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At Home

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## News and Notes of Our Soldiers

Aaron Joslin says it is muddier in France than it is in Crockett county. Didn't know so much about that. It has been some muddy lately hereabouts. But I guess the following settles it in favor of France—and mud:

Aaron writes to his mother, who says Aaron never told a lie in his life that she can remember, when he was asleep, that he was going down the street one day and saw a tin hat. He kicked it. Immediately a yell in good U. S. came from under the "chapeau," as the Frenchmen call 'em: "Wot-ty-ell you dein? I'm under here!" He says the fellow stretched up an arm and he helped to wriggle him out. Then the other soldier said, "I was on my horse down there. Guess we'll have to dig the poor devil out." This was finally done when a company of engineers slogged up to the scene. Aaron is in the province of Chatter-Terrible and the town where that happened was Giggin-Thro-Fitty.

Wilma Easterling, on the battleship Utah, writes to The Stockman Angel from London, where the Utah was, at last accounts, anchored in the Thames. Wilma says he likes that little London village, and is having the time of his life in the Navy.

Lieut. Houston S. Smith, who was the only Crockett county boy to win a commission, writes from Camp Sherman, Ohio: "Dear Kuzn Bill:—I am to get my discharge Tuesday (10th) and will be leaving for Oklahoma

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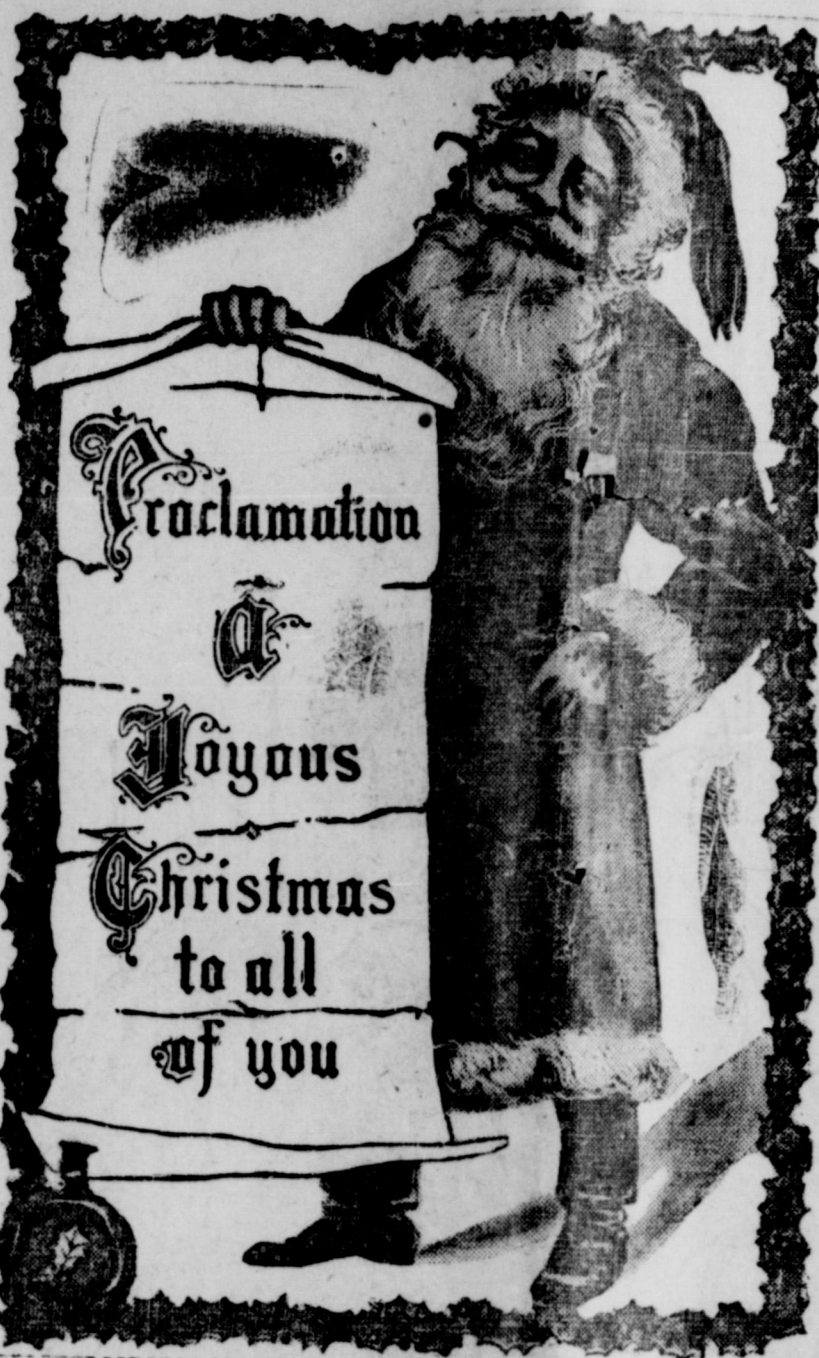
## EGGS!?

Bob Cooke was saying at his meat market that he was not quite a spring chicken. He is old enough to remember when hens laid eggs. Homer Smith said he could remember as well as if it were yesterday when he was ranching down on Good-enough. Had forty hens, and every day he'd meander round and pick up a whole big old blue bucket full of eggs. Early Baggett said Shucks! He was younger than any of them and he can remember when his wife served hen eggs one morning for breakfast. Tom Casbeer butted in and said he stayed all night at Geo. Harrell's while he was out electioneering and Mrs. Harrell was serving fried eggs every meal. Then Elten Deland demanded the floor and looked us straight in the eye while he told that our kuzn Eunice Henderson Smith at Pandale only two weeks ago sent Mrs. Deland a present of a whole half dozen eggs

Sure danged discouragin' to try to run a truthful paper like The Stockman where there are so many liars.

## Influenza Precautions Adopted

The County Health and Ozona school authorities agreed to the suspension of the school and the church work, shows, public assembly, etc. until after the abatement of the epidemic. There are a number of influenza cases in town. Not so as to cause panic, but everyone should do all possible to prevent spread of disease.



## Lines on a Book Mark.

(By KUZN BILL)

It may need storms and stress of weather  
To draw us, friends, more close together;  
But kindred souls, with kindly arts,  
Create a fellowship of Hearts.  
From day to day, come weal or sorrow,  
Strength from each other we may borrow;  
When ways are dark and drear and long,  
Let's help each other, good and strong.  
In moments when you chance to look  
Between the covers of this book,  
Remember that our hearts beat true—  
Think of the friends who think of you.

WEAR A FLU MASK.

