New Year!
With love and with a tear;
For you and for me.

The Christmas Mistletoe--

A Pretty Romance of New England Rural Life



"This is all I care to keep from the old home."

"OUR first Christmas Eve in a canal boat!" said Clara Haven, laughing. "Oh, Effie, did you ever think we should come to this?"

"It isn't a canal boat; it's a cottage!" cried indignant Effie. "And, if you didn't tell them, nobody would ever know it was made out of the old boat that went ashore in the freshest year ago."

"Backed up against the rocks," said Clara. "With a chimney constructed out of an old stove-pipe, and exactly two rooms in it."

"Two rooms are enough," said Effie, still valiantly espousing the cause of the "cottage." "How should we do with more than two rooms?" "To be sure the fact that we pay no rent is a great advantage," remarked Clara. "I don't know if it came to that, that anybody could collect from a canal--"

"Clara, hush!" said Effie. "And just see how those autumn leaves are against the white walls! And doesn't the fire blaze up beautifully! And see what a lovely red trail of light sunset leaves against the snow!"

"I could copy that, I am sure, if only it would come away so quickly!" cried Clara, her eyes with an artist's enthusiasm. "Oh Effie!" "It goes!" cried Effie, dropping her out-and-as if it had been an enchanter's wand she sun is down--the crimson track is gone. "Come, Clara, get out the books and the dictionary; we must work, even though it is Christmas Eve. Hush! there is someone coming up the path from the river. I can hear the grinding sound of footsteps on the snow."

"Then came a tap on the door, and Effie Haven sprang to open it. Harvey Darrow stood there, both arms full of dark-green, glossy leaves.

"Mistletoe! Oh, Mr. Darrow!" cried the girl. "I found it down in the Black Woods," said the young farmer, his bright eyes sparkling back an answer-signal to the gladness of Effie's face. "There was an old dead tree all garlanded with it, and I knew you would like some. Mother don't think Christmas is Christmas without mistletoe. Her folks were English, you know, and she still clings to their traditions. Here--let me hang some over the mantel and above the doorway. Is that right?"

"How thoughtful it was of him to remember us!" said Clara, when the door was closed, and the footsteps sounded again, crisp and hollow in the freezing air, down the steep bank that led to the river.

"Yes," said Effie, busying herself with one or two polished mistletoe leaves that had fallen to the floor, "it is something to be remembered on Christmas Eve!"

Harvey Darrow kept on his way across the steely, gleaming surface of the hard-frozen Delaware river--through the snow-mantled gorges to a cozy farm house that nestled beneath a knot of monster maple trees, with its casements shining a welcome.

"Here's your Christmas mistletoe, mother!" he cried cheerfully. "Make the most of it, for the old tree is rotten at the heart, and I don't think it will last many more years."

Mrs. Darrow came out of her kitchen with a big pewee spoon in one hand and a spice-box in the other hand.

"It ain't as much as usual, is it, Harvey?" said she, critically surveying the fragrant, black-green heap. "Pears to me as if it was rather a scant lot."

"I left a little of it at the old canal boat," said Harvey, reddening under his mother's keen glance. "Clara and Euphemia, you know--"

"Humph!" curtly commented Mrs. Darrow. "And they lead such a solitary, unfriended life," added the young man, "and they work so hard." "Humph!" again spoke the old lady. "Girls with such white hands can't do much hard work, I guess!"

"But you don't know, mother. Clara does needlework for an art place in Boston. Such work it is! I only wish you could see it!" he added, with enthusiasm. "There's the landscape on black satin--a lake, and trees, and swans, and a yellow sunset gleaming through tree-trunks. It brought \$50; but it was an order, and I don't think they paid her ten cents."

"Fifty dollars!--for what strategy, sprawly Kensington work! I don't believe it," said Mrs. Darrow, bluntly.

"And Effie does translation for a bookseller. Of course they pay her a considerable sum, because she is merely a woman; but I don't know of any one that works any harder than those two girls."

"I suppose they could live with the relations?" observed Mrs. Darrow.

"On sufficient grounds. They are dependent for that! The coldly-given--"

"It seems--"

their business!" said Mrs. Darrow, with a slight shrug of her shoulders.

Harvey was silent. "I want some of them big red apples out of the littles bin in the barn-cellar!" said Mrs. Darrow, briskly. "The Northern Spy apples, you know, Harvey."

"Yes, mother," he answered quietly.

"I've calculated to serve a pretty nice dinner," said the housekeeper, complacently. "Nobody shall have it to say that the Darrows let Christmas day go by without properly observing it. There's roast turkey and chicken-pies and cranberry sauce and good, old-fashioned currant-jelly, and mince and pumpkin pies and a suet-pudding and apple dumplings, and-- Oh I can't begin to tell what all!"

"And all this for us two?" "Why, I've asked company, of course, Harvey!" said Mrs. Darrow, raising her eyebrows in an injured way. "There's your father's Uncle Elihu and Mrs. Bracebrook--"

"And the usual round of relations, I suppose, to eat your good things, and then criticize your cookery afterwards!"

"Well, Mrs. Bracebrook is hard to please, there is no denying that," said Mrs. Darrow. "And Aunt Lois can't eat chicken pie unless it's made after that old Connecticut receipt, and your father's Uncle Elihu has to be dreadful careful about his digestion!" she pensively added.

"Mother!" said Harvey, suddenly.

"Yes?"

She paused with the lid of the spice-box in her hand. "Why can't you ask the girls from the old canal boat?" burst out Harvey. "They have no relatives near here to invite them to Christmas dinner. They are so solitary!"

Mrs. Darrow bit her lip.

