

## PROGRESSIVE ACTION TAKEN BY LOCAL FARMERS

### Satterwhite Refuses To Call Session Now

Speaker Lee Satterwhite made announcement Monday of this week that he would not call a special session of the legislature at this time on account of the danger that it might interfere with the progress of the suits against road firms that are now pending, and which Attorney General Moody is prosecuting.

Satterwhite explained that the necessary number of signatures had been secured to give him authority to make the call, but he deemed it unwise to interfere with the work now being done by the Attorney General.

### Presbyterians Gave Program Mon. Night

On Monday evening of this week, the Presbyterian Sunday school presented a Christmas program and had a tree celebration at the Presbyterian church. The occasion is reported to have been a thoroughly enjoyable one for everybody in attendance.

### SLATON CANDY KITCHEN INSTALLS NEW FOUNTAIN

Last Saturday the Slaton Candy Kitchen located on Texas Avenue, installed a soda fountain in their place of business, making possible still better and more complete service than they have been able to offer before. The fountain, while adding to their service, also lends attractiveness to the store.

In addition to a stock of candies, tobaccos, etc., the service now includes tip-top drink service at their new fountain.

Texas produces more than half of the mohair crop of the United States.

### Notice to Lubbock County Taxpayers

Lubbock, Tex., Dec. 19, 1925.  
Slaton Slatonite,  
Slaton, Texas.  
Gentlemen:

Please advise the taxpayers through your paper that we will be in Slaton on January 2nd, January 9th, January 16th, and January 23rd, with tax rolls and automobile numbers, prepared to collect their taxes there instead of them having to come to Lubbock if they rather pay them there than come up here.

Yours very truly,  
I. F. HOLLAND,  
Tax Collector.

## CHRISTMAS 1925

HERE is more wealth in the world than ever before and conditions for most of us are easier. There are large numbers of men and women living in this greatly blessed land who can well remember Christmas times when there was devout thanksgiving for enough to keep the wolf from the door. Is the world growing better? The answer is to be found in our own hearts and in the manner in which we have treated our fellow men.

We have no claim on happiness, on prosperity, on comfort, except as we earn it by well-doing.

However proud we may feel of our achievements, it is for us to reflect that all blessings are merely granted to us and not created by us. Possibly they are only loaned to us, our reward here or hereafter, depending upon the way we have used them. The daylight, the sunshine, the beauties of nature, the pleasures of the seasons, the comforting rains, the crops and practically everything else that contributes to our welfare, come as gifts from Nature under the dispensation of an Authority we may not question and can but imperfectly conceive. There was One, however, who greatly cleared that conception and held up a light to guide us on the way. Under the constantly extending influence of His example and teaching, it is not possible to think of a time when His birthday will not mean an anniversary of joy.

Christmas delightfully excites one's imagination and films one's tenderest emotions. On this day we seem to see Father Time with a face less grim and leaning less heavily on his scythe. The merry laughter of children extends our faith and recreates our spirit. Love, peace, good will crowd out hate, suspicion, strife and gloom. So, bring forth the yule log or whatever serves as a substitute for it. Hang the holly and the evergreen. And, lest romance suffer from want of fostering, hang also the mistletoe, that sprig which times innumerable has worked magic in backward affairs of the heart. Our wish is that the day may be a completely happy one for all.

THE PUBLISHERS

### Farmers Promise Needed Acreage For Cotton Seed Breeding Plant

A cotton seed breeding plant for Slaton is practically assured, according to E. B. Hill, representative of the Thoroughbred Cotton Breeding Industries, Incorporated, of Winters, Texas, who with W. T. Barrier of the same company, spent a part of last week in Slaton. The exact amount of acreage needed for the establishment of this plant was almost secured. Due to the heavy dust storm that raged in Slaton Saturday, only a very few people came to town. Messrs. Hill and Barrier were able to work only two days, Thursday and Friday, in the signing up of acreage and the result they obtained were very gratifying, they said.

R. H. Tudor, local ginner, is working with the cotton seed men in securing the acreage, and he has set aside one of the gins that is the property of Tudor Bros., to be used for the ginning of the cotton raised on land upon which thoroughbred seed have been planted.

Slaton farmers have been prompt in

signing up, and the total acreage needed has been promised, and will be signed up as soon as the farmers can be seen. Slaton is very fortunate in securing this plant; it not only means thousands of dollars in revenue from pure bred, certified seed sold each year, along with a higher premium for long staple cotton, but it means considerable increase in production, for Slaton farmers will plant seed each year, direct from the multiplying block. These seed could not be bought on the open market for any price; the Thoroughbred people will only allow them to be used upon land that will be a part of their breeding system.

As soon as the desired acreage of 5,000 acres has been signed up, it will be impossible to get any of these seed. The Slaton Chamber of Commerce has been active in the work of securing this breeding plant for Slaton, and seed can be signed for, in the Chamber of Commerce office, located in Slaton City Hall, for a limited time.

### Report On Telephone Survey Made Here Expected Soon by C. of C.

#### Strawn Bank Is Robbed of \$30,000

A bank hold-up in which \$30,000 was taken by three unmasked robbers Monday afternoon of this week, was the news emanating from Strawn. The First National Bank was the loser.

The robbers entered and forced the customers and bank employes into the vault and then scooped up the money. They headed toward Ft. Worth in a large automobile.

The men locked in the vault liberated themselves by removing the combination from the door. When they emerged, the news of the robbery was spread for the first time, the robbers having been gone for about fifteen minutes.

No report has been received from the Southwestern Bell Telephone Company, in regard to the outcome of the survey made by L. A. Prichard of the commercial engineering department. The Slaton Chamber of Commerce is in touch with the situation through the Dallas office of the telephone company and it appears that some days and possibly weeks will elapse before the company will be in position to give a complete report as to their findings in Slaton, and as to their intentions as to the future of Slaton.

C. L. Carson, commercial engineer, along with P. K. Baker, assistant general manager of the company, is in direct charge of this survey, and a report from them will be forthcoming in the near future, according to advice received by president W. H. Smith, of our civic body.

### Slatonite Greetings

The Slatonite wishes to take this opportunity to extend in a special way the Season's Greetings and our Heartiest Wishes for a Happy New Year to the following people and groups of people whom we delight to recognize as our friends:

- Our enormous list of subscribers.
- Our splendid advertisers.
- The customers of this office, regardless of what they have purchased from us, whether it be five cents worth of cardboard or \$500.00 worth of commercial printing.
- The pastors of all the churches of the city and the memberships of those churches.
- The Board of Trustees of the public schools.
- The superintendent of schools and all the members of the various faculties.
- The pupils of all the public schools and their parents and friends.
- The Chamber of Commerce and the Commercial Club with their Boards of Directors, their members and the secretaries.
- The various clubs of the city, their officers and members.
- The Mayor, the City Commission and all other city officials.
- The Fire Department with all its officers and volunteer firemen.
- The Southwestern Telephone people, the operators and all other employes.
- Texas Utilities Company, local manager and all employes.
- All Santa Fe employes located at Slaton, from the superintendent on down and including everyone on the payroll.
- The Postmaster and all postal employes including the route carriers.

And—everybody that may not be included in the above list.

### Greeting from Chamber Commerce

TO THE PEOPLE OF SLATON:

We, your Board of Directors, and President of the Slaton Chamber of Commerce, feel that we should express our appreciation to you for the co-operation you have given us in the past.

As the end of the year approaches, we look back over the work that our organization has accomplished with pardonable pride. Slaton is indebted to the entire membership of the Chamber of Commerce, for it was through the work of the membership at large that the organization prospered, and has fostered the development of our city, and not through the work of any one man or any one small group of men.

With the coming of the new year we expect to devote our time and energy toward the completion of our Program of Work, and toward the ideal that is ever before us, that of building Slaton. Without the support and active work of the entire membership, we would be helpless; as we have had that support in the past, we hope to have it in the future, and we are confident that we will have it.

To our many friends we wish the merriest of holidays and the comfort of abiding happiness throughout the New Year.

Sincerely yours,  
W. H. SMITH, President  
Slaton Chamber of Commerce.

### Rotary Club Will Fix Scholarship Prizes; Permanent Annual Affair

At a recent meeting of the Slaton Rotary Club the matter of establishing in the Slaton High School prizes in scholarship was taken up, and it was voted that the Club should offer suitable prize or prizes for excellency in scholarship for the present school year.

The details of the plan were not worked out, and this will be left to a committee, who will decide upon the amount of the prize, and whether it will be in the form of cash, medal or other manner. The prize or prizes will be awarded at the close of the school year, during commencement week. It is probable that there will be one prize for the boy who maintains the best scholarship standing, and another prize to be competed for by the girls.

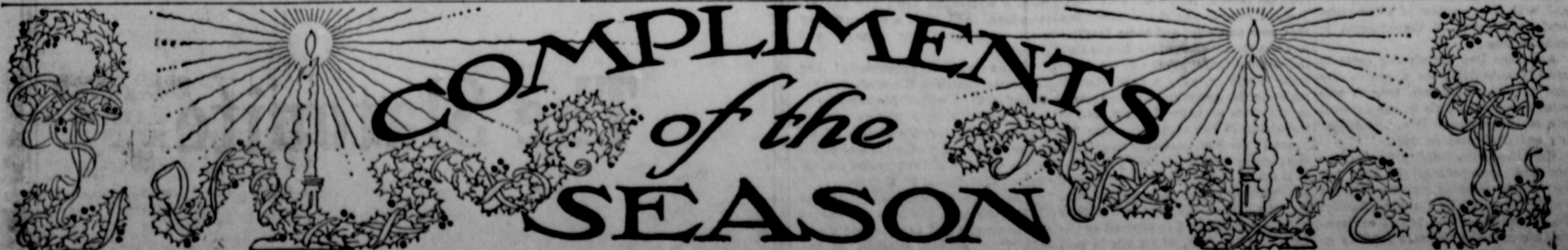
No pupil carrying less than four

subjects will be eligible to compete for the prize. More complete announcements will be made later when details are worked out.