## Never Fails to Cure Pneumonia

Take six large or ten medium sized onions, chop fine. Put in a large skillet over the fire, add vinegar and rye meal to make a thick paste, simmer 5 or 10 minutes. Apply to chest in a cotton bag as hot as can be borne. When cool apply another. Heat poultices and apply until the chest breaks out in perspiration. In a few hours the patient will be out of danger.  
This remedy was used by one of the most skilled physicians New England has ever known. He never lost a patient from this disease, but cured many thousands after other physicians had given them up to die.

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—HADABIGSNOW—  
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**CHRISTMAS**

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## A Christmas Greeting. Happy Times in Ozona Christmas

The Season is propitious and my spirits are in tune  
To send a cheery greeting to a friend,  
I may not delay the message, for the twilight's coming soon,  
And our sands of life are running toward the end.

There are golden crumbs of comfort in affection's retrospect,  
Harking back to scenes and loves of yesteryear,  
And I find you in the picture, as of course, you would expect,  
That is thrown upon the canvas, soft and clear.

In Life's morning we are thoughtless, apt to tread the flowers low,  
But it brings a warm and tender afternoon;  
Then the evening brings remembrance of the joys we used to know,  
While December's rich in memories of June.

When we fare in mental pictures back to paths that we have known  
There are many thorns and tares along the ways,  
We may not escape, contrition for the seeds that we have sown—  
But the flowers—how they've sweetened all the days!

O, the fragrant lanes and meadows, and the hearts so brave and true!  
(There we linger while the evening shadows come.)  
These are mem'ry's benediction when I think of Life—and you—  
And I know that we are drawing nearer Home.

—Will C. Easterling in Holland's.

Some of the young people, at least, have announced their intention to make things hum in Ozona during the holidays. The "dancing crowd" does not expect exactly to "make Rome howl," but they do propose to make Ozona whirl. There will be several big dances, among the largest that of Christmas Eve.

A big band of music has already been secured from Brownwood, and the young people from all surrounding towns have been invited to come and make this the biggest dance that has been held in West Texas since before the war.

Among the neighboring towns from which guests are expected are Big Lake, Rankin, Fort Stockton, Del Rio, Juno, Comstock, Barnhart, Sonora and San Angelo.

The young people have leased a part of the ground floor of the Halcomb building for permanent headquarters, and are holding their regular weekly dances there.

## The Roll Call Stockman.

It has been thought advisable to issue the Christmas Red Cross Roll Call edition of The Stockman as early as possible, in order to secure full and free circulation of the paper and its Roll Call publicity all over the chapter jurisdiction, which includes Crockett, Upton and Reagan counties. Chairman R. Theis, at Big Lake, for Reagan county, and Chairman J. H. Felps, at Rankin, for Upton county, also postmaster J. D. Nairn, at Big Lake, are being supplied with extra copies of the paper containing all necessary publicity. Let everyone help to promote this patriotic work.

## On a Still Hunt for Oil

Wallace R. Pratt, geologist of the Humble Oil Fields, was here and, in company with Judge Davidson and W. R. Cullen, another oil man, went on a three-day geological exploration trip into the western part of the county and across the Pecos.

They visited the Sheffield well in the edge of Hub Noelke's pasture. This well is now 1,700 feet deep—a clean twelve and a half inch hole.

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The happiest, merriest Christmas the world ever knew is almost here. But in the rejoicings of peace and freedom there is one note of seriousness, that America must not forget—there is misery and distress and sickness in war-torn Europe. Relief must be given. The work of the Red Cross MUST go on. And to carry on, the Red Cross MUST have the support of your membership.

Join the Red Cross  
—all you need is a heart and a dollar

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### **This used to be the Bridge Club**

—and many a jolly afternoon they had, too, with their aces, and hearts, and jacks, and trumps.

Then the war came!

Brothers, husbands, sons, sweethearts left home to be aces of the air, jacks of the navy or trumps of the American Army.

The afternoon meetings continued—but the scenes changed to Red Cross workrooms. And serious, busy fingers of hundreds of thousands of patriotic American women worked day in and day out to alleviate the suffering of their loved ones, and yours, too, who responded so gallantly to the country's needs.

They gave their time, and energy, and

devotion to the Red Cross cause of humanity, without stint or murmur—their work has been one of the finest, most enduring examples of unselfish service of America's whole war experience.

Those wonderful women have made the foundation of future Red Cross work, in a big way, possible. That work must go on, of course—as long as American soldiers are over the sea the Red Cross is necessary—as long as emergency relief work needs to be done.

And now comes your turn to make the carrying on of the Red Cross work a certainty—none of your time is asked for no special effort—just the support of your membership.

**Join the Red Cross**  
*—all you need is a heart and a dollar*

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**The Ozona Garage**



# WRIGLEYS

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## A Christmas Tree

By Charles Dickens

I have been looking on this evening at a merry company of children assembled round that pretty French toy, a Christmas tree. The tree was planted on the middle of a great round table and towered high above their heads. It was brilliantly lighted by a multitude of little tapers and everywhere sparkled and glittered with bright objects. There were rosy-cheeked dolls hiding behind the green leaves, and there were real watches (with movable hands, at least, and an endless capacity for being wound up), dangling from innumerable twigs. There were French polished tables, chairs, bedsteads, wardrobes, eight-day clocks and various other articles of domestic furniture (wonderfully made in tin at Wolverhampton) perched among the boughs, as if in preparation for some fairy housekeeping.

There were jolly, broad-faced little men, much more agreeable in appearance than many real men, and no wonder, for their heads took off and showed them to be full of sugar plums. There were fiddles and drums. There were tambourines, books, workboxes, paint boxes, peep show boxes, sweetmeat boxes and all kinds of boxes.

There were trinkets for the older girls, far brighter than any grownup gold and jewels. There were baskets and cushions in all devices. There were guns, swords and banners, real fruit, made artificially dazzling with gold leaf; imitation apples, pears and walnuts, crammed with surprises. In short, as a pretty child before me delightedly whispered to another pretty child, her bosom friend, "There was everything, and more."

## The Man of the Hour



### December

O month far famed! For festive days and nights renewed,  
Joy fraught, with hallowed benedictions crowned;  
Life's annual clearing house for retrospective thought,  
Where positive memory recalls the smiles, the tears,  
The hopes and joys of youth, the loves of vanished years,  
And sighs to see the havoc, sad, that Time has wrought.  
O hoary month! In regions of the north and east  
The song of bird and rippling of the brook have ceased.  
And Nature's thousand charms of summer days have fled,  
There Boreas reigns, fierce god of wind and storms;  
And winter all of verdure into brown and white transforms,  
And leaves no trace of life and beauty sped.  
O happy month! When keen anticipation, sweet,  
Flies swift on wings of ardent love to greet  
With gifts the friend, the lover or the kindred near,  
As Winter closer draws his icy fettered chains  
The heart expands and love unselfish reigns  
And speeds its largesse to the ones most dear.  
Illustrious month of most illustrious birth!  
Good tidings, peace and joy to all the earth  
A heavenly choir announced when Christ was born,  
This birth such mighty portents bore,  
This Prince of Peace whom heaven and earth adore.  
How thrills the heart at thought of Christmas morn!  
—J. C. Oliver in Los Angeles Times.

