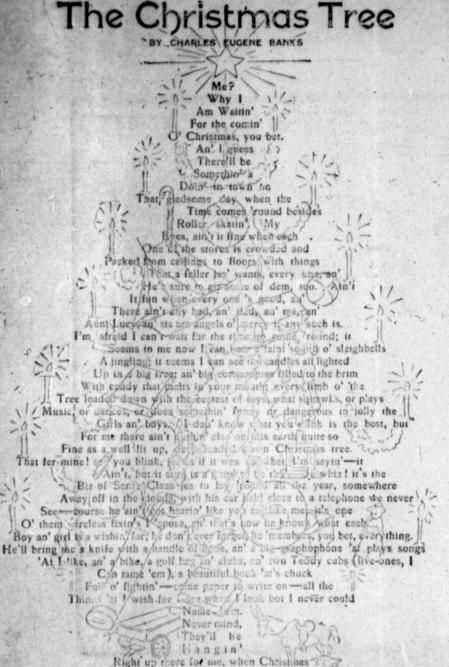
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Greeting

Comes 'round, on the evergreed tree

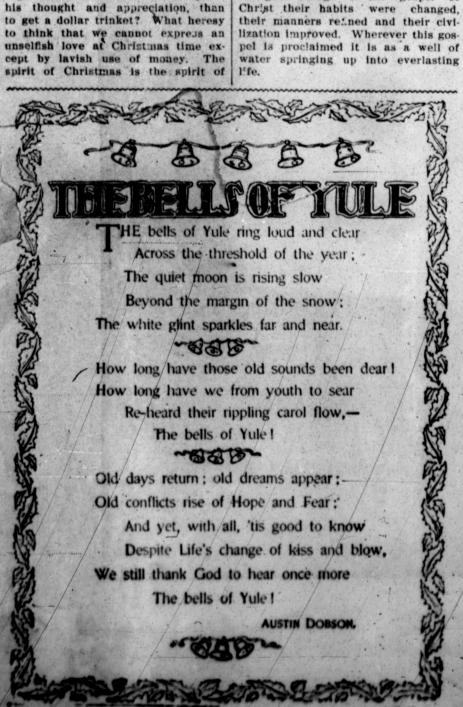
May He, whose star shone bright and clear To guide the wise men on their way, Be thy sure refuge, ever near To help, to comfort, night and day.

the spirit of Christmas? Is it the but the gift was Himself-His life! generous spirit, the spirit of giving? Yes, but that is not all. There will be | but He gave health to the diseased, millions of gifts made between now sight to the blind, hope to the despairand the new year, and they will not | ing and salvation to all who will acall express the Christmas spirit. cept it. He proved His unselfish love Some will be made out of pockets of not only by giving but by sharing, by plenty and thus entail no personal undergoing, not only for us but with service; some will be made under us, all our griefs and temptations. compulsion of supposed necessity. Would we honor Christmas and enjoy How many people give things at this it, we must not only give but give e they think they must. They must give to those who, they hope or fear, will give to them. It is almost unfortunate that giving and taking has become such a feature of hearty identification with the other's our Christmas celebration because the mere gift is incapable of expressing the spirit of this occasion, and the occasion itself has become a burden to many because it has been so much abused. It is not by giving lavishly that we honor Christ, whose birth we of Babylon, Pers'a, Greece and Rome celebrate, but by sharing unselfishly and you read a history of vice, degevery good thing we possess. This puts the best things of Christmas within reach of every human life and énables every human being however poor in goods to give generously of the inhabitants of Syria had gone whatever else he has. We all have much. Is money denied us, then let us give what is better, a word to cheer, a smile to awaken hope, something out of our hearts' treasure. Who would not rather get a cordial message from a friend that would express his thought and appreciation, than

The spirit of Christmas! What is I Christ. He came on a giving mission Silver and gold had He none to give, Whether it be a trinket watch, a picture, a book, or a cordial word and a warm grasp of the hand, let it be an expression of the giver's interests and needs.-Ram's Horn.

Changed History of World.

The history of the world prior to Christ is a history of barbarism, cruelty and bloodshed. Read the history radation and crime. A history that is written in blood and iniquity. The classic Greeks and tenacious Romans worshiped a multitude of gods. Even astray until it was declared by the prophet. Our worthy ancestors, the Teutonics, were a semibarbarous people without literature, without government, without refinement and without religion, but when they received the glad tidings of the gospel of



MIRGINE

"You are not looking very jolly on Christmas day," observed the girl in brown. "Were your gifts chiefly hair receivers and silver thimbles, or were they so expensive that you are wondering how you can ever return them next year?"

CLYDE

ALISON.

MANN.

Capt. Riley was intently watching

from his net-left window the approach

of his biggest fishing tug, the Alice

RRey. Even in the laner harbor she

was pitching and rolling in the Decem

ber seas and was sheathed in ice from

bobbing timber head to the overhans

seeing the nested fish boxes still lashed to the deckhouse roof. "Bu

the boys 'H get their ray, somehow;

they'll get it, if I have to slap a mort

gage on all the outlit." No one else should know it, but the truth was

Christmas cheer was not in Capt

Riley's heart as he turned gravely to

the twine-reeling he had busied him

self with since he broke his ankle and

Billy Noonan had proudly taken ou

the Alice Riley, the most powerful tug that fished off Skilligalce to the Straits

The tug tied up to the dock with a

bump, there was some shouting, I says

footsteps champing on the fey wharf.

then up the shaky stairs and the doo

flew open letting in a blast of raw

north wind and an ice-coated being in

oil skins who presently shed his chrys

alls and became a crestfallen s'alpier, s

curly-haired, alert young fellow, who

almost bugged the roaring stove, for

ing. "Breezed up so we couldn't touch

considerable," the old man answered

cheerily. "Never mind, boy, ye'll get

But Billy Noonan knew how bad the

fishing had been all year, and could

figure as well as his employer how bad

matters must be. Not a man of them

"Not a pound, cap'n," was his greet

"Old Michigan must be cuttin' up

he was drenched and shivering.

the nets," he added.

em next time."

"Not a boxful, not one," he grouned

"N-not exactly," replied the girl in green. "I--

"Oh, you should see Alice," broke in the girl in brown; "She looks as happy as the girl who has got rid of the coat of tan she cultivated at the seashore last summer. She-

"I don't know whether or not she received many presents, but she has one which seems to make her perfectly happy. It is-"

"I am sorry to hear it. If that girl got her deserts she would spend the holidays with the dentist. She-well, you know I have seen a good deal of Alice lately. You know we just had to be intimate, since Rob was dividing his attentions pretty equally between

"M'h'm; otherwise people might fancy you were jealous of each other." "Jealous of Alice, the idea! However, I had to watch her. You never know what a girl with her saintly expression is saying of you behind your back. You know that Rob is sort of



literary, and he talks about books most of the time. Well, Alice is so deceitful that she pretends she, too, is literary. I hate deceit."

"But how do you manage to keep up the conversation when he-"

"Rob prefers a conversation in which the other party is a listener, dear. Of course I told him when we first met that I dearly love to read." "Oh, we'l, I don't know a girl any-

where who reads as many fashion magazines as you." "M'h'm. Well, I knew that Bob

meant to make me a handsome Christmas gift this year, and-er-perhaps add himself to it." "But how-"

"Have you never heard of feminine intuition, dear? Consequently I just mentioned to him the fact that I am collecting turquoises. I knew by the way he changed the subject that he had taken the hint and thought it accidental."

"Oh-h; do show me-"

"He asked if I was fond of Thackeray. I said I doted on him; I'd have said I doted on white mice if he had confessed a fondness for them-I was so happy. Well, yesterday I dropped in at Alice's. I found her in the library; she seemed nervous and I stayed to find the reason."

"And did-"

"She asked if I did not consider a set of Thackeray the nicest Christmas gift a man could make to a girl-a girl he liked very much? I replied, 'Yesif the girl had saffron hair and eyes which were located at right angles!"" "And she-"

"She replied, Oh, she was in carnest; she knew a man who meant to give a lucky girl just such a set. Then she intimated that he intended to hint his hope that the set would soon be housed under his own roof."

"Put who-" "I said, yes, the girl was lucky if she had a genius for martyrdom; that the man who would make a girl such a gift would be the man who would expect his wife to prefer a subscription to a magazine to a new tailormade frock and an addition to the library to a trip to Palm Beach!"

"Good! I'm glad you said-" "I'm not myself, dear. Rob was in the next room and heard every word. Alice had helped him to select a Christmas gift for me, and when I came in she told him to wait while she met me in the library, so he could hear my cries of delight when I heard of the selection! Did you ever know

such an unmitigated cat!" "Gracious-never!" cried the girl in brown. "I didn't tell you, did I, that the gift which so delighted Alice was a set of Thackeray? Rob was there and Alice's mother stopped me in the dress of the dressmaker who made

pright, 1907 by Wright A. Patterson

ped in the captain's oilskins, flushed from facing the storm! Billy Noonan lay awake that night, notwithstanding the long day at the wheel of the lurching tug. Through

all but loved the grizzled old man, and

marveled at him, for he knew the lake

bottom from Point Betsie to the great

log rollway that scarred the bluffs

north of Waugoshance light, as most

men know dry land. Billy Noonan,

however, also loved the old captain's

daughter, Mary, and had hoped-how

he had hoped!-to bring in a big catch

of whitefish when he was given the

big tug to lift the last nets of the year.

Now a lean Christmas, a very lean

Christmas, seemed certain in the Riley

nome-a home for all homeless lads

at Christmas time. Mary's laugh had

been infrequent of late and her merri-

Here-she was herself in the door-

way as the crew clumped in. "Billy

Noonan," she called, "don't you know

you'll swamp the tug with the fish

jammed to the gunwalls, so?" There

was a note in her rafilery that cut him

to the quick. How queenly she was,

this straight, blue-eyed brunette, wrap-

ment had been forced.

his window he stared out at the blackness, and he listened to the wailing wind; wailing, it seemed to him, complaint at the year of misfortunes and pitiful catches of fish, walling complaint at the wages and prices of fish fixed by the union that made the lot of Capt. Riley so hard in an "off" year. Far out on the Charlevoix pier no white light shone, up and down the angry lake the lighthouses and lightships were nowhere/else on watch, the fog signals were silent, although belated barges still stumbled up and down the lake. Suddenly a flash in the north, and another and another, the flash of rockets, brought him out of bed.

"This side o' Waugoshance, about White Shoals," he calculated place with this wind."

He shook his bed-fellow, Kelly, the fireman, and finally roused him.

"Get out Kell; someone's in trouble near the straits and maybe the Alice Riley can get a line to her first."

