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## BAPTIST STATE BOARD MEETING

Rev. J. C. Newman, accompanied by J. W. Brunner, returned Saturday from Albuquerque where they had been in attendance at the Baptist State Board Convention, which was held there last week. They were both members of the Board and very enthusiastic over results accomplished. It was, by far, the most important meeting of its kind ever held in the state of New Mexico. Many weighty problems that have been serious thought for New Mexico Baptists for a number of years were solved, thereby establishing the confidence of the general public in the Baptist institutions of the state.

The Orphan's Home located at Portales, came in for its share of consideration and apart from the financial provisions, it was decided to appoint a local advisory board whose business it is to look after the general interests of the home—such as employing and discharging of help, etc. The board consists of the following members: Rev. J. C. Newman, Coe Howard, Dr. Wollard, M. B. Jones, and Dr. S. B. Owens. Dr. Williams and Dr. Wollard were appointed physicians for the home.

The 75 million dollar campaign received its finishing touch when it was announced that New Mexico captured the mattoes of both Oklahoma and Arkansas which were respectively "first over the top" and "farthest over the top." This accomplishment of the New Mexico Baptists has put our state on the map. The great State of Texas, in its recent convention, paid tribute to the crowning victory won by New Mexico.

Bids for the Baptist College came from various parts of the state but one and all sank into insignificance when East Las Vegas offered the magnificent Montezuma Hotel and grounds consisting of over 800 acres of the most beautiful mountain scenery in all the west. The mineral and hot springs adding so much to the health and comfort of this location, to say nothing of building itself. But the building comes in for its share of recognition. When built, it cost one million two hundred twenty-three thousand dollars. An architect going over the grounds last week said that with \$50,000 remodeling it could not be duplicated today for less than \$6,000,000. What an opportunity for the people of New Mexico! Mr. Bruner said that even before he left Albuquerque, letters from all over the country, from teachers and pupils alike, asking that they be registered under the schools first charter.

Another feature of importance is the coming of E. C. Routh, of Texas fame, to man the "Ship of Zion" in our state. E. C. Routh is the present editor of the Baptist Standard, published at Dallas, Texas, and we may say that it is one of the largest publications of its kind anywhere. The Texas people are loathe to give Mr. Routh to us but owing to the condition of the health of his family, he is persuaded to cast his lot with us.

Rev. J. W. Brunner who has been at the helm of things for the past year, will return to his former church at Roswell. The Roswell people are certainly fortunate in securing his services for the coming year.

—Contributed.

Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Wood served an elaborate turkey dinner on Christmas day to Mr. and Mrs. Walter Jackson, Mr. and Mrs. O. S. Strickland, Ralph Jackson and Carus Strickland. Everyone had a good time except Bob White, who was, in duty bound, to go fishing in the afternoon.

Mrs. J. W. Yates and Mrs. A. E. Seigner were in the city from Clovis Tuesday.

## Mary Pickford in "The Hoodlum"

WILL BE SHOWN AT  
The COSY THEATER, Portales  
MONDAY AND TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 29th and 30th, 1919  
SHOW STARTS AT 7:30 P. M

Portraying the role of a wealthy girl who is suddenly swept into the poorest of living conditions and a most sordid environment with semi-comic results, Mary Pickford will be seen in her second picture from her own studios in "THE HOODLUM."

She found shooting craps in the gutter more fun than a tea party with snobs—

And that a real baby is infinitely more beautiful and interesting than a thousand dollar French doll—

That robbing one's own million dollar mansion is the most thrilling thing in life—

And that helping others is infinitely more pleasure than being waited upon by hordes of servants.

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### IN MEMORIAM

Mrs. L. A. Heck, of Portales, New Mexico, one of the most faithful members of the Methodist church, departed this life on December 17th, 1919.

Born in South Carolina in 1849. Married in 1867. Professed faith in Christ in 1869. She was a resident of Portales fourteen years. Throughout a long life she constantly exemplified her faith by loving service to her family, kindness to her friends, and loyalty to her church.

Her departing this life was another exemplification of the triumph of Christian faith in sustaining and comforting those who were left, for she had "finished her course" and entered into that rest in Christ, "Asleep in Jesus" to await that resurrection of the just.

Sister Heck died in the home of her daughter, Mrs. C. V. Harris at Portales, her funeral was held in the Methodist church and was attended by relatives and a large number of friends. She was laid to rest by the side of her husband who had gone on before some years ago.

By her pastor,  
J. H. STUCKEY.

### Married This Week

Mr. Ed Burleson and Miss Mary Pendley were married Tuesday of this week at the home of the Baptist pastor, Rev. J. C. Newman. Rev. Newman performing the ceremony.

Both these young people are well known in Portales, having spent most of their lives here, and have many friends who join the News in wishing for them much happiness and prosperity through life.

Edgar Siddall has just returned from a visit to a brother-in-law in Chicago. After a few days here with friends he will leave for California to sail for Australia on the first outgoing ship, for an extended visit with his mother. He will return to the United States within a year and contemplates making Portales his home. Mr. Siddall is an Englishman but fought under the Stars and Stripes during the recent war.

Forey Bramlett, arrived Friday from the oil fields of Texas, to spend the holidays with home-folks.

Carl Turner returned home Saturday from an extended trip in eastern states in the interest of the oil business.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Austin, Texas, are here to spend the holidays with Mrs. Thomas' parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Gilliam.

### The Christmas Trees

The several Christmas trees held in town were largely attended as the weather was delightful thereby giving the children a chance to attend in large numbers. The Methodist church had one of the handsomest trees we have ever seen in Portales. The house was full and the "big folks" were treated by Santa Clause the same as the "little ones."

The Baptists divided forces giving a special tree for the orphans at the home at 7 o'clock a. m. Christmas day. The delight of the little folks was enough to warm the hearts of those in attendance, and one and all felt that there was really "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men."

The Christian church also gave a splendid little tree for the children and all had a most enjoyable time.

### Farm Bureau Day

The Roosevelt County Farm and Ranch Bureau will have a meeting on Saturday, December 27, 1919, to plan a program for the ensuing year, elect officers and discuss other questions of interest to the farmers in general. Everybody be on hand as this is a meeting that concerns all.

The Kansas Club met at the home of Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Wheeler Christmas day. About 50 were present which included a number of visitors. Dinner was served in Cafeteria style, or would have been, only no Cafe ever had such a variety or an abundance of food. The day was passed in general merrymaking, an exchange of gifts, and music thrown in for good measure. Good time! Well, they said it so much that it sounded monotonous.

Miss Evalind Holiday, of Lubbock, Texas, and Miss Wilma Holiday, of Baylor University, are here to attend a family reunion held at the home of their sister, Mrs. McBeth. 'Tis the first time they have been together in two years and they are crowding two years' happiness in a one week's package.

Mrs. Mattie J. Baker arrived Monday to spend the holidays with her parents, Judge and Mrs. J. P. Henderson. She was accompanied by her daughter, Mrs. Wesley Morgan and little baby.

### PROPOSITION MADE FOR CANNING FACTORY

A. C. Crozier, of Lakewood, N. M., was in Portales Saturday of last week and met with a number of farmers and business men of this section at the court house and made us a proposition for a canning factory for Portales.

The proposition made by Mr. Crozier was that the concern be capitalized for \$10,000 or more. Mr. Crozier to take \$2,500 provided Portales will put up \$7,500 of which amount \$7,500 is to be spent for the entire equipment of the Lakewood Canning Factory, supplies on hand, and the Lakewood label, if after having been investigated by the committee is found to be as represented. In addition to the above Portales agrees to plant, tend and harvest and deliver to the factory at least one hundred acres of tomatoes and as much more as will be feasible to plant for the first year.

If the deal is consummated and the plant is moved to Portales, Mr. Crozier agrees to take complete management of the entire plant under the direction of the board of directors that may be appointed, at a salary suitable to both Mr. Crozier and the board of directors.

Committees were appointed to investigate and see if the acreage could be secured, and also to see about the financial part of the proposition.

This is the chance of a lifetime for Portales, and we believe that the people here will take advantage of the opportunity in getting a canning factory. With the best soil in the world and plenty of water, there is no reason why this will not be the biggest paying proposition ever offered in this county.

### At Home For Holidays

They are coming home for the Yuletide festivities, we mean the school girls and boys. Marion Stinnett, Glen Rogers, and Misses Babel and Melvia Rogers arrived Sunday from the University at Albuquerque. Olen Braley, Dudley Williams, Lonnie Starnes, Sanford Fairly, Frank Petersen and Jim Cunningham came in Saturday from the A. & M. College.

Also a large number of teachers will register at the family fireside the joy and pride of the folks at home. Among them are: Misses Leota Merrill from Texico, Ruby Braley, Shelby; Pearl Bramlett, Kenna; Mamie McCullough, the Honea school; Virgie Stephenson, Arch; Eddie Lee Hall, Eiland; Vera Merrill, Lovington; Leona Forbes, Pleasant Valley; Mary Lee Knoles, Inez; and Messrs Lee Langston, Lovington, and Howard Hext, Texico.

Mr. Petersen, the county agent, had a government man with him this week, who is at the head of the Bureau of Animal Industry, looking after the tuberculosis tests of the county.

### TO OUR SUBSCRIBERS AND FRIENDS:

We wish to thank our subscribers and the business men of Portales for their patronage and good will during the year just closing and ask for a continuance of their support during 1920.

Our greatest desire for the New Year will be to make the Portales Valley News a better paper and one that will merit your liberal support.

We hope that your Christmas will be a Merry one and that the New Year holds in store for each of you, much happiness and prosperity.

## The EMPTY STOCKING

*There's an empty stocking hanging from many a little bed,  
Where a God-blown dream hangs over each sleeping curly head;  
And the vision gathers nightly of a day that's soon to come,  
Where little feet should patter to the music of the drum.*

*There's an empty stocking hanging by many a wind-blown door,  
That must wait in vain for Christmas, in the gray haunts of the poor;  
And eyes that now shine brightly shall, through a rain of tears,  
See nothing there on Christmas but the sorrow of the years.*

*But out where splendor centers in the mansions of the great,  
No call will go unanswered, no toe will vainly wait;  
The Christmas horn will summon—the Christmas drum will roll  
The tide of joy in magic through the gateway of each soul.*

*But where one gift would brighten the dark of weary days,  
No reindeer's hoof will thunder o'er Poverty's drear ways;  
And so, for God's white reason—for some wee dreamer's cause—  
Don't you think that you might whisper just a word to Santa Claus?*



# BOOZE FINALLY KNOCKED OUT

**SUPREME COURT REFUSES PERMISSION FOR A FAREWELL JAG**

## NEW YORK-KENTUCKY CASES

Both Decided In Favor of the People and Wartime Prohibition is Held To Still Be In Force And Legal.

Washington.—Wartime prohibition was held constitutional by the supreme court in a unanimous decision. Thus vanished the hopes of many for a wet holiday time.

No decision was rendered on the cases involving the constitutionality of the Volstead law, the prohibition enforcement act framed to carry out the intent of the prohibition amendment to the constitution.

In passing, however, Associate Justice Brandeis did hold that the prohibition act was binding on the states as well as the federal government.

The court entirely reversed the contention of the wets that the wartime prohibition was outside the war time powers of congress and pointed out that wartime control of food and railroads still were in effect.