"You never dictated to me afore whom to invite on Christmas day!" said she, a little shortly.

"I don't dictate now, mother. Only--"

"My table is full," she went on. "And I hain't no notion of altering my arrangements."

Harvey stood a moment, looking out of the window. "Very well, mother," said he, "this is the last time that I shall ask any such favor of you!" and he went quietly out of the room.

Mrs. Darrow looked after him with troubled eyes.

"It's mortal queer," said she, "what notions boys take when they get to be Harvey's age! And those girls living in an old canal boat, too, when there are Squire Duffy's niece and Mr. Marvin's daughters, just home from boarding school! But he did look awful put out, and there ain't no better son than Harvey, when all's come and gone. I'm most sorry-- But there! it ain't no use cryin' arter spilled milk, and it's high time the loaf cake went into the oven. Harvey always likes frosted cake with a sprig o' mistletoe stuck in the middle. I'm glad I happened to think of it."

Christmas day came, ushered in by a keen wind with a sky as blue as lapis-lazuli, and a healthful, seasonable feeling of frost in the air.

Grand-uncle Elihu, looking like one of Pharaoh's mummies, arrived in a pre-Raphaelite sort of sleigh, drawn by an old gray horse. Mrs. Bracebrook was already on the scene. So was Aunt Lois.

Cousin Joseph and his fat wife sat contentedly on either side of the fire, and Deacon Hall and his daughter Joanna came straight from the church, where the parson had tacked an additional quarter of an hour on his sermon in celebration of the occasion.

And Harvey was coming slowly up from the barn, where he had been seeing to the comforts of Uncle Elihu's horse and Deacon Hall's rheumatic pony, when a neighbor came hurriedly across the hill and spoke to him in excited accents.

"Harvey, Harvey!" called his mother, from the

open door. "Dinner is ready! Come!"

Harvey strode into the midst of the festive group with a pale face and haggard, startled eyes.

"Have you heard what his happened?" said he. "There has been a snow slide on Barren Mountain. The old canal boat is buried in snow and ice, and the rocks and uprooted trees are hurled all the way down to the river bank. As for Effie and Clara, God knows what their fate may be; but I am going there at once, with Wilson and a lot of the neighbors, to see what can be done."

His voice shook; he clutched at a chair back to steady himself as he spoke, and then he rushed away.

Mrs. Darrow hastened after him.

"Harvey!" she cried. "Harvey, my son, listen to me!"

"Mother, for heaven's sake don't keep me!" said he, in deep, hoarse tones of despair.

"But, Harvey, dinner is ready."

"Mother, do you suppose I care for dinner if Effie Haven's blue eyes are closed forever? Don't hold me--let me go to the rescue of these girls!" "Harvey!"

It was another voice this time--a soft, tremulous voice--and Effie Haven herself, running out of the kitchen with a scarlet shawl thrown over her head, stood smiling before him.

"Clara is there, too," she said, coloring under the intense rapture and relief of his gaze. "We are quite safe, only--"

"I meant it for a surprise for you, Harvey," said Mrs. Darrow, recovering her breath and laying her hand caressingly on Effie's shoulder. "I went over there myself early this morning while you were at church, and brought them both back with me. They were to visit me until after the New Year's party, but now there's no telling how long I shall keep them. I did so want to see your face when you saw them first, and I've seen it," with a smile and a sob.

"Wasn't it kind of her?" whispered Effie, with the roses coming and going on her cheeks, and downcast eyes.

"Don't go to the snowslide," said Mrs. Darrow. "There's no harm done but can be undone when Christmas day is past and gone. Come back to the Christmas dinner now; Effie, make him come!"

Effie glanced at him shyly. "He will come," said she. And he came.

Of all the Christmas guests that day at Mrs. Darrow's hospitable board Effie and Clara Haven were the fairest and the sweetest. "Mother," said Harvey, following her out to the kitchen afterward, "how can I thank you for this? Was there ever such a mother as you are?" "Oh, child," faltered she, "don't you know that my chief wish in life is that you may be happy? Bring her home here to live whenever she will consent, and her sister, too. They'll be better satisfied together, and they are sweet, lovely girls as ever lived."

And the kiss that her son gave her was a rich reward for the battle she had fought within herself, the sacrifices she had made in secret. "Their lives were saved by my asking them here," she mused. "When I went there with that idea in my mind, I was following the leading of the Lord!"

The next day Clara and Effie went back across the frozen river to look at the stupendous ruin wrought by the snowslide. The old home was a crushed and shapeless wreck, and Clara shuddered as she gazed.

"Effie," said she, "think what a dreadful death we should have died if we had not gone with Harvey Darrow's mother!"

But Effie, leaning lightly on Harvey's arm, was watching the men as, with spades and pick-axes, they strove to clear away the blocks of ice and drifts of snow.

"Here's some green stuff!" shouted Darwin

Hall, as his mattock pinged!

Effie stooped, and, still fresh verdure, put

"The mistletoe--the 1 toe that you brought, 1 "This is all I care to keep

THE STORY OF A

Inside the letter which to Dinah for Master Tom ped piece of gold, and w gave a whoop of delight t running down the front s "From Uncle Bob!" he s from Egypt, mother--see postage. How bully in u Christmas, way off there."

"Indeed it is," said Mrs. filled with tears, for she had Tom's beloved Uncle Bob, always at Christmas time she

Left alone, Tom drew a before the open fireplace and spending of his uncle's gener

The heat made him droi swayed a little as his eyes stamp and then traveled to

Then a wonderful thing hap flew from the letter and a movi itself over the fireplace.