### CHRISTMAS OF LONG AGO

Poignant Pangs Come Instead of Peace, as Season Causes Thoughts of the Past.

Christmas, singularly enough for a festival that is supposed to celebrate joy, is characterized by sadness. The time of year, which is supposed to be fraught with good cheer, is laden with pain. Instead of peace, there are experienced poignant pangs.

Nor is it cynicism which says so; the average man in the street will tell you the same. Neither is crabbed age sponsor for the crochets of the time; unless, indeed, crabbed age begins in this hurried era when a man passes his majority. Nor is the tragic contrast between the cloud, which now for the fifth Christmas darkens Europe and the world, and the bright star of Bethlehem the reason for the somber tone that sounds beneath the gay notes of the season, as the deep diapason of the organ rolls beneath the rippling melody. No; it is none of these things which imparts to Christmas the somberness which is apparent to everybody who has passed into years of maturity.

It's memory that does it. Memory plays tricks with us on these days. Perhaps more than on any other holiday our minds revert to Christmases that used to be. We like to think about it; we like to read the Christmas Carol, because it puts in everlasting words the emotion of gladness which used to dominate that day. No matter how humble the home, memory paints it in wonderful colors on this one day, from the time we jumped from the warm bed long before dawn and scurried across the cold floor to get the stockings which somehow had been stuffed during the night, to the end of the piteous home festival, when, candy-smared and filled to the point of repletion we were rescued from the wreck of toys and packed wearily off to sleep, more or less troubled with painful suggestions of turkey and mince pie.

There is only one thing that can make Christmas real to a grown-up, and that is to do something for somebody who cannot pay it back. That otherism is, we begin to suspect, the thing which dominated the Christmases that used to be and made them so real that they remain warm in memory. Unless you would have memory become a dry specter, you yourself must make real for little children of the now the pictures which memory conjures up for you of the Christmases that used to be.—Saturday Globe.



A Repeated Message.  
Every year Christmas repeats its message: "Fear God no more. He brings liberty to the enslaved, light to the despairing, purer joy to the glad, He is the Comforter of the sorrowing, the Physician of the sick, the Healer of the sinful, the Friend and Companion of man.—Wilbur D. Nesbit.

## Ugh! Calomel Sickens; Salivates! Please Try Dodson's Liver Tone

I am sincere! My medicine does not upset liver and bowels so you lose a day's work.

You're bilious! Your liver is sluggish! You feel lazy, dizzy and all knocked out. Your head is dull, your tongue is coated; breath bad; stomach sour and bowels constipated. But don't take salivating calomel. It makes you sick; you may lose a day's work.

Calomel is mercury or quicksilver, which causes necrosis of the bones. Calomel crashes into sour bile like dynamite, breaking it up. That's when you feel that awful nausea and cramping.

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ful will clean your sluggish liver better than a dose of nasty calomel and that it won't make you sick.

Dodson's Liver Tone is real liver medicine. You'll know it next morning because you will wake up feeling fine, your liver will be working, your headache and dizziness gone, your stomach will be sweet and your bowels regular. You will feel like working; you'll be cheerful; full of vigor and ambition.

Dodson's Liver Tone is entirely vegetable, therefore harmless and can not salivate. Give it to your children. Millions of people are using Dodson's Liver Tone instead of dangerous calomel now. Your druggist will tell you that the sale of calomel is almost stopped entirely here.—Adv.

It is a dull spark of human kindness that cannot brighten someone's dark hours.

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A girl hasn't much use for a man who is too cowardly to propose.

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The things that are impossible to describe are the things we always talk our friends to death about.

INFLUENZA—  
Do not neglect an aching, Grippy cold—it may develop into Influenza.  
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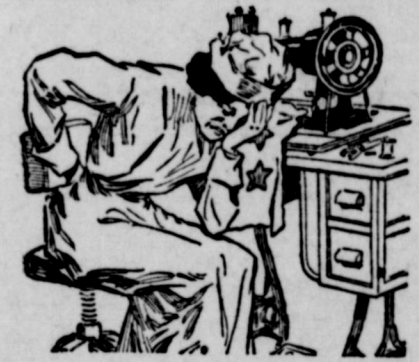


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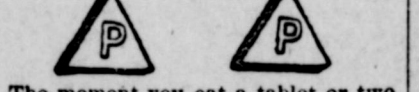
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"All you need is a Heart and a Dollar."

General Pershing will be our next President.

Send The Stockman for six months, or one year, as a Christmas Present.

Question of the Hour: "Will you help Santa Claus fill some Kiddy's stocking?"

Text for Today: "Glory to God in the Highest, and on earth Peace, Good Will toward men."—Luke 2: 14.

SHUT YOUR MOUTH! Breathe through your nose. What do you think a nose is for—ornamental purposes? Some people's may be, but yours—GOSH!

The old man faints when his young hopeful told him "You lie abed, Dad, I'll get up and make the fires these cold mornings."—West Texas News. When Dad came to he said, "Gosh! What a fool I am to forget its just before Christmas!"

Eagle Pass Guide says a Mexican at that place was fined twenty-three dollars and sixbits for stealing a case of eggs. Of course that's another one of Joe Boehmer's windys, because everybody knows there never were that many eggs.

Answer "PRESENT!" and give a Dollar on the Red Cross Christmas Roll Call. Mrs. (Miss) Canvasser will then give you a button, a Service Flag and ten Red Cross Christmas Seats. Display your Flag in your front window. This is humanity's great Good-Will-to-Men Call. Let each and every one of us help to swell the grand chorus: "HERE!"

Is it any wonder Kuzn Bill can't get a hat big enough for his head? Just listen at this in a letter from one of the wisest and wittiest members of the Texas Press Association, R. E. Billings, editor of the Sheep and Goat Raisers' Magazine of Texas, and of the Menard Messenger: "We consider The Stockman the best paper for a town the size of Ozona in the State—and we don't even except The Messenger."

**THE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT.**

Christmas peace is God's; and he must give it himself, with his own hand, or we shall never get it. Go then to God himself. Thou art his child, as Christmas day declares; be not afraid to go unto thy father. Pray to him; tell him what thou wantest; say, "Father, I am not moderate, reasonable, forbearing. I fear I cannot keep Christmas aright, for I have not a peaceful Christmas spirit in me; and I know that I shall never get it by thinking, and reading and understanding; for it passes all that, and lies far beyond it, does peace, in the very essence of thine undivided, unmoved, absolute, eternal Godhead, which no change nor decay of this created world, nor sin or folly of men or devils, can ever alter, but which abideth forever what it is, in perfect rest, and perfect power and perfect love."—Kingsley.

