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TEACHERS VOTE TO HOLD MEETING HERE NEXT YEAR

Endorse Neff Educational Program; Also Move for Constitutional Convention.

The Joint-Teachers-Institute, which met in session here December 18, closed Friday, December 22, after a very successful week of work. Many prominent speakers addressed the teachers during the week. The program was well rendered.

The Institute was splendidly conducted and the teachers showed their appreciation of the hospitality of the Memphis people, by voting to meet here again next year.

The following resolutions were read and adopted:

Resolved: We, the teachers of Donley, Childress, Collingsworth, and Hall counties, in institute assembled, extend to the good people of Memphis, our hearty appreciation for their generous hospitality shown us during our stay in their little city; to the faculty of Memphis schools for their interest and co-operation; to the ministers of the various churches for their inspiring devotional talks.

2. To the program committee, we extend our appreciation of the program as carried out.

3. To Dr. A. W. Birdwell, especially, do we extend our appreciation for his addresses and heartily his fraternal program.

4. To Miss Patrick for her splendid work in the primary department.

5. To all other contributors to the program, our hearty thanks.

6. To State Superintendent Elect, M. N. Marrs, we heartily thank his address, and pledge to him our support in carrying out his program.

The resolutions below were adopted and sent to Austin:

1. We, the teachers of Donley, Childress, Collingsworth and Hall counties, institute assembled, do heartily endorse the great educational program of Gov. Pat M. Neff, as announced in his great address before the State Teachers' Association at Houston, and pledge to him our support in executing it.

2. We endorse the movement for constitutional convention in order that a modern educational system for Texas may be made possible.

3. We urge the legislature to make appropriation for immediate relief of public schools, without which very many of the schools of the State will seriously be crippled.

4. We endorse the general severance tax to the end that a permanent source of financial support for the public schools may be made possible.

5. We hereby endorse the work in national home Economics being under the Smith-Hughes act and urge the legislature to make a necessary appropriation to carry on this work.

6. We therefore, endorse an adequate appropriation for the support of the State Department of Education, in order that their representatives may receive sufficient compensation to enable them to visit various educational meetings, thereby, creating better and stronger public school sentiment throughout Texas.

7. We signed by Committee on Resolution: A. H. Glasco, J. B. Jackson, A. Cooper, Mrs. L. V. Officer, P. Hardy and C. M. Weaver.

8. Miss Mona Ross of the Greene Dry Goods Co. is spending the holidays with her relatives at Dallas.

9. Mr. Skaines of the Greene Dry Goods Co. spent Sunday and Monday with his relatives at Hereford.

MODERN WOODMEN PLAN MEETING AT CLARENDON

Clarendon will witness the largest attendance of Modern Woodmen of America on January 20, 1923, ever assembled in this part of the State.

Gathering in this part of the State, the following camps are expected to be in Clarendon with at least 100 new members to receive the degree, which will be put on by the following degree team: Childress, Estell, Clarendon, Claude, Mem-

phris, Estell, Hedley, Kirkland, Lake, Newlin, Panhandle, Vega, Wellington. A number of visits are expected from more distant camps.

The band of the Amarillo lodge will furnish music for the meeting.

MEMPHIS COMMANDERY HOLDS CHRISTMAS SERVICES, ELECT OFFICERS

Memorial Addresses for Grand Commander Yantis and Judge S. P. Huff. Officers for Coming Year.

Annual Christmas Service was observed by Memphis Commandery, No. 50, Memphis, Texas, Monday morning at 11 o'clock in the Masonic Temple.

Sir Knight Eugene B. Kuntz was in charge of the devotional service and after reading a scripture lesson, called upon Sr. D. H. Arnold for prayer.

Sr. R. B. Morgan spoke upon the subject of "Principles and Thoughts of Christianity" and memorializing our late Grand Commander T. C. Yantis, of Brownwood, as also our late deceased Judge S. P. Huff, who delivered the Charter to this Commandery. He closed his address with the appropriate saying "Glory to God in the Highest, Peace on Earth, Good Will Toward Men."

A number of short talks were made by the Sir Knights present.

This being the regular meeting of the Commandery for the election of officers for the coming year, the following were elected and installed:

J. E. King, Commander; J. R. Martin, Gen'lmo.; E. Kittinger, Capt. General; G. R. Kilpatrick, Senior Warden; E. S. Shelly, Junior Warden; T. E. Noel, Treasurer; J. H. Read, Recorder; E. E. Walker, Prelate; O. B. Jones, Standard Bearer; A. B. Read, Sword Bearer; Frank Fore, Sentinel; R. A. Payne, Sentinel.

FORMER CHIEF OF POLICE AND RED CROSS NURSE MARRY AT WICHITA FALLS

Mr. J. Y. Snow, formerly chief-of-police here, and Miss Myrtle Hill, who has served this county as public health nurse until recently, were married at the Christian church at Wichita Falls, on December 20.

Mr. and Mrs. Snow returned here Thursday and will make Memphis their home.

Both have many friends who will rejoice at their happiness and join in wishing them a happy future.

EARLY BONUS PASSAGE PREDICTED BY OWSLEY

Fort Worth, Dec. 27.—Passage of the adjusted compensation bill at this session of Congress is practically assured, Alvin M. Owsley, national commander of the American Legion, who will speak at a luncheon in his honor here Wednesday, said Tuesday in Denton.

Even should the bill fail at this session, that it will be cared for at the next session is already certain Owsley said, as the requisite number of Senators and Representatives already has been obtained to pass it over a presidential veto.

UNITED CHARITIES REJECT KLAN GIFT

Amarillo, Dec. 24.—The United Charities of Amarillo has refused to accept \$228.55 offered the organization by the local Ku Klux Klan for Christmas relief work. The money was left with a local newspaper Friday with the request it be given the United Charities. When the organization declined to accept the money the Klan requested the newspaper to announce this morning that the offer would be withdrawn and the money called for.

AUTO GRADUALLY CUTS VALUE OF HORSE

Waterloo, Dec. 23.—The days of Old Dobbin are past.

The gasoline motor is replacing him so fast, both on the farm and in the city, that he brings less than one-half of his valuation of two years ago, regardless of how strong and sound he may be.

Analysis made of recent auction and private sales in Western New York shows that horses have brought an average of but \$90 each, while two years ago the figures were from \$150 to \$200.

Marriages.

Mr. Carrol Blevins and Miss Lucile Glenn, of Quail, were married on Saturday, December 23, and Mr. Harvey McAbee and Miss Helva Alexander, of Memphis, were married on Monday, December 25. Both ceremonies were performed at the Christian parsonage by Rev. A. D. Rogers.

SCHOOL BOARD CONTRACTS BONDS

Sterns Bros. Offer Par and Premium of \$2,542.50. Bids Subject to Election January 20.

Bids for the \$110,000 bond issue for the erection of a high school building were received by the Memphis school board last Thursday.

Fourteen bids were submitted as follows: McNear & Co., par and \$650; Guarantee Trust Co., par and \$1211; Neal Roth & Co., par and \$275; Sidney Spitzer Co., par and \$1336; H. C. Burk Co., par, and \$1900; R. J. Edwards, par and \$1901; Caldwell Co., par less \$4000; First M. B. M. Co., par and \$508; Geo. Simpson & Co., par and \$3310; deferred payment and no interest; Sterns Bros. Co., par and \$2542.50; Taylor White & Co., par and \$2,310; Gregg Garrett Co., par and \$1,925; J. L. Arlett, par and \$1,301.

It will be seen that the bid of \$2,542.50 with accrued interest, by Sterns Bros., of Kansas City, was the highest cash bid, and this bid was accepted subject to the result of the bond election to be held on Saturday, January 20.

The bidders guarantee their bid by a cash deposit.

The price received is, it is said, satisfactory to the school board and insures immediate work upon the construction of the building, if the bonds are authorized.

PLAINS CITIES SEEK A. & M. COLLEGE

Amarillo, Dec. 24.—The Panhandle-Plains counties will unite behind some one city located within these counties as the location for the proposed West Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, if the suggestion made at a meeting of the directors of the Panhandle-Plains Chamber of Commerce here Friday is carried out.

A call will be issued for a meeting to be held at 2 p. m., January 8, in the Longhorn Club of the Amarillo Hotel to decide upon a location upon which all sections of this territory will unite.

The suggestion is that each of the 40 counties embraced in what is termed the Panhandle-Plains country will have one vote in the mass meeting to determine the question of a location.

Several cities in this section are already avowed candidates for the school. The list includes Lubbock, Post, Plainview, Floydada, Amarillo, Canyon, Memphis, Clarendon and perhaps other towns.

It is desired that every county in this section of the State send representatives to the meeting to be held here January 8.

First Baptist Church

"Rejoice in the Lord alway, and again I will say rejoice." Every one seems to have had an enjoyable time during the holidays. Especially was this so at the Baptist church last Saturday night at the Christmas tree.

A good program was rendered after which, "Old Santa" made his appearance and bid us all a Merry Christmas. Good crowds were present at both services Sunday and feeling of reverence prevailed as the pastor brought us a message on "The First Christmas Service."

Announcements

Prayermeeting, Wednesday evening, 7:15.

Choir practice, Thursday, 7:15 p. m. Sunday school, 9:45 a. m. Preaching at 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m.