Kelly knew what that would mean, at least \$400 a day for "the old man," and he knew the need. Everyone said the Alice Riley had an uncommon crew; two hours later

the tug's whistle blew four booming blasts in the darkness-"strong ahead" -and five more that were Billy's farewell to Mary if she was awake-o cared. She saw from her bedroom window the tug steam through the channel, sparks flying weirdly in the wind, out to the open lake where no light shone to mark the way for the 39 miles of desperate tussle with waves that now at times buried the very deckhouse roof. Again the five short blasts as the starboard light turned north beyond the pier, then was gone. "Here's hopin'," growled Billy as he

whirled the wheel over. He was hanging on grimly, for at times the tag stood about on end. A sea smarched one of the pilot-house windows and he fixed it as best he could by the dim binnasle light. He lashed the wheel to a course two points east of north. In the blackness he could see only the white crests of waves. The panting of the tug's exhaust told bin Mel'y was stoking like a flend and the O'Nell was squeezing the last ounce out of his big engine, 16 square. Ahoad was black ness, the maddened waters and the in

frequent flash of reckets.

It was still dark when Billy saw, as the tug topped a great wave, a ship light ahead twinkle a moment when the whitecaps marked White Shoal At dawn he had a line to the develle and the great seven inch hauser was going to her overside; an hour later they were fast by the forward towing post. It would be easy in such a sea to trip on the houser and "turn turtle," or to be snatched by a great wave and have the hauser break. The barge on the shoal was an ore freighter loader to the water's edge, a heavy tow.

With his hand on the bell cord to signal to O'Neil, Billy muttered: "Here's for Mary and better-"

He rang, the engines sinuted, then, erash! Billy's Christmas wishes wer out short; the tew post was some and water poured into the hole in terrents. It was hours later when they got that hauser again, when the tag's hoursewhistle foured, "All right," and the beliow of the stranded barge replied. It was dreary work and Billy and the crew were gaunt with hunger and weariness.

Again slowly in the teeth of the wind they went ahead, jerked tremendously at intervals when the waves snatched the tow. When they were getting into deeper water O'Neil's engines suddenly stopped, and ten minutes later the barge had drifted back to the shoal. The eccentric had slipped; the tug was but driftwood; bad business in such a sea.

Billy Noonan and O'Neil kept her atloat someway, and all the time Billy, still clutching the wheel, was muttering of Mary and Christmas; he had strange vagaries, but was still sane as a skipper. When at last the frantic hammering in the engine room ceased, near evening of the next day, they were still near to the barge that was pounding on the shoals. The sun broke through the clouds, a red sun near to setting beyond the tossing wa-

ters, the sunset of Christmas eve. It was never clear how they got the slow steel barge to move so fast once they got her off again. But in the midnight hours when St. Nick, Kris Kringel and all the Christmas fairies were abroad on land, when the last embers of the yule logs smouldered cozily under lines of stockings in many, many homes, the Alice Riley's deep whistle sounded off the Charlevolx pier. Capt. Riley still sat before his fireplace, waiting hopefully-as was his nature. But for the hundredth time he looked about the room at Mary's pitiful efforts at Christmas decorations. Suddenly he heard, faint but unmistakable, the bass call of the Alice Riley.

Instantly he picked up his crutch and rapped on the door of Mary's room. So quickly did she appear, suspiciously red-eyed - but smiling, she must have been awake, too.

"Listen," he cried, holding up his hand. Boo-oo-oom, booco-oom, boo-oo-oom

'All right!" Again, deep, full and growing less

faint, the whistle sounded, "All right." "That means a Christmas for all of us, Mary, in spite of the fish!"

Then, there we a succession of short, sharp toots and the captain stared perplexed. With a twinkle he turned to Mary.

"Do you know what that means, Mary?" he asked .-

She flashed crimson, but before she put her arms about her father with a hug that he understood she flashed her answer from the bow window with a lamp. The captain, smiling, for a long time sat looking at a picture over the mantel, the picture of her mother. "Merry Christmas," he said to the picture, very softly. "I knew it would

Billy brought it-and Billy had it, an unforgetable Christmas-with the Riley's. When at last he "rolled in" with Kelly, the fireman would have his joke-he called it "Mary Christmas."



An Old English Custom The old country Englishman never falls to unbar his door at 13 o'clock New Year's eve to let the old year

Beneath the spray of mistletoe The comely damsel stands, Her hair is of a golden glow In careless, carling strands --

She ties it with a satin bow Held in her shapely hands. The firelight flickers on the wall; The shadows quantly weave Odd petterns that erise and fall; She fidgets with her sleeve And prinks her nibbons one and al.— This daughter fair of Eve.

In touth she is a lovely sight, Her cheek is like the rose, Her brow as ivery is white, Patrician is her noce, Her eye is blue with heaven's light;

She holds a queenly pose. A young man passing by the door Looks in end area her there; He uptoes lightly o'er the floor-Each man of us would dare

Do even this, and even more For she is passing fairl



He points above her sunny head, She looks up with a smile. (The young tran it may well be said.
Is well equipped with guile.) Her lips are rarely curved, and red.

And purse in tempting style. He puts his arm about her waist-And she does not resist! And then, in sudden, ardent haste,
The damsel fair is kissed!
Ah, luscious smeck and honeyed taste

That he would not have missed! And now she gazes in surprise Is she surcharged with ire? The gleam within her azure eyes-Is that from anger's fire? Call forth her sturdy sire?



Ah, no! She laughs! Her dimples rare In merriment appear. She tosses one stray strand of hair Behind her shapely ear. She says: "Why, tis but smilax there Upon the chandelier!"

The damse! stands, and then The bashful and repentant beau Behaves as honest men Should do; he takes the kiss you know, And puts it back again! Copyright, 1907, by Wilbur D. Nesbit.

Beneath the seeming mistletoe



All One in Christ. The coming of Christ gave emphasis to the fatherhood or God and the brotherhood of man. The great principle of Christianity stands out prominently in contradiction to many of the noblest principles of heathendom. Race prejudices ran through all peo-ples and amongst all tongues, but when Christ came he taught the fatherhood of God and the brother hood of man. He taught that God is Lo respecter of persons. He made the poor as well as the rich his disciples. He dined with the publicans and sin-ners, as well as with priests and noblemen: He commanded that the Gospel be preached to every ture. His church today is a littless that there is neither nor free, male nor female, Green and free in Carte

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ON CHRISTMAS MORNING

The man whose presents were purchased from our extensive stock will be the best pleased. Our line of Holiday Offerings include the most extensive variety ever before shown. We will not attempt to describe them. Our cuts give you a faint idea, but to be convinced it will be a pleasure to you to look through our stock and a pleasure for us to show it to you.



A HOLIDAY GIFT

Our Clearing Out Sale will be continued until January 1st, 1908. We need more money and you need the goods. We will be pleased to give you the benefit of our greatly reduced prices. Everything marked in plain figures. Many of you have bought goods from us during this Sale and you know that we do just as we agree. Tell your friends about it.



Hats

in town. Now is the time to buy them



His Xmas Gifts, bought at Dubbs'



Are going fast.

Our chinaware and hand-me-down clothing must sell. Come and on them. Our Big Sale closes on JANUARY 1

E. DUBBS @ SON



SHOES for the HOLIDAYS

The holiday season is one of happiness and good cheer. The well dressed man or woman or child is naturally happier than the one who is shabby. No matter where you buy your clothes your shoes should come from Rathjen's to be right and to give you that well-dressed appearance and satisfied feeling.

Your holidays will be merier if you shoes for everyone, and all THE BEST. Doro hul When seeking Holiday Presents re-

seasonable and sensible suggestions. Call and see us and you will be surprised at the many things you will see constituting a shoe stock that is suitable for a Holiday Present. And, too, it might be that you would find something for yourshould bear in mind the fact that we have a nice for Holiday Presents for men and boys. Look over our stock before making your purchases.

have adopted our styles. We have while the prices are JUST RIGHT. member that this store offers the most

self that would strike your fancy. The ladies and well selected stock of hats and gloves suitable



WEST THE HOG SECTION

Advantages of Panhandle Country as Shown by a Panhandle Hog

(From Ft. Worth Star.)

carloads of hogs are shipped into is smaller than at any other season. the state for every carload actually raised in Texas

The failure of the Panhandle attention to hog raising is astonish- coming year as follows: ing, especially in view of the fact that be enjoys so many advantages over farmers in other sections of the land. In the first place, land for hog raising purposes is cheap in the Panhandle; secondly, climatic conditions are favorable; thirdly little or no shelter reed be erected for the hogs.

To the Editor of the Star.

Hogs can be credited with being the means of lifting more farm mortgages in the Northwestern States than any other class of animals raised, or any class of product produced by the farmer or agriculture

Practical Philanthropy.

be hid from the world. Mitt following officers: The Panhandle has suddenly Smith, an employe of the ranch, leaped into prominence. It is said has been sick for the past several that the hog has wiped more mort- weeks and the boys, realizing that gages from the books of the North- his expenses were running up Miss Pattie Morgan, Treas. west Texas counties than cotton, rather steep, resolved to lend him a Mrs. J. D. Camp, Chaplan. cattle, sheep, or any quadruped- little assistance in a quiet way. A Another meeting was held last more than wheat, oats or f uit. canvass of the ranch resulted in a night and several new members Yet the demand for longs far ex- collection of \$160, which isn't were initiated and the lodge starts But this year the Panhandle has ceeds the supply not only in the half bal for the JA force, e-remain off with tright prospects wereal

Pannande, but elewhere in the when it is taken into consideration and making and the man wee was State of Texas. Estimates have that at this time of year the num- will be held the and and 4th Thurs- elected Grand Master, while a been made to show that sixteen ber of men employed by the ranch day nights in each month.

W. O. W. Officers.

Last Friday night the Woodmen farmer to devote more time and of the World elected officers for the

D. C. Sullivan, C. C. Robt. McGowan, A. L. J. J. Alexander, Clerk. W. F. Dubbs, Banker. Odus Caraway, Escort. W. Tyree, Watchman. Jessie Davis, Sentry. G. J. Teel, Manager.

The camp also changed the time of regular meeting nights to the first and third Friday nights in each month, the change to go into effect Jan. 1st.

A. J. Norton left for Chicago last week with four carloads of is s, and yet hogs raised in Texas June calves, and on Tuesday wired out of Armstrong, Briscoe, Swisher fall very short of filling the de- back that one carload of these high and Randall counties. The News mand for local consumption. In grade Herefords had taken the first fact it is stated as good authority prize at the International stock ork show. These six months old calves had been raised on Mr. Norton's ranch on Red river, perhaps the Enest ranch in Texas according to ir success more remarkable is

n. For inform-

I. MIDGETT,

rent.

THE bells of Yule ring loud apered or really put in shape Across the threshold of the how purposes. They had andled every day for twenty-The quiet moon is rising slow sbefore shipping, and were Beyond the margin of the snowped.

The white glint sparkles far and nearPiano Bargain.