**STAR BEAMS.**

While the stars of Christmas shine,  
Lighting the skies,  
Let only loving looks  
Beam from your eyes.  
While the bells of Christmas ring,  
Joyous and clear,  
Speak only happy words,  
All mirth and cheer.  
Give only loving gifts,  
And in love take;  
Gladden the poor and sad,  
For love's dear sake.

—Chicago Daily News.

That son-of-a-gun "They Say" is a rascally liar.

Burleson is actually going to raise the wages of the "Hello" girls! Well, they certainly are entitled to it. Now, who will raise the salaries of the underpaid teachers?—Del Rio Herald. It would seem to us that the important question is who will raise the wages of the taxpayers.

The person who succeeds in inventing a substitute for the old fashioned hen egg will be a greater far than Edison. He will be richer than Rockefeller and will call down upon his head the blessings of humanity. But he'd better get busy and do it now, or we shall all forget how hen eggs looked, or tasted, or what we used 'em for—in the old days.

In the glad season of Peace on earth good will to men, we should search our own hearts earnestly and anxiously. If there is in our hearts any ill feeling toward any living creature, or a desire to injure another, we must get rid of it. Otherwise we destroy all chance to be happy, or to merit happiness. Of course it is always easier to love our neighbor's wife, instead of to love one another but the easiest thing is not often the best thing.

**Southwestern Range Notes.**

**Good Old Times in West Texas**

Thirty years ago, coming tenth of next March, Congressman Claude Hudspeth, who was then editor of the Ozona Kicker, and a jolly crowd of the boys, went to Fort Worth to attend a roping contest. From that city they wrote home the following notes:

To Harry Tedford, Ozona.

There was a hot time at the roping contest, Hugh Drake, from the Chinese Reservation, won second money. Would have got first, but was buckin' at monte when his steer ran out and refused to quit, as he was betting on a jack and knew the jack was in the door.

Uncle Joe Gurley got second money at the ugly men's show, and Booger of San Angelo got first.

Otho Lusk touched the button last night and I got touched for a quarter.

Tom Ketchum has just got in on the T. and P. He shot at the conductor as he left the train. Conductor had asked him for his fare. He says Sam and Charley Upshaw will be here tomorrow.

CLAUDE.

To John Martin, Ozona.

Hugh Drake also ran, and Claude Hudspeth found his nigger. Claude won the running contest with Hugh a close second, and a policeman brought up the rear. Tom Ketchum is here and he and George Black are rooming together.

OTHO LUSK.

To John Young, Ozona.

Got here alright. Claude mistook Miles station for Fort Worth, and Otho made the same mistake at Blanket. Looking for them tomorrow if walkin' ain't all taken up. Have just had an interview with Tom Ketchum. Saw him shoot a policeman's cap off. Everything is full and me and Sam Tayloe are stopping at a livery stable.

JOE GURLEY.

**Stomach Trouble.**

"Before I used Chamberlain's Tablets I doctored a great deal for stomach trouble and felt nervous and tired all the time. These tablets helped me from the first, and inside of a week's time I had improved in every way," writes Mrs. L. A. Drinkard, Jefferson City, Mo.—Sold by Smith Drug Store.

T. L. Miller of Sonora, watchmaker, jeweler and optician, will be in Ozona at Smith's drugstore every Saturday. Glasses fitted and remodeled. Eyes tested free. Office hours 11 to 4.

Please don't forget that Roy Parker is still agent for the Model Laundry and wants to send for your laundry.

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List with me and get results Let me sell you and be satisfied.

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**DR. George Cox**  
PHYSICIAN and SURGEON  
Office at the W. E. Smith Co. Drugstore.  
OZONA, TEXAS.

**Warehouse Notice.**

Have big 60x80 warehouse at Barnhart. We are not now handling grain, but will act as warehousemen for the public on the following conditions:  
Will unload cars and store in warehouse, load out on trucks, etc. at 75 cents per ton. Also will accept a limited amount of anything for storage.

OZONA LUMBER CO.

**NOTICE—POSTED.**

Notice is hereby given that no trespassing, bathing in tank, etc., will be permitted on my premises in the northern part of Ozona. These are duly posted according to law.

R. R. DUDLEY.

New line of post cards at Stockman News Stand.

**How's This?**

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Medicine. Hall's Catarrh Medicine has been taken by catarrh sufferers for the past thirty-five years, and has become known as the most reliable remedy for Catarrh. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the Blood on the Mucous surfaces, expelling the Poison from the Blood and healing the diseased portions.  
After you have taken Hall's Catarrh Medicine for a short time you will see a great improvement in your general health. Start taking Hall's Catarrh Medicine at once and get rid of catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.  
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, Ohio.  
Sold by all Druggists, 75c.

Get that heating stove now at Chris Meinecke & Son's. The price will surprise you. It is real cheap for the present time. The assortment to select from is also good. Call and see them at the store.

**Barnhart-Ozona Transfer Line.**

Will Odom has established a daily truck line between Ozona and Barnhart, and wishes to inform his friends and the public generally that he is prepared to haul freight and express both ways, attend to commissions in either town, etc. Phone him or drop him a card, Ozona.

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See How Well They  
Develop  
We have the BEST  
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**the MONEY**  
Don't Overlook  
that subscription. If you are in arrears remember that we can always find good use for it.



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Please send your orders and materials to us at Ozona.  
Sportsmen, please listen. We are prepared to do all your work in Taxidermy right here at home on short notice, just as it ought to be done, at reasonable prices. Mount Deer Heads, Birds and Animals, Dress Skins, Make Lap Robes, etc.  
Please leave your work and instructions at Stockman Office.  
Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schauer

Here's Wishing You a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year

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Moulding, Sash, Doors, Oil, Paints, Glass, Lime, Sand, Cement, Brick, Building Paper, Cedar Posts, Gal. Roofing, Bain Wagons, Builders' Hardware.  
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Has Arrived at  
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Call and See Him Before  
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and BOOK OF OLD TIME  
SONGS FREE for the asking.  
Established 1899. SAN ANGELO

**Fourth Liberty Loan Payments.**

The following are the dates upon which the remaining payments are due on your Fourth Liberty Loan purchases.

Keep this memoranda handy and attend to it without bothering someone to collect from you: December 19, 20 per cent. January 16, 20 per cent. January 30, 30 per cent.

**Wear a Flu Mask.**

Pon Seaborn and family came in from the ranch to interview Santa Claus.

Post cards, a pretty new line of auto lovers, military, etc., two for five cents, at Stockman News Stand.

No district court will be held in Ozona on the 19th, as was expected—account of the flu. No telling when we'll ever have district court in Ozona.