Tom saw his uncle come out foreign-looking place with a letter From his pocket he drew a stamp--

the one Tom had seen upon bore a picture of a camel at full tr swiftly across the desert with a nat shoulders. This stamp Uncle Bob at the letter and glanced about for the meanwhile consulting his watch. Pre came the postman, on a camel's back letter was placed among others in a b over the postman's shoulders. The ca urged forward again, and Uncle Bob till it was out of sight.

The hot sun beat down upon the rider dry sand blew into his face, but all that at his camel was speeding along, sometime ing fields where natives were growing and at other times traveling through t where there was nothing but sand and roc

Suddenly the postman saw in the dist great dark cloud moving toward him acro desert. In a moment he knew it to be a

proaching whirlwind of sand, and he at dismounted. Tom held his breath to watch closely. The camel was made to lie down

bury its head, and the postman also burie face against the shaggy side of the camel till sandstorm had passed over. And all the postage stamp was lying safe in the p man's bag.

Up again and on toward Khartoum the p man sped. Here Tom saw the letters in the t sorted and the camel stamp marked with a po mark to show that it had passed through t

Khartoum postoffice. Then Bob's uncle's let was made up with others into a package an carried through queer streets filled with duck

natives, with here and there the whiter faces o some English people. The package was place on a railway and passed through a district fa famous in history. Close by was the River Nile,

and at one point the letter passed near the where the ancient Hebrews once toiled in

age. At no very great distance, too, we pyramids and the Red sea. Then it reach great seaport town on the Mediterranean,

was placed aboard a mail steamer. The ste touched at Malta, where other letters were t on board; also at Gibraltar, the great rock w guards the entrance to the Mediterranean;

passing through the stormy bay of Biscay it landed at Southampton, and a swift mail t hurried it up to London. Here it was again h dled by a sorter and then placed on board a s bound for New York.

Then the film vanished and the fireplace appeared. Tom sat up, rubbing his eyes. Ve carefully he placed the stamp in his album, a many times afterward he told the story of t stamp that bore his Christmas present over tl seas, of the strange lands it had visited and tl curious sights it had seen in its travels.

A Time to Think of Others.

Try to keep a happy and a merry Christmas. Try to make it a blessed and unforgettable festival of pleasure for more than yourselves. Do some little special kindness, each one of you, unobtrusively in your own immediate neighborhood, and never bother about the "inconvenience," or the "trouble" or the "cold."

Let none of us say we "hate" Christmas. Whatever our memories, bitter or sweet, they do not belong to the festival, but only to ourselves. Suppose, therefore, we lose sight of ourselves--our precious selves--just for once in our lives, and consider others a little? If we do this we shall find it easy to be merry, easy to smile, easy to say a kind word, easy to do a kind action, easy to bring home the holly, and very easy to hang up the mistletoe and wait a kiss from under it to any cross old boy who declines to be as happy as we would like to make him!--Marie Corelli.

The Best Holiday.

It would be the pity of the world to destroy it, because it would be next to impossible to make another holiday as good as Christmas, wrote Charles Dudley Warner. It is impossible to conceive of any holiday that could take its place, nor indeed would it seem that human wit could invent another so ad to humanity. The obvious intention of to bring together, for a season at least, all in the exercise of a com- charity and a of good will.

Christmas Bells

I heard the bells on Christmas day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And thought how, as the day had come,
The belfries of all Christendom
Had rolled along
The unbroken song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

Till ringing, singing on its way
The world revolved from night to day,
A voice, a chime,
A chant sublime,
Of peace on earth, good will to men!

And in despair I bowed my head;
"There is no peace on earth," I said;
"For Hate is strong,
And mocks the song
Of peace on earth, good will to men!"

Then pealed the bells more loud and deep.
"God is not dead, nor doth He sleep,
The wrong shall fall,
The right prevail,
With peace on earth, good will to



The Baird Star.

Our Motto; " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UF-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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NO. 1.

Special Prices on Ladies' Silk and Serge Dresses and Ladies Coats

We are placing on sale the Season's greatest value giving in new modish Silk and Serge Dresses, Ladies and Misses Coats. The latest fashioned garments of the most favored styles for Mid-Winter are placed on this sale at prices that you customarily expect to pay at the end of the season during Clearance Sales. This sale will create excitement because of such under pricing with practically the whole season before you.

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|------------------------------------|---------|-------------------------|---------|
| \$25.00 Dresses for | \$12.50 | \$22.50 Coats for | \$17.50 |
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| 10.00 Dresses for | 5.00 | 12.50 Coats for | 9.45 |
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Dry Goods

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Groceries

L. O. Cox, Jr., son of Rev. L. O. Cox pastor of the Baptist Church at Baird, has received an appointment as a cadet at West Point by Congressman W. R. Smith. L. O. graduated from Baird High School two years ago and attended Simmons College at Abilene last year. He has yet to stand a physical examination and if he passes the required tests which are of a very rigid nature he will be admitted as a cadet to West Point recognized as one of the greatest military schools in the world. THE STAR hopes the young man will succeed and secure a prize coveted by so many young men in the United States.

SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE.

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| Sunday, Dec. 5, 1915. | |
| Methodist Sunday School. | |
| Number present | 133 |
| Collection | \$6.24 |
| Baptist Sunday School. | |
| Number present | 156 |
| Collection | \$3.65 |
| Presbyterian Sunday School | |
| Number present | 107 |
| Collection | \$4.21 |
| Church of Christ Sunday School. | |
| Number present | 106 |
| Collection | \$4.65 |
| Chapters read | 640 |
| Total attendance | 502 |
| collections | \$18.75 |

FROM THE ABILENE REPORTER.