#### Slatonite Issued Earlier This Week

This week, the Slatonite comes out 2 days ahead. This is in accord with our announcement last week as to our Christmas edition. We usually go to press on Thursday, but we made it on Tuesday this week. This will not only give to our readers our Christmas edition before Christmas eve day, but will give the office employes a better chance to enjoy the season themselves.

Recent average annual value of Texas farm crops was \$818,705,000.



## Palace Theatre Books Special Feature Picture For Christmas

That the comedy path is not a beaten track after all and that nimble brains can evolve brand new ideas is proven in "He's a Prince!" Paramount's first starring production for Raymond Griffith, whose ever-increasing popularity with the public is the outstanding sensation of the past year.

"He's a Prince!" is coming to the Palace Theatre on Dec. 25th and 26th, takes audiences into the home of royalty and proves that a son of royalty does not lead an altogether happy or dull existence with the constant demands upon him for what is known in screendom as "personal appearances" at all times and at all manner of events.

Ray as a Prince.  
For example, the opening scenes disclose Griffith as a European Prince, leading a hectic existence. He is seen reviewing this and that, and officiating here and there.

Griffith, tired of it all, complains to his father, the king, who laughs the matter off when the boy suggests a vacation. He tells him he cannot even get out of the Palace grounds.

Griffith makes the attempt and finds himself in the midst of a group of tourists just as he is safely outside. They carry him along into the palace, not knowing who he is, and he evolves an idea to get them ejected, which works all right and out he goes with them, hidden in the crowd.

He has been attracted to Mary Brian, one of the tourists and has fallen in love with her, but she repulses his advances because she blames him for her not seeing the Prince. She does not know who he is and he does not disclose his identity.

Later Griffith is driving his roadster along a country road and sees Mary driving by in a taxi. He drives alongside and makes a flying leap for her car and just makes it. They wander off to talk things over but they have no peace, for the no matter where they go, the villagers follow, acclaiming The Prince.

His Best Yet  
In the midst of his love making the prime minister arrives with attaches to notify him his father is dead and he is the king. Right there the real excitement starts. The story is said to be the most absorbing, as well as the funniest, in which Griffith has appeared.

Mary Brian is featured opposite the

### Emergency Pantry Meets Home Need

By META H. GIVEN  
(Home Economist.)

Efficiency and economy go hand and hand in the home as well as in the business world. The emergency pantry, latest innovation in the cuisine of the modern housewife is particularly indicative of the truth of this statement.



Meta H. Given.

This new sort of pantry—it may just be a shelf in the regular larder—does away with that bugaboo of the home maker, the surprise guest. Every woman has had the experience of welcoming an unexpected visitor when supplies were at low ebb and has searched high and low to find something presentable to put on the table. The emergency shelf in the pantry does away with such worries in short order.

A can opener and presto—a veritable banquet can be prepared in a few minutes. The housewife may have her choice of many excellent meats, corn, tomatoes, mushrooms. If she is short of milk or cream, a can of evaporated milk, which is simply fresh cow's milk sterilized in the can and with sixty per cent of the water removed will do the trick. In fact she may have two hundred or more savory dishes ready to her hand.

When the surprise guest does arrive the hostess naturally wishes to be hospitable. She doesn't want to be tied to the kitchen range half the afternoon. She wants to entertain as she has been entertained.

It isn't possible if she has to phone frantically for the butcher, the grocer and the baker.

But that's only one of the places where the emergency pantry comes in. Backed by a well-stocked emergency shelf, the wife can get together a splendid luncheon or dinner in a jiffy. The spontaneous wish that comes at the last moment to informally invite a few friends for lunch can be gratified at once with the aid of the new pantry.

Afternoon tea for the bridge club is an equally easy matter. A glass of preserves or jelly, a platter of bread and butter, tea, and a dish of cookies will meet the ordinary demands of the casual caller and a can of evaporated milk will answer the milk or cream need.

### "LAZYBONES" RICH IN QUAIN COMEDY AND HEART THROBS

A picture crowded with quaint comedy, wholesome romance and enough thrills to satisfy even the most blasé audience, based on a thoroughly American play by Owen Davis and produced by William Fox with an all-star cast—such as "Lazybones" the photoplay feature which comes to the Custer Theatre next Wednesday and Thursday.

"Lazybones" is laid in the little town of Milo, Maine, and the plot revolves around the life of Steve Tuttle, known as the slowest man in town. He adopts a mysterious baby, causing the village tongues to wag fast and furiously, loses his sweetheart because he will not explain where he found the child and then goes on just living until the World War comes along and he goes to France.

Then, through no fault of his own, he captures a group of Germans and comes home a hero—to find that little Kit has established a new reputation for him, that he must live up to the sign "Speed Tuttle" which appears over the newly-launched garage and to discover that he is in love with his little ward.

But the fates have always frowned on Steve's love affairs and he hides his feeling when he discovers Kit's love for young Dick Ritchie.

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star in the production, which was written for the screen by Keene Thompson from the story by Reginald Morris and Joseph Mitchell.

### How Butter Fat in Milk is Broken Up

Do you know what the word homogenization means?

Ninety-eight out of 100 housewives to whom the question recently was put admitted they couldn't answer. Can you?

But here it is explained by Miss Meta H. Given, food authority doing research work at the University of Chicago.

"Homogenization," says Miss Given, "is the name of the process which breaks up butter fat in evaporated milk into tiny particles so they blend evenly with the solids. Homogenization causes the butter fat globules to adhere to the albumin and the casein of the milk. In the process, milk is forced through countless numbers of openings at a pressure of around 3,500 pounds.

"In addition to preventing a cream and skim milk line, this breaking up of fat contributes to smoothness and perfect blending of foods such as cream sauces, soups, ice cream and in baked products.

"It also has a digestive advantage for those who have difficulty in assimilating milk. Many pediatricians recommend evaporated milk as a baby food, although, like other substitutes for the natural supply, it should not be considered as a food complete in itself. Addition of orange or tomato juice, barley water or lime water are important in providing adequate diet for the infant.

"All authorities recognize that normal mother's milk is the best food for infants, but this natural milk is frequently inadequate in quality and quantity. Scientists say cow's milk is the best substitute. But cow's milk must be modified and supplemented with other foods. The fat in mother's milk is in homogeneous suspension and being flocculent forms small curds in the stomach, but the fat in cow's milk is in relatively large globules, forms large tough curds in the stomach and is much harder to digest.

In evaporated milk the fat is broken up by homogenization and the curds softened until in size and digestibility they resemble natural infant food."

Globules After Homogenization.

## Chrysler Engineers Develop Cold Weather Aid For Chrysler Six

With the approach of cold weather Chrysler six models are being equipped with a fumer, an electrical heating primer.

This device was selected and developed for the Chrysler six by Chrysler engineers after exhaustive tests, which proved its efficiency in cold weather starting under the most severe conditions.

With this installation Chrysler engineers in a recent test were able to take an engine with fresh oil and with the standard Chrysler six battery, place all of the equipment in a cooling machine and leave it there for a period of 15 to 20 hours. At the end of this period, with the oil, battery, and gasoline chilled to a zero temperature, they were able to obtain a successful start of the engine.

There are extremely severe conditions, because at this temperature the voltage and capacity of the battery are very low and the oil is so stiff that cranking is extremely hard. The gasoline used was the ordinary com-

mercial grade of gasoline.

When cranking the engine with the choke closed a considerable amount of gasoline is drawn from the carburetor jet, but the suction at low temperature is insufficient to lift it up into the combustion chamber. This gasoline drains back into a well at the bottom of the carburetor and it is in this well that the fumer plug is installed.

The fumer consists of a double heating element and asbestos blocks enclosed in a brass sleeve, with two openings at the bottom into which the gasoline is admitted. At the top is a perforated grid through which the gasoline fumes, arising from the heating elements escape to the body of the carburetor.

The fumer is operated from a switch on the instrument board. Under ordinary conditions the engine may be started within 15 seconds, usually on the first attempt.

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## He's A Real HE Man

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### A "Wearable Gift" is a practical gift!

And to either man or boy it's the Gift that pleases most! There is no doubt of it. It's something that "strikes home" with his personal preference—for any item that enriches his personal appearance or adds to his comfort, tends to increase his pride. And doing that, it's a Gift most acceptable!

So if you want to see him radiate true Happiness this Christmas—just watch him when he unites the Gift boxes addressed to him and containing articles of Hosiery selected from the attractive assortment at this store!

Note the suggestions illustrated and described here. If what you have in mind is not listed—come in anyway. If it's something a man or boy can wear—WE HAVE IT!

### GIVE HIM



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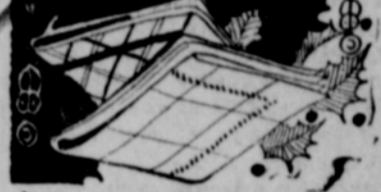
### Attractive Shirts

Madras, Percale, Poplins, etc. Neat Patterns and colors.

### Novelty Hosiery

Dandy color combinations, very durably made.

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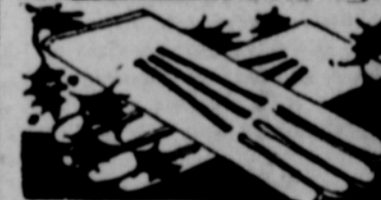
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## THE MEN'S STORE

MRS. J. R. THORNTON

Mrs. Emma Itura Thornton, wife of J. R. Thornton, died at the family home in Slaton at 1:45 a. m., Dec. 18th. She had been ill for a long time, and her passing was to her a great relief, for she was a great sufferer.