-श्रुकार्क Trent, having purchased How long have those old sounds been g piano for the Clarenuse, the instrument How long have we from youth to sear Re-heard their rippling carol flow,-The bells of Yule! not been in use re it and it is in

~बसक्र~ Old days return; old dreams appear; Old conflicts rise of Hope and Fear:

And yet, with all, 'tis good to know Despite Life's change of kiss and blow.

We still thank God to hear once more The bells of Yule!

USTIN DOBSON.

Lodge of Rebekahs.

The biblical injunction, "Let At the Odd Fellows hall Wed not your right hand know what nesday night Mrs. W. A. Bennett, your left hand doeth," was strictly of Seymor r, organized a lodge of adhered to by a bunch of liberal Rebekahs with 21 members. The cowboys on the JA ranch a few new lodge is styled Freedom Lodge days since, but good deeds cannot No. 311, and starts off with the

> Mrs. W. C. Cole, N. G. Mrs. G. S. Patterson, V. G. Miss Zoe O'Neall, Sec.

Letts Case Lost.

The case of A. R. Letts, et al.,

While in our town last week Prof W. D. McGehee informed us that there was a move on foot in his community to form a new county would regret very much to lose the good citizenship embraced in th. t portion of territory proposed to be taken from our county (everything south of Paloduro canyon), but we are free to admit that they are justiview of thinking. What made lifted in asking for a new county or other relief. The matter will fact that these calves were not probably come before the next legsilature. - Claude Ne vs.

I. O. O. F.

Clarendon Lodge No. 381, I. O Position, too. O. F., elected officers at their last regular meeting as follows: Lloyd Blackwell, N. G.

W. A. Walters, V. G. J. J. Alexander, Sec. Guss Johnson, Treas.

A lady organizer is here this week for the purpose of organizing a Rebekah Lodge among the wives 7.2t and sisters of the Odd Fellows.

Ladies, Notice.

I am prepared to laundery your lace curtains carefully and properly. Have a curtain stretcher for use in this work. Don't risk have watch at ing valuable curtains botched up epartment, when you can have them done er chance right. MRS. E. L. CARSWAY.

> -Don't delay getting your famabout ily presents till the rush is on. save Call NOW at Stocking's store and tf we can help you settle the matter, at Stocking's store.

CLARENDON MAN HONORED

Masonic Grand Lodge Selects Judge Geo. F. Morgan as a Member of Committee on Work.

Every day the Panhandle comes more into the lime light, and is attracting attention in unusual ways. Although this section has well informed Masons the Grand Lodge has up to the present time failed to express its appreciation of the work being done by these men. conor-grine showered, moon, her,

Live Morre, or Wilcons Falls, was number of Panhandle men were selected to fill the lesser positions in the Grand Lodge,

Among the most important vs. J. K. Zimmerman, previous positions in this body, in fact the mention of which has appeared most important with the exception from time to time in these columns, of Grand Master, is a place on the was called for trial in the Federal committee on work. Only one court at Ft. Worth last week and member was selected on this resulted in a verdict for defendant, committee this year, five of the Zimmerman. Plaintiff, through most prominent Masons in the state his attorneys, gave notice of ap- being put in nomination for the peal. Witnesses from Clarendon office, Judge Geo. F. Morgan, of in attendance on the case were Clarendon, being among the num-Messrs. T. S. Bugbee, W. J. Lewis, ber. Upon the first ballot our T. M. Pyle, O. N. Brown, J. B. fellow townsman was elected by a Williams, J. B. McClelland and J. vote of 864 as against a combined vote of 480 for his four opponents, an occurrance so unusual as to attract general attention.

> Judge Morgan in his multitudinons Masonic duties has always worked to the best interests of the order, placing his pleasure second to its good, and this honor is only a just recognition of his faithfulness to the duties heretofore asigned to him. His present tenure of office will extend over a period of five years after which it is the hope of his Masonic brethren in Clarendon that he will advance to the highest position in the gift of the members of the Grand Lodge, and if he gets his just deserts he will be selected for this exalted

Notice to Taxpayers.

I will be at Jericho on Tuesday, Dec. 17: Giles, Thursday, Dec. 19; Rowe, Friday, Dec. 20 until noon: Hedley, Friday afternoon, Dec. 20. All please take no-

J. T. PATMAN, Tax Collector

The Table is Set.

If you are looking for Christmas presents for all the family you can't do better than to stop at Stocking's store.

Life Insurance.

The Anerican National Intf surance Co., of Galveston, S. F. Snider, general agent, Amarillo, Texas. Agents wanted.

-Have you seen the cut gla

Christmas



We have them in bountiful supply. Raisins, Currants, Nats, Citron, Candied Lemon and Orange Peel, Fancy Crackers, and all the rest of the good things that mark the season. Come and select yours before the rush commences. Phone us your order for a

Christmas Turkey

And don't forget that our FRUIT CAKES are the best on earth. Bear in mind we give

Ten Per Cent Discount

On all your orders except sugar and flour from now until Jan. 1. This means that \$10 worth of groceries costs you only \$9 at our store. We ask you to compare prices and prove this fact.

Smith & Thornton

The Cash Grocers



THIS SALE FOR CASH ONLY

HAYTER BROS.

THIS SALE FOR CASH ONLY



GREAT TWO WEEKS' SALE Men's Clothing

\$5,000 worth of Men's and Boys' Fine Clothing will be sold for two weeks at

1.50 0 = = MARKED PRICES

For the season of the year, this means the greatest Clothing Sale ever held in Clarendon, and coming just at the beginning of Winter will be welcomed by every citizen of Donley county. Every suit and overcoat in our immense stock goes in this sale. The goods are all new, and nothing shelf-worn. Every garment is marked in plain figures.



It is one Great Opportunity to secure the highest class of merchandise at exceptionally Low Prices.

THIS GREAT TWO WEEKS' CLOTHING SALE

Men's \$ 7.50 Suits or Overcoats	- \$ 6.00 Men's \$20.00 Suits or Overcoats - \$16.00 Boys' and Youths' \$ 4.00 Suits or Overcoats : \$ 3.20
Men's 10.00 Suits or Overcoats	
Men's 12.50 Suits or Overcoats	10.00 Men's 25.00 Suits or Overcoats - 20.00 Boys' and Youths' 7.50 Suits or Overcoats: 6.00
Men's 15.00 Suits or Overcoats	- 12.00 Men's 30.00 Suits or Overcoats 24.00 Boys' and Youths' 10.00 Suits or Overcoats: 8.00
Men's 17.50 Stits or Overcoats	- 14.00 Boys' and Youths' \$ 2.50 Suits or Overcoats \$2.00 Boys' and Youths' 12.00 Suits or Overcoats: 9.60
Men's 18.50 Suits or Overcoats	- 14.80 Boys' and Youths' 3.50 Suits or Overcoats 2.80 Men's and Boys' extra pants not solly—and in this sale.

TWENTY PER CENT REDUCTION ON ALL FANCY VESTS

XMAS PRESENTS FOR MEN AND BOYS

NOT INCLUDED IN THIS SALE

Silk Reefers, Mufflers, Handkerchiefs, Ties, Chest Protectors, Traveling Cases, Toilet Sets, Smoking Sets, Collar and Cuff Buttons, Collar Buttons, Stick Pins, Watch Fobs, Staple Articles, Etc.

Hosiery, cotton and silk 5c to \$1.25 per pair. \$3 per garment. Shirts, woolen, all sizes, \$1 to cotton, all sizes, 35c to \$1.75 per garment. 'Ung 2.50 per garment. Collars and Cuffs, all sizes dress, 10c to \$2 per pair.

SALE BEGINS WEDNESDAY, DECEMBI

CLARENDON TEXAS

HAYTER

CHRISTMAS CANDY

Will You buy Candy for Christmas

If so this advertisement will be of some interest to you, because it will draw your attention to the finest and largest line of Candy in the entire city. We have just received 500 pounds of Fancy Pail Candy, which sells at 25c per pound. Also a nice line of cheaper grades at 20c per pound, 6 pound for \$1.00. 200 pounds of Fancy Chocolates and Bonbons, the best, at 40c per pound. Fancy Xmas packages from 15c to \$3.50-Loose-Wiles and Allegretti's. Penny Candies for tree decoration at 90c per hundred. If you want Candy the Clarendon Bakery has it. Just received 300 pounds of the finest Mince Meat, which I personally guarantee to be the very best ever brought to the city, at a price that is cheap, quality considered, 12 1-2c per pound. Bring your pails along and have a treat. We will again have for Xmas, Fruitcake and White Walnut Cake, a nice line of factory cakes and homemade cakes. Apples, oranges, Bananas, Grapes. In the Nut line we have a fresh stock of Butternuts, Hazelnuts, Walnuts, Pecans and Almonds; all guaranteed fresh. Xmas eve and night our store and Cafe will be open until 12 o'clock, to serve the public. Out of town orders will receive our personal attention.

Yours for a good, sweet Christmas,



JNO F. TAX

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Clarendon, Tex., Dec. 13, '07

fixed the dates for the next con-Antonio. The convention will Denton county has got it "skinned to death" as a place to live. Lots of them go but nearly all of them

A Denton county boy who went THE executive committee of the has sold out there at a fancy price Texas Cattle Raisers' Association and will return to Denton county met in Ft. Worth Tuesday and to invest his profits and make his home. He says with many others, 11,678,000 bales. Divided by states that there is nothing the matter the result is as follows: Texas vention which will be held at San with the Panhandle but that 2,490,000; Virginia 14,000; North

urn of many more prodigals xt spring—Bonham News.

THE bells of Yule ring loud one returns there are a Across the threshold of this stay in the west and s a general rule the The quiet moon is rising slov prodigal" belongs to Beyond the margin of the sno plack land renters who store, Clarendon, Texas. Eyes The white glint sparkles far and near thing better than which their children

How long have those old sounds been, after it is raised, How long have we from youth to sear who holds the his class of peo-Re-heard their ripping carol flow,neither needs The bells of Yule! consider it a

~बस्रक Old days return; old dreams appear; Old conflicts rise of Hope and Fear;

And yet, with all, 'tis good to know Despite Life's change of kiss and blow,

We still thank God to hear once more.

The bells of Yule!

AUSTIN DOBSON.

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ey leave.

tisers who want to make an im- terial assistance to the bank, and pression on country people can anyway it belonged to him. have a New York address on their Sure, it was yours all right, and you letter heads. They can have their had a right to withdraw what bemail redirected from New York to longed to you, but in doing so you their home address and in addition injured the local money market can also have an engraving of just that much, lowered yourself in the Flatiron building on their letter the estimation of your banker and heads. As the building occupies accomplished nothing. There are about twenty-seven stories it ought a few in this town like you, but to make an impression on country thank goodness their influence folks. All this for \$2.00 a month, isn't worth more than a plugged No enterprising mail order man nickel and they can't make a 9:17 p. m. need be without a New York ad- decent man suffer from their as-

sininity.