Junior B. Y. P. U., 3:00 p. m., Intermediates and Seniors at 5:45 p. m. After the evening service, if the weather is favorable, the ordinance of baptism will be administered to several candidates. You have a cordial invitation to all our services.

—W. W. Grafton.

ADVANCE IN COTTON PLEASES MARKETERS

Enthusiasm in the Texas Farm Bureau Cotton Association reached high tide Tuesday, when cotton went to the highest quotation of the season, 26.83c being offered in New York.

While the association controls only about 10 per cent of the total production of cotton this year, 75 per cent of that amount is yet to be marketed, according to C. O. Moser, one of the officials.

VERNON TO FIGHT BOOTLEGGERS RING

Threats Against Officers of the Law Arouses Vernon Citizens. Offer Assistance In Fight.

Vernon, Dec. 24.—Vernon was preparing Sunday night to declare war to the hilt on the "bootleggers' ring" of Wilbarger County.

Following threats of death received during the last few days by Sheriff Frank Edmonston and County Judge E. L. McHugh, unless they desisted in enforcement efforts, citizens have been beating a trail to the door of these county officials, assuring them they are with them in the fight to banish the illicit traffic from the borders of the county.

Sheriff Edmonston assumed office November 19. Since that time he has conducted many raids in various parts of the county, which heretofore has had the reputation of being more or less "wide open." He has seized many stills and confiscated hundreds of gallons of liquor. As a result, sales here have become hazardous.

It is declared there is a well organized bootleggers' trust in the county. Alarmed at the restrictions being placed upon them by the sheriff they, in the past few days, have resorted to the sending of threatening letters. Upon pain of death, the sheriff, his chief deputy, and the county judge, have been warned to desist.

"So far as I am concerned the war is on and I will pay no attention to the warnings," Sheriff Edmonston said Saturday night. "I intend to rid this county of the lawless element, and I will suppress the illicit traffic in liquor."

His sentiments were echoed by the county judge.

Citizens said Saturday night that a mass meeting would be called within the next few days when the support of "the law abiding element" will be placed squarely behind the sheriff.

The death threats bear every evidence of genuineness and the citizenry here is aroused at the turn of events.

Mrs. Herbert Estes Dead.

Messages received by relatives here Wednesday, told of the death of Mrs. Herbert Estes at El Paso, on the day previous. The message stated that the remains would be brought here for burial and will probably arrive tomorrow or Saturday.

Mrs. Estes, who was reared here, was a Lock, sister to Misses J. R. Allen and J. J. Walker, daughter of Mrs. W. W. Lock.

Mrs. Estes has been afflicted for a number of years with tuberculosis and the removal of the family, first to Colorado and later to El Paso, was with the hope of benefit to her health. Many friends here will regret to learn of her death.

STATE PARK FOR AMARILLO SOUGHT

Amarillo, Dec. 24.—Palo Duro Park Association members have been called to meet in Amarillo Dec. 29, to discuss plans to place the matter of making a State park here before the Legislature when it convenes in January.

Improvements will be made at the Canyon, affording a camping ground to tourists, regardless of whether the State grants the association an appropriation or the Legislature acts on the move for a State park.

TEXAS LEADS ENTIRE NATION IN SALE OF DRUG STORE BOOZE

Washington, Dec. 21.—Assistants to Director Haynes of the prohibition enforcement unit are investigating the enormous increase in sales of liquor through Texas drug stores.

One official states that while there are fewer permit drug stores in Texas, population considered, than in other States, Texas drug stores sell more liquor than similar stores in other States, and recommendations for increases are greater than for all the rest of the United States combined.

Prohibition enforcement officers said no time had yet been fixed for the reorganization of the Federal prohibition forces in Texas, but it is expected to be determined soon, and it was intimated a number of changes would be made upon receipt of the resignation of Director David H. Mor-

ris.

—Eugene B. Kuntz, pastor.

YOUNG MAN DIES FROM MYSTERIOUS WOUND TO BACK

Young Memphis Man Dies As Result of Wound Mysteriously Received. Funeral and Burial Thursday.

Elmer W. Neel, 19-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Neel, who live just north of town, died Wednesday morning at a Clarendon hospital after an operation for a broken spine.

Just how the fatal injury occurred is a mystery. It seems that the young man was suffering with a sore throat and had gargled some turpentine and, perhaps, swallowed an overdose of the medicine. Becoming alarmed by a smothering sensation, accompanied by rapid heart action, at a late hour in the night he sought the open air and, supposedly, fell, unconscious in the yard, where he lay for some time before regaining consciousness and power to call for aid.

When found, he was paralyzed from the small of the back down, and subsequent examination showed that his back-bone was shattered. It is supposed that he must have fallen with his back across the edge of the low gallery, or some other unyielding object.

The young man was exceptionally healthy and of fine physique, being nearly six feet in height, and of exemplary habits.

The funeral was held at the home of the parents, two miles north of town, Thursday afternoon, interment at Fairview cemetery.

CARS RUN TOGETHER. SEDAN IS WRECKED

A heavy car driven by W. P. Dial struck a Hudson sedan, driven by Miss Shirley Greene, at the intersection of Eighth and Main, on West Main, Sunday afternoon.

The Dial car struck the sedan squarely in the center, overturning it upon the pavement. No one was seriously hurt although the sedan was wrecked to the extent of breaking all the glass and smashing a running-board. The Dial car sustained a crushed radiator and a sprung axle.

Frank Wilson of Baylor University is spending the holidays with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Wilson.

J. C. Ross spent Christmas with his parents at Eldorado, Oklahoma.

Main Street Church of Christ.

Sunday school 9:45 a. m. Mrs. A. J. Whaley's class won the cup last Sunday and there is only one more Sunday in the contest. Three classes are very close to the goal, but only one can win.

Men's class at library. All other classes at the church.

Preaching 11:00 a. m. and 7:00 p. m. Morning subject: "Stewardship of the New Year." Evening subject: "Four Great Things."

Junior C. E., 3:00 p. m., Mayo Odum, leader.

Intermediate C. E., 4:00 p. m. Cecil Odum, leader.

Senior C. E., 6:30 p. m., Ted Young, leader.

Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock.

First Presbyterian Church

The presentation by the choir of the cantata, "The Christ-child" last Sunday afternoon was a great success. A large audience was in attendance.

The Christmas exercises by the children of the Sunday school were interesting and enjoyable. The children did their part well.

9:45 a. m. Sunday school.

11:00 a. m. Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "Dwelling in God's Secret Place."

4:00 p. m. Junior Christian Endeavor Society.

6:00 p. m. Intermediate and Senior Christian Endeavor societies.

7:00 p. m. Sermon by the pastor. Theme: "Lessons from the Sleeping Christ."

AGRICULTURAL PROSPECTS FOR 1923 REVIEWED

Secretary of Agriculture Issues New Year's Statement As to Prospects for Year.

Twelve months ago most of the six million farmers of the United States were starting on the long hard climb out of the valley of economic depression. They have not yet attained the heights which are bathed in the grateful sunshine of prosperity. Some, indeed, have fallen by the way. Others are still in the valley. Nevertheless, as we step a bit and look backward we can see that very considerable ground has been gained by the great majority, and we can enter the New Year with renewed hope and with that courage which comes from the realization that we are really making progress.

A year ago, when speaking of the prospects for farming in 1922, I said that while there was no reason to expect boom time for the farmer in the near future, there was promise of better times, both for the farmer and for those whose business is largely dependent upon him. The year has brought fulfillment of that promise. Speaking generally, times are better, much better than a year ago, both for agriculture and for industry.

Crops have been good, on the whole. Prices of the major crops are mostly considerably higher. While there has been a corresponding advance in the prices of the things the farmer must buy, the total sum which farmers will receive for the crops of this year is greater by a billion and a half dollars, or more, than that which they received for the crops of last year. This will certainly mean better times on the farm, and farm folks will be able to ease up a little on the grinding economy they were forced to practice the preceding year.

The labor cost of producing the crops of 1922 was still further reduced. There were some substantial reductions in freight rates. Much helpful legislation has been enacted and more will be this winter. Interest rates are lower and the credit strain has been eased. This has made it possible for many farmers who were rather heavily involved to refund their obligations and get themselves in condition to win through.

There are still some dark spots. In some sections weather conditions were unfavorable and crops were short, and farmers in these sections are having a very hard time of it. Freight rates are still too high, especially for those who must pay for a long haul to market.

Taxes are high, but this is largely due to the increase in local taxes, over which farmers themselves must exercise control.

There has been gratifying growth in farmers' cooperative marketing associations, and more of them are being organized on a sound business basis.

Aside from the help which has been given by legislation and by administration activities, strong economic forces are at work to restore a more normal relation between agriculture and other industries.

The peril in the agricultural depression is more keenly realized by other groups than ever before, and on every hand a sincere desire is being evidenced to do what can be done safely to help the farmer better his condition.

Everything considered, we have good reason to expect still better things for agriculture in the year 1923.

