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## Sheppard-Towner Maternity Bill Passes Senate Saturday

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—Its total appropriation reduced from \$4,000,000 to \$1,500,000, the Sheppard-Towner bill for federal and state aid to mothers and infants was passed today by the senate and now goes to the house.

Through amendments the senate eliminated provisions of the original measure allowing medical and nursing aid to be extended to mothers and infants at homes and hospitals at government expense.

"For the protection of maternity and infancy," is the way Senator Morris Sheppard of Texas characterized in its opening sentence the bill which is of first interest to American women in the present short session of congress.

In view of the weight of women's influence, it has been suggested that Mrs. Morris Sheppard and Mrs. Horace M. Towner, wives of the two members of congress who are sponsoring the bill, may have a great share of responsibility for its formation.

The bill was introduced into the senate by Senator Sheppard, October 20, 1919, and referred to the committee on public health and national quarantine. It was introduced into the house by Representative Horace Towner of Iowa, December 5, 1919, and referred to the committee on interstate and foreign commerce.

The bill provides for a federal appropriation for the use of states accepting the provisions of the act, and undertaking to promote the care of maternity and infancy and to provide instruction in the hygiene of maternity and infancy. A sum not to exceed 5 per cent of the amount authorized for any fiscal year is to be deducted for the purpose of administering the provisions of the act and making such studies, investigations and reports as will further its efficient administration.

It is provided, first, that the sum of \$480,000 shall be appropriated annually for these purposes, \$10,000 of which shall be paid each state every year. An additional sum of \$2,000,000 shall be appropriated for the use of the states, for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1921, the sum to be gradually increased until it reaches \$4,000,000 for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1926. These additional sums are to be apportioned among the states in the proportion which their population bears to the total population of the United States, provided that each state appropriates an equal sum.

The sum is to be administered by a federal board of maternal and infant hygiene, to consist of the secretary of labor, chairman; the chief of the children's bureau executive officer; the surgeon general of the U. S. public health service, and the U. S. Commissioner of education.

In order to secure the benefits of the act, any state must create for its administration a state board of maternal and infant hygiene, or in case of a state having a child welfare or child hygiene division in its state board of health, must direct that board to administer the provisions of the Sheppard-Towner bill. State boards may be required by the federal board to appoint state and local committees to assist in carrying out the act. At least half of the members of these committees must be women.

In addition to instruction in the hygiene of maternity and infancy through public health nurses, the act provides such methods of instruction as consultation centers, and medical and nursing care for mothers and infants at home or at a hospital when necessary, especially in remote regions. State boards are expected to co-operate with state universities or land grant colleges in furnishing popular, untechnical instruction in maternity and infancy hygiene and kindred subjects.

The Universal Garage report the sale of several Ford Sedans during the past week, and state closed car sales are exceeding open cars during the past sixty days.

## TEXAS WOOL MEN PLAN WORLD'S BIGGEST WAREHOUSE

DALLAS, TEX., Dec. 20.—Sheep men from every section of Texas met here and considered proposals for the construction at Houston or Galveston of what sponsors of the movement said was planned to be the largest wool warehouse in America. The scheme was not to be a holding movement, but a step forward in a new marketing plan, it was said.

## PECOS OIL FIELDS DEVELOPING SLOWLY; NEW CONTRACTS LET.

ARTESIA, Dec. 20.—Conditions in general throughout the Pecos valley oil fields show little change in the past week, although some progress has been made in some places. The Dayton well is still waiting for equipment and the Lakewood well, which is now ready to be shot, is still waiting for the explosives which have been in transit for some time. The National Exploration company is working at all four wells, the depth being as follows: Orchard Park, 1,000 feet; Picacho, 1,800 feet; Buchanan, 450 feet; and the Lake Arthur, where the drilling has been held up for some time, is now down 1,100 feet. The Lincoln well at Blackdon has been spudded in and the drill is going down steadily at the rate of fifty feet per day. The Kansas-New Mexico well is closed down for the time waiting for the shooting material which it is expected will arrive during the coming week and the well will be shot at once. Several other drilling contracts have been let and according to reports at least four new wells will be spudded in soon after the first of the year if the weather will permit. The Chaves-Eddy company has completed the financial arrangements for drilling and it is likely that the drilling contract will be let during the month so that drilling can be started about the first of the year. Many well-known oil men are now on the ground and if all the plans which are being formed are carried out the next summer in this field will be a busy one.

## PRODUCTION OF CORN AND HOGS UNUSUALLY LARGE AROUND CLOVIS

CLOVIS, N. M., Dec. 20.—A good yield of Indian corn of fine varieties was produced in this section this year. It is now selling at 40c a bushel. Production of hogs is also unusually large in this section, the price on foot now ranges from \$7 to \$8 per hundred.

## MAGNOLIA PETROLEUM TO CUT \$60,000,000 MELON

DALLAS, TEXAS, Dec. 18.—The trustees of the Magnolia Petroleum company at a meeting here today ordered paid on Dec. 28, the \$60,000,000 authorized capital stock increase, heretofore unissued to the stockholders of the company as a 100 per cent stock dividend.

The usual quarterly cash dividend of 1½ per cent and a special additional cash dividend of one-half of one per cent were ordered paid on January 5, 1921, to stockholders of record on December 27.

## ROSWELL COMPANY INCREASES CAPITAL

SANTA FE, Dec. 21.—The Joyce-Fruit Company of Roswell, has filed an amendment to its articles of incorporation to increase the capital stock from \$250,000 to \$600,000. J. F. Joyce is president, A. H. Pruitt, secretary and A. Pruitt, statutory agent of this company, which has been doing a large mercantile business for a number of years.



## If Every Day Were Christmas

TEXT—Romans 14:5—"One man esteemeth one day above another; another man esteemeth every day alike. Let every man be fully assured in his own mind."



HAT if every day were Christmas? The suggestion at first blush is perhaps not altogether agreeable. One can imagine numerous protests against the idea because of the excesses to which many go on Christmas holidays. Let it be granted freely that Christmas is misused, that it is often a season of excesses and extremes; even so, who of us would do away with Christmas? For despite all the excesses of the holiday season and the hardship it works on many, is there not a rainbow of glory over every recurring Christmas celebration?

Christmas is a season of prophetic idealism and a rebuke to selfish living. At the approach of the anniversary of our Lord's birth, men and women whose thoughts have been mostly of self are moved to think of others. The idea of serving others and making others happy affects even the blasé and the indifferent. Somehow, the idea that it is more blessed to give than to bargain finds lodgment in minds unused to tender and benevolent thoughts. For a brief period, cruel competitions that so sorely grind human society are lessened if not forgotten. For the time being, all humanity seems to be one family. There is a delight in seeing everybody joyous. The foreigner is made to feel at home. Artificial barriers are broken, and there come even into hard faces some softened lines. The spirit of Christmas penetrates even behind stone walls, and the prisoner is made to know that he is still remembered and that society has not abandoned hope in him.

Christmas is the one season of the year when we are especially reminded to take Jesus seriously. The Sermon on the Mount seems practicable then—the Beatitudes possible in daily life. Even the great words, "Peace on earth, good-will toward men," actually appear workable at Christmastide. The old text so precious, so peculiarly appropriate, John 3:16, finds lodgment in our heart of hearts: "For God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in Him should not perish, but have eternal life." There comes into our minds the conviction that we have not taken seriously the lessons that our Lord taught, but that now we take Him at His word; we share, we give, we sacrifice, we find His new joy growing out of these very practical and beautiful ministrations.

## WAGNER APPOINTED AS SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN COLORADO

Santa Fe.—Jonathan H. Wagner, retiring state superintendent of public instruction, will become superintendent of city schools, district No. 1, in Pueblo, Colo., on January 1. He has served two years as state superintendent. Prior to his election, he was head of the Santa Fe city schools.

## SERVICES METHODIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Sunday school 10 a. m.  
Preaching 11 a. m., and 7 p. m.  
Epworth League—Juniors 2 p. m.; Intermediate, 3 p. m.; Senior, 6 p. m.  
Prayer meeting Wednesday night at 7 o'clock.  
Christmas tree and program, 7 p. m. Friday.  
Watch night services December 31.

Let everybody keep in mind these services. We extend a hearty welcome to everybody.  
VADA DAVIS, P. C.

## MEETING OF JERSEY BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

A meeting of the Roosevelt County Jersey Breeders' Association is hereby called for Saturday, January 1st, 1921, at 10:30 o'clock a. m., at the court house in Portales.  
JNO. V. MILLER, President.

## INCOME TAX LAW IS HELD UNCONSTITUTIONAL

District Judge Reed Holloman on Monday held the state income tax law unconstitutional, upholding all the contentions of those who attacked the law in the courts, chief of which were that its "graduated" features invalidated it and that discrimination by taxing domestic and not foreign companies.

An appeal was taken to the supreme court with the hope of securing a final decision without delay in order to clear the way for possible further income tax legislation at the 121 session.

## FOOD PRICES FALL TWO AND A HALF PER CENT IN MONTH

WASHINGTON, Dec. 18.—A further decrease of 2½ per cent in retail food prices in November as compared with October, was reported today by the department of labor's bureau of statistics.

The great decrease, 5 per cent, was shown in Memphis.

In Birmingham and Seattle, the decrease was 4 per cent. In Butte, Dallas and Kansas City, 3 per cent; in Chicago, Denver, Los Angeles, Omaha, Portland, Oregon, and Salt Lake City, 2 per cent; in New York, San Francisco and Washington 1 per cent.

## CHRISTMAS TREE AT LAKE SIDE

A. R. Self, of Lake Side, was in town Tuesday and said that at prayer meeting last week the Lake Side congregation decided to have a Sunday school Christmas tree at the Lake Side school house on Friday night, December 24.

In less than sixty seconds \$32.40 had been raised for this purpose. The principal contributors being: W. Todd, W. F. Bennett, L. Beamer, D. Finley, F. L. Chumm and A. R. Self.

The Lake Side community is a live settlement and always observe Christmas and Thanksgiving in an appropriate way.

Joyce-Fruit Company will be closed all day Saturday, December 25th.

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The Portales Valley News and Journal office will be closed all day Christmas so that the editorial family may enjoy a day of rest and recreation. On Monday morning we will be ready for business again and prepared to serve your wants in the printing line. We wish you one and all a Merry Christmas.  
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## WESTERN UNION TO CONNECT UP CABLE REGARDLESS OF U. S. PRESIDENT DECLARES

Company Defies Uncle Sam and Is Going Ahead With Plan to Connect Via Cuba.

WASHINGTON.—The Western Union cable from Barbados will be connected with cable lines in the United States by way of Cuba, despite the opposition of the American government, Newcomb H. Carlton, president of the Western Union Telegraph company declared today before a senate committee inquiring into the whole question of cables.

The government has notified the Western Union company that "it will take such steps as are necessary to prevent the connection via Cuba." Mr. Carlton added, but the Western Union is completing its arrangements not withstanding.

## WILLIAMS WELL DOWN 2-300 FEET; DRILL IS IN SHALE FORMATION

FARMINGTON, Dec. 18.—The E. T. Williams well which has been drilling for some time near Aztec, has reached the depth of 2,375 feet and the drill is now running in the Lewis shale. Most of the gas which was struck some time ago has been shut off, except that coming up between the casing and the soil and this is being used for fuel under the boiler, which means a saving of \$45 per day in coal. The casing is now six-inch and if nothing occurs to delay the work it is hoped that the 3,000-foot mark will be reached by the first of the year. Seven gas sands have been encountered since the drill was first started and geologists feel sure that under this is a large pool of oil which is forcing this gas up. Mr. Bryant, geologist in charge, states that the hole will have to go to the depth of 3,600 feet in order to reach the same horizon which was reached in the old well at Farmington years ago.

## CONFERENCE TODAY ON LAWS TO CURB GAMBLING IN STATE.

What measure could be passed in the state legislature to curtail gambling and other forms of vice?

This is the question which is being considered this afternoon at a special meeting at the Chamber of Commerce rooms. The meeting was called by D. A. Porterfield and those attending include Sheriff Rafael Garcia and Col. D. K. B. Sellers, two of the county's newly elected members of the state senate, several members of the ministerial association and C. M. Botts, attorney.

It was stated before the meeting that it was hoped that some form of a proposed measure could be drafted to meet the needs of the times.—Albuquerque Herald.

## ROSWELL MAN KILLED IN FALL FROM TOWER

ROSWELL, Dec. 19.—Gilbert Marion Pickering was killed on the David David place, seven miles northwest of this city, when he fell thirty feet from a windmill on which he was working. His neck was broken in the fall and an examination showed that death was instantaneous.

Pickering was an employe of the Mabie-Lowrey Hardware Co.

## MASONIC SUPPER

The Masonic Lodge will give a big supper on the evening of January 27th, the occasion being a joint installation of the Masons and the Eastern Star orders. All Masons and their families are cordially invited to be present.

J. F. Mitchell of Clovis recently thrashed a crop of kafir for Bert Patton of Ranchvale which averaged over forty bushels to the acre. This is said to be one of the largest crops ever raised in the state.—New Mexican.

One gallon of wood alcohol in a Ford car radiator will prevent freezing. \$2.25 a gallon at Neer's drug store.

## ASSESSMENT ON LIVE STOCK IS TO BE REDUCED

Sheep, Horses, Goats and Swine Valuations Out 25 Per Cent; Freight Charges Are to Be Figured on Cattle.

SANTA FE.—Livestock assessments for the coming year were fixed by the state tax commission after a three-day consideration of the tangled question. It was decided to reduce sheep, horses, goats and swine 25 per cent below last year's assessment figures. The cattle rate is on a different basis, the differential being calculated from freight charges to market. The state has been divided into three districts for this purpose. In general, the reduction will average about the same as that for sheep and other livestock.

## SHOWING OF OIL IS FOUND IN WELL AT DRIPPING SPRINGS

TUCUMCARI, Dec. 18.—Considerable excitement prevailed here Tuesday when a report reached town that oil had been discovered in the well at Dripping Springs. Wednesday morning several auto loads of citizens left for the well site, where it was learned that a good showing of paraffin and some oil was standing in the casing of the well. Artesia water was encountered in this hole some time ago and drilling was suspended until casing could be secured to shut off the water, and no attention had been paid to the well until the first of the week when the indications of oil were noticed. As yet it can not be stated that there is oil in any great quantity, but geologists say that there is always oil where paraffin is found in such quantities. The owners of the well are greatly elated over the prospects and plans are being made to resume drilling as soon as the water can be cased off, which will probably be about the first of the year.

## BILL TO RELIEVE FARMERS' LEAGUES FROM SHERMAN LAW PROVISIONS PASSES

WASHINGTON.—The Capper-Hersman bill exempting farmers' cooperative associations, from the provisions of the Sherman anti-trust law was passed by the senate without a record vote.

## BAPTIST CHURCH

We had a fine day Sunday. Six received for baptism and one by letter at the morning hour and one by baptism and two by letter at the evening hour, making ten additions during the day.

Our Sunday school with Frank Campbell, superintendent, is going forward in a great way. If you are not in Sunday school come with us and we will do you good.

The B. Y. P. U., with W. B. Oldham, Pres., is making great progress. This is a fine chance for many to get valuable training in Christian work. The Sunbeam Band, with Miss Fonnill and Mrs. Adam Troutt for instructors, is doing a splendid work. If your child is not in this "Band" you are letting an excellent opportunity pass by.

I think we have one of the best choirs in this section of New Mexico. Sam Fletcher, the leader, is succeeding in a great way. Miss Lillian Bramlett deserves much credit for her efficient and faithful service as pianist.

The spirit and fellowship of the church is said by many of the oldtimers to be the best during its entire history. Pray that it may continue.

As the humble pastor and as a preacher in this town, I shall seek to tell you something when you come to our services and to help you in any way I can.  
J. F. NIX.

## CHRISTMAS TREES.

On Friday night there will be Christmas trees at the Baptist and Methodist churches. Two lovely pine trees have been secured for the occasion and no efforts will be spared to make the occasion one of joy for the little fellows.

HOUSE REPEALS WAR TIME LAWS

SENATE PASSES RESOLUTION TO REVIVE FINANCIAL BOARD

ALIEN BILL GOES TO SENATE

The Bill Will Not Be Called Up For Action in the Upper Branch Until Hearings Are Held.

Washington.—The senate passed the agriculture committee resolution directing the revival of the war finance corporation as a measure of affording relief to farmers.

The second section of the resolution which, as introduced would have directed the extension of liberal credits to farmers by the federal reserve system, was amended to make the desirability of such a course only an expression of opinion of the congress.

The amendment making the change in the section of the resolution relating to the federal reserve system, was proposed by Senator Norris, republican, Nebraska, and was accepted by a vote of 47 to 16.

Washington.—Repeal of most of the wartime laws was voted by the house, which adopted the Volstead resolution for that purpose after two hours of debate.

The vote on adoption of the resolution was unanimous, 323 votes being recorded as favoring it, with none opposed. The house, before taking the final vote, accepted an amendment providing for inclusion of the Lever food control act among the laws which the resolution would repeal.

The amendment, which covers all provisions of the food control act with the exception of the section relating to rents in the District of Columbia, was offered by Representative Blair, republican of Indiana. It was carried by a vote of 179 to 137.

Resolution Before Senate. The resolution, which now goes to the senate, exempts from repeal only the trading with the enemy act, the war finance corporation act and its amendments, and measures dealing with the issuance of Liberty and Victory bonds.

Instead of a general prohibition of immigration for any stated period Senator Dillingham would limit the annual number of immigrants from any one country to five per cent of their countrymen who have become citizens of the United States. Senator Sterling would have a board pass on applications for entry.

Passage of the bill in the house, 293 to 41, came after an unsuccessful effort to eliminate the amendment by Representative Mann, republican of Illinois, reducing the period of exclusion from two years as originally provided, to one year. The Mann amendment was retained 181 to 165.

An amendment by Representative Siegel, republican of New York, permitting aliens in this country to send for their sisters, under 16 and brothers under 21, likewise was re-affirmed 203 to 75.

LOAN IS OVERSUBSCRIBED

Secretary Houston Issues Statement on Treasury Certificates.

Washington.—Secretary Houston announced the oversubscription by \$200,000,000 of the two issues of treasury certificates offered lately. The total subscriptions aggregated over \$700,000,000, the secretary said, for the combined issue which was for approximately \$500,000,000.

The issues were offered to meet, in part, the \$40,000,000 in maturities of certificates and interest payments due and \$300,000,000 maturing next month as well as current expenses which, it is estimated the \$650,000,000 due from income taxes will not cover.

IS AIMED AGAINST STRIKES

Polindexter Bill Passes Senate and is Aimed at Strikers.

Washington.—The Polindexter bill making the interference with interstate commerce a felony, punishable by a fine of \$10,000 or ten years imprisonment, was passed by the senate. The bill is aimed against railroad strikes, prohibiting the combination "of any parties" to hinder interstate commerce.

Danes Protected by U. S. Law.