Mrs. Thornton was born Sept. 8, 1883 in Cass County, Texas. She was married to J. R. Thornton July 21st, 1901. To this union four children were born, three of whom are living, and all were with her at the time of her death. They are, Mrs. W. A. Johnson, Earl Thornton, and L. B. Thornton, a 12 year old son. These three children live here.

Deceased also leaves two grandchildren, the children of Mrs. Johnson. One grand-child is dead. Mr. J. R. Thornton, husband of the deceased, also survives.

The mother, a brother and a sister of the deceased were present at the time of her death.

The body was shipped to Commerce, Texas for burial. The funeral service was conducted there Saturday, Dec. 19th. Brief services were conducted at the family home here before the body was sent to Commerce. Rev. A. B. Davidson had charge of the service. Mrs. Thornton joined the Methodist Church at an early age, later joining the Baptist Church, but had never been baptized into that church on account of her serious illness which attacked her before being baptized into that church.

Several of the relatives accompanied the body to Commerce to attend the funeral there.

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**Happy Christmas for Aged Artist**

**Finds Fairy Spirit Shines Behind Gloom and Cold of the World.**

By CHRISTOPHER G. HAZARD

**E**RECT as ever, and striking his cane sharply upon the pavement as he strode along the old man was a distinguished figure amid the hurrying Christmas crowds. He pressed on like a contradiction of the Christmas spirit.

He had not far to go before reaching the ancient looking house that had once known youth and gaiety as the result of his prosperity, but, which in its loneliness and disrepair, had become a surviving sympathy in his later and adverse experiences. There he could sit and renew in memory the events and associations of happier days, which, like pictures in the gallery of life, were vivid again for a moment out of their tarnished frames.

They were more real than the pictures that hung upon his walls, for it is the artistic atmosphere of the day that determines the light in which its art shall be viewed, and these works of the past had become only memorials to the present to which he had come.

But the present realities of the past are as helpless as the old-fashionedness of the present to succor fainting mortality, and the old artist had to confess on that Christmas eve that he was not only hungry, but rather hopelessly so. It was true that his artistic remains were not wholly despised. Mr. Blavatsky's auction room was not very far away, and there was a daily slaughter of helpless pictures there. But this massacre of innocents their father could not consent to: he felt ready to starve first. Then certain publishers had offered something for a set of skeletons, but in order that they might reproduce them upon a reduced scale, which was intolerable to his artistic pride. So that "The Solitary Pine" whispered to "The Old Meeting House" that it looked as though they would all go down together.



The Old Artist Had to Confess That He Was Hungry.

er, and "The Mountain Summit" suggested to "An Evening Sea" that it might be better to stoop to conquer.

There was no token of this last idea, however, in the preparations for the night that signified the old man's intention of remaining in and sticking the situation out. He had no ear for the chimes that had begun to ring out.

There was not a trace of expectation of Christmas cheer in the determined expression of the face that was reflected from the old mirror. They must all belong to the past forever.

There was another thought on the way, though, and it found expression that Christmas morning when the artist awoke to a rather cheerless environment to be summoned to his door by the loud knocking of a very rotund, florid and merry individual, who seemed to have brought his years with him into a congenial and friendly climate. An old friend from a far country, he took in the state of things at a glance and as quickly decided upon his course of action. After the greetings and the historical recountings were over, and as a result of this most unexpected visitation, a number of the paintings that had concluded to die were introduced to a new life upon the walls of one who had never lost his love for them, and it appeared that the one aim of their new possessor had been to get them at their maker's prices. All of which gave to the old artist a new view of the fact that while the arts may change, hearts do not; and a new idea of the reality which all art strives in vain to fully represent, the reality of the fairy spirit that moves and shines behind all the gloom and cold of the world. "I'll be hanged," he said, "if he didn't look just like Santa Claus."

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**His Fate a Mystery**  
The fate of Maseazel, who in 397 reclaimed Africa for the Roman empire, is one of the world's greatest mysteries. The generally accepted story is that he was drowned on his return to Italy, by Stilicho's orders.

**Attire Counts**  
Any man may be in good spirits and good temper when he's well dressed. There ain't much credit in that.—Charles Dickens.

**It Was the Night Before Christmas**

**Little Snowflakes Glad to Be of Service on Greatest of All Days.**

By W. D. PENNYPACKER

**I**T WAS one of the tiniest things imaginable. In all the whitened fields of late December it could scarcely be reckoned with. It was a snowflake. Fleeting was the span of its existence. Today, here, tomorrow possibly drawn into the moisture of the atmosphere, depending upon temperature, and where it chanced to fall.

Some say fairies fashion snow-crystals in wonderful workrooms and laboratories which man has not explored. It may be. They are more exquisitely cut than the rarest jewels.

It was the night before Christmas. There was the usual sense of quiet which comes over things when the pre-holiday rush and confusion ends—the sense of peace—perhaps the echo of that old song which man has so often and so ruthlessly heard and forgotten.

It seems that the snowflake knew. In the land whence snowflakes come there is a great chief. The country, if one speaks of it as such, is an absolute monarchy. But it is different from those our geographers name under Political Divisions. It is a monarchy ruled by love, where a desire to give happiness is the prevalent ambition.

So, on that night before Christmas, as the snowflakes danced about in great billowy clouds, some of them thought of companions already fallen to earth. Yes, some had fallen, and their beauty had lasted for a while, then disappeared.

Then the chief spoke: "Fellows," he said, with an appealing note in his voice—a voice that had much of the plaintive sound of the north wind, "there is a service to perform. This is the night before the birthday of our King. Millions will worship Him when the morrow comes, but more, ignorant of its source, will seek to revel in the gladness which His coming brought and many millions more—" he went on.

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Think soberly before you make reply."

So hearty and so quick was the response that the results were almost blizzard like. Twisting and turning in fantastic ways they fell to earth, filled high the paths, and all but capped the fences, and almost blocked the roads.

When morning broke, a truly Christmas day, the world lay white as untouched marble. Such myriad flakes had fallen in the night that the ablest statistician could not guess how many, and, oh, what joy! Snowballs, snow men and sledding. And coasting, too, on yonder hill. Such healthy winter exercise, such ruddy cheeks, such mighty appetites!

Who would have thought so much of good a little snow had wrought?

An aggregation of tiny snowflakes was putting value into the sleds which

Santa Claus brought and making of the day a real Christmas, in themselves, the little flakes scarcely counted at all, but in their united desire to give happiness to unnumbered boys and girls, they became a great power.

The chief had wireless communication with each of his humble subjects, of course. When night fell he was eager to ascertain the feelings of his white crusaders, some of them crushed, beaten down and muddy, as a result of their service. Some would have thought it a hard day for them.

Nobody really thought of the white ground covering as an aggregate of individuals. They recognized no personality, and thought it merely "snow."

Yet in spite of the fact that billions of snow crystals were maimed and soiled and melted, as a result of their Christmas Day mission, the chief received many replies:

"We have given a child happiness, and would rather do that than stay in the clouds forever," said one:

"Enabled a boy to play with his old sled," said another, "and would not come back if we could."

"Has been a great Christmas. We have given much but have received full measure in return."

These and similar bulletins were posted in the court of the clouds, and every snowflake held in reserve felt a sense of regret that it had not been a participant in providing so much of the joy and jollity of Christmas. Only a snowflake!

Yes. But it rendered service.

And this was the snowflake that was glad.

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Relief takes up her abode wherever she finds Reason absent.

He only is good who desires and seeks after virtue for its own sake.

Sometimes we pay such a price for victory that two victories equal a defeat.

Generally the man who takes himself too seriously doesn't have much to take.

It is surprising how many of our troubles find their origin in ourselves.

Duty is the guide book of conscience whereby one accomplishes his destiny.

Reform is a triangle whose sides are Confession, Repentance and Restitution.

He who refuses to flatter others shows his good sense, and thereby flatters himself.

Were it not for the fools in the world we should not have so many unanswerable questions to bother us.

The average person can bear up under much adversity when a little praise would ruin him utterly.

I will deny myself that which I desire but which can be acquired only at the price of my self respect.

Those who do not reverse the past, or value the present, can feel little solicitude for posterity.

Many a man thinks that the best way to be a "Man of the World," is to be a worldly man.

The sermon I like best is the sermon that is not quite as great as the life lived by the sermonizer.

The ghosts that haunts us in hard times are the debts we contracted in good times.

As we see it, Ma is making the mistake of granting more pardons than Jim can explain away in one campaign.

Since fat men are almost invariably good natured, our definition of an inconsistency would be a grouchy fat man.

A blind man can see far better than can the individual who possesses two perfectly good eyes but who refuses to see.

Much as we regret the consequences of Father Adam's disobedience, frankness impels us to remark that we rather admire the old boy's spunk and independence.

He who wastes money wastes that which he may be able to regain again, but he who squanders time loses irrevocably his most valuable treasure.

CORRUPTED HOLIDAYS

Our national holidays symbolize the ideals of the nation, and it is important that they be kept and celebrated in the spirit of their origin. That this is not done is a lamentable fact known to all.

Our four leading holidays are Independence Day, Armistice Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas.

The real significance of the Fourth of July has been lost. Little boys shoot firecrackers and grown-ups listen to mud slinging politicians, few realizing that the occasion is in commemoration of the birth of the first and greatest democracy on earth.

Thanksgiving day no longer retains its original meaning, and it is celebrated today by staging school athletic contests, principally football, and gorging oneself on rich foods. Gratitude to Almighty God is forgotten and, with the exception of a few pious souls, the spirit of thankfulness is quite lacking.

Armistice Day has already come to rival Thanksgiving as a sports day and very probably ere long it will come to mean as little in our national life as Independence Day, Thanksgiving and Christmas do now.