W. J. Cunningham went to Baird Monday on business.
W. W. West spent Monday in Baird on business.
J. K. Graves spent Monday in Baird on business.
E. L. Finley is spending the week on his ranch near Baird, superintending the shipping of some cattle.
Martin Barnhill has opened up a Shoe Shop at his old stand on Market Street recently occupied by Russell Hart, and looks natural as "an old shoe" at his old place. He has been out of business something over two years, we believe.

COMMISSIONERS COURT.

County Judge W. R. Ely requests THE STAR to announce that Court will meet in called session next Monday for one day only. All parties having accounts against they County must present them on that day or wait until the first session of court next year.

FINE RAINS.

Callahan County received a rain Monday, the first in two months. It began raining early Monday morning and rained until noon and rained some Monday night. The rain fell slowly and all soaked in the ground and then to make it all the better the weather remained cloudy for two days. It could not have been better for grain which was beginning to suffer from the long drought. The rain seems to have been general all over the state which makes it all the better. About 1 inch of rain fell at Baird is the estimate. This will give the wheat and oats a fine start.

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Rev. A. W. Waddill made The Star a "pop call" this morning.

Ernest McGee and family have moved to Abilene where his headquarters will be while traveling for a wholesale firm. We regret to see them leave but wish them well where ever they go.

MARRIED.

George D. Graves of Merkel and Miss Beulah Emmons of Abilene were married in this city at 4:30 Thursday afternoon, Nov. 25th, 1915 at the residence of Rev. J. H. Mead, that gentleman officiating. They left immediately for their home at Merkel where the groom is a prominent young business man.

The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Emmons of this city and has a host of friends here who will wish her and her husband much happiness.—Abilene Reporter.

These popular young people formerly lived at Baird and both have many friends here who wish them many joys as they journey through life together.

Frank Suggs of Clyde, an old time friend and subscriber of THE STAR, made as a pleasant call yesterday.

Mrs. J. H. Walker and little daughter, Catherine, of Balmorhea, after spending several days with relatives here, left Tuesday night for St. Louis, Mo.,

Bernie Richardson, former Manager of the Baird Telephone Co., but now living in Kansas City, came in Sunday night. Bernie says he likes his new position fine.

Jasper McCoy, one of the old guard was the second to renew his subscription to THE STAR this week for the 29th year. Judge Otis Bowyer was the first.

Phone No. 8 for clubbing rates on your favorite magazines, all orders appreciated and given prompt attention. Miss John Gilliland.



Christmas Baking

Is now one of the most important topics of the busy housewife as she is planning what she will have for the Christmas dinner. We wish to remind her that the foundation of good baking is good flour and that

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CONGRESS ORGANIZES FOR NOTABLE SESSION

CLARK AND CLARKE RE-ELECTED AND TWO THOUSAND MEASURES INTRODUCED.

WILSON MESSAGE TUESDAY

Old Timers, Back After Their Waterloo of 1912, Eagerly Join in Business.

Washington.—Congress assembled and organized Monday for the session, which is expected to be the greatest within the memory of the present generation.

Four hours' work in the house saw Speaker Clark returned to the chair; Representative Mann returned to the leadership of the Republican minority; the introduction of 2,000 bills and resolutions, many of them proposing measures of national defense and many more in opposition; the reappearance of constitutional amendments to enfranchise women and a miniature rules fight that flickered out with the adoption of last year's rules with a few changes.

In the senate practically nothing was done except the election of Senator Clarke of Arkansas, as president pro tem. Vice President Marshall was absent because of the illness of his wife.

Both houses then after sending a joint committee to the White House to give official notice of the opening of congress adjourned until the next morning, when the real business of the session begun with President Wilson's address to a joint session in the hall of the house at 12:30 o'clock.

Budget Largest Ever.

The greatest budget of expenditures ever placed before any American congress in times of peace was brought in from the various branches of the government, the total being some \$170,000,000 more than was asked for last year. The greater part of the proposed increased expenditure is for the enlarged army and navy programs and aside from working out the problem of national defense it will be the business of congress to raise the revenue to pay for it.

Old-timers, most of them Republicans, re-elected after going down before the presidential Democratic landslide of 1912, came trooping back to places in the house, eager for a part in the absorbing business of the next few months. "Uncle Joe" Cannon sat on a bench in the front row and laughed while the house got into its little row over the rules and hot references to "Cannonism" were hurled back and forth across the dividing aisle.

Ford Party of "No Importance."

London.—A request in the house of commons by Sir Edwin A. Cornwall that an intimation be sent to Henry Ford and William Jennings Bryan that their proposed peace mission to this country would be "irritating and unwelcome" at the present time, drew the response from Lord Robert Cecil, parliamentary undersecretary for foreign affairs, that as the passports of the members of the peace mission only had been issued for foreign countries the contingency contemplated by Sir Edwin did not arise. "I think it would in the highest degree be undignified for the government of this country to send any intimation to a lot of ladies and gentlemen, who, whatever their merits may be, are of no particular importance," said Lord Robert.

Poisoning of France on Peace Outlined.

Paris.—France will not make peace until Alsace and Lorraine are won, Belgium and Serbia restored and "German imperialism and Prussian militarism are put beyond the possibility of resurrection." Albert Thomas, undersecretary of war, said. This declaration is attracting widespread attention, as it is one of the first statements from a responsible cabinet official concerning the attitude of the government in regard to peace. The statements were made in an address in memory of the dead of the war of 1870.

Crew of Chinese Cruiser Mutinies.

Shanghai.—The crew of the Chinese cruiser Chao-Ho mutinied and opened fire on two other warships and the arsenal. The fire was returned, the engagement lasting for an hour. Several shots fell in the foreign concession. Apparently the outbreak has been confined to the Chao-Ho. The Chinese authorities announce that she would be shelled and sunk. After the firing ceased the Chao-Ho remained at anchor, keeping watch on the other warships.