Washington.—Subjects of Denmark are granted the protection of the American copyright law of March 4, 1909, in a proclamation by the president signed December 9 and announced by the state department.

Mine Wage Scale Reduced.

Spokane, Wash.—Wage reductions of \$1 a day have been announced by all the mines in the coeur d'Alone district of northern Idaho except the Bunker Hill and Sullivan, effective January 1.

Germany Again Demands Action.

Geneva.—The general secretariat of the league of nations made public another note from Germany demanding that her protest against the approval of the plebiscite in the Ruppen and Masjedmy districts on the Belgian border be communicated to the assembly.

FOUR AMERICANS DIE IN RIOT WALLED CITY OF MANILA IS SCENE OF FIGHT

The Riot Occurred at the Station Just Outside of the City Walls.

Manila.—Eleven men, four Americans and seven Filipinos, were killed here during a riot within the walled city between enlisted men of the Filipino constabulary and the Manila police.

The riot was the result of the shooting of a constabulary man, who was reported to have attacked a Filipino policeman with a knife.

The riot occurred at the Luneta police station, just outside the walled city, and then proceeded within the walled city, promiscuous firing between the police and constabulary men taking place.

Police reserves with riot guns rushed to the walled city where hundreds of shots were exchanged. The Filipinos killed a patrol wagon driver and six bystanders. Four Filipinos were injured. There were no casualties among the constabulary forces.

6,000 In Corps.

The enlisted personnel of the constabulary forces is composed entirely of Filipinos offered by Americans and Filipinos. The organization numbers 6,000 and stationed in various provinces of the Philippine island for police purposes.

Rioting ceased when Brigadier General Rafael Grane appeared on the scene with Chief of Police Bopp.

"Every precaution has been taken to prevent a repetition of the affair." "The constabulary men surrendered without a murmur when I appeared with Chief Bopp."

TO PROSECUTE SLACKERS

Accused of Failure To Act Upon Cases of 150,000.

Washington.—Charges that the war department is taking no action looking to the prosecution of draft evaders and deserters were filed with the house judiciary committee by representative of service men's organizations. The men are considering a bill to extend the statute of limitations from three to six years for prosecution of violators of the selective service act.

William G. Murdock, department adjutant of the American Legion for Pennsylvania, and H. H. Raoge, of the legion's legislative committee, declared that the war department "has done nothing but promise prosecutions" of more than 150,000 draft evaders and deserters under military regulation. They also charged that the department of justice was making little progress in dealing with another 150,000 men whom they claimed had violated the service act.

Mr. Murdock submitted a letter signed by Adjutant General Harris to Former Provost Marshal General Crowder in which he said that the war department had records of 489,000 deserters falling under military regulations. Of these, the letter said, 163,738 had been dealt with under military regulations prior to February 28, 1919.

There remained, however, 173,911 individual cases of which the war department had made no disposition, according to the letter.

Chairman Volstead, of the committee, said he believed the war department should be called upon for information concerning these cases. The committee left the matter in the chairman's hands. He said later he expected to ask Secretary Baker for the information.

TURKS FEAR FOOD FAMINE

Thousands of Russian Refugees Are Stranded in Constantinople.

Constantinople.—A most serious situation is developing here owing to the presence of several thousand Russians who are stripped of means of subsistence, combined with thousands of Turkish functionaries who have not been paid their salaries for four months.

There also are 100,000 Turkish refugees from Thrace, Antolonia and Macedonia who are neglected and in a lamentable condition. Hundreds of refugees are crowding the Mosques, where hygienic conditions are not being observed.

Shea To Represent Wilson.

Washington.—Announcement was made at the state department of the appointment of Joseph H. Shea, American ambassador to Chile, by President Wilson as his special representative, to attend the inauguration of President-elect Alessandri of Chile on December 23.

Seventh Wreck Victim Dies.

Kansas City, Mo.—Mrs. Anna E. Hampton, 50 years old, a widow of this city, died at a local hospital, bringing the total number of deaths resulting from Sunday night's street car wreck to seven.

Five Die in Explosion.

Tampa, Fla.—Five laborers, three whites and two negroes were instantly killed by an explosion on an open ground near the ground of the American crane company at Brewster.

FOUR NEW MEMBERS TO LEAGUE

BULGARIA, COSTA RICA, FINLAND AND LUXEMBOURG IN.

CHILE IS THREATENING TO QUIT

Opposes Any Revision of the Peru Bolivia Treaty.—France and Australia Would Not Vote on Admission of Bulgaria.

Geneva.—Four new nations were made members of the league of nations by the assembly of the league. They were Bulgaria, Costa Rica, Finland and Luxembourg. France and Australia abstained from voting when the admission of Bulgaria was before the assembly for decision.

France abstained from voting on the question of admitting Bulgaria to the league. Rene Viviani, head of the French delegation, declared there was no objection to Bulgaria as a member, but preferred not to vote in view of the incompleteness of the information given it regarding Bulgaria's fitness.

Two States Not Voting.

Thirty-five states voted affirmatively when the balloting took place, and Australia joined France in not recording her vote.

The question of admitting Costa Rica was the next on the agenda, that the only doubt in his mind was Doctor Nansen of Norway explained whether Costa Rica was not too small a country, but in view of the membership of its neighbor, Panama, he decided Costa Rica could not be excluded on that score.

Antonio Huneus of Chile and Senor Restrepo of Colombia asked that the assembly vote unanimously in admitting Costa Rica.

Debate was expected when the report relative to the admission of Baltic and Caucasian states was to be considered. N. W. Rowell of Canada gave notice to the committee that Canada, as a Pacific ocean power, took a special interest in the Russian question. He declared that question had been raised in its entirety by the proposed relations between the league and the states carved out of the former Russian empire.

Although the Baltic states had the full sympathy of Canada, he asserted, the situation in Russia might change, and the league might find itself faced by a new government claiming access to the sea, in which eventuality the league would incur grave responsibility.

Chile Makes Threat.

It was planned, if the assembly finished the election of new members soon enough, to take up the league budget and pass appropriations for the coming year, which have been somewhat criticized at committee meetings with regard to salaries of men connected with the secretariat.

Chile virtually served notice that she will withdraw from the league of nations if attempts are made to revise the Chilean treaties with Peru and Bolivia.

PROTEST KU KLUX KLAN

Negroes Make Objection to Organization of Society in New York.

New York.—The National Association for the Advancement of Colored People made public a letter to the federal attorney here requesting him to investigate information received by the organization that "the Ku Klux Klan is organizing a branch in this district."

The association charged that the Ku Klux Klan has been the means in southern states of violating the fifteenth amendment to the constitution by conspiring to intimidate citizens.

RECLAMATION BODY MEETS

Former Utah Governor Issues Call for Special Session.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—Former Governor William Spry of Utah, who is chairman of a sub-committee of the Western States Reclamation association, which met in convention here recently, called a meeting of the sub-committee for January 15 at Washington. The sub-committee will sit in Washington and handle matters appertaining to favorable action of reclamation legislation.

Newspaper Man Dies.

Mineral Wells, Texas.—Col. Jim Story died. He was 30 years old and said to have been the oldest active newspaper man in the south, being owner of the Bokchito, Okla., News.

DeValera Expected in England.

London.—A writer in the Evening Standard says he learned from an authoritative source that Eamonn DeValera is expected to land in England in a few days.

Rail Wage Dispute Heard.

Chicago.—Hearing of the wage controversy between the Norfolk and Western Railway company and its trainmen and conductors will be held in this city January 2, by the United States railway labor board, it was announced.

CROP RECORDS SHATTERED 1920 HARVEST SHRINKS IN VALUE

The Farm Crops of the United States Are Valued at \$9,148,519,000 This Year.

Washington.—Shrinkage of values of farm crops has placed their total worth this year at almost \$5,000,000,000 less than last year, although the 1920 harvest was one of the most abundant in the nation's history, with half a dozen crops breaking records.

The important farm crops, which comprise about 90 per cent of the value of all farm crops, were valued this year at \$9,148,519,000 by the department of agriculture in its final estimates.

Last year these crops were valued at \$14,087,995,000. Acreage devoted to the important crops also decreased, the total being 315,062,409 this year, as compared with 356,162,112 last year.

U. S. Analyzes Crop.

"The extraordinary character of the harvests, which have proven to be among the most abundant in the country's history notwithstanding beginning about as unpromising as known, is emphasized by the December revision of estimates," the department said in a statement. "The final outcome of the 1920 wheat harvest, winter and spring combined, is now estimated at 789,878,000 bushels, compared with 924,265,000 bushels in 1919, this being an increase over the earlier estimates for 1920 of 399,330,000 bushels."

Winter Killing Slight.

The 1920 acreage abandoned from winter killing was less than expected, and indicated by the bad and unpromising conditions on May 1, and the increasingly favorable character of the later season permitted much wheat, then considered hopeless, to develop and come to harvest. The report of increase over earlier expectations of winter wheat produced come from almost every important winter wheat state. The greatest gain—113,000,000 acres—is in Kansas, the leading producer of winter wheat. In that state the increase was helped by an area of over 1,000,000 acres of volunteer wheat sprouted from scattered grain in the autumn of 1919, which, despite its unpromising beginning and doubtful prospects in the spring of 1920, came finally to harvest.

Acreage Is Reduced.

"In general," it appears that the reduction in crop acreage in 1920 below 1919 is less than was thought and reported at the beginning of the crop season. Notwithstanding the early unfavorable conditions for farm work, efforts of the farmers to fully seed their fields, assisted by favoring days that came late in the planting period, resulted in plantings greater than anticipated.

Corn Yield Record.

The yield of corn per acre set a record with an average production of 30.9 bushels. Only once before has the average yield per bushel exceeded 30 bushels and that was in 1906, when 30.3 bushels was made.

Production of the various crops are estimated in the following terms: Bushels, corn, winter wheat, spring wheat, oats, barley, rye, buckwheat, flaxseed, rice, potatoes, sweet potatoes, peanuts, beans and peas; tons, hay and cottonseed; pounds, tobacco, beet sugar and cane sugar; gallons, sorghum syrup; bales, cotton; boxes, oranges; barrels, apples.

The following are the estimates made for each crop interpreted in terms giving in preceding paragraph: Winter wheat, 580,113,000 and \$866,141,000.

Oats, 1,524,055,000 and \$719,792,000.

Corn, 3,232,367,000 and \$2,189,721,000.

Spring wheat, 309,265,000 and \$273,465,000.

Barley, 202,024,000 and \$142,931,000.

Rye, 69,328,000 and \$58,609,000.

Buckwheat, 12,789,000 and \$17,799,000.

Flaxseed, 10,990,000 and \$19,413,000.

Rice, 63,710,000 and \$63,837,000.

Potatoes, 420,458,000 and \$500,974,000.

Hay, 108,238,000 and \$1,809,162,000.

Tobacco, 1,508,054,000 and \$2,998,001,000.

Cotton, 12,897,000 and \$914,560,000.

Cottonseed, 5,778,000 and \$110,237,000.

Beet sugar, 2,219,200,000; value not given.

Cane sugar, 372,000,000; value not given.

Sorghum and syrup, 43,876,000 and \$46,138,000.

Peanuts, 35,960,000 and \$48,829,000.

Beans, 9,175,555 and \$27,114,000.

Apples, 2,440,646,000 and \$271,894,000.

Peaches, 42,697,000 and \$91,862,000.

Oranges, 37,200,000 and \$70,125,000.

Serbian Cabinet Resigns.

Belgrade, Serbia.—The cabinet headed by Dr. Milenko Vesitch, has resigned.

Staley Team Challenges.

Decatur, Ill.—The Staley football team of this city, undisputed champions of the middle states, and given an edge over Akron by many who saw their game in Chicago, is open to meet any team in the United States before disbanding for the season, according to officials.

Hungary to Intern Alien Jews.

Vienna.—The Hungarian authorities are taking steps to intern all alien Jews, says a dispatch from Budapest. Lately, the dispatch adds, 500 Jewish families were grazed from their beds and removed to an internment camp.

MARKET CONDITIONS

Hay, Feed and Seed. Hay market remains very dull, with but little demand, which is mostly local. Prices of better grades have been well maintained because of light receipts. Lower grades, however, in several markets. Embargo placed at Cincinnati a few days ago has been lifted. Supply of southwestern prairie at Chicago, \$1.60; Kansas City, \$1.50; Memphis, \$1.40; St. Louis, \$1.30; Omaha, \$1.20; Minneapolis, \$1.10; Chicago, \$1.00.

Wheat market remains very dull, with but little demand, which is mostly local. Prices of better grades have been well maintained because of light receipts. Lower grades, however, in several markets. Embargo placed at Cincinnati a few days ago has been lifted. Supply of southwestern prairie at Chicago, \$1.60; Kansas City, \$1.50; Memphis, \$1.40; St. Louis, \$1.30; Omaha, \$1.20; Minneapolis, \$1.10; Chicago, \$1.00.

Wide fluctuations and a weak undercurrent have dominated the week's grain markets. A decided downward movement took place on the 10th as result of Federal Reserve Bank report stating that a beginning of liquidation of reserves had been made. Trade in corn particularly was very heavy on the 10th and corn futures are decidedly weaker. Prices are considerably in excess of demand in that market. Very little change in prices offered growers for grass seeds during past week. Growers receive \$1.00 for 100 lbs. \$4.50 to \$5 for timothy, \$10 for red top, \$13 for Kentucky bluegrass, and \$9 for orchard grass seed.

Potato prices continued to decline at northern f. o. b. markets, losing about 1 cent per bushel at \$1.25 to \$1.45. Chicago carlot market declined 25 to 30c, closing at \$1.35 to \$1.45, which is slightly above the season's low record on the 9th.

Apple prices steady. A2 1/2 Baldwin \$4 to \$4.25 per bushel western. New York shipping market steady. Eastern jobbing markets slow and dull. Baldwin, Greenings and Yorks mostly \$4.50 to \$5. Northwestern extra fancy wineapples, \$2.25 per box f. o. b. Chicago. Yorks, \$2.75.

Butter trading has shown some improvement during the week. Although a few declines were registered, prices have recovered somewhat the past few days and are holding fairly firm at 1c to 2c below prices a week ago. Opinion as to market closing varies considerably. Danish arrivals heavier; one cargo arriving during week more than million pounds. Demand for Danish not so strong and cheese stocks are rapidly accumulating. Storage hard to move on account low prices of fresh. Closing prices 92 score: New York, 83 1-2; Chicago, 44 1-2; Boston, 82 1-2; Eastern, 82c.

Cheese markets showing weakness. December 6 prices at Wisconsin primary markets averaging 4c below last week. Shipping markets have felt effect. 1c to 1 1/2c declines and prices lower all around. Usual light demand this season of year and weakness in butter markets are given factors causing weakness. Export trade dull. Canadian markets, which are low, getting most of the business. Fancy held cheese firm, with fair demand. Fresh cheese prices in Wisconsin now average around 21c twins; 22 1-2c singles; 22 1-2c double daisies; 23 1-2c Young Americas and longhorns; 24 1-4c square prints.

Chicago Livestock and Meats. Chicago livestock hogs, fat lambs and most classes of cattle at Chicago showed moderate gains during the week. The depression in hogs averaged 50c per 100 lbs. Beef steers lost 5c to 50c; cows and heifers 25c to 70c; feeding steers 40c to 50c. Despite numerous fluctuations, fat lambs closed at a net decline of 48c. Feeding lambs and ewes practically unchanged. December 10 top Chicago prices: Hogs, \$9.75; yearling steers, \$15.25; good heifers, \$12 to \$13.25; heifers, \$11 to \$12; cows, \$9.75; feeder steers, \$9.60; westerns, \$10.50; veal calves, \$10.50; fat lamb, \$11.75; feeding lambs, \$11.25; ewes, \$5.50.

Compared with a week ago, beef and veal prices have advanced, beef \$1 to \$4, veal \$2 to \$5 at some markets. Lamb was steady to \$1 higher, and mutton steady to \$2 higher. Fresh pork practically unchanged. December 10 prices on good grade meat: Beef, \$17 to \$22; veal, \$16 to \$23; lamb, \$25 to \$28; mutton, \$11 to \$15; light pork, \$10 to \$12; heavy hogs, \$14 to \$18.

Fruit Liner is Aground. Havana.—The steamer San Pablo of the United Fruit line, bound from Boston for this port, with passengers and a large cargo of print paper, is aground at the entrance to Havana harbor. Apparently she is in no immediate danger, although she rests at the foot of the Prado.

Pittsburgh Packers Cut Prices. Pittsburgh—National and city bankers here announced a cut of 2 cents a loaf in bread of all sizes. Big loaves are cut to 15 cents and small ones to 10 cents.

Southwest News From All Over New Mexico and Arizona

Western Newspaper Union News Service. Superior, Ariz., state highway is to be completed by February.

At a meeting of the Bernalillo Foultry and Pet Stock Association it was decided to hold the annual show during the coming Christmas week.

The November call for statements of the banks in Otero county, New Mexico, has brought to light the fact that all five of them are in the best condition since their organization.

A number of the business men and the residents of the mesa held a big meeting at Roy, N. M., when steps were taken toward the organization of a permanent fair association.

At a meeting of the American Association of Engineers held in Albuquerque, steps were taken for the licensing of engineers in New Mexico to be submitted to the next session of the Legislature.

At a meeting of the Bernalillo, New Mexico, County Teachers' Association, Mrs. John W. Wilson reported that the number of pupils in the county schools had increased over 1,000 since the enrollment the first of September.

Irrigation of the south end of the Baca Float, comprising about 50,000 acres just north of Nogales, will be begun at once. The work will result in a valuable acquisition to Nogales' already rich agricultural back country.

The financial statements of the Farmington, N. M., banks show that both institutions have made a big gain in resources in the past few months. The report shows a total gain of the two banks to be \$18,338.70 since the first of September.

Following the action of the board of supervisors in taking charge of the treasurer's office, and pending the appointment of a man to take the place vacated by Guy C. Welch, proceedings in the investigation of the books are in progress at Tombstone, Ariz.

According to the 1920 census, the number of farms in Arizona has increased 1,589, making a total of 10,815 farms in the state. This is an increase of 17.2 per cent since 1910. During the preceding decade there was an increase of 58.8 per cent in the number of farms.

Rice growers of Sonora and Sinaloa intend storing more than 1,500,000 pounds of cleaned grain in Nogales this season, according to importers who are intimately acquainted with the agricultural situation below the border and are fully apprised of crop conditions.

The high schools in Arizona fully accredited by the State Board of Education, University of Arizona and North Central Association are: Bisbee, Douglas, Glia Normal College, Glendale, Globe, Mesa, Miami, Nogales, Phoenix, Prescott, Safford, Tempe, Tucson and Winslow.

Judge Reed Holloman made permanent the injunction restraining Warden Fidel Ortiz of the New Mexico state penitentiary from releasing the sixteen Villistas recently pardoned by Gov. O. A. Larrazolo. The men were alleged to have participated in Francisco Villa's raid on Columbus, N. M., March 9, 1916.