Christmas, the holiday festival we are now approaching, not only has lost all its original significance, but has degenerated into a time for the manifestation of the basest commercial greed. Christmas exhibits an orgy of wasteful, injudicious spend-

ing. People exchange gifts largely because they are expected to do so, the gift enriching not the recipient and impoverishing the giver out of proportion to his ability to withstand.

More bad judgment and more selfishness is manifested at Christmas time than at any other time of the year, and selfishness is the very antithesis of the Yuletide spirit. To a very large degree this Christian festival has been dragged down to the level of cheap commercialism by those who repudiate, reject and disbelieve in Him whose birth is celebrated.

All look forward with joy to the coming of Christmas, and heave a sigh of relief when the season is passed. The Christmas season leaves many a family and hundreds of thousands of people in a worse plight than would have been theirs had Christmas never come.

If it were possible to take from modern Christmas celebrations the dominating spirit of selfishness, and if it were possible to emancipate this great Christian festival of its present cold blooded commercialistic spirit, Christmas then would have a wholesome influence on the people and on the nation, but as Christmas is in these modern times celebrated, the nation would be much better off if its celebration were entirely abolished.

The real significance of the manner in which we celebrate our national holidays is a crumbling of the national ideals. Two of these holidays have as their primary object the kindling anew of our patriotism, and the other two have as their primary object the kindling anew of the nation's religious zeal. But for the great masses of the people, celebration of Independence and Armistice days bring no thoughts of our country's weal, and celebration of Thanksgiving and Christmas bring no thoughts of the Man of Galilee, the Cross, the Resurrection and man's redemption.

We plead for celebration of our great national holidays in the true spirit of their origin. The present manner of their celebration evidences a spirit that does not augur well for the perpetuity of our nation. When the ideals embodied in and symbolized by these great holidays have disappeared, degeneration and destruction must then "be our destined end and way." But so long as these ideals are enshrined in the hearts and minds of men and women, so long shall the nation prosper and fulfill her mission in the world and justify her existence on the earth.

TAXATION

Social organization for the purposes of government is an incident of civilization, and government is an activity that costs money. There is no means for a government to get money except by taxation in its various modes. Therefore, one of the fundamental powers which every government must possess is the power to finance itself—the power to tax.

And taxation presents one of the biggest problems with which all governments has been obliged to grapple, and it is a continuing, never ending problem.

The same laws which apply to financing a family or a corporation apply very largely to financing a body politic. Extravagance in a family necessitates a large income else the family becomes bankrupt. The same is true of a business corporation; and it is true of a corporation formed for governmental purposes, only in the case of the latter, too great waste in carrying on governmental functions works a hardship upon the entire populace.

Taxation problems take on various aspects at different times. Just now the problem is elimination of waste, reduction of expenses, abolition of useless governmental machinery.

Too much governmental machinery is proof of too much government, and that is the curse of American life today. We have too much government, national, state and local. The result is a tax burden that is becoming real and not imaginary. Let us look at the costs.

The cost of government today is such that it averages a little more than \$70 for each man, woman and child in the nation. This is for the purpose of keeping the normal wheels of government running, and does not include interest on the national debt, war costs, etc. The average family is five people, which makes the family burden \$350.00 annually in order to maintain the machinery set up to govern that family. And while some families, of course, pay much more than that sum annually, and some families pay less than that sum, the fact is that the poorest family, that owns no property whatever, pays a heavy tax to maintain the government. This is done in the form of indirect taxes, and is translated in the vernacular into the phrase, "the high cost of living."

Almost every article of food purchased in the market, and almost every article of wearing apparel and tool and farming implement and automobile and amusement used or enjoyed by the individual is taxed, which tax is paid by the manufacturer or retailer, or

by some person back along the line between the point of origin and the ultimate consumer, and that tax is added to the price of the thing consumed or used or enjoyed, and paid for by the ultimate consumer. He calls it the high cost of living, when it is in reality the high cost of being governed. It is indirect taxation.

And now Congress is in session and determines to lighten the tax burden. There is in reality but one way to lighten that burden, and that is to abolish much of our present governmental machinery—to bring about conditions where the American people will be less governed than they are today. Will Congress really do that, or will it merely shift the burden, leaving the ultimate cost at its present figure?

RELIGION AND LAW ENFORCEMENT

America's paramount issue is the question of law enforcement, and underlying this issue is a deeper and more fundamental question of respect for the law. There is more crime in the United States today, per capita, than at any prior time in the country's history.

What are the causes for this condition thinking people are not entirely agreed. Some say it is the logical aftermath of the world war, but the facts are that but a small percentage of our criminals are veterans of the late war. Others attribute the crime wave to so many unwise laws on our statute books, and no doubt there is much truth in that contention, for foolish laws always have a tendency to breed a disrespect not only for such laws but for all laws.

Still others say that our prohibition laws are largely responsible for the crime wave, citing the fact that hundreds of thousands of persons possessed strong appetites for liquor and the law was enacted so suddenly that they could not adapt themselves to the new order of things. But prohibition laws cannot account for the steady increase in crime since prohibition became a legal fact. We are now several years removed from the enactment of these laws, and one would think that as time went on crime from this cause would gradually decrease, when as a matter of fact crime is steadily increasing.

Then woman suffrage is assigned its share of the blame. It is contended that the privileges acquired by women have been abused; that women have usurped places properly belonging to men; that they have to a certain degree abandoned callings strictly applicable to and intended for their habits and temperaments; that women have lost much of their wholesome leavening influence in society and do not command the old time respect and chivalry which men were once upon a time glad to accord them. Also, the indictment is brought that too many women place a low value on feminine modesty, thereby losing the source of their power and influence for good and lowering the general moral tone; that against all this there is a reaction that is conducive to crime and loose morals in men.

Also, lack of proper restraint and home training is urged as one of the chief causes of crime, especially crimes committed by persons of relatively tender years. The fact is cited that most of our criminals are youths, which also is an undeniable fact.

It is probable that all of these things combined, and others, are responsible for present conditions. And thinking people, including President Coolidge, who have become concerned over the situation, maintain that at the rate of the present crime wave it is necessary to go to the source and remove the causes. President Coolidge says the solution of the problem is not to be found in more laws and more enforcement officers, but in a return to religion.

The two forces which must solve our social problems, if they are to be solved, are Education and Religion. Education alone cannot do it. In fact much that passes in our colleges and universities for education is the pseudo kind that is wholly antagonistic to religion and to a well organized and behaved social order. True education, however, is not antagonistic to true religion as a vital, meaningful force in the life of the individual and in the life of the social order.

The solution, therefore, of America's paramount problem rests with our schools and churches—these receiving the co-operation that comes from a wholesome home life and atmosphere. And what a responsibility must rest upon our schools and churches!

What a wonderful opportunity! And as for the churches, the work now required of them will, if performed sincerely and efficiently, present another opportunity to rid themselves of internal strife and dissension and to regain a measure of the prestige and influence that should be theirs.

Will our educational and religious institutions hear and heed the clarion call to service and to duty and vindicate their avowed missions in the world?

Exchange Shots

CHRISTMAS FOR ALL

Any doubt as to the inherent generosity of the people of the United States should be dispelled by the events of the Christmas season. Even those misanthropes, who see only the avarice and greed in life, can not ignore the sacrifice, charity and magnanimity exhibited at the Yuletide.

American men, women and children are in a conspiracy to make Christmas merry for every needy adult and child. On Christmas day the country over hundreds of thousands of Christmas baskets will be distributed by individuals and organizations. Every basket will contain the very essence of a traditional and idealistic Christmas. That means good food for all, clothing for the poorly clothed, toys for the children and, in many cases, coal for cold bodies and shoes for cold feet. Christmas is for both rich and poor in America.

Between those that have the Christmas exchange of gifts is a pleasure but sacrificing for those who have less is a joy that gratifies the soul. People who give generously to the needy poor at Christmas time know that charity is its own reward.—Lubbock Daily Journal.

Somehow Christmas inspires the spirit of good will and sacrifice in practically everybody. At the Christmas season, people reach the highest heights of generosity toward their fellowmen and tolerance for the faults of others. Somehow at Christmas time we see others through a different vision. The self that is so prominent at other times fades away into littleness at the Yuletide, and we appreciate the other fellow more. His faults dwindle into nothingness and we are ready to clasp his hand in friendly fellowship and wish him well.

The Christmas season would not be Christmas at all if it were not so. There was no spirit of selfishness in the heart of Him in whose memory Christmas is observed. There was only the spirit of service above self, and the service He rendered cannot ever be approached by any mortal man, but we can follow afar off.

We could wish that through all the

year we might have the feeling toward each other that is felt at Christmas time. If such a spirit of liberality and generosity toward each other could be maintained steadily, it would not be true that "man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn."

WASTEFUL NEGLECT

We think that thousands of dollars are lost to the farmers of Lubbock county every year through neglect to their farming implements, wagons, etc., and a lot of folks in town lose a lot of money every year by being careless with their automobiles.—Lubbock Morning Avalanche.

Yes, and the farmers lose on their automobiles the same way. The Avalanche did not mean to intimate that the farmers do not have cars and that they still travel in wagons or on their farming implements. They just meant that the farmer neglects his wagons, etc., while the man in town does not need such equipment. So, the town man's fault simply lies in his neglect of his car. Both the town man and the farmer are sorely at fault in these matters. We noticed a few days ago a report showing the waste occurring in the United States each year due to rust and decay that could have easily been avoided. A little paint, a little shelter, a little repair, a little oil, a little more care, all these would save the American people millions of dollars every year if they would only use them more. Paint, oil, and shelter are much cheaper than the materials for which they should be provided.