A BRITISH CRUISER SEEN OFF GALVESTON

BELIEVED WAS WAITING FOR A CHANCE TO SEIZE SHIP IN PORT THERE.

OUTSIDE OF 3-MILE LIMIT

Refuses to Give Name, But Gives Nationality When Called By Marconi Wireless Station.

Galveston, Texas.—A big British battle cruiser steamed slowly along Galveston's gulf front for several hours Sunday morning, remaining just beyond the three-mile limit. Shortly after noon the cruiser put on full steam and disappeared eastward.

The signal corps at Fort San Jacinto signaled the man of war and asked her identity, receiving the reply: "A registered British cruiser." The signal corps asked the name of the cruiser several times, but in each instance received the same reply as quoted. The signal corps then asked if the cruiser would come into Galveston bay and received the reply: "I regret that I am unable to do so."

The Marconi wireless station sent several messages asking the name of the cruiser, but received no reply.

The cruiser was a large one, with four funnels and two fighting tops.

Marine men here believed that this is the same cruiser which has been out in the gulf for several days and which is thought to be waiting for the departure of the steamer Ausable. The Ausable, which was recently changed to American registry, is loaded with cotton, and her owners say she will sail for a Danish port as soon as the department of state guarantees her safe passage. It is said that the British government claims that the Ausable was purchased with German money and has threatened to seize her as soon as she leaves American waters.

The cruiser was so close in that her flag could be plainly distinguished with glasses from the boulevard, and hundreds of Galvestonians went to the sea-wall to watch the maneuvering of the fighting ship.

WILSON-GALT WEDDING SIMPLE.

Ceremony Will Be Performed at Home of Bride Saturday, Dec. 18.

Washington.—Extreme simplicity will be observed at the wedding of President Wilson and Mrs. Norman Galt, which the White House announced would be solemnized Saturday, Dec. 18, at the home of Mrs. Galt here. The arrangements virtually have been completed.

The president will have no best man at the wedding and Mrs. Galt will not formally select a maid of honor, although one of her sisters, probably Miss Bertha Bolling of this city, will escort her during the ceremony.

The announcement at the White House that only members of the two families and the president's immediate household would attend the wedding and that no formal invitations would be issued surprised official Washington. It had been expected that at least a few of the president's friends would be invited.

Callaway Opposes Army-Navy Program

Washington.—Little navy men in the house probably will select Representative Oscar Callaway of Texas, as the leader of their forces to fight the administration's program of naval preparedness, succeeding the late A. S. Witherspoon of Mississippi. Mr. Callaway has been an unrelenting foe to what he characterized "intermittent rivers and impossible harbors" in the river and harbor bill. On his arrival in Washington he declared himself against the administration's plan to increase the army and navy.

Wireless From Germany to Honolulu.

Honolulu.—What is said to be a record in radio transmission was established when an operator for the Federal Wireless Telegraph company picked up messages being transmitted from Nauen, Prussia, to Tuckerton, N. J., approximately 9,000 miles away.

Five Ships Sunk.

London.—Three British merchant vessels, one Greek merchant ship and one British coast defense gunboat were sunk, presumably by German submarines. The merchant ships lost were: British steamers *Arcturion*, 1,868 tons, probably sunk in the Mediterranean; *Colenso*, Orange Prince, steamship *Zarifa*, coast defense boat *Yankee*. The *Yankee* gave information a

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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 12

JEHOVAH YEARNS OVER ISRAEL.

LESSON TEXT—Hosea 11:1-11. GOLDEN TEXT—I drew them with cords of a man, with bands of love.—Hosea 11:4.

A contemporary of Isaiah and Amos Hosea continued to prophesy after the first captivity of the northern kingdom. His style is abrupt and figurative. Israel is Jehovah's adulterous wife, repudiated, but finally to be purified and restored. This lesson is a part of the second section of the book (4:1-13:8), which is a description of the sinful people.

I. "The Perverse Child," vv. 1-7. The "remnant" (ch. 6:1-3) had cried out for relief. (See Isa. 1:9; Rom. 2:5). Jehovah's reply (begins 6:4) is a severe arraignment of Israel's backsliding as contrasted with his grace. To understand this lesson read the entire book repeatedly. In verse 1 of the lesson Jehovah recalls to the nation the days of its childhood. Because of his great love (Deut. 7:7) he called them out of Egypt, the land of bondage, into Canaan, the land of blessing and liberty. Yet Israel sensed not its duty nor its obligation of gratitude. We are living under a greater obligation because of the greater redemption God has provided for us in the person of his Son. God here calls Israel "my son" (Ex. 4:22); we have the right to call ourselves sons (John 1:12; I. John 3:1-2). Matthew's gospel applies these words to him who alone was fully and in the true sense God's son. Jesus is the summary of the whole nation in that he alone fully realized God's purpose in Israel (Matt. 2:15).

As contrasted with what a son is or should be verse 2 gives a picture of Israel's wandering. The whole history of the nation is one of going after false gods. (I. Sam. 8:7-9 and many other references.) In those childhood days (v. 3) Jehovah taught them how to walk, and healed their hurts, "but they knew not"—God, as a tender Father, had watched over, taught, guided and healed (Ex. 19:14; Isa. 46:3; 63:9). Even so, in this present age God is a God of mercy and long suffering (Rom. 2:4), yet the mass of men "know not" what God is doing for them. In verse 4 the child has grown older and as mothers often tether a child lest it run away, so Jehovah endeavors to draw Israel to him with "cords of love." His cord of love now is the mighty power of Calvary (John 12:32). Jehovah not only drew but even sought to entice, for he "laid meat unto them"—Jesus will deliver us, for he bore our yoke (Matt. 11:28-30) and is for us the Bread of Life (John 6:35, 58). Love does not mean that the backslider shall be free from punishment. "Because they refused to return . . . the sword shall abide" (v. 5-6 and Heb. 12:6). Even so God did not permit them to go back to Egyptian bondage (v. 5). Israel was "bent to backsliding." In spite of the constant call to worship and serve him none "would exalt him."