The Stockman Angel is leaving for Denver to visit her sister, who lives in that city, and the Devil is going to Fort Worth with her.

For Christmas—there's no gift nicer than a nice new suit of clothes. See Roy Parker. Also let him do that cleaning and pressing for you.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schauer brought ornery newspaper people a fine mess of turnip greens from their ranch garden. Otto says their old rooster don't crow any more. Too much ashamed of his slacker wives.

What Christmas present would be finer for the Madam than one of those Quick-Meal Ranges that Joe Oberkamp wants to show you? Here is the suggestion you wanted for that handsome present for Friend Wife, or for any other member of the family who is keeping house,

**Death of Oscar Brown.**

Oscar Brown died in Prescott, Arizona, Nov. 22nd, and was buried there. Deceased had been held in jail in Ozona under a short penitentiary sentence for theft of cattle, and broke jail on the 16th of April, 1917. Sheriff Williams was advised by Prescott authorities that Brown had been discharged from the army on account of an injury received in the service. His army name was David Lawson. Attacked by influenza he told his full story to the attendants before his death.

**Have you a heart and a dollar?**

Show your flag in your window and your button on your coat.

Cam Longley has the Angel and the Devil traveling together, as passengers to Barnhart.

If you want Girls' and Misses' Tan Boots, you will find them in choice variety at Flowers & Adams.

Jim Brooks didn't give ornery Kuzn Bill a Christmas turkey, but he gave Kuznfeelle one and K-B'll eat his share of it.

There will be no more Ozona school until Monday, Dec. 30th, and possibly not then.

Rev. Carson was called to his home at Bertram on account of his mother's serious illness.

For the very best cleaning and pressing please see George Baker Gents' Furnisher, Ozona. Phone and he will send for your clothing.

Dr. Chapman is here and will remain until Dec. 19th. Get your dental work attended to now.

Call at Flowers & Adams and pick out something, useful and sensible as well as ornamental, for your Christmas giving. Do it Now.

Our college girls will arrive before the end of the week for the holidays—Misses Louise Bailey from Denton, Wilma West from Waco and Lenore Dudley from Dallas.

Mrs. Rod Campbell and baby are here. Rod brought them over and returned to Mertzon. They are the guests of Mrs. Campbell's mother, Mrs. Ella Schauer.

George Baker is doing extra nice work now in cleaning and pressing the ladies' skirts for classy winter wear. Also please phone George to send and get your laundry.

Miss Phoebe Westfall gave a beautiful dining Sunday in farewell to her friend, The Stockman Angel, who is leaving for a visit to her sister in Denver. Miss Phoebe's dinner guests were, besides the honoree, Misses Lela Johnigan, Maude Burchett and Pearl Smith.

Pon Seaborn phones that he will bring Kuzn Bill the finest mess of collards he ever had if he will tell a bigger lie than he told last week about Bob Cooke wasting a soup bone. Here it is—but Geo. Bunger told it: Geo. said he found a hen nest with a dozen eggs in it. Roger Dudley also told a good one about having a pullet that could lay eggs.

When Mrs. Sam Smith made Sam get busy and kill that big fat porker she kept in mind her old friends of The Stockman, among others. The editor family received a beautiful treat of pork steak, homemade sausage, pighead cheese and cranberry jelly. People! That was sure some good old time eats! WOW! The only trouble was the pig wasn't big enough, and by the time Mrs. Smith divided with all her neighbors, and sent some to daughter Elsie in the city of Washington, Sam said, scratching his head a bit: "Say, Alice, didn't you forget ours?" "Well, Sam," she said, "We know how to do without, and I'd heap rather they'd have it."

**Influenza**

The Winston-Salem (N. C.) Health Department published the following very valuable information in the Twin City Sentinel:

**Influenza Symptoms.**

If you feel a sudden pain, headache, backache, unusual tired feeling and fever, you probably have the Flu. Go to bed at once.

See that there is enough bed clothing to keep you warm.

Open all windows in your bedroom and keep them open, at all times except wet weather.

Take medicine to keep the bowels free.

Take some nourishing food every four hours—such as milk, broth, eggs, etc.

Stay in bed until the physician tells you it is safe to get up.

**What Do Until the Doctor Comes.**

Protect others by sneezing and coughing into a handkerchief or cloth, which should be boiled.

Insist that whoever gives you food or water, or enters the room for any purpose, shall wear a gauze mask, which may be made at home of four to six folds of gauze, and which should cover the nose and mouth and be tied behind the head.

Remember that these masks must be kept clean, must be put on outside the sick room, must not be handled after they are tied on, and must be boiled thirty minutes and thoroly dried every time they are taken off.

**Instructions to Householders.**

Keep out of the sick room unless attendance is imperatively necessary.

Do not handle articles coming from the sick room until they have been boiled.

Allow no visitors and do not go visiting.

Keep away from crowds.

See that the children are kept warm and dry night and day.

**Instructions to Nurses.**

Wear clean masks and do not handle them. Wash masks every half hour.

Wash hands in bichloride of mercury, 1-1000 solution, after handling patient.

Secure at least seven hours sleep in every 24 hours.

Eat plenty good clean food.

Walk daily in the fresh air.

Boil all dishes.

**Advice to Workers.**

Walk to your work when possible.

Wash your hands before eating.

Get all the sunshine possible.

Use only individual towels.

Do not over-exert.

Neglect is the cause of practically all fatalities.

One of those elegant silk shirts at Roy Parker's makes a beautiful Christmas present for him.

A number of the Ozona school teachers left Monday morning to spend Christmas holidays at their respective homes.

**Joe Oberkamp**  
Thanks you for past liberal patronage and wishes for You each and every one a  
**Good Christmas**  
and a  
**Glad New Year**

Depot agent H. L. Puckett returned Monday from Brownwood where he went to attend the burial of his father. The News extends deepest sympathy to the bereaved ones in this sad hour.—Big Lake News.

**First Christmas Observance.**

The first Christmas celebrated inside a house on the American continent was on December 25, 1618. Our Puritan ancestors finished their first house at Plymouth, Mass., having spent more than a month in wandering about in search of a place of settlement. The company was divided into 19 families, and to each person was assigned a lot for house and garden. It was not a very cheerful Christmas for the Puritans. All of them could not be accommodated inside the house, so that some of them were left out in the cold, but the religious features of the day were not forgotten, and it may be said that the Babe of Bethlehem was prayed to and sung to in a most fervent manner.

Sanitary clothes cleaning and steam pressing.—Roy Parker.

WHY?  
Why don't you tell us the local news? Please call Phone 81.