THE bureau of statistics of U. S. to the Panhaudle a few years ago department of agriculture on Wednesday submitted a cotton report estimating the 1907 cotton crop at Carolina 604,000; South Carolina 1,091,000; Geogia 1,898,000; Florrn.—Denton Record and Chron- ida 64,000; Alabama 216,000; Mississippi 1,536,000; Louisiana 712,same kind of story comes ooo; Arkansas 795,000; Tennessee very county in North Texas. 298,000; Missouri 40,000; Oklahoma 919,000.

> If Your Eyes Trouble You, news item. call on C. N. Bushnell, the graduate optician, at Dr. Stocking's drug ing. See them. tested free. Glasses scientifically fitted when needed. Satisfaction guaranteed.

> > For Trade.

A good serviceable second hand buggy to trade for corn, kaffir or baled hay. This office.

Sunday Drug Service.

Owing to the fact that people want medicine on Sunday the same as week days you will always find someone at our store to fill your prescriptions.

FLEMING & BROMLEY.

Have your Photo made before ry's the 18th and get the discount. you sphcial inducement this week. Panhandle Steam Laundry.

AT REDUCED PRICES UNTIL 18TH

MULKEY

WANTS TO TAKE YOUR PICTURE

-See the Xmas candy et the For Xmas presents see Dubbs.

-Dubbs for holiday goods. Phone No. 2 when you have a

-The Fair has new goods com-

-Everything from Toyland at Do you need a typewriter ribbon? Get it of the Banner-Stock-

-See our display of Christmas kind of price almost. You must candies in packages. The swellest see these lines to appreciate them. 2t line ever in town. The Bon. Ton.

-Our new bread "Mothers ask for it at the Clarendon Bakery. all lines at Dubbs' store.

-We believe our jewelry department is overstocked, and we will or mother or even the "old man" give you bargains on all lines, with a fine pair of glasses. Nothparticularly on watches at Stock- ing better for a Christmas present.

-Dubbs for holiday goods. -Finest and best candies at The

-Call at the Cafe, "after the

-Big clearing out sale at the Globe; profit is no object during the sale; investigate.

The Fair, Archer's new store. tf don't fail to call at the Globe. Anything you may wish.

-On ready-made clothing and china we are willing to make any-E. Dubbs & Sons.

Clearing sale closes Dec. 14. Bread," is the best you ever ate: Don't overlook the big bargains in other appurtenance to any telephone line,

-Whatever you do don't neg-Don't for get to leave your money lect to look over our stock of ded Photos make desireable and suit- for your, laundry at home or we holiday goods before the assortall able Xmas gifts. Mulkey offers will forget to leave your laundry, ment is broken. We have a fine selection. G. B. Bagby. tf plasterer, Clarendon, Texas, tf

The Old Reliable Land Man of Donley County.

Have been here longer, know the country better, can find better bargains and more of them, than any other man in the county. Do a general commis--If it's holiday goods you want sion, rental and collection business. Office upstairs over drug store,

\$25.00 Reward

We will pay \$25 reward tor the arrest nd conviction of any party found guilty f breaking insulators, or in any manner destroying the property of this exchange. The Texas state law reads: "If any person shall break, cut, pull or tear down, misplace or in any other manner injure any telephone wires, parts, insulators or or in any way wilfully obstruct/or interfere with the transmission of messages, -Get Bushnell to fit your wife the penitentiary not less than two nor he shall be punished by confinement in more than five years, or by a fine not less than \$100 nor more than \$2000.

We have been subjected to much damage in this respect in the past and we positively will prosecute to the full extent of the law if we find the guilty parties.

CLARENDON TELEPHONE EXCHANGE.

T. L. BENEDICT. Mer -W. C. Cottrell, bricklayer and

Christmas Presents

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What to give as Christmas presents is the cause of much thought and worry to the average man and woman just at this time. Below we offer a few suggestions as a helper in making your selections:

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A HANDSOME FUR or MUFF \$6.50 value for	\$5.20
A PRETTY and useful FUR or MUFF \$5,00 value for	4.00
A pretty and useful FUR or MUFF \$3.50 value for	2.80
A pretty and useful FUR or MUFF \$2.50 value for	2.00
A \$3.00 SILK WAIST PATTERN for	4.00
A \$3.50 SILK WAIST PATTERN for	2.80
A pair of \$2.00 GLOVES for	1.60
A pair of \$1.50 GLOVES for	. 1.20
A pair of \$1.25 GLOVES for	1.00
A box of EMBROIDERED HAND- KERCHIEFS \$1.50 value for.	1.20
A pair of SILK HOSE, \$1.50 values	1.20
A pair of EMBROIDERED LISLE	52c

We also have Silk Shawls, Silk and Wool Fascing ators and Squares, Beautiful Embroidered Center Pieces and Drawn Work, which will make most acceptable Christmas Gifts, and don't forget we will still give you the Big 20 Per Cent Off for the CASH.

Our Grocery Department

Is fairly running over with good things for Christmas Cheer, such as Shelled Nuts, Citron, Candied Peel, Seeded raisins, Currants, Figs, Dates and Cranberries, Choice Pure Fruit Jellies and Preserves, Albatross and Belle of Wichita Flour, Breakfast Bell and Broadway Coffees. Get the BEST.

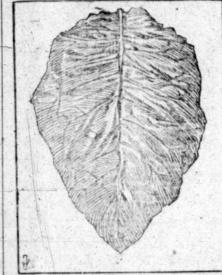
The Martin-Bennett Company

Farm and

A NEW TOBACCO.

Valuable Cigar Wrapper Variety Grown Under Shade.

were found by the writer growing in crop of tobacco under cloth by M. L. Floyd near Tariffville, Conn., in the season of 1903. This crop was raised from seed brought to Connecticut from Florida and which originally came from the island of Sumatra. In this



TYPICAL LEAF-UNCLE SAM SUMATRA TO-

field of the so called Sumatra variety of tobacco were found upon investigation eleven very distinct general types of tobacco plants which were strong ly enough differentiated by certain characteristics of habit of growth. shape and size of leaves and quality to be designated as incipient varieties.

Among these types was found one which most nearly approached the ideal of a cigar wrapper plant, both as regards development of plant and character of leaves and strikingly different from every other type found in this field or in other fields. This was designated as "Type No. 3" for convenience in the breeding experiments and was so known until it was considered of sufficient importance to

After very careful and satisfactory tests in 1904 and 1905 the results have proved beyond a doubt the value of this variety for growing commercially, together with the fact that the seed comes true to type year after year when saved under bog. The name Uncle Sam Sumatra was given to this variety. It is a cigar wrapper variety of tobacco and adapted for growing under shade in the cigar wrapper producing regious. The plants reach an the time of maturity, and they bear an average of about twenty-six leaves before topping.

The cured leaves will average about sixteen inches in width by twenty inches in length, although the size varies according to field and cultural The yield of the crops

1.600 pounds is high, being as much as



TYPICAL PLANT - UNCLE SAM, SUMATRA of cured tobacco to fife acre under favorable conditions. The percentage of the best grades of wrapper in these crops is correspondingly high and satisfactory to the grower and manufacturer alike .- A. D. Shamel.

Sorting and Packing Eggs. Eggs to be placed on the market should be carefully sorted and packed Only time can reveal who w as to size, shape and color. It is better not to put eggs having different colored shells in the same package; neither should eggs varying much in size be placed in the same package. Every egg should be perfectly clean, and if slightly soiled it may be wiped clean with a damp cloth. If badly soiled the eggs should be discarded, for the washing required to clean them injures their appearance. The discarded eggs can be disposed of at come of the cheaper and less exacting let your family get markets. Eggs may be placed in large thipping cases or in small pasteboard boxes, according to how they are to be marketed,-G, A. Bell.

Pumpkins In the Cornfield. Pumpkin seeds are cheap, and they can be saved on any farm with almost novtrouble. The cost of the seeds is the main expense of a good supply of pumpkins when planted in the cornfield, and they are very valuable to them? Because the modern cultivator is certain when adjusted for corn is hard on the vines.-Agricola in Iowa Homestead,

30 Years in Pen.

George hotel in Dallas, on Jan. 22, the recent financial panic. 1907. Brown who has been at W. H. Cooke, president of the ever held in Dallas court.

Child Fataly Burned.

Hall county, while standing by a faction of all concerned. The credhow come in contact with the stove time in getting together and adopthours later. We have been unable bank a chance to get on its feet. to get any further details of the tradedy. Mr. Smith's parents and other relatives went down to the ranch Tuesday afternoon and had that we will not take any produce not returned at last reports. The in trade at the ten per cent reduc-Banner-Stockman extends to the tion we have advertised. We will bereaved parents a sincere sympa- buy your produce at the regular thy in their sad loss.

Mrs. Standifer wife of Dr. Standifer of Clarendon, Floyd Caylor of Hugo, Texas, G. W. Caylor and wife of Tulia, visited S. L. McDonald's and Dr. Caylor of this place through the Thanks- for the cash. If you use tickets giving season. The men folks of you must pay for them when you this company engaged in a hunt get them, and I will redeem any the day after Thanksgiving with unused tickets you have. I am Geo. Caylor of Glazier.—Canadian forced to quit the credit system

-For bargains in real estate and city property see Kersey & Martin, Clarendon, Texas.

In Memory of Miss Kate Jones.

As the sun came peeping over the barren western plains it bore a message to building, Amarillo, Texas. 6-tf Kate, a more precious message than she had ever received. It was "come, for average height of about eight feet at your work is finished," and as the dew flees before the morning sun her was wafted heavenward. 'Tis sad to Ear, Nose and Throat, New Carthink of the once happy, free-hearted son Building, Amarillo, Texas. girl as being no more on earth. Life was so dear to her, she was always jolly and Clarendon Sale and Wagon made one forget the cares of life and almost resolve to never be despondent again. On her lips there was always a smile, not a mere wrinkle in the cheeks 23rd. Horses and mules for sale. but one of those purely intelligent smiles We will keed a car of mules for that gives one almost an insight to the sale at all times. J. D. McClellan,

Our lives are but a bubble upon the fleeting waters of time, only to be hurled down the angry current of life, then the bubble is burst asunder. Thus all along life's highway we find the roses old, branded KY left hip, B left have been plucked. The plants that jaw, natural pacer; \$5 reward. have the richest foliage and most fragrant flowers are those that are transplanted. The spot on which they were growing was brighter and the air around them was filled with fragrance, but when they were transplanted how dreary the the holiday trade., Nice and fresh; spot seems; the air no longer holds its prices right. sweet perfume. Today the home is the dreary spot from which the sweetest plant has been transplanted; and in the garden of Heaven is planted the flower that shall ever bloom; but there its fra-grance isn't lost on the desertair; neither had a Christmas dern style. We does it lose its petals one by one.