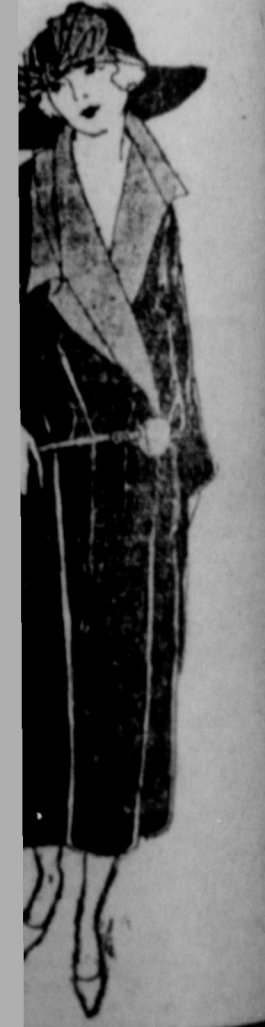
PANHANDLE COUNTIES IN NEED OF RAIN

Panhandle, Dec. 23.—Carson, Gray Hutchinson and Armstrong Counties are in need of rain to aid the big wheat crop which is in need of moisture.

Stock farmers do not expect to secure any benefit from wheat as grazing until March.

COMMANDERY REPORTS ON CHARITY COLLECTION

Following its usual custom, the local Commandery, at its last meeting, received the following report from the committee appointed to make Christmas charity collections: A total of \$415 was collected and thirty-eight homes were visited and supplied with clothing, food and toys.

December 21, 1922
Suggestions Complete
Toys, Eveready, Emblem Pins, Smokers' Goods
RUNSWICKS
ICK RECORDS
experienced service in Christmas shopping.
Drug Company
many friends compliments wishing you a us New Year
ATSON
vice"
Christmas
New Year
and every wish to thank tronage and ot forget us rim to sell adise obtain- rices.
MOUS
roprietor


NEW YEAR GREETINGS



Best Wishes for the New Year

Let's now forget the past—
Start new, for this is the New Year

GRUNDY BROS.

New Year's Greeting

Like the treasure ship of olden times, full-fraught with precious things, so may the New Year come laden with all that will make for your happiness and contentment.

CHAS. OREN

Jeweler and Optometrist



Is our wish for our friends and customers
for 1923

CITY MEAT MARKET

We wish for you
and yours—

A
Happy New Year

M. C. WARD GROCERY



W. H. GOODNIGHT
Groceries and Produce
Phone 249

We wish for you—

A
Happy and Prosperous
New Year

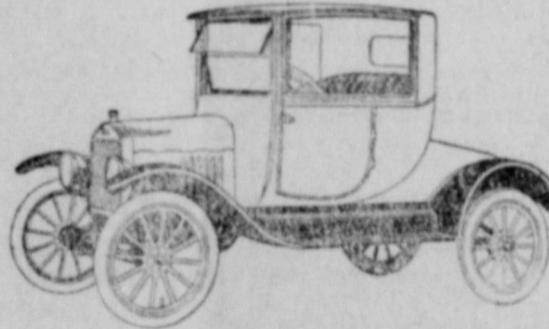
HATTENBACH & McKELVY



We wish to thank our many friends and customers for the patronage that they have given us in the eleven years of business in Memphis. Wishing each and every one a very prosperous and happy New Year, and for a portion of your future business.

TRAVIS BROS.

Hollis Boren C. A. Powell



A Happy New Year
BOREN & POWELL



We wish to extend our thanks and appreciation to our customers for their liberal patronage in the past.

ARNOLD & GARDNER

We thank you—

"Snowball"
Compton & Jay
Allen-Figh Motor Co.
Wm. Fore & Sons

at the
TOURIST GARAGE
Memphis, Texas



—From—

THE GRAND LEADER

Outfitters for the whole family
Where you save money on every purchase

Thanks—

to our customers, and we wish for every one
Happiness and Prosperity during

1923

GUINN & TUNNELL

The New Year Program

By Phebe K. Warner

Just a few more days and the old year will be gone. And the very next minute after it passes away the new year will be here. Time never wastes any time. Time never stops between changes. Time has a daily, hourly, yearly program. And the whole universe works every second on a scheduled time to carry out that program. The sun, moon and stars, and the days and nights, the weeks and months and the seasons of the year all work in perfect harmony to carry out Nature's program for each year. And because of this perfect program there is always plenty of time for everything Nature wants to do.

What is the result? Every human being has absolute faith in time. We know just how much time is spent on for this year's work. They know that time will never fail them. They may go. But they will go on and on. And every minute will come and go as they are scheduled. Even the children and the beasts of the field know when to bring their work to a close and go to rest. And one of the most beautiful laws of the whole plan and program is that of our strength and our hours of rest and labor are all adjusted to Nature's perfect program.

What would our lives be like if order were not the first law of the universe? Would you change the plan if you could? Do you ever get tired of the monotony of the days and nights and the seasons and the years? Herein Time has been most kind to us all again in giving us so many different kinds of days and nights and seasons. But should you not want any cold winter days in your year, Nature and Time have so planned together that you can go there it is all Summer if you want. Could any one but a Great Infinite God have thought out such a program for all our lives?

Throughout the whole realm of Nature there any lesson taught more wisely than the lesson of having a definite program for every day and every year of our lives? Have you learned this lesson? Did you have a program to live and work by for 1922? Did you go off by yourself somewhere about a year ago and make out a reasonable, and possible program for yourself for 1922? If so, how has it worked out? Have you carried out your 1922 program?

Almost as plain as the radio we hear "no, no, no!" coming in from over this land of ours. And the part is that back of every no is a disappointment in somebody's life. And you are saying "What a pity. How could I work out my program for 1922 when it did not turn out as I thought it would. And the markets went to pieces, and how could I help that? And I did not want to be sick for weeks and losing my job and spending more money than I expected and losing my time and money." And there are ten thousand other reasons why most of us did not carry out our schedule, if we had one. But, nevertheless, don't you think it is a fine plan to have a program for the year? Don't you believe we would everyone accomplish more even in the face of looked-for and unavoidable disappointments if we had a definite goal toward which we were striving every day of the year?

Let's fall in line with Father Time this year and plan a definite program for ourselves for 1923. It can not do us any harm and it may help to lead us down to some definite, special work that we would let slip by without a program and a goal for 1923. The world is full of human beings tonight because so many of us have had no plan, no program, no goal to spur us on when things got in our way. Suppose the football game gave up and quit trying every time somebody tripped them or they failed to kick goal? When would they ever become a winning team?

Let's everyone get busy this week and make out our program for 1923. Write down on a slip of paper what you think you ought to do and what you know you can do and hide it somewhere, but do not forget what you have planned to make yourself do.

If you are just starting out in life for yourself, maybe it is to save your first \$100. Maybe it is to get a hold a job until you are promoted to the salary you want. Maybe it is to finish school or get ready to enter college. No matter what it is go right after it and keep going just the same and you will get there every day. You may not reach your goal on scheduled time. It may be farther away than you thought it was. But you will get there quicker

if you keep on going no matter how far away it is.

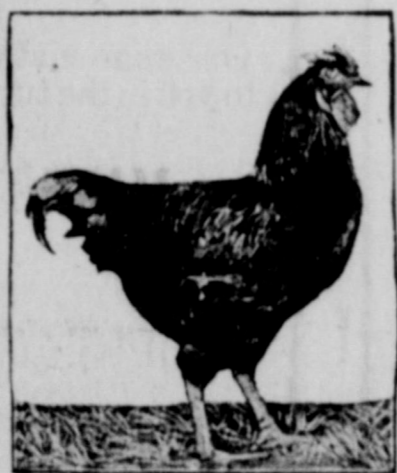
Have you a 1923 program for your business? Have you a 1923 program for your school, your church, your club, your town? Have you a 1923 program for your county? How much more we would all accomplish if we only knew just what we were trying to do. Let's everyone plan our New Year program this week and be ready to start in on it at 11:00 p. m., December 31, 1922. No matter what the disappointments have been this year, be ready to take a new and even start again with the New Year. If you do not, when 1923 has rolled around you will feel just like you do now. "What have I accomplished this year that was worth a year of living?" And forty such years make up the average life and then the question will be: "Was life worth living?" The gift of another year of life is one that nobody should throw away. No human being has the right to waste anything so precious as a whole year of time.

BETTER PROGENY BY CULLING

Wise Plan to Discard All Fowls in Flock Except Most Vigorous and Prolific Layers.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

That culling the poultry flock to get rid of all those birds except the vigorous, prolific layers results in noticeable improvement in the progeny is shown by recent investigations at the United States experiment farm, Beltsville, Md. The late moulting birds selected from a flock of 100 Rhode Island Reds in the fall of 1920 laid seven more eggs per bird during their second year than the original flock of pullets. They were used as breeders the following spring, and the first Red pullets to commence laying in the fall of 1921



Single Comb Rhode Island Cockerel.

were found to be the offspring of these late-moulting hens. Their pullets in a period of seven months have already averaged about two dozen eggs per bird more than the original flock.

But it is not alone in number of eggs that the late-moulter's progeny excel, but also in the value of the product, as the distribution was more even, a much larger proportion of the eggs being laid during the winter months. In the last seven months the daughters of the late moulters not only averaged two dozen eggs per bird more than the original flock, but the value of their product was figuring at the same prices, about \$1.04 per bird more during the same period. It is expected that this margin will increase during the next five months.

CHEAP POWDER FOR POULTRY

Mixture of Gasoline, Carbolic Acid and Plaster of Paris Will Eradicate Insects.