Old papers 25c a 100, Stockman

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A Full and Uniform Line of School Supplies at Right Prices

**FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT BUYERS**  
We are displaying this Season a most gorgeous exhibit of Christmas Jewelry, Silver Sets, Silverware, Lovely Diamonds, Platinum Brooches Rings, Watches of all kinds including beautiful Wrist Watches, French Ivory, Royal Doulton China and Novelties. It will save you money to buy here at the largest Jewelry Store in West Texas.  
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SUNDRIES, Cut Glass and Silverware.  
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**SMITH'S DRUG STORE**  
Phone 40.

**You May Talk to One Man**  
But an advertisement in this paper talks to the whole community.  
**Catch the Idea?**





## "GOOD WORK!"

The Red Cross badge of membership is a delight to the soul of the man in khaki, or navy blue. He knows its true significance in war as well as peace.

So do the thousands of American mothers and wives and sisters who have had their loved ones with the colors.

So do the hundreds of thousands of men, women, and children of war-torn Belgium, France, Italy, Roumania, Serbia, Russia, Palestine and wherever Red Cross work has been going on.

It is up to every man and woman in free and happy America to see to it personally that the American Red Cross continues to carry on its great work of love and humanity.



### Wear your button

It is evidence that you have placed your stamp of approval on the excellent work which the American Red Cross has done—and will continue to do.

**Join the Red Cross**  
—all you need is a heart and a dollar

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## The People of Ozona and Crocket County

Rise, happy morn! Rise, holy morn!  
Draw forth the cheerful day from night.  
O Father, touch the east and light  
The light that shone when hope was born!  
—Tennyson.

### Maybe—And Maybe Not

The maid was very fair to see,  
But staid, and not inclined to folly.  
She stood behind the Christmas tree  
And gravely hung a wreath of holly.  
Himself passed there, by chance, and saw  
Her all alone, and straightway lingered;  
And she, who had been tranquil—pshaw!  
Became at once most butter-fingered!  
The mistletoe hung overhead;  
If think I said the maid was fair?  
Her eyes were bright, her lips were red,  
And sunbeams glistened in her hair.  
The tree was large, the two were hid—  
He turned and left her?—Yes, he did!

The maid was very wroth, Oh, dear,  
She ran away with cheeks a-flaming  
"Twixt anger and a touch of fear.  
The scarlet of the holly shaming.  
She told her dearest friend, I've heard,  
So, shortly, everybody knew it.  
The place whereat the deed occurred  
Was near, and maidens flocked to view it.  
Himself was there, engulfed in gloom,  
(And he was also good to see.)  
The mistletoe its waxen bloom  
Still haunted for those maids to see;  
And so they each one ran and hid,  
And scorned to tarry?—Yes, they did!  
—Beatrice Barry, in New York Times.

Letting the Neighbors See It.  
"Mr. Giltberry gave Mrs. Giltberry a pearl necklace for a Christmas present," remarked Mr. Twobble.  
"I've heard about it," answered Mrs. Twobble. "And if it wasn't for the risk, I dare say she'd hang it in a front window of their apartment instead of a holly wreath."

Merely a Pose.  
"Those pretty girls who stand beneath the mistletoe pretend they don't know where they are."  
"Umph!" replied the heartless cynic. "They'd know in a jiffy if some fellow came along with a barelip."

The night that erst no name had worn,  
To it a happy name is given,  
For in that stable lay, newborn,  
The peaceful prince of earth and heaven.  
—Alfred Dommatt.



### ANIMALS ARE NOT FORGOTTEN

Birds and Beasts Share in the Christmas Cheer in the Scandinavian Countries.

The Christmas customs in Norway and Sweden are the most interesting of any country. It is a time of great rejoicing. To show that there are amicable feelings between every one in the household the shoes are placed in a row at night in the hall when retiring on Christmas eve, and, like the German custom, candles are left burning in the village windows all night to light the way for "Kristine," who brings the gifts. The Christmas tree is largely decorated with candles and pretty cakes arranged in bright-colored baskets—all usually homemade.

The richer households send good things to the poor, and everywhere among both rich and poor are the animals and birds remembered. The boys and girls save up their pennies during the year for this purpose. Sheaves of grain are fastened to the window ledges in town, and in the country the sheaves are fastened to long poles, and renewed every day for a week, and many are the birds that spy this feast. On the barn floors of the peasants bowls of hot porridge are set for poor "Robin Goodfellow" to comfort him because he has no "soul." The cows and the horses share in the general happiness by having a double share of food given them.

Be Joyful.  
Radiate as much of the Christmas spirit as possible.



### CHRISTMAS THEN AND NOW

In the Old Days Gifts Were a Message of Love, in Keeping With the Day Celebrated.

What a vast difference there is in the Christmas of today, from the Christmas of our forefathers. In those days there was not the hurry scurry shopping, and costly, somewhat useless gifts given with the thought that the receiver might give a finer one in return. The gifts given in those days were gifts of love, wholly in keeping with the day celebrated, says a correspondent in an exchange.

For many weeks and months did mother spin, color and wind the yarn, and knit on wooden needles or a bone hook the warm neck scarf or mittens for her loved one, every stitch bearing a message of love. And then as the time drew near how savory the kitchen smelled every time one entered, but, of course, nothing was visible for mother or aunty or grandmother had safely hidden away the tender gingerbread and spice cakes, and the brittle molasses taffy, plates of butter-scotch and other candy rich in nut meats.

What happy times when the stockings of all sizes, and almost all colors, were hung on the mantel shelf above the wide fireplace, where old Santa had no trouble at all to come down and deposit the numerous things from his pack in the dangling stockings.

Everyone was remembered with some sort of a gift, none were forgotten, and I feel sure the home-made goodies were devoured with as much relish and with less after effects, as the store goodies of today. There were no coal tar dyes in the Christmas candy grandmother made.

Then when the team was hooked to the farm sled, with the farm wagon bed on it partly filled with straw and bed covers, what a fine ride to church over the shining snow, to hear a real Scripture sermon about the birth of our Savior, on earth peace, good will to men.