Federal court decrees in New York dismissing proceedings brought by Dryfuss, Blum and Company, to compel internal revenue officials to permit the withdrawal from bond of whiskey for beverage purposes, were affirmed by the court.

### Kentucky Ban Dissolved.

In deciding the question the supreme court also dissolved injunctions restraining revenue officials from interfering with the removal from bond of about seven million gallons of whiskey valued at approximately \$75,000,000, held by the Kentucky Distilleries and Warehouse Company of Louisville, Ky.

The signing of the armistice did not abrogate the war powers of congress, Associate Justice Brandeis said in reading the decision of the court. Justice Brandeis said the government did not appropriate the liquor by stopping its domestic sale, as the way was left open for exporting it.

### New York Case Affirmed.

The decision in the case was made in supreme court docket 602, affirming a lower court decision in the case known as "Alphonse Dryfuss, Eugene Blum, Eugene Basche of New York, versus William H. Edwards, collector of internal revenue." The case involved the right of Dryfuss to withdraw distilled spirits from bonded warehouses for beverage purposes.

They attempted to withdraw fifty barrels of whiskey by offering cash which was refused by the internal revenue collector. The withdrawal was not permitted.

### Present Validity of Act Attacked.

The case was brought in the district court in New York to declare unconstitutional the war prohibition act, and to enjoin the United States from acting under the authority of the act. The district court denied the motion for a preliminary injunction. The argument of attorneys for the owners of the liquor advanced the theory that the war prohibition act has been wholly shorn of its constitutionality by the indisputable change in conditions and circumstances since the time of its enactment. No question was raised as to the validity of the war prohibition act in its inception, but as to its present constitutionality.

The Kentucky decision which was overruled was that of Edward Elwood Hamilton, collector of internal revenue for the collection district of Kentucky, versus Kentucky Distillers and Warehouse Company, Levy Mayer, William Marshall Bullitt.

The decision added one of the final milestones to the long fight to make the country dry.

### Beer Decisions Next Monday.

The court will render opinions again next Monday, at which time the beer cases are expected to be decided, after which the court will recess until January 5.

The prohibition constitutional amendment will become effective January 16.

On the court's decision on the prohibition enforcement law will depend whether the federal government has at hand any legal means for making the amendment effective. The constitutionality of war-time prohibition, however, the dries are confident, will keep the country dry until the amendment is carried into effect by law of its own.

### Kentucky Is Hardest Hit.

Louisville.—Kentucky distillers and more than 300 Louisville former saloon keepers were jolted by the decision of the supreme court, holding war-time prohibition constitutional. The distillers had \$9,000,000 gallons of whiskey in Kentucky bonded warehouses, \$500,000 gallons of it in Louisville alone, ordinarily worth at wholesale \$600,000,000.

The former saloon keepers, after setting the stage for a wet period, continued the sale of soft drinks.

## LOWDEN FILES HIS PAPERS



Gov. Frank M. Lowden, of Illinois, filed a republican minority proposal with the South Dakota secretary of state which will permit him to appear before the voters in the March primary as a candidate for the presidential nomination.

## CONGRESS AFTER THE REDS

Plan to Force Labor Secretary Wilson To Go After Agitators.

Washington.—Legislative proposals of the house immigration committee to aid in ridding the country of alien radicals, framed after prolonged hearings here and in New York, were presented to the house by Chairman Johnson, republican of Washington, who declared the bill was so drawn as to force the department of labor to act against alien agitators.

Secretary Wilson has held, Mr. Johnson said, that mere membership in the I. W. W. or kindred organizations was not sufficient, under the law, to warrant deportation. The committee's bill, he added, made the "letter and intent of the law plain and unmistakable," as either affiliation or any financial connection with organizations teaching radical doctrines, without the commission of an overt act, meant deportation.

At the same time, the house judiciary committee began work on various proposals aimed at suppression of radical activities generally, to reach citizens as well as aliens. Representative Blanton, democrat of Texas, declared the department of labor was "honey-combed" with "the spirit of anarchism," from Secretary Wilson down; and Representative Davey, democrat of Ohio, warned the committee that the public would take matters into its hands and "strut these wild-eyed radicals to telephone poles throughout the country" unless congress hastened to act.

## EMMA GOLDMAN WELCOME

"Ambassador" Martens Denies Statement to the Contrary.

New York.—Emma Goldman was informed by Ludwig C. A. K. Martens, anarchist "ambassador to the United States," that she, Alexander Berkman and other anarchists awaiting deportation at Ellis Island, would be welcome in Soviet Russia whither the United States government intends to send them.

In a letter to Miss Goldman, Martens denied he had said the anarchists would execute her if she plotted in Soviet Russia as she had in the United States.

The United States army transport Beaufort, now loading supplies in Brooklyn is to be the vessel to carry back to Russia the Ellis Island radical colony consisting of Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and some 80 other Russians awaiting deportation.

### Ultimatum May Be Sent Boches

Paris.—The German reply to the allied note of December 6 seeks discussions which the allies can not grant. It was stated at the foreign office. The allies probably will reply with an ultimatum.

### River Packet Burns.

Cincinnati.—The Ohio river packet America which plies between Cincinnati and Louisville, burned at the public landing here.

### Red School Is Raided.

Lawrence, Mass.—Headed by City Marshal O'Brien, a squad of police descended upon a school for the teaching of red propaganda. A quantity of literature was taken to police headquarters for examination and the school was closed.

### Obregon Murder Attempted.

Agua Prieta, Sonora.—Private citizens received here from Mexico City were to the effect that an attempt was made to take the life of General Alvarado Obregon, candidate for the presidency.

### South America in Meditation Offer.

Mexico City.—Gabriel Terra, the Uruguayan minister of foreign relations has offered the services of his country as mediator in the difficulties between Mexico and the United States.

## CUMMINS PLEADS FOR BILL

URGES ON CONGRESS NECESSITY FOR HASTE

Otherwise Receivers Will Be Needed In Thirty Days, Senators Are Told.

Washington.—Congress was warned that if the railroads were turned back to their owners without enactment of legislation for protection of the property two-thirds of the roads would be in the hands of receivers within thirty days.

Speaking with earnestness, Chairman Cummins of the senate interstate commerce committee that drafted the pending railroad bill, declared the senate could not afford to set it aside or delay its consideration in view of the apparent determination of President Wilson to end government control the first day of the new year.

During the debate the principal attacks on the Cummins bill were made by Senators Lenroot, republican of Wisconsin, and Stanley, democrat of Kentucky, the former insisting that the roads should be retained by the government until spring.

General discussion of the anti-strike clause brought numerous references to the coal strike and Senator Stanley in arguing against anti-strike laws, said that in the case of the miners they were held back both by an injunction and by solemn notice of the president of the United States that their strike was unlawful.

Even within sound of the growl of the bolshevist, Senator Stanley said, attempts were being made to try out new fangled ideas and he predicted that it might not be long before "hygienic uplifters" tried to form some sort of a commission to select wives for men.

A bill proposing public ownership and government operation of the railroads was introduced by Senator Norris, republican of Nebraska, and referred to the interstate commerce committee. It would create a federal railroad corporation managed by five directors appointed by the president, and have \$10,000,000,000 of stock with additional "employee stock" subject to subscription only by railroad employees equal to one-fourth of the book value of the railroad property.

The public would be permitted to subscribe to the general stock of the company which would be authorized to take over existing railroad properties by condemnation proceedings and also build new lines.

The Norris bill also provides for issuance of government bonds for financing the corporation and would limit its stock dividends to six per cent with excess earnings reverting to the government.

### Small Papers Facing Suspension.

Washington.—Between 2,500 and 3,000 small newspapers face suspension if the news print situation is not improved, Representative Anthony of Kansas, told the house postoffice committee in urging favorable action on his bill to limit to 24 pages daily newspapers and periodicals using the second-class mail privileges.

The present acute shortage, he said, is due to the large size of the big city dailies and some magazines. The larger newspapers, he added, could eliminate 50 or more pages of feature, comic and magazine matter published in Sunday editions, without loss to the public.

The volume of advertising should be drastically reduced, during the present shortage, he said.

### Mrs. Angeles Left \$2,500.

New York.—Senora Felipe Angeles, widow of General Angeles, the Mexican leader who was executed recently by the Carranzistas, and who died shortly after his execution, left personal property valued at \$2,450 and no real estate.

### Glass To Quit January 1.

Washington.—Secretary Glass said that he would give up his office as secretary of the treasury on January 1. He will take his seat in the senate as successor to the late Senator Martin of Virginia immediately upon the reconvening of congress after the Christmas recess.

### Diamond Brings \$100,000.

London.—A diamond tiara of the Duchess of Marlborough (who was Consuelo Vanderbilt) brought \$100,000 at an auction sale.

### Two Negroes Lynched.

Huntington, W. Va.—Two negroes, accused of murdering E. D. Meek, a resident of Island Creek, Logan county, were taken from a train at Chapmanville and lynched.

### 27 Men In Death House.

Ossining, N. Y.—The death house at Sing Sing prison is crowded to capacity and it has become necessary to use an emergency room. There are twenty-seven men awaiting execution. Six murderers are due to be electrocuted in the week of January 5.

### Night Sessions for Congress.

Washington.—Night sessions of congress for this week are planned in the hope of expediting consideration of the Cummins railroad bill and other important legislation before the beginning of the customary Christmas recess. The recess is scheduled to last until January 5.

### New Liberal Party For U. S.

St. Louis.—A new political party probably will be organized before July 1 next, it was said at the national conference of liberals here.

## HARDING OUT FOR PRESIDENCY



Senator Harding of Ohio, formally announced his candidacy for the republican presidential nomination in 1920. Senator Harding is the third republican senator to make known his presidential aspirations. Senators Poindexter of Washington and Johnson of California already have formally announced.

## PROBE HIGH COURT LEAK

Decisions Got Out for Speculative Purposes.

Washington.—A sweeping investigation of a leak of decisions of the supreme court of the United States for speculative purposes in Wall street has been conducted by the department of justice since November 22.

The investigation was at the instance of Chief Justice Edward White for the purpose of clearing up rumors that advance information of supreme court decisions were being used for speculative purposes.

Chief William J. Flynn of the investigation bureau of the department of justice, acting under the direct orders of Assistant Attorney-General C. B. Ames, conducted the investigation at New York City and in this city.

Chief Flynn informed the International News Service he had interrogated at Washington two women who are connected with the government and that he talked with a Washington lawyer in New York prior to the supreme court decision in the wet and dry cases.

It is known that this lawyer had gone to New York for the purpose of speculating in a certain stock which would be affected by the supreme court decision in the wet and dry cases, according to this lawyer's admission to Chief Flynn.

## CONTINUE SUGAR CONTROL

Senate Bill Passed Continuing Equalization Board for Year.

Washington.—By a vote of 256 to 34, the house passed the senate bill, continuing the sugar equalization board through 1920. Amendments retaining in force the war time powers of the government, for controlling prices and movements of sugar were approved, necessitating the sending of the measure to conference committee of the two houses.

Chairman Hauger said effort would be made to get early action by the house with a view of completing the legislation before the holiday recess.

While the only disputes to be settled in conference are the continuance of the war time powers permitting licensing control of the sugar business, and the requisitioning of stocks of refineries, leaders in congress were doubtful whether an agreement could be reached before the holiday recess. As passed by the senate, the bill repealed the license control and contained no reference to the requisitioning power.

## PANDOLFO IS SENTENCED

Federal Judge Landis Overrules Motion For New Trial.