A cheap lice powder for poultry may be made by mixing three parts of gasoline and one part of crude carbolic acid with as much plaster of paris as the liquid will moisten. This is the suggestion of the Ohio station. The powder is allowed to dry before using. It may be kept in an air-tight container where it retains its strength for a long period. The powder is inflammable and must be kept away from fire.

Infested fowls when thoroughly dusted are soon relieved from the attacks of lice. About 125 birds may be dusted in an hour, one pound of the mixture being needed to dust ten mature fowls. For head lice on chickens, the use of blue ointment or mercurial ointment has been found effective. One part of the ointment is mixed with two parts of vaseline and a lump of the mixture about the size of a pea is rubbed thoroughly at the base of the feathers about the head.

PROVIDE WATER FOR CHICKS

Good Plan to Have Barrel Under a Shade Tree and Let It Drip Continuously into Pan.

A good method to furnish water to chicks is a barrel under a shade tree that continually drips into a clean pan. It will not be necessary to refill this very often and it furnishes a constant supply of fresh water as it is needed by the chicks.

POULTRY

TERM STANDARD-BRED FOWLS

Means That Bird Referred to Conforms to Standards of Color, Markings and Weight.

A purebred, whether it is a hen or a cock, means that the animal comes from a definitely recognized breed and that the parents were purebred animals of the same breed. If an animal has lineage of pure breeding, which can be definitely proved, and thus makes the animal eligible for registration, it is then a purebred animal. There is the added stipulation that an animal must be healthy, vigorous and a creditable specimen of its breed in order to be purebred.

In reference to poultry breeding, perhaps the best terms of all to indicate 100 per cent blood is the expression "standard-bred." This means that the fowl referred to as standard-bred is one which conforms to the standards of form, color, markings, weight, etc., for the various breeds under the standard of perfection of the American Poultry association. Standard-bred is a term which is growing in popularity among those doing business in the purebred poultry field, and is perhaps a more distinctive expression than any other which might be used with reference to poultry. Of course, there are standard-bred horses which refer to a distinct breed of light horses, including both trotters and pacers eligible to registration in the trotting registry.

DUCKS FOR MEAT AND EGGS

Pekin Breed is Kept Almost Exclusively for Green Ducks—Runner is Good Layer.

"The Pekin breed is kept almost exclusively by producers of green ducks, and also on many farms where they are grown for meat," says H. W. Sanborn, extension poultry husbandman, United States Department of Agriculture. "They fatten rapidly and may be fed on rations recommended for chickens, but better results are usually secured by feeding more green and vegetable feeds and a larger proportion of mash.

"For the general farmer who is more interested in obtaining eggs than producing meat, the Runner is a good breed. This duck holds the same relative position in the duck family that



Pekin Ducks About Seven Weeks Old in Fattening Pen.

the Leghorn does in the chicken family. It lays a good-sized white egg considerably larger than a hen's egg, and is declared to be a small eater, a good forager, and hardy. The introduction of this breed is helping to build up a trade of first-class duck eggs. These eggs should be marketed frequently, as they depreciate in quality more rapidly than hen's eggs."

HEN NEEDS SHELL MATERIAL

Tests Show Decrease in Number of Eggs Where Oyster Shell and Grit Are Lacking.

Tests made at the University of Wisconsin experiment station, where the feeding of hens could be watched closely, show that hens have a tendency to cut down on the number of eggs they lay when they run short of material which goes into the egg shell. Some believe that soft shells are a result of not having sufficient oyster shells or ground bone material, but tests do not bear it out. So, for keeping up the number of eggs, it is essential that hens running free on the farm have a supply of oyster shells, ground bone or some other mineral grit, near where the flock is fed.

FEED FOR YOUNG COCKERELS

Where Market is Available for Spring Chickens Plan to Feed Green Stuff Liberally.

If there is a market available for spring chickens, it is a good investment and time well spent in building a little enclosure where green stuff is available to feed the young cockerels all they can eat for a couple of weeks before selling them.



WILD DUCKS

"Hello," said the Fairy Queen to the Wishing Fairy. "I am glad to see how much good has been done.

"It is simply wonderful, wonderful, Wishing Fairy."

"Well," said the Wishing Fairy, "I did enough wishing for it myself, and I certainly used all my power and I have a good deal of power with this fine wand of mine.

"Sometimes, though," the Wishing Fairy said, "I have rather a hard time working in the world of grown-ups, but this last is fine.

"Yes, I know you're glad, too, Fairy Queen."

For there were reports that there were many more wild ducks about than there had been for years.

The Mallard ducks, the Wood ducks, the Spoonbill ducks, the Pintail ducks, the Blue Wing Teals were all more plentiful than they had been in a very long time.

They had set up housekeeping and had built their nests and had decided once more that life was worth living. For a time they had had doubts about it, for there were so many guns—which people shot with from motor-boats, and yachts, and guns which were shot from behind thickets—oh, everywhere there seemed to be guns.

But at last the ducks were getting protection from the government and the Fairy Queen and the Wishing Fairy and the Fairies back in Fairyland were rejoicing.

There were more snipes and swans about, too, and the ducks were flying



"I Saw a Nest."

safely from the South to their northern marsh homes.

The swans were not going to leave the South for awhile. They liked to stay longer where they were sure of its being warmer.

The little chimney swifts were thinking about coming back, too.

They had made a long journey the fall before, and had eaten as they had traveled, but now they were thinking of coming back soon.

They had gone far South, but no one had quite known where they had been all the time.

For the ways of birds and of their travels are very wonderful and strange.

They can take long journeys that far older and stronger creatures would be afraid to take, and as the birds travel they can look after themselves. Most creatures wouldn't dare take such risks.

Then, too, the Fairy Queen was rejoicing with the Wishing Fairy for many of the good birds who fed on insects, and so helped enormously,

were going to be protected, too.

"The geese were the first to arrive, weren't they?" asked the Fairy Queen.

"Yes," the Wishing Fairy answered.

"And I have something to tell you that I just saw.

"How thrilling it was!

"I saw some golden plovers on their way to Alaska. How they did travel, and how wonderful they looked.

"For they had come such a distance, too. And how it is that the birds can fly and never lose their way, but lay out such a perfect course for themselves, and follow it, is something at which I always marvel.

"Then, too, they know where there is shelter, and just where there are little islands of safety. They seem to go such round-about distances, too, and yet they know just where they're going, and they go there!

"But in addition to the golden plovers and some other plovers, flying both at night and during the daytime I saw a nest.

"Yes," the Wishing Fairy continued, "I saw a nest, and in it were the eggs of Mrs. Mallard Duck.

"So, you see, the birds and the wild ducks do know they are being protected, for they feel it is safe to lay the little eggs in the nest, which will hatch out into ducklings.

"Oh, it is a fine thing, but it is also a right thing to protect the birds who live so marvelously and so fearlessly, so bravely and so adventurously, and to show them that we're their friends."

"I think so, too, Wishing Fairy."

And all the Fairies shouted:

"We think so, too, and we're so happy that this has come about, so happy, so happy indeed."

Noted Names in Directory.

Among the famous names in the New York telephone directory are Dante, Byron, Swift, Macaulay, Dickens, Aramis, Othello, Walter Scott and Pickwick.

None of the Apple Goes to Waste.

The thoroughness with which the apple is now worked over and utilized by some manufacturers makes it comparable with the packing-house pig that leaves only a futile squeal. In many of the apple-using factories the apples are first pressed to produce cider, which may be sold as such or may be manufactured into vinegar. After thorough pressing the pomace is treated with hot water to remove the pectin, which, after purification, is sold in either liquid or solid form to manufacturers of jellies and similar products and to housewives. The much wasted and squeezed residue is dried, ground and sold as cattle food.—Department of Agriculture Bulletin.

When you look for anybody or anything in the feed line, look for B. Webster at Dial's Feed Store, on the South side.

Visit us during our Pre-Inventory Sale, just started. Our Spring Millinery and Dresses are here. The Style Shop, Balcony Baldwin Drug Store.

Look out for your car—we protect your radiator with Anti-Freeze to 6 degrees below zero. Gerlach Bros. Garage.

Notice To School Patrons.

The compulsory term of the public schools of Memphis begins January 1, 1923. All children between the ages of 8 and 14 years inclusive are required under the School Laws of Texas to attend 100 consecutive days. The law for non-attendance will be strictly enforced.

C. W. BROOME, Chairman of School Board.

A
Happy New
Year
The Sweet Shop

8 PER CENT MONEY
to loan on farm and ranch lands. Quick Service. See—
Norwood & Walker
Memphis, Texas

NEW YEARS GREETINGS
I wish to thank my many friends and customers for the liberal patronage accorded me during the past year. Wishing each and every one a very happy and prosperous New Year, and for a portion of your business during 1923.
W. B. DEBERRY

Our Sincere and Best Wishes for the
Happiest Most Prosperous
New Year
of Your Lives
Panhandle Telephone System

GREETINGS FOR THE



MOSES SHOE CO.

Seasons Greetings

Wishing every one a Happy and prosperous New Year

THE STYLE SHOP

1923



May this year be a year of readers

New Year's Greetings

Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we wish you a Happy New Year.

Hogland Mercantile Co.