"JAKE" TO DIE

The balmy days of the "jake" man-

ufacturers and vendors are over, according to announcement recently made by Major Herbert H. White, prohibition director for Texas and Oklahoma.

Major White has issued a statement to the effect that beginning with January 1st, 1926, extract or tincture of Jamaica ginger, both the single and double strength, will be classed as intoxicating liquor and come under the same regulations as does the manufacture, transportation and sale of whiskey and cordials.

It is said by druggists that the sale of "jake" in Texas is greater than that of any other liquor substitutes, and that druggists who dispense it find it interferes with their more legitimate drug business, consequently the druggist associations of these two states have been working for some time to put it under ban.

It is also reported that there will be a more rigid inspection of drug stores and grocery stores, after the first of January, that have made a practice of selling certain brands of flavoring extracts known to contain alcohol.—Lamb County Leader.

It is to be hoped that Major White will meet with success in the war upon "jake," as well as upon all forms of intoxicants. The sad part of it is that prohibition is failing to function as perfectly as it should by reason of our not having officers who will perform their whole duty. Yet, we say prohibition is a pronounced success as compared with pre-Volstead days.

Business is Business

A train in Arizona was boarded by robbers, who went through the pockets of the luckless passengers. One of them happened to be a traveling salesman from New York, who, when his turn came, fished out \$200, but rapidly took \$4 from the pile and placed it in his vest pocket.

"What do you mean by that?" asked the robber, as he toyed with his revolver. Hurrily came the answer: "Mine friend, you surely would not refuse me 2 per cent discount on a strictly cash transaction like dis?"

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## Upon Christmas Day

By WILLIAM LUTY, in The Christian

A STAR peeped forth upon Christmas Eve,  
And told of that other Star:  
Whose beams shine bright, through  
The world's dark night,  
And scatter the shadows far.

A snowdrop bloomed upon Christmas Day,  
And told of that spotless flower:  
Whose perfume pure, should all frosts  
Endure,  
And brighten Earth's wintry hour.

The bells rang out upon Christmas Day,  
And their message came a call  
To worship the Son of the Highest One,  
Who came with good will to all.

The holly berries on Christmas Day,  
Blushed red in their fadeless green:  
For their coral red, shewed the blood-  
drops shed.

As they shone the barbed leaves  
Between.

A feast was spread upon Christmas Day,  
And mirrored the feast He spread.  
Who was born that He might our  
Banquet be,  
The True and the Living Bread.

A son came home upon Christmas Day,  
A son from a far off land:  
And he told once more, of God's open  
door,  
The kiss and the welcoming Hand.

A babe was born upon Christmas Day,  
And the speechless infant told,  
Of the manger Child, that in beauty  
smiled,  
On that first glad day of old.

## Christmas Giving and Being Happy

### How Yuletide Problem Was Solved in Most Satisfactory Manner.

By KATHERINE EDELMAN

JOHN WARNER and his wife sat talking in the living room of their little bungalow until the clock on the mantel struck the midnight hour.

"Good gracious John!" Ellen said, "I had no idea that it was so late."

"That's because you were so interested, dear," John answered; "when it comes to making plans for Betty you forget time and everything else."

Ellen reddened ever so slightly. She knew that what John said was true, for ever since Betty had come to them, now nearly six years ago, her whole life had been wrapped up in the child. Hers was such a passion of mother-love that sometimes she grew almost frightened at its intensity, and often when John had laughingly teased her about forgetting him for Betty her conscience smote her.



And now she had talked John into letting her buy the big doll that had been in Harwell's window since the holiday season opened. John had tried to tell her that the small gifts they had already purchased would be enough for Betty, but finally he had given in to her pleading. She agreed with him that twenty dollars was a big sum to spend for a doll, but Betty was Betty and deserved it.

For the Warners were poor—not poor in the utter, abject poverty that flaunts its face to the world unshamed—but poor in the poverty that means worn and threadbare carpets, clothing grown thin and shiny from long usage, and a careful pausing before the spending of an unnecessary penny. Somehow, since Betty came they had never been able to get ahead; there was always something needed for Betty and she had always gotten it.

Next morning Ellen left the house early, with the wonderful twenty dollars in her purse. Betty had been left next door, all unconscious of the errand her mother was on. Half way to town two women entered the car and sat back of Ellen. They were of the loud, overbearing type of women, overdressed and contemptuous of those who possessed little of material things. Scraps of their conversation came to Ellen at times through the maze of her busy thoughts.

"I think it's perfectly awful, I do," one of them was saying, "the way some women do. It's really sinful in these days to be dowdy. A woman's got to wear good clothes to be anybody, and believe me, it's the dowdy women who walk alone."

"You've just said it," her companion answered. "As I tell George when he kicks about the bills, a woman has got to dress nowadays or get nothing out of life."

The words sank into Ellen's brain as her eyes were scanning an advertisement at a crossing: "Be fair to yourself, buy your millinery at Madam Courteau's." And as other words of that ilk floated back from the women they began to stir up a queer feeling inside of Ellen Warner.

Her glance traveled to her dress, her shabby, mended gloves, and her face began to burn as she thought of the little hat she was wearing. She tried to shake off the feeling that was upon her and to get her mind back on her mission, but somehow everything seemed different now in the light of the strange unrest that was filling her heart. "Was she a little fool, as these women had said. Was she fair to herself? Had she, in the little mean things that were her everyday portion and which until now had seemed to her veritable things of delight, cheated herself out of all that meant so much to other women? Had she really been fair to herself in sacrificing so much for her child?"

The car pulled up with a jerk. She alighted quickly and made her way toward Harwell's. Suddenly she stopped short. A sign overhead caught her eye: "Be fair to yourself—buy your millinery at Madam Courteau's." Then her gaze traveled to the window with its array of tempting millinery. And as she gazed her breath began to come quickly, her hands to open and close with nervous, twitching movements. For a little hat in a dull shade of blue caught her eye. She was gazing at it fascinated, for as the sun outshines the stars, so to Ellen did this particular hat eclipse all the others in the window. Somehow, it seemed to her at that moment as if she had been wanting a hat like that all her life. The little pink rosebuds that nestled around the crown seemed to call and beckon to her, and almost before she realized what she was doing she was inside the store and asking to see the hat. The saleslady, with all the art that was hers, placed it with a skillful touch on Ellen's head. And as Ellen looked in the great mirror she saw a face that was flushed to a rose-pink with excitement, and above it the much-wanted hat, which seemed to be a very part of herself, so thoroughly becoming it was. She loved the hat so bad! The soft, lovely colors brought out all the charm of her fair loveliness and she thought how much John would like to see her as she looked now. The thought of her husband brought another thought to her, too. Perhaps all these years, while they had been sacrificing and skimping, he, too, had wished for and wanted many things. Surely he must have! Not, perhaps, things like women care for, but other little luxuries that many of her friends had. She remembered now how longingly he had often looked toward the golf links—what a big thing it would be if Christmas would bring him the things necessary to play the game. The city maintained a free course not far from their home. And if she wanted so badly to spend twenty dollars for a hat, surely John, who was seeing and hearing things every day, must often have wanted something pretty badly, too. She thought now how wonderful he had always been—never a word of complaint, but always cheery and happy. She realized now, with a bitter feeling at her heart, that she had not been fair to him—she had given their child more than her share of the little they had. But from now on things were going to be different—John must have the best. Betty had many years ahead to enjoy things, and besides she realized now it did not take expensive gifts to please children.

With hands that trembled Ellen reached up and took the hat from her head and, not daring to look at it again, hurriedly left the store.

That Christmas was a very happy one for the Warners. For, although Betty did not get the big doll, she seemed just as pleased and happy as a child could well be. And Ellen felt a new glow at her heart when she presented John with his Christmas gift, for he was as jubilant as a boy about it. Her sacrifice had been indeed worth while—what did a becoming hat matter when put beside the happiness she felt just now?

But the good Christmas fairy must have been watching all, for an hour later John's boss called up to wish him a merry Christmas and to tell him that Old Man Jinson was going to resign and that John would have his place. A wonderful Christmas surprise it was, for it meant an extra five hundred a year to the Warners. Which made it probable that Ellen got her much-wanted hat, after all.

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This time it was different. They, themselves, nervously awaited the day. It was to be unique. They were to help in a festive occasion at a state's prison. They were to carry gladness and the spirit of Christmas with them and radiate it within four sombre stone walls. It seemed almost impossible.

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To climb three stories of fire escape on a winter's night with ever so small a bundle is difficult enough, but to ascend the cold iron stairway each with a large basket or bag filled with oranges and candy, and to have to replenish their supply through this same dangerous way was almost more than they bargained for or were, indeed, able to do. It was work, and Captain and Mrs. Pickering never denied it.

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All the time they were distributing candy and fruit they were besieged by questions from the crowd, and replied with as much spirit and gaiety as the place and the condition of the assembled audience would allow. It is but fair to say that Santa and Mrs. Santa both enjoyed their visit to that unusual place, and that they lingered longer than their usual custom on holiday visits.

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## New Experience for Santa Claus

By W. D. PENNYPACKER

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Conley Building  
Lubbock, Texas

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J. F. CAMPBELL, M. D.,  
General Surgery.  
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Electro Therapy.  
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Eyes, Ear Nose and Throat.  
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Infant Feeding and Diseases  
of Children.  
W. N. LEMMON, M. D.,  
Surgery, Diseases of Women  
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G. M. TERRY, D. D. S.,  
Dental and Oral Surgery  
and X-Ray  
L. L. Martin, D. D. S.  
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You can't  
feel so good  
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City Drug Store

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## We Greet You

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AND

## a Happy New Year

Volumes by great writers could not say more.

## Catching Drug Store

"No trouble to answer questions"

Phone 92

## May the Golden Sun Break Through all the Clouds

and bring to you and yours brighter days—a Happier Christmas than you ever enjoyed before.