Private John Gill of the First Cavalry, formerly of Chicago, who was reported to be in the army hospital at Camp Harry J. Jones after having devoured eleven electric light globes, is dead. Death, however, was not attributed directly to glass eating, a practice Gill is said to have followed as a civilian showman.

The government has started injunction proceedings in the Federal Court against William McCarty and Florence McCarty, to restrain them from grazing their cattle on the Tularosa allotment on the Dattl forest in Socorro county, New Mex.

While cleaning the paddles of a dough mixing machine in a bakery, Joe Blessent, a baker of Globe, Arizona, was drawn into the revolving paddles and instantly killed. A patron witnessed the accident and immediately turned off the switch controlling the machine but not before Blessent's life had been crushed out.

The copper companies of the Globe-Miami district have posted notices on their properties announcing a flat reduction of wages in all departments of \$1 a shift, effective Jan. 1, 1921. The adjusted wage for miners will be \$5.15, which, according to the scale agreement adopted prior to the European war, is the wage based on 22 cents per pound as the selling price of copper. No further reduction of working force by the larger producing companies is anticipated.

Mr. and Mrs. Victor Check of Topeka, Kan., are now at liberty. Justice of the Peace C. D. Wheeler has dismissed charges of murder against them in connection with the death of Check's father, Thomas J. Check, on Nov. 13 last. The order of dismissal, which marked the conclusion of the seven-day preliminary examination of Mr. and Mrs. Check, was based, Justice Wheeler announced, on lack of sufficient evidence to warrant holding the defendants for trial in the Superior Court.

GEORGE Office up

# CHRISTMAS, the Day of Gladness

By REV. THOMAS H. GREGORY.

**C**HRISTMAS, both in its ritual and in its sentiment, is almost as old as Humanity itself. As far back as you can go we find something very like the Yuletide festival—a season of rejoicing, attended by a somewhat boisterously joyful celebration.

About Christmas there is nothing that even approximates sectarianism or any kind of mental or social narrowness or littleness. Its spirit is as broad as humanity, and all men of whatever race, creed or geographical status, are invited to, and are entitled to, take part in its glad festivities.

Very pitiful is the human being who, in the midst of the Christmas season, feels like flocking off by himself, like Dunderberg's bird. It is a season, not for isolation and loneliness, but for fellowship and universal brotherhood, as though we were saying to one another, "ALL HANDS AROUND!" with nobody left out.

When we pause to think of the way in which the Christmas originated it becomes easy for us to understand why the season is everywhere made to be the occasion of deep rejoicing and multiform gladness.

Beyond a doubt the festival had its birth away up in the frozen North, in the region of the aurora borealis, where the battle between the cold and the heat, the darkness and the light, is the longest and the most terrible; and it was quite natural that at the turn of the sun, when the light and warmth began to return, men should turn themselves loose in a sort of paroxysm of joy.

And by degrees the festivities of the men of the far north worked their way southward; for even there the return of the sun meant life to men, meant the sunshine and heat without which the human race must perish.

The hyperboreans had their Christ, Baldur by name, Baldur the good, the gentle, the compassionate, who, taking pity on them, destroyed the Frost Giant and saved them from death. We cannot very well blame the hyperboreans if, at first, their religion was largely of a material type—the worship of the sun, for Baldur was no more than the sun idealized.

Christ—not the petty Christ of the professional theologian, but the Christ of Humanity—stands for OPTIMISM. All is well. Let not your hearts be troubled. Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof. In reality there is no evil, the thing we call "evil" being but good in the making. "I am come that ye might have life, not death; confidence, not despair; gladness, not weeping and wailing."

Away with all grinchiness and greed, all doubt and despair! This is the season of love and good will, of hope and gladness. Joy is always and everywhere "orthodox" and in order.

If you are able to do so at no other time of the year, during the Christmas time resolve to have the full courage of your noble self, and to let your worthiest and bravest sentiment assert itself to the full.

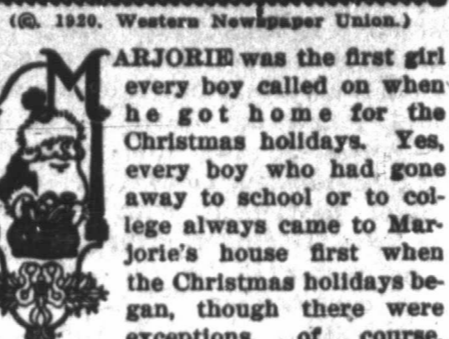
Let joy be unconfined! Again he is said, "ALL IS WELL." The Sun is not going to be conquered by the Frost King; the anarchists are not going to overthrow the Constitution of the United States and the government that was inaugurated by our venerated Washington; in spite of the little politicians who are ready to "give up to party what was meant for mankind," the ways and means of bettering the condition of mankind will surely be found; the life of men and nations shall not have been in vain; and as for Old Death, who awaits us at the end of the little earthly way, for all that we to the contrary he may turn out to be our best friend.

Those who have crossed the north Atlantic in winter need not be reminded of the uplifting and joy-giving influence of the gulf stream. Those who have felt it can never forget it. Once fairly upon the mysterious "river of the sea," the chill and numbness of one's body and soul depart, the rigid muscles relax, the pent-up feelings let themselves loose in singing, and chat, and all-round sociability and enjoyment, and all the world seems to be refashioned for the better.

And such is Christmas, with its good will and good cheer, its brave confidence and spontaneous gladness. It is the gulf stream of life, warming us into the sentiment of a common humanity, with its unselfishness and comradeship, and imparting to us all the glad sense of security and victory.

## A Christmas Romance

By Mary Graham Bonner



MARJORIE was the first girl every boy called on when he got home for the Christmas holidays. Yes, every boy who had gone away to school or to college always came to Marjorie's house first when the Christmas holidays began, though there were exceptions, of course. Many of them, coming home at the same time, on the same train, would agree to call together.

Then they would have a good time, singing, talking, laughing. Marjorie was such a good sort. The whole "bunch" liked her.

She played the piano well for dancing and had the kind of voice which made others want to gather around the piano and join in the chorus.

In truth, without Marjorie the "bunch" would have been oftentimes very lonely, very restless and wretched. Marjorie danced well, too, and if one wanted a girl to come up to a prom or a class dance Marjorie would always fit in anywhere. Then, too, she wouldn't be mad if a fellow asked another girl.

Marjorie was an exceptional girl. Marjorie wasn't jealous of any of them. She seemed to regard them as they regarded her—good sorts as she was a good sort. They passed the time for her merrily as she did for them.

They were jolly good companions as she was a jolly good companion.

So it went on. And another Christmas came along and Marjorie's house was the center of the gaiety.

It was the night before Christmas. The "bunch" were taking around their Christmas presents. They were going to call on Marjorie last because then they would stay there for a while. They all had presents for Marjorie, typical presents from members of a "bunch" to a friend of the "bunch."

There were several boxes of candy (which the "bunch" would help eat), and there were some books, which perhaps some of the "bunch" later would borrow and read.

One of the "bunch" has gone to Marjorie's earlier that evening, and had



Without Marjorie the "Bunch" Would Have Been Very Lonely.

taken with him a present which could neither be divided and eaten, nor bor-

rowed and read. Soon, soon he was going to give it to her, and soon, soon he hoped to see her wear it.

"Marjorie," he began, "the other fellows all like you, of course, but you know I've been feeling for some time kind of differently about things. And before I went back to college again I thought perhaps—you know—I thought Christmas eve would be such a nice time to look back upon when we had grandchildren as our engage—"

The front door burst open after a quick and vigorous knocking, and the "bunch" came in.

"What! You here, Jim! Stole a march on us, eh?"

They gave their presents to Marjorie. Then they asked her to play the piano. Then they sang. Nervously Jim looked at his watch. It was almost Christmas day—and he so much wanted to be able to look back on Christmas eve as the time of his engagement, and somehow he had fancied Marjorie looked upon him a little more affectionately than upon the rest. Finally he could bear it no longer.

"I say, fellows," he began, "it seems to me that as long as the 'bunch' wants to hang around the best friend the 'bunch' ever had and won't give any one fellow any more chance than another I'll just have to do my proposing before the whole 'bunch.'"

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"And I'd like to be more than a friend to one of the 'bunch,'" Marjorie said.

"Congratulations!" shouted the "bunch." "And Merry Christmas and lots of them!"

"But to think," one of the "bunch" said to the rest afterward, "that one of us was able to 'put it over' on the rest of us—and Marjorie, too!"

And the next day, which was Christmas, the "bunch" all came around to see one of the "bunch" kiss the "friend of the bunch" under the mistletoe, which favor was granted the "bunch"—very willingly.

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OLD PAPERS FOR SALE  
The News has on hand a lot of old papers in bundles of 100, for 25c per bundle.

Joyce-Fruit Company will be closed all day Saturday, December 25th.

Big loaf of bread 10 cents at Dobbs.

Preston Williams, one of the News-Journal readers in the Richland community, paid this office a pleasant call Tuesday.

Walter Smith, Joe and Chas. Slack of Valley View, were in town on business Tuesday.

The Christmas rush did not begin at the Portales post office till Saturday, but since then the postoffice force has been swamped, and it requires a dray to handle the income and outgoing mail.

Notice to House Owners  
The winter nights are getting long. You will be doing considerable reading, why not get all the enjoyment out of it you can by installing electric lights instead of the old lamp.  
Give up the old smoothing iron and make your wife a Christmas present of an electric one.

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"MONEY CHANGES"

Tuesday Night:

"SHORE ACRES" (Alice Lake)  
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Wednesday Night

"TRUMPET ISLAND" (All Star)

Thursday Night:

THE BAND CONCERT

Friday Night:

"THIRTY A WEEK" (Tom Moore)

"FORD WEEKLY"

"BRAY COMIC"

Saturday Night:

Constance Tallmadge in  
"HAPPINESS A LA MODE"  
Harrold Lloyd in  
"FROM HAND TO MOUTH"

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**KENTUCKY VALLEY SCHOOL ITEMS**

The spelling match in which the pupils spelled against the patrons of Kentucky Valley Dec. 17, was a great success for the pupils, as the pupils spelled the patrons down twice, but the patrons had a good excuse as some of their best spellers were absent.

Mrs. Ess Taylor was the last patron to be spelled down both times. The pupils had only one standing at the last match, being Amy Hutchison. The patrons challenged the pupils for another match a month from this one and the pupils accepted.

Miss Ollie Cothorn is up from Dexter visiting friends and relatives in this community. There was a singing at Mrs. J. G. Greaves Sunday night and all report a nice time.

Miss Pearl Taylor, our primary teacher, was visiting friends the latter part of the week. Our basketball and volleyball came last week and we have organized some good teams.

Our hopes are rising as Xmas draws nearer and we hope Santa will not forget us. We have a fine program for Christmas Eve. Several parties have been given out for Christmas week and the young people intend to have a fine time.

Ask us if we are progressing in school.

**ROUNDAABOUT RICHLAND**

Clarence Rice and Grant Gordon went to Portales Saturday, coming out Monday.

Last Sunday Mr. and Mrs. Preston Williams entertained at their home the families of Mr. Uxer, H. W. Davidson, Add Hobbs and William Slaten. Mrs. Williams had an excellent turkey dinner prepared which was enjoyed by all.

On Wednesday of last week several of the children's parents met at the school house with the teachers to plan and prepare for Christmas.

There was a good crowd at the singing at the home of D. A. Gordon Saturday night and every one enjoyed the good singing very much.

Will Bates and family are back from Texas, where they have been for quite a while.

Miss Vera Rice and Miss Thelma Bailey went to Portales Monday.

Quite a few people from Center went to Portales Saturday.

Mrs. Carl Swafford spent the day with Mrs. H. B. Cooper Saturday.

Mr. Francis Lyons and Miss Sybil Lyons went to Portales Saturday.

The C. H. S. boys have received their new basketball.

Boyd Rice and Joe Cooper spent the afternoon at W. B. Rices Sunday.

Three of the Center teachers were in Portales last Saturday.

The Center school is going to have a Christmas tree and program next Friday night.

We are expecting to have a good crowd and hope that Santa will remember each of us with beautiful presents.

There was a party at Mr. Vicks last Saturday night. Everyone reported a good time.

Ed Morehead was thrown from a horse last Saturday night. His wrist was thrown out of place.

We are expecting to have a very enjoyable game of basketball with Floyd next Thursday.

**CONFERENCE OF TAXING OFFICIALS JANUARY FIFTH**

The state tax commission has called a meeting of county and city taxing officials for January 5. It is earnestly desired by the commission that all the officials attend so that the new men may have an opportunity to profit by the experience of those who will hold over for another term, in tax matters. The conference will last three days and Governor Mechem and others who will have a part in the enforcement of the taxation laws have been invited to be present.

Dr. Dan W. Guakunst, representing the state board of health, lectured to the high school Monday morning, his subject being "Keeping Fit."

**QUARTER MILLION IN INCOME TAXES PAID IN STATE YESTERDAY**

Money collected on the fourth quarterly installments of the 1919 income taxes has amounted to more than \$225,000, James A. Hall collector of the internal revenue department announced this morning.

Mr. Hall said that the office had had the busiest day in its history, yesterday. The office was open until midnight and collections were extremely heavy. As a result less than 4 percent of the fourth installments of the 1919 income taxes remain unpaid.

Mr. Hall announced also that there are but 13 people in the state who have not paid their previous installments. The amount to be paid by the 13 on previous installments amounts to \$286.67.—Albuquerque Herald of Dec. 17.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS**

G. W. Goodwin to Earl Malone, N $\frac{1}{2}$  NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 33-18-33 E.

Martha L. Deatherage to Charles Greathouse, E $\frac{1}{2}$  NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 14-18-30 E.

W. E. Pepper to John E. Meridith, Lots 2 and 3, Blk. 40, Portales, and improvements.

J. F. Thompson to A. L. Clayton, SW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 10-68-32 E.

E. F. Dezonio to J. A. Pipkin, Lot 10, Blk. 29, Portales, and improvements.

W. F. Estes to James Reed, Lots 19 and 20, Blk. 66, Kermit.

W. E. Clark to Jesse T. Pepper, 720 acres in sections 1 and 2, Twp 1-S, 35 E.

James W. Roberts to Norma Roberts, S $\frac{1}{2}$  Sec. 18-68-37 E.

A. G. Kenyon to W. D. Kenyon, 25 acres out of Sec. 31-18-35 E.

W. H. Creeks to Roscoe D. Creek, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 20-48-35 E.

John C. Creeks to Roscoe D. Creek, NW $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 20-48-35 E.

T. Lee Beeman to Edgar J. Strawn, NE $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 23-28-34 E.

33 1/3 per cent discount on all hats, coats and dresses at Whitcombs.

Joyce-Fruit Company will be closed all day Saturday, December 25th.

**ROSSELL AUTHORITIES ARREST DR. MASTIN**

It is apparently a fact that Dr. J. J. Mastin, who conducted a campaign at Elida and Kenna about Thanksgiving time for funds to relieve the sufferings of Polish children, has been arrested and jailed at Roswell. The authorities at the Chaves county seat evidently viewed the Polish relief movement with suspicion, as the Doctor's effort in that line seems to be the cause for his confinement. Through some accident a cashier's check for \$189.26, representing most if not all of the fund donated by Elida and Kenna people was not collected by the Albuquerque representative of the Polish relief fund and that check has been returned to S. G. Bridges who now has it in a safe and is waiting further developments.—Elida Enterprise.

**SOME FREAKS ON MARKET**

J. S. Putman, cashier of the First National Bank of Fort Sumner, was here Sunday. Sid usually has a few "good ones" to relate, and here are a couple he gave us while here: Mr. Hitson of Fort Sumner recently shipped a car of goats to the Kansas City markets, and received a check from the commission company for a total of \$9.00, after deducting all expenses. Another man from the Valley shipped 114 turkeys to Albuquerque and received a check for \$412.00, being about the same as the net returns from a carload of cattle

shipped by Geo. F. Baxton to Kansas City.—Melrose Messenger.

**NOTICE**

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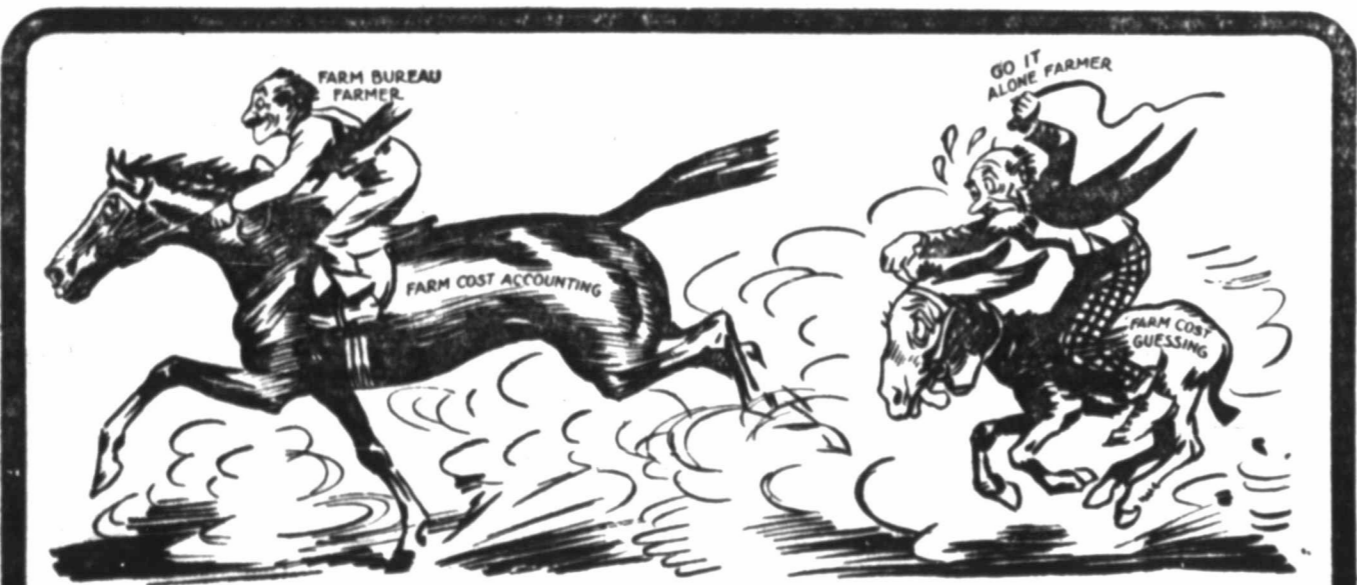


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# The Blue Moon

## A Tale of the Flatwoods

By DAVID ANDERSON

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### WILD ROSE.

Synopsis.—Never having known his father, and living with his mother on a houseboat on the Wabash river, Pearlhunter—the only name he has—learns from her a part of the story of her sad life. The recital is interrupted by a fearful fit of coughing. But Pearlhunter learns how and why his mother left his father; also that he has the best blood of Virginia in his veins—he, a man without a name, a freshwater pearlhunter in the Indiana flats of the Wabash river.

### CHAPTER I—Continued.

Her eyes opened; she looked up at him with feverish quickness. "I've lived twenty years without the world. I'll not go back to it now." "But, mother, if we just keep on this way, you'll—you'll"—he hesitated at the next word; finally let it fall—"die." "Die!" she seemed to fondle the word. "A small thing—to die!" She sat musing as if she found a melancholy comfort in the thought. "But I shan't die," she continued, with a hasty glance up at his face. "My cough is worse today because my medicine is gone."

The young man started. "Your eleanpane gone!" "I took the last of it yesterday." "Mother!" He went to the cook stove and lifted the saucer from a small jar in which the roots were usually steeped. It was empty and dry. There was a great tenderness in his voice as he came back and bent over her chair.

"You shall have your eleanpane tea," he said, "if the roots are to be found in the Flatwoods; and you shall sleep tonight in the old cabin up there under the cool trees."

A ripple of pleased expectation, of half-awakened interest, broke the drear surface of the weary face—like a faint glow back of a curtain that never raises.

He refilled the cup with cool water, rummaged a spade out of the locker under the forward deck, and was just on the point of leaping to the bank when he heard her speaking. He poked his head back inside the curtains, and she repeated what she had just said:

"Isn't the Flatwoods where the Wild Man lives? Seems to me I once heard that there is such a man in these woods."

He felt carelessly along the rusty bit of the spade with his thumb. "I believe this is the woods." "Maybe he's—I mean—he's not dangerous?"

"Dangerous! A gray ghost of a man with a pitiful face. They say he goes through the woods as still as smoke, and leaves a little trail."

A minute later he had leaped ashore, climbed the bluffs and plunged into the deep woods.

The root of the eleanpane was much esteemed as a remedy for coughs, but it was by no means abundant. No one knew this fact better than the Pearlhunter.

The small stream that feeds the waterfall at Fallen Rock is known as Wolf run. Following up along its course the Pearlhunter presently came to a tiny thread of water that joined it from the west—probably the outlet of some small pond tucked away among the hills. It is along the open margins of swamps and ponds, and never in the thick woods, that the eleanpane grows. Believing from the warmth and dullness of its water that the tiny stream came from a pond, rather than from a spring, the Pearlhunter followed it.

It had grown so small that the Pearlhunter began to fear it would disappear altogether, when there came a break in the forest line just ahead. A scramble through a dense fringe of hazel, and there it lay—a little pond in the midst of a narrow glade in a pocket of the hills, a delicate inlay in the forest.

The man glanced at the sun; turned, and hurriedly looked about for the eleanpane. Along the east edge of the glade, not far out from the fringe of hazel, he found it—a clump of some dozen stalks, three or four of them ready to bloom. The rusty spade was soon at their roots—probably the first ground ever broken on the margin of that pond. Three plants he dug, cut their stems close to the ground, shook the dirt from their clusters of fleshy roots, and hurried down the tiny outlet back to Wolf run.

It was upon the gravelly margin of a pool that the Pearlhunter stopped to wash the eleanpane roots, and cut them loose from the clusters in which he had been carrying them. He had finished the task and was storing them away in the pockets of his blouse when the song of a thrush from somewhere up the stream gradually worked itself across his consciousness.

The song puzzled him. There were notes—certain little foreign flights; a deeper witchery—that he could not have believed possible to a thrush's throat. The Pearlhunter had a nice ear for the sounds of the woods. He stole cautiously up the bank. The sound, when he had drawn quite near,

did not appear to come from any tree, but from some place down close to the water of another pool—another spot just ahead where the water stopped to rest.

Parting the bushes with the utmost caution, he crept up to the edge of the pool and peered forth. A woman—a girl—sat on a flat rock jutting out from the opposite bank, her bare feet swinging in the water, her body bent slightly back and propped on her



The Man Flattened and Held His Breath.

hands, her face uplifted, her puckered lips pouring forth the song that had drawn him to the spot. A sunbonnet swung from her arm; her shoes and stockings lay upon the rock beside half an armful of wild roses.

A twig flipped back into place as the Pearlhunter strained his face a little closer. The song stopped; the girl whirled her eyes toward the swaying twig. The man flattened and held his breath.

But the woodland song was done. She slid back on the rock and reached for her stockings and shoes. Such feet! The rough shoes she picked up dishonored them. It would be giving the Pearlhunter uncertain praise to say he didn't look. Besides, it wouldn't be true. He did look. It is but simple justice to him to state, also, that after the one glance—a glance he could no more help than the branch could help flowing—he dragged his eyes away and held them away till he heard the girl scramble to her feet on the rock. As she gathered up her armload of wild roses he had leisure to observe her.

With the mass of color close to her face, it was hard to tell the one from the other—the flowers from the face; where the roses left off and the face began. Her hair hung loose, soft and wavy—the kind of hair a roguish shaft of morning sun can change to spun gold; lips like the song a moment ago upon them; eyes like the little patch of sky at the bottom of the pools—eyes that opened wide; that had nothing to conceal.

She was turning to spring to the bank when the Pearlhunter rose and quietly stepped through the bushes. She whirled, and the two stood staring at each other across the pool. The flowers straggled from her arms and dripped down upon the rocks.

The Pearlhunter's eyes were the first to fall. Dragging off his battered hat, half awkwardly, he bowed his head and strove for a word to justify his intrusion. But he was slow of speech. Words came hard to him. After a time, his eyes traveled back across the pool; past the patch of sky at the bottom; up the side of the rock where her feet had dangled.

The rock was bare. The girl had gone.

### CHAPTER II.

#### The Red Mask.

Amazed at the woodcraft that had enabled the girl to disappear under his very eyes, without so much as the quiver of a leaf, the Pearlhunter crossed the branch on the rattle at the lower edge of the pool, by springing from stone to stone, and went up to the rock. There lay the flowers in scattered confusion—a tumbled mass of refreshing color; the half an armful of pink and white and red wild roses. He picked up three—a pink; a red; a white—and stood gazing down upon them. The true woodsman is instinctively a gentleman. He did not know—he did not try to know—that the girl watched his every move from behind a big oak a few yards up the bank.

"Like her—somehow," he muttered. "Wild Rose! It might be her name. A name! I wonder what it's like to have a name!"

A thought shadowed his face—the old thought that always brought the cloud. His eyes narrowed; the lines of his mouth drew tense. Drawing the stems of the three roses through a buttonhole in his blouse, he strode away down the branch back to Fallen Rock.

The languid eyes of the Iron-Gray-Woman turned toward him as he sprang in over the sawing gangplank, pushed aside the rumpled curtain, and entered the tiny cabin of the houseboat. There was not so much fire in the eyes. The fever was going down with the sun. The thought his returning step had brought came out in her first words.

"They who own the old cabin might not like us to move in."

"They can only make us move out again," was his cheery answer. "And, mother, you never saw such a view as you get from up there. And you can drink right out of the spring."

Something came to the face of the Iron-Gray-Woman that had long been a stranger there. Not a smile—a ripple, like the swath a chance breeze ruffles across still water.

"But you can't carry everything."

"Everything. And the first load shall be you."

"Me!"

"It would set you coughing to climb the slope."

The woman dropped her eyes. After all, weakness is not a pleasant fact to face. The loss of power, the inability to do accustomed things, always comes as a shock. Life had brought to the Iron-Gray-Woman little enough—pitifully little enough. But though life be ever so bare and gray, no one likes to sit helpless and watch it go.

Haply the young man sensed nothing of this, but was already busy gathering together such of their meager stock of household goods as it would be absolutely necessary to carry up to the cabin under the cliff if the coming night was to be spent ashore.

Nothing remained but the actual going ashore. His mother came first, as he had said. While packing, he had planned to help her up the hill to the spring and leave her there while he swept the old cabin, aired it out, put up the cook stove, and otherwise made the place as sweet and inviting as possible for her occupancy.

Just before passing through the rumpled curtain of the houseboat she stopped and gazed over the tiny cabin.

"Just one look before I go," she said.

He was astonished at the wistfulness in her tones.

"Why, mother, you can come back any minute."

"It has been my home for twenty years," she said as she turned away, her tone more the voicing of a reflection than the statement of a fact.

Across the gangplank and up the slope among the trees he led her—carried her—with all the tenderness due from a man to his mother; for the Iron-Gray-Woman had the manners and speech of a "lady of high degree," and she had taught him all she knew. He had brought along a cushion, which he spread for her upon a moss-upholstered rock. With the spray of the waterfall in the air, with the cup in her hand, the cool spring within reach, he left her and hurried back to the houseboat.

The sun was dipping low toward the distant bend in the river when the last of the moving was done. A purple twilight had given place to dark before he had the cabin put to rights, his mother in her easy chair, and supper on the table: a bass, taken from the nets only that morning; fruit from the woods; baked potatoes; toast, crisp and brown; and tea, which she had left her chair long enough to draw.

In the contented silence that often falls after the evening meal, the man sat covertly studying her face. The fever had gone. It was a face almost serene. She appeared, as he watched her, to be listening to the sound of the waterfall floating in through the open window upon the pulse of the night. The move had done her good. He thought how beautiful she must have been—how beautiful still.

Her words that afternoon came back to him—the only word that had ever come to him out of the past. The desire to learn more grew in him, and yet he dreaded to speak. The Iron-Gray-Woman was not one to invite confidence. And yet a man ought to know something of the manner of his coming into the world.

The cabin had settled to deep quiet; the lap of the waterfall had swelled to full strength upon the silence; when the cabin door banged open and a man stormed in. The Pearlhunter whirled up out of his chair and faced him.

The intruder was a man of forty, possibly more, lacking somewhat of the Pearlhunter's height and massive build, yet still what would be called a big man—tight and well set up—smooth shaven, except for an aggressive mustache faintly shot with gray. He wore a slouch hat, top boots, frock coat, and a very fancy and much-flowered vest. His blue eyes—the kind of blue that turns black when

roused—had an uncomfortable knack of seeming to see everything in sight. They were just now flitting furtively, a bit contemptuously, over the tall figure of the young man facing him.

"You're the fellow they call the Pearlhunter?"

The gray eyes of the man addressed were blazing; his fingers manifesting an almost uncontrollable inclination to tuck themselves into his palms; but he held himself and answered civilly:

"They do call me that."

"What are you doing in this cabin?"

"Is it yours?"

"No difference whether it is or whether it isn't. It's no place for river scum to wash ashore."

A stranger ought to be pretty sure of himself before he says a thing like that, especially when he says it the way the Man-in-the-Fancy-Vest said it. He didn't know the Pearlhunter—not as the river men knew him—or he would have considered a long time first. Almost any river man along the Wabash could have told him that things would happen. Things did happen. Still, it probably would have been just the same anyhow. A wildcat couldn't have dodged the toll-caloused fist that stabbed across the candlelight. It caught the intruder flat in the mouth and pitched him back against the door, which slammed to the wall, and thus saved him from going clear to the floor.

He was up in a flash. His hand dropped toward his hip. That is always a dangerous motion to make in the Flatwoods; never more so than just then and there. The Pearlhunter had anticipated such a move. His own hand reached his hip the flash of a second ahead. The two stood eyeing each other, crouched and tense.

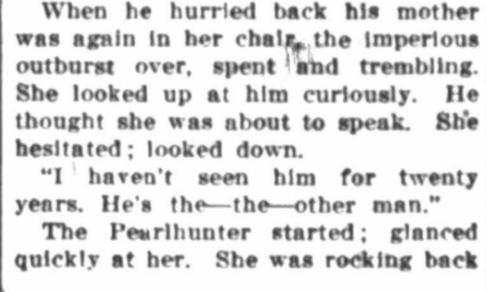
There came a scream from the Iron-Gray-Woman. She had risen from her chair. The Pearlhunter dared not look, but he saw the eyes of the man he faced turning irresistibly toward the sound. With the first glance a startling change came over him; his eyes strained; stared; his hand left his hip and went to his face. He straightened and shrunk back against the cabin door. The Pearlhunter dared not look around, yet he knew his mother was coming. With a step he would not have believed it possible for her to take she was between them, her face ablaze with imperious dignity; her eyes like the panther before the door of her den. She had shed her weakness as a mantle. The intruder covered; his lips moved. She raised her hand and pointed to the door. Again he tried to speak. Her body stiffened; her arm grew rigid. Like a man compelled to retreat before a blaze, he half turned and backed away.

The Pearlhunter followed him, trailed him up the bluffs, through the woods and out to the river road, where it came down from the north, right angled east and led away up the river to the village.

When he hurried back his mother was again in her chair, the imperious outburst over, spent and trembling. She looked up at him curiously. He thought she was about to speak. She hesitated; looked down.

"I haven't seen him for twenty years. He's the—the other man."

The Pearlhunter started; glanced quickly at her. She was rocking back



It Caught the Intruder Flat in the Mouth.

and forth, the fingers of her thin hands facing and unfacing nervously.

The breeze from the door was guttering the candle. He crossed the floor to close it. As he brought it around, it scraped a small packet ahead of it along the floor. He picked it up and, after closing the door, carried it to the candle. It was not bigger than the length and width of a man's two thumbs, and was wrapped in brown paper. He unrolled it. The first glance, as the folds fell apart and a bit of cloth dropped upon the table, brought a startled exclamation from him. It was a red mask.

The Iron-Gray-Woman left her chair and came to the table. The two of them stood staring down upon the bit of flannel cloth.

Symbol of Divine Spirit.

In Scripture the dew is used as a symbol of the Divine Spirit and His quickening and refreshing influence as He works on the otherwise arid and barren lives and hearts of men. It is the living Lord Himself who here speaks: "I will be as the dew upon Israel. I will come to the barren and fruitful Israel, and affect him as does the dew when it falls on the parched and profitless earth in the rainless, scorching days of summer, and transform deadness into life and beauty."

Although truth is stranger than fiction to many people, they don't seem to care for an introduction.

The Blue Moon

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

## SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By REV. F. B. FITZWATER, D. D., Teacher of English Bible in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)  
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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 26

#### JESUS FEEDS THE MULTITUDE.

LESSON TEXT—Matt. 14:13-21.

GOLDEN TEXT—"They need not depart, give ye them to eat.—Matt. 14:16.

ADDITIONAL MATERIAL—Matt. 15:32-38; Mark 6:33-44; Luke 9:10-17; John 6:1-15.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Jesus Feeds Many Hungry People.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Jesus Feeding the Five Thousand.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Helping to Feed the Hungry.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—The Ministry of Jesus to the Multitude.

Since we took the "Birth of Jesus" for our Christmas lesson last Sunday, let us now study the alternate lesson for last Sunday instead of the review.

1. Jesus Healing the Multitude (vv. 13, 14).

1. Jesus retired to the desert (v. 13). The news of the cruel death of John the Baptist brought grief to the Master's heart, and He withdrew to a place of quietness to commune with the Father. The very best thing for us to do in time of sorrow is to flee into the presence of God. Jesus accepted John's death as typical of what they would do to Him.

2. Followed by the people (v. 13). He could not be hid. Their interest in Him was so great that they followed Him on foot. Where Jesus really is the multitude will gather.

3. Jesus healing the sick (v. 14). Although the rulers had broken with Him, He did not abandon His work but continued to preach and to work for the good of those who would hear. The multitudes broke in upon Him and disturbed His quiet hour with God, but the great heart of the King was moved with compassion as He beheld the suffering multitudes—sick, lame, blind and palsied. Though the people brought their desperate, hopeless cases to Him there was nothing too hard for Him. The sight of the multitude as sheep without a shepherd moved Him to pity.

4. Jesus Feeding the Hungry Multitude (vv. 15-21).

According to the connection in John 6:1-14 the real purpose of this miracle was to show himself as the Bread of Eternal Life sent down from heaven.

1. Jesus' conference with the disciples (vv. 15-18). (1.) The disciples' request (v. 15). They asked that the multitude be sent away. They knew that they were in a desert place, therefore prudence would indicate that they would go to the village to buy victuals, (2.) Jesus' command (v. 16). "Give ye them to eat." Such a command would have been utter foolishness had He not possessed the power to create the supply; but always with the command of Jesus goes the power to do. (3.) The disciples' perplexity (v. 17). They said "We have but five loaves and two fishes." They were counting on their meager resources, leaving Christ out. To be face to face with the humanly impossible is a threefold benefit (a) To make us feel our dependence upon Christ; (b) to drive us to Him for His help in our need; (c) to lead us to give the glory to Him for results.

2. Jesus' method in feeding the multitude (vv. 18-21). (1.) The Lord's part. He created the provisions. He is able to create that which will meet the needs of the hungry multitude. (2.) The people's part. They were to sit and eat. They were not responsible for the creation of the supply nor its distribution, but they were responsible for obedience. (3.) The disciples' part. This was to take that which the Master had blessed and distribute it. We are laborers together with God. God has made us partners in the salvation of the world.

3. Jesus Alone in the Mountains Praying (vv. 22, 23).

1. He induced the disciples to get into the ship (v. 22). The reason for this was that He desired to keep them from being mixed up with the crowd, for they desired to force Him to be king.

2. Multitudes were dismissed (v. 23). This was to prevent the multitude from trying to force Him to be king. When they saw His wonderful ability to feed the hungry multitude they desired to have such a man make king.

3. Praying alone (v. 23). He doubtless was praying for the disciples. He knew what trials they would have to undergo. Having been induced by Him to enter the ship and being overtaken by the storm, they were doubtless tempted to think that a mistake had been made; but we should learn that the way which the Lord would have us go is not always without its storms.

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"Her aunt approached her as she was swagging in this costume beside the water's edge and remonstrated with her."

"Sylvia," said the aunt, "I consider that costume absolutely shocking."

"Oh, you do, do you?" the girl replied indifferently. "Well, wait till you see me in my new evening gown."

More interruptions.

"Women are taking a great interest in politics."

"To my sorrow," said the harassed editor.

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December 18, 1920.

**CARD OF THANKS**

This is to express our sincere gratitude for a Christmas present, two valuable rocking chairs, (just to taste) and a bank check, from our numerous friends. We appreciate their kind concern for our comfort and pray God's richest blessings may attend every donor and Heaven be their eternal home at last.

Mr. and Mrs. O. W. Carter.

**Lutherans.**

Rev. Erwin Umbach of Roswell was in Portales Monday inquiring for Lutheran families. Rev. Umbach is working under the auspices of the Mission Board of the Texas district, and Lutheran Synod of Missouri, Ohio and other states, Lutherans residing in or near Portales who would be interested in Lutheran services can communicate with Rev. Umbach by addressing a card or letter to 807 N. Kentucky Ave., Roswell, N. M.

**Unto Us a Son  
Is Given**

by ALICE MEYNELL



**G**IVEN, not lent,  
And not withdrawn—once sent,  
This Infant of mankind, this One,  
Is still the little welcome Son.

**N**EW every year,  
New born and newly dear,  
He comes with tidings and a song,  
The ages long, the ages long;

**E**VEN as the cold  
Keen winter grows not old,  
As childhood is so fresh, foreseen,  
And spring in the familiar green.

**S**UDDEN as sweet  
Come the expected feet.  
All joy is young, and new all art,  
And He, too, whom we have by heart.

**AN HOUR IN FAIRY LAND.**

On Monday night the Mother Goose Cantata, given under the direction of Mrs. Greenlee at the Cozy theatre, for the benefit of the Orphans Home, was well attended and the audience were carried back to their childhood days under the inspiration of the oldest, yet the newest charmer, Mother Goose.

The costume and scenic effect was all that could be desired and the children who took part did credit to their instructor. Words cannot describe the play, but if you will turn the lights low and call back childhood days when you would steal away to the attic and spend hours with Mother Goose and her many charmers, you will realize what the audience enjoyed Monday night. After the Cantata the character song by Miss Love and Charles Owens was a musical treat which the audience will long remember.

The two playlets, "A Backward Child" and "Breaking the Ice," were well presented and well received by the audience.

**COURT HOUSE NEWS**

Rich Grisson moved up from Elida this week and is installed in the residence which he recently bought from L. M. Tipton. He

will take charge of the clerks office on January 1.

J. A. Pipkin has bought a residence in Portales and has moved up. He is now familiarizing himself with the routine work of the assessors office.

R. A. Palm, the new county superintendent moved to town this week, and will be ready to take charge of the educational affairs of the county after the first.

J. R. Shock is a very busy man this week getting ready to receive the taxes at the treasurers office.

That A. J. Goodwin will be on the job as probate judge is evidenced by the advertisement of several final proof notices to come up before him in January.

**SUMMONS BY PUBLICATION**

The State of New Mexico to M. T. Jones Lumber Company, Munsey Bull, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of said Munsey Bull, Jennie and if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said Jennie and Berta Kidd, Joseph Boggs, if living, and if dead, the unknown heirs of the said Joseph Boggs, and the unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiffs, defendants, Greeting:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been commenced against you in

the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, in Cause No. 1649 on the civil docket of said court, wherein G. W. Wood and G. O. Duell are plaintiffs and you are defendants; that the object of said suit is to quiet title in favor of said plaintiffs, and against you, said defendants, in and to Lot number one (1) in Block number ten (10) in the Town of Portales, Roosevelt county, New Mexico; and defendants are notified that unless they appear and answer or plead in said cause on or before Feb. 8th, 1921, judgment by default will be taken against them and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in said complaint.

T. E. Mears, whose business and postoffice address is Portales, New Mexico, is attorney for plaintiffs.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court on this 23rd day of December, 1920.

SETH A. MORRISON  
County Clerk  
Dec. 23—Jan. 13

**COMMISSIONER'S PROCEEDINGS**

Portales, New Mexico,  
December 22nd, 1920.

At a called meeting of the Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, held at the court house in Portales, the County Seat of said county, on the above date, the following were present, to-wit:  
J. S. Pearce, chairman; Chas. S. Toier, commissioner; and Seth A. Morrison, clerk, and the following business was had, to-wit:

**ELECTION PROCLAMATION**

The Board of County Commissioners of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, hereby order and proclaim an election to be held in the various precincts of Roosevelt county, for the purpose of electing one Justice of the Peace and one Constable in each precinct in said county, as provided by law; that said election shall be held on the Second Monday in January of the year 1921, the same being the tenth day thereof, that said election shall be held in all respects, as general elections are held, except that no registration of voters shall be required and no ballots or other election supplies shall be furnished at the expense of the County of Roosevelt.

It is further proclaimed by the Board of County Commissioners that the following named persons be and they are hereby appointed to serve as judges of said election:

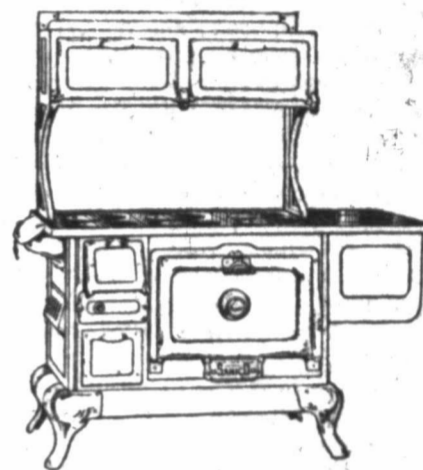
- Precinct No. 1. A. B. B. Jones, James Lee Wilson, J. K. Robertson.
- Precinct No. 2. T. O. Bridges, W. E. Collins, Dolphus Burbridge.
- Precinct No. 3. Grafton Cheek, D. W. Haga, A. M. Wyatt.
- Precinct No. 4. Devine Cook, J. I. Jones, Walter Anderson.
- Precinct No. 5. H. C. Scruggs, F.

- G. Forrest, E. Eastwood.
- Precinct No. 6. R. F. Long, J. H. Short, H. H. Talley.
- Precinct No. 7. Lee Trammell, H. T. Ward, L. W. Whitfield.
- Precinct No. 8. Lee Evans, A. J. Burkett, H. E. Toomba.
- Precinct No. 9. T. M. Parkinson, Frank Falls, E. L. Selman.
- Precinct No. 10. E. D. Bryant, Joe Slack, John Rogers.
- Precinct No. 11. P. H. Alford, W. O. McCormack, Doc Herndon.
- Precinct No. 12. H. L. Capps, A. Littlejohn, S. H. Harris.
- Precinct No. 13. Mike Ingram, D. L. Harding, H. T. Hollis.
- Precinct No. 14. W. J. Ball, S. L. Self, Albert Guss.
- Precinct No. 15. G. W. Jones, J. B. Judah, R. L. Little.
- Precinct No. 16. W. H. Cushenberry, J. B. Vernon, T. J. Mullins, Sr.
- Precinct No. 17. Wiley Todd, J. W. Frame, Neil Rocky.
- Precinct No. 18. W. G. Upton, H.

- R. Cowart, E. R. Jones.
  - Precinct No. 19. Fred Robertson, J. E. McCall, John Duke.
  - Precinct No. 20. J. H. Hendrix, S. P. Hoard, Lon Mason.
  - Precinct No. 21. J. O. Benson, Lee Cross, Melvin A. Depuy.
  - Precinct No. 22. T. Black, W. R. Sewell, E. L. Follis.
  - Precinct No. 23. A. W. Ferrin, Will Beck, A. J. McNatt, Sr.
  - Precinct No. 24. J. W. Ballow, Frank Beeman, Joe Faw.
  - Precinct No. 25. H. S. Worth, P. H. Morris, R. E. McAllister.
  - Precinct No. 28. G. W. Pruitt, C. A. Stirman, Joe McGaha.
  - Precinct No. 29. J. M. Sherman, J. A. Kimmons, E. E. Lee.
  - Precinct No. 30. W. C. Locke, A. J. Partin, W. R. Uzer.
- It is now ordered that Court adjourn subject to the call of the chairman.  
J. S. PEARCE, Chairman.  
Attest: SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk.  
Dec. 23—Dec. 30.

**TWENTY-FIVE YEAR GUARANTEE**

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- Mattresses,
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- Cream Separators.
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**The Season's Greetings**

**W**E wish to extend to one and all an expression of our appreciation for your business during the past year, and will do all in our power to merit a continuation of the same through the coming year.

A banking account makes a better citizen. Let us aid you to be 100 per cent American.

May your Christmas stocking contain that which will bring you the greatest happiness, is our wish.

LIBERTY BONDS BOUGHT AT MARKET PRICE.

**THE SECURITY STATE BANK**

"A Good Bank in a Good Town"

**MARKET REPORT**

Following is the market report for farm products in Portales at time of going to press:

Corn, in ear, per ton	\$11.00
Corn, shelled, per hundred	\$1.00
Maize, in the head, per ton	\$9.00
Maize, threshed, per bu.	60c
Cream	38c
Eggs, per dozen	50c
Hens, per lb.	12 1/2c
Springers, 2 to 3 lbs.	12 1/2c
Springers, 3 lbs and up	10c
Green Hids, per lb.	4c
Dry Hids, per lb.	8c

Special prices on gallon can fruits, McDonald's Grocery.

**COE HOWARD ENTERTAINS.**

On last Friday night Mr. Coe Howard entertained a number of his friends with a luncheon. Those being present were, Messrs R. G. Bryant, F. S. Campbell, A. D. Ribble, Ed J. Neer, Rex. P. E. Jordan, C. V. Harris, Lee Carter, W. B. Oldham and Rev. J. F. Nix. After luncheon, the evening was spent in smoking and story telling.

**BOY BREAKS LEG**

On Monday, while playing, Ferris, son of L. A. Johnson, had the misfortune to fall and break his leg.

Manager Fred Louper, of the Universal Garage, says that business is highly satisfactory with them. He further says that hard times is caused by calamity howlers and if they would quit and use their energy for the rebuilding of Portales and Roosevelt county, that we would soon have one of the most prosperous counties in the west. He further stated that his firm was contemplating improvements which will give Portales one of the classiest automobile houses in the west.

Special prices on gallon can fruits, McDonald's Grocery.

**FOR SALE** — Good 5-passenger Buick automobile. Terms given with security to right parties. See T. E. Mears, Portales.

**FOUR NEW COUNTIES ARE WANTED OF THE NEXT LEGISLATURE**

The creation of four brand new counties probably will be asked at the hands of the legislature, according to reports. Three of these proposed new counties would mean splitting Valencia, Mora and Union, and the fourth would be pieced together with corners nicked out of Guadalupe, Torrance and De Baca. The proposed county seats are San Rafael for the first, Roy for the second, Des Moines for the third, and Vaughn for the fourth.—New Mexican.

**DISTRICT COURT**

Judge Meechem, brother of the governor-elect, presided in the District Court here Monday in place of Judge Bratton, who is sitting on the Supreme bench in the case of the pardoning of the Villa raiders.

The case before the District Court was A. A. Beeman vs. W. E. Roberts, which resulted in no decision.

**SURPRISE PARTY**

On Sunday afternoon, December 19th, 1920, one of the nicest and most complete surprises was given Rev. O. W. Carter and wife by their many friends in a pre-Christmas gift of two most comfortable rocking chairs, as a token of the loving thought and reverent appreciation of their long and faithful care and example to the people of Portales and surrounding communities. —A Friend.

**MARRIAGE LICENSE**

The following marriage license have been issued by the County Clerk:

Mr. M. F. Edwards to Miss Ellen Littlejohn, of the Dora community.

Mr. Loren Johnston to Miss Juanita Mires of the Floyd community.

J. F. Joyce of Carlsbad, N. M., of the firm of Joyce-Pruit Co., was in town on business this week.

**Buy Meat Direct From Farm** — A few fresh hams at 20c per lb. Shoulders 18c delivered at Portales or Elida. Address B. J. Stock Farm, Redlake, R. F. D. 1.

**Nazarene Church**  
 Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Young People's Society at 6:15 p. m. Everybody invited to come and worship with us.  
 A. K. SCOTT, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Cleve George were up from the ranch doing their Christmas shopping Wednesday of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Carmichael were up from Kenna Wednesday shopping and visiting friends.

C. S. Toler was up attending a called session of the commissioners court Wednesday night.

The motion picture play at the Cosy Wednesday night, "The Lone Wolf's Daughter," was an exceptionally good polt and well acted.

Don't fail to read the sale ad of the Portales Drug Store in this issue. They are offering bargains which will well pay you for a trip across the county.

The News is desirous of printing the news of the ladies clubs each week, and asks all who entertain in any way to send in an account of the affair.

Mr. Loren Johnston and Miss Juanita Miers, both of Floyd, were married Wednesday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Webb. Rev. J. F. Nix, pastor of the Baptist church, officiating.

If you have a friend visiting you of whom you are not ashamed write it on a slip of paper and send it to the News office. Let's all show our guests the courtesy of mention in the local columns of the paper. It costs you nothing and helps us get out a better paper.

The Portales merchants have enjoyed a good holiday trade and a glance over their counters shows that they will have to carry over a very small holiday stock, and we predict that the late Christmas shopper will clean out the remainder by Friday night.

The prospects are that all the little fellows in the county will be remembered by Santa Claus this Christmas. There will be Christmas trees at almost every school house in the county and the jolly old gent is making his arrangements to visit them all.

A number of Santa Claus letters were received too late for publication in the Christmas issue but these were all forwarded to the old gent in time for him to know the wants of the little fellows, and he has promised to make them all a visit provided they do not stay awake too late Friday night.

**FARM WANTED** — Wanted to hear from owner of farm or good land for sale reasonable. L. Jones, Box 551, Olney, Illinois.

Cut price on bread at Dobbs. 10 cents a loaf.

On last Saturday J. A. Fairley purchased a new Ford Sedan.

Wanted to Buy—Your Liberty Bonds. First National Bank.

**BORN**—To Mr. and Mrs. John Hale a boy, Dec. 19.

Judge Harry L. Patton was down from Clovis Monday on legal business.

W. A. McDowell, of Kenna, was in town on business Monday of this week.

A. A. Beeman and family were Portales visitors for several days the fore part of the week.

33 1-3 per cent discount on all hats, coats and dresses at Whitcombs.

Joyce-Pruit Company will be closed all day Saturday, December 25th.

33 1-3 per cent discount on all hats, coats and dresses at Whitcombs.

Mrs. R. O. Smith returned from Albuquerque Tuesday, where she went to meet her little granddaughters, the Simpson girls, who will make their home with her.

Mr. Smith of the Smith-Rickard Livestock and Banking firm of Kansas City, was in town this week looking over the cattle situation.

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin N. Neer and little daughter of Roswell, are spending the holidays with Mr. Neer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Ed J. Neer.

Messrs. T. A. Graves and C. C. Sitze, of Clayton, N. M., representing the Duplex Chair, are in Portales this week in the interest of their company.

Chas. Williams, a returned soldier, who has been in a sanitarium in Arizona for the past three years has purchased block 5 of the Burton edition from W. H. Fisher, and will move here about March 1st, to make his home.

Burl Johnson and John Ballow have been subpoenaed to appear before the Federal Court at Santa Fe, on January 4.

The Portales High School have finished their indoor basket ball court and now throw out the challenge to meet any and all comers.

George Anderson, of Clovis, an old timer of this community, was a Portales visitor Wednesday.

Sam Anderson, the Rogers merchant, was in town on business Tuesday, and while here paid the News office a call.

Hoover Suction Sweepers make house cleaning easy. Neer's.

Charley Stinnett of Spur, Texas, came in Wednesday for a visit with his brother, Sam J. Stinnett.

Henry and L. D. Billberry of Dickens, Texas, and Elmer Billberry of Spur, Texas, came in Wednesday to spend the holidays with their uncle, Sam J. Stinnett.

Newt Green left Tuesday for his home at Childress, Texas, after a visit with the family of his sister, Mrs. Sam J. Stinnett.

Finis E. Henderson arrived Tuesday from Stillwater, Oklahoma, and will spend the holidays with relatives. Finis is attending the A. & M. College of that state.

Records at Neer's Drug Store.

**L-I-S-T-E-N!**

WE PAUSE TO WISH OUR CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS AN OLD TIME MERRY CHRISTMAS, AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR. WE WISH YOU TO HAVE A MERRY CHRISTMAS BECAUSE IT IS A TIME FOR GOOD CHEER AND GOOD FEELING. AND WE WISH YOU A HAPPY NEW YEAR BECAUSE THAT MEANS HEALTHFUL INDUSTRY AND THRIFT—THE SUREST ROAD TO THE ENJOYMENT OF HAPPINESS. LET PEACE ON EARTH GOOD WILL TO MEN BE IN ALL OUR HEARTS THIS CHRISTMAS, AND THROUGHOUT THE COMING YEAR.

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HOME BUILDERS Phone 10 Phone 10

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Your Patronage Solicited. A Fair Deal for Everyone

**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 1921.

**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, Assessor's office	Jan. 1 to Feb. 28	10,	Valley View, old postoffice	Feb. 1
13,	Midway, Tom Davidson's res.	Jan. 17	9,	Eagle Hill, school house	Feb. 2
16,	Inez, postoffice	Jan. 18	9,	Milnesand, postoffice	Feb. 3
15,	Old Redland, Cox's Store	Jan. 19	28,	Bluit, postoffice	Feb. 4
15,	Garrison, Brown's store	Jan. 20	28,	Lingo, postoffice	Feb. 5
6,	Longs, postoffice	Jan. 21	18,	Upton, postoffice	Feb. 7
11,	Rogers, postoffice	Jan. 24	20,	Claudell, postoffice	Feb. 8
30,	Richland, postoffice	Jan. 25	3,	Dereño, postoffice	Feb. 9
24,	New Hope, postoffice	Jan. 26	5,	Tolar, postoffice	Feb. 10 and 11
17,	Redlake, postoffice	Jan. 27	22,	Perry, school house	Feb. 12
25,	Delphos, postoffice	Jan. 28	2,	Elida, McBride's store	Feb. 14 to 19 inclusive
29,	Kenna, Kenna Bank	Jan. 31			

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.

"A penalty 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,

**J. A. PIPKIN, Assessor**

ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

(Dec. 23—Feb. 24.)

**Pains Were Terrific**

Read how Mrs. Albert Gregory, of R. F. D. No. 1, Blufford, Ill., got rid of her ills. "During... I was awfully weak... My pains were terrific. I thought I would die. The bearing-down pains were actually so severe I could not stand the pressure of my hands on the lower part of my stomach... I simply felt as if life was for but a short time. My husband was worried... One evening, while reading the Birthday Almanac, he came across a case similar to mine, and went straight for some Cardui for me to try.

**TAKE**

**CARDUI**  
The Woman's Tonic

"I took it faithfully and the results were immediate," adds Mrs. Gregory. "I continued to get better, all my ills left me, and I went through... with no further trouble. My baby was fat and strong, and myself—thank God—am once more hale and hearty, can walk miles, do my work, though 44 years old, feel like a new person. All I owe to Cardui." For many years Cardui has been found helpful in building up the system when run down by disorders peculiar to women.

**Take Cardui**

**A Christmas Greeting**

A Merry Christmas, Children all, Rich and poor, large and small. In every land where Christ is guest, A Merry, Merry Christmas!

Now may we love our neighbors more And may we give from out our store, That all may have a merry heart, And take a glad some, joyous part In our Merry, Merry Christmas!

**Kemp Lumber Comp'ny**

PORTALES, NEW MEXICO S. B. FLETCHER, MANAGER

TO OUR PATRONS, FRIEND AND NEIGHBORS

**The Sanitary Market**

Extends to you one and all, best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a prosperous New Year.

We carry a nice line of BEEF, PORK, SAUSAGES, CANNED and COOKED MEATS, FRESH FISH, OYSTERS, DRESSED POULTRY, and in fact everything that we can get for your table.

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We thank you for past patronage and solicit a share in the future.

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The genuine bears this signature  
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A candy coated tablet, made from bitter extracts of fruit and vegetable origin, that tone and stimulate the intestinal tract. Digestoids Aid Digestion and Eliminate Waste. Sold by your druggist on money back guarantee 90c.

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Complexions  
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**Old Folks' Coughs**  
will be relieved promptly by PISO'S. Sore throat tickle; relieves irritation. The remedy tested by more than fifty years of use is

**PISO'S**

**ANSWERS CALL OF FRIEND**

Deer's Remarkable Attachment to Man Who Had Cared for It in Its Helplessness.

A two-pronged buck deer answers the calls of Jerry Shine, employed by the municipal water district at Alpine dam, near San Raphael, Cal.

Long ago Shine one day came upon a dead doe in the trail of the forest, and standing beside the mother was a fawn. It was miles to Shine's cabin, but he carried the fawn home with him, fed it and gave it the name of Billy. After a time Shine left the district. He returned several days ago and asked his fellow workers the whereabouts of his deer. They laughed at him; the deer had gone back to nature, they said.

Shine mounted the parapet of the dam and called for Billy. The deer, now the proud possessor of two-pronged horns, bounded out of the forest. A photograph was taken of the man and the animal, as the latter rested his forehead on the shoulder of Shine.

**No Tin From South China.**

The supply of tin from the Yunnan district of South China may be cut off entirely at no distant date, even though this district is said to be capable of supplying one-fourth of the world's demand. It is now credited with one-twelfth. The present returns to the mine operators do not justify operation of the mines.

This Is Shoe Insurance  
**\$5.00 CASH**

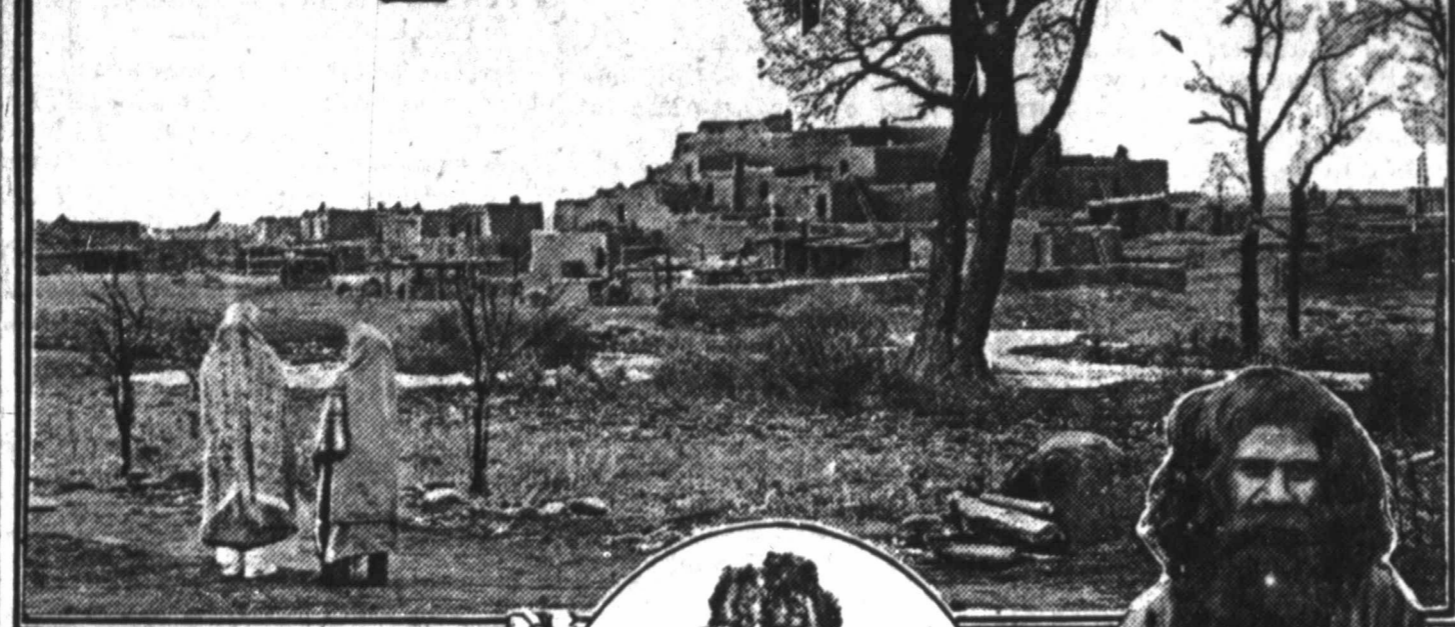
and a  
**New pair of Shoes**  
will be given to the wearer who finds PAPER in the heels, counters, insoles or outsoles of any shoes made by us, bearing this trade-mark



"It Takes Leather to Stand Weather"

See your neighborhood dealer and send on the Friedman-Shelby "All-Leather" Trade-Mark. It means real shoe economy.

**Strange New Years by Strange Peoples**



IN MOQUI LAND

**N**EW YEAR'S DAY—or at least the coming of the New Year—is greeted by all the world. In this very much civilized Twentieth century most of us celebrate the New Year by the almanac. We have forgotten—or do not take time to remember—the original significance of the day, but when the world was younger and its people were closer to nature it was a day of significance well worth celebrating.

Among primitive peoples the year is marked off in seasons, usually the planting, the growing, the harvesting and the season of rest, or it even may be by moons and suns. But let the division be what it will, it is based on those marked physical changes which appeal to the senses as light and darkness, heat and cold, the lengthening and shortening of the day.

Think how deeply must the shortening of the days, as fall comes on apace, affect the imagination of the primitive. The sun, their all powerful deity who gives them warmth and growth, and life, wanes and grows sluggish and sick until daylight becomes so short that the terror-stricken primitive hearts pray and plead and invoke the malign and baneful gods to remove their pernicious influence from their dearly beloved sun-god. How great is the joy and feasting on the first day, the New Year, when he starts slowly back to them, to gain day by day a greater vigor and beauty, until in June he reaches the culmination of his power.

So it is seen that the shortest day in the year, December 21, in our calendar, is quite properly the last day in the year. And it is equally fitting that the succeeding day, when the sun commences his return march, should be hailed by glad and happy hearts.

The Moqui Indians, the communal pueblo people of the American Southwest, watch the shortening days with dread and celebrate with elaborate ceremony the turning point in the sun's course. The Moqui New Year's celebration, called So-yal-u-na, is largely a presentation of a singular and elaborate mythic drama, divided into two parts, in which offerings are made to effigies of the Great Plume Headed Serpent, the enemy of the sun, followed by a sun dance, in which the conflict between the sun and the inferior hostile gods is admirably portrayed by Moqui men personifying the various deities.

It is hoped that the sun's worst enemy—the snake demon—will be amply placated; so rich will be the tribute that for one entire year the sun shall be free from his persecutions, and the clouds which the snake wickedly swallows, shall gather and their moisture freely descend upon the parched and blighted land until it is once more clothed in verdure.

In a dimly-lighted underground room there is erected, at its west end, a screen profusely decorated with corn-husks, cut cleverly in imitation of flowers. Near the middle of the screen there is an opening and behind it stands a man who manipulates the effigy snake. By his side stands a companion who has a large conch shell. In front of the screen sit three or four solemn priests and the audience, consisting of members of all the clans and their families, and behind them is a row of men who act as chorus.

When the rites begin the chorus commences to sing, at first a low, wondrous chant, then gradually rises to piercing intensity. Then the man behind the screen takes up the effigy of the great snake and thrusts it rapidly through the opening a number of



CELESTIAL PYRAMID IN YUCATAN



ALNU OF TODAY

times, accompanied by the unearthly and discordant wailing of the conch shell. The priest directly in front of the screen takes a little saged meal in his hand, holds it to his mouth, uttering a deeply significant invocation to the serpent, and then casts the meal on the head of the effigy.

One by one all the members present make their prayers to the hostile serpent god. So ends the first half of the drama, and on the morrow, or the New Year, begins the great sun dance. On opposite sides of the chamber there stand rows of men, bearing shields with elaborate symbolic designs. At the end of the room, all alone and unsupported, stands the sunbearer, awaiting the onslaught of his horde of enemies. A signal and the song begins, and the lines of warriors on each side of the room surge against the sunbearer in attack. Eventually he scatters and vanquishes his many foes. New Year's day finishes with feasting and justification.

The Aztecs of Mexico and Central America had a bloody and complicated ritual for their celebration of the return of their masterful war-god, the sun. We find scattered through the tangled jungles of Yucatan many huge ruins of the wonderful pyramid ceremonial edifices upon which horrible sacrificial atrocities were practiced in heralding the New Year. The Aztec has vanished from the face of the earth. The jungle has swallowed up the sun-god's altars.

The ceremonies occupied a period of several days. The initiatory rites began before daylight of the first morning, when the chief high priest and his sub-dignitaries wended their way in solemn procession to the top of their pyramidal sanctuary. Here the high priest retired alone to a small temple, whose doorway opened toward the east, and as the rising sun crimsoned the sky he knelt and sprinkled thickly upon the marble floor the sacred meal.

As the first rays of the sun strike slantingly across the floor of the tiny temple, the banded priest beholds a miracle. Faintly, at first, then stronger and stronger, grows an imprint in the meal of the naked foot of their war god. Upon this miraculous manifestation the high priest announces to the assembled couriers that their god had returned to them, and that the grand festive occasion is inaugurated.

The first feast rites were of a gruesome and horrible nature, consisting mainly of sacrificing youths to the gods. It is said that they were feast-

ed for days previous to the ceremony, that they might be in a pleasing condition upon their last and the war god's first great day. In other ceremonies human beings were killed and flayed, and the participants in the sacrifice enveloped themselves in the bloody skins of the victims, while they took part in a frenzied dance.

Across the Pacific ocean, the Alnus of Japan, are celebrating an exceedingly curious New Year's custom. For a thousand known years the Alnus have stood still in their civilization, following all their primitive customs and ceremonies generation after generation and century after century, practically without change. New Year with them is the day of their greatest feasting and merry-making, consisting largely of an extravagant use of sake, or rice beer.

The principal ceremony is the great bear feast, called Omsia, in which a huge bear is slain and sacrificed as a special offering to the god Kamui, who is the guardian and protector of their homes throughout the year. It is necessary to conciliate this god by the special donation of bear's meat that their lives may be free from the persecution of the unseen, intangible spirit demons who seek to do them harm.

It is said that the bear for this feast is raised from a cub, suckled by an Alnu woman. As the end of the year draws nigh they fatten the feast bear for the coming celebration with carefully prepared foods. The killing of the bear is done in a curious way. Two fair-sized logs are lashed, one above another, to a standing tree, and extend horizontally resting upon the ground. The entire clan takes part in the killing, which is accomplished by putting the head of the animal between the logs and squeezing out its life.

**New Year Period in Peking.**  
The New Year period in Peking reminds one of the three Sundays that came together in a week, for it has three celebrations, of the new year in little less time than a month. First comes that one with which all Americans, the people of England and those on the continent are familiar. It is ushered in in much the same way as in any other part of the world, perhaps, but there is the oriental setting to the scene, which is so picturesque that having gazed upon it you close your eyes, thinking thus to forever keep the vision.

**Daily Thought.**  
Who comes dancing over the snow,  
His soft little feet all bare and rosy?  
Open the door, though the wild wind blow,  
Take the child in and make him cozy.  
Take him in and hold him, dear;  
He is the wonderful New Year.

was past, for game would no longer be snowbound and soon there would be scores of roots, bulbs and green things for food, while rivers, ponds and lakes would be free of their ice fetters and their fish traps could once more be set.

**Mohammedans' New Year.**  
In Turkey the Mohammedans lift their hands to Allah and beseech a year of blessings on the 29th of January, for that is their New Year. In Persia, as in some few parts of Egypt,

**NEW YEAR'S WITH THE INDIANS.**

In some of our Indian reservations where the "original Americans," the Indians, still adhere to many of their tribal customs, New Year's day depends entirely upon weather conditions. When the last snows have gone and the first green shoots of grass appear the Indians hail the time as the beginning of another year. In the old days it was with a season of dancing and feasting. It marked the time when the danger of famine

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**ALASKA APPEALS TO YOUTH**

Newspaper in Great Northern Territory Promises Fortune to the Young and Adventurous.

The sage advice of Greeley was never more applicable than it is today in Alaska, observes the Alaska Capital. What the country needs is the optimism of youth, coupled with an adherence to the advice of Dr. Kilgor of Trinity college, North Carolina, when he said: "Young man, the sages will tell you to be prudent; prudence belongs to the daring of youth—the spirit of adventure that will develop individuality."

Reduce this philosophy to Alaskan terms, and we find that the territory just now needs youth to finish the structure upon the foundation laid by those wonderful pioneers whom we reverence and admire. The raw materials are here, materially and ethically all that is needed is for the next generation succeeding the pioneers to step into the trails blazed for them and finish the work.

**Where It Happened.**  
"He loved her, but never made it known, and remained a bachelor because she was very rich and he was poor."

"Where did that happen? In this town?"  
"No, in a book."

**Unprofitable.**  
Tommy—Out of a job?  
Jimmy—Yes. The boss said he was losin' money on the things I was making.  
Tommy—Wasn't there anything else you could do around the place?  
Jimmy—I think not. Anyhow, he said, I didn't seem to be able to do anything else.  
Tommy—And what was you makin'?  
Jimmy—Mistakes.

**Its Kind.**  
"I saw a circus performance in which wonderful tricks were done by a big percheroo and a tiny Shetland pony."  
"That was an exhibition which might be called one of mite and mane."

**At the Musicals.**  
Enthusiast—Don't you think the chiara oscuro was fine?  
Non-Musical Guest—To tell the truth, I liked the chicken salad better.

**Fitting Process.**  
"The delinquents are going on the carpet."  
"And the investigation into their conduct will be a sweeping one."

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**ISLAND CHRISTMAS TREE PROGRAM**

"Welcome," Scott Davis.  
 Song—"Welcome Glad Christmas."  
 "Christmas," nine children.  
 "Seating Santa," Reed Hill.  
 "The Whipping Johnnie Didn't Get," Hollin Kennedy and Alice Crabb.  
 "Welcome Glad Christmas," Olie Davis.  
 "Polly's Christmas," Vera Kennedy.  
 Dialogue, "Grandpa's Christmas Present," Tom Webb, Jim Webb, Broocke Crabb, Olie Davis, Robert Webb, Alice Crabb, Hollin Kennedy, Renford Taylor.  
 "When I was a Little Boy," Hugh Hill.  
 "Santa's Present," Lola Webb.  
 "The Longest Day," L. B. Thornton.  
 "Mice at Play," Alice Crabb.  
 Dialogue, "Waiting for Santa," Melvin Smith and Vera Kennedy.  
 "I'd Like to Be a Santa Claus," Broocke Crabb.  
 "Dear Old Santa Claus," Elizabeth Webb.  
 "Merry Christmas," Troy Kennedy.  
 Dialogue, "The Missionary Society."  
 "Beautiful Bethlehem Star," Larry Taylor.  
 "Mrs. Santa Clause," Jim Webb.  
 "Their Christmas Present," Hollin Kennedy.  
 Dialogue, "Writing to Santa."  
 "So Was I," Renford Taylor.  
 "All Things Bright and Beautiful," four children.  
 Dialogue—"Christmas at School."  
 "Grandma's Christmas Cake," Melvin Smith.  
 Song, "Merriest Time of All the Year."  
 "As the Moon Rise," Bettie Crabb.  
 "Christ Was Born on Christmas Day," nine children.  
 The above program will be given Christmas Eve at 7:30. After the program Santa will distribute the presents from the Christmas tree.  
 We extend a cordial invitation to all.

**LONGS NOTES**

There wasn't any Sunday school last Sunday on account of the bad weather.  
 There will be preaching at the school house next Sunday at 11 o'clock.  
 Roy Ginn, who has been back looking over the interests of his place near here, and rented it to Mr. L. M. Walker for the coming year, has now left for home.  
 Messrs. Paul Walker and Glenn Parrish have returned home from Portales, where they have been going to school, and will start to school at Longs soon.  
 We are glad to learn that Mr. Thomas is improving after such an extended spell of sickness.

**NEW FARM AGENT ARRIVES IN CITY.**

Lee J. Reynolds, county farm agent arrived in the city last night with his family, to assume his duties here. He was at his office in the Chamber of Commerce building this morning familiarizing himself with conditions in the county.  
 Mr. Reynolds served as county agent in Roosevelt county the past summer, but has been on a visit to his former home in Arkansas and drove here overland. He had been farming in Arkansas before coming to New Mexico and was manager of plantations in the Red River valley for an insurance company.  
 Mr. Reynolds is a graduate of the agriculture school of the University of Georgia and thoroughly familiar with farming problems.—Albuquerque Herald.  
 Mr. Reynolds made many friends while farm agent for Roosevelt county, who will regret to learn that he will not return to Portales.

**STUNG!**

We have received the following letter which is self explanatory:  
 NEW YORK CITY, Dec 13.  
 Editor the News,  
 Portales, N. M.  
 Dear Sir—We have been advised that a man known as the Rev. J. J. Mastin, alleged to be a resident of Hammon, Okla., has been touring the state of New Mexico for the purpose of raising funds on behalf of the Jewish War Sufferers and in the interests of the American Jewish Relief Committee. We shall appreciate your cooperation if you will be kind enough to publish a notice to the effect that the Rev. Mr. Mastin has no authorization whatsoever to collect funds for this purpose, in order to protect your readers.  
 Very truly yours,  
 HENRY H. ROSENFELT,  
 National Director.

**REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.**

A. M. Childress block 24 Leach edition from A. S. Bramlett.  
 A. S. Bramlett, lots 5 and 6, block 30, Portales, from A. S. Bramlett.

Joyce-Pruitt Company will be closed all day Saturday, December 25th.

Miss Laura Fullerton spent from Friday evening until Sunday evening at the home of Mr. M. T. Fullerton at Dora.

Mr. and Mrs. Bledsoe who has been here from Santa Rita, spent Saturday night with Mr. L. A. Pruett.

The Rogers boys sent word over that they could not play ball with the Longs boys next Friday afternoon.

There will be singing at Longs next Sunday night.

**NEW MEXICO MAN ON TRAIL OF OIL IN FROZEN NORTH**

**A. A. Rogers, of Portales, Sets Up Steam-Heated Derrick On McKenzie River.**

New Mexico is represented in the latest stampede for oil, that into the McKenzie river country of Alaska, now a frozen land. A. A. Rogers of Portales, N. M., completed plans for drilling on land on the McKenzie river which he secured during the past summer. While hundreds are waiting for equipment and struggling to get transportation into the new field, Rogers has finished setting up his drill rig and is believed to have solved the problem of the cold by establishing the first steam heated derrick house on record.  
 Almost every well in the new Alaskan field encounters gas at various shallow stages, so that an open fire of any kind is impossible. Practically all of the drilling operations have been suspended for the winter on this account.

The Universal Garage, local Ford agency, now has an extensive area open to them in addition to their old territory lines. All the territory lying adjacent to Kenna, Boaz, Elkins, Urton Ranch, Olive, Dereno, Tolar, Valley view, Tatum and Ranger Lake is now open to the local dealers.

On Saturday night Mrs. Greenlee presented her Mother Goose Cantata to a very appreciative audience at Texaco.

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count. Rogers expects that his may proceed with his operations steam heated plant, safely re-throughout the polar winter. Mr. Alaskan operations, according to letters received by F. S. Donnell of Albuquerque, a business associate.—Albuquerque Herald.



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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 4th, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Leslie H. Houtling, of Portales, N. M., who, on Oct. 10th, 1917, made homestead entry No. 017156, for N 1/4 section 33, township 1 S., range 36 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 12th day of January, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Joe Cox, Tom Cox, William F. Daniels, Flen C. Cox, all of Portales, N. M. D9-J6 W. R. McGILL, Register.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Nov. 29th, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Lue Lazar E. Palmer, of Portales, N. M., who on Aug. 14th, 1917, made homestead entry No. 017085, for S 1/4 SE 1/4, NW 1/4 SE 1/4 section 18, township 18, range 35 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 13th day of Jan., 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Earl E. McCollum, George W. Johnson, Sam B. Boone, George R. Johnson, all of Portales, N. M. D9-J6 W. R. McGILL, Register.

NOTICE OF PENDENCY OF SUIT

The State of New Mexico to John Brownlee, Defendant, Greetings:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein William F. Smith is plaintiff and you, the said John Brownlee, is defendant, said cause being No. 1648 upon Civil Docket of said court.

The general objects of said action are as follows:

The plaintiff alleges that he is the owner in fee simple of the East half of the Northwest quarter and the West half of the Northeast quarter of Section 28, in Township 1 South, Range 35 East, of the New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, and that on the 29th day of Sept. 1908 the plaintiff executed and delivered to M. C. Boswell a mortgage upon said described land for Six Hundred (\$600.00) Dollars; that said mortgage was assigned to the defendant herein by the said M. C. Boswell as collateral security for a debt owed by the plaintiff to the defendant; that defendant has paid off said indebtedness and is entitled to receive said mortgage and a release therefor, but that the defendant still holds said mortgage and the note accompanying it for Six Hundred Dollars (\$600.00) and of even date therewith, and refuses to deliver the same to the plaintiff or release or cancel the same of record. The plaintiff prays that said mortgage and accompanying note be cancelled and held for naught as a cloud upon his title and that his title to said premises be quieted and set at rest, and for general relief.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 5th day of February, 1921, and plead or answer therein, judgment will be taken against you by default and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You are further notified that George L. Reese is attorney for the plaintiff and that his post office address is Portales, New Mexico.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court this 15th day of December, 1920. (Seal) SETH A. MORRISON, County Clerk. By P. E. Morrison, Deputy. d-16-4

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., November 12, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that Alvarena Boren, of Portales, N. M., who, on August 1, 1917, made homestead entry No. 016940 for E 1/2 NW 1/4, NE 1/4 Sec. 10, and W 1/2 NW 1/4 section 11, township 1 S., range 34 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 30th day of December, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses: Charles W. Nelson, Lee Garrett, Lon Beatty, William Beck, all of Portales, N. M. W. R. McGILL, Register. Nov. 25—Dec. 23.

Notice of Pendency of Suit

The State of New Mexico to H. W. Smithee, Greeting:

You are hereby notified that a suit has been commenced against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico in and for Roosevelt County, wherein Security State Bank of Portales, New Mexico, a corporation, is plaintiff and the said H. W. Smithee and Don Griffith are defendants, said cause being numbered 1624 upon the Civil Docket of said court.

The general objects of said suit are as follows: The plaintiff sues the defendant and claims a balance due the plaintiff of seven hundred seventy-four and 90-100 dollars upon a promissory note and chattel mortgage given to secure the same, executed by said defendant, H.

W. Smithee, on the 11th day of June, 1913; and seeks to foreclose said chattel mortgage upon the following described property, and sell the same and apply the proceeds on said indebtedness to wit:

Two horses and three cows and their calves, the same being a part of the cattle and horses conveyed by said mortgage.

It is alleged that the defendant, Don Griffin is making some claim to three cows and calves mentioned above, but that his claim is inferior to the claim of said mortgage of the plaintiff.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause and plead or answer therein on or before the 31st day of December, 1920, judgment by default will be rendered against you and the plaintiff will apply to the Court for the relief demanded in the complaint.

You are further notified that George L. Reese is attorney for the plaintiff and that his post office address is Portales, New Mexico.

Witness my hand and seal of said court on this 10th day of November, 1920. (SEAL) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk. By PAUL MORRISON, Deputy.

In the probate Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico. No. 212

In the matter of the last will and testament of Marion E. Dunlap, deceased.

Notice Whom it May Concern: Notice is hereby given that an instrument purporting to be the last will and testament of Marion E. Dunlap, deceased, has been filed for probate in the Probate Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, and that by order of said Court the 3rd day of January, 1921, at the hour of 10:00 o'clock A. M., at the Courthouse, in the town of Portales, New Mexico, is the day, time and place set for bearing proof of said last will and testament.

THEREFORE, any person, or persons, wishing to enter objections to the probating of said last will and testament, are hereby notified to file their objections in the office of the county clerk of said county on or before the time set for said hearing.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court on this 10th day of November, 1920. (SEAL) SETH A. MORRISON, County Clerk.

In the District Court of Roosevelt County New Mexico. No. 1573

Anna L. O'Connell, Admx. vs. J. B. Hext, Amanda Hext, A. B. Meiner, Bertha O. Meiner.

Under and by virtue of a judgment and decree of sale for foreclosure obtained in the District Court of Roosevelt county, New Mexico, on September 18th, 1920, in the above entitled case wherein Anna L. O'Connell, Admx. the above named plaintiff, obtained a judgment and decree of foreclosure against J. B. Hext, Amanda Hext, A. B. Meiner and Bertha O. Meiner defendants in the sum of \$1914.63 principal and interests, and \$191.46 attorney fees, making a total cost of \$2106.09 and all costs. Which judgment and decree is filed in the office of the clerk of this Court, and which judgment and decree directs the special commissioner herein to sell the real estate and chattels mentioned and described therein; and an order of sale issued out of said Court on the 25th day of November, 1920, directing me to sell the real estate mentioned and described in said judgment and decree, which order of sale is duly authorized under the seal of this court, which sale is to satisfy the balance of said judgment amounting to \$1908.44, a part of the chattels having been sold under a prior order.

By virtue of said order of sale I am commanded to sell the following real property mentioned in said decree as follows: (N1-2-NW1-4-NW1-4) of section 12 in Township 2 South of Range 34 east of New Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, contains 20 acres, together with all improvements now on said real estate.

Notice is hereby given that on the 28th day of Dec. 1920, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., on that day, at the east door of the Court House in Portales, Roosevelt County, New Mexico, I will, in obedience to said order of sale and decree of foreclosure, sell the above described property or so much thereof as may be necessary to satisfy said balance of plaintiff's judgment interest, costs and attorneys fees and commissioner's fees, to the highest and best bidder for cash in gold coin of the United States or its equivalent, subject however to redemption by the owner, J. B. Hext, as the law directs.

This November 25, 1920. JESS McCORMICK, Special Commissioner.

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M. Dec. 20, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Thales A. Boone, of Texico, N. M., who, on June 21st, 1918, made additional homestead entry, No. 017128, for NE 1/4, Section 34, Township 1N, Range 36E, N. M. P. Meridian, has filed notice of intention to make final three year proof, to establish claim to the land above described, before A. J. Goodwin, Probate Judge, at his office, at Portales, N. M., on the 25th day of January, 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: John W. Bradley, Grover B. Thatcher, Benjamin H. Vaughn, James A. Moss, all of Texico, N. M. W. R. McGILL, Register. Last insertion Dec. 23, 1920.

NOTICE OF PUBLICATION.

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M., Dec. 20, 1920.

NOTICE is hereby given that Mattie E. Merriek, mother of Homer W. Merriek, Decd. entryman, of Casey, N. M., who, on May 16, 1917, made Homestead entry, No. 016694, for Lots 5, 6, Sec. 3, Lots 1, 2, 3, 4, and SW 1/4, Section 10, Township 5S,

Range 37E, 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 25th day of January 1921.

Claimant names as witnesses: Benjamin J. Gates, Robert N. Harding, Arch E. Merriek, William Croft, all of Casey, N. M. W. R. McGILL, Register. 1st insertion Dec. 23, 1920. Last insertion Jan. 25, 1921.

In the Probate Court of Roosevelt County New Mexico. No. 165

In the matter of the last will and testament of Lois Bow, deceased.

Notice Notice is hereby given that Laura J. McCormick, executrix of the estate of Lois Bow, deceased, has filed her final report as executrix of said estate, together with her petition praying for her discharge; and the honorable J. C. Compton, Probate Judge of said Court, has set the 4th day of January, 1921, at the hour of 1:00 o'clock p. m., at the Court house, at the office of said Judge, in the town of Portales, New Mexico, as the day, time and place for bearing objections, if any there be, to said report and petition.

Therefore, any person, or persons, wishing to object, are hereby notified to file their objections with the County Clerk of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, on or before the date set for said hearing.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court on this, the 3rd day of December, 1920. SETH A. MORRISON, County Clerk. Dec. 10 to 31.

In the district court of Roosevelt county, state of New Mexico. No. 1619

Long-Bell Lumber Company of Texas, a corporation, Plaintiff, vs. A. L. Peacock, et al, Defendants.

Notice of Pendency of Suit. The State of New Mexico, To A. L. Peacock and Lala Peacock, Defendants, Greetings:

You are hereby notified that a suit by attachment has been filed against you in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein Long-Bell Lumber Company of Texas, a corporation, is plaintiff, and you, the said A. L. Peacock and Lala Peacock, are defendants, said cause being Number 1619 on the Civil Docket of said Court.

The nature and amount of plaintiff's demand are as follows: The plaintiff sues the defendants upon a promissory note dated March 4, 1918, for the principal sum of Two Hundred Forty-one Dollars and Thirty cents (\$241.30), which became due and payable March 25, 1918, bearing interest at the rate of ten per cent. per annum from date until paid, and providing for Twenty-five Dollars (\$25.00) and ten per cent additional on the amount unpaid upon said note for attorney's fees, which said amount the plaintiff claims to be due and payable upon said note, said note being executed by A. L. Peacock.

The plaintiff alleges that the indebtedness represented by said promissory note is a community indebtedness of said defendants, who were husband and wife at the time same was contracted and said note executed; and that the plaintiff in said cause procured the issuance of a writ of attachment and under said writ the Sheriff of said county attached the following described real estate, to-wit: Lot Four (4) of Section Three (3), Lots One (1) and Two (2) of Section Four (4), and the North Half (1-2) of the Northeast Quarter (1-4) of Section Nine (9), and the Northwest Quarter (1-4) of Section Ten (10), all in Township Six (6) South of Range Thirty-seven (37) East of the new Mexico Meridian, New Mexico, said property being the community property of said defendants.

You are further notified that unless you, the said defendants appear in said cause and plead or answer therein on or before the 22nd day of January, 1921, judgment will be rendered against you and your said attached property sold to satisfy the same.

You are further notified that George L. Reese is attorney for the plaintiff, and that his post office address is Portales, New Mexico. Witness My Hand and the Seal of said Court on this, the 27th day of November, 1920. (Seal) SETH A. MORRISON, Clerk.

Notice for Publication

Department of the Interior, U. S. Land Office at Fort Sumner, N. M. Nov. 19, 1920.

Notice is hereby given that William W. Van- winkle, of Rogers, N. M., who, on Dec. 4th, 1917, made additional homestead entry, No. 017883, for SW 1/4, Section 3, Township 3N, Range 33 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 30th day of December, 1920.

Claimant names as witnesses: Monroe Honey, Pyten E. Jordan, Portales, N. M. Lloyd S. Morsey, Paul Morsey, of Delphos, N. M. W. R. McGILL, Register.

CHURCH MEETINGS

1st Sunday at 11 a. m., Richland.

2nd Sunday at 11 a. m., Mt. Zion. Located at Plainview Cemetery.

3rd Sunday at 11 a. m., Loongs, and Saturday at 2 p. m. before.

On Saturday at 2 p. m. before each 4th Sunday will have services at Mt. Zion.

2nd Sunday, 7 p. m. Dara; 4th Sunday, 2 p. m., Oklahoma school house.

The members of the churches, the citizens and the visitors of all these communities are cordially invited to attend all the services. Yours for better churches,

JOHN W. BARNETT, County Pastor, Red Lake, N. M.

Foreclosure Sale Under Chattel Mortgage

Whereas, on the 6th day of December, 1920, in a certain cause pending in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District of the State of New Mexico, in and for Roosevelt County, wherein The Star Drilling Machine Company is plaintiff and T. H. Chapman is defendant the plaintiff recovered a judgment against the defendant, T. H. Chapman in the total sum of \$8123.19, upon five promissory notes dated August 22, 1919, said total judgment including principal, interest, and attorney's fees upon said notes, and also obtained a decree at said time foreclosing a chattel mortgage of even date with said notes, executed by the said defendant, T. H. Chapman, and given for the security of said notes and indebtedness upon the following described personal property, to-wit: 1—Certain No. 30 Star Drilling Machine (Serial No. 5147), complete with engine and machine parts complete, belt house; 1—No. 40 H. P. Mounted Oil Company boiler complete, with fittings and attachments; 1-1000 "X 2 1-8" cable; 1-3000" X 9-16 wire sand line; 1-800" X 7-8 wire casing line; 1-3000" X 7-8" wire drilling line; "1 5-28" stem" 1-4x30" stem; 2-15" A. S. Bits; 2-12" A. S. Bits; 2-10" A. S. Bits; 2-10" A. S. Bits; 2-6 1-4" A. S. Bits; bit gauges for 15, 12, 10, 8 1-4 and 6 1-4; New Era rope socket; 2-3-1/2x2-3/4 jts.; 3-1-1/2" x 3-3/4" 1 1/2x1 1/2" bailer; 1-7x25" bailer; 1 5-1-2x30" bailer; 1-2" dia. 26" letout standard pattern temper screw with 2 threads inserted box complete manilla clamps; 1 set Mechling wire line temper screw clamps 7-8 line; 2 common wire line rope sockets 2 3-4 rope 3 3-4 neck; 2-5" sq. tool wrenches 350 lb. each liners 4"; 1 No. 2 Barrett tool jack with titan rack; 1 275 lb. bumper for 6-1-4 hope round style; 1 12 1-4" Scotts regular elevators; 1 100" Scotts mannington elevator; 1 8-1-4 Scotts Mannington elevator; 1 6-5-8 Scotts Mannington elevator; 1 derrick crane complete with eye bolts; 1 1 ton Moore anti-friction hoist; 1 Barrett swivel wrench with 4 and 5" plates; 1 28" tripple steel casing block; 1 75 lb. double swivel tubing hook; 2 No. 301 Simplex lever lifting jack; 2 25 lb. sledges with handle straight and cross pin; 1 350 lb. bridge anvil; 1 No. 4 blower with rim wheel; 1 Moon electric lighting plant complete; 2 16 lb. sledges straight and cross pin; 1 13 x 12 Loco screw jacks; 1 No. 3 tool box; 1 center rope spear 2 3 4 x 3 3 4 7; 1 6 1 4 latch jack; 1 wire line rope (sinker and jars); 1 Manila rope knife, 1 8 1 4" slip socket with bowl for 10"; 2 sets slips to catch 5 1 4 and 4"; 1 10" slip socket and bowl 12 1 4"; 1 No. 30 crown pulley, 1 extra heavy ball reel dividers, 1 extra No. 30 wrist pin, 1 casing ring and wedge, 1 pr. 5 1 4 drilling jars, 36" strokes, 300" of 1" pipe, 1 set Toledo stock and dies; 1 No. 01 combination vice, 150" of 1 1/2" x 12" screw jacks; 1 No. 3 tool box; 1 No. 30 bull reel cast drum, 1 bit ram 300 lb.; 1 stub box 2 3 4 x 3 3 4 7; 1 No. 33 Vul can Chain tong, 200' of 1 2 wire line, 1 National eight foot lubricator, and all small tools, fittings and supplies with and designed for use with the above described drilling machine and outfit.

And the court decreed that all of said above described personal property be sold after due advertisement thereof, as required by law, and the proceeds applied to the payment of plaintiff's said judgment and demands, and which said judgment at the date of the sale hereinafter mentioned will amount to the sum of \$8210.07.

And whereas, in said decree the court appointed the undersigned, Jess McCormick, sheriff of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, special master, and directed him to advertise and sell said property as provided by law and to apply the proceeds of such sale to the payment of said judgment, interest, costs, and accruing costs of sale; Therefore, I, the said Jess McCormick, special master and Sheriff of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, will on the 10th day of January, 1921, at the hour of 2 o'clock p. m., at the northeast front door of Court House, in the Town of Portales, New Mexico, sell said described property to the highest bidder, for cash, for the purpose of satisfying said indebtedness with costs of suit, and accruing costs.

Witness my hand this 8th day of December, 1920. JESS McCORMICK, Sheriff and Special Master.

In the District Court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico.

Herman Depperman, Plaintiff, vs. W. H. Harris, also known as Wiley H. Harris, and all the unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiff, Defendant.

NOTICE OF SUIT The State of New Mexico to W. H. Harris, also known as Wiley H. Harris, and all the unknown claimants of interest in the premises adverse to the plaintiff, defendants:

You and each of you are hereby notified that a suit has been filed in the District Court of the Fifth Judicial District, within and for the County of Roosevelt, State of New Mexico, numbered and entitled as above, wherein you are the defendants and Herman Depperman is plaintiff.

The general objects of the suit are: That plaintiff seeks to have an establishment of his alleged fee simple title in and to the northeast quarter of section fifteen township three south of range thirty-five east, N. M. P. M., and that you be barred and forever estopped from having or claiming any right or title to said land and real estate adverse to the plaintiff; and that plaintiff's title thereto be forever quieted and set at rest; to have plaintiff's alleged fee simple title to said lands and estate established against such adverse claimants of the defendants or any of them.

You are further notified that unless you answer or otherwise plead in this cause on or before the 25th day of January, 1921, you will be adjudged in default and the plaintiff will be accorded the relief that he prays.

Compton & Compton of Portales, New Mexico, are the attorneys for plaintiff and their address is Portales, New Mexico.

Dated at Portales, New Mexico, and given under my hand and official seal this the 29th day of November, 1920. (seal) S. A. MORRISON, Clerk. 5-4tc

IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF ROOSEVELT COUNTY, NEW MEXICO.

G. H. Atkerson and Mary E. Atkerson, partners doing business under the firm name of G. H. Atkerson & Company, Plaintiffs, vs. John Dahl and Taiban-Tolar Oil and Gas Syndicate, a corporation, Defendants.

No. 1638.

NOTICE OF SUIT

To the defendants John Dahl and Taiban-Tolar Oil and Gas Syndicate; a corporation:

You are hereby notified that there has been filed in the District court of Roosevelt County, New Mexico, a certain suit, wherein G. H. Atkerson and Mary E. Atkerson, partners doing business as G. H. Atkerson & Company, are plaintiffs, and you, the said John Dahl and the Taiban-Tolar Oil and Gas Syndicate, a corporation, are defendants.

That said suit is numbered 1638 on the civil docket of said court, and Patton and Hatch, of Clovis, are attorneys for said plaintiffs.

You are therefore notified that the general objects of said suit are to obtain judgment against said defendants in favor of said plaintiffs in the sum of \$404.52, on account of board, lodging, goods, wares and merchandise furnished you by the said plaintiffs, and on account of labor and services performed for you by W. C. Arnold, whose claim has been assigned to said plaintiffs.

You are further notified that an attachment has been issued in said cause and action and that said writ has been levied upon certain property described as follows, to-wit: Forty-four (44) pieces casing—4" by 20'.

One (1) pump—W. & P. Co., Special. One (1) boiler and accessories. One (1) slush bucket—30". One (1) engine, Eli type—11x12. About one thousand feet (more or less) one inch cable and tackles. One (1) Rotary Drill. One tool box. One (1) 96' derrick.

You are further notified that unless you answer, plead, or otherwise appear in said cause on or before the 22nd day of January, 1921, you and each of you will be adjudged in default and judgment will be rendered against you in the amount of plaintiffs' claim and the attachment issued and levied in said cause will be foreclosed, and that plaintiff will on said date apply to the court for all the relief prayed for in the complaint therein filed.

In witness whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my seal, this 3rd day of December, A. D. 1920. (seal) SETH A. MORRISON, D9-4tc Clerk of the District Court.

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**Find Indian Bones in Bronx.**  
Workers on the tennis court of Max Kopp, a corset manufacturer, at Two Hundred and Fifty-sixth street and Palisade avenue, the Bronx, found two skulls and some additional bones recently which were declared by Robert Stepler of the Bronx morgue to be probably the bones of Indians.  
Two skeletons were found in the same locality October 29, and it is said that the aborigines had a fishing colony there and probably a burial ground. The bones were found in sandy soil.—New York World.

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## CONDENSED CLASSICS

ADAM BEDE

By GEORGE ELIOT

Condensation by Mr. Ellery Sedgwick, Editor of the Atlantic Monthly



George Eliot was the pen name of the famous English writer, Mary Ann (or Marian) Evans. She was born in 1819 at Arbury farm in Warwickshire and died at Chelsea Dec. 2, 1880. Her father, Robert Evans, was the agent of Mr. Francis Newgate, and the first twenty-one years of the novelist's life were spent on the Arbury estate. At her mother's death while Miss Evans was still in her teens she became her father's housekeeper, and pursued her studies away from school and classes. All through her youth she was occupied with a very strict religious training; and she was a great reader of religious and philosophical subjects, and in later years wrote of them also.

In 1841 the family moved to Coventry, and it was there that Miss Evans made the acquaintance of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bray and Mr. Charles Hennell, who became her staunch friends. In 1851 she became the assistant editor of the Westminster Review. She made several notable contributions to the Review, and during the time of her connection with it made the acquaintance of many distinguished authors of that period.

Miss Evans first attempted the writing of fiction in 1858, and published in Blackwood's magazine the first of the "Scenes of Clerical Life." Although she received much encouragement from private sources, notably Charles Dickens, the critics were rather subdued. Then in 1859 Miss Evans wrote and published what in the judgment of many is her masterpiece, "Adam Bede." It has been said that in the character of Adam Bede she drew a portrait of her father, and certain "Dinah Morrel," the heroine of the story, was one of her own favorite characters.

That last year of the eighteenth century Hayslope was a pleasant neighborhood to live in. It was far enough away from the noise of "Boney's" battles to sleep in peace. Men chatted of crops and rents, and listened to the gossip of women folk regarding Dinah Morris of Snowfield, Mrs. Poyser's own niece, who had turned "Methody" preacher and would stand right before men on the village green, talking to them of the comfort they could find in their friend, Jesus Christ.

And, worse still, Dinah was so attractive and so gravely loving that the men, and women too, gladly listened to her. Big Adam Bede, the carpenter, would have liked to see more of her, had he eyes for any one except old Poyser's niece, Hetty Sorrel. As for Hetty, she had no thought for Adam; Captain Arthur Donnithorne, heir of the estate, had whispered too many things in her pretty ear.

It was natural enough. There, in her aunt's white dairy, rounding her dimpled arm to lift a pound of butter out of the scale, Hetty had the beauty of a fluffy kitten. Her large dark eyes had a soft roguishness, and her curly hair, pushed away under her cap, stole back in delicate rings on her forehead. Of course, the dashing captain had no foolish ideas about marriage, but there as he bent over her shoulder, he was soldier enough to feel his head turn very fast. He had no wish to harm her, you may be sure of that, for he had great pride in the Donnithorne estate, and it is pleasant for a rich young man to be liked and admired.

One August evening Adam walked homeward through a grove of grand beeches, the glory of the estate. As carpenter and woodsman, he delighted in fine trees, and paused to look at a huge beech which stood at the turning before the grove ended in an archway of boughs.

All his life he remembered that moment, for there, not twenty yards away, stood two figures, close, with clasped hands. They started. The girl hurried away, while Arthur Donnithorne walked slowly forward. He was flushed and excited, but reassured himself by remembering that Adam was a sensible person, not likely to babble. That the big sober carpenter loved Hetty, Arthur had no idea.

"Well, Adam," said Arthur carelessly. "You've been looking at the fine old beeches, eh? I overtook pretty Hetty Sorrel as I was going to my old lodge in the woods; so I took her to the gate, and asked for a kiss for my pains. Good night."

Adam dared not move, lest he spring on Arthur like a tiger.

"Stop a bit," he said in a hard, peremptory voice.

"What do you mean?" Arthur felt his temper rising.

"I mean that, instead of the honorable man we've all believed you, you're a selfish scoundrel."

Arthur found it hard to control himself.

"Well, Adam, perhaps I have gone too far in taking notice of the pretty little thing, and stealing a few kisses. You're such a grave fellow you don't understand temptations. Let's say no more. The whole thing will soon be forgotten."

"No, by God," said Adam, "it'll not be soon forgot as you've come in between her and me when she might have loved me. It'll not be soon forgot, as you've robbed me of my happiness when I thought you my best friend. You're a coward and a scoundrel, and I despise you."

The color rushed back to Arthur's face. He dealt a lightning blow which sent Adam staggering back, but the delicate-handed gentleman was no match for the workman's great strength. After a fierce struggle, Arthur fell motionless, while Adam, in sudden revulsion of feeling, knelt over him like an image of despair gazing on death.

To his intense relief, Arthur gradually revived. Adam got him to his feet, supported him to the little cabin, and laid him on a couch. Then he spoke out.

"I don't forget what's owing to you as a gentleman, but in this thing we are man to man. Either tell me she can never be my wife—tell me you're lying when you say you haven't harmed her—or else write her a letter, telling her the truth that you won't see her again."

Arthur struggled, suffered, promised, and Adam half comforted, left, not knowing that there, in the waste basket, hastily stuffed under the papers, lay a woman's silk kerchief.

When Hetty read Arthur's letter, she gave way to despair. Then, by one of those convulsive motiveless actions by which the wretched leap from temporary sorrow to life-long misery, she determined to marry Adam. The big carpenter was in the seventh heaven, Hetty fitful and depressed. For family reasons, the marriage could not be hastened and as the months passed, she determined at any cost to seek out Arthur, whose regiment was at Windsor. Telling her uncle she was going to Snowfield to see Dinah for a little change of scene before her marriage, she started out, ignorant of the country, panic-stricken and forlorn, eager to shun every familiar face, longing only to feel again the protection of her lover's arms.

On Arthur, meanwhile, life seemed again to smile. After rejoicing his regiment, his sharpest regrets for Hetty began to lose their sting. Soon he was transferred to Ireland, and there learned that by his grandfather's death he was lord of the manor. Home he came, fast as chaise and post boy could drive, home to dear old Hayslope sleeping on the hill, where he was to live his life, married to some lovely lady, respected and appreciated by his tenants. A pile of letters awaited him. He opened the first, and with a violent convulsion shaking his whole frame, read the words: Hetty Sorrel is in prison for the crime of child murder.

Clutching the letter, Arthur rushed from the room like a hunted man, and springing to the saddle of a waiting horse, set off at a gallop.

That very evening a young woman knocked at the door of the village jail. There was about her a deep concentrated calmness which induced the jailer to grant her request to visit the condemned cell. As the heavy door closed behind her, she hesitated before the pallet bed.

"Hetty, Dinah is come to you."

Slowly, very slowly, Hetty rose and was clasped in Dinah's arms.

"You won't leave me, Dinah?"

"No, Hetty," whispered Dinah. "I'll stay with you to the last. But Hetty, there is someone else in this cell."

"Who?" whispered Hetty, frightened.

"Someone who has been with you all your hours of sin and trouble. It makes no difference, Hetty, whether we live or die. We are in the presence of God. Confess the sin you have committed against your Heavenly Father. Let us kneel together. He is here."

There in the silence and darkness, Hetty, who through her trial had sat like a stone image, poured forth her pitiful story.

"It was because I was so miserable, Dinah. I didn't know where to go. I tried to kill myself, and I couldn't. I went to Windsor to find him. He was gone, and I didn't know what to do. I daredn't go home again. Then the baby was born. . . . I did do it, Dinah. I buried it in the wood—the little baby. It cried. . . . I heard it all night—and I went back. And then I thought I would go home, and all of a sudden I saw a hole under a nut tree, and it darted over me like lightning I'd lay the baby there, and cover it with grass and chips. I couldn't cover it quite up, Dinah. I thought somebody'd come and take care of it. Dinah, do you think God will take away that cry and the place in the wood, now that I've told everything?"

"Let us pray, poor sinner," breathed Dinah. "Let us pray to the God of All Mercy."

Comforter and comforted, their prayer was heard. Two days later, in the very shadow of the scaffold, Arthur Donnithorne brought a hard-won reprieve.

Though spared from death, Hetty was sentenced to transportation. Dinah returned to her works of mercy at Snowfield. In remorse and shame, Arthur Donnithorne went back to the army, while Adam Bede, squaring his shoulders to the world, turned again to his workbench.

For him all the joy of life seemed over, and never would he have thought of seeking it again had not his mother dropped into his heart one day the name of Dinah. Long and soberly he thought, and then he went to find her.

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**Out of Place.**  
A book-lover was seated in his library, surrounded by scattered volumes. Encouraged by the reports of discoveries of valuable fragments of manuscripts in other people's books, he was having a little search of his own. His small son was on the floor assisting in the enterprise.

"Father," said the child, solemnly, suddenly breaking the silence, "does every book have a flyleaf?"

"Certainly," replied the father, "unless it has been torn out."

"Well," said the child, in a tone of deep concern "I've just found a fly squashed on the wrong page!"

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**Their Choice.**  
The children were going to have a stepfather. Mother had just made the announcement and was waiting to hear their opinions of her choice. Nine-year-old Ruth's came first. "But, mother, he hasn't any hair," she protested.

Mother smiled. She had been afraid they might offer worse ones than this. "But your own daddy didn't have much," she smiled.

For a minute Ruth was silenced, but she was thinking. "I know, mother," she admitted, "but you were young when you chose him. Now you know more and it does seem like you ought to be a better chooser."

**Poor Shooting.**  
This story of a dear old lady who was watching a match at Wimbledon is from Mrs. Lambert Chamber's book on tennis:

"One player had been showing remarkably fine form. He had 'got over' all his first services for several games when—bang! His judgment erred, and the ball landed in the net.

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**Reason for Gratitude.**  
Little Edna was visiting the museum with her aunt. In the Egyptian room the child saw the desiccated remains of an ancient queen and asked what it was.

"That is someone's mummy, dear," replied auntie.

"Goodness!" said Edna. "I'm glad my mummy doesn't look like that!"—Boston Transcript.

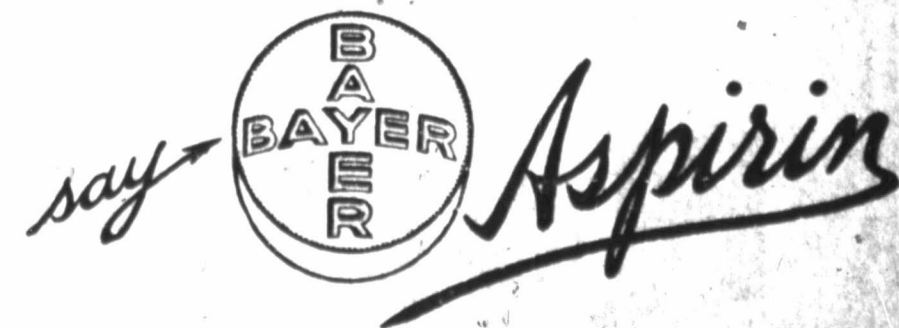
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Unless you see the name "Bayer" on tablets, you are not getting genuine Aspirin prescribed by physicians for 21 years, and proved safe by millions.—Say "Bayer!"



**SAFETY FIRST!** Accept only an "unbroken package" of genuine "Bayer Tablets of Aspirin," which contains proper directions for Headache, Earache, Toothache, Neuralgia, Colds, Rheumatism, Neuritis, Lumbago, and pain generally. Strictly American!

Handy tin boxes of 12 tablets cost but a few cents—Large packages. Aspirin is the trade mark of Bayer Manufacture of Monochloroacetanilide.

## ASK YOUR NEIGHBOR!

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS.—"Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription has been very beneficial to my health, I was suffering with weakness which caused me to become all run-down and nervous. I was just miserable but by the use of the 'Favorite Prescription' I was completely restored to strength and good health. Knowing what 'Favorite Prescription' has done for me, I do not hesitate to recommend it to other women who suffer."—MRS. J. B. NAYLOR, 216 Rische Street.



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## USE SLOAN'S TO WARD OFF PAIN

You can just tell by its healthy, stimulating odor, that it is going to do you good.

"If I only had some Sloan's Liniment!" How often you've said that! And then when the rheumatic twinge subsided—after hours of suffering—you forgot it!

Don't do it again—get a bottle today and keep it handy for possible use tonight! A sudden attack may come on—sciatica, lumbago, sore muscles, backache, stiff joints, neuralgia, the pains and aches resulting from exposure. You'll soon find warmth and relief in Sloan's, the liniment that penetrates without rubbing. Clean, economical. Three sizes—35c, 70c, \$1.40

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**Saved My Life With Eatonic**

Says New Jersey Woman  
"I was nearly dead until I found Eatonic and I can truly say it saved my life. It is the best stomach medicine ever made," writes Mrs. Ella Smith.

Acid stomach causes awful misery which Eatonic quickly gets rid of by taking up and carrying out the acidity and gases which prevent good digestion. A tablet taken after meals brings quick relief. Keeps the stomach healthy and helps to prevent the many ills so liable to arise from excess acid. Don't suffer from stomach miseries when you can get a big box of Eatonic for a trifle with your druggist's guarantee.

## \$2.50 REWARD

for the first information in regard to the present address of Geo. F. Hixson. Add. First National Bank, Yukon, Okla.

## FRECKLES

FOR PERMANENT REMOVAL OF FRECKLES AND SPOTS. Instantly on and off. Big sales. Rowe Co., Philadelphia, Pa.

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The Most Sensational Sale Ever Scheduled  
In This Section

Thousands of Dollars Worth of Goods

WILL BE SOLD  
REGARDLESS OF COST!

....A FEW OF THE 11000 ARTICLES OFFERED IN THIS SALE....

### RUBBER GOODS

\$2.50 Fountain Syringes.....	\$1.75
\$2.50 Water Bottles.....	\$1.75
\$4.50 Combination Bottle and Syringe.....	\$3.25
5c Nipples, 6 for.....	25c

Big Reduction on all Rubber Goods.

### STATIONERY

The largest assortment ever shown in Portales going at 20 PER CENT DISCOUNT. Paper products have made recent advances, so this stock, all but a small quantity, was bought on a much lower market than the present. So this means at least a 40 per cent saving to you. This line consists largely of the Lord Baltimore and Symphony Lawn, the leaders in the United States.

Manicure and Toilet Set at 33 1-3 off

---Large Stock---

### BRUSHES

50c Hair Brushes.....	35c
\$1.25 Hair Brushes.....	85c
\$1.50 Hair Brushes.....	\$1.00
\$2.00 Hair Brushes.....	\$1.50
\$3.00 Hair Brushes.....	\$2.25
\$1.00 Cloth Brushes.....	65c
\$2.00 Cloth Brushes.....	\$1.25
\$5.00 Cloth Brushes.....	\$3.50

A large stock of Brushes all go at similar reductions.

Sweet Grass Baskets  
at 40 per cent  
Discount.

### Ladies Hand Bags

\$10.00 Hand Bags.....	\$7.25
\$6.00 Hand Bags go at.....	\$4.25
\$2.00 Hand Bags go at.....	\$1.25

A fine Assortment of Latest Styles all go at a Discount of 33 1-3 PER CENT

Pocket Knives  
25 per cent off

### China Department

Hand Painted and Nippon China in Vases, Cups and Saucers, Cake Plates, Bon-Bon Dishes, Sugar and Creamers. All goods in this Department going at 40 PER CENT DISCOUNT.

### Candy Department

\$1.50 Box Candy.....	\$1.00
\$3.00 Box Candy.....	\$2.00
\$5.00 Box Candy.....	\$3.50
\$6.00 Box Candy.....	\$4.25

### Gents Department

Safety Razors, Traveling Sets, Smoker Sets, Shaving Sets, Pocket Knives, Watches, Library Sets, Watch Chains, Fobs, Etc., all going at A BIG REDUCTION.

### Phonographs and Records

One \$150.00 Phonograph for.....	\$110.00
One \$85.00 Phonograph at.....	\$65.00
One \$175.00 Phonograph at.....	\$125.00
\$1.00 Records go at.....	75c
\$1.35 Records go at.....	\$1.00

### Toilet Articles

Standard Brands Talcum, 25c size for.....	15c
\$1.00 Box Face Powder for.....	75c
50c Box Face Cream for.....	35c

Many items in this Department will be on sale. We will pay war tax on all Patents and Toilet Articles not in this sale during sale dates.

### JEWELRY

Consisting of Rings, Watches, Brooches, Cuff Links, Knives, Pins, Etc., Etc. all go at

33 1-3 Per Cent Off

### CUT GLASS

Some RARE BARGAINS which you can't afford to miss. Call and look them over.

.. Dolls at 40 per cent discount ..

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