Chicago.—Federal Judge Landis overruled a motion for a new trial on behalf of Samuel C. Pandolfo, late president and fiscal agent of the Pan-Motor Company, St. Cloud, Minn., recently convicted of using the mails to defraud. The maximum sentence which can be given Pandolfo under the verdict is twenty years in the penitentiary and a fine of \$20,000.

### Hoboken Swept By Great Fire.

Hoboken, N. J.—The worst fire Hoboken has known since the gigantic North German Lloyd Pier was wiped out nearly twenty years ago, broke out in the Admiral Benson Club for service men. It quickly spread to the First Reform church and threatened a whole block of the city's best apartment houses with total destruction. Efforts by the whole Hoboken fire department to check the blaze were futile and five sets of fire fighting apparatus were rushed here from Jersey City. Damage \$750,000.

### Meat Prices Drop In Chicago Market.

Chicago.—Retail meat prices dropped in Chicago. Sliced ham fell from 50 cents a pound to 40 cents. Bacon formerly selling at 60 cents a pound was down to 48 cents; pork chops went from 45 to 38; pork roast from 40 to 35; and lard was down to 30 cents, as compared to 37 last week. The lowering of prices was said by a representative of one of the big packers, to be due to the reduction in the wholesale price of pork because of the cutting off of exports and the increase in the supply of hogs.

**Southwest News**  
From All Over  
**New Mexico and Arizona**

Western Newspaper Union News Service.

### COMING EVENTS.

The Red Cross Christmas Seal sale will take place all over the United States from December 1 to 10, 1919.

There are quite a number of dwelling houses going up in Tempe, Arizona, and many others are contemplated.

There has been a gradual, though not a marked decline in opportunities for employment in Arizona within the last year, according to figures given out at the United States employment service at Phoenix. This has been more marked than ever during the last month, due to weather conditions.

Enforcement of national prohibition in the state of New Mexico will be under the supervision of J. H. Fleming, formerly narcotic inspector for the bureau of international revenue with title of prohibition commissioner, according to Thomas H. Mays, who has succeeded Mr. Fleming as narcotic inspector.

Arizona's school census shows a total of 77,777 pupils. It was announced by C. O. Case, state superintendent of public instruction. He also announced that schools of the state will have available \$724,003.87 for the coming year after deducting for text-books and other "central" items from the total fund of \$850,000.

Resolutions recommending to the secretary of the interior that dry lands granted water rights by a recent decision of the superior court of Maricopa county be granted permanent water rights were adopted at a meeting of the board of governors of the Salt River Valley Water Users' Association at Phoenix.

Half a million dollars in improvements in the Grand Cañon which will make the great resort a more popular place for people of ordinary means are planned by the Santa Fé road, according to Herman Schweizer, who is in charge of the news and curio business for Fred Harvey in the territory west of Colorado.

State Game Warden Joe Prochaska has issued a warning that hunting in preferred places in Arizona would be ended unless hunters were careful not to leave fires or shoot cows or other domestic animals. The game warden said such occurrences had especially aroused the Indian tribes and officials in charge of reservations.

The Indian hospital which was started at Shiprock, N. Mex., several years ago has at last been opened and equipped and will from now on serve all the Indians on the reservation. This will do away with the old school hospital which has been used for some time in the past. The new building is equipped with 100 beds and has every modern convenience for the handling of patients.

Grover Johnson, who was sentenced in the District Court from Union county, New Mexico more than two years ago to serve from twelve to fifteen years in the penitentiary for murder in the second degree, has been given a full pardon by Governor Larrazolo. His sentence was commuted by Governor Washington E. Lindsey and the minimum sentence had expired under the commutation.

According to the reports of the three national banks of Carlsbad, N. Mex., there has been a marked increase in the deposits since the September report. The figures show the increase to be nearly \$275,000 which shows the healthy business now being enjoyed by the people living in the Carlsbad project. Much of this increase is thought to be due to the cotton crop which has been the best known in the history of the industry in this section of the state.

Three more oil wells are to be started near Tucuman, N. Mex., during the present month, which will bring the total up to five in Quay county. The McGee well in which the gas pocket was struck some time ago is now down to a depth of nearly three thousand feet and it is expected that oil sand will be reached soon. Another well is to be started near this site by this company. The bringing in of several good wells across the line in Texas in the last few months has caused considerable excitement in this county.

A strange epidemic has been causing much sickness among the horses in the Pecos valley, New Mexico, and many have died from the trouble. Many of the farmers in the vicinity of Lake Arthur have lost horses and it is said the disease has been found as far north as Fort Sumner. It was first thought by the veterinarians that it was caused by the horses being turned in to orchards but it was found that horses have been afflicted which have not been allowed to eat any apples. Many of the veterinarians believe the trouble to be contagious and are doing everything possible to prevent the spread of the disease over the state.

Guy Bassett, a rancher of San Miguel, N. Mex., who stole hay only to save his cattle from perishing, has been pardoned by Governor Larrazolo. He was sentenced by the District Court for Miguel county on June 24, 1919, to serve from seven to nine months for larceny.

The most potentially important consolidation of business in Tucson, Arizona, in recent years was the merger of the J. Knox Corbett Lumber Company and the W. J. Corbett Hardware Company, with a capitalization of \$300,000.

# GET READY FOR "FLU"

Keep Your Liver Active, Your System Purified and Free From Colds by Taking Calotabs, the Nauseless Calomel Tablets, that are Delightful, Safe and Sure.

Physicians and Druggists are advising their friends to keep their systems purified and their organs in perfect working order as a protection against the return of influenza. They know that a clogged up system and a lazy liver favor colds, influenza and serious complications.

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Calotabs are sold only in original sealed packages, price thirty-five cents. Every druggist is authorized to refund your money if you are not perfectly delighted with Calotabs.—(Adv.)

### Nothing Left of the Ark.

There are no remains of the Ark at the present day, although it is claimed that an outline may be traced on the summit of Mt. Ararat where the Ark is said to have landed.

**HUNGRY BUT DAREN'T EAT**

Take "Pape's Diapepsin" and eat favorite foods without fear

Your meals hit back. Your stomach is sour, acid, gassy and you feel bloated after eating or you have heavy lumps of indigestion pain or headache, but never mind. Here is instant relief.

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Pape's Diapepsin tablets are the surest, quickest stomach relievers in the world. They cost very little at drug stores.—Adv.

### That Depends.

Theorist—I do not believe in any kind of corporal punishment.  
Ex-Soldier—You would, if you had the one we were under.

## If You Need a Medicine You Should Have the Best

Have you ever stopped to reason why it is that so many products that are extensively advertised, all at once drop out of sight and are soon forgotten? The reason is plain—the article did not fulfill the promises of the manufacturer. This applies more particularly to a medicine. A medicinal preparation that has real curative value almost sells itself, as like an endless chain system the remedy is recommended by those who have been benefited, to those who are in need of it.

A prominent druggist says "Take for example Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root, a preparation I have sold for many years and never hesitate to recommend, for in almost every case it shows excellent results, as many of my customers testify. No other kidney remedy has so large a sale."

According to sworn statements and verified testimony of thousands who have used the preparation, the success of Dr. Kilmer's Swamp-Root is due to the fact, so many people claim, that it fulfills almost every wish in overcoming kidney, liver and bladder ailments; corrects urinary troubles and neutralizes the uric acid which causes rheumatism.

You may receive a sample bottle of Swamp-Root by Parcel Post. Address Dr. Kilmer & Co., Binghamton, N. Y., and enclose ten cents; also mention this paper. Large and medium size bottles for sale at all drug stores.—Adv.

### ASPIRIN FOR HEADACHE

Name "Bayer" is on Genuine Aspirin—say Bayer



Insist on "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin" in a "Bayer package," containing proper directions for Headache, Colds, Pain, Neuralgia, Lumbago, and Rheumatism. Name "Bayer" means genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for nineteen years. Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost few cents. Aspirin is trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monoaceticacidester of Salicylicacid.—Adv.

The best sermon is the one that goes for your head and hits the other fellow.



### Christmas the Glad Day for All the World

EVERY country and every people have their own special holidays, both national and religious, but Christmas is a day for all countries and all people. It is the world's holiday.

It is a day of gladness, as it should be, for it commemorates the birth of him who brought to the world the greatest gladness it has ever known or will ever know, though it were to last for countless aeons to come.

So universal is the application of the celebration of Christmas that all men are included in it, whether they be of high or lowly station, rich or poor in the goods of the world.

It is a time for kindly deeds, for charity, for gifts and all that goes to make life gentler and sweeter. The hardest heart can scarcely escape its softening influence, the most sordid miser must struggle to resist its promptings to generosity.

At first the day was a day observed by professed Christians only; now it is observed by both those who profess themselves Christians and those who make no such professions. Its warmth envelops all.

This being true—and no one will dispute it—the meaning of Christmas grows ever clearer to us. Its meaning is beyond all that we have already said of it. Christmas means that, ultimately, the whole world will become one vast brotherhood.

And it is entirely logical that this should be the real meaning of Christmas, because that was the reason Christ came upon the earth whose birth is celebrated by Christmas. It was to make all men brothers that he lived and taught and toiled; it was to accomplish this that he gave himself up voluntarily to a cruel death on the cross.

It is a wonderful thing that he was born in a stable, that he was son of a carpenter, that he never had a dollar to his name, that he had no home after he left Nazareth, that he was a wanderer on the face of the earth with no place whereon to lay his head, and that now, 2,000 years after his death, his power is over the world as the power of the Roman empire never was.

It is a marvelous thing about Christ that as the years and centuries increase since his death, the more real he becomes in the thoughts of men and the better he is understood.

There have been attempts to prove that he was a myth. But there never was an attempt at anything that failed so dismally. There have been attempts to dispute the miracles he performed, but these attempts have also failed.

There is no question now in the mind of any historian worthy of the name that Christ performed all the miracles that are related of him in the Gospels. He undoubtedly healed the sick—the leprosy, the palsied and the others. He turned the water into wine; he fed the multitude on a few loaves and fishes. He raised the dead.

Men may differ, as indeed they do, as to whether or not Christ was the divine son of God, but even those who in the face of every proof reject this claim still regard him as the purest, the noblest and the greatest man that ever walked this earth. Every man does not worship him as God, but no man defames him. He is the vision and the hope of all men.

When, in mockery, they crowned him king with the cruel thorns, little they thought that he would rule a world at last—a world in which all races vie with one another to render him their homage.

Now comes again in the swing of the years another Christmas day. May it be a glad and a merry one for all our readers.



### May high wages, high spirits, and high ideals be yours in the coming year

### Peace

By Cecile Joyce Keenan

*At Bethlehem the Star shines bright above the Stable door; By every road the Wise Men come who never came before; The kings, with all their Caravan, keep watch upon the hill, While Jesus sleeps on Mary's breast—and all the guns are still!*

*The plunder of the world is heaped about that manger-bed, Behold! the gifts the Wise Men brought are stained an awful red.*

*Poor Mary's face is white and drawn, and Joseph's grim and set— For older hearts, tho' slow to learn, are slower to forget!*

*But lo, the Star at Bethlehem above the Stable door Shines with a glory in its light that never shone before!*

*The haggard hosts of shattered men out on the battle plain Have caught the slogan of the skies, and fling it back again.*

*"Peace—Peace on Earth!" with shaken hearts, across the world they come.*

*No panoply of war is theirs, no flag, no rolling drum; But all are cloaked in spotless white—the garment of His love—*

*And "Peace" their bursting throats now sing, and "Peace" the choirs above!*

*At Bethlehem the Star shines bright above the Stable door, By every road the Wise Men come who never came before;*

*The Kings, with all their Caravan, keep watch upon the hill, While Jesus sleeps on Mary's breast—and all the guns are still!*

### For an Improved Christmas

By GRACE ARNOLD



HE woman with brown eyes was gazing meditatively out of the window at the people hurrying through the falling snow with their Christmas bundles. "You are thinking," her husband suggested. "About Christmas, that's all."