## And May the Dawn of 1926

Lead you into prosperous fields of endeavor where you may succeed through service which will bless others and serve as a satisfaction to you.

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**You Ever Stop to Think**

E. R. Waite, Secretary,  
Oklahoma Board of Commerce.

Success is often the difference between what a man earns, what he spends and what he puts into his pocket.

Half-time boosters don't do a city.

It takes full-time boosters to make some of the grapes."

New industries seeking a location are always influenced greatly by the evidences of support and encouragement shown by industries already in a city.

In most cities have much to be learned from.

If they can be thankful for the success of their business men.

They have men of the type who are willing at all times to labor for the public good; men who believe in a square deal for all who believe in their city and who practice what they preach.

These men do all in their power to encourage and develop to a maximum the efficiency every move they make for the betterment of their city. They are men who have kept their feet at home, spent it at home, and put it in home industries.

These men have succeeded where others have failed. They are a big asset to their city; they have confidence in their integrity and are leaders.

Every city must have leaders. Every citizen should follow their lead.

As they are on their way will be somewhere by following their lead.

READABLE REMARKS

Nothing to skate causes a man's fall.

Think of the money we save every year on fly-swatters!

The value of a kiss depends upon the law of supply and demand.

There is more parking space around a city than around a movie.

Every six months until bath-time will be back on magazine shelves.

It is easy to figure what you should do after it is too late to say it.

The capitol at Washington covers more square feet and no telling how many square heads.

The vital and telling phrases coined day by day are soon incorporated in our language.

If you are worried, just think of the money you save this season by strawberries being out of season.

Character is made by the things you stand for; reputation is made by the things you fall for.

When the man tells her that he loves

**Their Christmas and an Odd Tree**

**One Surprise Package That Brought Joy to Entire Family.**

By GERTRUDE WALTON

IT IS plain to see that for this Christmas there will be no tree—I mean one that isn't made from a basket or a table—no real tree. Any kind of a Santa Claus, as well as

trees, would die in this terrible place. It would be more bearable if James were home," Mida Lee exclaimed impatiently as she looked lovingly at a photograph of her elder son, James, who, because of government service over the sea, could not spend Christmas with his home circle.

As she looked out over the treeless, snow-covered prairies of her northern ranch home, eighteen miles from town, where the season's drought had robbed them of garden and grain, her sighs rose to an excited exclamation which brought twelve-year-old Clara from an adjoining room to hear the secret her mother revealed.

"Let us be a tree—and a Santa Claus, too. You may be Santa Claus and I will be a tree laden with packages which you may take from me and give to the boys at the sheep-herders' wagon tomorrow. Father and Lester will be gone to town all day and we will visit the boys and

present them with a tree and Santa Claus for Christmas Eve," Mrs. Lee laughed.

Mrs. Lee sang all the next morning at her baking, after she had tucked her husband and ten-year-old Lester in the sled for their long drive. In the afternoon, with a basket on her arm and some small packages fastened over her coat, so she would represent a tree, Mrs. Lee and Clara started to the wagon to carry Christmas to the sheep-herders.

While Mrs. Lee put the wagon in order, Clara tacked up bits of Christmas color she had clipped from magazines or had designed from paper.

On the way home Mrs. Lee and Clara planned to have their Christmas

her wonderful mind, he means that she isn't much for looks.

There are no statues of men who felt sorry for themselves.

Much that passes for philosophy is no more than a good digestion.

Wisdom is merely the reaction that follows contemplation of receipted bills.

A pipe is really cheaper, and is much to be preferred if you don't mind

**CHRISTMAS EVE**

CHRISTMAS baskets filled with holiday cheer.

Money jingling gaily with no mercenary hardness about it.

Sleigh bells tinkling in the clear, pure air.

Shops alight, and filled with people.

People with countless bundles. Red ribbon, wreaths, Christmas cards selected at the last moment.

Christmas greetings on every lip.

Light in windows of houses. Trees decorated with tinsel and toys.

Shadows dancing between the fireplace and the tree.

Christmas decorations, never out of style, always lovely.

Christmas plants, bunches of flowers, boxes of candy.

All being bought, delivered or arriving.

Doorbells ringing. Surprises.

Friends remembering. Loyalties emphasized. Kindliness.

Christmas Eve!—Mary Graham Bonner.

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trip to town after James, who was now hungry and ready for supper.

"May I serve as your tree this year, with branches, I hope, strong enough to hold all the trust and confidence you place in me, as well as to hold any packages of love and service the real Santa Claus allows me to carry to his children everywhere? Again I hope that I may be a worthy Santa Claus—His Santa Claus—to distribute His peace and good will," James said as he learned of the afternoon visit to the sheep-herders' wagon.

solitude.

A woman's declining years come before the age of 30. After that she is glad to accept.

Every normal youngster passes through an age when it seems that the cross old world can't understand.

The meek shall inherit the earth. But there won't be much fun in a world peopled exclusively by henpeck-

packages fastened over Mr. Lee, who would serve as a tree, while Lester, as Santa Claus, would distribute the gifts. Upon arriving home they were surprised to find Mr. Lee and Lester, who had expected to be away until dark. There was greater surprise when they found the chores done and supper ready.

"Let us have our tree and Santa Claus first," Mr. Lee said, when he heard of the plan of a "man-tree" and a boy-Santa Claus. Of course, everyone was willing. So the packages, some of which had been brought that day from town, were being fastened over Mr. Lee as the tree, when he said, mischievously winking at Lester, "Please don't forget the large package I just brought for all of you. It is in the closet."

Mrs. Lee and Clara ran excitedly to the closet when a package—a tall boy—seized them both in his arms.

Through smothered joy-cries of "James! When did you come?" Mr. Lee explained that on a previous visit to town he had received word that James was coming home for Christmas. He kept the secret as a happy surprise from Mrs. Lee and Clara. Upon pretense of getting some gifts for the children, he and Lester had planned the



**COLLEGES DON'T EDUCATE BOYS AWAY FROM FARM**

Some of our people are inclined to criticize the A. & M. College because more of its graduates do not go back to the farm. They claim that the agricultural colleges are educating boys away from the farm. But so long as there is a steady demand for well trained agricultural leaders, such as county agents, teachers of vocational agriculture, etc., and the A. & M. College produces efficient men for these important positions, we don't

believe the College is falling down on the job.

A county agent in his work of helping hundreds of farmers along the road to success is doing more valuable work than he could possibly accomplish in farming for himself. He is acting as a broadcasting station for agricultural information. He is helping others instead of helping himself.

As our agricultural colleges grow and their numbers of graduates increase, then the supply for trained leaders will catch up with the demand, and a larger percentage of college graduates will return to the farm. Certainly there is nothing about the training a boy gets at Texas A. & M. College that turns him against farming. The training a farm boy gets there is eminently practical and it fits him to farm successfully. If he fails to go back to the farm, it is not the College's fault.—Progressive Farmer.

Dependable merchants advertise their goods through the Slatonite columns. Their merchandise is dependable.

These statues to Christopher Columbus in various parts of the country commemorate a prominent foreigner who didn't come over here to lecture.

**A Wee Bit  
Ole' Fashion'**

JUST TO SAY:

**A Merry Christmas  
—and—  
A Happy New Year Day**

**Do Your Last Minute Christmas Shopping Here.**

**City Drug Store**  
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*We deeply appreciate the many favors our patrons have shown us in the past and in the year of 1926 which we are soon to enter, it will be our greatest endeavor to more fully merit your friendship, confidence, patronage and good will.*

**A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy, Prosperous  
New Year  
To One and All**

**Slaton State Bank**

# Santa Hears from the Kiddies



## Good Will Social Club Entertains

One of the most recent social organizations in Slaton is the Good Will Social Club, organized by twelve ladies of St. Joseph's Catholic Church, who made their formal debut last Friday evening when they staged a most delightful social evening at the Catholic school.

A large crowd was present—in fact the building was crowded—and the Club abundantly deserved its name and justified its existence, for the predominant characteristic of the occasion was good will, and added to this was, in a superlative degree, a good time.

The funds raised by the nominal admission charged are to be used to assist in remodeling and refurbishing the Rectory, and to this end it is planned by the ladies of the Club to have an entertainment once a month. The entertainment last Friday evening consisted of bridge and forty-two, following which delicious refreshments of hot chocolate and cake were served to the large crowd.

The next meeting will be sometime in January, and will probably be an old fashioned square dance, at which a big time is anticipated.

Mrs. J. R. McAtee is the temporary president of the Good Will Social Club, and Mrs. G. R. Miller is temporary secretary. Permanent officers will be elected at an early date.

## Two New Members Added To Rotary

At the regular weekly luncheon of the Slaton Rotary Club last Friday, two new members were added to the Club's membership. They were Reverend Davidson, pastor of the M. E. Church, and K. L. Scudder, of the Piedmont Garage.

F. E. Callaway had charge of the program and had in store a treat for those present. Rev. Joyce H. Thomas, evangelist of the Christian Church, and a singer of great talent, was a guest of the Club and was called on by the program chairman of the day to sing. He responded, singing, "My Country," which was so much enjoyed that the singer was called back for an encore.

W. H. Smith, Slaton's Santa Fe agent, delivered a splendid and instructive address on transportation matters, and indicated that at some future meeting when more time was available he could give the Club much additional data on other phases of the transportation question.

Rev. Davidson responded for a humorous talk and made good abundantly, showing his ability to make a nice point and to bring the laughter.

Neil H. Wright, member of Lubbock Rotary, was a guest of the Club. There will be no meeting next Friday, it being Christmas day.

Miss Frances Blundell, a student in Abilene Christian College this year, will visit relatives and friends here this Christmas season.