DOWELL'S VARIETY STORE
Memphis, Texas

TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

Our appreciation for your good will is only be satisfied to you in the future and we ask you and

MAKE THE

HALL COUNCIL BANK

We wish for you prosperity in the new year



Our thanks to you—
We feel they're due—
Here's Godspeed to the year that's nearly done,
Here's luck and joy for the year to come.

W. R. WHERRY
Jeweler

Season's Greetings

Please accept our best wishes for the New Year filled with happiness and prosperity.

A. BALDWIN

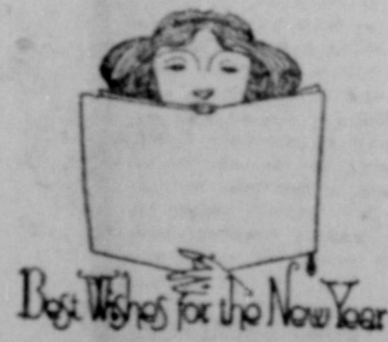
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CITIZENS BANK

A Happy New Year

With the greetings of the season, we extend to you our thanks for the business accorded us during the past year.

DUNBAR & WATSON
Abstracts, Insurance and Loans



AUTO SUPPLY STATION

THE SETTINGS

We wish to thank you for the co-operation given us during the past year and we wish to solicit a continuance of it every success in 1923

THE FIDELITY BANK

THE NEW YEAR, 1923



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Seasons Greetings

May you and yours enjoy a
Happy and Prosperous New Year

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MEMPHIS TAILORING CO.

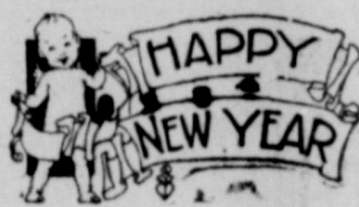
TO OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS

our good will is only be shown in our continued service
we ask you and

HALL COUNTY BANK

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h for you prosper in the coming year.



P. F. CRAVER
CITY FEED STORE

A Happy New Year

We have tried to serve you most efficiently during
the holiday shopping season. We feel that we have
succeeded and now extend to you our best wishes.

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CITIZENS BANK

A Happy New Year

We thank you for your patronage for the past year,
and will appreciate your future business.

POUNDS GROCERY
And
ROSS & RHODES MARKET



May the coming year bring you the fullest measure
of prosperity and happiness.

WM. CAMERON CO. INC.
GEORGE W. MOORE, Manager

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Cicero Smith Lumber Co.
Memphis, Texas

Seasons Greetings

From every hand comes evidence of greater and
more enduring prosperity for this splendid New
Year. May each of you obtain your fullest share.

WALKER BROTHERS

Local and Personal News

News Paragraphs and Personal Mention of General Interest to Memphis and Hall County Readers

Fred Frazier of Lakeview, is a visitor here today.

George Springer of Lakeview was in Memphis Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Martindale visited in Estelline Saturday.

Mr. J. N. Grundy of Estelline, was in Memphis last Thursday.

Jim May of Plaska was a caller at the Democrat office Friday.

Fred Boone of Lodge, was here Thursday on business matters.

Mr. A. J. McGee of Plaska, was in Memphis Friday of last week.

Mrs. Hollis Boren and children are visiting in Amarillo this week.

Mr. James Neely of Quail, is visiting his sons Ira and D. A. Neely.

Mrs. H. Burnett and children, of Dumas, are here visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Womack visited relatives in Amarillo Christmas.

Ballew's Service car; phone 142.

Oliver Rosamond is home from Baylor University, spending the holidays.

Mrs. V. V. Davis of Wichita Falls, is visiting her parents Mr. and Mrs. H. G. Stephens.

Phone W. P. Dial's Feed Store, South side of Square, for anything in the feed line.

Misses George Ella and Margaret Mickle, of Amarillo, were visiting friends here this week.

Mrs. O. B. Burnett of Dumas, is visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. A. Thomas.

Brownie Roberts of Vernon, is spending a few days with relatives here.

For Singer Sewing Machines, see J. M. Baker, local agent. Office at Brooks Tailor Shop.

Mrs. Ben Hill and children of Birco spent the holidays with Mrs. Hill's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Bradley.

Miss Thelma Shankle, who is teaching in the Lodge school, is spending the holidays with home-folk.

Mr. J. G. Noel and daughter, Miss Mary, are visiting relatives here this week.

Money to loan, good real estate security, at 8 per cent. T. C. Delaney.

Mrs. Fay Street of Graham is visiting this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheat.

Ballew's Service car; phone 142.

Mr. Johnnie Moore of Childress is in Memphis today shaking hands with old friends.

I have good car and some money to trade for good vendor's lien notes. J. P. Watson.

Dr. and Mrs. P. L. Vardy of Estelline were Memphis visitors Wednesday.

Miss Dorothy Ogden, who is attending the State University, is spending the holidays with her parents here.

Mrs. O. B. Burnett of Dumas, is here this week visiting relatives and friends.

6 per cent money to loan on farms and ranches on 33 years time. Memphis Land Co. 17-1-0

F. M. Trapp, who is employed as night watchman at Childress, spent Christmas with his family here.

Miss Ester McElreath of this place, left for Fort Worth, Saturday of last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Elman Kinard of Claude, have been spending the holidays in Memphis visiting relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Lane spent Christmas day in Wellington with Mrs. Lane's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brooks.

Henry Wilson attended the big football game in Amarillo on Christmas day.

Mrs. V. R. Porter and little daughter Vivian, of Wellington, spent Christmas here visiting relatives.

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Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Carroll of Memphis went to Amarillo Monday to visit relatives there for a few days.

Mr. Joe Webster returned Friday of last week from a business trip to Johnson County.

Phone W. P. Dial's Feed Store, South side of Square, for anything in the feed line.

Tom Preston of Childress, was a business visitor here on Thursday of last week.

Mr. W. B. Deavers of Lakeview, was a caller at this office, last Thursday.

Mr. R. L. Meacham and son, C. V. Meacham, were callers at the Democrat office Thursday of last week.

For Singer Sewing Machines, see J. M. Baker, local agent. Office at Brooks Tailor Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Thompson of Hedley, spent Christmas here with home-folk.

T. M. McMurry returned Monday night from Dumas, where he has been looking after property interests.

Miss Versa Odum, a student in the W. T. S. N. C. at Canyon, is here to spend the holidays with home-folk.

Lovie Thompson came in Friday from Dallas, where he has been attending S. M. U.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Houston of Childress, spent Sunday and Monday in Memphis visiting relatives.

Lost—Dark blue bead ear-drops. If found please return to Democrat office.

Special Turkey dinner, New Year's day at Roberts Boarding House. Reserve your plate to-day. Phone 260.

Money to loan, good real estate security, at 8 per cent. T. C. Delaney.

Mrs. Hamp Prater returned Wednesday night from a visit with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Amarillo. Mrs. Prater's sister, Miss Eunice Brown, returned with her for a visit.

For Lease—300 acres grass land, will rent one hundred and twenty-five acres farm land. H. E. Berry, Memphis, Texas.

Miss Margaret Dalton, who is attending A. M. I. at Wichita Falls, came in Thursday to spend the holidays with her parents.

Conway Dennis of San Bernardino, California, came in last week for a visit with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Dennis, of Lodge.

Visit us during our Pre-Inventory Sale, just started. Our Spring Millinery and Dresses are here. The Style Shop, Balcony Baldwin Drug Store.

J. C. McDaniels and family of Canyon, passed through Memphis Wednesday on their way home from Estelline, where they spent Christmas.

Mr. J. A. Batson has bought an interest with Travis Brothers in the Hudson and Essex sales department. Mr. Batson is a good salesman and we predict a continuance of good business for this firm.

Mr. and Mrs. T. B. Brooks took Christmas dinner at Wellington, with Mr. Brooks' parents. Mrs. Brooks and little son went from there to Altus, Oklahoma for a week's visit with relatives there.

Clarence Gosdin, son of Dr. W. S. Gosdin of Lakeview, came in Friday from Dallas, where he is attending a school of pharmacy. He will spend the holidays with his parents.

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Jim Ballew, who is a student in the Simmons College at Abilene, is visiting his parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ballew.

Jim and Tom Ballew of this city went to Amarillo Christmas day to see the football game between the Clarendon Bulldogs and Bo McMillin's All-Star team.

Phone W. P. Dial's Feed Store, South side of Square, for anything in the feed line.

Miss Willie Murle Trapp, who is teaching in the Hedley High School, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. F. M. Trapp.

Jesse Ballew, Transfer, Phone 333.

Mr. Mike Capps and family of Little were in Memphis Friday on their way to Lakeview, where they are spending the holidays with relatives.

Mr. R. W. Berry closed out his grocery business here last Friday and he and his family left the same day for Nocona, where they will make their future home. They came from Nocona here. We regret to lose this good family from our city.

Miss Clara Ballew came in Thursday from Simmons College at Abilene to spend the holidays with her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. M. Ballew.

Miss Mae Simmons, who is attending the W. T. S. N. C. at Canyon, is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Simmons.

Why drain your radiator every day when we protect it with Anti-Freeze at a very low cost? Gerlach Bros. Garage.

Miss Lucile McCanne, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. McCanne, is spending the holidays in Memphis. Miss Lucile is a student of the Texas Womens College at Fort Worth.

Miss Beulah Stroud, who is a student in the Texas Women's College at Fort Worth, is spending the holidays with her parents in Memphis.