### Go! Christmas Comes Again

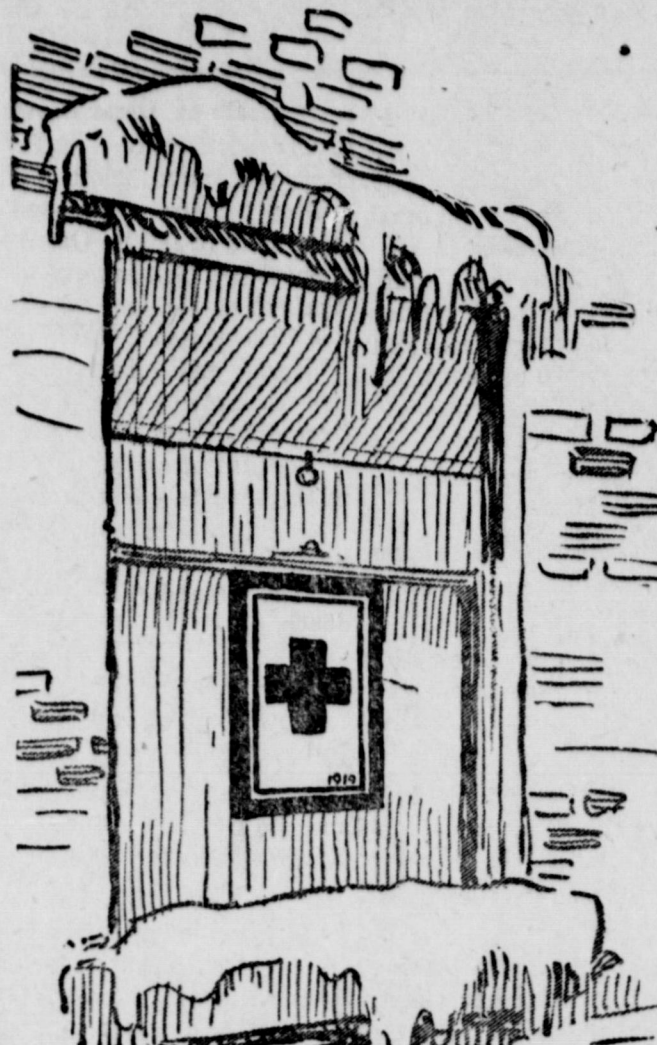
Come, glory night! Come, spirit light!  
Come, joy, thy sweet bells ringing!  
Behold! His star is shining bright!  
The angel choir is singing.

But near—too near, the cannon's roar.  
The shield and sabre's rattle;  
The Christmas anthems sound no more.  
Across—the field of battle.

Oh, Christmas spirit! Calm our fears,  
Close down in pity stooping.  
Alas! These eyes are filled with tears,  
Thy radiant wings are drooping.

The happy bells, the joyous bells  
That set the echoes rolling;  
Through silent streets and frosty dells,  
Are slowly, sadly tolling.

Come, glory night! Come, spirit light!  
Come, joy, thy mute bells ringing!  
Through clouds the star is shining bright;  
Far off the choir is singing.  
—Clara E. Putnam, in Oklahoma Farmer



## Fly your flag—

The work of the Red Cross *must* go on—it will go on, and you must make it possible.

This is Red Cross Week. It is the only opportunity you will have to join the Red Cross, for the year 1919, or to renew your old membership.

As soon as you join and get your flag, put it in the front window of your home—let all the world know you are a member of that great organization of humanity and that you are proud to belong.



Add a small Red Cross on your flag for each one of your family who is a 1919 member.

You get a button, too, when you join. WEAR THAT ON YOUR COAT.

Red Cross workers have definite instructions not to encourage any one to join more than once.

When you wear your button it lets those workers know you belong—then they won't ask you again.

**Join the Red Cross**  
—all you need is a heart and a dollar

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## The People of Rankin and Upton County



## The seriousness of one—the happiness in the obligation of the other

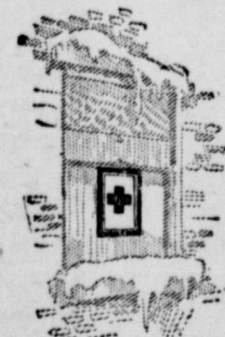
But both are badges of honor—one standing for exceptional valor on the battlefield—the other, for membership in the greatest of all humanitarian organizations, *your* American Red Cross.

The work of the soldier is practically finished.

The work of the Red Cross has really just begun.

Your membership and the moral support such membership gives are essential in carrying on Red Cross activities.

Let us all realize that in our happiness of another Christmas of Peace and Plenty—let us not forget the sufferings and privations of our war-torn friends across the sea—let us make our Christmas festival a Red Cross Christmas with full membership in every American home.



Put your flag in your window—let your neighbors know you haven't forgotten Belgium—and France—and our boys who remain overseas.



### Wear your Button

Will you be wearing your membership button when the boys come home?

Join

**Join the Red Cross**  
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## The People of Big Lake and Reagan County





**The Work of the Red Cross must go on**

**Distress calls!**

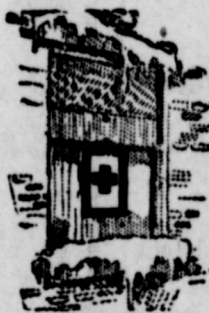
The misery and sickness and destitution throughout the world make relief work necessary, on a scale never before dreamed of.

When distress calls, the Greatest Mother in the World answers "HERE!"

*Now, the Red Cross calls!*

The annual Christmas Roll Call of members echoes throughout the land this week.

When your name is called, you are going to answer "HERE!"—because you know your duty, and you'll do it.



Put your sign in your window



Wear your membership button

**Join the Red Cross**  
*- all you need is a heart and a dollar*

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**The Ozona Lumber Co.**



## Christmas Roll Call Campaign

A booth is being conducted in the postoffice during the drive and the following ladies have been made chairmen for one day each, they to select their respective committees of assistants:

Monday 16: Mrs. B. B. Ingham  
Tuesday 17: Mrs. H. B. Cox  
Wednesday 18: Mrs. N. W. Graham.

Thursday 19: Mrs. W. R. Baggett.

Friday 20: Mrs. H. W. B. Montgomery.

Saturday 21: Mrs. R. R. Baker  
Monday 23: Mrs. P. L. Childress.

The town has been divided into four districts which will be under the particular care of the following chairmen for the drive: Mrs. Paschal Odom, South of Broadway.

Mrs. Joe Oberkamp, North of Broadway.  
Miss Dollie Coates, West Ozona.  
Firmen Aguirre, South Ozona (Mexican Addition.)

R. Theis has been made chairman for Big Lake and Reagan county, and J. H. Felps chairman for Rankin and Upton county, these being the two auxiliaries of this Chapter.

### Few Escape.

There are few indeed who escape having at least one cold during the winter months, and they are fortunate who have but one and get through with it quickly and without any serious consequences. Take Chamberlain's Cough Remedy and observe the directions with each bottle, and you are likely to be one of the fortunate ones. The worth and merit of this remedy has been fully proven. There are many families who have always used it for years when troubled with a cough or cold, and with the very best results.—Sold by Smith Drug Store.

We have just received a shipment of all wool French Serge Dresses. Have you seen them? Flowers & Adams.

## RED CROSS

Understand that the Christmas Red Cross Seals are not being sold this year. Each Roll Call member gets ten seals, a flag and a button.

Sr. Firmin Aguirre, Roll Call chairman for South Ozona, has already gone to work energetically among his people, and reports gratifying progress among the Mexican population.