R. L. Tate and family and L. V. Davis will spend the holidays with relatives and friends in Sulphur Springs.

## Thornton-Preston

The many friends of Mr. Clarence Thornton, of the Posey community, and Miss Audrey Preston, living southwest of Slaton, were surprised when these two young people were quietly married last Saturday night at Southland, Rev. O. J. Harmonson officiating.

The groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Thornton of Posey. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. I. Preston who live about five miles southwest of Slaton.

Both the young people are popular among their large circle of friends, and the best wishes of those friends go with them.

## Bridal Shower

Mrs. J. B. Stallings and daughter, Miss Lois, assisted by Mrs. C. V. Young, were hosts to a large number of friends when they entertained last Wednesday afternoon at the lovely Stallings home with a shower in honor of Miss Julia Alice Florence, who was married last Sunday morning at 10 o'clock to Mr. T. O. Lane.

The guests were invited for three o'clock, and the bride was invited at three thirty to a birthday party which she supposed was given in honor of the hostess. After the arrival of the bride, Miss Lois Stallings sang "Love's Ship," accompanied by Mrs. C. F. Anderson at the piano. At the conclusion of this number, little Miss Imogene Ball came into the reception room piloting a large ship which was laden with lovely gifts which were presented to the honoree. She, in her modest and most charming manner, expressed her thanks for this delightful surprise.

The honoree was presented with a beautiful hand-painted guest book by Mrs. Foster. This book contained more than fifty names. Miss Willie Mae Wilks gave a toast to the bride, Mrs. J. W. McDonald a toast to the mother, and Miss Marie McDonald a toast to the girls left behind.

After the presents were all opened and passed around for all to see, and during the social hour, Mrs. Stallings assisted by Miss Lois, served a quite dainty plate lunch to the guests consisting of fruit salad topped with whipped cream, and cake. Plate favors were miniature wedding bells.

## ANTIQUES.

Our red ink customer at Slaton, who has enmity against old men, writes in to complain of a cartoon by Dr. Knott. He admits his suspicion that Dr. Knott is an old man, although perhaps not as old as State Press. Boy, you ought to see us together. If you could see us two lined up side by side against a brick wall, at sunrise, say, you would discover that while Dr. Knott and S. P. have both passed the sophomore stage, the cartoonist has a look of settled maturity which S. P., happily, has not yet come to.—State Press in Dallas News.

Looks like State Press and the red ink customer here can't agree on anything. They always engage in a "spat" of some kind. Several weeks ago they had a series of arguments over the Mitchell case. Now they're at something else. Those two boys ought to behave better than that.

## Lane-Florence

Sunday, Dec. 20th, at 10 a. m., Mr. T. O. Lane and Miss Julia Alice Florence were united in marriage at the home of the bride's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Florence. The ceremony was performed in the presence of a few friends and relatives of the young people, Rev. A. B. Davidson officiating.

Following the wedding, the guests remained for the wedding feast which was enjoyed at the Florence home. The young people then left for a visit with the groom's parents at Comanche, Texas. They will return here about the first of the year and will be at home in Slaton.

Mr. Lane is employed by the Panhandle Lumber Co. here, and is well known to the people of Slaton as a progressive and industrious young business man.

The bride is the charming and accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Florence.

The many friends of these popular newly-weds will extend to them their sincere good wishes for their future.

MAN, MINUS SOUL, IS WORTH ONLY 98 CENTS

"Marked down to 98 cents," would be a queer and insulting tag to put on a man. Yet that is what a man amounts to, considered in terms of his chemical contents. The analysis, says the North and South Carolina Public Utility Information Bureau, has been made by some technical sharp, and this is the astounding report:

The ingredients of a man plus water are as follows:

- Fat enough for seven bars of soap.
- Iron enough for a medium-sized nail.
- Sugar enough to fill a shaker.
- Lime enough to whitewash a chicken coop.
- Phosphorus enough to make a dose of magnesia.
- Potassium enough to explode a cannon.
- Sulphur enough to rid a dog of the fleas.

This whole collection is worth 98 cents, and that when things are three times as high as they used to be.

Normal times worth about 30 cents.

Cut this out and when some fellow with more tongue than brains goes to ranting too loudly, just remind him of his actual worth in the market after a thorough analysis.—Selected.

Rev. Jno. P. Hardesty is attending the Baptist Workers' Meeting of this Association being held with the Pleasant Valley Church this week.

Of 167,934,120 acres of land in Texas 100,000,000 is capable of cultivation and less than 50,000,000 is under cultivation.

# Season's Greetings

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*Payne's*  
DRY GOODS

We Wish You  
A Merry Christmas  
and  
A Happy New Year  
Slaton Mattress  
Factory

We Greet  
You

Dear Friends and  
Patrons

WITH THE AGE OLD, BUT  
NEVER SURPASSED WISH  
FOR

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

A HAPPY NEW YEAR

"Pay Less and Dress Better"

O. Z. BALL & CO.

"Pay Less and Dress Better"

Our Biggest Asset

—is the good will of our customers, and we surely value the business you have given us.

—May your Christmas be merry, and the New Year bigger, better and busier than ever before.

Whitaker & White

For the 24 Hours of  
**Christmas Day**  
and the 8,760 Hours of  
**The New Year**

We wish you peace, comfort, happiness and prosperity.

And we express the hope that as we received much pleasure from our service to you that we pleased you—and that we may be honored with your continued friendship and patronage in 1926.

**SLATON SUPPLY COMPANY**

"The Store Where Your Dollar Buys More"  
Phone 183 West Side of Square

With Hearty  
**APPRECIATION**  
For Your 1925 Patronage

And Our Earnest Wish That Health,  
Happiness and Prosperity  
Will Attend You Throughout 1926 and  
the other years to come.

**Kessel's Department  
Store**

Mr. and Mrs. A. Kessel and the entire Sales Force.





## Tenants and Young Men Should All Buy Farms

"I pay cash in advance for the rent of the 50 acres I tend, and it costs me \$400 every year," said a man who was asked what the land he was cultivating could be bought for.

He told us he was offered the land for \$3,000 cash, or \$60 per acre. At that price he will pay the purchase price in rent every 7 1/2 years. This man has his own equipment and is not in debt, but pays cash for nearly everything he buys. The land is now producing half as much again as it did when he moved to the place five years ago. In the meantime he has accumulated good equipment and "lives at home." In the five years he has paid this landlord \$2,000 rent money earned from land that can be bought for \$3,000.

"Why don't you buy the place?" we asked.

"Well, I've been thinking about buying, and would if I had the money."

We believe there are many tenants and young men who "have been thinking about buying" a farm and would if they had the money. If this man could borrow \$3,000 from his local bank at 6 per cent, he would own the place and would have to pay only \$180 interest annually instead of \$400 rent. That would leave him \$220 a year to apply on his loan. If he could borrow

from a Federal land bank, he would eventually own the farm and have to pay only half the present annual rent in interest while the other half applied to the loan would eventually pay for the farm.

Industrious tenants and young men without capital or land but with a good reputation and a desire to farm can get loans for buying land more easily and more safely now than at any time in the last quarter of a century. Good land well located with reference to roads and markets will advance in value in the South. With cooperative marketing functioning, the small farmer has many advantages that no class of farmers had a few years ago. City population is increasing more rapidly than rural population and the scarcity of labor is felt less by the small farmer than by the one who cultivates large areas.

There is a great opportunity for the small farmer who owns his own land. Farm loans are made by Federal banks at an interest rate lower than the rent paid on most farms as is the case with the tenant farmer mentioned above, who pays the price of the farm he cultivates every 7 1/2 years but does not own an acre.—The Progressive Farmer.

## Young Wife Afraid to Eat Anything

"I was afraid to eat because I always had stomach trouble afterwards. Since taking Adlerika I can eat and feel fine." (signed) Mrs. A. Howard. ONE spoonful Adlerika removes GAS and often brings surprising relief to the stomach. Stops that full, bloated feeling. Removes old waste matter from intestines and makes you feel happy and hungry. Excellent for obstinate constipation.

CATCHING DRUG STORE (adv.)

**Sheep Sold**  
In the wool-growing states of the West it is a common occurrence to find thousands of sheep to be sold before they are born. In Wyoming recently a deal was put through for the sale of 50,000 lambs at \$7 per head, not one of which was yet alive.

An article is high priced only when the service it gives is small. That's why Slatonite advertising is economical, the service is large.

## STOP THAT ITCHING

Sufferers from skin diseases such as Itch, Eczema, Tetter, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Old Sores or Sores on Children may find relief from the use of a jar of BLUE STAR REMEDY or their money will be refunded. The first application relieves that terrible itching. Will not stain clothing and has a pleasant odor.

CITY DRUG STORE

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirits. Price, 60c. Sold by City Drug Store, Jno. Dabney & Son, Props.

Slatonite advertisers are dependable merchants. That's why they advertise in the Slatonite.

## DR. J. L. ROBBINS

Veterinarian  
Office at Teague's Drug Store  
Slaton, Texas

## WE HANDLE

REAL ESTATE, INSURANCE  
AND ABSTRACTS

Prompt, Accurate Service

## Cullar & Martin

Upstairs Masonic Bldg.

Audits Tax  
Systems Service

## ROLAND R. HALL

PUBLIC ACCOUNTANT

Phone 1493 Room 107  
Lubbock Nat'l Bank Bldg.  
LUBBOCK, TEXAS

## European Countries Follow America In Motordom

European automobile manufacturers are following the lead of American engineers and body designers—according to W. S. Knudsen, president of the Chevrolet Motor company, who recently spent six weeks abroad. Mr. Knudsen's tour of Europe included visits to several automobile shows.