II. The Pleading Parent, vv. 8-12. None can fathom the depths of the cry, "How shall I give thee up, How shall I deliver thee" (v. 8). Israel would persist and still Jehovah pleads that perchance they would heed his cry (Jer. 9:7; Lam. 3:33). Admah and Zeboni were irretrievably overthrown with Sodom and Gomorrah (Deut. 29:33), shall Israel likewise perish? No! (v. 9) for "I am God, not man." God does not, like man, change—his covenants are not "scraps of paper," his love is everlasting (Nu. 23:19). It is not God but man who is responsible for his destruction. The "Holy One in the midst of thee" is there to save, not as an avenger. God has not come into our midst in wrath—God's passionate desire is to save not to destroy. His purposes are those of love and redemption and as with Israel of old, so in this age, he will carry out these purposes in spite of our backsliding (Rom. 11:23-29). Verses 10 and 11 are prophetic of the ultimate repentance and restoration of Israel—judgment shall pass upon their foes (Joel 3:16) and those of the dispersion (see parallel Isa. 11:11-16) shall gather, as "doves to their windows," and be once more "in their houses," i. e., set up as a nation in their God-given land. Ephraim (v. 12) sought to rule without or by casting off Jehovah (I. Cor. 4:8).

In Judah was the legal priesthood and the legitimate king, but the apostasy of Israel was more culpable because of the example of Judah which he had set at nought.

III. Promised Deliverance. In a

most striking way Hosea announces a note of hope and love through the cloud of gloom which hung over the nation as it drew closer to its doom, because the people refused to repent. Amos delivered his warning and returned to Judah.

Hosea was a part of the nation which emphasizes such verses of his prophecy as the following: 6:1, 4:6, 11:4, 11:6, 6:4, 6:6, 2:15 and 10:12, which sound the message of hope like bulletins from the battle's front.

Verse 9 is the final summary for Israel and for us as well.

Fifty-Nine Hunters Killed.

Chicago.—Fifty-nine persons killed and 66 injured is the hunting toll in 18 states for the season which ended Nov. 30, according to statistics available. Last season 111 persons were killed and 162 wounded. Dragging shotguns through fences and other accidental discharge of guns again claimed a majority of the victims. A score of persons hunting deer were shot by fellow-hunters who mistook them for game. Michigan leads in the number of killed.

TO BUILD INTERURBAN STATION.

Actual Construction of \$1,500,000 Dallas Structure to Start by Dec. 20.

Dallas, Texas.—Actual work of construction on the new \$1,500,000 interurban union terminal station in Dallas will begin about Dec. 20 and the building will be completed and in operation before the end of the ensuing year. Positive announcement to this effect has been made by Charles F. Wallace, president of the Dallas Electric Light and Power company and the Dallas Rapid Transit company.

The terminal station and office building, according to the revised and approved plans, is to be an eight-story structure so constructed that three stories may be added if demands for space justify. The building itself will be 210 feet long by 23 feet wide. The main entrance will be on Jackson street midway between Browder and Lane streets.

The new union terminal station will be used by all interurban lines entering Dallas. According to Mr. Wallace, the building when completed will be the finest interurban terminal station in the south. In fact, it is said that it will equal the interurban terminal station of Indianapolis, Ind., conceded to be the finest in the United States.

Prosperity Shown in Report of Banks.

Dallas, Texas.—Prosperity, business activity, a free movement of money and a return of confidence is indicated convincingly by the reports of 300 of the largest banks of the United States, which showed gross deposits amounting close to \$2,000,000,000 more on Nov. 10, 1915, than on Oct. 31, 1914, according to local bankers. These reports were the official reports rendered to the comptroller of the currency of the United States by the banks with deposits of more than \$5,000,000.

Three Members Quit Austrian Cabinet

Amsterdam.—Reports that several members of the Austrian cabinet have resigned are confirmed by an autograph letter from Emperor Francis Joseph published in the Wiener Zeitung of Vienna.

Prosperity Shown by Postal Revenues

Washington.—Marked improvement in business conditions is reflected in the November revenues of the 50 largest postoffices in the country, producing approximately half of all the postal receipts. Postmaster General Bureson announced this in a statement showing an increase of \$2,033,138 or 17.96 per cent for those offices over November a year ago. The normal rate of increase is about 7 per cent, but November last year showed a decrease of 5.71 per cent.

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With this issue we begin Volume 29 of THE BAIRD STAR, that is to say we begin our 29th year. THE STAR has had so many birthdays and new volumes that they have ceased to be of much interest. Like a boy, his birthdays seem to be about two years apart until he gets to be 21, then they go a little faster; at 30 still faster and so on for each decade time seems to fly ever more rapidly. The proprietor of THE STAR to be closed the deal for the old Callahan County Clarendon with Howard Allen, Nov. 28, 1887. That was the 39th anniversary of THE STAR man's birth, since then 28 years have gone glimmering to the limbo of things that were. We have a considerable number of old friends and subscribers who have taken and paid for THE BAIRD STAR from the day it was founded 28 years ago, they are the salt of the earth and make the life of any newspaper man worth while. God bless you all, both old and new subscribers. If we had the power we would make a decree that you all should never have sorrow or misfortune and always enjoy good health and boundless prosperity. We cannot do this, can only wish you good luck and when possible help you over the rough places in life's journey. Some of these days we are going to write some reminiscences of old Callahan county and West Texas and her pioneers if we ever get time—for the benefit of the children of our old friends who have stood by us so long. Many of our old friends have passed over the divide, and many more like the writer are now old men who were young men when we founded THE STAR. May you all have a happy Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

More corn; more hogs; more grain and feed crops, and less cotton.