"We have left undone the things that we—" "Not this time, my dear. Merely about everybody in the world."

"No one could call you narrow minded!"

"People have the right spirit about it," she explained. "They are so full of good will toward men that they try to do too much—that's the trouble! You see, most of us and our good intentions are hampered by average salaries and moderate strength."

"I've noticed it."

"We want to give to everybody. We want our homes superscrupulously tidy. We plan festivities which require new party clothes for the whole family, extra special cooking and preparation for guests."

"Then we set about doing these things. At first it goes well and we enthrall. The common, everyday affairs interfere and complicate matters."

"At the beginning of Christmas week—with many frills deleted—we find ourselves growing tired, awfully tired. But we see that it's impossible then to stop and rest. That's where the strain begins. We feel compelled to finish what we've started and to carry the program through to the last item of buying, making, packing and shipping."

"Unexpected demands interrupt. Then the strain begins to tell on our nerves. Perhaps we don't say anything for fear of spoiling Christmas for the others, but in our hearts we wish mankind had kept Christmas free from this sort of thing."

"When Christmas day comes we are too weary to bother about the true meaning of it all or to take very keen pleasure in the results of our back-breaking work, much less to go out and hear beautiful music and uplifting sermons."

"I've always wondered why women attempt so much."

"Because everybody does. And if one poor, lone, sensible woman sits down and flatly refuses to kill herself working for Christmas, her family and friends will think she is a quitter—a social slacker."

"Well," suggested her husband, "why not let the rich people have all the fuss and feathers, and let those in medium circumstances realize they can't keep up that pace?"

"You don't understand," said the woman with the brown eyes; "as long as rich folks do it, those less able will strain to do likewise. That's why the wealthy people will have to see the trend and institute a change."

"In place of so many mere presents we must give such things as love, courage, kindness and generous impulses—things which our present physical and mental strain forbids. Throughout the rest of the year, if any one felt inclined to send a regular gift to a friend or relative, that could be done very easily and the recipient would know it was a voluntary, not a compulsory, remembrance."

"It's a great idea," said the brown-eyed woman's husband, cheerfully. "A bit of real affection in place of some of the monstrosities now exchanged would be a great improvement."

"You can make fun if you want to," she replied, "but when the world wakes up to the real meaning of Christmas—and the war I believe has helped to wake it up—you'll see the effect spread over the entire year. Then the first of January won't be associated with bills and pills, but with the genuine eagerness to live the next 12 months better than those preceding."

"In the meantime," sighed her husband dramatically, "I hope you haven't bought me another smoking jacket."

"That reminds me!" said the woman with the brown eyes. "I haven't time to be sitting here talking. And it won't be of your affair until tomorrow morning, anyway." — Chicago Daily News.

### IMPROVED UNIFORM INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 28

REVIEW: THE TRAINING OF PETER AND JOHN.

GOLDEN TEXT—Ye shall be my witnesses.—Acts 1:8. SELECTION FOR READING—1 John 1:1-3. PRIMARY TOPIC—Two Strong Friends of Jesus. JUNIOR TOPIC—Witnesses for Jesus. INTERMEDIATE TOPIC—Steps in the Training of Peter and John. SENIOR AND ADULT TOPIC—Qualified to Serve.

A good way to review the lessons of the six months' course of study in the lives of Peter and John will be to arrange them under three heads, as follows: I. Their Call; II. Their Training; III. Their Service. The first half of the studies, the part we have now completed, have had to do with the calling and training of Peter and John. The last half, the lessons for the first quarter of 1920, will have to do with their service.

1. Their Call. 1. To be disciples (Lesson 1) John 1:29-42. Before Christ trains for service he calls to salvation.

2. To be fishers of men (Lesson 2) Mark 1:14-20. It would seem that after their conversion the disciples had gone back to their trade of fishing. Those who are called by Christ unto salvation should go back to their ordinary callings in life, if they be honorable, until he definitely calls them into special service.

II. Their Training. 1. Their Training. 1. Jesus in Peter's home (Lesson 3) Mark 1:29-39. Christ's entry into Peter's home and the healing of his wife's mother showed to his disciples that he was a sympathizing Saviour.

2. A lesson in trust (Lesson 4) Matt. 14:22-32. The pressing and abiding need of the disciples in their ministry was to trust the Lord.

3. Peter's great confession (Lesson 6) Matt. 16:13-24. The Lord had been revealing himself in various ways to the disciples. He now examined them to see what they knew about himself. Peter, as spokesman for the rest of the disciples, confessed both the Messiahship and Deity of Christ.

4. Witnesses of Christ's glory (Lesson 7) Luke 9:28-36. The disciples were offended at the revelation of the cross; their hopes were shattered because they could not see beyond the cross. The transfiguration convinced them not only of his essential glory, but gave them a fore-glimp of his triumph in his coming kingdom (II Peter 1:16-18).

5. Jesus corrects John's narrowness (Lesson 8) Luke 9:46-56. The disciples needed to know that all who are really doing the Lord's work, casting out devils, and casting them out in Christ's name, should be received into fellowship and bidden Goodspeed. Religious intolerance is displeasing to Jesus.

6. Jesus teaches true greatness (Lesson 9) John 13:1-16. The truly great are those who take the lowest place in service for others.

7. Peter and John asleep in Gethsemane (Lesson 10) Mark 14:32-42. Though Christ was suffering the awful agony in the garden, his disciples were asleep. Because they did not watch and pray, they failed in the hour of temptation.

8. At the trial crucifixion and resurrection of Jesus (Lesson 11) John 18:15-18; 19:25-27; 20:1-10; 21:15-19. Peter's presumptuous self-confidence kept him from heeding the Lord's warning. He played the coward and even indulged in oaths. Note the steps in Peter's downfall: (1) Self-confidence (Mark 14:29). Jesus had just told them that all of them should be offended, but Peter was determined to show the Lord that he was mistaken in him. (2) Failure to watch (Mark 14:37). Self-confidence is always followed by unwatchfulness. One who thinks himself strong will go to sleep. (3) Failure to pray (Mark 14:38). It is the one who realizes his weakness who always seeks the communion of God in prayer. (4) Zeal without knowledge (Mark 14:47). Peter thought now to make up for his lack of watchfulness and prayer by outward acts. Many today are equally foolish. (5) Following afar off (Mark 14:54). Christ's rebuke of Peter for his ignorant zeal cut him to the quick. He was not ready to forsake him, but followed afar off, no doubt wondering what would be the outcome. (6) Warning himself at the enemies' fire (Mark 14:54). (7) Open denial (Mark 14:66-72).

Reaching City of Fortune. Would you reach the city of Fortune? Catch the car marked Perseverance.

Position in Life. Your position in life is high or low as your ideals are high or low.

Strength of the Soul. The soul that is not strong in solitude is not strong in a crowd.

Frankness. There is no wisdom like frankness.—Disraeli.

### WIDOW IS SLAIN AND HOME RIFLED

Reputed to Be Miser With Vast Hoard Hidden in Her House.

### WAS LOCAL TRADITION

Several Persons Arrested on Suspicion, Including Victim's Son-in-Law, Said to Have Been Last to See Her Alive.

Hoopston, Ill.—Although they lived within a few blocks of each other on the outskirts of this town, Mrs. Mary Buhler visited her mother, Mrs. Sabina Cummings, only once a week—on Sunday, after church.

Mrs. Cummings was noted in the section for her desire for solitude, which even her daughter could not invade.

When the daughter called at noon one day recently she found the front door open. This had not occurred in the eight years since her father's death. She saw also a light in the sitting room.

She entered and found the body of her mother lying on a lounge. The old woman was dead. The body was covered with blood. The head had been caved in by a heavy blow. The room was in great disorder.

### Thought to Have Hoard.

Mrs. Cummings, who was eighty-two, was reputed to be the miser of Hoopston, and her little two-story frame house, which she owned, was known as the "golden house." Natives frequently pointed it out to visitors with the remark:

"The old lady has got thousands and thousands of dollars hidden there."

It became a town tradition. When the husband of the aged woman died eight years ago a search of the house was made. In out-of-the-way places more than \$18,000 in cash was found.

Subsequently the rumor spread that this was but a tithe of the wealth of Mrs. Cummings. Not even her daughter could tell how much money was in the house.

The authorities had warned Mrs. Cummings to put her money in bank. They told her the rather isolated situation of her house, her own feebleness and her reputed wealth would prove a temptation which in time might result in tragedy.

She refused all counsel and asked to be let alone.

### Last Seen by Son-in-Law.

She was seen alive last at 5:30 on a Saturday afternoon by her son-in-law, Fred Buhler.

That night, between eight and ten o'clock, neighbors tell of seeing two men cross the fields and make for the house. In the course of the evening the same two men were seen to drive away in an automobile.

Nobody saw them enter the house. The place was found to be thoroughly ransacked. Not an article of furniture had been left untouched. Tin boxes had been found opened and their contents strewn about the rooms. Papers were thrown about, pictures smashed in an effort to locate money behind them.

The police believe that about \$10,000 in loot was secured by the woman's slayer. Several persons have been arrested on suspicion, including the son-in-law of the dead woman, who, it is said, was the last person to see her alive.

### C-olds Rout Air Mice.

Greencastle, Ind.—Armed with tennis rackets, brooms and other weapons, the 60 cool residents of Mansfield hall, DePauw university, waged war on mice of the winged variety. After an hour's battle, during which the girls wore towels about their heads to prevent the bats from lodging in their hair, the entire neighborhood had been aroused from its slumbers and 32 bats had been put to sleep for all time. The night fliers gained entrance to the dormitory through an open window in an unoccupied room.

### Colds Break

Get instant relief with "Pape's Cold Compound"

Don't stay stuffed-up! Quit blowing and snuffing! A dose of "Pape's Cold Compound" taken every two hours until three doses are taken usually breaks up a cold and ends all gripe misery.

The very first dose opens your clogged-up nostrils and the air passages of your head; stops nose running; relieves the headache, dullness, feverishness, sneezing, soreness, stiffness.

"Pape's Cold Compound" is the quickest, surest relief known and costs only a few cents at drug stores. It acts without assistance. Tastes nice. Contains no quinine. Insist on Pape's! —Adv.

Stimulating Rainfall. By way of experiment the Australian government will install two machines that a scientist of that country has invented for stimulating rainfall by liberating high tension electricity in the upper atmosphere.

### "DANDERINE" PUTS BEAUTY IN HAIR

Girls! A mass of long, thick, gleamy tresses



Let "Danderine" save your hair and double its beauty. You can have lots of long, thick, strong, lustrous hair. Don't let it stay lifeless, thin, scraggy or fading. Bring back its color, vigor and vitality.

Get a 35-cent bottle of delightful "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter to freshen your scalp; check dandruff and falling hair. Your hair needs this stimulating tonic; then its life, color, brightness and abundance will return—Hurry!—Adv.