"It is very evident that the English, French and Italian automobile manufacturers are intensely alive to American progress in modification and simplification of chassis lines," he said. "It also is evident that during the last few years they have followed American initiative in the improvement of automobile bodies both as to comfort and appearance. In fact one of the largest automobile makers procures from the United States all of the tools and machinery used in building the bodies for his cars."

"The very small 'bug' type of car apparently is losing favor in Europe. A great majority of the light automobiles made in Europe today are modeled as closely as possible to match the seating capacity of American light cars. Many of the European car builders, however, still use a relatively small motor with a low gear ratio and four speed transmission. This results in gasoline economy which is important in Europe because of high cost of motor fuel. It also results in low taxes in England, because taxes there are based on horse power. But these advantages are obtained only at the expense of frequent gear changing which is necessary even on very slight grades. Such a gear arrangement invariably has its disadvantages, particularly in mountainous districts. I found our American cars with their greater power reserve very much in favor."

Mr. Knudsen inspected the European Chevrolet assembling plants at London, Copenhagen and Antwerp and the Chevrolet receiving plant at Hamburg where partially assembled cars

are completed and tested before being delivered. A similar receiving plant is located at Barcelona, Spain.

"Despite the fact that the oldest of Chevrolet's European establishments have been in operation less than two years, Chevrolet sales there during 1925 will total 20,000 cars," Mr. Knudsen said. "The growing foreign popularity of the Chevrolet will require an increase of 100 per cent in our European assembling facilities within the next two years."

## FORD MOTOR CO. BREAKS ALL PREVIOUS SALES RECORDS

All records for early winter Ford sales were broken during November when 146,788 passenger cars and trucks were delivered to retail customers in the United States. This is an increase of approximately 25,000 over the November sales a year ago.

Another evidence of the popularity of the improved Ford passenger cars is shown in the enrollment in the Ford Weekly Purchase Plan, which have risen to unprecedented numbers. During November a total of 31,425 persons enrolled under the plan and began paying on cars, more than twice as many as enrolled during the same month last year.

As the holidays approach deliveries of cars to customers who have been buying them under the Weekly Purchase Plan are increasing. Some began paying on their automobiles as long as a year ago, others during the early spring and summer months, long before the improved Ford types were introduced. All now benefit in the convenience and comforts afforded by the improved cars and their increased value, without any additional cost.

In about 120 more days we shall all be turning to the sport pages to see the "standing of the teams."

## SOUND SLEEP!

Is possible only on a good bed. A good mattress without pillows is just a part of your sleeping equipment—

So—

Until January 5th

1926, we are offering a fine pair of cotton pillows with each mattress sold or made over. We are not reducing quality to make this offer—all work will be strictly up to the highest standard.

WE INVITE COMPARISONS

## SLATON MATTRESS FACTORY

By the Bottling Works

## H. C. Maxey Dairy

Pure Jersey Milk—Delivered Twice Daily

It's Pure and Wholesome

Can serve a few more customers

## City Drug Store

Is The Place To Buy Your  
Christmas Goods --

TOILET CASES, MANICURE SETS, LEATHER GOODS IN THE WAY OF PURSES, FINE BOX CHRISTMAS CANDIES, JEWELRY, WATCHES, CLOCKS — FIRE WORKS FOR THE BOYS. HIGH GRADE PERFUMES, TOILET ARTICLES, IN FACT ANYTHING THAT YOU SHOULD NEED IN THE WAY OF CHRISTMAS PRESENTS AND GIFTS — CHRISTMAS CARDS AND GREETINGS GALORE.

Your business is certainly appreciated. Come in, we are here to show you and to sell you what you want if possible.

## City Drug Store

Where you get your Money's Worth

JNO. DABNEY & SON SLATON, TEXAS

## Attention

Cheap Money and Good Terms On  
Farm, Ranch, and City Property  
We release 1-4, 1-2 or 3-4 section when sold  
Tell or write us your wants

## Scoggin & Ferguson

P. O. Box 903 Room 213 Leader Bldg.  
Lubbock, Texas

## Let us do Your FAMILY WASHING

We call for your Dirty Clothes, linens, etc., and Deliver them promptly—Prices Low

## SLATON STEAM LAUNDRY

## Wichita Falls Business College

A Good Position—a big salary is what counts on the road to success. We quickly train you for a good position in a bank, wholesale house, mercantile establishment, and the like, and secure position for you. Coupon will bring SPECIAL information. Mail it today.

Name ..... Address .....



YOU can depend upon the Used Car Guarantee of an Authorized Ford Dealer. It is his expert opinion that the car is worth the price asked and that it will give good service. We back our opinion with a thirty day guarantee.

From now until January 1st, 1926, we are going to offer our used Fords at a real bargain, in order to reduce our stock before invoicing. We have '25 '25 and '26 models in various types, in first class condition, cheaper than ever offered before. All fully guaranteed.

COME AND SEE THEM

## SLATON MOTOR CO.

See

## STEWART & BOYD

For Insurance Of All Kinds

FIRE, TORNADO AND HAIL

THE SLATON HOME MUTUAL

The Old Reliable And Original



## Your Order

Gets prompt attention here, and the quality of our groceries is A-1.

We carry a full line of Purina feeds. Use Purina and get best results.

## Texas Grocery

"A good place to trade"

## CHRISTMAS

Greetings

Friends!

DeLong

## NEW YEAR

# The Wonderful Story



Day Phone 879, Night Phone 972-M  
**COL. JOE SEALE**  
 GENERAL ACUTIONEER  
 I Specialize on Farm and  
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 P. O. Box 2317, Lubbock, Texas

**Sweep and Sleep**  
**Until Jan. 1st we will**  
**GIVE FREE**  
 with each mattress sold or made over,  
 one good broom. No increase in prices.  
 Write us your order. Will call for and  
 deliver.  
**Gatewood Mattress and**  
**Broom Co.**

**Pains**  
**Very Severe**  
 "I suffered from womanly  
 troubles which grew worse  
 and worse as the months  
 went by," says Mrs. L. H.  
 Cantrell, of R. F. D. 9, Gaines-  
 ville, Georgia.  
 "I frequently had very  
 severe pains. These were so  
 bad that I was forced to go  
 to bed and stay there. It  
 seemed to me my back would  
 come in two.  
**CARDUI**  
**For Female Troubles**  
 "I taught school for a  
 while, but my health was so  
 bad I would have to stay out  
 sometimes. This went on till  
 I got so bad I didn't know  
 what to do.  
 "One day I read about the  
 merits of Cardui, and as I  
 had some friends who had  
 been helped by it, I thought  
 I would try it. I began to  
 get better after I had taken  
 half a bottle. I decided to keep  
 on and give it a thorough  
 trial and I did. I took in  
 all about 12 bottles and now  
 I am perfectly well. I do  
 not suffer any pain and can  
 do all my housework."  
 At All Druglists' E-110

## FOR SALE OR TRADE

6-Room house on city water and sewer line. Price 1850.00. \$250.00 down, \$25.00 per month.  
 6-Room house on city water and sewer line, large garage, coal and wash house, best of location. Price \$2250.00. \$250.00 down, \$25.00 per month.  
 6-Room Stucco House on city water and sewer line, cement walks, on 75-ft. corner, east front. Price \$3750.00. Take one-half in trade or good vendors lien note.  
 4-Room House, best of location, \$1550.00—terms.  
 4-Room House, large double garage \$1750.00—terms.  
 4-Room house \$950.00—terms.  
 3-Room House, on city water and sewer line, 75-ft. north front, corner. Price \$1900.00. \$100.00 down, \$20.00 per month.  
 3-Room House, good cased well and pump, garage, corner lot, price \$800.00. \$100.00 cash, \$20.00 per month.  
 One among the best improved farms in Lubbock County—225 acres, 175 in cultivation; second crop, price \$55.00 per acre—\$4000.00 cash, balance in 15 equal annual payments. This farm is ready to move onto and make money.

I have the properties you want and terms to suit.

**C. C. HOFFMAN**

1st Floor Slaton State Bank Bldg.

## We'll not Wait for 1926

*But Will Resolve at This Christmas*

that in the future we'll strive even harder to merit your friendship and your support.

We wish for each of you a good time during the holidays and prosperity and health in the New Year.

**McKirahan Furniture Company**

Dependable Merchandise

## The DOLLIES SANTA BROUGHT



## Christmas Goods Galore!

You'll be surprised and delighted when you see our beautiful display of Christmas Goods just received and now ready for your inspection.

Gifts for all the family—all of them distinctive, and they are sure to please you.

Come in to see them.

**TEAGUE DRUG STORE**

## Feed, Coal, Fence Posts

We handle "Superior" Feeds

Have A Full Line

Colorado Lump and Nut Coal

Best Cedar Posts

For the Farmers Needs

**Slaton Coal & Grain Co.**

Phone 23

## For Sale or Trade

One house, 5 rooms and bath, modern, built in kitchen cabinet, screened in back porch, large front porch, on corner, 75-ft. east front, has framed garage and poultry house, solid board fence around back, brand new. Good location near High School. Price \$2750.00 with \$250.00 cash and balance like rent.

One Stucco house 5 rooms and bath, modern, built in kitchen cabinet, screened in back porch, large front porch, 75-ft east front, has stucco garage, side walks, completed. Good location. Price \$2500.00 with \$250.00 cash or trade and balance like rent.

One house 4 rooms with front and back porch, electric lights, close in. Price \$1600.00 with \$200.00 cash and balance like rent.

I also have some good east and south front lots for sale.

**RAMA GRIGG at Rockwell Bros. & Co.**

## Through the Exchange of Happy Greetings

The people have made Christmas the joy season of the year.

And well has it been done.

We are glad that it brings us the opportunity to

*Broadcast Good Cheer*

From our station of sincerity and we hope every one of our friends are "listening in."

**Abbe's Cash Store**