Editor J. Claude Wells and family of Wellington, spent the holidays here with Mr. Wells' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wells.

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Lorraine Rouse, Editor of the Vernon Record, and family spent Christmas here with Mrs. Rouse's parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. Baldwin.

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Mr. and Mrs. Jim Montgomery of Childress visited at the home of W. A. Womack Saturday. They went from here to Amarillo to visit relatives there.

Let us fill your radiator with Anti-Freeze at a very low cost. Gerlach Bros. Garage.

John Milan and Ples Harper of Sudan, have been enjoying the fellowship of their family and friends during the holidays. They left for home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. C. W. Andrews of Vernon spent Christmas with Mrs. Andrews' parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Majors.

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Jesse Ballew, Transfer, Phone 333.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Read and children, of Hillsboro, came in Thursday to visit with relatives during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. B. D. Carroll returned home Saturday. Mr. Carroll has been looking after his farming interests in the Rio Grande valley. He reports a good winter crop in the valley. Mrs. Carroll has been visiting relatives at Grand Parrie and Electra.

Mrs. Mattie Spradling is here looking after business affairs. Mrs. Spradling is making her home at Las Vegas, New Mexico, but has recently visited friends in Texas. She will probably remain here during January.

Raymond Carter and family of Gunter, are here visiting Mrs. Carter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Thompson.

Mr. Cleve Floyd and family are visiting in Memphis this week. Mr. Floyd has sold his Telephone business at Jayton and is thinking of locating in Memphis again. We will be glad to have this family with us again.

Misses Ethlyn and Imogene Morgan are spending the holidays with their parents, Rev. and Mrs. B. B. Morgan. Miss Ethlyn is teaching Voice and Elocution in Belton College and Miss Imogene is taking her second year there.

New Year's Greeting.

As the year nears its close, we thank our many friends and patrons who are responsible for the splendid business we have enjoyed. We shall sincerely wish for you, one and all, to be glad to continue serving you, and a progressive and prosperous—

TEXHOMA OIL & REFINING CO., Scott Sigler, agent.

Minstrels Now A Novelty.

It has been so long since we have had a real old fashioned Minstrel show, that the announcement that the Alabama Smart Set Minstrels will be at the Palace Theatre, December 30, that their coming will take on the aspect of a novelty. Time was when the minstrels were good for two or three visits a season, but of late years they have seemed to be scarce, but from the reports of the leading theatrical papers, minstrelsy has taken a new lease of life, and there is no less than a half dozen large minstrel shows touring the country and all reports are that they are playing to packed houses everywhere.

The daily "Courier" of Ottumwa speaking of the Alabama Smart Set Minstrels says: "it is one thousand per cent entertaining for a dollar" which tells the story in a nutshell.

Hulver Hints

The Christmas tree at the school house Saturday night was a great success. More gifts were given than in several years.

Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Hill entertained with a Turkey dinner, Sunday. Twenty-four young people enjoyed the feast.

Bro. Russell filled his regular appointments Sunday. The attendance was very small.

Mrs. J. W. Phillips entertained the young people at dinner Christmas day, and Mr. and Mrs. Loyd Phillips followed with one Tuesday. This Christmas has been one round of dinners.

Master V. L. McGlocklin of Memphis is visiting with his sister, Mrs. Carl Hill, during the holidays.

Mrs. J. H. McGlocklin and children left for Hedley, Monday to visit her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Warneky.

J. F. Goffinet of Memphis, made a business trip to Hulver Tuesday, Mr. and Mrs. J. C. McDaniel and sons, of Canyon, accompanied by Miss Bessie Pace of Amarillo, have been spending the holidays here.

If medicine had cured you I would not be here.

JOHN W. FITZJARRALD Chiropractor. Phone 462.

Notice. I will pay for \$25.00 worth of space in this paper, if used by the 15th day of January, and donate it to any one of the radical M. D.s who never miss an opportunity to knock Chiropractic (in the absence of the Chiropractors) to present their views of Chiropractic and medicine to the people, provided they sign their full name and with the understanding that I have the privilege of answering them.

JOHN W. FITZJARRALD Chiropractor. Phone 462.

The Lodge School Board will positively not allow any loafing on the school grounds during the school hours.

J. T. DENNIS, President of School Board.

Severe Indigestion

"I had very severe attacks of indigestion," writes Mr. M. H. Wade, a farmer, of R. F. D. 1, Weir, Miss. "I would suffer for months at a time. All I could eat was a little bread and butter... consequently I suffered from weakness. I would try to eat, then the terrible suffering in my stomach! I took medicines, but did not get any better. The daughter recommended

Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

and I decided to try it. For, as I say, I had tried others for two or more years without any improvement in my health. I soon found the Black-Draught was acting on my liver and easing the terrible pain.

"In two or three weeks, I found I could go back to eating. I only weighed 123. Now I weigh 147—eat anything I want to, and by taking Black-Draught I do not suffer."

Have you tried Thedford's Black-Draught? If not, do so today. Over 8 million packages sold, a year. At dealers.

FRIDAY—Universal presents an all-star cast in "Paid Back," with Snubb Polard comedy, "The Stone Age."

SATURDAY—See the famous Alabama, Colored Minstrel, 40 people, 20 piece orchestra and band. Matinee and night.

MONDAY AND TUESDAY—Metro presents a Rex Ingram production, "The Conquering Power," featuring Rudolph Valentino, with Fox News.

WEDNESDAY AND THURSDAY—F. B. O. presents Fred Stone in "Village Inn," with an Al St. John comedy, "All Wet."

NEW YEAR GREETINGS

Here is wishing all our friends and customers a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

STAR CASH GROCERY

SEASONS GREETINGS

To our many customers and friends, who have helped make the past year pleasant and prosperous, we wish to express our appreciation and wish for you many blessings in 1923.

HARRISON-CLOWER HDW. CO.

To our patrons we wish

A Happy New Year

for

1923

Memphis Electric & Ice Company

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The Big-Town Round Up

by William MacLeod Raine

Illustrations by Irwin Myers

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her pulses.

She smiled with friendly derision. "Poor Clara! You don't look like a Venusian ready to erupt. You have such remarkable self-control."

His smile met hers. "I can't go up and down the street ringing a bell like a town crier and shouting it out to everybody I meet."

Round the corner of the house a voice was lifted in tuneless song.

Oh, I'm goin' home
Hull-whackin' for to spurn;
I ain't got a nickel,
And I don't give a dern.
'Tis when I meet a pretty girl,
You bet I will or try,
I'll make her my little wife,
Root hog or die.

"You see Johnnie isn't ashamed to shout out his good intentions," she said.

"Johnnie isn't engaged to the loveliest creature under heaven. He doesn't have to lie awake nights for fear the skies will fall and blot him out before his day of bliss."

Beatrice dropped a little curtsy. She held out her hand in dismissal. "I'll tomorrow, Clara."

As Bromfield turned away, Johnnie came round a corner of the house, dragging a garden hose. He was attacking another stanza of the song:

There's hard times on old Bitter Creek
That never can be beat.
It was root hog or die,
Under every wagon sheet.
We cleared up all the Indiana,
Drank.

The puncher stopped abruptly at sight of his mistress.

"What did you drink that has made



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Clay looked a 22 and aimed at the counter, took a dollar down on the left side of the muzzle across the gallery pool. Each duck went down as it appeared. He picked up a second rifle and knocked over seven or eight mice as they scampered across the target screen.

With a third gun he snuffed the flaming eye from the right to the left side of the face that grinned at him, then with another shot sent it away by way of variety. To finish off, he scored six center shots in a target and rang a bell each time. Not a single bullet had failed to reach its mark.

The New York gunman had never seen such speed and accuracy. He was impressed in spite of the insolent sneer that still curled his lip.

"Got a six-shooter—a forty-five?" asked Clay of the owner of the gallery.

"No."

"Sorry, I'm not much with a rifle, but I'm a good average shot with a six-gun. I kinda like it natural." They turned and walked back to the cab. Collins fell into the Bowery street.

"Tryin' to throw a scare into me," he argued feebly.

"Me! Oh, no. You mentioned soft music and the preacher. Mebbe. But it's liable to be for you if you monkey with the buzz-saw. I'm no gun sharp, but no man who can't empty a revolver in a shade better than two seconds and put every bullet inside the rim of a cup at fifteen yards wants to throw lead at me. You see, I hang up my hat in Arizona. I grew up with a six-gun by my side."

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you so happy this morning, Johnnie?" she asked lightly.

The cowpuncher's secret burst from him. "I done got married, Miss Beatrice."

"You—what?"

"I up and got married day before yesterday," he beamed.

"And who's the happy girl?"

"Kitty Mason. We jes' walked to the church round the corner. Clay, he stood up with us and give the bride away. It's me 'n' her for Arizona poco pronto."

Beatrice felt a queer joyous lift inside her as of some weight that had gone. In a single breath Johnnie had blown away the mists of misunderstanding that for weeks had clouded her vision. Her heart went out to Clay with a rush of warm emotion. The friend she had distrusted was all she had ever believed him. He was more—a man too staunch to desert under pressure any one who had even a slight claim on him.

"I want to meet her. Will you bring her to see me this afternoon, Johnnie?" she asked.

His face was one glad grin. "I sure will. Yetcha, by jollies."

He did.