Kate leaves a dear mother, father, si ters and one brother, who shall miss ! footsteps, and among the school boys girls there will be a vacant seat, one shall never be filled by a dearer girl was Kate. She is free from all and care, but still we can't ke thinking how badly we needed sorely she is missed. 'Heaven and seems nearer by her go first. May we all be as read our message as Kate.

When to go t From Bluffton, Ind. tired out go home. solation, go home. go home. When you that you have refe fact. When you liberal go hor wife and chil to shine with and light th which we bad cold berlains (

Bank Closed.

Dallas, Dec. 11.-The jury in The Citizens Bank this morning the case of W. O. Brown to day made an assignment, naming A. L. brought in a verdict of murder in Journeay as assignee and the doors the second degree and fixed the of the institution are closed for punishment at 30 years in the pen- the present. Mr. Journeay says that the preliminary statement Brown is president of the Brown shows that the bank has assets of Buggy Manufacturing company of more than \$11,000 in excess of its Dallas. He shot Albert Sidney liabilities, and the reason for the Johnson, traveling salesman, to assignment was an inability to The original plants of this variety death in the lobby of the St. realize on securities on account of

> liberty on \$25,000 bail, was locked bank, has been in the banking busup in the county jail as soon as iness in Clarendon for almost a lifethe verdict was rendered. The time, and has the entire confidence trial consumed nearly three weeks of our people. That the bank will and was one of the most exciting finally pay every dollar of indebtness is firmly believed by all. He has turned over everything he possesses to the assignee, who hopes The four year old daughter of to close the matter up as speedily Mr. and Mrs. Ben Smith, of Leslie, as possible and to the entire satishot stove Tuesday morning some- itors of the bank should lose no and its dress catching fire was so ing plans to co-operate fully with badly burned that it died a few the assignee, and thus give the

That Ten Per Cent.

We wish to say to our patrons prices of groceries, but the profit is too small to allow the discount on such transactions.

SMITH & THORNTON

Notice To Milk Patrons.

After Jan. rst I will sell strictly and this applies to all alike.

> Respectfully, C. W. RYAN.

Drs. Hanna &Swearingin.

Practice limited to diseases of eye, ear, nose and throat. Biving

Notice. .

Dr. Albert J. Caldwell, Eye

will open up for business Nov. Managar.

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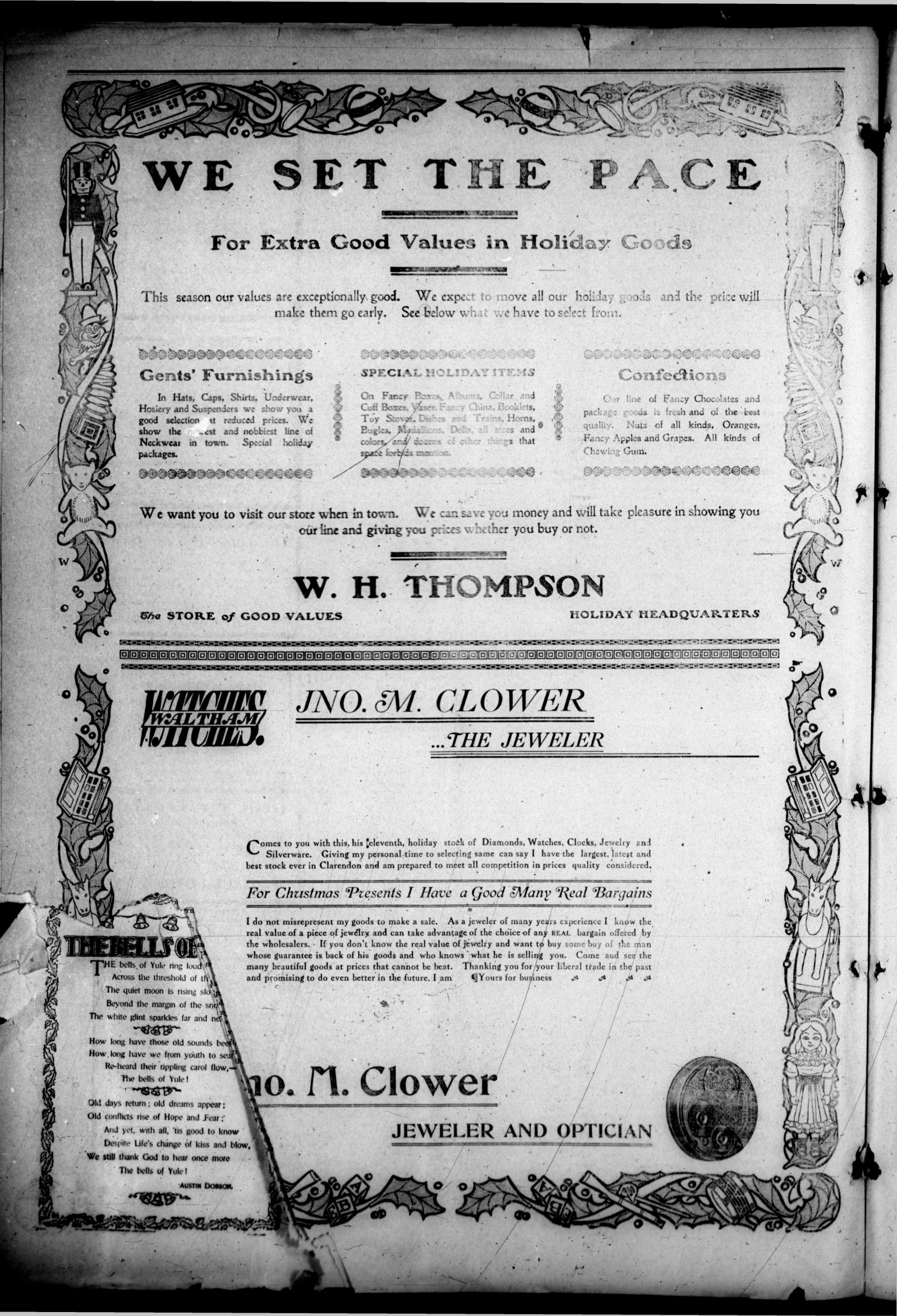
Small bay pony, to or II years L. J. Edwards, Clarendon, Texas.

Pecans for Xmas

Large shipment of pecans for

J. T. MORROW.

Clarendon, Texas. Modar style Old Time Honesty.



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Special attention given to obstetrics and diseases of women and children. Office phone 42, residence phone 80.

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Successor to Dr. Wm. H. Cooke I am permanently located in Clarendor upstairs in Borchers building, office with Miss Minuie Thorpe

A. T. Cole, where I will be pleased Miss Bessie Caraway to meet all of Dr. Cooke's former patrons Miss Marion Barnett as well as the public generally.
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Left Shoulder. Left Shoulder Horse and Left Mule Brand Shoulder.

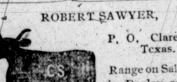
T. S. BUGBEE.



O., Clarendon,

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P. O. Clarendon, Texas. Range on Salt Fork in Donley county. Mark-- Underslope left ear.

WESLEY KNORPP.



P. O., Clarendon, Texas.

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O. D. Liesberg

Drayman and Coal

Respectfully solicits a share of your drayage, promising prompt attention and reasonable charges. Special price on contract work or on hand ng large jobs, such as un ading cars, etc. Phon

THE GLOBE'S BIG CONTEST

Results of the Week in the Contest for the Diamond Ring and Lady's Gold Watch.

The diamond ring and gold watch contest is becoming more and more interesting as the closing days draw nigh. Below we give the total vote at the closing of the count today, Dec. 11:

Miss Bessie Caraway Miss Ethel Heisler Mrs. Chas. McMurtry Miss Nora Denton . Miss Ruth Atteberry Mrs. Ora Liesberg ss Lena Davis Miss Tugwell Miss Aris Baldwin

The total votes will be counted Xmas morning, Dec. 25, by three disinterested parties yet to be selected, and if there are any mistakes they will then be corrected. Respectfully submitted,

E. DUBBS & SONS.

The "Sweetest Girl in Dixie" show was not presented Tuesday night as advertised. The company failed to come to town until the night train which arrived about 8:30, and having failed to notify the manager of the opera house of their plans it was of course thought they were not coming at all, therefore no preparations were made for them and no tickets were sold. About the time for the show to have begun they came over from the depot with out baggage or anything. They left town the next morning, madder, sadder and considerably wiser than when they arrived, and have probably learned a valuable lesson by the experience. It is said to be a good show and a phone No. 38-2 rings. Local surgeon for good house would have greeted

Whist Club.

The lades the day Atternoon Four tables were arranged and an Cooke's mother, Mrs. Dr. Cooke. enjoyable afternoon was the result, Mrs. R. A. Chamber'an capturing the high score. The hostess served an elegant luncheon, and the guests were a unit in declaring her an excellent entertainer.

A Home Made Happy by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

About two months ago our baby girl had the measles which settled on her lungs and at last resulted in a severe attack of bronchitis. We had two doctors but no relief was obtained. Everybody thought she would die. I went to eight different stores to find a certain remedy which had been recommended to me and failed to get it, when one of the storekeepers insisted that I try Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. I did so and our baby is alive and well today .- Geo. W. Spence, Holly Spring, N. C. For sale by all druggists.

-Dubbs for holiday goods.

-Patronize the Clarendon Cafe, at the Bakery. The only really

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. McClelland visited-their daughter, Miss Lila, at her school in Dallas last week.

A. V. Duncan, of La Fayette, Colo., was here the first of the week looking after his farming interests in the Southard neighbor-

-The Donley County State Bank invites your patronage. All the courtesies of a safe and conservative banking system at your disposal. Call and see us. tf/

Miss Carrie Lewis returned Sundry night from Brooks where, she has been waiting on her sick father, We are glad to know he is improv- her here.

If you want your laundry leave the cash. Panhandle Steam Laun-

Jas. Trent and Frank Collinson made another trip to the canyon this week and brought back a couple of fine deers. Both were bucks, and one in particular was extra large, weighing about 300 pounds and having a splendid set

-Dubbs for holiday goods.

-Dubbs for holiday goods.

-Typewriter supplies, this of

-- Genuine cut glass at cut rates at Stocking's store.

Mrs. Hattie Donahoo visited in Claude the first of the week.

Mrs. J. B. McClelland returned last week from a visit to Dallas.

Homer Mulkey's brother from Amarillo, visited him this week.

-Leave your laundry money at home. Panhandle Steam Laundry. -It will pay you to visit The

Fair before buying Xmas goods. -Get your girl a kodak for Christmas at Stocking's store and

she will enjoy it all the year.

Mrs. H. C. Patton went to Ft Worth the first of the week and will spend the winter there with

-Diamond pins and diamond rings that are beauties are going at cut prices at Stocking's store.

returned Monday night from an extended visit to Duke, Ok., and Dundee, Texas.

-Why not get your wife or sweetheart a pretty ring at Stocking's store while the cut rate is on?