Quite a Lad. "I always envy that stout friend of mine."

"Why?" "On a car I can give my seat to a girl, but he can give his seat to four girls."

### DON'T WHIP!

Stop Lashing Your Bowels with Harsh Cathartics but take "Cascarets."

Everyone must occasionally give the bowels some regular help or else suffer from constipation, bilious attacks, stomach disorders, and sick headaches. But do not whip the bowels into activity with harsh cathartics.

What the liver and bowels need is a gentle and natural tonic, one that can constantly be used without harm. The gentlest liver and bowel tonic is "Cascarets." They put the liver to work and cleanse the colon and bowels of all waste, toxins and poisons without griping—they never sicken or inconvenience you like Calomel, Salts, Oil, or Purgatives.

Twenty-five million boxes of Cascarets are sold each year. They work while you sleep. Cascarets cost so little too.—Adv.

The Faithful. "What is an idle jest, pa?" "There are no idle jests, my son; they are working all the time."—Life.

### BOSCHEE'S SYRUP.

A cold is probably the most common of all disorders and when neglected is apt to be most dangerous. Statistics show that more than three times as many people died from influenza last year, as were killed in the greatest war the world has ever known. For the last fifty-three years Boschee's Syrup has been used for coughs, bronchitis, colds, throat irritation and especially lung troubles. It gives the patient a good night's rest, free from coughing, with easy expectation in the morning. Made in America and used in the homes of thousands of families all over the civilized world. Sold everywhere.—Adv.

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### A Christmas Surprise



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Christmas Carol

What means this glory round our feet, The Magi mused, "more bright than morn!"

DOSS-SHELBY ITEMS

Mr. Ike Kidd and family left for the cotton fields a couple of weeks ago. Will Wilson came in from Weir...

TO LEASE!

Two thousand and forty acre ranch. Three years to seven hundred years. Few cattle for sale.

CHRISTMAS REBORN

My heart's throbs like it used to, the tunes play along its strings. At the thought of Christmas come and the thought of Christmas things...

CHRISTMAS ACTS AS TONIC

Happy and Exhilarating Mental Spirit Has Good Effect on People, Declare Medical Observers.

Close observers in the ranks of the medical profession have noted one very interesting fact concerning the Christmas season—that it generally has a good tonic effect upon their patients.

It may not be easy to trace exactly why this sense of exhilaration and well-being comes with the advent of Christmas, for the psychological factors concerned are not simple.

Many more persons than formerly feel where use ends and abuse begins, and they act sensibly accordingly; and so far from it being a crime to make the season festive by enjoying...

ESPECIALLY AFTER CHRISTMAS.



Miss Romantique—You men—before marriage you pay compliments, but after— Mr. Wise—We pay the bills.

Christmas. It is a blessed thing to believe in Christmas and all that it means. It is a blessed thing to be able to hear the song of the heavenly visitors.

ALWAYS SINGING TANLAC PRAISES

Woman Says Nobody Can Come To Her House Without Hearing Good of Tanlac.

"Nobody can come to my house without hearing about the good Tanlac has done me, and I am always singing its praises to my friends," said Mrs. E. Emme, of 2805 Canal St., Houston, Texas.

Tanlac is sold in Portales by Ed J. Neer.

In the District Court of Roosevelt County, State of New Mexico. R. A. Winstead, Plaintiff.

R. F. Pepper, Ethel Pepper, and Ed Hudson, Defendants.

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Whereas, on the 10th day of October, 1919, in cause No. 1485, pending in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, wherein R. A. Winstead is plaintiff and R. F. Pepper, Ethel Pepper and Ed Hudson are defendants, plaintiff recovered a judgment on eight certain promissory notes and interest and mortgage executed by defendants...

The northeast quarter of section twenty-four, township four south, range thirty-four east, N. M. Meridian, New Mexico, containing 160 acres, according to the government survey thereof. And all improvements thereon.

And decreeing said amount for which judgment was rendered to be a prior and superior lien on said premises in favor of plaintiff and against all of said defendants; that said judgment will amount to the date of sale hereinafter fixed, to the sum of \$990.25, besides costs of suit and costs of sale; and

WHEREAS, M. B. Jones was appointed by the court in said decree, Special Master, to advertise and sell said property according to law and apply the proceeds in satisfaction of said judgment and costs; therefore, by virtue of said decree as aforesaid and the authority in me vested as such Special Master, I will, on the 22nd day of January, 1920, at the hour of 10 o'clock in the forenoon of said day, at the northeast front door of the court house in the town of Portales, New Mexico, sell said described property at public auction for cash to the highest bidder for the purpose of satisfying said judgment, interest, costs, and accruing costs.

Witness my hand this the 19th day of December, 1919. M. B. JONES.

J. L. GILLIAM ALL KINDS of DRAY WORK Phone 140 or 13

Advertisement for The First National Bank. THAT YOUR CHRISTMAS MAY BE MERRY AND YOUR NEW YEAR A PROSPEROUS ONE IS THE SINCERE DESIRE OF THE OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS OF THIS BANK.

Advertisement for Christmas Classic in Author's Hand. "A Visit From St. Nicholas," Written by Clement C. Moore 100 Years Ago and Known to Every Child.

Advertisement for Security State Bank. We Thank You--- for the liberal patronage and confidence you have given us during the year just closing.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., December 11th, 1919. Notice is hereby given that George W. Morgan, of Upton, N. M., who, on May 16th, 1916, made homestead entry No. 014010, for 8 1/2 section 5, township 2 S., range 30 E., N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof to establish claim to the land above described, before J. C. Compton, Probate Judge, in his office at Portales, N. M., on the 20th day of January, 1920.

In the Probate Court of Roosevelt County, State of New Mexico. In the matter of the estate of Ida Tyree, Deceased.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that I, S. H. Thomas, the undersigned, was on the 1st day of December, 1919, at an adjourned day of the regular November, 1919, term of the Probate Court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, duly appointed administrator over the estate of Ida Tyree, deceased.

I have made arrangements so that I can get the cash for your sale notes. V. J. CAMPBELL Auctioneer





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The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

*This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives*

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to The Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

### PLAINVIEW ITEMS

There was a nice little shower fell here last Thursday night. Miss Roselle Burke departed for her home near Eiland to spend Christmas with friends and relatives.

Rev. Newman filled his regular appointment at this place Sunday. He was accompanied by Rev. Slaughter and Mr. and Mrs. W.E. Crow and children.

Miss Opal Watkins left Saturday morning for Conway, Mo., for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Henry Skaggs, formerly of this community.

Pike VanWinkle and Ben Duke returned from Burkburnett, Tex., Saturday, to spend the holidays with homefolks.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Stuart and Miss Hazel Mahan were guests of H. L. Capps and family during the week-end.

Miss Ruth Edmonds, who has been quite ill for the past two weeks was able to be out Sunday.

The Plainview school gave a Christmas program and fishing pond for the children Friday evening.

All the girls who are staying at Portales are home now spending the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. A. Littlejohn and family attended the funeral of Mrs. Heck at Portales Friday.

### VALLEY NEWS WANT ADS

Am prepared to handle some good land loans. W. B. Oldham. 8-1f

FOR SALE—Single Comb White Leghorn Cockerels, \$2.50 f.o.b. Delphos. Money back if not satisfied. M. A. Long, Delphos, N. M. 8-5tp

FOR SALE or Trade—Auto delivery truck. See Ed J. Neer. 8-1f

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms for light housekeeping. See S. N. Hancock. 2-1f

For Sale—Some fine Buff Rock cockerels, Baker strain. See Mrs. W. M. Wilson. 1f

FOR RENT—Furnished or unfurnished rooms at the old Texas Hotel. Mrs. O. S. Strickland. 50-1f

FOR SALE—Forty full blood R. I. Red pullets, some laying. G. L. Hatcher, Upton, N. M. 1f

FOR SALE—Clarendon piano, almost new, at a bargain. See Mrs. J. S. Seifred, 2 miles west of Rogers. 2tp

FOR SALE CHEAP—Concrete house and five acres. Also improved 160 acres for sale or rent, near Portales. R. A. Larson, 1235 W. 51 Place, Los Angeles, California. 7-3tp.

Dr. T. E. Presley, specialist, eye, ear, nose and throat, of Roswell, will be in Portales at Neer's Drug Store the 8th of each month. 50-1f

### NOTICE OF CONTEST

Serial No. 014450  
Contest No. 3069

Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Fort Sumner, N. M.  
To George E. Scott, of Phoenix, Ariz., Contestee:

You are hereby notified that Adolphus L. Smith, who gives Portales, New Mexico, as his postoffice address did, on Dec. 10th, 1919, file in this office his duly corroborated application to contest and secure the cancellation of your homestead entry No. 014450, made August 28th, 1916, for 8 1/4 SW 1/4 section 12, township 1 S., range 32 E., N. M. P. Meridian, and as grounds for his contest he alleges that the said George E. Scott wholly abandoned said land for a period of 12 months immediately prior to the filing of this affidavit; that said abandonment continues to date; that he has failed to reside upon and cultivate the said land for a period of 12 months immediately prior to the date of this affidavit; and that the said alleged absence and abandonment of said land was not due to his employment in the Army, Navy, Marine Corps of the United States, nor to perform farm labor.

You are, therefore, further notified that the said allegations will be taken as confessed, and your said entry will be cancelled without further right to be heard, either before this office or on appeal, if you fail to file in this office within twenty days after the FOURTH publication of this notice, as shown below, your answer, under oath, specifically responding to these allegations of contest, together with due proof that you served a copy of your answer on the said contestant either in person or by registered mail.

You should state in your answer the name of the postoffice to which you desire future notices to be sent to you.  
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### DELPHOS ITEMS

The Delphos School adjourned Tuesday afternoon for Xmas vacation and will start work again December 29th.

Rev. G. M. Shaw, a former citizen of Delphos, is visiting here this week.

Miss Marie Bullock is spending Xmas in Clovis.

Miss Mae Morris was shopping in Portales last week.

Dorey Perry, Mary Perry and their sister, Mrs. Elver Haha, came in Sunday from Brjee, Tex., to spend Christmas at home.

P. H. Morris and son, Raymond, came home last week from Crowell, Texas, where they had been visiting for some time.

Miss Ida Cox came in from her school near Silver City, to spend Christmas with her parents.

Quite a crowd attended the dance given at Mrs. Austin's home Tuesday night. The young folks seemed to enjoy the occasion very much.

Miss Florenie McAlister and Miss Lola Howell are spending the holidays with the old folks at home.

Miss Alma Austin went into Portales Saturday to play in the orchestra, as the High School orchestra plays at the show on Saturday nights.

Mrs. Cummings received a car of coal last week which relieved the coal shortage in this community.

George Chumbley has purchased a new Victrola to help entertain their young lady.

J. H. Bollinger is spending the week with homefolks.

Baker is spending most of the week on the road between Delphos and Portales.

A number of Delphos young folks attended the show at Portales Tuesday night.

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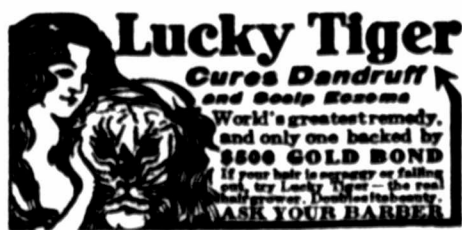
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"READING THE FUTURE."