To Beatrice, busy writing a letter, came Jenkins some hours later.

"A young person—to see you, Miss Whitford?" He said it with a manner so apologetic that it stressed his opinion of the social status of the visitor.

"What kind of a person?"

"A young woman, Miss. From the country. I like it."

"She didn't give you a card?"

"No, Miss. She came with the person Mr. Whitford took on to 'elp with the work outside."

"Oh! Show them both up. And have tea sent in, Jenkins."

Kitty's shy eyes lifted apprehensively to those of this slim young patriot so beautifully and simply gowned. Instantly, let her see, Beatrice

moved swiftly to her with both hands outstretched.

"I'm so glad to meet you."

She kissed the young wife with unaccustomed tenderness. For the Colorado girl had about her a certain modesty that was disarming, an appeal of helplessness Beatrice could not resist.

Kitty, in the arms of her hostess, wept a few tears. She had been under a strain in anticipating the ordeal of meeting Johnnie's mistress, and she had discovered her to be a very sweet, warm-hearted girl.

As for Johnnie, he had a miserably happy half-hour. He had brought his hat in with him and he did not know how to dispose of it. What he did do was to keep it revolving in his hands. This had to be abandoned when Miss Whitford handed him a quite unnecessary cup of tea and a superfluous plate of toasted English muffins. He wished his hands had not been so big and red and freckled. Also he had an uncomfortable suspicion that his tow hair was tousled and uncombed in spite of his attempts at home to plaster it down.

He declined sugar and cream because for some reason it seemed easier to say "No'm" than "Yes," though he always took both with tea. And he disgraced himself by scalding his tongue and failing to suppress the pain. Finally the plate, with his muffin, carefully balanced on his knee, from some devilish caprice plunged over the precipice to the carpet and the bit of china broke.

Whereupon Kitty gently reproved him, as was her wifely duty.

"I ain't no society fellow," the distressed puncher explained to his hostess, tiny beads of perspiration on his forehead.

Beatrice had already guessed as much, but she did not admit it to Johnnie. She and Kitty smiled at each other in that common superiority which their sex gives them to any mere man upon such an occasion. For Mrs. John Green, though afternoon tea was to her an alien custom, took to it as a duck to water.

Miss Whitford handed Johnnie an envelope. "Would it be too much trouble for you to take a letter to Mr. Lindsay?" she asked very casually as they rose to go.

The bridegroom said he was much obliged and he would be plumb tickled to take a message to Clay.

When Clay read the note his blood glowed. It was a characteristic two-line apology:

I've been a horrid little prig, Clay (so the letter ran). Won't you come over tomorrow and go riding with me?

BEATRICE

Colin Whitford had been telling Clay the story of how a young cowpuncher had snatched Beatrice from under the hoofs of a charging steer. His daughter and the Arizona listened without comment.

"I've always thought I'd like to explain to that young man I didn't mean to insult him by offering money for saving Bee. But you see he didn't give me any chance. I never did learn his name," concluded the mining man.

"And of course we'd like him to know that we appreciate what he did for me," Beatrice added. She looked at Clay, and a pulse beat in her soft throat.

"I reckon he knows that," Lindsay suggested. "You must 'a' thought him mighty rude for to break away like you say he did."

"We couldn't understand it till afterward. Mr. Bromfield had slipped him a fifty-dollar bill and naturally he resented it." Miss Whitford's face bubbled with resentful mirth. She looked a question at Clay. "What do you suppose that impudent young scoundrel did with the fifty?"

"Got drunk on it most likely."

"He fed it to his horse, Clara was furious."

"He would be," said the cattleman dryly, in spite of the best intentions to be generous to his successful rival. "But I reckon I know why yore grandstand friend in chaps pulled such a play. In Arizona you can't square such things with money. So far as I can make out the puncher didn't do anything to write home about, but he didn't want pay for it anyhow."

"Of course, Bromfield doesn't understand the West," said Whitford. "I wouldn't like that young puncher half so well if he'd taken the money."

"He didn't need to spend a perfectly good fifty-dollar bill, though," admitted Clay.

"Yes, he did," denied Beatrice. "That was his protest against Clarendon's misjudgment of him. I've always thought it perfectly splendid in its insolence. Some day I'm going to tell him so."

"It happened in your corner of Arizona, Lindsay. If you ever find out who the chap was I wish you'd let us know," Whitford said.

"I'll remember."

"If you young people are going riding—"

"—We'd better get started. Quite right, Dad. We're off. Clarendon will probably call up. Tell him I'll be in about four-thirty."

She pinched her father's ear, kissed him on one ruddy cheek, then on the other, and joined Clay at the door.

They were friends again, even though they had not yet been alone together, but their friendship was to hold reservations now. The shadow of Clarendon Bromfield rode with each other, not so casual as they had been. A consciousness of sex had obtruded into the old boyish camaraderie.

After a brisk canter they drew their horses together for a walk.

Beatrice broke the ice of their conversation.

monplaces. She looked directly at him, her cheeks flushing. "I don't know how you're going to forgive me, Clay. I've been awfully small and priggish. I hate to think I'm ungenerous, but that's just what I've been."

"Let's forget it," he said gently.

"No, I don't want to forget—not till I've told you how humble I feel today. I might have trusted you. Why didn't I? It would have been easy for me to have taken your little friend in and made things right for her. That's what I ought to have done. But, instead of that—Oh, I hate myself for the way I acted."

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 Display advertising 40 cents per inch column measure, each insertion. For preferred position add 25 per cent.
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We extend to our many readers, the compliments and greetings of the season. Time is moving on with its gradual swoop and within a few more days the New Year will take the place of the Old. At this time, we all recall the many resolutions we made and the air castles we pictured at the beginning of 1922. We also remember that but very few of our resolutions have been kept, and that most of our castles were without foundation. However, we can be optimistic and consider our "knocks" as "boosts," our downfalls as successes, and be better prepared for the coming of 1923. Of course, most of us at the beginning of the new year, renew our faith, resolutions, programs and plans, and we ask permission to say that our all is centered on the thought of giving to our readers the best of everything.

Mention is made in this issue of the action being taken to find a suitable location for a West Texas A. & M. College. Memphis has announced her candidacy for this location, but is not backing the invitation with the boosting we consider necessary. There is not a more suitable location in West Texas for an A. & M. than the Panhandle, and there is not a more suitable location in the Panhandle than Memphis. Anything that can be grown in the Panhandle can be grown in Hall County. The citizens of Memphis, and more especially the Chamber of Commerce, should offer every conceivable inducement that would lead to a consideration of Memphis as a location for an A. & M. Definite action may not be taken for some time to come, but we cannot be too hasty in offering our plans for this institution.

One of the newspaper fraternity being called to account for some error in fact appearing in his paper, replied that recent research had developed the fact that history's version of the exact spot where the Pilgrims landed at Plymouth was in error, that if history required three hundred years to get the facts straight how could the public be so exacting with a newspaper having only a few hours or a few days to arrive at the facts in any given case. "Pour it on 'em," brother. That'll soak in—about three hundred years from now.—Clarendon News.

John Wanamaker died last week. He is really the father of advertising for mercantile establishments in the United States. Wanamaker attributed his success to advertising and honest business dealings. He did not depreciate honest dealings simply because he believed in advertising, nor did he expect that his policy of honesty in all business dealing would take the place of advertising. When he entered business, Philadelphia was a small town with only weekly publications. These he used vigorously and no paper went to press without his message. As his town became great and was worthy of a daily newspaper, John Wanamaker had a message to the readers every day. Some merchants consider they would be great advertisers if they only had the use of a daily publication. It is a hundred to one bet that they would not use the daily newspaper, if they are not willing to use the weekly newspaper. Wanamaker was the first merchant to discover that the newspaper is the best and cheapest advertising medium for the merchant. Wanamaker's whole life was wrapped up in advertising and progressive advertising. His example may be profitably used by country merchants.—Randall County News.

SOUTH PLAINS TEACHERS PROTEST BOOK CONTRACT

Lubbock, Dec. 27.—The South Plains Teachers Institute held at Lubbock during the week of December 18 to 22 closed with a successful week of work. The following resolution was adopted and sent to Governor Pat M. Neff:
 "Believing the present crisis in financing public schools education is serious, the South Plains Teachers Institute comprising five hundred

teachers from nine counties, protests the action of Text-Book Commission in changing the text-books this year thereby reducing available school funds over one million dollars, and requests Commission be called again to reconsider its action, if contracts have not yet been signed."

ORDER SIMILAR TO KU KLUX APPEARS IN GREAT BRITAIN

London, Dec. 23.—A new secret order of "crusaders" which is described as a cross between the Italian Fascisti and the American Ku Klux Klan has made its appearance in Great Britain and was said today to be growing rapidly.

Major Faber, the grand marshal, said the organization was going into politics and that eventually it might succeed in electing a majority to the House of Commons. He said that the activities of the organization will be entirely legal and constitutional and that there would be no reason for political interference.

Notice to Patrons of Lodge Schools.

The compulsory term of the Lodge public schools begins January 8, 1923. All children between the ages of 8 and 14 inclusive are required, under the Texas School Laws to attend school 100 consecutive days. The law for non-attendance will be strictly enforced.

J. T. DENNIS,
 President of School Board.

Newlin News

The sandstorm which struck here Tuesday was unexpected and rather exciting.