Wear a Mask. A number of the Red Cross ladies are busily making the masks, and everyone will be advised to secure one and wear it. Telephone Mrs. Howard B. Cox, chairman, or Mrs. Ben B. Ingham, secretary, for advice. In the city of San Francisco the wearing of masks was made compulsory and the epidemic almost entirely abated within ten days. Wear a Mask.

Roll Call Chairman S. E. Couch has received the following important telegram from the Southwestern Division Headquarters in St. Louis:

"The eyes of the country are turned toward the Southwest in confidence that the Christmas Roll Call will reveal again the devotion of our people to the highest ideals of humanity. Our task is the harder, not only because of the high standard already set by the people of the Southwest, but also because of the handicap under which our campaign must now be conducted. The influenza epidemic is sweeping our territory, after it has abated elsewhere. We must 'Carry On' without the inspiration of public meetings, or the enthusiasm which results from popular gatherings. But we cannot afford to fail, or to run second, in a race which we are determined to win. Let the handicap under which we are laboring cause us to perfect and tighten our organization. Ask your people through the newspapers, and in every manner possible, not to wait until they are solicited. Let the infection of the Red Cross spirit overcome that of the influenza germ. Let us have an epidemic of Red Cross Service Flags in the windows, and a Red Cross button in the lapel of every patriotic citizen."

### Let it Slip and was Ruined for Life.

What's the matter, young man, young woman? Why are you letting opportunity slip through your fingers? What are your plans for the coming year? Do you intend to qualify for a greater success? A small investment now, accompanied by earnest endeavor and a few months of solid study in our school will mean qualification, a position, promotion, increased bank account and greater satisfaction all along the line of your future life. Why hesitate? Don't you know that Uncle Sam and the business office is calling for young men and women trained as Stenographers, Bookkeepers, Operators and Secretaries? How much longer will you stand aside and make excuses?

You can succeed. Other people—those who are succeeding—nature didn't give them a single extra bone or one more nerve muscle or brain cell than you possess. Their success was not a birthright. It came out of efforts—out of action. They used their gifts—as you should. They gained a training that developed and broadened and increased their talents—as you should. They took aim at success and fired away until they hit it.

Look around you! Wherever your eye turns, you see some man or woman who had no better start than you—with no better general education or "school learning" than you, but who was wise enough to become especially trained in some one special line and who today is going ahead fast and leaving in the rear those who thought special business training unnecessary.

You should not think of success as a present, which Santa Claus will bring and drop into your stockings while you sleep. You have made excuses and halted long enough. Your duty to yourself is to come to a decision NOW. Your best interests dictate a decision favoring an enrollment NOW.

The object of this appeal is to set you to thinking of your future. If we have done this, we shall feel that you owe it to yourself to investigate the methods of our school. Write us something of your ambitions; what you would like to accomplish; be perfectly frank with us. When may we expect you? Write or wire America's largest business training school for free catalogue, Tyler Commercial College, Tyler, Texas.

Wesley is still at Eastleigh, England. He is an M. M. 1st Class in the American Navy.

### When You Write to Our Boys

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### For Croup.

"Chamberlain's Cough Remedy is splendid for croup," writes Mrs. Edward Hassett, Frankfort N. Y. "My children have been quickly relieved of attacks of this dreadful complaint by its use." This remedy contains no opium or other narcotic, and may be given to a child as confidently as to an adult.—Sold by Smith Drug Store.

Everything you need in cooking or heating stoves, and everything to go with the stoves, at Chris Meinecke & Son's.

Dr. W. T. Chapman arrived at the Kirkpatrick hotel, Ozona, Monday, Dec. 9th, and will remain just two weeks. If you need attention to your teeth this will be your opportunity.

## NEWS AND NOTES OF OUR SOLDIER BOYS

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City, where I expect to spend Christmas with my mother and brother. Mail Stockman there.

"I have no definite plans for the future, but will write you when I get settled, for I sure want to see every Stockman. All of us kiddos from home know how to appreciate The Stockman."

"I have been very lucky in this war. I was in the Battle of the Flu and the Skirmish of the Typewriter for almost a year, and was never wounded, tho I was 'shot' in the arm many times. When I get to St. Louis I'm going to get shot, and not half-shot, either. I'll try to remember you dry birds down in Texas. WOW!"

"A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to you, Kuzn Klem and the Little Devil."

One of the Val Verde county boys writes that in one of the great charges a staff officer galloped up to the captain of the company and yelled: "We are not ready to charge yet. Why don't you stop those men?" "Howell can I stop 'em?" shouted the captain. "I can't even keep up with 'em, and the whole German army can't stop 'em!"

I never saw people in my life go so wild as these "Limies" did on the Eleventh of November, and I think everybody is still drunk. We boys put on some show ourselves. The good news was announced to us at 1:30 p. m., at mess. We went on a dungaree parade, the band in the lead. Got back at 2:15 o'clock, and there was no more work that day. We put on our dress blues and then there was another parade. Will tell you all about it when I get home. I guess you had SOME time in the States. Would like to be there tonight, but money couldn't buy my place and experience over here. I am certainly glad that I can truly say that I was on this side when the Armistice was signed. May not get home for Christmas, but we know we shall be there soon, altho it may be after the formal signing of Peace.—G. W. McBee.

Pierce Buck has been turned loose from the army and has arrived home to spend the holidays with his parents and sisters.

In giving prompt and efficient relief the Red Cross has won the eternal gratitude of millions of people. The armies of France, from commanders down, testify to the great good it has accomplished.—General Pershing.

### Ozona to Santone In One Day

Are you going South, East or West? If so go with Sam Bell, on the Ozona-Comstock mail line. He will leave Ozona Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday morning of each week, and make connection at Comstock with Eastbound train, getting to Del Rio, Eagle Pass, Uvalde and San Antonio same day. You may take that train for Del Rio, if you are going West, and catch the Sunset Limited in that city for all big towns West, as Sanderson, Alpine, Marfa, El Paso, Ring Sam Bell at the Kirkpatrick.

You may have a bad case of Flu in your house and not know it. Call in Dr. Joe Oberkamp and he will diagnose the case and see that your flu is not dangerous, or smoky. Phone one-eight-one.

## Sorry to Have to Do This, Friends!

Emphatic notice is hereby given to all my customers and friends that I shall not be able to carry their accounts and supply them with meat and other market products longer than fifteen days after the first of each month. I must have the money with which to pay my own bills. We cannot sell to anyone on credit except for the current month. Credit will be politely but firmly refused, when you do not settle promptly, and all accounts remaining on our books unpaid after the fifteenth of each month will be regretfully placed in the hands of attorney for collection.

ROBERT J. COOKE.

Have you had your stove put up? Joe Oberkamp will come or send a man to see to your flues, put up your stoves, etc., and get everything safe and convenient before cold weather sets in. Of course there will be a rush of work on when it begins sleeting. Phone one-eight-one right now before you forget it.

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