Rev. A. T. Culbertson will hereafter use an Oliver typewriter, having purchased one through the Banner-Stockman agency.

of the popular McCall patterns. Just such a stock as the large department stores in the cities carry. The Martin-Bennett Co.

Mrs. J. M. Brooks returned last week from a visit to Whitesboro and Quanah., She was called to Whitsboro, by the death of her

-Bushnell will make special prices on fitting glasses during them another year, and to this end December at Stocking's store.

Mr and Mrs. Roll F. Cooke of week with Mrs. A. L. Journeay. Monday in Clarendon visiting Mr. corn, wheat, oats, cotton and fruit

Overstocked and money panic is why everything in jewelry is going at cut prices at Stocking's store.

Hugh Brown went to Hedly with his well machine last week and will work in that neighborhood for a time. He has just completed six wells for the JA ranch.

-Now is the best time you will ever have to get a good watch at less than the regular price at Stock-

Pres. J. P. Reynolds, of Goodnight College, was here Tuesday buying supplies for his school He placed a big order with Smith and sugar, which two items are al-& Thornton for groceries.

one before it is too late. Nothing to enable us to reduce stock by Jan. like this line ever before in the city.

I. W. Carhart, the abstracter, first class cafe the city has ever had has rented the H. W. Taylor office building on First street and will shortly be at home with his abstract business at the new loca-

better in style and quality than you on every dollar. other brands that will cost you more. New patterns now showing. The Martin-Bennett Company. If

Mrs. M. E. Cook, of Graham, is here on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. G. H. Jones. She will remain until after the holidays and expects three daugthers to join

Bennett Company.

Chas. Derrick came in Saturday from St. Jo with a broken foot as the result of too much familiarity While attending to his duties at binding is the word "Chase." jumbed on his foot, breaking some SoRelle or leave at this office. bones and otherwise damaging the member thus laying Charley if on the shelf for repairs.

PANHANDLE TO ORGANIZE

Big Doings In Sight at Amarillo in January-Panhandle Farmers Congress.

AMARILLO, Texas, Dec. 8. EDITOR BANNER-STOCKMAN:

On January 9, 10 and 11, 1908, we will have in Amarillo, a meeting of Commercial Clubs, real estate firms and the principal land owners of the entire Panhandle, all of which will be organized into one association; also the Paloduro National Park Association, a Panhandle Farmers' Congress, Third District Medical Association, and we expect to have the Northwest Texas Press Association.

The consolidation of the Commercial Clubs, real estate and land men is for the purpose of advertising the entire Panhandle country. This can be done by keeping the country and its possibilities well advertised in the principal farm journals of the North and East Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams and through exhibits kept at the principal gate-ways of the Southwest, such as Chicago, Minneapolis, Omaha, Kansas City, Ft. Worth and Denver.

This organization is also to provide markets for the products of our truck gardens, storage for cabbage, potatoes, peanuts and onions, and to handle our cantaloupes, tomatoes and small garden truck, and also to encourage pick--We now have a complete stock ling plants and canning factories.

We have the assurance of a sugar beet factory, providing we can thoroughly demonstrate next year that beets can be grown in this section, successfully. For the past few years the experiment has been made with success, the beets standing a high test, and it is our purpose to have as many counties possible in the Panhandle grow tf we expect to raise from \$2,000 to \$,000 to be offered in pount ris Card Club met Tuesday of this Ft. Worth, spent Sunday and for the best acre of sugar beets,

> hogs, cattle, etc. There will be addresses on this occasion from men of national rep utation, who are experts in their various lines, as well as from local men, and it is our desire to have just as many people present as possible, especially those interesed in agricultural pursuits.

grown in 1908, also dairying,

J. H. AVERY, Chairman Program Committee

Ten Per Cent Off.

Beginning next Saturday, Dec. 14, and continuing until Jan. 1st we will discount all bills bought from us ten per cent except on flour ready sold at such close prices as to -Those lovely X mas boxes are make it impossible to decrease going at Bagby's. Better choose them. This action on our part is

1st, and is FOR CASH. Remember, every time you buy groceries from us during this sale we take ten per cent off the bill. If you buy \$10 worth you pay us \$9. This is an opportunity that is not often offered by grocery merchants. Don't fail to take advan--The F.-McK brand of shirts tage of it and save money. Get sold exclusively by us in Clarendon the other fellow's prices, then get are the best made for the money, ours. It means ten cents saved to

> SMITH & THORNTON. Phone No. 5

-A lady came into our store to buy a few pieces of chinaware, having seen our bargian ad. She carefully noted the prices and when she left our store she had bought eight dollars worth, which took a job wagon to carry it home. -"Iron Clad" Hosiery for This occurrance illustrates the sac--Laundry work cash. Your school boys and girls will stand rifice we are willing to make to get bundle will not be delivered with wear and tear. Costs you no more rid of this stock. While she could the provision that we hunt you up. than the kind that don't wear. have gotten along without the Ask for Iron Clad. The Martin- dishes, after she saw the prices she tf. was convinced that she could not afford not to buy. E. Dubbs/&

> LOST:-A very heavy winter on the part of a fractious cow. lap robe, green on both sides, on the St. Jo stock yards the animal Finder please return to W. A.

--- You can buy the best bracelets at cut prices at Stocking's.

H. G. SHAW

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Big Prize Doll.

On Christmas Day we will give away a large dressed doll, value \$7.50. Each person who buys a kid doll from us will have a chance to get the big doll free. Each kid doll sold will have a number, and with the number on the prize doll. want ask for it. We haven't space The purchaser who holds the lucky to display our large stock. number will get the prize on Christmas day. Announcement of the winner will be made these columns in issue of De pur dolls here

> THE bells of Yule ring lo Across the threshold of The quiet moon is rising

Beyond the margin of the The white glint sparkles far and -ब्रह्माङ-How long have those old sounds

How long have we from youth to Re-heard their rippling carol flow The bells of Yule!

-এন্ড

Old days return; old dreams appear; Old conflicts rise of Hope and Fear: And yet, with all, 'tis good to know Despite Life's change of kiss and blow, We still thank God to hear once more

The bells of Yule!

Home and Foreign Missionary Column

The College Circle

The College Circle held an enthusiastic neeting in the College parlors Monday afternoon. The loyal women of Clarendon always do-their part in any enterprise and the Greater College is very near

The last two issues of "Our Homes," our society paper, have been especially fine-full of live questions of interest to every thinking woman of the Church. Those of our women who do not take the paper are missing something very fine.

The McEachen Brigade.

The McEachen Brigate will meet at the home of Mrs. Pope on next Saturday afternoon from 2:30 to 4;00 o'clock to open their mite boxes and then to have Barrels No. 1 fine only "good time." It is hoped that every member will be present. None of them can afford to miss it.

In a letter Mrs. J. B. Cobb, Associate Secretary Women's Board of Foreign Missions, M. E. Church, South, she says of this in Korea;

The people are eager to educate their girls, who until recently have not been No 8 cook stove for coal only \$ 15 oo considered worthy of an education, not even worthy of a name, for christianity only gives a name to a Korean woman, Think of this my christian sister, with all your christian privileges and seek to give name to at least one Korean girl, and to make it possible for her and others to learn of their claim to the kingdom of heaven. The parents will even pay a small amount to help defray the expenses of their children. The principle of self-support which is being inculcated in these people should by all means be continued; most of the churches are built by the natives themselves.

I cannot close without saying that the growth of the christian work in Korea is phenomenal. What has been done is only an earnest of what could have been accomplished if there had been a Crinkled velvet plush coats, for ages 4 to sufficient number of workers here. Help 6 years, only... is needed at once; who will respond to

In the November issue of the King's Messenger, Sister Johnson is rejoicing gals was attend the State College of cause they are useful. Industrial Arts at Denton. A home is thus provided in our own State for our girls who want training in the Industrial Arts to fit them for Christian work. It is a great thing for the Church.

For Sale.

good buggy animal, safe and reliable, works any where; one 4 year old brown mare, will work any where; two good young milch cows, wiil be fresh soon; about 30 good thrifty in use only one year in good repair; one lister, in good shape; other farming implements, and some household goods, including an organ and cook stove. For prices see Mrs. Kate Lochridge, Clarendon, or A. J. Newman at the Lochridge farm near Hedley.

When you look for Christmas

Lee Blair and daughter, Miss Mabel, were up from Hedley Tuesday, and as usual Lee made this flice a pleasant call. He reports dley and the Hedley country all

with lots of new residences this fall. The Hedley gin ned out about 600 bales of to date, of which about half n sold by the farmers. s moving quite lively the eral days with two or ers on the ground and Ving better than 111/4 is also moving again ars were loaded this

bushel.

Ladies' Aid held a ednesday afternoon as reported in the Christmas

worthy cause.

The Cash Store

CHRISTMAS

Wax candles for christmas trees. 50 Boxes fancy red apples. 50 Boxes fancy naval oranges. Holly pattern silk ribbon.

CANDY

1000 Pounds mixed and stick

SALT .

100 lbs No I fine only 25 lbs extra dry table only.

STOVES

We desire to close out our stock of cooking stoves, and will make low prices to make them move.

No. 8 cook stove 6 caps, reservoir

75 trunks at reduced prices. Gent's bureau trunks, open on front with drawers and partitions, only \$1350 Ladies' handsome double tray 10 00 \$10 00 trunks reduced to \$8 00 " "

CHILD'S COATS

CHISTMAS BUYERS

Why not come to town now and select over the completion and occupancy of your presents before the rush is on. We the Dormitory which our Church has have a line of useful articles, which milt and equipped for the use of cur make presents that are appreciated be-

after everybody is supplied. Prices One bay horse, 16 hands high, usually drop to cents a dozen right after Christmas. Please send them in a week before Chistmas.

BUTTER

Christmas times butter gets cheap as shoats; one disc turning plow, been axle grease, because people hold it back and then bring it in all at once. This are still holding, however. causes prices to go down and fresh butter gets old and rancid when piled up in tub in the store.

bring your butter now while it good and you will get good prices for it

PREMIUMS

We are distributing premiums every goods go straight to Stocking's day for tickets, and request you to bring one of these numbers corresponds store. If you don't see what you all your tickets now. Please don't wait till Christmas week, you may be disappointed. The list is out, but we have a great many premiums to distribute un-

you possible disappointment we request you to bring in your ticket before Decem-

l. R. Garrott Co.

MEMPHIS. TEXAS

There will be preaching at the ment will be Baptist church at both hours Sunation in the day and the general public is inare antici- vited to attend. Church nembers nice af and others interested are reminded d to make that the regular Holiday collection young couple are here to make greatest will be taken for Buckner Orph- Ciarendon their home. On the little an's Home at the morning hour, and will please come prepared to they were refused a license at Et. give what they can to this most Worth, but at Weatherford having

Xmas presents for everybody at

You'll find it at Stocking's store. A book is always an appropriate gift. Inspect those at Stocking's

Born-To Rev. and Mrs. W. C. Hilburn on Wednesday morning, a fine boy.