The Christmas tree at the school house Saturday night was a great success. The nice program was enjoyed by every one.

Mr. Rolla Moore spent Christmas with home-folk.

Miss Trudie Eridges of Estelline, spent Christmas with Nancy and Alna Lawrence.

Ruby Duckett is spending the holidays with home-folk.

The young people were entertained Monday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Gillispie.

Mrs. Tom Adair and children of Vernon, are spending the holidays with Mr. and Mrs. D. W. Lawrence.

Mr. Otto Burk is spending the holidays at Elk City, Oklahoma.

Mr. Edd Grundy and D. W. Lawrence left Monday afternoon for Amarillo.

Mrs. Smith's daughter of New Mexico is visiting her this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Selton and Jack Jr., visited in Acme the latter part of last week.

Miss Matha Scott is spending the holidays with home-folk.

Caveman's Hearth.

What we know of our cave-dwelling ancestors we have gleaned chiefly from the relics left by the cavemen in their places of habitation in caverns and holes in the rock. Marlett, the anthropologist, tells of a cave in Jersey, near the Bay of St. Brelaide, where scientists dug down through some twenty feet of clay and rock rubbish, probably carried there in the course of the last Ice age that mantled Europe, and found large stones that had dropped up the fire, and even some of the ashes. Bones were found in a heap of food-refuse which, when examined, proved to be the remains of the woolly rhinoceros, the reindeer, two kinds of horses, of a wild ox and of a deer. Thirteen human teeth were found in the food-heap. The diners had also left their knives—flint chipped on one side.

Intermittent Grandeur.

In an aristocratic Virginia town where the spirit has long outlived the letter of social grandeur, and where in the scarcity of servants any respectable colored person of any age may be employed, some callers were received at the front door by an ample negress of the "mammy" type. Greeting them, she apologized: "You ladies must excuse me for coming to the door, but the butler's gone to school."—Harper's Magazine.

Her Poems of Passion
 By CLARA DELAFIELD

"That's a good advertisement," said Parr, head of the publishing house, to Clarkson, who read the manuscripts and drew up the advertisements. "Yes, I think that ought to make a stir. You've got the credit of discovering Miss Lydia Field, Clarkson. You'll go down in history as the originator of this new literary light."

Clarkson turned the banter easily aside. "I guess Peterson was the first to spot her," he said.

"No, no," protested Peterson. "Credit where credit is due. You, my dear Clarkson, were the first to see something beyond the ordinary in Miss Field's poems."

"Anyway," said Parr, "we've got the united credit of bringing out a new American poetess."

Miss Lydia Field's poems had been making quite a stir for several months past. There was something about them as original as they were delicate. They were more than delicate; they were impassioned, intimate; faultless, judges described them. Parr was bringing them out in book form.

But who was Lydia Field? No one had ever seen her. It was with difficulty that she had been persuaded to come to a conference with the firm over her book.

"Which of us is going to take Miss Field out to lunch?" asked Parr.

"I guess you're the lucky dog, Parr," said Clarkson enviously.

"No, credit where credit is due," said Parr. "You, Clarkson, are the dog."

"I wonder what she looks like," suggested Peterson.

"A slim brunette," said Parr. "With languishing dark eyes and ringlets around her ears. A beautiful soul in an exquisite body."

"Cut out the josh," said Peterson. "I picture a smart, sharp-featured, business-like young person, with—"

"Peterson, Peterson, where is your sense of romance? The author of those poems is a divine, dreamy—but what do you say, Clarkson? You are the original inventor of the Great Field Myth."

Clarkson said nothing. But in his heart a vision of the divine feminine had been slowly building. He pictured Lydia Field as a girl of about twenty-four or five, a fair blonde, with bobbed yellow hair and eyes of divine blue, a far-away look in them, as if Lydia Field had caught some of the ineffable rapture of the divine and kept it.

"Seriously," said Parr, "if we all take a shy, shrinking creature like that out to dinner, she probably won't open her mouth the whole time. Our friend Clarkson is the diplomatist, and he must give the lady a first-class lunch, with or without wine from the teapot, as Miss Field may indicate—probably without."

"He must get enough material out of her for a biographical sketch and encourage her sufficiently to be able to bring her back here in a state of mind where she'll sign the contract without fainting."

The office boy came up. "Miss Lydia Field," he said. "Says she's got an appointment."

"Show her in," said Parr, and the three men braced themselves. Parr smoothed down his hair, Clarkson tightened his tie, Peterson looked amiable.

A little, dried-up old splinter of about sixty, with a red nose, came up mincingly. For an instant the three remained silent in horror.

"Ah, my dear Miss Field, how do you do?" exclaimed Parr, stepping into the breach.

"Wal, you see—" began the little old lady.

Parr was too embarrassed to let her talk. He was afraid of breaking down under the shock. He presented her hurriedly to his sides.

"Mr. Clarkson, Mr. Peterson," he said. "Now, Miss Parr—"

"Wal, I should tell you—"

"I was going to say that Mr. Clarkson here is to take you to lunch—"

"Wal, but see here—"

"You see," Parr went on hastily, "this matter can best be discussed with a single member of our firm—I mean, er—just one member, you know. Mr. Clarkson will discuss the whole matter with you in a more personal way than in this office, where there's so much—er, interruption—"

"Now you best listen to me, young man! I ain't Miss Field. I'm her auntie, and Lydia's too timid to come in. She's stepped outside somewhere." She raised her voice. "Lydia! Lydia! Come here and meet the gentlemen."

Then—then another woman entered the office. A slender, willowy girl of twenty-four, with bobbed yellow hair and eyes of a divine blue, with a far-away look in them, as if she had caught some of the rapture of the divine.

Slowly those wonderful orbs raised and fixed themselves on Clarkson's. Clarkson stepped forward. "Miss Field," he stammered. "I believe I am—er—to take you out to lunch."

Doubted a Wife's Happiness.

Lecturer—Women, my friends, are invariably hard to please.

Man in Audience—One moment, please. Are you married?

Lecturer (irritably)—Yes, sir; I am.

"Is your wife happy?"

Lecturer (proudly and indignantly)—Yes, sir; she is!

"Then, sir, you're a liar."—London

EXAMPLE OF FOOL PARENIS

Onlookers Doubtless Would Have Said the "Twig" Might Have Been "Sent" to Advantage.

"They" boarded an outbound street car. "They"—father and mother, mistakenly, unfairly adoring and old enough to be wiser, and sturdy, handsome, adorable (at times) two-year-old son, wise beyond his years and adorable at this particular time for he was screaming, yelling, howling, screaming, kicking and doing everything else in his small but mighty power to make known his wants and attain his desire. His attention refused to be distracted. Older people might have envied him his power of concentration.

"What do you want, darling? Come on, let's have a little lunch. Oh, look at the pretty lights. Tell mother what sweetheart wants!"—repeated in tones of varying invitation and hopefulness—were all in vain. "Darling sweetheart" refused to be diverted from his purpose or to vouchsafe a single word of reply.

After two blocks of this unimpaired performance the small family row to leave the car, the mother explaining to an obviously curious beholder: "We have to go off. He won't ride in a street car. He must have a taxi." Last seen, adored and adoring were hiking up Sixth avenue to a taxi station, adored all smiles and sunshine in his father's arms.—Rehoboth Sunday Herald.

FOWLS NEED OYSTER SHELLS

Failure to Provide Laying Hens With Proper Materials is Sure to Cause Disaster.

"Laying hens require oyster shells and limestone grit at all times as well as mash containing animal feed," said Prof. J. G. Halpin in an address to the poultry school at the Ohio experiment station.

This statement was based on an array of valuable data gleaned from years of experimental work at the Wisconsin experiment station. The data showed conclusively that failure to provide shells and grit for the laying hens is disastrous to profitable egg production, though, contrary to popular belief, this failure does not appear to cause soft-shelled eggs.

In order to get pullets in the habit of eating oyster shells and grit at an early age, it is the practice of the experiment station to keep these essentials before the birds during the brooder stage. When the pullets are out on range a quantity of the shells and grit are put on the ground near the colony.

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At the close of this our third very successful year in business, we wish to return to you our sincere thanks for the liberal business given us during the past year. We have done all possible to render you faithful and efficient service. And we greatly appreciate your hearty and liberal response to our efforts.

In the year to come, as in the past, service will continue to be the dominant thing with us. And it is upon this basis that we solicit and will appreciate your business. We wish for you Happiness and Prosperity in the New Year.

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 The House With The Goods.



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 DISTRICT COURT COVENANTS FOR
 COURT BUSY ON GRAND JURY BUSY
 District Court mid-winter term Judge J. V. Leal The court has upon divorce at cases, only two have been tried before the grand jury and organized as foreman and
 Henry McCann H. Bowerman, L. Mallins, Seth P. J. M. Ferrell, J. A. Moss, J. P. Mon Dennis.
 The civil jury court next week, having been summoned Sid Baker, W. Johnson, J. W. McMillan, P. D. McMillan, R. E. Cudd, G. Tum E. H. Lindsey, J. Ditto, J. W. Sin J. E. Arnold, Pat Gregory, Joe Neh W. Lockhart, C. Eckertson, B. J. E. G. J. H. Alexander, Brown, B. M. J. Dickey, J. E. G. Davis.
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