Synopsis—The man who tells this story—call him the hero, for short—is visiting his friend, John Saunders, British official in Nassau, Bahama Islands. Charles Webster, a local merchant, completes the trio of friends. Conversation turning upon buried treasure, Saunders produces a written document purporting to be the death-bed statement of Henry P. Tobias, a successful pirate, made by him in 1869.

For there, within a few yards, stood a heavy sailor's chest, strongly bound around with iron. Its lid was thrown back and a few coins lay scattered at the bottom, while a few lay about on the floor. I picked them up.

They were pieces of eight! Meanwhile Tom had stopped jabbering and had come nearer, looking on in awed silence. I showed him the pieces of eight.

"I guess these are all we'll see of one John P. Tobias' treasure, Tom," I said. And it looks as if these poor fellows saw as little of it as ourselves. Can't you imagine them with it there at their feet—perhaps playing to divide it on a gamble, and meanwhile the other fellows stealing in through some of these rabbit runs—one with a knife, the other with a gun—and then off with the loot and up with the sails. Poor devils! It strikes me as a very pretty tragedy—doesn't it you?"

Suddenly—perhaps with the vibration of our voices—the hat toppled off the head of the fellow facing us in the most weird and comical fashion—and that was too much for Tom, and he screamed and made for the exit hole. But I waited a minute to replace the hat on the rakish one's head. As I was likely often to think of him in the future I preferred to remember him at the moment of our first strange acquaintance.

Book II.

CHAPTER I.

Once More in John Saunders' Snuggery.

Need I say that it was a great occasion when I was once more back safe in John Saunders' snuggery, telling my story to my two friends, John and Charlie Webster, all just as if I had never stirred from my easy chair, instead of having spent an exciting month or so among sharks, dead men, blood-lapping ghosts, card-playing skeletons and such like?

My friends listened to my yarn in characteristic fashion, John Saunders' eyes like mice peeping out of a cupboard, and Charlie Webster's huge bulk poised almost threatening, as it were, with the keenness of his attention. His deep-set kind brown eyes glowed like a boy's as I went on, but by their dangerous kindling at certain points of the story, those dealing with our pockmarked friend, Henry P. Tobias, Jr., I soon realized where, for him, the chief interest of the story lay.

"The rebel!" he roared out once or twice, using an adjective peculiarly English.

For him my story had but one moral—the treason of Henry P. Tobias, Jr. The treasure might as well have had no existence, so far as he was concerned, and the grim climax in the cave drew nothing from him but a preoccupied nod. And John Saunders was little more satisfactory. Both of them allowed me to end in silence. They both seemed to be thinking deeply.

"I must say you two are a great audience," I said presently, perhaps rather childishly nettled.

"It's a very serious matter," said John Saunders, and I realized that it was not my cronies but the secretary to the treasury of his Britannic majesty's government at Nassau that was talking. As he spoke he looked across at Charlie Webster, almost as if forgetting me. "Something should be done about it, eh, Charlie?" he continued.

"Traitor!" roared Charlie, once more employing that British adjective. And then he turned to me:

"Look here, old pal, I'll make a bargain with you, if you like. I suppose you're keen for that other treasure now, eh?"

"I am," said I, rather stiffly. "Well, then, I'll go after it with you—on one condition. You can keep the treasure, if you'll give me Tobias. It would do my heart good to get him, as you had the chance of doing that afternoon. Whatever were you doing to miss him?"

"I proposed to myself the satisfaction of making good that mistake," I said, "on our next meeting. I feel I owe it to the poor old captain."

"Never mind; hand the captain's rights over to me—and I'll help you all I know with your treasure. Besides, Tobias is a job for an Englishman—eh, John? It's a matter of 'king and country' with me. With you it would be mere private vengeance. With me it will be an execution; with you it would be a murder. Isn't that so, John?"

"Exactly," John nodded. "Since you were away," Charlie began again, "I've bought the prettiest yawl you ever set eyes on—the Flamingo—forty-five over all, and this time the very fastest boat in the harbor. Yes! she's faster even than the Susan B. Now I've a holiday due me in about a fortnight. Say the word, and the Flamingo's yours for a couple of months, and her captain too. I make only that one condition."

"All right, Charlie," I agreed; "he's yours."

Whereat Charlie shot out a huge paw like a shoulder of mutton and grabbed my hand with as much fervor as though I had saved his life or done him some other unimaginable kindness. And as he did so his broad, sweet smile came back again. He was thinking of Tobias.

While Charlie Webster was arranging his affairs so that he might be able to take his holiday with a free mind I busied myself with provisioning the Flamingo, and in casually chatting with one and another along the water front, in the hope of gathering some hint that might guide us on our coming expedition. I thought it possible, too, that chance might thus bring me some information as to the recent movements of Tobias.

In this way I made the acquaintance of several old salts, both white and black, one or two of whom time and their neighbors had invested with a legendary savor of the old "wrecking days," which, if rumor speaks true, are not entirely vanished from the remotest corners of the islands. But either their romantic halos were entirely due to imaginative gossip, or they themselves were too shrewd to be drawn, for I got nothing out of them to my purpose.

One afternoon in the course of these rather fruitless if interesting investigations among the picturesque ship-yards of Bay street I had wandered farther along that historic water front than is customary with sightseeing pedestrians, and had come to where the road begins to be left alone with the sea, except for a few country houses here and there among the surrounding scrub—when my eye was caught by a little store that seemed to have strayed away from the others—a small timber erection painted in blue and white with a sort of sea-wildness and loneliness about it, and with large, naive lettering across its lintel announcing itself as an "Emporium" (I think that was the word) "of Marine Curiosities."

I pushed open the door. There was no one there. The little store was evidently left to take care of itself. Inside it was like an old curiosity shop of the sea, every available inch of space, rough tables and walls littered and hung with the queer and lovely bric-a-brac of the sea. Presently a tiny girl came in, as it seemed, from nowhere and said she would fetch her father. In a moment or two he came, a tall, weathered Englishman of the sailor type, brown and lean, with lonely blue eyes.

"You don't seem afraid of thieves," I remarked.

"It ain't a jewelry store," he said, with the curious soft-sung intonation of the Nassau "conch."

"That's just what I was thinking it was," I said.

"I know what you mean," he replied, his lonely face lighting up as faces do at unexpected understanding in a stranger. "Of course there are some that feel that way, but they're few and far between."

"Not enough to make a fortune out of?"

"Oh! I do pretty well," he said; "I mustn't complain. Money's not everything, you see, in a business like this. There's going after the things, you know. One's got to count that in too."

I looked at him in some surprise. I had met something even rarer than the things he traded in. I had met a merchant of dreams, to whom the mere handling of his merchandise seemed sufficient profit: "There's going after the things, you know. One's got to count that in too."

Naturally we were neck-deep in talk in a moment. I wanted to hear all he cared to tell me about "going after the things"—such "things!"—and he was nothing loth, as he took up one strange or beautiful object after another, his face aglow, and he quite evidently without a thought of doing business, and told me all about them—how and where he got them, and so forth.

"But," he said presently, encouraged by my unfeigned interest, "I should like to show you a few rarer things I have in the house, and which I wouldn't sell, or even show to everyone. If you'd honor me by taking a cup of tea we might look them over."

So we left the little store, with its door unlocked as I had found it, and a few steps brought us to a little house I had not before noticed, with a neat garden in front of it, all the garden beds symmetrically bordered with conch shells. Shells were evidently the simple-hearted fellow's mania, his revelation of the beauty of the world. Here in a neat parlor, also much decorated with shells, tea was served to us by the little girl I had first seen and an elder sister, who, I gathered, made all the lonely dreamer's family. Then, shyly pressing on me a cigar, he turned to show me the promised treasures. He also told me more of his manner of finding them, and of the long trips which he had to take in seeking them, to out-of-the-way cays and in dangerous waters.

He was showing me the last and rarest of his specimens. He had kept

he said, the best to the last. To me, as a layman, it was not nearly so attractive as other things he had shown me—little more to my eye than a rather commonplace though pretty shell; but he explained that it was found, or had so far been found, only in one spot in the islands, a lovely, seldom-visited cay several miles to the northeast of Andros Island.

"What is it called?" I asked, for it was part of our plan for Charlie to do a little duck shooting on Andros, before we tackled the business of Tobias and the treasure.

"It's called Cay nowadays," he answered, "but it used to be called Short Shrift Island."

"Short Shrift Island!" I cried in spite of myself, immediately annoyed at my lack of presence of mind.

"Certainly," he rejoined, looking a little surprised but evidently without suspicion. He was too simple and too taken up with his shell.

"It is such an odd name," I said, trying to recover myself.

"Yes! those old pirate chaps certainly did think up some of the rummier names."

"One of the pirate haunts, was it?" I queried with assumed indifference.

"Supposed to be. But one hears that of every other cay in the Bahamas. I take no stock in such yarns. My shells are all the treasure I expect to find."

"What did you call that shell?" I asked.

He told me the name, but I forgot it immediately. Of course I had asked it only for the sake of learning more precisely about Short Shrift Island. He told me innocently enough just where it lay.

"Are you going after it?" he laughed.

"Oh! well," I replied, "I am going on a duck-shooting trip to Andros be-



"You Don't Seem Afraid of Thieves."

forelong, and I thought I might drop around to your cay and pick a few of them up for you."

"It would be mighty kind of you, but they're not easy to find. I'll tell you exactly—" He went off, dear fellow, into the minutest description of the habits of the duck, while all the time I was eager to rush off to Charlie Webster and John Saunders and show into their ears—as later I did at the first possible moment that evening—"I've found our missing cay! Short Shrift Island is —" (I mentioned the name of a cay, which, as in the case of "Dead Man's Shoes," I am unable to divulge.)

"Maybe!" said Charlie, "maybe! We can try it. But," he added, "did you find out anything about Tobias?"

CHAPTER II.

In Which I Am Afforded Glimpses Into Snuggery—Possibly Useful.

Two or three evenings before we were due to sail, at one of our snuggery conclaves, I put the question whether anyone had ever tried the diving rod for treasure in the islands.

Old John nodded and said he knew the man I wanted, a half-crazy old negro back there in Grant's Town—the negro quarter spreading out into the brush behind the ridge on which the town of Nassau proper is built.

"He calls himself a 'king,'" he added, "and the natives do, I believe, regard him as the head of a certain tribe. The lads call him 'Old King Coffee'—a memory I suppose of the Ashantee war. Anyone will tell you where he lives. He has a name as a preacher—among the Holy Jumpers!—but he's getting too old to do much preaching nowadays. Go and see him for fun anyway."

So next morning I went. I had hardly been prepared for the plunge into "Darkest Africa" which I found myself taking, as, leaving Government house behind, perched on the crest of its white ridge, I walked a few yards inland and entered a region which, for all its green palms, made a similar sudden impression of pervading blackness on the mind which one gets on suddenly entering a coal-mining district after traveling through fields and meadows.

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# 1920 "Swearing Off" and "Best Wishes"



"John and I"

### Swearing Off

Resolved: That after January 1 I'll conquer every evil habit. And if one shows its ugly head, Directly through the heart I'll stab it.

Resolved: That lying is a vice—All moralists alike decry it. Henceforth I will not tell a lie Unless I can make something by it!

Resolved: That gossiping's a crime To be condemned with censure icy. Hereafter I will tell no tales Unless they're singularly spicy.