You can give nothing that would give greater pleasure than a camera. From \$1.00 up.

Miss Nellie Devine and Mrs. Harry Patton left last night for Ft. Worth where they will spend

Mr. Chapman, from Falls county is here to take possession of the farm he recently bought from Mr Beauregard a few miles east of

Pocketbooks and purses for both store. ladies and gentlemen, also handbags, card cases, bill books and other leather goods at Stocking's

Dr. G. J. Buck, a prominent week visiting with friends and built. looking after the sale of a book of which he is the author.

J. W. Helm and wife, of Clifton came in this week. Mr. Helm recently bought the Jehu West land near Jericho and will move here

Dr. Stocking reports a fine boy at the Bow In bungalow to Mr. and Mrs. Jim Mace Tuesday night,

If you desire to give something see the line of real chma at Stocking's store.

Miss Margaret Kinslow, Hedley, visited the family of Mrs Kate Lochridge in Clarendon the first part of the week.

Ben Griffin was married at Chilli of that city. Ben's host of friends in Clarendon join us in congratulations and best wishes.

You will be sure to decide on had been sick for some time. books as gifts to some of your friends when you see what beautiare now in demand, and will likely be ful volumes our stock contains. plentiful as cotton seed Christmas day Books to suit all tastes at Stock-

> The Martin-Bennett Co., and Bryan & Land both made shipments of cotton this week. . Cotton is selling around eleven cents and is bringing the cash now without any trouble. Many farmers

W. J. Parsons had his shoulder dislocated at Claude last week. He was walking down to the depot when he stepped into a ditch with his entire weight on his shoulder. Mr. Parsons says four men did lots of grunting and he did lots of sweating getting the joint back

You do not have to shut yourself up in a dark room to make pictures now-a days. "Daylight all the way" by using a tank developer. Ask about it at Stocking's

Manager Trent has purchased a Please remember that we will be very, new piano for the opera house. very busy Christmas week, and to save It is an Edwards instrument and is known as the "Player" pianon having a self-playing attachment which will be of much service on the occasion of impromtu dances.

> I. W. Carhart, the abstracter, is opening an office down town. He will/be located next door to A. M. Beville's office in the Taylor building. The room is being nicely fitted up and Mr. Carhart will be comfortably and conveniently situated.

> Mrs. Nicholas Longworth, nee Miss Alice Roosevelt, has just been successfully operated on for appendicitis.

Henry L. Parsons, a nephew of W. J. Parsons of Clarendon, was married to Miss Hattie Lee Wilson a Weathford last week, and the count of the youth of the couple obtained the proper credentials their application to the county. clerk was honored.

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You will find pyrography outfits and wood to burn at Stocking's

Mrs. and Mrs. D. L. McClellan.

Work on the now iron bridges

ter, Mrs. Alvis Weatherly.

Have your photos made before the 18th and get the discount. Photos make desirable and suitable Xmas gifts. Mulkey offers you special inducements this week.

Bob Dilworuh was down from Dalhart Tuesday looking after his clerks and merchants if you will do substantial and useful be sure to property here. He will have his your shopping at once. Don't house worked over by the carpen- wait until the rush if you can help ters and painters soon.

Mrs. Annie Bell, age 29 years, 8 months and 23 days, died at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs A. J. Wyatt, in this city Monday and was buried at the Citizens cemetery Tuesday, Rev. W. P. Dickey cothe Wednesday to a Miss Martin officiating, the funeral taking place from the Presbyterian church at Chistmas Shopping.

There remain only nine buying days until Christmas, and it be-Mrs. Eugene Noland is here hooves holiday shoppers' to be getfrom Stratford visiting her parents, ting busy. Clarendon merchants are all well stocked this. season, as usual, and anything needed can be purchased here, at home. The is progessing finely this week and Banner-Stockman has always been educator of Waco, was here this they will be strongly and solidly a great preacher of the "home industry" doctrine, and we are still Mrs.P.A. McClelland, of Quanali, of the same opinion. There is no arrived in the city Monday night occasion for sending away from for an extended visit to her daugh- home for goods-at least very little occasion. Nearly everything the trade demands can be had at home from people whom you know, whose guarantee is worth something and who do not insist that you pay in advance by from three

> days to three weeks. It will be a great help to theit; you can get better service now, anyhow.

For Rent.

Half section improved farm land two miles south of Clarendon. Apply at this office.

One deep red cow with rope tied 3:00 o'clock in the afternoon. De- about horns, no brands. Finder ceased lived in New Mexico and please return to or advise A. M. Beville, city.

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Phone Message His Christmas AChristmas Eve Their Christmas Little Vida's to Santa Claus Shopping



cost the munificent sum of five cents. The little green wire just reached from the red mouth of the boy of four to his ear. . It was necessary to stretch it a little for an adult. There were. of .course, no wires from it going anywhere. The gentleman

sat waiting for the lady to put on her hat to go out to dinner with him. The room was lighted by a big candle in a tall here. brass candlestick. The boy kad light- chan again

fe to him. It won't run." "I should say I do," excluded the

"if you'll be good," said the man,

Sza, cond tell blm about it. Hallo, Control. Yes. Is that yet Control? Give rea 328, Iceland, please.

"riello," called the man, "Is that yon, Scata Claus? Good how are to do a little something for me Christmas morning. There's a big silver. I live in Brooklyn. That's too far to He lives in New York. This is what I want you to do, Santa. Stop at my place, get the watch and bring it to the little boy who lives here in New York. You will? Thank you, Santa.

All right. Good-by. "There," to the boy, as he put down the telephone, "that's settled. Are you ready?" to the woman, "Bring me my overcoat, will you, Kiddie?"

The boy sprang down from his lap and brought the overcoat, a heavyweight for his smallness. He laid it in his lap, then deliberately the big candle and taking up two fingerfuls of the warm grease, shear-

ed it on the overcoat. "Well, lock at this!" cried the man. "He has de iberately and with scallee aforethought smeared greate or my new overcoat. He has ruined it. I wish

you would come here and look! The woman ran in and turned up he gas. And he had promised to be good.

nented the man. "It isn't time yet to be good," the y maintained stoutly; "it's too long before Christmas"

The man took up the toy telephone

with an air of finality. "Is that you, Central?" he asked. sternly. "Good. Well, I wish you

would ring up Santa Claus for me again, please, I wish to speak to him." "Is this 338, Iceland? Please let me

have Santa Claus again, will you? Thank you. This Santa Ciaus? Well. Santa, about that large silver watch I told you about a few minutes ago. The one I want you to call for in Brooklyn and bring over to New York to the boy on Fifteenth street. You needn't bother about that watch. Santa Claus. 1 I have concluded not to give it to the boy. Why? Oh, he's bad. That's all. He does things that haven't any sense in them. Just now, after I had gone to all the trouble to call you up on the long-distance phone to ask you about bringing the watch, he deliberately ruined my new overcoat. Took some candle grease and meared it with it. Yes, itis a pity. but it can't be helped. A boy must not be encouraged in such

The boy seemed to be thinking hard as he stood by, but he said noth-

."I think," volunteered the woman, "that I can take out the grease with a hot fron. I have put one on. I will lay a blotter on the coat and the grease will come of on the blotter when I put the iron on it. Come in the kitchen and help me."

The blotter and the hot iron had the desired effect. She held the coat up to the light triumphantly,

The man carried the coat to the door of the music room in which the tragedy had occurred, says the New York Press. They stopped at the door, for the boy's voice had come to softly. He stood at the table.

toy telephone to his ear. Is this you, Central?" he asked. Will you



T WAS Christmas time. The streets were crowded with people, nearly every one laden with packages. In a large de-

proment store stad a plain looking man, a fur can "surmounted his gray hair, a knitted scarf of Liany colors was weund about his threat, a brown cert and havy mittens com-. I a i i i talet.

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Ta pel il moved rapidly. Then as front room. you, Sana? That's fine. I want you the late ! up, he said: "Mother "No," seil Neller; "be's doing some- library and less afternoon siestas and a state of the late ! up, he said: "Mother "No," seil Neller; "be's doing somewatch I want a little boy to have, but toys, and her husband is a great hand pointing to an old-fashioned clock a lamp globe and dozens of other to for reach g, he must have some books; bring it to him Christmas riorning. but you do he had brate, from the lumber room three days ago. complet. house beautiful," but we list. I told you to be moderate. 'em out?"

> "Then there's Mandy, she's keeping steady company; he's to work in the city. He's coming to-morrow, so mother said to get her something to ad to put on the marble top table, I den't know what else. Can't you think of something?"

"I certainly can," she replied. "Well, that's about all, except the things for Baby Belle."

Your grandchild?' questioned the

"No. ma'am," he replied, "you see, last year just as the meeting house bell was ringing in Christmas, she and and her mother, our neighbor,

"The next morning early I drove over. " Mother called me into the hall. "Samuel," says she, "there are four motherless cnes besides the baby. If only she had gone, too.'

" Nancy, God knows best, says I. 'He always does,' says she. 'But I've been thinking, here we be not so dreadful old, ha'e and hearty; Liza is married; Mandy's keeping comrany. Soon we'll be alone on the farm. Now why can't we take the little one?

"We called her Belle, for she came when the Christmas bells were ring-

As he finished the lady's eyes were dim. "How beautiful in you," she "What shall we get for the dear baby?"

"I was thinking that a doll baby and some picture blocks; then we must have a little bonnet and coat, for she does enjoy going around with

Quickly the afternoon wore on; the last purchases were made, and quietly the lady added a large box of candy, and a bunch of holly to the

As the old farmer took the basket on his arm, the lady asked: "Where is your gift, Mr. Burt?"

"Bless your heart," he replied, "I don't want nothin'. I got'a pound of tobaccy up the street; it will be fun enough for me to see the folks

pleasad." Taking the tiny gloved hand in his mittened one, he said: "Thank you kindly for all the trouble you have striking." taken for the old man. God bless you, dear lady. A merry Christmas to you."

It was nearing midnight. In a mansion in a richly furnished room sat a lady in evening dress. A gas log sparkled upon the. hearth, leaning against the holly banked mantle, a man looked lovingly down/upon

the sweet face. dear old man didn't desire the slightest thing for himself, so I slipped a box of cigars addressed to him juto the basket. He certainly was one of

Proposal

By ANDREW DUNCAN.