Capt. Boy-Ed, hyphen and all, has been ordered out of the country.

Serbia has just had a dose of German Kultur similar to what Belgium has received and is continuously receiving.

On December 18th the voters of Callahan will decide whether they will retain or banish the tick. Are you a pro-tick or an anti-tick?

How do you stand on the tick question? If you are pro-tick you will vote against the law. If you are anti-tick you will vote for the law. Vote as you please and may the Lord have mercy on your soul.

In the election of a president pro tem of the senate, Texas went back on Senator Clark of Arkansas. Sheppard voted for Senator Pomeroy of Ohio and Senator Calhoun was absent. Clark was elected but we regret that Texas was against him.

The tick question is arousing some excitement. Who would have thought that the eradication of the fever tick would have caused any talk. The subject is dry, but a serious question to those who lose cattle, though many prefer to take chances with the ticks than to change the law. If the ticks give people fever in place of cattle, all would be of one mind—to destroy the pestiferous ticks.

Early in the war the charge was freely made by the pro-German papers that England was spending over a million dollars with leading newspapers in the United States to influence public opinion, but no proof was ever offered to substantiate the charge. In view of the ex-

posures recently made in New York of the lavish use of money by agents of the German government it might be interesting to find out how much if any, of the twenty-seven million dollars German slush fund was used to subsidize American newspapers.

We have heard some queer arguments pro and con on the tick question. As we have neither cattle or ticks we are willing for the pros and antis to settle the question, but we want it distinctly understood that we are not now and never was a friend of the tick. We were raised in the timber in Washington county, where ticks were thicker than siders are said to be in hades, cattle ticks, dog ticks, deer ticks and seed ticks by the millions. Ticks did not give cattle fever then, they only worried the folks. Now they kill cattle and maketh the stockman sad. Yet some don't want to kill the poor tick.

It developed in the trial of the officials of the Hamburg-American steamship line that the huge sum of twenty-seven million dollars had been spent in this country to create a favorable sentiment towards Germany; to destroy ammunition factories in this country that have war contracts, to blow up ships carrying war material and food for the enemies of Germany. The conspiracy was the boldest and most flagrant violation of the laws of this country ever concocted by any set of men. If Americans in Germany had done this thing with conditions reversed the ring leaders would have been shot.

The United States government has requested the recall of Captains Von Papan and Boy-Ed, army and navy attaches, of the German legation at Washington because of their activities in preventing shipments of ammunition, food, etc from this country to the allied nations against Germany. While no evidence, so far as the public knows, has been produced to connect these officers directly with the plots to blow up ammunition factories and ships in this country because being members of a foreign embassy they are immune from prosecution; but evidently the Washington government believes these officers are guilty of violation of the laws of this country and no explanation will be given Germany for demanding their recall.

Gen. Von Hendenburg, the famous German commander, says as the allies will admit of none of Germany's success, he is in favor of the war going on until the enemies of Germany are thrashed to a frazzle. Germany had considerable success up to two months ago, but since that time they have no successes reported to their credit except crushing little Serbia and Germany and Austria had to call in Bulgaria to help do that. The boasting of some of the Germany officials as to how they will crush the allies in the end reminds us of a story of a Confederate soldier. When being accosted by his friends on his return home after the war who said, "Well you let the Yankees whip you." "That is a lie" said the old Confed. "The Yankees never whipped us, we just wore ourselves out whipping the Yankees." Germany is liable to do this too, wear herself out whipping her enemies.

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN.

We, the undersigned citizens and stockmen of Shackelford County, Texas, make the following statement, in regard to Tick Eradication in our County: We began dipping our cattle in May 1915, and we have dipped our cattle from eight to ten times this year, and our cattle are now free from ticks, and in better condition than we have ever had them, at this time of the year. We have had very little loss and not as much loss as we have had in former years, when we did not dip. Our cattle are now healthy, hair looks good, and they are free from the ravages of ticks, lice and screw worms, and have been, all year, since we have been dipping. Our cattle have gained in flesh all the time, and they are larger and heavier than they have ever been. We have been able to handle and

ship our cattle, all the year, just as we have done heretofore. We advise all our friends and stockmen in adjoining Counties, to do as we are doing, and eradicate the tick and other pests, that dipping will destroy. Under no consideration would we go back to the old way, and let the tick, lice and other pests, injure and destroy our cattle. We have the tick eradicated, and we are going to keep them off our cattle, from now on.

Signed.—J. A. Matthews, F. W. Alexander, C. F. Brown, W. A. Williams, D. C. Beazzell, F. L. Gober, N. L. Bartholomew, T. S. Hendrick, W. G. Webb, W. H. Cauble, J. H. Nail, Reynolds Cattle Co., C. R. Lieb, P. S. Fincher, C. F. Smalley, F. L. Smalley, J. S. Dennis, J. T. Baker, J. O. Gordon, Jerry Hollis, L. H. Hill, G. C. King, J. A. King, W. H. Driggers, P. H. Williams, S. S. Diller, R. T. Broadfoot, Jno. N. Conrad, M. H. Hughes, Scott & Woodward, M. B. Gentre, Walter L. Morris, J. B. Putnam, E. E. Reynolds, J. N. Moore, R. S. Murrie, Dick Moberley, A. Webb, W. Y. Davis, Jno. F. Sedwick, A. L. Moberley, J. G. Duncan, W. T. Powers, C. W. Graham, Dave Diller, W. I. Cook, A. J. Center, Joe B. Matthews, Geo. R. Conrad, T. B. Taylor, A. A. Clark, J. D. Overton, R. Stoval, J. S. McComb, J. C. Renfro, J. W. Surratt, U. J. Durham, John S. Coghill, B. H. Ezell, and others.

BAIRD HIGH SCHOOL COLUMN.

The Physics class has received some new apparatus with which they will begin their experiments in a few days.

The children of the school gave in a free will offering for the improvement of the High School Library. The books have arrived and are on the shelves ready for use. We hope to have the best library in the state.

The Baird High School has organized a Glee Club consisting of nearly all the pupils of the High School with Miss Hay as leader. The Glee Club expects to entertain the school and the public in the future. We are sure the Club will prove a success.

The boys Declamation and Debating Society entertained the High School Friday, Nov. 26th. The program was very good consisting of debates, declamations, and two piano solos which the girls played. They elected nine judges out of the seventh grade under condition that they would be good the remainder of the year.

The basket ball girls of the Baird High School defeated the girls of Clyde in a game here Saturday. The score was 7 to 17.

Dana Foy is out of school this week. Sickness is given as the cause.

The basket ball boys of this school are going to Moran the eighteenth to play a game of basket ball.

George Hall Jr. is going to Clyde Saturday on business.

The Baird basket ball teams have charge of the Airdome and all games will be played in there in the future.

The boys of the Literary Society will meet in the Auditorium Friday night in regular session.

Dudley Foy and Virgil Grounds are coming to the front. They made one hundred in the Geometry examinations this month.

Moran was defeated here in a basket ball game on Thanksgiving. The teams were well matched and it was an interesting game, from the beginning, the score was 10 to 12.

Miss Hay: "Bennie can you sing?" Bennie: "No mam, I couldn't carry a tune in a bucket with a lid on it."

The home talent play that the ladies of the Presbyterian Church were supposed to have Monday night was put off on account of bad weather.

Frank Johnson, after an absence of a week from school on account of sickness, returned Monday morning, and we are glad to have her back with us.

In the Senior English class the other day we were studying Lord Byron. Miss Simmons asked Ben if he admired Lord Byron, and Ben answered, "Yes, very much."

Miss Simmons: "In what way?" Ben: "Oh, he was such a heart-breaker."

Mr. Holland: (to Physics class) "We are taking up the study of gravity today."

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Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones were from Clear Creek Tuesday in their new Ford.

W. F. (Butch) Wilson, of Corpus Christi, came in a few days ago and will spend the holidays with his family.

Mrs. James A. Murdock and son of El Paso, have been visiting Mrs. C. Eugene Walker.

Jack Young and Misses Wren Foy and Helen Walker spent Wednesday of last week in Abilene with friends.

Mrs. Frank Austin has returned from Fort Worth, where she has been visiting her sister, Mrs. S. L. Driskill.

A light rain fell at Baird Wednesday night.

Bob Stephenson, of Eula, was in town, Monday.

Commissioner's Court was in session Monday.

Miss Lora Franklin, who is attending Kid-Key College at Sherman, is at home for the holidays.

Miss Esther Belle Bowlus is the guest of Mrs. Jno. Asbury, near Chautauqua, this week.

Rebekahs.—Will meet in regular session Monday night, Dec. 20, at 7:15.

Miss Lillian Hamilton of Sweetwater, is the guest of her sister, Mrs. Harry Berry.

Dr. S. T. Fraser, left a few days ago for Palestine where he will spend several days with his son, Tom Fraser and wife.

Mrs. Don Carter and Mrs. Larmer Henry have returned from Clear Creek, where they have been visiting Capt. and Mrs. J. W. Jones a few days.

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The ladies of the Presbyterian Church wish to thank each and every one who participated or helped in any way to make the Merchants Carnival a success.

The International Sunday School Lesson was omitted this week because we found some, if not all, Sunday Schools had selected a different lesson.

See B. L. Boydston's ad. His big sale begins tomorrow.

Mrs. J. F. Dyer left Tuesday night for Hillsboro, in response to a message that her mother was seriously ill.

C. B. Holmes, of Baird Chapter No. 182 Royal Arch Masons, attended the meeting of the Grand Chapter at Waco last week.

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There is quite a lot of colds among the children in town and some grown people too, are affected. It is reported that 76 children are out of school on account of colds. The same conditions exist elsewhere from reports reaching this office.

R. E. Lloyd and family left Saturday for Lampasas where they attend the golden wedding of Mr. Lloyds parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. H. Lloyd of that city.—Big Springs Herald

I have several applications from parties wanting land in Callahan County. If you want to sell or trade, see or write me. Phone 11. C. B. Holmes, Baird, Texas. 50-tf.

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Call and see my complete assortment of Xmas, Holly Boxes. 2-1t H. D. Hart.

FOR SALE.

A pair of mules for sale will take a Ford in as part pay, balance on easy terms. Tidwell Bros. 2-2t



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To those who have asked us about what it will cost if the County votes for tick eradication tomorrow: Read the literature issued by opposing factions. We have no other information on the subject.

Go to B. L. Boydston's for your Christmas candies. 2-2t

PASTURE POSTED

Hunters are warned to keep out of my pasture on Coleman road, six miles south of town. Don't want to prosecute any one, but hunters must keep out. J. Y. Gilliland 51.4

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