Resolved: That robbery is sin. And so I will not rob my neighbor In any way that might involve A term in prison at hard labor.

Resolved: That I will go to church. (Unless some other occupation Seems more attractive at the time). And so enhance my reputation.

Resolved: In short, that I will be A moral man, as some men view it. And when the path of virtue lures, That I will zealously pursue it! —Somerville (Mass.) Journal.

"SWEARING OFF" is said to have originated in the twelfth century with Louis IX of France, who decreed that on a certain New Year's day the soldiers of his army should take a vow to refrain from indulgence in strong drink for a whole year.

The practice of beginning the new year with good resolutions, however, is very, very old. The custom goes back to the beginnings of recorded history and was common to many peoples.

Time was when the New Year's resolution was a solemn affair, marked by elaborate religious ceremonies. For example, the Japanese, 300 years before Christ, made much of the day. All outstanding accounts and debts were cleared away, all enemies were ended under penalty of the law. The dwelling house was swept and garnished; old furniture and old clothing were cast away in exchange for new in the belief that the assumption of a new conscience was complete only with the assumption of a new covering for the body.

By contemporary peoples was the New Year day regarded as time of solemn renunciation of all follies and an amendment for the future. In the days of the Pharaohs the Egyptians symbolized their purification with elaborate baths and fasting; the Persians and Phoenicians greeted the New Year with prayer to the heathen images and with flagellations.

With the passing of the centuries old New Year's vows have lost their formal character. "Turning over a new leaf" is now a matter of individual and not national concern. "Swearing off" is even a favorite jest with the humorist and cartoonist.

Nevertheless, the modern man is more sensitive to the appeal of the New Year than he shows in public. What makes the New Year is the newness of life that human nature brings into it. It is a New Year to everybody according as everybody tries to live over again, and pushes forward and turns plan to action and discouragement to hope. People rely too much on resolutions to make a year new.

### NEW YEAR'S CALLS.

With the disappearance of the custom of making New Year's calls from the circles whose members consider themselves "in society" in the big cities of the land went one of the most cherished resources of the professional joke foundryman, for it furnished many a situation that was truly humorous when regarded from his viewpoint.

For the temperance lecturer, too, the decadence of New Year's calls must



Turning over a New Leaf



"Make My Husband Jealous"

"No Ambition"

### Best Wishes

I wish that we might seek and find That which would benefit mankind; A joy that would infold the earth And hourly visit at each hearth.

A ray of sunlight to the blind, A bit of heart to the unkind; An understanding gift to some To help along another one.

To those who wish good deeds to do Success for them I'm wishing, too; And those whose lives a burden bear, I wish that I might take a share.

And all the ones who hungry go, I wish into their hands might flow A wealth of coin for things to eat That they could have both drink and meat.

For those who feel cold winter's blast Warm clothes and shelter I would ask; And for the whole world, God's great love To help us earn our home above.

MRS. BLANCHE MASON.

"BEST WISHES" will be written, printed and engraved on millions of New Year's cards this year as usual. Whinnymann "Best Wishes"? Surely all "Best Wishes" are not all alike. They are as different as best girls—who are generally supposed to be best because "so different." Well, here's some sample "Best Wishes" which are out of the ordinary, anyway.

"My best wish for myself is that John will learn to see things the way I do," said a charming newlywed.

"And," she added, "maybe that's a real good wish for John, too."

"I wish I could make my wife happy," said Jimmie.

"I wish I could make my husband jealous," said his wife. "He wants me to be happy and he doesn't care how. If he only loved me the way I love him he wouldn't want any such thing. I don't believe there's a man living who knows what love means."

"My best wish for all my friends," said a writer, "is that they should have financial success. Perhaps money can't buy happiness but it can buy all sorts of things to keep happiness in. It can buy health and strength, freedom from anxiety and leisure to do the things you want to do. I never had any un-

happiness that money couldn't cure, aside from the actual death of a loved one; and in one case money could have prevented that. It doesn't follow that a man will be happy because he is rich; but if a rich man knows how to be happy, he has a cinch. A poor man may know how and be all the more miserable for knowing. I wish with all my heart that you had a million—and would lend me about four hundred."

"What I want first is life," said the alleged philosopher. "The will to live is fundamental, and needs no explanation. I want health, because without it I am half dead. I want food, shelter and clothing to sustain life; and I want association with my fellows in order to expand it. I want freedom to satisfy these wants to the fullest extent; therefore, I want everyone to be free. And I want everyone to want freedom so that they will co-operate with me in getting it. I want knowledge to understand my wants and give me the power to satisfy them; and I want others to share this knowledge so that we can work together for still greater satisfaction. I want no master to restrict my energies, and no slave to restrict my independence. I want cultured and educated people about me; therefore, I want everyone to have education and culture. I want to live in a world where no one is nervous, or worried or afraid. Therefore I want to abolish poverty and the competition of man against man. I want all the energies which the world is now expending in war applied to the manufacturing of the things we want. And I want these things distributed freely for the people's use, by a system of distribution which would make war unthinkable. So I don't want much—only a world-wide revolution."

"There's no need of wishing you prosperity," said a young woman of sixty-five. "That is equivalent to wishing that somebody else has worse luck than you. I can't wish you more happiness, because that may mean anything from intoxication to vegetation. What I wish for you is youth—the constant consciousness that life is ahead of you, not behind, and a constant willingness to go ahead and welcome it."

"My best wish," said a man who thinks he is a thinker, "is that your own best wish comes true. The trouble with most people is that they want you to have what they want and think you ought to want, not what you actually do want yourself. I don't know what you want most and I don't care, but I hope you get it."

The Good Old Days.

Folks somehow aren't as sociable as in the good old days. When, ah, a certain grace an' charm distinguished social ways. Po' distance, ah, on New Year's day, When chivalry arrayed, In feath' fine would gath'ah, ah, An' New Year's calls were made.

### THE CRACK O' DOOM FOR NASTY CALOMEL

#### Folks Abandoning Old Drug for "Dodson's Liver Tone," Here in South.

Ugh! Calomel makes you sick. It's horrible! Take a dose of the dangerous drug tonight and tomorrow you lose a day.

Calomel is mercury! When it comes into contact with sour bile, it crashes into it, breaking it up. Then is when you feel that awful nausea and cramping. If you are sluggish, if liver is torpid and bowels constipated or you have headache, dizziness, coated tongue, if breath is bad or stomach sour, just try a spoonful of harmless Dodson's Liver Tone tonight.

Here's my guarantee—Go to any drug store and get a bottle of Dodson's Liver Tone for a few cents. Take a spoonful and if it doesn't straighten you right up and make you feel fine and vigorous, go back to the store and get your money. Dodson's Liver Tone is destroying the sale of calomel because it can not salivate or make you sick.—Adv.

### Persevering Golfer.

"I want a set of golf clubs," said the worried looking man.

"Certainly, sir," answered the dealer in sporting goods. "By the way, I believe you bought a set of clubs from us yesterday."

"So I did, but I'm determined to learn how to play that infernal game if I break every golf stick in town!"—London Tri-Bits.

### "Cold In the Head"

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Three Sects. Teacher—How many sects are there? Little Boy—Three.

Teacher—What are they? Little Boy—The male sex, the female sex and the insects.—London Ideas.

Its Limits. "What is heredity?" "Something a father believes in until his son starts to act like a fool."—Life.

### A MOTHER'S EXPERIENCE

Houston, Texas.—"After the advent of one of my babies my health became very poor. I was nervous and so weak I could not do anything, could not eat or sleep, and was nothing but a physical wreck when a friend advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took several bottles, but it was well worth it, for it completely restored me to good health. My advice to women who suffer is to give 'Favorite Prescription' a trial, it will surely help them."—Mrs. E. L. Brown, 2414 Freeman St.



San Antonio, Texas.—"After a serious illness, when my strength seemed as though it would not come back to me, I decided to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription as a tonic. I had seen it advertised and recommended so highly that I felt I could not go far astray. This medicine did all for me that could be desired. It restored me to perfect health and strength in a comparatively short time, and I am just as strong and well as can be. 'Favorite Prescription' is a splendid tonic and builder for women, and it is a pleasure to me to recommend it."—Mrs. Hettie McLane, 308 Bowie St.

Houston, Texas.—"When I had become all run-down, weak and nervous and was feeling miserable all the time I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It was only necessary for me to take two bottles to build me up in health and strength. 'Favorite Prescription' is an excellent tonic for women."—Mrs. F. E. Gouge, 2615 N. Main.

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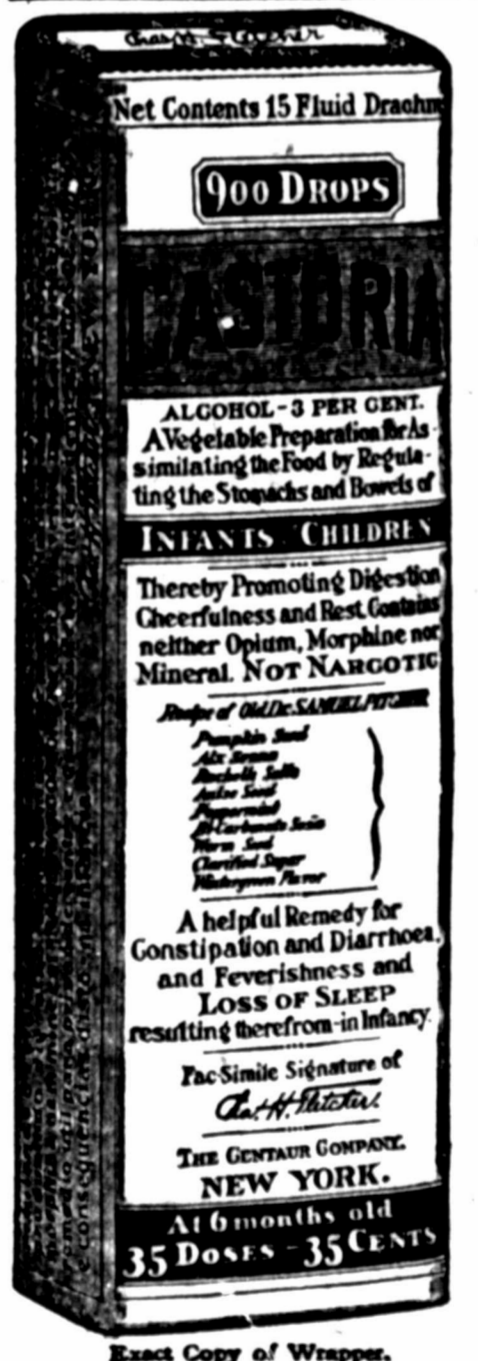
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## YULETIDE BUSY TIME FOR CUPID

Some Christmas Love Superstitions, Customs and Practices in the Old World

### PURSES FOR POOR BRIDES

Money Collected and Presented in a Way So as Not to Offend Girls—Flowers Used in Proposals by Shy Young Natives of Alps.

Good St. Thomas, serve me right  
And send me my true love tonight,  
That I may gaze upon his face,  
Then him in my fond arms embrace.

After placing a piece of holly under her pillow, many a girl, in the north of England especially, repeats these lines to herself before retiring to rest on Christmas eve, according to a writer in London Tit-Bits.

Cupid plays an important part in many of the superstitions and customs that are still extant at this season.