ITH every desire to be temperate in my language and charitable in my thoughts. truth compels me to the statement that Nellie Put low's youngest brother - Athere Sidney Putlow -is a boy who will one of these days

is an education lit of

playing with the man's watch, which parades felt, somehow, that the task is largely of silver and a lew baser as be in a could be a still be somehow, that the task is largely of silver and a lew baser as be in a could be a still be somehow, that the task is last asking his silver New Casterial and way by a single some be in wealth of the processor in the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the control of the could be a sking his silver and the control of the and the state of t

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thought a the table citch for Liza, her thing to a Waterbury watch in the I wasted it for evening recreation. We Samuel must have some back. Been busy all day. Look there," also we ded new portiones, a new rug, the real as the French doll, or the fixed to the wall .- "He unearthed that things to make our happy home "the car toing when you made so long a of reading matter, so will you pick It, hasn't been going for ten years, were satisfied always to buy such And her busy mother hurried off in and he's cleaned it, put it in order, things one at a time, and to get what and fixed it up as a surprise for dad. we wanted at any price. It's going splendidiy."

Of course, I didn't mind a little bit about the book not claiming the boy's fix up the parlor with. Mebbe a silk attention. So long as he was occupied elsewhere I was perfectly satisfied. We talked about nothing in particular for five minutes; then I braced myself for the ordeal. Nellie was in the rocker, and I on the saddlebag lounge by her side. It was then or

"Nellie." I whispered, glancing at my cuff, on which I had penciled my headings. "Nellie, I have long-"

She looked up, not at me, but at the clock. "It's going to strike," she "Bong!"

I decided to wait until the awful thing had finished. "Bong! bong! bong! bong! bong!" At the eighth stroke I gave a sigh of relief and started again.

"I have long-" "Bong!" "That's one too many." said Nellie. "What were you saying?"

"Bong!" I was lesing patience with that lumber room find. It occasioned me no surprise that the clock was somewhat erratic after Master Putlow's attentions, but that is should seize just

that particular time to exhibit its vagaries annoved me. "Never mind." I thought, "it can't strike more than I had altogether underestimated its capacities. When I had counted 27 whirrs and bongs, Nellie started

laughing. I walked to the door and called to Albert Sidney. He came, bringing an odor of clock

oil into the room. "Something's the matter with that clock's 'striking gear," I said, with forced calmness.

"Been strikin' long?" he asked.

"That's the thirty ninth time." I answered, as another "Bong!" set all the mantel shelf ornaments dancing. Albert Sidney whistled. "Thought it might go like that," he grinned.

"Good clocks often do. It hasn't struck for ten years, you see, and now it won't stop till it's done all its back Great Jupiter! A lightning calcu-

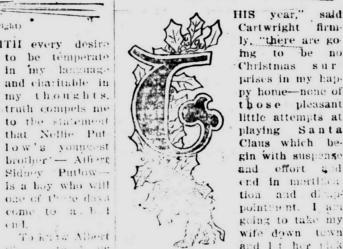
lation told me that, roughly speaking, 560,000 bongs were overdue. At four to the minute it would be some time in April before that awful clock was up-to-date. I'd the choice of yelling out my proposal, dodging it in between the strokes, or of waiting for a more favorable opportunity.

"I-I think I'll be going," I gasped. deciding on a postponement, and on the seventy-eighth stroke. I shook hands with Nellie, glared murder at her brother, and hurried off.

At the bottom of the stairs I stopped to shake my fist in the mechanical prodigy's direction. "You horrid boy!" I heard Nellie

howl came from Albert Sidney. "You're as big a chump as he was to take in that tale about the thing "I only fixed it to go like that for a lark. There! I've stopped it now.

Surprise



Cartwright firmly, "there are going to be no Christmas sur prises in my happy home-none of those pleasant little attempts at playing Santa Claus which begin with suspense and effort and end in mertifica tion and dimppointment. I am going to take my wife down town and I t her pick ending capacity, and ti to let her take me around

enders or gold culf I I thing she likes and I ber hangy. Neither of re-

system, it seemed to me. har more practical than the cus guessine. We had been with such decidedly paor re-

the of the folks line. Master Pallow, I may tell y the enter see, we had been tracked a real beauty is a prodigy in a machanical direct and the enough has Constitute, to Santa Class being f. When the time of the control o new mission things with big in of comfort. Mis. C.

"Months before the Christmas season I began putting by a little sum weekly, with the Morris chair in mind. Two weeks before the 25th I went down to a dealer's to look at chairs. I had been looking casually for weeks before, but it was not until I came upon this particular shop that I discovered what I wanted. It was a beauty in the darkest and finest of body, fell asleep. cathered oak, with all attachments and a pair of fat, greeny-brown leather cushions that fairly felt like pipe dreams, laced with leather strappings and tied to the woodwork with thongs. The minute I saw the chair I knew it was for me; but the price was rather staggering. The dealer wanted \$95 for it at first, and when I had got him down to \$80, he acted as though he thought he were giving the thing away. I thought it best to hold out a little so I merely requested that he give me a day's option on the chair, and raid a small deposit for

the privilege. Meanwhile my wife had been saving every penny, cutting down on the grocery bill and keeping me on cheap meats with Christmas in view. It seems that she, too, had a Morris chair on the brain. On the afternoon of the same day on which I discovered my prize, she strolled into the same shop. The first sight of the chair was enough for her, and she offered to buy it on the spot. The dealer was inconsolable. He had sold the chair, he believed, at least he had given a gentleman an option on it. and the gentleman had paid a deposit. but if madam would leave her name something might be done.

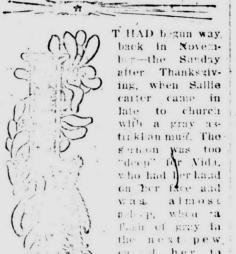
When my wife spelled out her cognomen for him he lifted his eyebrows in astonishment. That was exactly the name and those were the initials of the gentleman who had already stoken for the chair. My wife thought for a moment. Then she controlled her emotions and merely remarked that such coincidences were quite common, and walked out without leaving her address.

"Next day I hied me to the dealer's quickly prepared to leave my order for the chair. But the dealer did not seem half so inclined to sell. A lady had been there it seems-a lady of my own name, with the same initials -odd, was it not?--who was willing to give the full price for the article. Then it was my turn to think. On the whole, I decided I did not want the chair after all. If Ellen wanted to buy it, I'd let her have that pleasure. The man seemed glad to give me back my deposit and that was the last I saw of that Morris chair.

"Christmas morning we both fussed about the house expectantly. I wondered where on earth Ellen was keeping my Morris chair. After breakfast I unloaded a pair of green portieres I had bought for her. As the wrappings came off I saw her face fall. Then she went over to a corner and produced an exactly similar bundle and uncolled another pair of green portiere

you bought a Morris chair!"

Gray Muff BY KENDRICK FERRIS



the next pew. card her to tuen her head htly and + through her ty il o N.s. Carter's own ; one, but you be by buff.

dist together a the nur-'or, as with a laste of is the Carters' red di drove

Vala sighed contact dy. rrow," she said, "I shall by a gray ascra'chan coa?."

mother landhed merri v. "Why. I come into her possession. dear." she said. "You asked Claus for a wen other thingswanted it for the beauty of the years I so only this morning. You a all, and he's as likely to forg t It's foolish to colon on any

> answer to a call from Aunt Jane. Not count on it! Why, she had done nothing but count on it ever by a lettric. Barney sees to him." since Santa Claus had found her note,

Why, Christmas would be nothing without it! At last twilight came, and the dar'tness fell. And in the corner of the great hall sofa, facing the clock on the stairs, Vida; a disconsolate little

was time to hang up her stocking, and spite of her long hours of worry, hope was born again, and when Vida kissed her mother good night visions of

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christ-

It seemed to Vida she had but an's eya!" elosed her eyes, and there steod mother and Aunt Jane beside her bed, one with her worsted shoes and the other with her red eiderdown wrapper to hurry her over to the nursery, where her father stood awaiting at the

"Merry Christmas! Merry Christmas! Oh, papa, I said it first!" she cried, laughingly, as her father caught her in his arms

Vida drew a quiet breath, and gave a little happy exclamation. Then she flew straight to the fireplace-the muff should be there.

Of the seven presents six were not forgetten, and there were others she had not asked for.

But Vida's lips were quivering, and a great lump swelled in her throat. The muff-the beautiful gray astrakhan muff was not there. Santa Claus had forgetten it.

But Vida was brave. And would not let those who lovedher cry, or suspect her o ment. She turned away and went the north wir

"Oh, para, papa," sl citedly. "Come here, co away. See, there is so the roof!"

Her father opens quickly, and climb heart beat so wildl ly speak. Her fa a box-it was al Jane's cooky ja

"Well," ber

climbed back is something and from for you." Vida's scarcely

box.

Barney Flynn's Partner.



HE boy stretched the long black stocking and regarded it with satisfaction. "I'll take it," ho

said. "How much?" "Twenty- five " Doro Ly Winslow

answered. The chalomer fished out a dim . and three pennics and laid them on the counter.

"I'll ta'te this

one," he said. "But we never break a pant" Dorothy exclaimed, with some ment. "Oh," she added, sp. wherically, as the boy's face fell, "and it -- was it for some one with only one

"It's for my partner. He's get two legs, la le's crippled-just ban let out of the hospital. And I'm going to a Christmas."

"Gh!" said Dorothy, comp hendin ay. "And you wanted the stocking to hang up? I'm spary, butwart!" she cried suddenly, as the boy was suthering up his money in disappointment. "I can let you have it, I think. Cash! Cash!"

The little girl who came in response to the summons nodded to the boy, and then sped away to the deskwith the quarter that Dorothy substituted for the dime and three pen-

When the customer had departed, carrying his package, Dorothy contemplated the odd stocking which had

"Well, what an idiot I am!" she murmured. "Why didn't I give him. both of them? But of course he wouldn't have taken them-as long as he was paying for one."

She called the little cash girl again. "Do you know the boy that was here a little while ago?" she asked. "I thought I saw you nod to him."

"Barney Flynn. He lives on the floor above us," "Cash" answered, with Billy; and Billy got run down Customers claimed Dorothy's atten-

says St. Nicholas. Not count on it., tion, and for awhile she was all hurry and bustle. During the afternoon, however, when the neighboring salesweman volunteered to watch over nex counter for her, she slipped down the aisie to the shirt waists, says Youth's Companion. She was quite excited for fear that the particular shirt woman with the bargain counter habthen, in spite of her warning, and in it. Dorothy had seen her dallying at

the counter. She rummaged a moment in a pile of shirt waists; then she looked traggray astrakhan muffs danced in her ically at her friend behind the coun-

"O Peggy, It's gone! I knew it! I knew it! I saw it in that bargain wom-

She had waited so patiently for that waist to be marked down! It would have suited her complexion- it had just the right warm, rosy tints. "Peggy, why did you let it go?" she cried, reproachfully.

'Had to, my dear. I did my bestput it at the very bottom of the pile, but she fished it out." Dorothy went back slowly to her

"Dick would have liked it, too," she thought, disconsolately. "And now he'll have to see me in just my shab-

by old one." It occurred to her that other people probably had Christmas disappoint ments; and then she thought of Barney Flynn and his partner. "He's going to hang up the stocking,

for Billy-and I don't believe he ever

had a Christmas for himself in