Another queer custom in the north, although it is not now so prevalent as it was, is that of gathering maidens' purses. The money for these purses is collected some weeks before Christmas from the inhabitants of the mining towns, and they are given as marriage portions to the poorest among those girls who are soon to be married. On Christmas eve a full purse is quietly thrown in at the girl's window, so that her feelings shall not be wounded by an ostentatious distribution.

A Christmas practice among superstitious girls who wish to dream about their future lovers is that of abstaining from food or drink or speech during the whole of Christmas eve. Then, after all the family have retired, they make a cake of flour, salt and water, called a "dumb cake." This they eat just before retiring to bed, in the belief that their somewhat indigestible supper will cause them to dream of their future husbands.

In the Alps there exist several charming Yuletide customs of proposing marriage by the language of flowers. If a girl accepts a bouquet of edelweiss from a man during the period from Christmas day to New Year's eve the action denotes that she accepts him as her future husband.

Another Christmas custom in Switzerland is for the young man to place a flower pot containing a single rose, and a note on the window sill of the girl's room when she is absent from home. He then waits for a reply. If the maid accepts the flower before New Year's eve, then the young man boldly enters the house to "ask papa." If, on the other hand, the rose is not touched, but is allowed to fade away, the proposal is rejected without a single word of love having been exchanged between the couple. This is a useful custom for bashful bachelors!

In Sardinia Christmas wooing is far more complicated. If a Sardinian father has a marriageable daughter, the would-be suitor applies to him for permission to speak to her by means of a species of telephone that has been in use for the purpose for centuries of Christmases.

It is a long string with a wooden knob at each end. The girl drops one knob out of her window and, the shutters being closed, places the other knob to her ear. Down below her would-be lover pours words of undying devotion into his knob!

On every New Year's day in Roumania a fair of marriageable girls is held. The girls are all drawn up in one line and the men in another, with the parents of both behind them. If a young man likes the look of any particular girl he steps out of his line, goes up to her and enters into conversation. If he is favorably received by the girl, his parents and her parents compare notes as to the marriage settlement and similar practical matters. Many quaint superstitions are associated with the festive season in various parts of Britain. In Hertfordshire the wearing of new shoes on Christmas day is considered to be very unlucky; while in other parts it is thought to be inviting ill luck to allow any new leather in the house during the whole of Christmas week. Some folk say that "a green Christmas makes a fat churchyard," but in Devonshire they say that a green Christmas makes a prosperous year.

Superstitious people assert that one should be careful about the choice of the holly for the decorations. Part should be smooth and part prickly. Then, providing both kinds are carried into the house at the same time, all will be well. But should the prickly variety be taken in first, then the husband will rule the household during the coming year; if the smooth is brought in first the wife will be "top dog."

#### A BELL

Had I the power  
To cast a bell that should from some  
grand tower,  
At the first Christmas hour,  
Outring  
A jolliest message wide,  
The forged metals should be thus allied:  
Not iron of pride,  
Not soft humility, and rich-veined hope  
"Left from a sunny slope;  
And there should be  
White charity,  
And silver love, that knows not doubt  
nor fear,  
To make the metal more clear,  
And then to smelt the bell alloy,  
Which should be joy."  
—Chaton Scollard.

## Bascom Howard "Sells Earth" ESTABLISHED 1903

THE other day  
I rented the second  
BOOTH in 'the Exchange  
BUILDING next to Job's  
DRUG Store and will  
OPEN it up after January  
FIRST and will buy and  
SELL Earth, oil leases and  
ANYTHING to make a  
COMMISSION and want my  
FRIENDS to call on me  
THERE or at my old stand  
AND list your property  
WITH me and see  
IF you don't get  
RESULTS and you will  
SEE also that I appreciate  
YOUR past business and  
I want your future  
BUSINESS for I  
NEED the money  
I THANK YOU!

Bascom Howard

## Different Now, But Christmas Just the Same

By De Lyle F. Cass

In olden days they used to bring a boar's head smoking into the feast and drag the holly-grown Yule-log to the great fireplace with special ceremonies.

And years afterwards the custom was for bands of sweet-voiced boys to go from house to house on Christmas morning, standing grouped in the street and singing carols of joy to the mellow resonance of bells.

And in grandfather's time folks made up jolly, boisterous sleighing parties, where all muffled up snugly and let out the horses, with the iron runners gliding swiftly over the hard-packed snow.

But Mollie and I live in a little house in town, where the sanitary department keeps the streets swept clean of snow; where there are municipal rules against chopping down trees and no fireplaces in which to burn the logs, even if we had them; where the policeman on the beat probably would arrest the Christmas choirsters if they came around and woke up the neighborhood by singing early in the morning.

Mollie and I just wake up the kids and let them tumble downstairs to see the tree we trimmed the night before, and then let them litter up the parlor, while she sits quietly on the arm of my chair and I smoke, watching them most of the day afterwards.

But, let me tell you, friends, it's Christmas, just the same!



#### A CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITION.

In the west of England it was once firmly believed that anyone who visited a cattle shed on Christmas eve would hear the beasts conversing. But such a visit was considered perilous—the irreverent eavesdropper being likely to hear words of ill omen, as in the legend of the farmer who heard his oxen comparing mournful notes of a certain hard day's work that lay before them in the future: "It is a long way up the hill to the churchyard, and our master is heavy." Brand speaks of a west country peasant who told him that he had himself seen cattle fall on their knees at the Holy Hour, and heard them utter a groan "like Christian creatures."

#### Red Cross Notice

Soldiers, ex-soldiers and relatives of soldiers desiring information or assistance in any form should apply to the Home Service Secretary of the Red Cross at the Oil Exchange building, Portales. Office hours 1 p. m. to 4 p. m. Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday.

## LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Miss Lillian Carr visited friends in Clovis last week.

Mrs. Laura Hays, of Denver, Colorado, is here the guest of her sister, Mrs. Wollard.

Mr. and Mrs. Harve Baker were guests at the J. L. Fernandes home Christmas day.

Mr. and Mrs. P. E. Carter, of Lovington, are visiting homefolks for a few days.

Miss Edna Carter is visiting her sister, Mrs. E. H. Robinson at Clovis for a few days.

M. M. Cox, of Corona, New Mexico, is here this week visiting in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Burleson.

Mrs. John W. Wright, of Temple, Texas, arrived Wednesday for an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. R. G. Bryant.

Miss Genevieve Campbell came down from Amarillo Wednesday to exchange Christmas Greetings with homefolks.

Rev. J. C. Newman motored out to Plainview School house Sunday afternoon where he had an appointment to preach.

Finis Henderson left Monday morning of this week for Amarillo and other points toward the north.

Mrs. Mae Palmer, who has been visiting in the home of S. B. Fletcher, returned to her home at Caprock, N. M., Monday of this week.

R. H. Fry, of El Reno, Oklahoma, who has been visiting his brother, H. W. Fry, left Sunday for Roswell where he will spend a few days looking at the "sights of the garden city."

Judge T. E. Mears and family will leave Sunday for Arkansas for a few days' visit with the Judge's mother and other relatives. They will also be the guests of Rev. and Mrs. E. P. Aldredge while in Little Rock.

John D. Brown and Hubert Yates of Clovis, were in the city Wednesday. On their return they took with them little Jessie Belle Ballow, who was to be the guest of honor at a Christmas tree at the Morgan House.

There will be a meeting of the W. C. T. U. next Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock at the Methodist church. A short report will be given of the National Convention which was held in St. Louis in October.

The News is \$1.50 per year.

#### TO THE VOTERS!

To the Voters of Roosevelt Co.: This is to notify all voters that I have decided not to make the campaign for county clerk, believing that my best interests may be along other lines, however, I want to thank those who have encouraged and pledged their support. I am just as grateful for their friendship as though I had won the nomination and election.  
R. E. WHITE.

#### MANY LIKE THIS IN PORTALES

Similar Cases Being Published In Each Issue.

J. P. Voyles, farmer, Portales, says: "I know Doan's Kidney Pills are a good kidney medicine and I am glad to recommend them. Some years ago my kidneys were out of order. There was a heavy, dull bearing-down pain across the small of my back that seemed never to ease up. I sure felt all out of order when I began using Doan's Kidney Pills I took this medicine a stand on for some time and it fixed me up." Price 60c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Voyles had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv

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CHARLES O. LEWIS, Front Service Man.

PORTALES, - - - - - NEW MEXICO

Mrs. Kenady and Miss Sprague gave an interesting program at school Friday afternoon, December 19th. The affair was well attended by the patrons. The efficiency of the teachers in charge was exhibited by the readiness with which the children responded to their parts on the program.

Mrs. Leslie Smith and Marjorie Hopper left last week for Yuma, Arizona. Mrs. Smith will visit about two months with her sister, Mrs. Harry Humphrey at Sumerston, Arizona. Marjorie is returning to her home in Yuma after visiting her aunt several months.

S. F. Turville of Fort Sumner, was in Portales this week looking over local conditions prospective of buying a home here. He expressed himself as being well pleased with the advantages offered and it's a safe guess that he will soon find what he wants.

# Notice to Taxpayers!

Notice is hereby given to the taxpayers of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, that the Tax Assessor or a deputy will visit the precincts of the county at the time and place designated below, for the purpose of making the assessments of all taxable property for the year 1920.

### ASSESSOR'S NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC!

"The laws of the State of New Mexico require that every inhabitant of the State, of full age and sound mind, shall, in each year, make a list of all property subject to taxation of which he is the owner or has the control or management. Such list must be on the form prescribed by law by the State Tax Commission and must be made and filed in the office of the County Assessor on or after the first day of January and not later than the last business day of February of each year."

In compliance with law and for the convenience of taxpayers I will be at the various places in Roosevelt county on the respective dates as follows, for the purpose of taking lists of property.

Pre.	Name and Location.	Date.	Pre.	Name and Location.	Date.
1,	Portales, Assessors office	Jan. 1 to Feb. 28	29,	Kenna, Kenna Bank	Jan. 19
13,	Midway, Tom Davidson res.	Jan. 5	10,	Valley View, old Postoffice	Jan. 20
16,	Inez, postoffice	Jan. 6	9,	Eagle Hill, Beebe store	Jan. 21
15,	Old Redland, Cox's store	Jan. 7	9,	Milnesand, Postoffice	Jan. 22
15,	Garrison, Brown's store	Jan. 8	28,	Bluit, Postoffice	Jan. 23
11,	Eggs, Postoffice	Jan. 9	28,	Lingo, Postoffice	Jan. 24
6,	Longs, Postoffice	Jan. 10	18,	Upton, Postoffice	Jan. 26
30,	Richland, Postoffice	Jan. 12	20,	Claudell, Postoffice	Jan. 27
24,	New Hope, Postoffice	Jan. 13	5,	Tolar, Postoffice	Jan. 28 and 29
17,	Redlake, Postoffice	Jan. 14	22,	Perry, School house	Jan. 30
25,	Delphos, Postoffice	Jan. 15	2,	Elida, 1st Door South of Post-office	Feb. 2 to 7 inclusive
15,	Causey, Postoffice	Jan. 16			

Any person failing to meet me at these appointments may make return to my office in Portales at any time within the limits fixed by law as given above, or blank for making rendition will be sent upon application, by mail or in person, to my office.

"Apnalty of twenty-five per cent in addition to the regular valuation, must be added to the value of all property not listed for assessment within the time and in the form prescribed by law. No exceptions can be made to this law."

Respectfully yours,  
**BURL JOHNSON, Assessor**  
ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO