

\$20,000.00 RAISED FOR METHODIST CHURCH TO DATE

CAMPAIGN WILL CONTINUE UNTIL \$30,000.00 RAISED.

Subscription Campaign Started Friday and Will be Pushed Until Full Amount is Subscribed.

The Church building campaign for a new Methodist church in Canyon opened Friday morning and during the first two days the subscriptions amounted to \$16,000.00. Little work was done Monday and Tuesday, but was started again yesterday, and Rev. M. M. Beavers reported yesterday more than \$20,000.00 had been subscribed. The officials of the church are to meet tonight at the church to go over the situation thoroughly and then make an effort during this week to bring the amount up to \$30,000 which is the goal of the campaign.

Application will be made Friday to the Church Extension Board for a gift of \$30,000 from the returned war fund which will be used to build Methodist churches in educational centers. Practically every town in Texas where state institutions are located are making applications for money from this fund. Denton has raised more than \$75,000 according to a report the first of the week, and will push the subscription to \$125,000 in order to get a gift of \$25,000.

It would seem that Canyon is exceptionally fortunate to have a proposal of a fifty-fifty plan for a new church.

RECITAL SUNDAY AFTERNOON

A recital will be given Sunday afternoon at three-thirty o'clock at the Normal auditorium. The following will be the program:

- Egmont Overture ----- Beethoven
- Piano Ensemble-----Misses Allen Steele, Croson, Brigham
- Wedding Music ----- A. Jensen
- Festival Procession
- Round Dance
- Nocturne
- Piano Ensemble
- Violin Duets Op. 18 ----- B. Godard
- Pastorale
- Cradle Song
- Serenade
- Sadness
- Miss Clark ----- Mr. Coffee
- The Vjekings ----- Emil Hartmann
- Piano Ensemble

RICHARDS-ANDERSON.

Miss Alice Richards and C. J. Anderson were married Tuesday evening at the Methodist parsonage, Rev. M. M. Beavers officiating. Both of the young people have lived north of the city for several years, and are well known in the county.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Richards while the groom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Anderson. They will make their home north of the city. Their many friends are extending most hearty congratulations.

McNEIL SENTENCE AFFIRMED

The Court of Criminal Appeals has affirmed the penitentiary sentence of A. A. McNeil, who was tried in the district court last fall on the charge of violating the liquor laws, and given one year in the penitentiary.

McNeil disappeared soon after the case was tried and wrote one of his bondsmen from Mexico that the bondsmen would have to pay off his appeal bond. Nothing has been heard from him from that time.

DORIS WINKELMAN TO WED.

Announcement has been made of the approaching wedding of Miss Doris Winkelman to Mr. Henry Grady Richards at Florence, Alabama next Sunday, Dec. 17. Miss Doris formerly lived in Canyon. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Winkelman, and is a sister of Mrs. C. W. Warwick and Ben Winkelman of this city.

COURTMARTIAL PROCEEDINGS

Court martial proceedings were held Tuesday night by Lieutenant J. H. Jones, Alton A. Mitchell of Company E being tried for disobedience. He plead guilty and was sentenced to 15 days in jail.

AUXILIARY WILL MEET

The Ladies Auxiliary of the American Legion will meet at the Legion Hall Friday afternoon at three o'clock.

BY PRESIDENT PASSES.

President W. B. Storey of the Santa Fe passed through the city Monday noon on his special train of five cars, going from California to Chicago.

Old Land Mark Destroyed by Fire Early Tuesday Evening

The frame building west of the Palace Hotel owned by Mrs. M. Lane burned Tuesday evening at 7:30. The origin of the fire is unknown, but it thought possible to have started from wiring. The fire started in the second story, and had gained great headway before being discovered. No one was living in the building at the time of the fire. There was \$1000 insurance.

The building was put up by R. W. Morgan in 1897 as the home of the Stayer, which was the origin of the Randall County News. The Stayer had been published in a tent near the site of the building. The Stayer was housed in the building during the time it was owned by the Morgans, and later when it was sold to Geo. A. Brandon and the name changed to the Canyon City News. The plant was moved to the south side of the square in 1908, to a building which burned last December.

Poultry Raisers Win With Birds in Show at Amarillo-Big Entries

There was keen competition in the poultry show at Amarillo last week, but Randall county's poultry won in the most pleasing way, showing the class of birds being raised here. The following were the winners from this county.

- Light Barred Rocks—J. T. Coffee, 2, 3, 4, cockerels.
- Buff Orpingtons—Mrs. R. A. Campbell, 1 hen, 4 pullets, 4 pen.
- Anconas—J. P. Upchurch, 2 cock, 2 cockerel, 4 pen. H. R. Fulton, 1 cockerel, 4 hen, 3 pen.
- White Leghorn Single Comb—Elmer R. Wilson, 1, 3 cock, 2, 3 cockerel, 5 pullet.
- Black Langshans—C. F. Walker, 5 cock, 2, 4 cockerel, 2, 3, 5 pullet, 3, 5 pen.

WILL CONDUCT INSTITUTES.

R. P. Jarrett will go to Bowie next week to conduct the county teachers' institute.

H. W. Morelock will conduct the institute of eight counties in Lubbock next week.

F. P. Guenther will speak at the institute at Perryton.

Pres. Hill will speak at the institutes at Paducah and Mineral Wells, and has been invited to the institute at Memphis.

EXPECT MANY NEW STUDENTS

President J. A. Hill stated yesterday that a large number of new students are expected to enroll in the Normal after the holidays. There are a number here only for the fall quarter, and will withdraw next week, but there is expected to be a good increase in attendance over the fall attendance.

SCHOOLS CLOSE ON 21st

The schools will close on next Thursday, Dec. 21st for the Christmas holidays, and will open again on January 2nd.

Christmas Seal Campaign Will be Staged in Randall County

G. G. Foster has been appointed county chairman for the sale of Christmas Seals. The sale of these little seals brings in the money annually which is used to fight tuberculosis in Texas. The organization is under the State Health Department, and is not connected with the Red Cross.

These little seals should be used on Christmas packages and on letters during the holiday season.

A. D. Payne will have charge of the seal sale in the public schools, and seals will be left for sale in all of the business houses.

BUIE PETITION TO GOVERNOR.

A petition was mailed Monday bearing the names of 122 Canyon citizens requesting Governor Neff to appoint B. Frank Buie to the 7th Court of Civil Appeals to the position made vacant by the death of Judge Huff.

Judge R. Walker Hall, of the Court, has been appointed Chief Justice by Governor Neff and Judge E. I. Klett of Lubbock has been appointed by Governor Neff to the other place on the court.

COACH BURTON WORKS OUT GOOD STRING OF GAMES

MOST OF BASKETBALL GAMES AWAY FROM HOME

Baseball and Football Games Are Arranged with T. I. A. A. Colleges for Coming Season.

S. D. Burton, coach at the Normal, has just returned from a trip to Oklahoma City, Dallas and Fort Worth. He attended the annual meeting of the Texas Intercollegiate Athletic Association while he was away, and the big coach is well pleased with the results. Burton scheduled eighteen games of basketball for the Normal Buffaloes, with a majority of the games with T. I. A. A. teams. This will give the Buffaloes a chance to break into the best college athletics in the state.

The Buffaloes will have the hardest schedule ever known in the history of the institution. Every one of the eighteen games are with fast basketball teams. Twelve of the games will be played on one road trip.

The schedule follows:
Jan. 22, 23—Texas Christian University at Fort Worth.

Jan. 24, 25—North Texas Normal at Denton.

Jan. 26, 27—East Texas Normal at Commerce.

Jan. 29, 30—Southwestern University at Georgetown.

Jan. 31, Feb. 1—Huntsville Normal at Huntsville.

Feb. 2, 3—Southwest Texas Normal at San Marcos.

The Buffaloes will meet Howard Payne, Simmons College, Southwestern Teachers' College of Weatherford, Oklahoma and probably New Mexico Military Institute on the local court but the dates have not been definitely set.

Association baseball games are arranged with Trinity, Austin College, Commerce and Denton Normals.

The football schedule for next fall will consist of games with Howard Payne, Simmons, Daniel Baker, University of New Mexico, Clarendon, Weatherford, Military Institute and Goodwell.

D. A. Shirley represented the Normal on the faculty committee, which has to do with the membership of the association and the rules governing the same.

Seventeen Men Given Letters for Season With Buffalo Team

The annual banquet of the Buffalo football squad was held Tuesday night at the Normal with thirty-seven men of the squad, Coach S. D. Burton, the faculty committee consisting of D. A. Shirley, R. A. Terrill, T. B. McCarter, W. E. Lockhart. The guests were Pres. J. A. Hill, J. W. Reid and Travis Shaw.

Barto Johnson of Canyon was the choice of the players for next year's captain. Johnson has played with the Buffaloes during the past three seasons and is one of the best men the school has ever had on the football field. All of the men have confidence in his judgment, and faith in his ability as a player.

Letters were given to seventeen men as follows: Captain Grady Burson of Silverton; Dan S. Sanders of Wheeler; Clyde Whitacre of Hale Center; Bernice Graves of Plainview; Roy Reid of Hale Center; Weldon Thompson of Vega; Virgil Santly of Hamilton; Clifford Henry of Corpus Christi; Joe Lancaster of Canyon; Leslie Key of Canyon; Odus Mitchell of Floydada; Barto Johnson of Canyon; Delbert Bivins of Tulla; Delma Rayzor of Canyon; Paul Stewart of Canyon; Mitchell Jones of Canyon and Ray Bivins of Tulla.

GIVING LYCEUM NUMBERS.

Wallace R. Clark, Miss Mary Clark and Miss Pauline Brigham will go to Friona Friday night to give a number of the lyceum course being sent out from the Normal this winter.

Misses Muriel Phillips and Joye Mills will go to Groom, with students from the Public Speaking Department, and give a number on the lyceum program Friday night.

Pres. J. A. Hill will speak at Kress Friday night at a Community Educational program.

STAR-TELEGRAM BARGAIN DAYS CLOSE FRIDAY. ORDER NOW AT THE NEWS OFFICE.

BAPTIST CHURCH LOOKS INTO POSSIBILITY BUILDING

MEETING OF CHURCH HELD THIS WEEK REGARDING CHURCH.

Rev. H. F. Aulick Authorized Last Night to Look Into Question of Location and Finances.

The Baptist church of this city has held meetings during the past two weeks for the purpose of discussing steps leading toward the erection of a new church in Canyon.

A meeting of the congregation was held last night which was largely attended and the pastor, Rev. H. F. Aulick, was authorized to appoint committees for the purpose of investigating a location for the new church and to make a study of the financial possibilities of building at this time.

It has been stated by leading Baptists that when construction was started on the church building, the basement would probably be completed at once and this used until the main part of the building could be completed. A number of churches over the Plains have adopted this method of construction, and have used basements for a year or more.

CHRISTMAS MUSIC.

The Christmas music of the Methodist Church will be given next Sunday morning by the choir owing to the fact that several of the members and the director will not be here for the Christmas Sunday.

COUNTRY WOMEN'S CLUB

The Country Women's Club met with Mrs. G. R. Stratton, Dec. 7th. An elegant dinner was served. The visitors were Mrs. R. A. Campbell of Canyon and Mrs. R. Campbell and daughter of Dawn. Everyone had a good time.

Traffic Ordinance to Go Into Effect Friday—Watch Driving

W. F. Baird, City Marshal, has been instructed by the city authorities to put into effect Friday morning all of the provisions of the city traffic ordinance, and to enforce the same.

Mr. Baird was employed last week to enforce the ordinance, but instructed to spend the first ten days making the citizens familiar with the traffic provisions, and after that time, to enforce the ordinance without favor.

There has been considerable violations during the past week, Mr. Baird has made no arrests, but warning those he sees making these violation to not do so again.

DELPHIAN CLUB MEETS.

The Canyon Delphian club will meet at the home of Mrs. Joe Gamble on Friday afternoon, Dec. 15 at three o'clock. The subject of study is Section B of the Classical School of Music, with Mrs. J. B. Gamble leader.

Lutheran's Pastor Receives Call to Houston Heights

Rev. O. P. Hinge, pastor of the Lutheran congregation, east of Canyon, has received a call to the Lutheran Church in Houston Heights, Houston Heights is a residence section of Houston and the church located there ranks second among the Lutheran churches of the city. Rev. Hinge states that he will consider the Houston call.

Rev. Hinge took charge of the local congregation in the summer of 1919, this being his first charge. Soon after arriving here he began to extend his labors also to other points in the Panhandle. Especially during the last two years he has played a leading roll in Lutheran activities throughout the Panhandle.

CHRISTMAS CARDS

Order your Christmas cards this week at the News office in order to insure delivery in time for Christmas. A good line of cards ready for your selection.

A total of 1,007 newspapers were in operation in Canada in 1920. The language of publication is stated as English for 912 papers, French for 66 papers, German 5, and 24 newspapers representing 12 foreign languages.

Johnson, Mitchell and Rayzor Given Places on T. I. A. A. Teams

The Dallas News of Sunday carried its selection of three teams of the T. I. A. A., placing Johnson of the Buffaloes in the second team, and Mitchell and Rayzor in the third team.

There are twelve teams in the association, and William B. Ruggles, author of this selection, stated he had not seen all of the teams in action.

He asked several of the coaches to make selections of mythical eleven. Coach Hays of Simmons placed both Johnson and Mitchell in the second eleven.

Coach S. D. Burton, of the Buffaloes, placed Mitchell, Henry and Johnson in the first team; Rayzor and Burton in the second team.

Writing of Johnson's work, Coach Burton stated: "During the last four years I have seen practically every team in the Missouri Valley and Big Ten play, and I would rank Johnson with any of the men in the big conferences. He weighs 215 pounds, is 5 feet 9 inches in height and 22 years old, and has not met his equal this year."

Thirteen High School Football Men Given Sweaters for Service

Standing side by side as they stood by each other all season, thirteen of Canyon High's football squad received their reward for a wonderful season.

Thirteen white coat sweaters, with the purple "C" and service stripes, on thirteen many boys who have proved their sterling worth and unflinching grit time after time the past season; is a sight as pleasing as the whirlwind game they play. C. W. Warwick, secretary of the school board, presented the sweaters.

The boys presented Superintendent A. D. Payne and Coach Webb with sweaters, hoping that the gifts would inform them of the manly respect and admiration they feel for these two men.

The boys to receive sweaters were: Captain Black, Alton Key, Floyd Callham, Don Campbell, Tracy Service, Wallace Williams, Horace Wooten, Cecil Foust, Ewell Brown, John Vetsok, John Burgan, Edmund Ootis, and Robert Stratton.

Ex-captain Claude Moore, who was injured early in the season and Business Manager, Edward Gerald, were also given sweaters.

The boys wish to express their earnest appreciation of the aid of the different business men whose contributions made the sweaters possible.

C. H. S. Reporter.

I. O. O. F. ELECTION.

The three-linkers elected the following officers for the coming year: H. C. Dowd, Noble Grand; H. O. Price, re-elected secretary; H. C. Roffey re-elected treasurer; S. A. Shotwell, trustee; Glenn R. McGehey representative to Grand Lodge; W. L. Browning, alternate representative.

HURT BY GUN SHOT.

W. B. Hardin was badly hurt by the accidental discharge of a 38 pistol last Friday afternoon at his home in the east part of town. The bullet went into the shoulder, and has not yet been located.

COLD WEATHER HITS.

The coldest weather of the year is being experienced in the Panhandle this week. A very cold north wind hit Monday evening.

PAY YOUR SCHOOL TAX.

Another school month will end next week, and the Canyon schools will close on Friday for the Christmas holidays. This means that the trustees have another month's salary to pay, and the salary list should be met this month without borrowing any more money.

All taxes have to be paid during January. Why not help out the schools by paying your school taxes before Christmas? Most every tax payer can pay his school tax as handily this month as he can next month, and save the interest to the school district which would have to be paid out in case money was borrowed.

See J. B. Hensley at the court house right away.

NEW HIGH SCHOOL BUILDING PLACED NORTH OLD HOUSE

WILL FACE EAST IN MIDDLE OF EVELYN STREET.

South Half of Block Will be Added to School Property—Plans Ready During This Week.

At the meeting of the board of trustees of the Canyon City Independent School District Tuesday evening, the new high school building was located in the middle of Evelyn street north of the present school building and facing the east. The south half of the block of land adjoining Evelyn street on the north is to be added to the school property.

After considering locations in the city, the board of trustees voted to make this selection with a view of having all the school property together, and as being the most desirable site for the type of school building that the board has in mind to be constructed with the bond issue voted last week. The location will give ample space between the new and old buildings for fire protection.

The architect hopes to have the final draft of the plans ready for inspection Friday night, and it is likely that they will be accepted at that time, with possibly a few changes. The architect will then advertise for bids, to be opened on January 15th.

The transcript for the bonds has been completed and will be taken by the bond buyers to the attorney general. It is hoped to have word of the acceptance of the bonds within a few days.

Miss Jewell Foster has been employed by the board to teach public speaking in the school after the holidays. Miss Foster graduated from the Normal two years ago. She was highly recommended by Miss Brown and Miss O'Connell. Her home is at Dumas, and she has been teaching near that place.

RANDALL COUNTY SWINE BREEDERS TO HOLD HOG SCHOOL

The Randall County swine breeders are contemplating holding a special school in swine husbandry sometime in December to further their knowledge of hog production. As outlined at the present time by those in charge, the school will likely last two or three weeks. However, it is planned to have only two classes per week. A large part of the class time will be devoted to feeding problems. The present price of grain is forcing breeders to give attention to economical rations and pastures for pork production.

According to Prof. Phillips of the Normal College, the unit course in special live stock production is proving more satisfactory than the old type of farmer institute. The Farmer Institute was run with the idea of getting someone from a distance to make an inspirational speech, and then the interest was lost until the next year's meeting; on the other hand, the unit type of instruction simply means that a group of farmers come together and discuss problems in connection with their work.

ENTERTAINED NEW TEACHERS

On Saturday evening, December 9, members of the faculty of the West Texas State Normal College entertained the new members of the faculty at dinner at the Amarillo Hotel. The party motored to Amarillo in the afternoon, arriving at the Amarillo Hotel just before six o'clock. At six-thirty the hotel management served a splendid dinner to the party, consisting of thirty three people.

The guests of the occasion were Messrs. Scott, Powell, Reeves and Montfort; Misses Boyd, Swayne, Lowes, Mills, Croson, Gray, Jackson, Burton, Looney, Caveness and Hooker. Messrs. Reeves, Powell, Fronabarger, and Devereux.

Those entertaining were Mrs. Witt; Misses Ritchie, Hill, Walker, Richardson, McClesky, Haynes, Graham, Malone, Eds, Hickman, Lamb, Hulsbeth, Allen and Hibbets; Messrs. Shaw, T. M. Clark and Phillips.

As a pleasant finale to the enjoyable occasion, the proprietor of Bryant's Candy Kitchen presented each member of the party with a box of their delicious chocolates.

T. M. Clark and son, Wallace R. Clark, were called to Brownwood Monday by the death of T. C. Yantis, president of the First National Bank of that city, and brother-in-law of Mr. T. M. Clark.

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state apportionment of has year lacks
\$1.00 per capita of having been paid,
to say nothing of the \$10 which was
appropriated for the year opening on
Sept. 1st. The schools of Texas are
having the hardest year in their his-
tory. Boards of trustees are going to
scratch their heads and wonder how
the present school year is to be con-
tinued the full nine months. There
will be a great temptation to cut the
salaries of teachers, who are now un-
derpaid. If the trustees decide upon
a reduction of salaries, it will mean
poorer service, poorer standards, and
inadequate training of the youths of
Texas. The educational problem is
the big problem before the coming
session of the legislature, but some
minor, unimportant question will prob-
ably be given more thought and time
in the legislative halls than will this
great question.

The ship subsidy bill will probably
be passed this week. The President
argues that it is necessary in order
that we have shipping in case of war.
While a member of the senate, Harding
argued that the League of Nations
would certainly draw us into war and
on the other hand argued that our
national isolation would protect us if
we were not a member of the League.
What has come of this wonder isola-
tion of the United States. Has this
theory gone into thin air so far as the
President is concerned? Has he be-
gun to realize that this country of ours
has really become a world power and
as such must take its place in the
world's problems whether we will or
not? Our "silent observer" at the
Neyr East conference has been talking
a lot for a "silent" observer. He has
been stating America's position in a
very clear manner for a nation which
has no position to maintain and whose
President has clearly stated that we
are not to be bother with world prob-
lems and world policies.

The United States government thinks
nothing of spending \$17,000,000 for a
battleship, and appropriating other
millions to maintain the same, all of
which is looked upon with a feeling of
pride by the American public. But
at the same time we shy at the thought
of spending a few dollars for schools
and churches. We talk of peace, and
the glory of peace, but the same time
prepare and think of the "next" war.
We are not thinking right; not putting
first things first in these strenuous re-
construction days. If we could only
catch the spirit and reconcile ourselves
to the program of educating against
war, rather than educating in favor of
war, this unholy warfare between na-
tions would some day stop.

Tom Waggoner of the Claude News
gives us a column and a quarter of
publicity last week over a proposed
editorial on national monies, credits,
etc. The origin of the quotations as
given by Tom are unknown to us, as
no such utterances as he credits to us
have appeared on the editorial page of
this great religious weekly. Further-
more, if we knew enough to write an
intelligent editorial on national monies
and credits, there would probably be
a job waiting for us in Wall Street
rather than running a country weekly.

We are strong for football, but some
how or other loose all interest in the
games played out of season, just as
watermelons and strawberries are not
so attractive in the winter time.

Another school month ends next
week. If you have not paid your
school taxes, do so this week so that
the trustees will not have to borrow
more money.

Farmer Wheatbeard—"Your hired
man, Josh, walks in his sleep, don't
he?"

Farmer Cornstossel—"I hope so; the
poor fellow needs exercise."

When the Judge said, "You're guilty
and I'm undecided whether to give
you ten days or ten dollars," the pris-
oner said, "I'll take the money."

"Why do you encourage your boy
to send his verses to the magazines?
Do you want him to be a poet?"
"No; I want to see the conceit knock-
ed out of him, that's all."

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essary in the treatment of rheumatism.
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lieves promptly. Three sizes, 30c, 60c,
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Ash Elevator and Mill.
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expecting other kinds soon.
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ask to have you call my residence, No.
209, and leave orders for coal, or call
D. B. Holcomb for coal.

W. H. LEWIS

A pocket canister or gas mask in the
form of a respirator has been invented
to alleviate the discomfort and danger
of engine crews when they come in
contact with the sulphurous locomo-
tive smoke in tunnels. They are cheap
and effective and stand up under tests.

Comparative study of photographic
plates made at the Arequipa station of
the Harvard College Observatory in
Peru, has resulted in the discovery of
several new variable stars and a large
quantity of nebulae. It is said that
some of the new stars are thousands
of times brighter than the sun.

Rubber block paving is to be placed
on St. Martin's Lane, London, England.
Rubber, in addition to being noiseless,
gives a hard, solid foundation, and
lasts longer than ordinary paving ma-
terial, although the initial expense is
greater, according to paving experts.

A blue-winged teal, banded in Lake
Scrugog, Canada, 16 miles from Lake
Ontario, was found in Trinidad, 3000
miles away, two months and seven
days later.

"Save the boys from the fascination
of the military career, if you would
save the world from war." This was
the substance of an address delivered
by Dr. William L. Potcat, president of

Wake Forest College, North Carolina,
at a national Boy Scout executive con-
ference held recently in the East.

A modern discovery for the rapid
healing of flesh wounds, cuts, burns,
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Boys' Clothing, 25 per cent off.
Men's Clothing, Overcoats and Odd Trousers, 20 per cent discount.
All Shoes and Oxfords at 20 per cent discount.

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Flannel will be included in this sale at 13cts per yard—only 25 pieces—come early.
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100 pairs of Shoes at \$1.00 per pair.

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Of both Dry Goods and Groceries at 7:00 P. M. Spot Cash for everything sold at
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More Money Chief Needs of Schools Says President Hill

That pruning of the curricula will harm the schools of Texas and that Governor Neff is right in paramounting more money as the chief need of the schools are assertions made by J. A. Hill, president of the West Texas State Normal College in a statement written for the Dallas News. He declares that teachers' salaries ought to be doubled and that the outlay for buildings and equipment ought to be doubled this year. The text of the statement is as follows:

All Texas seems to agree that our system of public education in this State is achieving far below the level of our educational possibilities. Indeed, most thoughtful and patriotic citizens appear to feel that we have about reached the limit of endurance of existing conditions. Every one is saying: "Something has got to be done."

As to just what that something is, there is an important difference of opinion as between Governor Neff and The Dallas News. The former, in his address before the State Teachers' Association, emphasized the need of an adequate and just revenue system, not overlooking, however, certain other important factors. The latter, in an editorial under date of Dec. 5, thinks that "the question of proper curricula is the first one to be considered: the question what subjects should be taught to give proper moral, mental and physical training."

In view of what is involved in our educational system, and in view of the place which education is coming to hold in the public mind, the following observations may not be amiss:

Opposes Narrowing Curricula

If the News means to contend that a proper reorganization of curricula would go far toward placing our schools on a safe, sane and competent basis, most of us will be constrained to reject its prescription. Though the News does not state its specific objection to present curricula, in that it does not tell us what should be omitted, or what should be added, it is fairly clear from the editorial in question that The News believes that the educational effect upon the child would be better if he were restricted to the study of a smaller group of branches composed of only the most important subjects.

This is an old saw and one that has been used effectively on many a field of contest. It is vulnerable at the following points: (1) It precludes our schools from utilizing the rapidly accumulating knowledge of a virile and productive age. If we had never incorporated into our school curriculum the newly discovered fields of truth our school children would today (if we should have had any schools) be drudging along with the old curriculum of the Middle Ages. Our course of study in the common schools must expand somewhat in proportion to the expansion of organized knowledge in every field of truth. (2) Such a proposal presupposes either that all children are of equal ability and have identical aptitudes, or that only a few are capable of profiting by education and that all others would better be ignored. (3) The world has not yet been able to agree on what knowledge is of most worth. To test the truthfulness of this statement, let The News submit its list of most valuable studies and see how many there will be to accept it. (4) Granting that The News' contention that the quality of education would be greatly improved by eliminating from the curricula the nonessentials, there would yet remain an inseparable difficulty in creating and maintaining an adequate system of public education.

Double Teachers' Salaries

Let us now consider the relation of

finances to our school problems. There are three factors in school costs—teachers, the physical property, free textbooks. The most important of these is the first. A large percent of the money collected for education is consumed in teachers' salaries. This can not be reduced, for we have neither the quantity nor the quality of teachers an adequate school system demands. There are approximately 1,300,000 scholastics in Texas taught by 30,000 teachers, or forty students per teacher. No one will deny that we need greatly to improve the quality. This can be done only by making the economic rewards of teaching such that those who choose it as a profession may have reasonable hope to live side by side in comfort and respectability, with those who choose other vocations and professions.

Not until we do this will teaching make such general appeal to our strongest and best young people as do law, medicine and business; and whatever else we may do for our schools they will be no better than the teachers who teach them. Therefore, we shall certainly have to double salaries before we get the returns from our schools that we all greatly desire. This will add at least 75 per cent to our present school costs for, as shown above, we certainly cannot reduce the number of those who instruct. It is difficult, therefore, to see how any reorganization of the curriculum would help solve the teacher problem—the most important problem in any system of education.

Double Plant Outlay

As to building and equipment costs, these, too, ought to be doubled this year. There is scarcely a school community in Texas that has an adequately equipped school plant, and the little wooden shack in the majority of our rural communities is a disgrace to a State that claims to be civilized. A reorganization of the curriculum would not help this situation.

As to free textbooks, there is probably an economic waste here, but it is due, in large part, to the fact that we have not yet had time to work out an

effective system of textbook administration and would not be helped materially by a reorganized curriculum.

No, the Governor is right. The first need of Texas schools is money and the first step toward getting it is a righteous revenue system. Of course, there will be those who will flinch and worm and squirm, and attempt to deflect public attention from the main issue, but there will be enough of those who really love the children of Texas and who really love their State to put over a constructive educational program somewhat along the lines suggested by Governor Neff. Some of us have waited long and prayed loud for an educational Moses to lead us out of the wilderness of ignorance. Now that he has appeared, we accept his leadership with joy and reconsecrate ourselves to the things we have so long hoped for. Let us all stand and sing, "Onward, Christian Soldiers!"

The Carnegie Institution and other organizations expect soon to resume the work of excavating and research in Yucatan. The remains of the Maya civilization, which flourished in Yucatan a thousand years ago, have as yet been explored. The cities and temples were so numerous that remains are to be seen nearly everywhere. So far as is now known, the civilization of the mayas is a native growth and had no connection either with Europe or with Asia before the time of Columbus. Their greatest achievements were making a calendar based on astronomical study, building their temples and inventing a complicated system of hieroglyphic writing.

About the only thing the war has settled is a mortgage on the civilized world.—Columbia Record.

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Headquarters

You can almost count on your fingers the number of shopping days that remain between now and December twenty-Third, and in this short time every item of your long list must be selected. You may be assured that our Christmas display will aid you wonderfully in selecting the many gifts you have to purchase.

BAGS

There's something about the gift of a new Hand Bag at Christmas that makes a direct appeal to a woman. These purses we are showing with original and effective mountings are most appropriate.

SILK HOSE

Of course, there is no question but you will give Hosiery. It is such a universal gift. We have now a nice selection of Silk Hosiery in the newest colors and designs priced reasonable.

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For Women, Misses and Children, there is no better gift than Hankies. Plain ones or colored ones in effective designs. You may have them singly or in boxes. Just any style or pattern most you may want is here.

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THE GIFT OF ALL GIFTS—How well a pair of gloves solve the gift problem, and how large and complete is our stock of gloves. Kid Gloves in Black, Tan and Grey and White in both long and short lengths. Gloves for dress and sport wear are all here in any style and at low prices.

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The snowy full of a petticoat, the wispy daintiness of a lace trimmed gown, the ribbon, the lace charm of a camisole. All of these have an allurements all their own for a woman. Crepe de Chine, Georgette and Satin are the materials in which we have these. Indeed, you will be surprised at the beauty and the low prices of the garments.

SUGGESTIONS

There is a wealth of gift suggestions in our store, and no doubt you will be able to solve your gift problem by paying our store a visit.

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AMARILLO, TEXAS

A Fe Will Run Demonstration Train During the Winter

Santa Fe Railway is planning a demonstration train in co-operation with the Texas Agricultural College over its lines in Texas this winter, announces F. A. Lehman, General Manager and Vice President of the Santa Fe Railway.

The schedule will be announced in the near future. It is planned to have the train run in the Panhandle and South Plains late in March," said Lehman.

The Agricultural College will provide the exhibits necessary for the demonstration, while the Santa Fe will finance and operate the train. The Agricultural College is doing great work for better farming and live stock in the state. It is the purpose of this train to give the farmer an opportunity to carry his goods directly to a larger number of buyers and stockmen.

The importance of the cow, the sow and the hen in the farm program will be emphasized. The farming industry has hit in the depression of 1920. The farmer who is milking a few cows and raising hogs and keeping chickens is doing less than the exclusive farmer. Therefore, diversified farming includes the cow, the sow, the hen and all have particular attention in the program of the Santa Fe Railway demonstration train when it visits the Panhandle and the South Plains in the winter.

Happy Happenings

On Saturday night, Dec. 16, beginning promptly at 7:45, will be given "The Time of His Life," by the choir in the ninth grade, under the direction of Mrs. H. A. Grounds. On Saturday evening, Dec. 23, the "Black Heifer," will be given school students. On Saturday, Dec. 30, "The Adventures of Tom Sawyer," by Seniors. All in the school auditorium.

Jewell Hall and Emma Jane Amarillo spent the week end at M. Hall home. Mrs. Wm. F. Miller and J. H. Raiff were shopping in Amarillo on Tuesday.

Mrs. Wm. Cowan and family Amarillo callers Saturday. Mrs. W. O. Newberry of here callers here Sunday. Vellie and Ruth Dison of here spent Sunday with home S. Dison and family. Grounds was in Silvertown Sunday.

R. L. Grigsby and assistant of Wayside accompanied the girls here Friday afternoon. The for seniors was 21 to 18 in Wayside. Juniors, 21 to 10 in Happy.

Montgomery, who is attending Canyon, spent the week end at home here. Bailey of Lockney was here and Mrs. H. T. LaRoe were Amblers Friday. Montgomery spent the week end at home in Amarillo. Robeson of Amarillo spent the week end here.

O. P. Clark of Plainview at the Methodist W. M. S. here yesterday afternoon. Arnold and family were shopping in Amarillo Saturday.

V. C. Lindsey was consulting a doctor in Tulsa Tuesday.

L. Odor of Amarillo was here yesterday morning, Dec. 17, an opportunity for Infant Baptism will be given at the Church before Rev. Wilches.

Allen left Saturday for Cooke where he will attend business. Miller, who is attending school in Amarillo, spent the week end with his family.

Don't forget the bazaar to be given by the Presbyterian Ladies at the Exchange building, Saturday, Dec. 16th. Stephenson is attending court this week.

Keep Canyon Clean!

OFFICIAL PENNANT AND SEAL OF WEST TEXAS STATE NORMAL COLLEGE



The above is the pennant and seal of the West Texas State Normal College which have been officially adopted for the use of the school. Labels have been printed from the above, the large one being for baggage, and the small seal to place on letters and parcels.

Fairview Breezes

The weather has been rather cool for the past few days. Just the thing for butchering hogs and killing bees and our people are making good use of this sport.

A musical and an old fashioned candy pulling was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Wesley last Thursday night which was greatly enjoyed by all.

The friends of Mrs. Frank Walters will be glad to learn that she stood her operation fine and is doing nicely. A party was given by Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alford Friday evening.

Brother Conder filled his regular appointment at Fairview Sunday. He was accompanied by Bros. Malone and Leach. Bro. Malone delivered a good sermon Saturday night, while Bro. Leach (a 17 year old boy from Buckner's Orphan home) preached a good sermon Sunday at eleven.

Earl Wesley got in a car of cheap coal for the farmers Saturday. It burns fairly well for the price. W. N. Nunn has sold his place. These good people will be greatly missed in our community.

The play, "Light-House Nan," will be given Friday evening, Dec. 15, by the pupils of the Fairview School. Don't forget the date.

Wayside Items

Good Sunday School Sunday. Epworth League Sunday night was led by Mrs. W. C. McGehee.

Mrs. Faye (Crow) Graham came Saturday from Amarillo with J. C. Payne to visit at the parental Crow home.

W. C. McGehee made a trip to Amarillo last week with turkeys.

Miss Susie Rollins of Greenville is visiting her sister, Mrs. H. H. Gillham.

Duke Keys is visiting his aunt, Mrs. Heisler.

Ramona Hamblen, 3 years old, put a plum seed up her nose Sunday morning. Dr. McElroy failed to remove it. W. C. McGehee is on the sick list with a bad cold.

Marshall Butler and family have moved to the Beverly community. They visited around Wayside Sunday and Monday.

Mrs. Etta Gillham left last Friday for Greenville to visit her mother and other relatives for about two weeks. Mr. and Mrs. J. V. O'Neal have moved to the J. C. Payne place.

W. G. Franklin made a trip to Lockney last week. He visited his daughter, Mrs. Ralph Childress, and family near Lockney.

Nor Shelton and Lloyd Howard took grain to Happy Monday.

W. R. Franklin made a business trip to Happy Monday.

We are having some real winter weather. Several have butchered hogs on the strength of it.

Mr. and Mrs. John McGehee made a trip to Canyon last Sunday.

The school is preparing a splendid program for Christmas.

Wilson Notes

Mr. and Mrs. John Straub and family took dinner with Mr. and Mrs. Nick Hollenstein Friday.

The Wilson Literary met Sunday afternoon to practice and decided when to practice again.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Morris and family spent Saturday in Amarillo.

Ben Weller spent the forenoon with L. E. Smims.

Mr. and Mrs. S. D. Covington spent the week with their daughter, Mrs. L. C. McCaskey.

Mr. and Mrs. Dave Covington spent the day Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. McCaskey.

Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Thornton spent Sunday at the L. C. Simms home.

A group of the young people met with Miss Grace Foster at the L. C. McCaskey home to practice for the Dec. 22, Literary Society meeting.

DEEDS FILED LAST WEEK IN COUNTY

The following deeds as furnished the News by the Randall County Abstract Company, have been recorded in the County Clerk's office:

Clem Rusk to Q. C. Redfearn, lots 10, 11 and 12, block 19, Normal add. to Canyon. Consideration, \$500.

T. P. Rusk to Q. C. Redfearn, lots 7, 8, and 9, block 19, Normal add. to Canyon. Consideration, \$90.

Mamie Siler to Albert Hanny, lots 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, block 10, Corner add. to Canyon. Consideration \$10.00. Quit Claim Deed.)

C. N. Plaster to W. W. Kuehn, lots 1, 2, 3, block 23, Canyon City. Consideration \$575.

W. W. Kuehn et al to J. M. Kuehn, section 80, block M-9. Consideration, \$9,000.

Chas. Tubb to H. C. Dolcater, sec. 51 and 42.81 acres of section 52, block 6. Consideration \$6500.

PHILLIPS PLEASED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL STOCK SHOW

Professor Frank R. Phillips, Director of Agriculture, has just returned from the International Live Stock Exposition at Chicago and is well pleased with the class of material exhibited this year. In speaking of this show he said:

"The International Live Stock Exposition is the best place in the United States to learn what is required in a good meat animal. Many horses were exhibited this season, but beef cattle far outnumbered the horse classes. One can afford to take the time off to attend this show if he is interested in fat stock, because he can see just what right feeding will do for the different types of animals.

"The beef cattle breeds ranked very high in both quality and variety."

Professor Phillips thinks that a trip to the Chicago Stock Show should be a part of every West Texas farmer's education. He thinks one can learn many facts by talking with the different breeders and feeders who have animals on exhibition.

Mr. Phillips praised the Texas Stock Judging Team, though the Texas boys did not win first place. He thinks their record is something in which every Texan should delight.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

Program of Workers' Conference of Tierra Blanca Baptist Assn.

To be held with the Summerfield Baptist Church, Tuesday, December 19, 1922.

Subject: "The Period of the Judges." Scripture: Joshua, Judges, Ruth, and I and II Samuel.

B. F. Fronabarger, Chairman. J. R. Gollehon, Music Director.

10:00—Devotional, A. O. Thompson. 10:30—Geography of Old Testament Palestine, Mrs. W. E. Hicks.

10:50—Period from Moses to Judges as Found in Joshua, J. M. Hall.

11:10—Characterization of the Period, Judges 1 and 2, W. R. Hill.

11:30—Song.

11:40—First Four Judges, Their Times and Work, J. A. Lindley.

Noon.

1:00—Song and Prayer.

1:10—Gideon, Abimelech, Tolar, Jair, Their Times and Work, J. T. Clinton.

1:30—Report from the Churches by Representatives.

2:00—Jephthah, Iban, Elon, Abdon, Their Times and Works, S. G. Sloan.

2:20—Samson and Eli, Their Times and Work, H. F. Aulick.

2:40—Quartet.

2:50—Twenty Questions on the Judges, G. L. Morris.

3:15—Saul, His Times and Work, E. E. Dawson.

The Summerfield Church urgently requests that there be a large attendance from other churches. Let everyone read the above scriptures and be present that we may have another high day.

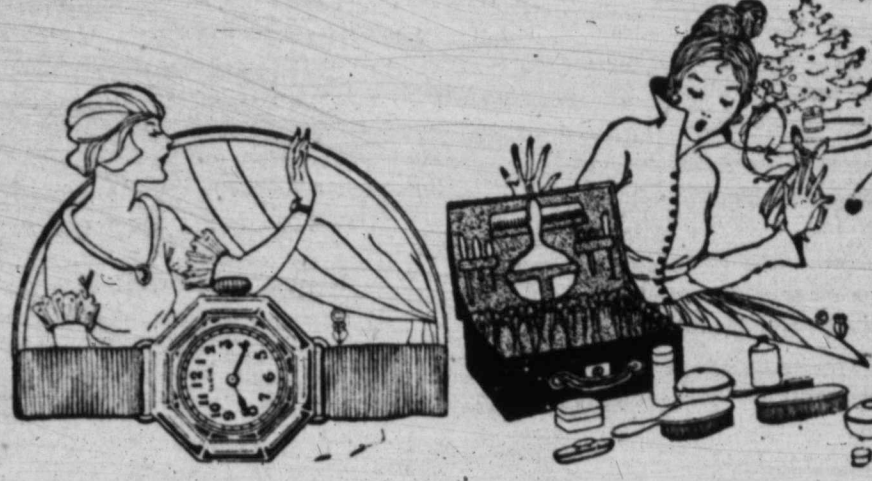
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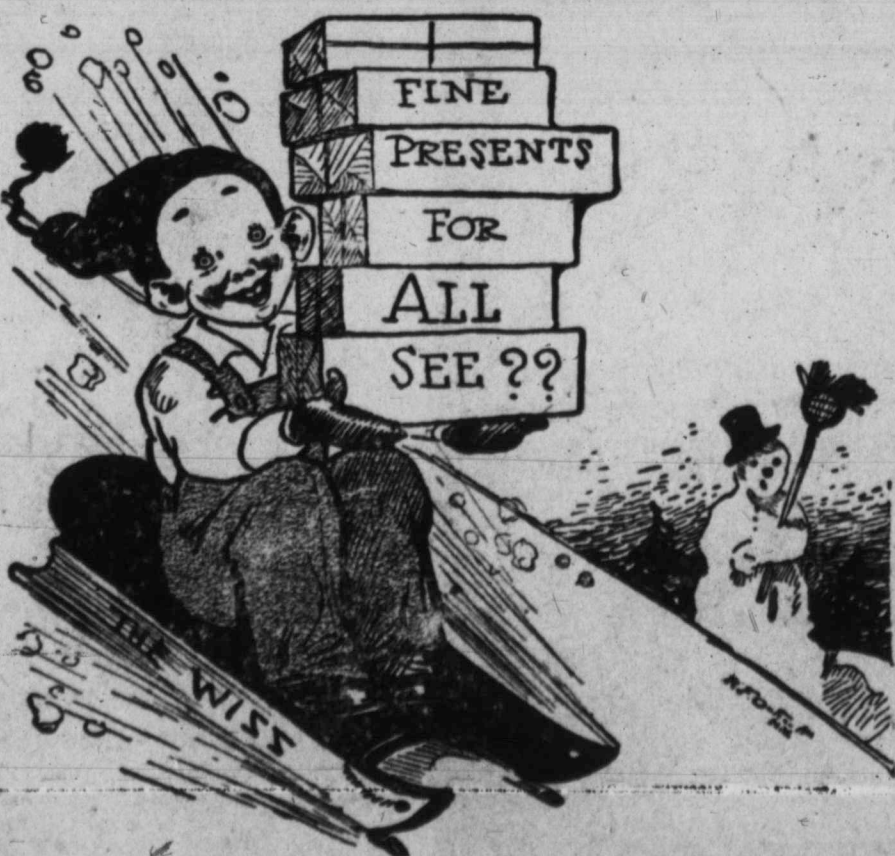


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You can buy my home section near Umbarger for \$35.00 per acre; one-third cash, balance ten yearly payments at 7 per cent interest. J. C. Coker, Uvalde, Texas. 36p3

FOR SALE—240 acres of choice wheat land. Only ten miles of a live county seat. Plenty of good water at 45 feet. Will trade for good residence or lots east of square. Box 526, White Deer, Texas. 36p4

FOR SALE—BARGAIN: Good eight room house, plastered, one of the best built homes in town, \$2500; \$1000 cash handles the deal. See G. G. Foster or J. A. Guthrie at once.

FOR SALE—Dandy good registered Poland China gilts and pigs; also Rhode Island Red roosters. Forrest Burton, 7 miles n.e. of Canyon, 37p3

FOR SALE—50 tons of Hygaria and kaffir baled, on farm 4 miles north of Canyon on highway. J. C. Pipkin. 37t2

FOR SALE—A bargain. Dodge touring, 21-model, 5 new cord casings, new paint. This car is in excellent condition. Price \$500.00, terms to reliable party. V. R. Gaston, South East Side. p1

During Bargain Days, the Star-Telegram and the Randall County News, both one year for \$7.45. If you order Sunday.

FOR TRADE—8-ft. disc and truck; 8-ft. broadcast binder with trucks; McCormick row binder; P. & O. two-disc plow, all in good running shape. Will trade for hogs or cattle. Leo Stocker, Umbarger, Texas. 37p4

FOR YOUR BOY—Buy him something he can use every day. Oliver 9 typewriter; same machine used by business men everywhere; practically new, \$18. Write box 542 or see machine at News office.

FOR SALE—Beautiful Mammouth Bronze turkeys. Toms, \$10; hens, \$6. Mrs. C. M. Dowlen, Happy, Texas. 37t1

FOR SALE—Or will trade one or two teams of mules for a good Ford car. Box 701, Canyon, Texas. 37t2

Ladies who have used Je-Nee-Wa Almond Brick, invisible face powder, Tissue builder and perfect Rouge, for sale at Mrs. Lane's Millinery Store, p1

FOR SALE—One span young mules, full brothers, 3 and 4 years old, broke; few good milk cows. Reasonable prices. A. B. Haynes. 36t4

FOR SALE—Bundle feed of all kinds. W. B. Hardin, phone 140. 35p6

FOR SALE—Registered Jersey bull. E. E. Foster. 16t2

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DO IT NOW—Have your plumbing repairs done before the rush of cold weather. Phone 388. C. L. Tanner. t2

BUTTER PAPER—Plain or with your name printed on same. Call at News office.

FOR SALE—Slightly used Thor Vacuum Cleaner. Bargain. Canyon Light & Power Co. t2

NO BETTER MADE—There are no better brands of typewriter ribbons and carbon paper made than the ones handled at the News office. Every ribbon and every sheet of carbon sold on a positive guarantee. The News supplies the big users of Canyon with ALL THEIR CARBON AND RIBBONS.

NORTHERN TISSUE—A reduction in price has been received on this high grade toilet paper. It is absolutely the best toilet paper made, nationally advertised, and guaranteed to be free from all chemicals. It costs only a little more. For sale at the News office. 23t2

ADDING MACHINE RIBBONS—At the News office. Also adding machine paper.

HIGH CLASS STATIONERY—A very limited amount of Priscilla box stationery at the News office. It is one of the highest class box stationery on the market. A cheaper, but attractive class of stationery will be found in the Hammermill Box stationery. Call at the News office for your stationery.

Help Keep Canyon Clean!

LOCAL NEWS

See our Xmas Bargain Window. E. Burroughs, Jeweler. 36t2

Judge B. Frank Bule of Hereford was in the city Monday and Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. T. Covington have returned from Haskell where they have been several months with their son.

Hand painted china makes ideal Christmas gifts. See it at the Supply Co. Mrs. Ollie Harrison. t1

H. W. Morelock left Tuesday for Austin on matters of business.

Mrs. Jno. T. Wiley spent last week at the home of her daughter near Hale Center.

Prices cut and slashed on \$2,000.00 stock of Jewelry. Solid white gold wrist watches, \$26.50. E. Burroughs, Jeweler. 36t2

S. B. Orton was in Wichita Falls over Sunday on business.

Walter Hardin of Abilene came in Saturday to visit relatives.

\$2,000.00 stock of Jewelry. Ask for our prices before you buy. E. Burroughs. 36t2

O. B. Chesser and Cap. Hammer of Amarillo were business callers here Thursday.

Ira Jenkins, who is teaching at Friona, spent the week end here with home folks.

STAR-TELEGRAM BARGAIN DAYS CLOSE FRIDAY. ORDER NOW AT THE NEWS OFFICE.

John Fry was a business caller in Amarillo Saturday.

C. F. Walker was a business caller in Amarillo Saturday.

Dr. Geo. C. Thomas of Amarillo, car, eye and nose specialist, will be in Canyon Tuesday, Dec. 19. Phone your family physician for appointments. t1

T. J. Morris transacted business in Amarillo Saturday.

T. F. Reid is visiting friends and relatives in Amarillo this week.

S. B. McClure transacted business in Amarillo Saturday.

Solid Gold Normal Rings, \$1.95. E. Burroughs, Jeweler. 36t2

B. F. Fronberger, Jr., was a business caller in Amarillo Saturday.

C. R. Flesher and wife were in Amarillo Saturday.

Hand painted china for Christmas presents at the Canyon Supply. Mrs. Ollie Harrison. t1

Sam Lain visited friends in Amarillo Sunday.

O. W. Gano spent the week end here with relatives.

George Mason was here yesterday from the Wildorado neighborhood to look after business.

STAR-TELEGRAM BARGAIN DAYS CLOSE FRIDAY. ORDER NOW AT THE NEWS OFFICE.

Mrs. L. T. Lester left Saturday for Kansas City where she is visiting at the home of her daughter.

P. D. Casey left Sunday for Georgia where he will visit his mother for a month.

A dozen Photos will solve a dozen Christmas problems. Britain's Studio. Roy Hancock of Vernon visited Friday at the home of his cousin, Mrs. W. C. Black. t1

One Paige car left in stock. Who wants it? Price very low. E. Burroughs. 36t2

The annual turkey dinner of the Cosmos Club was given Thursday night at the home of Dr. and Mrs. S. L. Ingham. After the dinner, five hundred was played at six tables.

HOLLY PAPER—Comes in sheets 20x30 inches; three sheets for 10c. At the News office.

TAKEN UP—Brown Jersey cow, on the 11th. Owner may have by paying all expenses and this notice. W. F. Baird, City Marshal. t1

A new gold strike has been made on Hill Barr Creek, in the Hope District, British Columbia, consisting of three quartz vein outcroppings in the creek, varying in width from four to fifteen feet and for more than a mile showing free gold with a little chalcopyrite. Samples run as high as \$1,300 a ton, the average values for the three outcroppings run close to \$25 a ton in gold.

A new electric fly-killer consists of a panel frame connected with a transformer which is attached to a lighting circuit. Parallel rows of wire, carrying a current of 500 volts, cross this frame. The frame is placed where flies congregate and as they are attracted to the wires they are killed by the high voltage. Rat traps along the same lines have been perfected.

Three beautiful lakes, covering several acres have been discovered in Southern Colorado in the land of sand dunes. A forest ranger of the San Isabel National Forest found buried cairns, stone bowls, carved pedestals and arrow heads in profusion on the lake shores, proving that at one time Indians inhabited the region. The lakes are situated among the sand dunes within an area of 80 miles of loose sand and are very difficult to approach.

Discouragement is the worst misfortune that can befall a man. It is the death of his strength.

SELF-WILLED — STRONG-WILLED

The parents of young children usually view with complacency the determination of their offspring to have their own way. They may not let them have it, but they comment approvingly on the strength of character indicated by tenacity, however disagreeably it may be expressed.

"He has such a strong will!" the mother exclaims with satisfaction. "He'll know what he wants, and he'll go after it," agrees the father. "Pretty good trait."

It is not unlikely that, as the years go on, many of these inexperienced and prejudiced parents will continue to confuse strength of desire with strength of will. But strength of desire does not always imply strength of will; sometimes it even seems to prevent the growth of strength and will. If, as is often the result under improper direction, it leads to self-indulgence, it certainly does not produce strength of will. The self-willed person is usually the one least given to practicing self-control; and there is no better test of the strength of a man's will than the degree to which he practices self-control. The will to attain is an excellent trait, but it can only be developed if with it there is developed equally the power to forego.

Therefore the fathers and mothers who rejoice over their children's manifestations of a strong purpose to possess themselves of whatever they want may be rejoicing prematurely. The wisdom or unwisdom of their guidance is likely to determine whether the child in whom they have such pride grows up self-willed, self-indulgent and ineffectual, or strong-willed, resolute and capable.

Approximately \$1,000,000 has been spent by the United States Government during the last year in developing poisonous gases for military purposes.

A farmer in Switzerland withdrew his savings of a lifetime from the bank and hid it in the barrel of his shot gun. A rabbit stopped outside his door and the farmer grabbed his gun and fired. He got the rabbit but it cost him 2000 Swiss francs, about \$365, the amount he had stuffed into the gun and forgotten about.

Trout from Scotland have been planted in the ice cold waters of the hivers around Mount Kenya, British East Africa, on the equator. The fish have grown to enormous size and thousands of trout ova are being placed in the hatcheries for planting in the many streams in that section which lies east of Lake Victoria Nyanza.

Rather than miss a football game at Condlade, Pennsylvania, 10,000 persons remained in their seats and refused to desert the game to fight a fire which destroyed a house on the outskirts of the town. Appeals were made for firemen to respond, but not one moved. Condlade tied Shenandoah 6 and 6.

A pilotless army airplane has made successful flights of more than 90 miles with only an automatic control device steering it. Experiments show it to be possible to "shoot" bomb-laden planes, without pilots, at targets either on or off the ground with surprising accuracy.

Preparatory to its improvement, a survey of the Yangtze River is shortly to be undertaken. A hydraulic engineer to the Philippine Government, and formerly of the United States Reclamation Service, has been engaged by the Yangtze River Commission as survey engineer.

A wealthy Japanese owning 170 houses in one quarter of Tokyo, has, according to report, offered to sell these houses to his tenants on the installment plan, the renters to pay double their present rent for five years, at the end of which period they are to own their own homes.

TWICE-TOLD TESTIMONY

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Canyon testimony has been published to prove the merit of Doan's Kidney Pills to others in Canyon who suffer from bad backs and kidney ills. Lest any sufferer doubt this evidence of merit, we produce confirmed proof—statements from Canyon people who again endorse Doan's Kidney Pills—confirm their former testimony. Here's a Canyon case:

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TO SANTA CLAUS

Canyon, Texas, Dec. 8, 1922.

Dear Santa Claus: I want a baby doll, a set of dishes and a doll bed, and my little sister wants a doll and lots of candy, nuts and oranges.

Ruby and Viola Price.

Canyon, Texas, Dec. 12, 1922.

Dear Santa Claus, I have been wanting these things so long. I want a little car that I can get in. I want a wind up engine, not that kind that I had last Christmas but one with a track with it, a big white rubber ball, besides some nuts, candy, oranges, apples, if you can give them to me.

Your loving little boy,
Donald Elvin Savage.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a sleepy doll and so does my sister, Pauline. Yes, and we want a doll buggy, too. We want some candy and nuts. Please do bring these.
Margaret and Pauline Greenhill.

TOPICS IN BRIEF

The ships we'd like to see Europe group are receiverships.—Washington Post.

The question is whether the Turkish Government will terminate or exterminate.—Manila Bulletin.

The monarchists seem to feel that the war clouds in Europe presage a reigny day.—Asheville Times.

Calling it a flexible tariff does not necessarily mean that it isn't about the stiffest yet.—Manila Bulletin.

Number of horses in New York has decreased 75,000 in the past four years. It sometimes seems as tho horse sense has decreased in about the same ratio.—New York American.

Fuel hint. When you get a cinder in your eye run home and put it in the coal-bin.—Toledo News-Bee.

European statesmanship seems to be a ship without a rudder, masts, sails, propellers or engines.—Greenville Piedmont.

Don't believe there are any bond issues in America, just buy some stock in certain oil companies.—Washington Post.

Ambassador Harvey wants the Ten Commandments rewritten. The next best thing to that would be to have them re-read occasionally.—Washington Post.

The hand that rocks the cradle pulls the trigger.—Columbia Record.

Germany's heaviest clouds appear to be dun colored.—Washington Post.

France will be surer of the dove when she coaxes the stork to come oftener.—Washington Post.

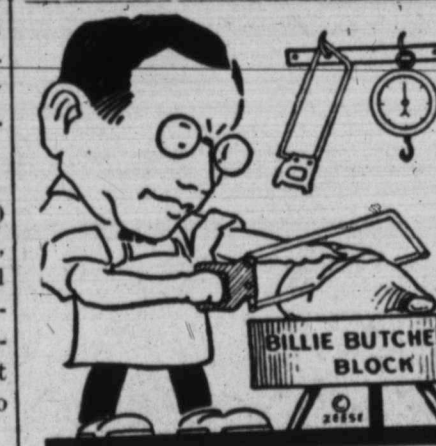
We suspect the British game of "Beaver" was instigated by the barber's union.—Columbia Record.

It is time to say a good word for Russia's Soviet Government. It has made Big Bill Haywood work.—Toledo Blade.

If Berlin can't come across with the gold ones, France may be persuaded to accept a few landmarks.—Manila Bulletin.

Nobody wants another war, but, on the other hand, nobody wants to see another peace like this one.—Columbia Record.

The mark has fallen again. The only consolation is that it soon will have no place to go but up.—St Paul Pioneer-Press.



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PORK HAM EN CASSEROLE—Have the butcher prepare a middle cut of pork ham two inches thick. Oil it on both sides and slap it into a very hot griddle and turn from side to side until it is brown. Place in the casserole and add: One tablespoon chopped onion, one tablespoon chopped parsley, one tablespoon chopped green pepper, one teaspoon salt, one fourth teaspoon pepper, dash of cayenne. Cover with boiling water and allow to cook slowly until tender. Thicken the gravy with a little flour and water mixed. Serve with apple sauce.

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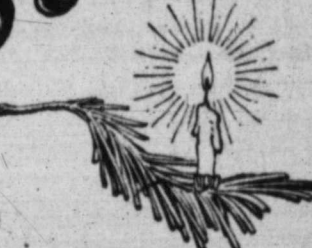
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The Wheat Straw —Do Not Burn It

Southwest burns, or allows to waste, in the neighborhood of 100 worth of straw every year; a waste on the fertilizing element, and to say nothing of the amount of vegetable matter

nearly one-third of the virgility of the soil in this region has been lost and since it has been lost at the rate of somewhat in one-half per cent a year, no rest in the future welfare territory can view such unnecessary losses without concern. The course are not strictly accurate figures cannot be

but if anyone doubts that the fertility of the soil of the South-west has been lost, at a rapid rate, he need only go into the wheat belt at any time the wheat is jointing, or boot, and compare the average yield of one that has just recently come from the sod, or with the yield of a recently broken out field. The most casual observer will fail to note the better growth, the healthier color and later maturity, the higher yield and quality of the soil of the newer land.

Using the straw will not entirely solve the problem, but it will reduce the important leaks that are responsible for the losses of nitrogen and humus. But it is an easy nor a simple matter to burn the straw and, at the same time, secure enough better wheat to pay for the extra labor. The straw is a result in lower yields, if not properly applied. Where composters-threshers are used this is automatically solved in the best possible way.

It is the best practice, where a considerable quantity of straw is to be used, is to use as much as possible for feed and bedding and see that all the manure is applied. Possibly the second best method is to apply it as a thin top dressing immediately after harvest and plowing. In dry climates this is not advisable because of leaching around too loose, but it is a very good method where the summer rains are adequate and there is sufficient to get it onto the land early.

Probably the most general method is to apply the straw as a top-dressing in the winter. It is applied in this way to land for spring crops or as a top-dressing on growing wheat. In either application should be a light 1.5 tons per acre. Straw applied this way greatly retards soil and decreases winter-killing. It is a heavy one. If applied heavily, it will retard the growth of the wheat in the spring and decrease yields.

It has been estimated that wheat straw stacks that are

scattered and allowed to stand from year to year on wheat farms cover fully two acres, on an average, on each farm. This acreage covered with straw stacks represent lost use of thousands of acres of good wheat land, but it does not equal the loss in fertility represented in the stacks that are burned. As far as possible, wheat straw should be stacked in corrals or feed lots, where the feeding and trampling of the livestock will assist in the rotting. Straw that cannot be spread over the fields at once or cannot be handled in connection with feeding should be stacked on waste land and in places where it can remain until ready to haul out as manure.—The Southwestern Wheat Improvement Association, H. M. Balner, Director

CLIFTON'S DOG IS HOME FROM FAR CALIFORNIA

C. H. Clifton left Dimmitt more than a year ago for his new home in Ontario, California, where his family had previously located. In the move Mr. Clifton carried his faithful watch dog along.

A few days ago Mr. Ramsey, who has been living on the Clifton place, was preparing to move to Hereford when he noticed a strange dog about the place, who seemed to be at home and thoroughly familiar with his surroundings. Investigation proved the strange dog to be Mr. Clifton's faithful watch dog, carried to California over a year ago.

If that dog could talk what a story could be written about it all. It's long hike from California to Dimmitt, even for a four-footed pedestrian.—Hereford Brand.

The modern racing airplane of today moves faster than did the cannon ball used in the Civil War. The cannon ball of that time averaged but 200 feet a second and the airplane does 360 feet a second.

The National Council of Catholic Women has announced its determination to fight the proposed legislation establishing complete legal equality between men and women, which is sponsored by the National Women's party. Their opposition is based on the belief that it would endanger the present rights and privileges enjoyed by married women, the laws for the protection of women in industry, the wife's legal claim to support from her husband and that it threatens the stability of the home.

Princeville, Oregon, owns a broad-gauge railroad 19 miles long. It connects with the Oregon-Washington Railroad and Navigation Company and Oregon Trunk Railway at Princeville Junction. It is operated by a gasoline motor and is capable of hauling 10 carloads of cattle in regular standard cars. It serves the rich cattle country along crooked River and the headwaters of the Deschutes and pays.

New "dead lines" including both Wall Street and Maiden Lane, comprising the financial and jewelry centers, have been laid down for the protection of merchants and shoppers in New York City. Men with criminal records will be arrested on sight if found in the uptown area running two and a half miles from Ninth street to Fifty-ninth and spreading out to include Fifth Avenue and Broadway, Lexington and Sixth avenues, thus taking in the department stores, hotel and theater district, regarded as the richest field for enterprising criminals.

The Roscoe Arbuckle films have been permanently scrapped. The Paramount management decided it would be unprofitable to release the films.

Twenty-five thousand dollars was paid for a first folio of Shakespeare in London recently. A rare first edition of Gray's "Elegy" brought \$3,000.



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Men's Initialed Handkerchiefs, colored letters, three to the box. Special Price per box86c

Men's Initialed Handkerchiefs, hemmed stitched, three to the box. Special Price, per box\$1.04

Ladies' Handkerchiefs with colored borders, embroidered corners, three to the box. Special Price per box 77c

Children's Handkerchiefs, embroidered nursery designs in corners, three to the box. Special price per box 36c

Ladies' Handkerchiefs, pure linen in colors, with embroidered corners. Special price, each27c

Ladies Linen Handkerchiefs with Irish Lace Edge, Price each68c

Ladies' Natural Linen Handkerchiefs hand embroidered and hemstitched. Special Price, each54c

Men's Linen Handkerchiefs. Special price each54c and 72c

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WANTING THE RIGHT THINGS

It is quite as important that we should want the right things as that we should be able to get what we want. If the wants of the people are coarse or vicious, it is of no benefit to them to increase their productive power. That would merely increase their power to gratify their coarse or vicious appetites. The growth of the physical sciences and the invention of mechanical contrivances have greatly increased our power to get what we want, and our wants have correspondingly increased in number and variety, so that it is probably as hard as it ever was to get all that we want. Whether our wants have improved as much in quality as they have increased in number and variety, or whether they have improved in quality at all, is by no means certain.

Our improvements in productive power are owing wholly to our workers in physical science, our inventors and our business organizers. The skill of our artisans is no greater than that of the artisans of previous times.

Our workers in the physical sciences, our mechanical inventors and business organizers, important as they are, have done little more, strictly speaking, than to devise ways and means. They have not solved the problem of what is ultimately worth having. They have fostered a keen sense of the value of means, but they have given little attention to the problem of evaluating ends. Under their leadership we have all given a vast amount of attention to the problem of the best ways of doing things or the best means of achieving our ends. If the next century will give to the problem of what is worth doing or of what ends are most desirable as much study as the last century gave to the problem of how to do things, that century will see quite as great an improvement in civilization as the last one saw.

When we become as expert in deciding what is worth while as we now are in devising ways and means we shall become a wonderful people. Devising ways and means has been mainly the work of men. Deciding what is worth having has been since the time of Eve largely the work of women. Possibly the rise of women to power and influence will give them the opportunity they need. Making us want the right things may be the work reserved for the women of the future.

To prevent destructive activities on Hallowe'en night by youngsters, Independence, Kansas, gives a big party for the children, the agreement being that they shall run the town to their heart's content on that day. A big bonfire ends the day's play and the children go home and stay there. They have parades and school is dismissed early in the afternoon so all can participate. Merchants and business men foot the bill.

A new fruit called peachmond, combining the luscious qualities of the peach with that of the edible kernel of the almond, has been perfected by the Mexican federal agricultural department. Freestone peach coins were grafted with the papershell almond common to California to produce the new fruit.

Rye is to be the medium of exchange in the German free state of Oldenburg. "Rye notes" will be issued based on rye value and will be worth a certain amount in rye. The holder of the notes, after four years, will receive the gold value then prevailing for the amount of rye indicated on the notes.

St. Anne de Beupre basilica will be reconstructed next summer, it was learned from the Redemptorist fathers. The new church should be completed by the spring of 1924. The old church ruins have now been removed.

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- "The greatest sin—fear.
- "The best day—today.
- "The biggest fool—the girl or boy who will not go to school.
- "The greatest deceiver—one who deceives you in love.
- "The most beautiful woman—the one you love.
- "The greatest mistake—giving up.
- "The most expensive indulgence—hate.
- "The cheapest, stupidest and easiest thing to do—finding fault.
- "The greatest trouble maker—talking too much.
- "The worst bankrupt—the soul that has lost its enthusiasm.
- "The cleverest man—one who always does what he thinks is right.
- "The best teacher—one who makes you want to learn.
- "The best part of anyone's religion—gentleness and cheerfulness.
- "The meanest feeling—jealousy.
- "The most important training—training in democracy.
- "The greatest need—common sense.
- "The best gift—forgiveness."

Next to the main entrance of the Doorn city hall, there is a small space on the wall covered with glass, in which, according to the Dutch law, are published the names of each couple intending to be married within two weeks. In this little square there are pasted recently, the marriage announcement of the ex-kaiser and Princess Hermine of Reuss, both "without occupation." The groom's title and domicile are given as "Emperor and King Wilhelm II, age 63 years, living in Doorn."

The Canadian government is considering plans for the electrification of the Temiskaming and Northern Ontario Railway. The water power in the North, much of which is undeveloped, would, if developed, effect a considerable saving.

Waterproofing cloth by means of applying the fresh sap of the rubber tree direct to the cloth with a brush, as a coating, is a success. The sap must be less than 24 hours old and after being applied to the cloth it is passed over the smoke of an ordinary wood fire. The product gives satisfactory service.

The Iceland poppies at Banff and Lake Louise, Canada, blossom continuously from early in May until October. They were first planted by Princess Louise at Lake Louise about 10 years ago and now cover acres there. They are the first green things to show above the soil.

The Turk's foothold in Europe reminds one of Joe Stecher's famous toe-hold.—Philadelphia Enquirer.



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It takes less time to sell the advertised products, because the customer is sold through advertisement. Another thing, the customer knows that it is safer to buy advertised products, knowing that the manufacturer is back of them and the advertisement is his personal indorsement of the product.

In the final analysis, it will be seen that advertising reduces the cost and that the increased volume of business resulting from the advertising pays for it.—Sales Sense.

Distress after eating is due to bad digestion. Herbine helps the digestive process, clears the system of impurities and restores a feeling of vigor and buoyancy of spirits. Price 60c. Sold by City Pharmacy. 30c4

TOPICS IN BRIEF

The election probably won't prove anything, except that different sections of the country are mad about different things.—Calgary (Canada) Herald.

A note of optimism is seen in connection with business in general. It would be still more prominent were there not so many other notes floating around.—Manila Bulletin.

Conservative: One who believes in the things forced on the world yesterday by radicals.—Edmonton (Canada) Journal.

All the dead-broke nations seem agreed that it is somebody's duty to finance Germany.—Kitchener (Canada) Daily Record.

Milk is not so much adulterated as it was. The bootleggers are crowding the milk man away from the pump.—New York Tribune.

When it comes to world charity, L. D. stands for Literary Digest and its slogan in such cases, "Let's dig!"—Greenville Piedmont.

What we would like to see is a real cure for baldness that can't get pushed over on one ear when you take your hat off.—Washington Post.

A Michigan jury has at last convicted a woman for murder in the first degree, but it was her father-in-law she killed.—Charleston Gazette.

Nations seem much more dignified when fighting for the right than when fighting for what is left.—Associated Editors (Chicago).

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CLUB EXTENSION COURSES ARE AVAILABLE

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Years Women's Book Clubs the country have pursued study, under the direction and university professors. number of instances these brought to their work earnest effort, which has the cultural uplift of many. However, until very recently work has received but little beyond the individual contribution of self-improvement.

That this work should receive recognition originated club women of the Panhandle little town of Claude lives an unassuming woman who in terms of the many in her sex and the community. During the month of January, Mrs. Phebe K. Warner addressed President J. A. Hill a letter, the following excerpts are:

"In the past years I have both seen the need of a way for women to continue their education after the college halls. As a rule they get no credit for anything they know they have accomplished. And the State Normal credit for what they have learned in their last twenty-four years of college in Texas.

"I would like to have sent on and if it looks sane to you, then the co-operation of the Canyon Normal is this: a system of credits be established between the State Colleges and the clubs whereby young women could receive credit for work done in a club. Link them to their State Normal credit for what they have learned in their last twenty-four years of college in Texas.

"I believe thousands of women are being drawn back or held in a forced idleness because they were doing college work in some good way. I believe it would go far to remove the prejudice that still exists in the women's club. And it might lead to higher standards in education if we had a plan or system of measures by which women learn out of college as in it. What is the difference we learn it, so we get credit for our homes and communities.

"I am convinced from my experience with the women's clubs that a mother, even though they see a college could take up the study of Social Science and get as much as the same number of women and girls who as yet, did not need of solving life's problems. If there was some way for women to get a college credit for college work, I believe it would increase their self-respect, it would give them confidence in themselves, and it would lead them to their State schools.

which they build and support with their own taxation."

From this letter there resulted a conference between a faculty committee of the West Texas State Normal College and the officers of the Federated Book Clubs of the Seventh District, headed by Mrs. Carl Goodman as president. In this conference the following agreements were formulated:

Extension Courses Offered by the West Texas State Normal College.

Expenses to the Clubs
No charges are made for the courses of study. However should the Club desire the faculty member offering a given course to deliver a series of lectures, the Club will be expected to defray the traveling expenses and hotel bill of the faculty member while away from the institution. It is suggested that the Clubs on one railroad line or in a given territory, wherever desirable, organize, select the same course for study, and arrange an itinerary for the lecturer.

College Credits for Work Done

The conditions under which Clubs may obtain credit for work done in Study Clubs are as follows: (a) The Club must pursue the work outlined for a given course, under the direction of a local leader approved by the faculty member offering the course; (b) The Club must pay the traveling expenses of the member of the faculty for three lectures before the Club; (c) The work done by the Club must be the equivalent in quantity and quality of that offered in regular course in the institution; (d) At the end of the year's work the club members desiring credit for the work done must take an examination upon questions furnished by the faculty member offering the course, and the answers to these questions must be sent to the college to be graded by this faculty member; (e) For the present the Club will be expected to furnish its own textbooks.

Evaluation of Credits

(a) All members who pursue the work to the satisfaction of the local leader will be given a certificate by the college, which certificate shall indicate the character of the work done; (b) All members of the Club desiring credit in the college for the work done shall take an examination upon the work pursued, and after one quarter's work in the institution this work is to be evaluated by the Dean of the College.

Amount of Credit that may be Earned

A Club which takes one course of eighteen or thirty-six lessons, requiring one hour's preparation for each of the thirty-six lesson course and two hours of preparation each for the eighteen hours' course, may earn one quarter's credit in a subject.

In April, 1922, the Federated Clubs of the Seventh District held a joint meeting at Plainview. Mrs. Carl Goodman requested President Hill to designate a faculty member of the college to present to this body the plans and purposes of club extension work. On April 21, H. W. Morelock addressed this body, explaining in detail the plans which had been previously agreed upon by the faculty committee and the officers representing the clubs of the Seventh District, which plans were heartily approved by the assembly.

The season was already late for undertaking this work during the 1922-23 term. However, Mrs. Goodman in her characteristic energetic fashion began to execute the plans with great intelligence and enthusiasm. Within less than two months 19 clubs in the

TOWN PESTS



The Telephone Pest gallops in to Use the Phone a Dozen Times a Day. We didn't mind at first, but now we're cracking under the strain and she doesn't lay off. Dear Sudden, we're going to Fool 'Er; we'll have the Doggone Phone taken out!

The West Texas State Normal College is ambitious to bring to every community of the Panhandle whatever it has that will contribute to the cultural uplift of these communities. Looking to this end, President Hill is asking the next legislature to provide the institution with a faculty member who will be head of the Department of Extension. The faculty committee is already at work, preparing courses for the 1923-24 term, and it is believed that the work for the coming year will be much more helpful to the clubs than that previously offered. The outlines will be made in greater detail, and books will probably be furnished to all the clubs taking these courses.

—From The Prairie.

Scissored Sentiment

A REHEARSAL
According to one of the world's famous men, the world is a stage, and we the actors thereon. Accepting his metaphor, we see the college as a rehearsal, the dress rehearsal, if you please. He who is faithful and willing and working here—who shows himself fitted for the part he is to play—need not fear for himself when, clothed according to the part he is fitted for, he steps on the stage before a sea of unfamiliar, inquiring faces and addresses himself to the greater task set for him. For a man is measured finally by his ability and will take advantage of the opportunities extended him, whether it be in college, in Congress, in Europe, Africa, Japan, China, or any solitude, of the seven seas.—Simmons Brand.

VIOLATING "DEAD WEEK"

In previous terms there have been a few violations of the University regulation for "dead week." The official rule adopted by the faculty provides that during the last seven days of each term before examinations no written examinations or reviews shall be given; and all essays, theses, synopses, and the like, must be handed in before this period begins. This regulation was not adopted on any foolish or arbitrary ground; it was established in order to furnish the student with one week in which to prepare for examinations without having to devote any of this time to quizzes and theme writing.

If the real object of examinations is to lead the student to secure a general view of the whole subject and readiness in the use of it, rather than to find out how much he knows, there should be a strict observation of "dead week" so that he may have time for such study and preparation.—Daily Texan.

A photograph, 96 feet long and 10 feet high has been completed by the curator of the Chicago Academy of Sciences, in Lincoln Park, Chicago. It is one of four immense panorama photographs showing the Lake Michigan shore at Miller Beach, near Gary, Indiana, the famous Indiana sand dunes, the Grand Calumet River and the swamps stretching around the southern environs of Chicago. A picture of this size can be produced for less than \$100 and tinting in transparent oils costs but a small amount additional, as compared with the thousands of dollars an oil painting would cost.

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MRS. HASTINGS DIED TUESDAY
Clarendon News: Funeral services of Mrs. Margaret Ann Hastings were conducted at the Methodist church at 3 p. m., Friday by Rev. J. T. Griswold, pastor of the Methodist church, and Dr. G. S. Slover, president of Clarendon College. One of the largest funeral processions ever seen in Clarendon attended the remains to the cemetery for interment.

"Grandma" Hastings, as she was affectionately known in Clarendon, died about 5 p. m., Thanksgiving day after having been confined to her bed for about eighteen days. She had been in ill health, however, for several years.

Deceased, who was 81 years, 1 month and 12 days of age, was the mother of thirteen children, all of whom are living and were at the funeral. They are: Mrs. M. E. Green, Santa Anna; Mrs. L. G. Oxford, Duffau; Mrs. L. J. Frazier, Estelline; J. A. Hastings, Clarendon; R. J. Hastings, Dimmitt; W. E. Hastings, Hedley; J. W. Hastings, Canyon, W. S. Hastings, Canyon; Henry Hastings, Hereford; C. F. Hastings, Bovina; H. T. Hastings, Bovina; Mrs. H. J. Derrick, Clarendon, and Luther Hastings, Vigo Park. Mrs. Hastings is also survived by 91 grandchildren, and great-grandchildren and one sister, Mrs. Mary Bobo of Tullahoma, Tenn. Her husband preceded her in death on the 14th of August, 1919.

Mrs. Hastings was formerly Miss Margaret Ann Philpot. She was born in Bedford County, Tenn., Oct. 18, 1841, and was married in that county to Mr. Hastings on December 3, 1857. They moved to Texas in 1876 and settled in Tarrant county, later moving to Wise county. They came to Tulla as one of the pioneers of the Panhandle and moved from that city to Clarendon fifteen years ago. "Grandma" Hastings was a beautiful Christian character, a tireless, unselfish worker, and was actively identified with the activities of the Methodist church until she became incapacitated. The News joins her many friends in extending condolence to the bereaved ones.

A testing circle is a group of perhaps six women in a community who try new articles of household equipment, one at a time, and then pass them on in exchange for other articles. Many dealers and manufacturers are willing to offer one of their labor-saving mechanisms for a free trial on the chance of getting several orders from the circle.

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The succession of the American Episcopal church is traced back to several of the Apostles. The first American bishop was Seabury, consecrated by Scottish bishops; the next three, White, Provoost and Madison, were consecrated in England. The first Archbishop of Canterbury, Augustine, (A. D. 596) was consecrated by French bishops, who traced their authority back to St. John, the evangelist. The early British bishops whom Augustine found in England, derived their orders most probably from St. James of Jerusalem and this line was consolidated with the Anglo-Saxon. Connection has also been made with the bishops of Rome, especially through Theodore, Archbishop of Canterbury in the 7th century, by which succession is traced to St. Peter and St. Paul. At the time of the Reformation, Marc, Archbishop of Spalatro, Italy, left the Roman Communion, entered the Anglican and assisted at the consecration of several bishops. The succession of the Episcopal church is thus not a mere chain, but a net work, reaching back to the beginning.—A. C. Haverstick in "The Churchman's Ready Reference."

Prohibition department chemists at Washington have developed a process making impossible the redistilling of wood alcohol and denatured alcohol for beverage purposes.

The potential cotton belt of China extends from eighteen degrees to forty-three degrees north latitude, and the loess soil there, as in the Mississippi basin, is well suited to the plant. Lately several Chinese societies have been formed to learn the best methods of raising cotton, to get the best varieties grown in other countries and to combat diseases and pests. Chinese farmers who follow the procedure recommended raise twelve hundred pounds of seed cotton to the acre, which is much more than the average in the United States.

There are some psychologists who rate checkers above chess as a test of analytical power. The champion players of either game are usually men of mature minds and long experience, but the new checkers champion of the United States is a high school junior, eighteen years old, who has been playing the game only five years; and a Polish lad ten years old has beaten all except the very finest chess players in the world.

Superseding the German reference books of 1914, the new color index of the Society of Dyers and Colorists at Bradford, England, displays about fourteen hundred colors, no two of which are alike to the trained eye. The dyes are the products of dye makers in all parts of the world, twenty-nine of them in the United States and thirty-two each in Great Britain and Germany.

All the states except Maryland, Virginia, Kentucky, Mississippi and Louisiana will hold legislative sessions in 1923. The opportunity for concerted action is so unusual that automobile associations will hardly fail to take advantage of it to urge uniform road laws. As it is now, lax laws in one state and stringent ones in the next cause confusion, injustice and frequent accidents.

There is an ancient British-built railway in Sinaloa, Mexico, which has ties of ebony. The Southern Pacific's tie contract for its Mexican branch calls for mahogany among other kinds of wood.

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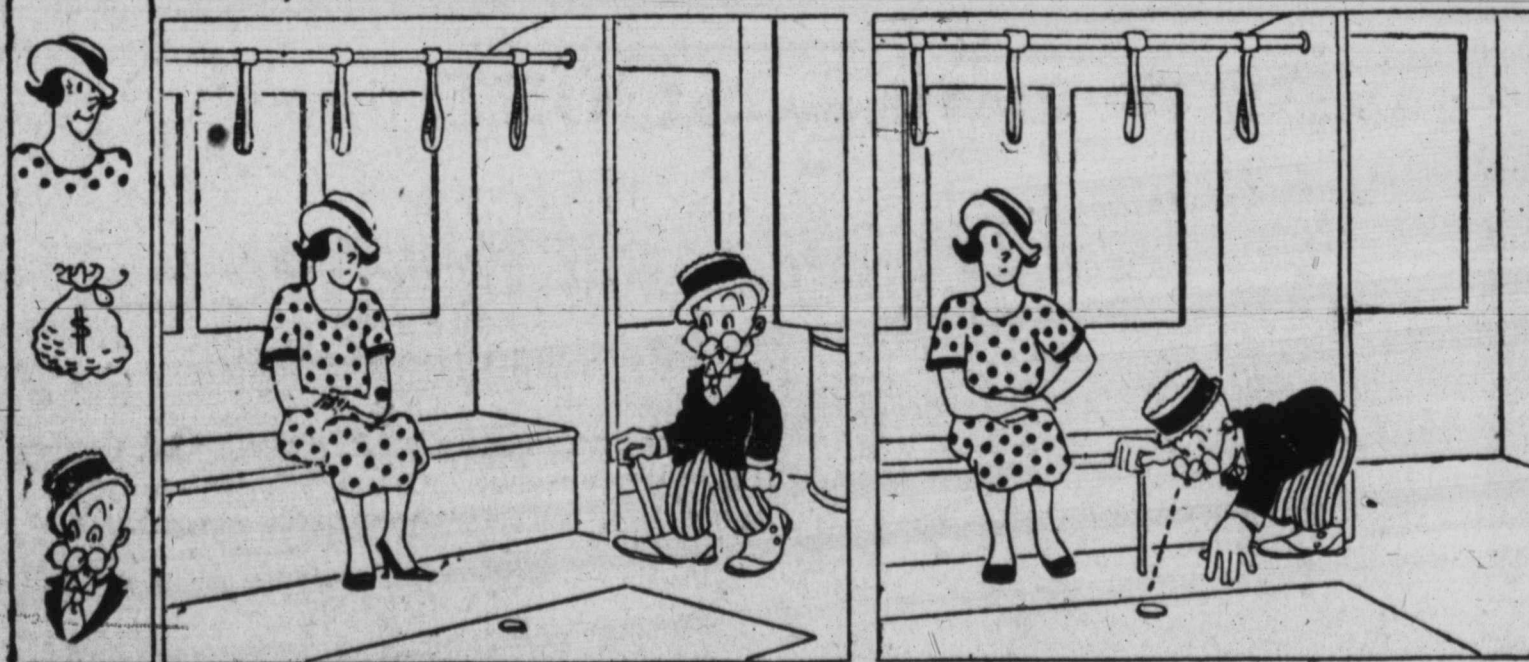
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ing Announces That a Useless is Being Added to Bur- of Community—Fire Prevention Campaigns.

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ite of national, state and local tion campaigns and more or ted legislation, fires rage in ed States at the rate of one minute of every hour of every ne clang of the fire bell never and each clang announces that s waste is being added to the of the community.

Losses Increase Yearly.

urse, a reason can readily be or the never ending increase in fire losses. Each year more s are constructed, contents in- there are more people, and idings and contents are worth dollars and cents. But people more careful.

National Fire Protection asso- devotes 365 days out of the fire prevention. Chambers of ce, Women's clubs and other rganizations give a portion of me to educating the public to ose simple habits which in the te would greatly reduce the rable number of small fires. all of this work is important uable, experience has demon- beyond a shadow of a doubt ese fires will continue and that time one of them may develop onflagration unless the one safety consideration becomes ; namely, the construction-of s that won't burn.

essimistic say "there is no ing as a fireproof building" e as proof some fireproof build- at has suffered fire damage. ight have happened had the r not been fireproof, or if ring buildings likewise had no fireproof, is left unanswerd. n no more is expected that a y healthy tree will remain in an orchard of diseased trees at a fireproof building will pass a heavy fire in its combustible rs without damage. The fire of a fireproof building is found entirely in combustible build- joining it.

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ding ordinances in cities out the country are being re- and an opportunity is thus af- to prevent the construction of ng but fireproof buildings with- main business district of our and towns. Those who have d the warnings of fire prevention s, and who have sufficient re- for protection of their own in- and that of their neighbors ld fireproof structures for them- have a right to the protection s prohibiting the construction e traps next to their fireproof gs.

DIES SPLIT OVER DOG

Settle Ownership of Animal They Found on Battlefield in France.

g, Kan.—Unable to settle the ship of a German police dog they jointly had captured on a field in France, the friendship of World war buddies has been shut-

One was placed under arrest charge preferred by the other, the of a dog. 1918 the two soldiers, on the h front, found the dog, standing ver the body of his master, a an officer. Nearly a year later s brought the dog home. He ed ownership. Later Adamson s home. According to Sparks, on, trying to get possession of g, took him to Oklahoma. Sparks Adamson arrested.

GERMAN ACTORS IDLE

Many Theaters Closed Because of the Hard Times.

Artists by the Thousands Are Thrown Out of Employment and Theatrical Agencies Quit Business.

Berlin.—Unusually hard times have fallen upon the stage world of Germany. The economic difficulties which have been distressing theatrical managers ever since the revolution have thrown hundreds of actors and actresses out of employment and at the same time closed many theaters.

Today numerous directors are waiting until almost curtain time for the winter season before entering into contracts for the numbers of their casts. The artists themselves have been so hard pressed for means of gaining a livelihood that they have been turning to other work. In one town in the occupied territory an actor, who once played leading here parts, has taken up the pick of a coal miner, rather than stoop to a minor part on the stage, or accept a salary which would be low compared with a miner's wages. This instance is said to be typical.

In the days before the war there were more than two dozen flourishing theatrical agencies in Berlin. The coming of the revolution marked the introduction of government labor exchanges, jointly conducted by representatives of employers and employees. Private agencies were given a ten years' lease of life in which to recuperate losses entailed through government competition. Most of them have closed, however, leaving Berlin today with only four large actors' agencies.

The private bureaus demanded a 5 per cent commission, which was equally shared by employer and employee. While the government at first charged nothing as commission, it now asks 3 per cent.

Lately managers, directors and exchanges have been flooded with applications for jobs. Many managers require artists to take as many as three different characters in the same play. Stage contracts which formerly ran from three to five years at present are being made for only one year, and even contracts for a year are rare.

EUROPE FULL OF SPINSTERS

Twenty-five Million Doomed to Be Old Maids, Say Statistics Published in Berlin.

Berlin.—Twenty-five million women in Europe are doomed to lifelong spinsterhood, according to statistics published here.

It is reckoned the male European population amounts to 225,000,000 and the female to 250,000,000. Thus for every thousand men there are 1,111 women. Before the war the excess of women over men was 38 in every thousand.

The disruption between the sexes varies greatly throughout Europe. In Russia before the war the surplus of women was 4 per cent, but it now reaches 30 per cent, vividly illustrating the consequences of war and revolution. There are large surpluses in Great Britain, Germany, Austria, Yugoslavia, France and Italy. The neutral countries present a striking contrast. In Denmark, Norway, Switzerland and Holland the discrepancy is rapidly diminishing.

SENDS \$100 TO AGED HORSE

Mrs. Harding Pays Eloquent Tribute to Animal's Long Life of Willing Service.

Catawissa, Pa.—Mrs. Warren G. Harding has presented a check for \$100 to "Clover," a fifty-one-year-old horse. In a letter to the animal's owner, Rev. Dr. Meyers, the President's wife expressed herself as deeply moved by the "sense of justice and gratitude and faithfulness which compels you to sacrifice your comfort rather than kill a splendid horse which has given you a long life of willing service."

"For example's sake," she added, "I hope 'Clover' will long continue to be the oldest horse in the world, and that somehow there will grow an impression that the loving God never intended either dumb friends or self-sacrificing men to be consigned to mother earth merely because the most and best of their strength has been exhausted in human service."

Boy Scout Needs Pants.

Lawrenceville, Pa.—Edward Gillon, an enthusiastic boy scout of Coudersport, is in need of another pair of hiking pants. His are occupied for a few weeks, at least. On his return from a walking expedition he hung them on the line to dry, and they flapped there several days. When he went to get them he found a square on the back, a Jenny Wren, who had set up house-keeping in one of the pockets with one egg.

Boy Found Playing With Bears.

Kane, Pa.—Four-year-old Donald Small was missed by his mother and she went into the woods to find him. She saw him tumbling about with two bear cubs while Mother Brain complacently ate apples. The child was laughing and the cubs seemed to be enjoying his company. The boy was trying to lead the bears home as playmates when Mrs. Small summoned her husband. Before he appeared the cubs fled, leaving Donald in tears.

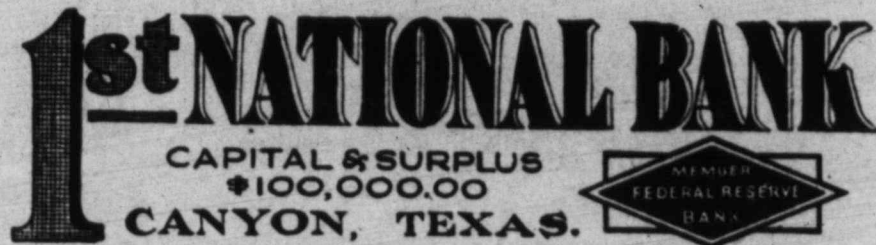
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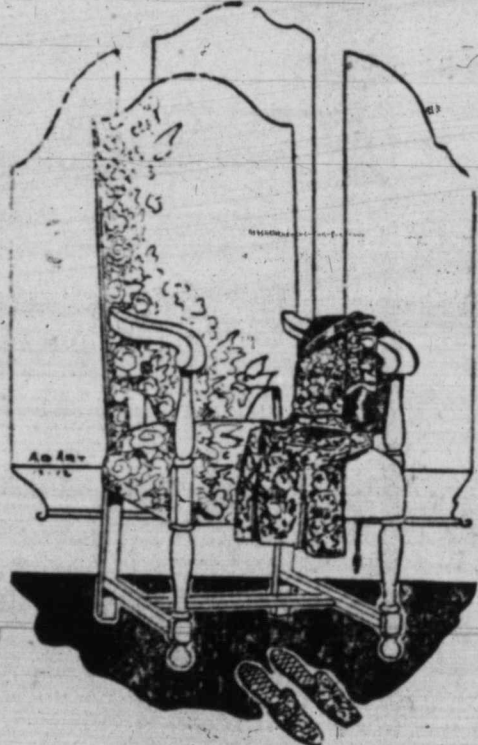


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Texas Christmas of the Long Ago

By W. N. Beard

D. Lary came to Fort Worth in 1867 and has resided in Fort Worth for over 30 years, with the exception of a few years he lived in Arkansas. He is a Texan and tells some interesting stories as to how Christmas was celebrated in Texas back in the sixties.



Decorated With Cedar Boughs, Holly Berries and Mistletoe.

Christmas celebration, recalls that on Christmas eve, at 7 p. m., at which time a supper, dancing was resumed and continued until 3 o'clock Christmas morning. There were no public auditoriums in the early days; the dance took place at the home of some citizen.

At 8:30 Christmas morning church would arrive, and immediately religious service. The minister and his congregation would out the minister and listen to his Christmas sermon. He would read the fifth chapter of St. Matthew's Sermon on the Mount, and then he would read the text, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, who whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

With fervent eloquence the minister would portray the life of the Saviour, and the precepts of the Saviour, and then he would read the text, "God so loved the world that He gave His only begotten Son, who whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have everlasting life."

After the Christmas sermon, there would be a social gathering which had been planned for an earlier hour by the hostess, and to all persons who were present Christmas morning service. The Christmas morning service was a social gathering, and the Christmas morning service was a social gathering.

Frontier folk believed in a real Christmas over a considerable time, so the merry-making and went on uninterruptedly from Christmas Eve until January 2d, and of any kind was transacted during the week—just a continuous pleasure—each host vying with the other to extend to every person the hospitality.

Christmas menu was characteristic of the frontier—replete with bear, venison, antelope, chicken and young pig, but cake and bread were luxuries, and since flour was difficult to come by, the piece of resistance at a dinner was not a choice bit of turkey, or roast venison, but

a hot biscuit, brown at top and bottom, and garnished with well-flavored gravy. There was no butter except the kind too rancid to eat with relish. No invitations to dine were sent out—you were a welcome guest at any home. The spirit of western hospitality was abroad at all times and never more in evidence than during the Christmas holiday season.

The Old-Time Fiddler and Prompter.

An orchestra of fifty years ago was informal and crude, consisting of one fiddler, accompanied by an old negro, who beat time on the clevin, a triangular musical instrument. All players upon the violin were called "fiddlers," and not violinists. The prompter was a gentleman who would call the figures in Virginia reel or cotillon. Dance music was always lively, in perfect rhythm, and the airs commonly played were, "Billy in the Low Ground," "Mighty Good Livin' in De Sandy Land," "Devil's Dream," "Bunnie Musk," "Dixie," and the "Hog-Eyed Man," an old song, then much popular, with a prelude as follows:

"Sally in the garden sifting sand,
Bettie in the parlor with the hog-eyed man."

The words of another old song, set to music for Schottish dances, was expressive of conditions locally and nationally. It embodied a snappy chorus:

"Queen Victoria is very sick,
Napoleon has the measles;
Texas has not surrendered yet,
Pop goes the weasles!"

The dance program was confined to the "Schottish," "Virginia Reel," "Lancers," and "Cotillion, or Square Dance." The Virginia Reel was the most popular, and the fair women and brave men of these earlier times would go through the mazes of this dance with much grace and statefulness. The Virginia Reel was danced as follows:

The prompter would call out for all dancers to get their partners for a Virginia reel. Two lines would be formed by the dancers, ladies to the left, gentlemen to the right. The two lines would meet, with the gentleman at one end, his lady partner at the other end. The prompter would again call: "Set to your partner," which means for you and your partner to dance a while and then swing corners. Next couple in order would dance and courties to each other, then backstep, cut the pigeon wing and sometimes do a regular jig. Again would the dancers swing their partners and go on with the dance to its conclusion.

The old-time prompter was a wonderful "caller," and the intonation of his voice, usually a sonorous bass or baritone, would inspire the dancers to extraordinary terpsichorean efforts. When the prompter would sing out: "Set to your partner," it was then up to you to do your smartest and prettiest dancing. The pace at times was fast and furious, but there was no "hesitation" or "bunnie hugging," just straight out, clean-cut dancing.

No Fireworks.

Back in the sixties and seventies Christmas was celebrated without the usual display of firecrackers, roman candles and skyrockets. These pyrotechnics came later. When the exuberant young Texan wanted to make a loud

noise during the holidays he bored a hole into a green hickory log, filled it with black powder, attached a fuse and touched off the fuse. Fragments of wood from the exploded log would fly far, endangering lives and property, but it was great fun, and violated no city ordinance because Fort Worth had not grown big enough to be incorporated or have a mayor, or police, or city government.

The village blacksmith's anvils would sometimes be brought into play, and with the aid of powder, exploded in a manner which materially added to the Christmas noises.

Huge bonfires would be started on the public square and kept burning throughout the nights of Christmas Eve and Christmas. Crowds would gather around the bonfires, broil steaks of buffalo and antelope, swap stories, discuss politics, and indulge in reminiscences about the old folks "back in the states." Fort Worth was such a small place in the years from 1860 to 1880 that its average population was less than 500, and all business was carried on around the public square. No man at this time was worth more than \$20,000,



A Texas Orchestra of the Long Ago.

there were no banks and persons carried their money in saddle bags, or trouser pockets. Currency was worth but 65 cents to the dollar. "Specie money," that is, gold or silver, was worth 100 cents to the dollar and was the main medium of exchange. Moral security was all that was required in making loans—a man's word was good for whatever amount of cash he might borrow.

One of the favorite pastimes of the cowboys for celebrating Christmas was the riding and breaking of wild horses. The cowboy who could successfully ride the wildest pitching horse was the hero of the hour. Another favorite pastime was target shooting. To be a good pistol or rifle shot was an enviable distinction. All men went about habitually armed with six-shooter or rifle, and if an altercation took place it was generally settled with either one or both of these weapons.

No Christmas Trees.

The frontier of 1870 was too primitive for Christmas trees. Wild evergreen trees grew so close up to back door of the frontiersman that he probably

thought it unnecessary to cut one down and bring it into his cabin home. However, Christmas presents were exchanged, home-knitted stockings hung up by the fireside, and Christmas morning the little boy or girl would find oranges, apples, candy and sometimes a crude home-made toy inside the stocking.

About the nearest approach to Christmas decorating was seen early one Christmas morning when an overland stage coach, which arrived in Fort Worth daily from Jefferson, came in on schedule time, profusely decorated with cedar boughs, bamboo berries and mistletoe. The stage coach fare was 15 cents per mile, four horses pulled the coach, and a day and night service of ten miles per hour was maintained. There were no daily newspapers in the mail sacks discharged by the coach, but only weekly newspapers, delivered one day out of each week; therefore the citizens would be without any kind of late news for an entire week. As yet no publisher had the hardiness or temerity to start a newspaper in Fort Worth.

Transportation.

Nearly all transportation was by ox team and horseback. No railroad was nearer than Jefferson or Navasota. A few of the prosperous old settlers had a team or two of horses, broken to harness with much difficulty. If a party of boys or girls wanted to go joy-riding, Christmas week they bridled and saddled their ponies, mounted them and went galloping joyously over the broad prairies. Women could ride horseback equally with the men, and rode the single stirrup sideways; their saddles were termed "side-saddles."

All freight hauling was done with yoked oxen, usually ten head to each four-wheeled wagon, and all merchandise hauled by ox-team from either Jefferson or Navasota to points in Northwest Texas. Barrel goods usually made up the loads of freight—barrels of flour, green coffee (there was no roasted or ground coffee), sugar, salt, soap, molasses, vinegar, pickles, whiskey, etc. Flour was sold from \$5.00 to \$6.00 per barrel, green coffee 33 1-3 cents per pound, sugar 15 cents per pound, lard 5 cents per pound, dressed pork 5 cents per pound, corn meal 40 cents per bushel. The pioneers raised their corn, and ground it at the old water-wheel mills, situated on the banks of flowing streams. What was considered good whiskey brought \$2.50 per gallon jug—it was never sold in bottles. Judge Lary is authority for the statement that whiskey was always plentiful during Christmastime, but seldom would a drunken man be seen upon the streets.

The Weather.

Texas weather has undergone a marked change in the past fifty years, colder winters giving place to milder winters. Hardly would a Christmas pass in the sixties and seventies without drifts which completely covered rail fences, low-roof barns and outhouses. "Blue northers," the kind that chilled to the bone, were common, sweeping suddenly out of the north and freezing to death livestock, poultry and wild game. Whole herds of cattle, depending on the open range for sustenance, drifted before blizzards, became exhausted, and

froze to death in a vain search for grass and water. Eight degrees below zero is cold weather for Texas, yet during the winter of 1899, on Feb. 13, the Fort Worth weather bureau registered a temperature of 8 degrees below zero. Trinity river, in the vicinity of Fort Worth and Dallas, froze over to a depth of six inches during this extreme cold spell. While the river was thus frozen, horses and cattle walked across it without breaking through the solid ice.

Christmas revellers in the late seventies and eighties were often delighted with snowfalls ranging from 4 to 12 inches on the ground level throughout North and West Texas.

Styles in Vogue.

The pioneer women did not devote a great deal of time to styles in wearing apparel, but at yuletide they tried to look their neatest and prettiest. Homespun dresses were the kind worn, which they made from yarn carded and spun by themselves on old-fashioned spinning wheels. The hoop skirt and bustle were the prevailing styles. Heavy suits of hair were worn, and the hair dressed in a style called "water fall," which constituted one long curl hanging down the back and gathered at top by hair-comb and hairpins. Commenting on the physical beauty of the Texas women of today, compared with the beauty of the women fifty years ago, Judge Lary is emphatic in his opinion that they are no prettier now than they were then, notwithstanding the fact that the earlier period women did not paint, powder or patronize beauty parlors.

Men wore home-spun trousers, high-top boots, broad-brimmed slouch hats and woolen shirts. Cowmen wore jackets instead of coats. The dressed-up dandy of these days would be seen in white shirt, buckskin vest but no tie, and a silk handkerchief tied around his neck in place of white collar. His shirt studs and cuff buttons would be manufactured from \$5.00 and \$2.50 gold coins. His spurs would be silver-mounted and his high-heeled boots braided near the top in fancy colored thread designs. He thought nothing of riding a hundred miles horseback to see his sweetheart, swimming his horse through swollen streams, or fighting a band of hostile Indians, if need be. He was a gay Loch-invar, but did not come out of the west



Fragments of Wood from the Exploded Log Would Fly Far and Endanger Lives and Property.

—he was part of the west—sharing its dangers, hardships, and enjoying its thrills and carefree life to the fullest extent. When the Christmas festivities came to an end he would go back to his work, whether it was herding cattle, hunting buffalo, freighting across the wild waste places, or capturing and hanging horse-thieves.

Scenes In Little Bethlehem

The Church of the Nativity

Christmas is one of the minor festivals in the Eastern churches. This is due to the fact that the Orient never celebrated the birthdays of its heroes, and still up to our present time birthdays are not made much of.

Up to the fourth century of the Christian era, Christmas was not celebrated in the East, and instead of it the baptism of Christ was celebrated, and still regarded as one of the major festivals of the Greek Orthodox church. It was imported from the Occidental Western influence.

The Church of the Nativity. The church of the Nativity in Bethlehem, the oldest church in the Christian world, being built by Helena, the Emperor Constantine, of the Roman Empire. It is built over the manger in which Jesus was laid to rest.

The appearance of the church is of its age, being old and gray and built up. Here Hieronymus spent a portion of his life translating the Bible into Latin. Here, again, Baldwin, the first king of the commonwealth of Jerusalem, was captured by the Crusaders after the siege of the city.

The entrance to the church is a low archway five feet high. It leads into a hall, to the left of which used to be guardrooms of the Turkish soldiers who were stationed in the church, and to the right of which used to be the different denominations of Christians who had a share in the church. The houses of the

worship the Turks have copied from the Romans and have practiced it until present times.

The little hall leads into a magnificent basilica, the pillars of which were taken from the ruins of the temples of Solomon and that of Herod. They were brought over from Jerusalem to Bethlehem by the human machinery which was plentiful and cheap at that time. A turn to the left at the end of the basilica leads to the quarters of the Armenians and Greek Orthodox, from where a staircase leads down into the manger.

The Manger.

Looking around, the visitor sees himself in what might be called a rectangular cave, the walls of which are of roughly hewn natural rock. The walls of the den are covered with ancient holy pictures, some of which are very hard to recognize. If these pictures were able to speak they could tell many a tale about many a person low and high who came to this place either out of curiosity or driven by a higher motive to worship at the sacred birthplace.

The natural question that arises in the mind of the visitors is whether this place is in reality the very historic place where Christ was born. The Orient is very conservative. A hundred or even a thousand years previous to our modern time would have found the Orient in the same stage. In the land of Palestine itself we see that it is nothing unusual to encounter habits and customs that have existed in the times of Abraham and his followers. Figures of speech remind us of the language in which the Bible was written. Names of places and places themselves date thousands of years back. If we take Beersheba, for instance, which was mentioned so often in connection with the Allenby campaign in Eyria, we see that the name has come down from the times of Abra-

ham, and we still find the seven wells that Abraham dug, and these gave the name to the place, "bir," meaning well and "sheba" meaning seven. Bethlehem itself is just as ancient, if not more so, than Beersheba.

The Hotels of Old.

Up to our present time the Orient adheres to the old-fashioned hotels. They are nothing like the hotels and rooming houses of the West. The stranger who arrives in a smaller town or village is

A Christmas Message

Once let a considerable portion of the people become animated by a desperate desire for a new spirit of good will and justice and peace on earth, then see how quickly the puny and parasitical politicians and hypocritical reformers will scurry out of the way. Let us at least be honest with ourselves. We are not doing the great things as Christians and patriots, which are our duty, simply because we do not care. One thing that palsies our generation is a lack of eager earnestness. We have slumped into a mood of indifference—seeming to have forgotten how to hate wrong and to be ardent for the right. We do not love one another as sincerely as we should, we preach unselfishness, talk a great deal about political abuses, yet we are too selfish and self-centered to remedy these ills. On election day good men stay away from the polls, and then abuse the government because inefficient and dishonest men are elected to office. The Good Shepherd's kindness and sincerity are sorely needed—the healer as well as the teacher. Jesus taught and healed at the same time, and was beloved by the multitude. One of the most vivid and beautiful passages in the biography of the Master describes this scene:

"And when the sun was setting, all they that had any sick with diverse diseases brought them unto Him, and He laid His hands upon every one of them and healed them."

—By WILLIAM T. ELLIS.

taken by the hospitable people of that place to what they call the "madafeh," meaning the guest house. The "madafeh" is kept up by the villagers themselves, who in their turn do the entertaining of the guests. Every one knows when it is his turn to furnish the food and the coffee. In case of poor persons who cannot afford an expensive entertainment two or three people come together and share the expense. Justice is done to all, so that the poor man does not have to carry more than he is able to. Such a house is generally located at the entrance to the village.

The Angels' Field.

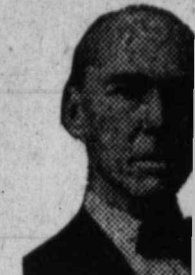
Near Beit-Sahoor is supposed to be the place where the angels proclaimed the birth of Jesus. The name Beit-Sahoor, which, literally translated, means the place of watching, indicates that this spot was the place where the old herdsmen kept their sheep instead of taking them up to Bethlehem. Near Beit-Sahoor is the Raawat, the place of the shepherds, on the fields of old Boas. On this place there stood an old church built by the Crusaders, which was destroyed by the Arabs after they had recovered the land from the Crusaders. The lower story of the church, covered with a heap of ruins, is still intact and serves as a place of worship on Christmas eve.

Christmas is celebrated twice a year in the town of Bethlehem. This is due to the difference in the Eastern and Western calendars, the Eastern being the old Julian one, which is 13 days behind the modern one. The celebration of the Greek Orthodox Christmas is by far the most attended.

The night before Christmas is the busiest night for the town of Bethlehem. People from all parts of the country and many foreign visitors flock to the town.

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CHRISTMAS REFLECTIONS

By J. H. Lowry

THE YEAR THERE WAS NO CHRISTMAS.



You can call to memory, no doubt, many Christmases. As the great day draws near you recall without trouble where on Christmas of last year—what you did, with whom you spent the day, what you received, what you gave, and what particular event thrilled or rejoiced you most. If you are yet young in years your memory does not go far enough back into the past to call many anniversaries of the Savior's birth into review, but entwined about every Christmas within your memory there are joys so permanently fixed in your heart that all the lashings of time cannot efface them. Since then cruel care with all its anxieties has come into your life, since then disappointments have plunged you into seas of bitterness, since then, perhaps, sorrow has come in its night-time visitations and thrown its heavy mantle over you, but even these cannot blot out the joys of a happy Christmas, and you have but to go back in memory to the glad day in order to wear again the features of joy and sing again the songs of gladness. If you are in that middle period of life in which people can not give evidence of youth and will not admit age, you can, by stirring up your memory a little, recall every Christmas, with its joys and its disappointments, clear through the stretch of years to the time when memory began to function and events began to make impressions upon your plastic mind and heart. Even if time has plowed such deep furrows in your cheeks and so dimmed your eyes that you no longer hesitate when asked to tell your age, there are bright dreams of the past clustering around the Christmases you have known, even as the glass in which roses have been distilled retains the odor, and these relics of joy time cannot destroy until memory is disenthroned. It would be difficult, no doubt, for you to say on what Christmas you were happiest, for Christmas joy is superlative, which permits no comparison. It may be that you remember with fondest recollections the Christmas of life's early morning, when you saw the big stick of candy and the big red apple in your stocking when you left your bed before the holy watch stars of night

had put out their holy lights. It may be that you feel that your cup of happiness was fullest on the glad Christmas day when you marched to Hymen's holy altar beside the man or the woman you loved; or it may be that there is a clearer memory of your happiness on the eventful Christmas when you didn't even receive a card, but gave much to relieve the needs of others. But what I wish to ask just now is, do you remember the year when there was no Christmas?

One year there wasn't any Christmas. I shall not attempt to name the year; perhaps you would not agree with me if I should name it; but most people who have reached middle life will tell you, as I do, that one year came and went without a Christmas, and to those who experienced it it was a far more sorrowful phenomenon than the year without a summer or the year without a frost. In most respects this year did not differ materially from other years. The bells rang the year in at the accustomed time, happy New Years were wished, cards bearing pretty sentiments and flowers were sent and received, and the accustomed New Year entertainments were given. The earth made its diurnal journeys around the sun and the seasons were timed as they were before and have been since. Winter raged for a time, but finally the chilling blasts of Boreas were chased away by the gentle zephyrs of spring and the world was warmed into vernal beauty. The earth was carpeted with green, the jonquils and the daisies came, followed by the buttercups and the roses. Finally the brown limbs of the trees answered the call of nature's resurrection and became glorious with bud and bloom; and soon the new velvety leaves cast a lace-work of magic beauty on the earth beneath as the sun sifted through and shadowed them upon the ground. Summer came. The plow boys whistled in the furrows as of yore, the sea harnessed its cloudy chariots and sent refreshing showers to the parching earth, the corn fields waved their golden banners and the great fields of cotton pointed their white and crimson bugles at the sun. And autumn came, with its perfect days and its matchless nights, with its riot of color in forest and field, and the horn of plenty was emptied into the granaries of the world and the laps of men. And then the world grew cold again, and, on the pith of it, passed right on from harvest time and tax-paying time to New Year—but there was no Christmas! A wheel slipped, an eccentric broke, or something else happened, and Christmas

was left out of the year. It would be direful indeed should the world's machinery go wrong and skip the glad springtime, with its revitalizing airs and its vernal glories, but such a calamity would not be worthy of comparison with the horrors, with the absence of soul-thrilling joys, the year when there was no Christmas. It was the blackness of night without the light of morning; it was the heat of summer without the cooling sea breezes; it was the desert with no oasis; the wound without stanch, the angry sky of night without a star, anxiety without hope—life without love.

I am sure you remember the year. No; it was not the year that misfortune came, for misfortune cannot close the door against Christmas. It was not the year when crops or investments failed, or when fire or flood swept away the savings of a life-time. Poverty is never a barrier against Christmas, for Christmas was born of poverty and finds its greatest delight in living with poverty. The great day sits beside those who are poor in the goods of the world and tells them of its Author, who had not where to lay His head. It was not the year when the death angel entered your home and bore a loved one away just as you were hoping for a merry Christmas. Christmas is never turned away by sorrow, for Christmas loves the sorrowing. Possibly on Christmas Eve, when you had planned to fill baby's stocking with pretty things and light baby's face with sunnier smiles, the angels came and bore baby away, and the pretty things you hoped would brighten baby's eye are now hidden away among the forget-me-nots that are too sacred for the world's idle gaze. Possibly when you expected Christmas, and to revel in Christmas joys, you stood beside the snow-white casket which contained the marble clay of a dimpled darling and wept your heart away—possibly instead of Christmas greetings and Christmas joys there came the good-bye to husband, wife, brother or sister—but that was not the year Christmas did not come. Christmas did come that year in all of its tenderness, in all of its mercy and love. Yea, Christmas came that year and sat beside you, and held your hand, and spoke unto you words of comfort and of cheer that healed your bleeding heart. Ah, if all the tears of sorrow that Christmas has wiped away were jewels and could be gathered up, beside them how dim, how lustreless, would be the most splendid gems of Kimberley or Golconda.

But put on your thinking cap and I am sure you will remember the year when there was no Christmas. Possibly it was the year when disappointment came and your hopes of gain were blighted. In the face of the disappointment you sullen and cried out angrily against your fate. Because dollars had not rolled into your tills as you had wished and planned, your soul shriveled and the smile that was on your lip curled into a frown. You resolved that you would get even with the world by withholding from it all you could. You tied your purse-strings in a double hard knot and swore that not a penny should escape. And you expunged from your heart all thoughts of liberality and generosity, and sat yourself down to scowl and grieve over your disappointments. This may have been the year without a Christmas; more likely, however, it was the year of your great prosperity that Christmas did not come. The crops yielded abundantly that year and prices were fine, and you made some lucky investments. Money was poured into your pockets and you built a fine account at the bank. Because of your prosperity men began to seek you and you were admitted into the charmed circle of the Napoleons of finance. You hobnobbed with the "big ones" and discussed houses and lands and stocks and bonds. And you said to yourself, "success and happiness in life are measured by a rule of gold; all else is an empty bottle, a merciless cheat." You found your only joy in stretching your bony fingers over your dollars and exclaimed, "They are mine." And you said, "I will build a wall around what I have, and I will get more."

The holiday season drew on, but to you it was foolishness. You saw the women and the girls busy with needles and thread, making pretty little nothings for loved ones and friends; and you rebuked them for wasting time and material. Such trifles did nobody any good, you said, and you waxed wrath because of the waste. You refused appeals of wife and children for a few dollars for Christmas remembrances, you took no part in the entertainments for the children, you did not even send out cards to friends, and you petulantly threw into the waste basket the little remembrances friends were thoughtful enough to send you. You even complained at the glee of the children, and in your heart wished they wouldn't make so much noise. Finally, while others were happy in giving and receiving and the world about you rang out with good cheer, you retired and lived

with your own poor sordid self. And that was the year without a Christmas.

And wasn't it an awful year? Wasn't it a miserable void? The barnyard cocks split their throats but their clarion call and welcome to Him who brought joy to earth found no echo in your heart. The children danced, and shouted, but their glee awakened no gladness in your soul. Upon your own hearthstone the rays of Christmas light did not fall, and loved ones about you were sad because you would not let the Christmas spirit come in and sup with you. And when you sought rest from yourself in blessed sleep, old conscience made you admit your selfishness and meanness and filled you with the bitterness of remorse. But let us draw the curtain here, for the year when there was no Christmas is a dark spot upon which memory must not dwell too long.

Dear reader, Christmas is man's better self; it is God in Man. It is the overcoming of the baser attributes, the flowering of the kinder feelings, the nobler virtues, the unselfish spirit. It comes into man when man's heart is warmed into a deeper love for his fellows and into a deeper gratitude to Him who came to give all for man. Man can resist the Spirit; man can freeze his nobler passions and murder his better self. Man can declare the eventful year when the magazines of the skies burst upon Judean hills a myth and close his ear and heart to the glad refrain of "Peace on Earth, Good Will to Men," sung by the angelic hosts, but if he does he'll meet the awful doom of a year without a Christmas. May this good year of our Lord give its Christmas light, its Christmas joys and its Christmas hope to all.

The great day comes on. We know it is near because there is a deeper amethystean glow in the great celestial concave. We know it is near because the crow of the barn-yard cock is shriller. We know it is near because we are thinking a little less of notes and accounts and have a stronger desire to pet the children. We know we are approaching Christmas because we are thinking less of our little ambitions and feel a livelier interest in the happiness of others. As the day comes nearer and nearer may you catch a clearer and truer vision of Him who gave all, who forgave all, endured all and loved all; and may this vision lead you to the happiest Christmas you have ever known.

The Healing of Masterson

A Christmas Story
Of the Rugged and Big-Hearted West

A Christmas moon shone coldly on lone hard roads and faded prairie grass. Yellow streams of light from the windows of the low bunkhouse cut warmly into the pale night.

Within was rough comfort. The stove bore a glowing spot on either bulging side; the lamps flared in their brackets, depositing velvety frescoes on their chimneys. The men smoked vigorously in the relaxation of their after supper hour or lolled drowsily in their bunks.

"Not a blamed thing to show that it's Christmas!" grumbled Lariat Pete, dejectedly.

A momentary hush fell. Then Limber Jack rose, viciously kicking aside his soap box chair.

"Shut up, Pete!" he snarled. "We ain't babies, nor this ain't the first Christmas we've missed hanging up our stockings. You're warm and fed, ain't ye, and got a job at good pay?"

"Great cats, yes!" ejaculated a head hanging over the edge of an upper bunk. "Don't I remember last Christmas, when me and the pony was alone on the prairie, without a cent or a measure of oats between us, and it cold as Greenland? Old Three Spot, out there with his head in the manger, will tell you this ain't a bad Christmas."

"Anyway," Jack capped the discussion, "I don't know but we've got more of a Christmas than poor old Masterson over at the house."

The silence now was of a different sort. The West has an unwritten law that a man must keep his hands from the affairs of another man, but Masterson was loved of them all and every heart ached for him.

Perhaps the owner, who hired him, knew why this man, evidently of the cultured world, should elect to live out his days in this farthest outpost of civilization—tight lipped and stern—but no one else did.

And this was the first time that they had even given voice to the trouble which was so plainly eating at Masterson's heart.

"There'll be a new foreman here before Spring, I'm afraid," continued Jack. He's getting more holler-eyed and thinner every day. It gets me to see that sorry look in his eyes when he thinks no one's lookin' at him."

"Tell ye what he makes me think of, fellers," spoke Pete, ruminating over his pipe. "Five or six years ago we had a pair of these yer Sang Bernard dogs here—big yeller and white fellers, ye know. The boss had promised one of

them to his little girl, so he totes off the littlest one when he goes east. Well, sir, Ol' Max never whimpered once, but he'd just go from one to the other with the sorriest look on his face and then he'd pace back to the road and set down and look to ards the east.

"And he kept gettin' thinner and sadder, till we boys didn't know whether to shoot ourselves or jest go east and kick the idiot that took off the poor dog's mate.

"And one morning we found Max at the top of the hill, with his nose tods the east, stone dead—I tell ye that dog got as near a Christian burial as the gang that was here then could give him!"

There was a sympathetic silence for a little while. Then Pete finished.

"I don't know whether Masterson's lost a mate or not. If his heart's broke that won't kill him. Only dogs and horses is lucky enough to die of that. And as we don't know nothin' and can't do nothin' we'd best keep our tongues off and let him fight it out alone, same as Max did."

The door swung open and Masterson stood upon the threshold. The men started, but self-consciousness was lost in amazement.

He often crossed to the bunk house, ostensibly to talk of the work, but, as the men often surmised, to escape the loneliness of his fireside over at the house, where he was established during the winter absence of the owner.

But tonight he bore on his arm a little child. Not a ragged, shivering prairie waif, but plump and rosy and bright-eyed, as though just waked from sleep, blinking a little as the lights struck her face and glancing, shyly but unafraid of the broad shoulder which supported her.

For a moment they were spell-bound, then her shy little glance was illuminated by a friendly smile, and as one they descended upon the pair with so

many questionings and exclamations that had she not been in Masterson's arms her courage might have failed.

As it was, she smiled into the bronze faces circling about her, while the men looked and marveled, some touching her white gown wonderingly, and even one laying a hardened finger upon her dimpled hand as it lay upon Masterson's shoulder.

"She came into the house alone just now," Masterson explained, "and all that I can understand of her baby talk is that her mother sent her and that she is looking for her father. Some one must have dropped her recently, so you boys turn out and hunt the outfit."

Several throats were cleared and the



"But To-night He Bore on His Arm a Little Child."

men stiffened belligerently.

"Look here, Masterson," argued Pete, emboldened by the fact that the child had let him take her hand, "are you going to give that little thing back to a pack of folks so pizen mean that they drop her out on the prairie on a night like this?"

"Why can't we keep her?" asked old Bones, querulously. "Like as not they'd beat her, anyway. Think of Egg Creek ranch with a little tyke like her running around!"

"Yes, we can raise her," put in Limber Jack. "My mother had six, all younger'n me, and I took a hand with the whole batch. We can take her as a Christmas present and say nothing about it.

"She would be heap better than that grapho-thing over at the Clapsaddle ranch."

"Whatever we do with her, the first thing is to find where she came from and why she was left here," interrupted Masterson, decisively. "Hurry up and search the trails. You'll soon overhaul them. I'll take her back to the house and maybe she'll go to sleep."

Masterson sat by the fire, holding the sleeping child, and as he listened to her gentle breathing and watched the moist curls cluster about her flushed face the tense lines about his mouth relaxed and the sternness of his face gave way to a gentle brooding.

The door swung softly open and a woman crossed the threshold. Masterson gazed at her as she stood before him with hunger in his eyes. The rough hood of her traveling cloak slipped back and her breast rose and fell with her agitated breathing, yet he did not think the vision real.

Nightly, in the stillness of the great house, wrapped in blankets by his camp-fire, or in some lonely prairie shack, had she confronted his aching eyeballs.

And yet this was different. Now she brought no anger, bitterness of heart-

ache, but only tenderness and a keen longing that this dream woman might become real to him—as real as the child he held.

Silent she stood within the circle of the firelight, regarding him with anxious eyes, until a tender smile crept about his lips. Then she started forward. "John! John!" I could not stay away another day!" she said.

The man gave a great start. For the first time he realized that she was flesh and blood and not the figment of a dream. "Nell!" His voice was a whisper. "Nell, is it really you?"

"Yes, John!" There was a sob in the words, as she knelt by his chair. "I had driven 100 miles to reach you on Christmas eve, and then I remembered how

angry you were and the hard things you said, and I was afraid, so I sent Helen first. Won't you—oh, John, may I come to you now?"

Very gently his free arm curved about the kneeling woman, and her face went down against him in a rush of happy tears.

"I have dreamed it, my wife!" he breathed. "Night after night I have dreamed that you came back to me!"

Presently he lifted his cheek to hers, to ask: "But the child, Nell. Why should you send her in to me?"

There was incomprehension in her look at first, then her eyes burned softly into his. For a moment she hunted for the right word.

"John, did you know before you went away? Have you never thought? Can you not guess? She came on Christmas day—the year you left me!"

"Nell! Mine? Mine?"

The man's breathless cry of joy and the convulsive embrace in which he enveloped them both awoke the sleeping child. She caught the spirit in the two faces bent over her, and the man trembled under her sleepy murmur.

"My fawner! I found my fawner!" The little hand caressed his cheek.

Limber Jack, coming up the path to report the finding of a light wagon and a non-committal driver in the plum thicket below the corral, paused at the door as he caught sight of the group. A little later he entered the bunk house.

"I found who brought the kid, fellers. Masterson's found her, too, and he's settin' over there holdin' both like he never wants to do another thing. Whatever's been the matter with the old man it's all right now, and I've fixed up the driver for the night, so let's turn in. Tomorrow there's goin' to be a Christmas on Egg Creek ranch like you've never saw before."

And at the house Masterson, with exaltation on his thin face, sat brooding over a sleeping mother and child until Christmas day awoke them to happiness.

One legend concerning the origin of the Christmas tree runs that Martin Luther, coming home one crisp starry night before Christmas, wished to convey to his children an idea of the beauty of the night, and as he stood pondering the thought came to him to cut a tree and cover it with candles—that seemed to him the nearest likeness he could give them.

Santa Claus' Gifts to Texas

By Chas. Norton

In the past fifty years man has made greater progress in scientific knowledge, mechanical attainments, agricultural pursuits than during previous two or three hundred years. Within the past four hundred years. Within the past year this progress has pointed the way to new and greater achievements in Texas.

God has been exceedingly good to the people of Texas and of this nation during the year 1922, now nearly at its close. He has given them gifts in the way of farm products, of mineral treasures, of large quantities of factory products and many measures unknown to the last century, brought about mainly by scientific research and mechanical devices; but none will give greater joy to a larger number of people than those achievements of the mind, in art and hand, the books and stories that have been written, the pictures that have been painted, the figures that have been moulded and the music that has been composed. Literature, and music must be counted as gifts among our blessings, for they point the way to progress of mind and all growth and development is through the mind.

All these Texas also excels. Consider the lilies of the field; they toil not, neither do they spin," the Good Book, but elsewhere in Scriptures man is told to "work, the night is coming," and man come to recognize and appreciate blessing of work. There has been plenty of work in this great State of Texas during 1922 for all who have sought it and work has brought progress and great accomplishments. Texans appreciate the glorious climate they enjoy, a diversified climate that extends from its eastern to its western borders. It gives them joy in living, it aids in providing crops when joined with fertile and properly directed industry. It is the basis of all prosperity and all products and livestock growth. Once upon a time there was a rich man who so admired the character of Jesus Christ that he delighted to do acts of kindness in the name of Christ. He liked especially to bestow gifts upon the children and to the poor. His name was Nicholas and after his death he was called St. Nicholas—from then on it was an easy transition to Santa Claus, who visits the children each year on the anniversary of the birth of Christ, bringing them gifts and happiness. People are children in God's sight, as Nicholas gave in the name of Christ, so Santa Claus' gifts of today should be considered tokens from God. The Christmas tree in the center of the page is loaded with gifts from Santa Claus to the people of Texas. It is symbolical of the generosity of God and All-Wise Providence, acting through His regent saint, Santa Claus. These gifts are manifold and showered on both the rich and the poor, the just and the unjust, like the beneficent rainfalls. The gifts are at a time that is most opportune and helpful.

The good old "Santa" has not forgotten the Texas grown-ups as well as the Texas children. These gifts to grown-ups may not have the sentimental value as the gifts to the children, but they have a substantial value—a value inestimable to the welfare and progress of Texas and the human race.

When let there be general rejoicing and thankfulness throughout our big state at this Christmas-time, for these generous gifts; let the welkin ring with song—carols that proclaim the magnanimity of Nature, the goodness of an All-Wise Providence, the thoughtfulness of a kind-hearted Santa Claus.

Texas' Agricultural Wealth. Turning our attention to practical agriculture, to a count of the wealth that may be traced directly to soil and climate, statistics must be used, the statistical data herewith submitted was compiled by the Texas Department of Agriculture at Austin and is approximately correct. While the yield of some crops have been disappointing, yet, as a whole, the total production for Texas for 1922 are fairly good, in many counties, considering the disastrous effect brought about by a drought which was prolonged and somewhat general throughout the state.

Texas Cotton: Acreage planted, 640,600; number of bales ginned to November 1st, 1922, 2,855,171.
Texas Corn: Acreage planted, 5,461,515; production, 123,810,000 bushels.
Texas Wheat: Acreage planted, 71,510; production, 9,565,000 bushels.
Texas Oats: Acreage planted, 1,255,000; production, 41,856,000 bushels.
Texas Barley: No acreage statistics available; production, 1,842,000 bushels.

Texas Hay: Acreage, 626,220; production, 94,619,000 tons.
Texas Rice: Acreage planted, 167,000; production, 5,596,000 bushels.
Texas Rye: No acreage statistics available; production, 144,000 bushels.
Texas Sweet Potatoes: Acreage planted 100,000; production, 9,177,000 bushels.
Texas Cotton Seed: No acreage statistics available; production, 980,000 tons.
Texas Apples: No acreage statistics available; estimated production 274,000 bushels.
Texas Peaches: No acreage statistics available; production 1,714,000 bushels.
Texas Pears: No acreage statistics available; production, 402,000 bushels.
All Texas Citrus Fruits: No acreage statistics available; production 298 cars.
Texas Peanuts: Acreage, 172,000; production, 112,973,000 pounds.
Texas Cowpeas: Acreage planted, 58,100; production 697,200 bushels.
Texas Broom Corn: Acreage planted 22,750; production, 15,500 tons.
Texas Grain Sorghum: Acreage

there were 991,000 horses in Texas, valued at \$57,478,000.
Texas Mules: January 1st, 1922, there were 863,000 mules, valued at 73,855,000.
Texas Hogs: January 1st, 1922, there were 2,475,000 hogs; valued at \$21,038,000.
Texas Sheep: January 1st, 1922, there were 3,077,000 sheep, valued at \$10,462,000.
Texas Milk Cows: January 1st, 1922, there were 1,073,000 milk cows, valued at \$46,139,000.
Other Texas Cattle: January 1st, 1922, there were 5,363,000; valued at \$106,724,000.
Texas ranks second in the United States in cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules; valued at \$315,000,000. Iowa only exceeds Texas in value of cattle, hogs, sheep, horses and mules to the amount of \$337,000,000.
Texas dairy products, including milk, butter and cheese, are important products.
Texas chickens, turkeys and eggs are produced in this state in enormous quantity.
Texas Honey and Beeswax: This

the greatest number of really large producers. Some of these wells were so large in their daily output that persons unfamiliar with such things can hardly conceive of their magnitude and commercial value. It is nothing uncommon to have a well yielding oil at the rate of from 3,000 to 12,000 barrels per day. Texas was the second largest producer of gasoline in 1921 when the output was 976,229,091 gallons. Texas oil fields are grouped in four great divisions, Northern Texas, Central Texas, Southern Texas and the Gulf Coast.
Texas is also holding up in crude oil production for 1922. A total of 80,666,587 barrels of crude oil production for the first nine months of 1922 in Texas has been reported to the state comptroller by the producers of the state, and gross production tax on a value of \$120,897,513 has been paid, an average of \$13,433,057 per month. The wealth, therefore, that crude oil will yield to the state of Texas for the year of 1922 is around \$160,000,000, which is the equivalent of 1,600,000 bales of cotton selling for 20 cents per pound.
Texas fish are a great delicacy,

ever, the water lies close to the surface, but has less force behind it to push it to the top. When a drill has reached this strata the water comes up through the hole close to the surface, and, while it does not flow, yet the quantity is so great that no matter how much may be taken out, the supply keeps the water in the well at the same level. By the introduction of motor pumps this water is being used for irrigation with splendid results.

Texas is developing into one of the greatest states in the Union for its artificial lakes and reservoirs, which are proving both a blessing and pleasure to the people. During the periods of heavy rainfall Texas river channels are filled to overflowing, the flood waters doing great damage along the river valleys and also carry off large quantities of valuable soil. By the construction of dams and reservoirs flood waters have been stored for future use, flood damage somewhat averted and the alluvial soil undisturbed. When water is needed for irrigation it is drawn from the lakes and reservoirs, and at other seasons the stored waters are pleasure resorts for the people, providing boating, bathing and fishing. Texas is filled with admirable spots for small lakes and reservoirs, both along the river channels and along dry canyons through which no living stream but only flood waters flow. Many of these may be dammed at small expense and the profit from them will pay big dividends on the expenditure.

Texas climate is conducive to the health for which Texas is famous. When one finds a certain part of the state not suited to his temperament he may profit by removing to another section. Thin anaemics from North and West Texas may become strong and fat in the salubrious climate of East and South Texas, while the pallid-cheeked from East Texas may in the western part of the state regain health and happiness.

Texas' Manufactured Products.
 Texas manufactures are coming into their own. Too long Texas has been content to produce raw material, ship it to industrial centers of the east and north and buy back supplies in form of manufactured goods. Consequently her industries have developed slowly. This has been in part due to the lack of home capital for the development of factories. Capitalists of the industrial centers have preferred to invest their money at home and take the raw material there.

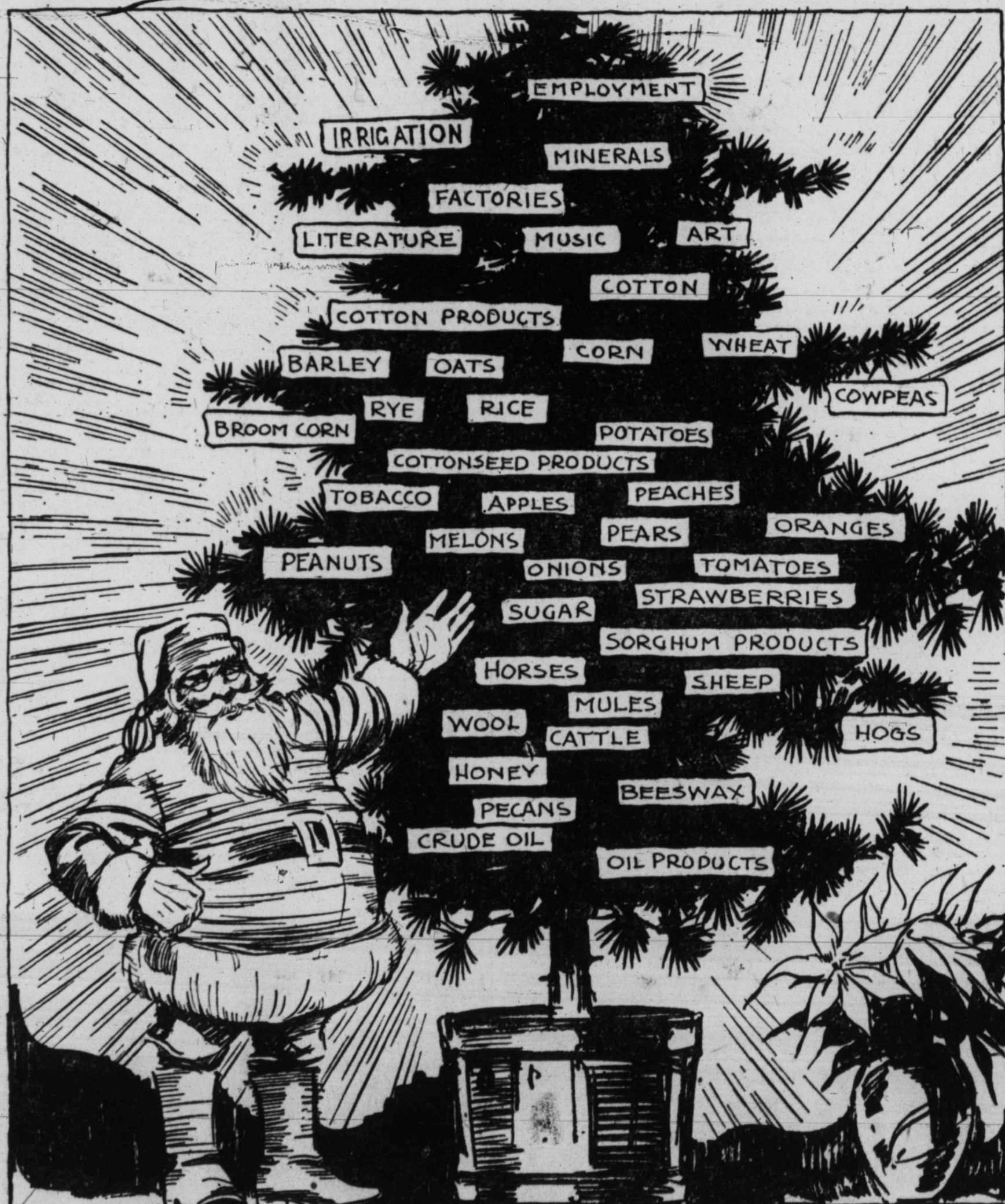
But Texas capital now is making itself felt, and Texas capital is looking for home investments. Texas capital has been engaged in commerce and trade, and these have reached the stage where the necessity for industrial development is becoming imperative. However, we are progressing industrially in the construction of better schools and colleges, better churches and homes, and better municipal and business buildings.

During the past few years Texas has been making steady headway as a manufacturing state, and among Santa Claus' gifts to Texas at this time is a fuller appreciation of what larger and more finished products will do for Texas.

Texas cotton and woolen factories have proved profitable, but more of them are needed to attract the better classes of workmen from the industrial centers of the east and north.

Texas hides may be tanned just as well in Texas as in established tanning centers. Texas iron products are the equal of any in the market. Texas packing houses can supply the wants of her people and the people of other states. Texas fruit and vegetable products can be canned as well in Texas as elsewhere. Texas can manufacture the finest oils, Texas can manufacture good shoes, Texas can excel in industry of every kind, and the blessings of this year and period is that Texas is learning to do all these things in greater measure and on a scale in keeping with the size of the state.

Texas railroads and interurban lines are numerous. A few more would be useful, but such as are really needed will be built in time, and they will be built in a measure by local capital. Texas is building improved highways, that will some day traverse the state in all directions. The wealth of Texas is increasing by leaps and bounds. As the United States once looked to Europe for capital to develop railroads and industry, so Texas has been looking to the money centers of the north and east. But from now on, Texas expects to find at home the money with which to build, expand, extend, grow, produce, manufacture and develop Texas industry, and the time is not far distant when Texas will be sending large sums of money for investment in other lands for the purpose of developing her foreign trade.



planted 1,716,000; production, 55,475,000 bushels.
Texas Irish Potatoes: Acreage planted, 38,850; production 2,398,000 bushels.
Texas Cabbage: No acreage statistics available; production 3,593 cars.
Texas Onions: No acreage statistics available; production 4,538 cars.
Texas Tomatoes: No acreage statistics available; production, 1,652 cars.
Texas Lettuce: No acreage statistics available; production 96 cars.
Texas Strawberries: No acreage statistics available; production 7 cars.
Texas Watermelons: No acreage statistics available; production 4,359 cars.
Texas Cantaloupes: No acreage statistics available; production 162 cars.
Texas Sugar Cane: Acreage planted 18,000; production, 3,192,000 gallons syrup.
Texas Sorghum for Syrup: Acreage planted, 85,000; production, 2,798,000 gallons syrup.
Texas Livestock.
Texas Horses: January 1st, 1922,

is an important industry in Texas, large quantities being shipped annually out of the state.
Texas Pecans: This is a product that has assumed large commercial value in Texas. Production is irregular, being very large in some years and small in others, but many groves of improved pecan stock are being planted and within a few years pecan production is destined to be one of the big industries in Texas.
 These are the blessings Texans enjoy from agricultural, horticultural and livestock pursuits. To these must be added the mineral wealth of the state, commerce, transportation and manufacturing, the latter three pertaining especially to the development and growth of cities in the state.
Texas Crude Oil and Other Sources of Wealth.
 Texas stands third in the list of the great oil-producing states of the United States. Its output for the year 1921 was 105,209,500 barrels, Oklahoma and California alone standing above her. Although Texas stands third in the total production for 1921, she brought forth

and are in abundance and variety, including both salt water and fresh water fish. The United States government has established two large fish hatcheries in Texas, where fish are produced with which to stock the lakes and rivers. Young fish are sent every year from these hatcheries to every part of Texas and year by year the supply of fish is increasing.
Texas irrigation is coming into its own. When combined with the soil and climate of Texas it produces wonderful results. Irrigation is possible in two ways—by storing of flood waters in reservoirs for use when needed, and by the development of small pumping plants to draw the water from shallow wells.
Texas has an enormous quantity of water under its soil. In some places it flows at a great depth, and in such force that when a hole is drilled into its strata the water gushes to the surface as from a spring. These are known as artesian wells, and where properly developed they have proved a great aid to intensive agriculture.
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SOME YULETIDE CUSTOMS AND THEIR ORIGIN.

Many Christmas customs are relics of pagan observances, especially those of Druidism, the religious system of the ancient Gauls and Britons. Groves of oaks were their chosen retreat, and today the acorn is found as a Christmas symbol on some Christmas greetings, although it is not used as much as formerly.

Druidism considered mistletoe most sacred, and when growing on an oak tree, parasite as it is, it was cut with a golden knife by a priest clad in a white robe and two white bulls were sacrificed on the spot.

The Yule log in England is a relic of Druidism. Its name is considered a corruption of "wheel log," a wheel in Druidical symbolism typifying the march of the sun. The lighting of the yule log harks back to the sacred fires kindled by the Druids at midwinter in the round towers which yet remain in many parts of Great Britain, Ireland, France and Spain. The use of the Christmas tree has descended from the German Druids. The dressing of the tree with candles and presents was a feature of their midwinter festival.

Ivy is not used for Christmas decorations, as it was once sacred to Bacchus and constituted almost the sole leafy adornment at the Roman saturnalia. The early Christian clergy, desiring to wean the people from their pagan practice as far as possible, forbade the use of ivy, and the precedent still obtains.

In medieval Europe a peacock was the favorite dish for Christmas dinner. After being skinned carefully the bird was cooked. Then the skin with the plumage intact was replaced, and the bird served in a manner as nearly as possible resembling real life.

Mince pies are first mentioned in 1596 as in common use at Christmas times. Authorities in the matter then said they might be eaten as early as December 14.

THE YULE LOG.

To the ashes of the yule-log were ascribed certain efficacious properties and they were gathered from the fireplace with care. For one thing, they were mixed with cattle feed to preserve the animals from disease. Scattered on the land the ashes of the yule-log protected crops against blight.

There are "authorities" who say that the yule-log was the center of the bonfires which the pagan Scandinavians lighted in honor of their god Thor, at about the time of the winter solstice, and that Christmas coming at about the time of the winter solstice, the yule-log burning was continued by the Scandinavians after their conversion to Christianity. Another story is that the Christian missionaries, after converting the northern pagans, required them to cut down a large tree, hew from its trunk a heavy log and then burn that log as a symbol that they renounced their heathen gods. This formal renunciation of paganism and induction into Christianity was often timed to take place during the Christian celebration of the birth of Christ, and it is said that in this way the yule-log came to be a part of the celebration of Christmas.

It is said that no sadder Christmas festivals have ever been spent than those held in a log-built church which has the distinction of being the most northerly place of worship in the world. Away in the cold, dreary plains of Siberia it stands, offering shelter to the few inhabitants who desire to meet for worship. This little church is situated about 72 miles north of Yakutsk, which is said to be the coldest city in the world.

Different Festivities In Different Lands



The travelogues of the movies have done much to interest both young and old in other countries than our own. With this growing interest a sketch of how Christmas is celebrated here and there is a timely subject.

In England, Christmas celebrations of three or four hundred years ago charm us with their quaint and simple jollity. The English always remembered everyone from their neighbors down to their servants. "In the country, an English gentleman always invited his neighbors and tenants to his great hall at daybreak on Christmas morning. There they were regaled upon toast, sugar, nutmeg and good old Cheshire cheese." The house was decked with ivy and other greens.

Under the title of a "Christmas box," the general English custom, which still prevails to some extent, a small gift of money was given to postmen and other delivery men the day after Christmas, which was called "Boxing Day."

In 1100 Henry I granted a charter to London, making it a city, and the Christmas celebration, it is recorded, consisted of a feast for rich and poor. The people gathered in the streets around blazing bonfires singing and dancing, after feasting upon oxen, deer, ale and mead. The wassail bowl, spoken of so often in many books describing England at the time of the crusades, was another evidence of the ever-ready hospitality that the English offered to all comers.

In Russia on Christmas Eve everyone dresses—or at least they used to, it is hard to say anything definite about Bolshevik Russia—for a gay masquerade. Each one was supposed to represent some animal, the idea being to commemorate the fact that Christ was born in a stable among the humblest of the animals.

Peasants among the Bulgarian, Germans and others have a legend that animals are conscious on Christmas Eve. Some people believe that "at midnight the sheep awake and march in a procession, that the cattle kneel in their stalls

while by a holy miracle all the beasts are able to congregate together. But it is a mortal sin for a man to attempt to overhear them; a sin punishable with sudden death."

Holland has many festivities prominent among them, a skating or ice carnival. In Switzerland the ski and toboggan hold sway.

An interesting practice takes place in Servia on Christmas Eve. The younger men and boys of the family early in the morning go to the forest. After crossing themselves three times as is the custom of the Greek church, or saying a prayer, they select a tree, then known as the Badnyi. They greet it "Happy Badnyi to you." Then one throws a handful of wheat which has been brought for the purpose, on it, another chops it down very carefully as the tree must fall toward the east just as the sun goes down. It is then cut into two or three pieces. The first chip that falls is brought home as particularly precious.

Then the logs are taken home, one for each side of the door. The mother breaks on the longer log a small wheat cake of unleavened flour, called "pog-acha."

The day passes in preparation for the feast the following day. At sunset one of the men, fitted out with new woolen gloves, brings in the log. As he passes the threshold the mother throws at him a handful of wheat from a bowl in which also the chip has been kept all day.

Then the log is lighted and immediately the young folks run out and "celebrate" noisily by firing off guns and pistols. It is important to keep the log burning all night.

In Brazil, Christmas is celebrated in the home in a fashion that brings to mind the Three Wise Men. An altar—sometimes the staircase—is covered with fine linen. On top is placed the Christ-child in a cradle, and below are placed the choicest gifts of the soil, "to show that the first fruits and best fruits should be His." Spices and myrrh, clusters of all kinds of fruit and rice and other grains deck this altar. The church steps are covered with spice leaves to make the steps fragrant when walked upon, and at night there is a Christmas celebration with fireworks!

Workbag Chat Making Gifts at Home With Needlecraft

By Mollie Thimble.



A novel idea as well as a cute one is a pink satin ribbon baby's feeder, showing the face of a clock on which the next feeding time may be marked with a pin.

Scarfs for evening wear made of crepe de chine or chiffon are very popular. These have spangles of gold or silver. The ends are hemstitched.

Cushions and poufs have become a part of the living-room furniture. A fat and enticing pouf called the "Pomegranate," is seen in the shops. It is of the futurist order, made of striped rainbow silk with a black line and black vertical panels outlined with antique gold braid.

One of the latest coats from Paris for sports wear is made of ermine. This is trimmed at the waist with black embroidery on it. The tam is of fringe of white goat. It has a deep ermine collar, with just a touch of the black embroidery on it. The tan is of soft white ermine.

Would you like to know how to make wool pompons for your tam o' shanter? If so, I will tell you how it is done. Wind your yarn five hundred times around a five-inch piece of cardboard. Tie both ends, slip off cardboard. Wind contrasting colors of yarn around a three-inch piece of cardboard, tie both ends and slip off. Place the last piece of yarn in the first piece of yarn. Tie securely through center. Cut both ends of each colored yarn.

Filet crochet seems ever increasingly popular. Not only do we have dollies for cake plates and bread trays, but designs for sandwich plates and also for the fish plates. One dolly which is very striking has a lobster crocheted in it. Medallions of crochet of various designs are being put on sofa cushions for old furniture. Coat hangers or dress hangers for dainty garments are covered with real filet lace over pale blue or pink satin. And they are really exquisite. You will need one wire coat hanger, 3 yards of narrow 1-8 yard silk, a little cotton batting and sachet, some crochet-cotton (number fifty would be the best), and a steel crochet hook and one spool

colored crochet silk. Crochet bedroom slippers or rather mules. These slippers are pink crocheted with blue ruffles.

A back powder-puff is a delightful gift for the woman who has no maid, mother or sister to dance attendance when she is dressing for dinner. Think for a moment of your own struggles with a small, inadequate puff, and you will realize what a clever invention this is. You will need one small slipper sole (10 inches long), one long white No. 5 knitting needle, one-quarter of a yard of flowered ribbon, three inches wide; one yard of baby ribbon in plain color. Outline the slipper sole on a piece of cardboard; cut the cardboard out on the outline, cover smoothly with flowered ribbon. Cut a piece of baby ribbon long enough to extend all around edge of slipper sole; gather both ends of this ribbon and draw it tight around the edge of slipper sole, drawing both gatherings tight to hold it in place. Overcast pointed end of knitting needle to the back of slipper sole, sewing it on securely. Now overcast ribbon-covered cardboard to slipper sole. Cover joining with a narrow cord or with close overcasting of heavy rope silk. Tie a bow of ribbon on handle.

This is the time when we want to hear about as many hurry-up gifts as possible. There is no doubt about it that if one has the time, it is a great saving to make gifts, and, besides, they have that intimate, thoughtful little touch which so many people appreciate. So often one hears, "Who appreciates handwork? Who realizes the time it takes?" I'll tell you, the person who can do it but never has time to make something for herself—try giving her something you've made with your-own hands.

A rather new and practical idea is to initial washcloths. The housewife will find this a particularly excellent idea when there are several in the family, for the initialing will keep them separate. The cloths are very inexpensive, so that it is a simple matter to get from three to a dozen washcloths for each person and initial them respectively, just as one would buy a half-dozen handkerchiefs for a person. It would take very little time, indeed, to mark some of these cloths very prettily with colored threads, and at least one or two of them would aid wonderfully in filling up the Christmas stocking. Be sure to get the best fadeless thread for the embroidery, because washcloths must receive rather strenuous laundering.

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Wreaths may be beautifully used for a Yuletide table. For the center use only a portion of a wreath. Ground pine, spruce or even green paraffin paper which has been cut up into narrow strips, could be used for the wreaths. Wire the portion of the wreath which you are going to use for the center of the table and shape it to represent a Greek harp. Use narrow red ribbon for the strings. At each place have petite wreaths tied with red ribbon.

A poinsettia table is most effective and really isn't hard to make. For the center have a basket filled with artificial poinsettias. Or, if you have not the inclination to buy the flowers, and have not the time to make them, use a rather low basket which has not a handle and all about its edge stick red crepe paper petals resembling the poinsettia petals. These are easily made by cutting long slender petals and then, with library paste, fastening a rib of thin green wire right down the center. And there you have a large poinsettia with a hole in the center. Place any sort of greens which you happen to have in the basket to make the center of your flower. Ground pine could excellently be used thus.

Perhaps you would love to hang wreaths in your windows but you can not afford to pay the price which holly ones are bringing this year. You can make some really artistic ones which will be just as Christmasy and much more unique than the holly ones. Lovely ones may be made of autumn leaves. Make the wreath just a bit fuller at bottom than at top. Over the leaves at the bottom sprinkle a bit of mullage water and then scatter over them some mica. This will give the effect of some stray snow flakes alighting there.

Planning Christmas Gifts

Is there one among you who has not given a thought to Christmas planning? Remember that as soon as December is here we have very little time in which to prepare. The very first thing in the preparation is thought. Put on your thinking caps and keep your ears wide open, and have handy a notebook and pencil.

Listen to the conversation of your friends and relatives and take notice of the little things they happen to mention they would like to have.

Your mother, for instance, may say that she must remember to buy a scrap basket for the guest room, or your sister may say that she wishes she had a blotting pad for her desk like Mary's. Such things should be jotted down in your notebook opposite the names of those who have said them.

When you are out at other people's houses and see things you think are pretty, try to think of whether they would look nice in your aunt's room, for instance, or whether you know of any one else who would like to have them. If you do, let them be put in your book at once.

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gether to worship at the place of real Christmas. The manger, being small, holds only a few people at a time, so that a priest has to stand in the place to see to it that the manger does not get over-crowded. The time limit is five minutes. Great is the variety of people who come to worship at this humble manger with their heads uncovered, standing in silent prayer.

The place to reproduce a real Christmas feeling is the Angels' Field. The place lies at the border of the Judean desert that stretches out to the Jordan and the Dead Sea. The place is quiet, and nothing disturbs the silence of the night except the repeated howls of some jackal or the barking of a dog in the nearby village of Beit-Sahoor. When the Oriental sky is clear the stars shine down brightly on the observer. They seem to be greatly magnified over the Northern stars and seem to be so near that a person thinks he can reach and pick them as he can apples from a tree. Everything tends to add to the silence and solemnity of the place.

The Christmas tree is missing in the Eastern churches and the Eastern homes as a whole. The only places in Bethlehem where Christmas trees can be found are the churches of the western denominations and the homes of the western people. But the tree is growing in popularity throughout Palestine in the homes of those natives who have adopted the western habits and customs. There are also many real Oriental homes which have opened the door to this symbolic tree of the West, with all its varied decorations that appeal so to the Oriental taste.

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Boys and Girls Christmas Stories

WHEN ELLEN COOKED THE TURKEY.

"I'll tell you what!" said Grandfather Weston, shaking his head emphatically, "girls in this generation are not as smart as they were when I was a boy. All they want to do is run about to dances and parties, and not one in a hundred or so could cook a dinner if her life depended upon it."

"Now, grandfather, you know that isn't so!" exclaimed all his granddaughters in one breath, "we all know how to cook, and we do lots of things besides go to parties and dances."

"Yes, of course, you know how to



"When Ellen Took the Big Turkey From the Oven George Was Right on Hand to Help Her."

cook, as you say; that is, you can fry an egg, or make toast, or get up some refreshments for a party; but what I mean is you don't know how to get up a dinner from beginning to end, and get it on the table on time."

That night in bed Ellen Weston thought over what her grandfather had said about girls not being able to cook a dinner, and she made up her mind that she was going to show her grandfather that he knew one girl at least who knew how to do it.

The next day she started to work. Of course, as her grandfather had said, she knew how to cook certain things, but she could not cook everything; and, as far as getting a whole meal was concerned, she did not know how to go about it at all.

That afternoon she went out in the kitchen an hour before her usual time and started to help her mother. They did their own work in that house, for with three girls and a boy there were plenty of hands to help with everything. But it was on her mother's shoulders that the burden of cooking well always fell. So instead of getting there in time to set the table and cut the bread and butter, she was there in time to help prepare the vegetables.

Her mother was a little surprised, but too pleased to have her help to comment on it. That night Ellen simply helped.

The next afternoon she was there again, and this time she asked if she could make the dessert. And so it went from day to day. At last there came a time when she was the one who got the dinners while her mother stayed in the kitchen to help and direct.

Then came the week of yuletide and she and her mother were planning the big dinner to which both her grandparents were invited, as well as an aunt and uncle and two cousins.

"Let me cook the Christmas dinner this year, mother," Ellen said imploringly. "I am sure I can do it. Only I don't want any one to know I am going to do it, and least of all grandfather. He said one day that girls of this generation don't know how to cook, and I would like to prove to him that one girl at least can do so."

"But a dinner for so many people is very hard to serve, Ellen," replied her mother, doubtfully. "Are you sure you could manage it? As far as I am concerned, I would be delighted to have you try, but I know how badly you would feel if it did not turn out well."

"I'm sure I can," said Ellen, confidently, "and I am crazy to try. But, mother, don't tell grandfather, whatever you do. Do you think we can manage so that he does not know a thing about it? It would spoil everything if he found it out beforehand."

Every one in the family was told about Ellen's plan and promised to help carry it out. When the guests arrived and found Mrs. Weston with plenty of leisure to entertain she explained casually that she had decided to get some one to cook the dinner this year, as she never had time before to enjoy her guests. And when some one inquired for Ellen she said she was some place about the house, and would turn up in time for dinner, she was sure.

Ellen's brother George was the only one she had asked to help her. The girls were not a bit interested in cooking, and always stayed as far away from the kitchen as they could get. But George was always ready to take a hand wherever it was needed, and he and Ellen were good chums.

When Ellen took the big turkey from the oven George was right on hand to carry in the dishes and help her with all the last-minute things. When the guests were finally summoned to dinner everything was on the table and Ellen was there, with cheeks a little flushed, it is true, but otherwise not showing in any way that she had been the cook.

Grandfather Weston was quite accustomed to seeing the girls help in the clearing away of a meal, so he did not notice that Ellen was the only one who brought in the different courses. But he seemed to enjoy his dinner very much.

"You must have been fortunate in getting hold of a good cook, Elizabeth," he said to Ellen's mother. "It would be nice if you could keep her all the time."

"Yes, I would like to," replied his daughter with a twinkle in her eyes; "but she's pretty hard to get hold of, and I'm afraid she would be rather expensive to have as a regular thing."

"It's too bad," said her father, sympathetically, "but why don't you teach some of these daughters of yours to cook? But girls nowadays don't want to I suppose. They'd rather spend their energies on dances and parties," and with that the old gentleman shook his head as he always did when he got on his favorite grievance.

"Grandfather, what would you do if I ever learned to cook a big dinner like this?" inquired his granddaughter Ellen with mischief showing in her brown eyes.

"Do?" asked her grandfather. "First I would probably have a little attack of heart failure from surprise, and after that I would probably give you a good, hearty hug and kiss; and after that—well, let's see what would I do after that! I think I would be tempted to give you Grandmother Peck's silver tea set just to show you how pleased and proud I was."

"Well, grandfather," said Ellen, running around the table and perching herself on his knee, "hurry up with that hug and kiss you were talking about, and as for Grandmother Peck's silver tea set, you may bring that to me the next time you come, for I was the one who cooked this dinner. And don't you ever let me hear you say again that girls in this generation don't know how to cook—" but the rest of the sentence was lost as grandfather gave her the hug and kiss he had just been talking about.

HOW THE PUEBLO INDIANS COMMEMORATE BIRTH OF CHRIST.

The Pueblo Indians of New Mexico and Arizona, who archaeologists claim were the original cliff dwellers, commemorate the birth of Christ by camp fires several weeks before Christmas. The Indian boys and girls and their parents choose yellow, pitchy sticks from the firewood and lay them aside for "Cosefa," the tribal name for the Christmas campfire.

On December 17, or eight nights before Christmas eve, some of the chosen sticks are split into neat, square-looking little pieces about a foot long and two inches wide. These are piled, log-cabin fashion, in the dooryard and a tiny torch fire started not far off. From the little torch-fire a flaming torch is carried



"For Nine Nights These Tiny Campfires Are Lighted."

to each pile, of which there may be as many as four or five, and placed exactly in the center. As the flame leaps from one stick to another the smoke curls from the center of the pile of wood just as it would from a chimney.

The little Indian boys and girls sit about quietly, the fire-light reflected in their sparkling black eyes, their parents keeping a close watch over the fires.

By and by, when the piles of sticks are but beds of glowing coals, the papooses are taken from the backs of their mothers, sound asleep, and with the older children are hustled off to bed, while father puts out the fires.

For nine nights these tiny campfires are lighted. As Christ in his descent from the celestial to the earthly regions was as an earthly child in His formation, so the nine campfires symbolically represent each month before his birth.

On Christmas eve the aged Governor of the Pueblo stands in the plaza dreamily watching the fires and the flickering shadows they cast. Over his large silver ear-rings hang braids of hair once glossy black, but now nearly white.

It has been nearly sixty years since he came to the Pueblo, a small boy, with his father. They found the Christmas campfire an old custom, even then, among the Indians.

CHRISTMAS AMONG ESQUIMOS.

A missionary who has spent many years in Baffin's Land, in the Arctic zone, tells us that the most peculiar Christmas service he has ever seen was held in an ice church far away among the Esquimos in the frozen wastes of the far North. Wood is scarce and it is only by substituting ice for timber that buildings are at all possible. However, once erected and made snug and cozy inside, an ice church is not at all so cold and forbidding as would appear.

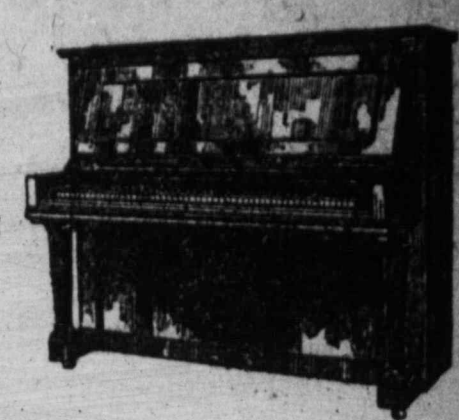
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MYSTERIOUS MISTLETOE

The mistletoe season draws near. Many boughs or pendants of this mysterious and beautiful plant will be torn from oaks and other trees and suspended from chandeliers and doors.

Many myths are associated with the mistletoe. The Druids of Britain looked upon it as a holy thing. To them the oak tree had a strong religious significance and seeing the curious plant growing out of the oak they conceived that it was the spirit or the soul of that tree. In this way it is believed that the Druids came to regard the mistletoe as the symbol of life and they therefore treated it with manifest reverence and gave it a prominent place in their religious rites. It is also believed that the Druids held the mistletoe as sacred to Fraya, the goddess of love, and that this is how it came to be associated with love-making and kissing.

The old herbalists, the forerunners of the physician, regarded the mistletoe as a thing having remarkable therapeutic properties. It was held to be good for epilepsy and for various conclusive "distempers." Many of our British and our Irish ancestors believed that the mistletoe was a charm against disease.

The mistletoe is a plant parasite and yet not altogether a parasite. Though it would rather live off of the tree, it has the means of self-support. It fastens itself upon its host, the tree, penetrates its tissue and draws nourishment from it, often deforming it and sapping its vitality. Yet the mistletoe is a green leafy plant; that is, it possesses the green pigment, chlorophyll, which gives the green color to normal vegetation. The presence of green leaves indicates that the mistletoe has the power, which independent

green plants everywhere possess, of constructing organic foodstuffs, such as starch out of inorganic compounds carbon dioxide and water utilizing sunlight as the source of energy in the process. It is, therefore, only partly a parasite so far as dependence upon its host for food is concerned, but it is none the less harmful to the account.

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NO CANDLES BRIGHTENED CHRISTMAS TREES OF OLD.

The Christmas tree which is a prevailing custom at this season did not become general until the nineteenth century. It is supposed by most persons to have been derived from Germany, but there is no recorded instance of the use of the Christmas tree there before the seventeenth century. The origin of the Christmas tree is obscure and its symbolism is a matter of conjecture. One authority tells us it probably came a union of two elements: The old Roman custom of decorating with laurel and greens at the Kalends of January, and the popular belief that every Christmas eve apple and other trees blossomed and bore fruit. Others consider it emblematic of Christ, who was often regarded as the "Tree of Paradise."

"The thought of Him," says Clement A. Miles, "as both the Light of the World and the Tree of Life may at least have given a Christmas meaning to the light-bearing tree and helped to establish its popularity among pious people."

Authorities agree that the first record of a Christmas tree comes from Alsace in 1604. An old writer describing Strasburg, says: "At Christmas a fir tree is put into the room, and upon it are hung roses made of colored paper, apples, wafers, tinsel and sweetmeats. Usually a square frame is made around it." From here it was introduced into Germany and in the reign of Queen Victoria the custom spread to England. The Lutherans gave Martin Luther the credit of introducing the Christmas tree in Germany. While he may have helped to make it popular, there is plenty of proof that it was known long before the reformer's time. However, a later authority has now come forward and states that the Christmas tree is from Egypt and that its origin dates from a period much farther back than the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a shoot every month and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter Solstice as a symbol of the year completed.

The ancient church devoted the day before Christmas to Adam and Eve, and in many parts of the continent it was customary to give dramatic representations of the Creation as well as the Nativity, in which trees or a single tree was decked with ribbons and apples.

The Christmas tree at first was not illuminated. The origin of wax tapers has been traced to the Roman Saturnalia, at which it was the custom to give lighted candles as Christmas presents. The candles were regarded as symbolical of the birth of the sun.

The theme of the Christmas tree has lent itself greatly to both prose and poetry. We all love Henry Van Dyck's beautiful story of "The First Christmas Tree." In Charles Dickens' famous vision of the Christmas tree there is a message that never grows old:

"Now the tree is decorated with bright merriment and song and cheerfulness. And they are welcome. Innocent and welcome be they ever held beneath the branches of the Christmas, which cast no gloomy shadow! I hear a whisper going through the leaves: 'This is in commemoration of the law of love and kindness, mercy and compassion. This is in remembrance of me.'"

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The Yule-log typified that spirit of hospitality which still reigns in every home where Christmas is truly kept. The candle at the window invited and beckoned to the warfarer out in the cold to come within to the festal board. The carols reminded the revelers that the spirit of Christmas came from on high.

The promptings of gleeful spirit of the holiday season make the preparation of a Christmas dinner a joyous task, for every founder of a feast knows that a wonderful Christmas dinner will live in memory full many a year. It is worth while to stir together with spoon and bowl, a dinner, which will be a tradition in the family these many years to come. Neither Santa Claus nor a good-cook can be spared at Christmas time. The menu of 1922 dinner provides for roast piglet as well as roast turkey or roast goose.

Lay the table with at least thirty inches between covers. The candles and Christmas greens have a fitting place as table decorations. A Christmas tree or an enchanted basket which yields favors for the guests is a favorite center piece. Holly, mistletoe and great bows of red ribbon add the holiday touch under the hand of a clever hostess.

It goes without saying that the soup should be a light one, but American cookery gives a recipe for a jolly red soup:

A CHRISTMAS SOUP.
Boil 2 to 4 good sized beets, after removing the skin, with 2 onions. Sift when soft, and add to 3 pints of white stock, previously thickened with 2 tablespoons of arrowroot, rubbed smooth into 1/4 cup of melted butter. The arrowroot makes a transparent thickening, preserving the red color of the beets. Garnish with slices of hard-cooked egg, or strips of green lettuce, or both.

NUT BREAD.
One cup graham flour, 1 cup white flour, 1/2 cup sugar, 2 teaspoons baking powder, 1/2 teaspoon salt. Put an egg, unbeaten, into a cup, and fill cup up with sweet milk. Add 1/2 cup of pecan meats. Mix lightly, put into a greased pan and let stand twenty minutes. Bake in a moderate oven about forty minutes.

HOLIDAY CRULLERS.
Cream 2 tablespoons melted butter with 1 cup granulated sugar. Add 3 well beaten eggs, 1 cup sweet milk and 3 teaspoons baking powder in enough flour to roll out as soft as possible. Fry in very hot lard and roll in granulated, not powdered, sugar.

FROZEN APRICOT SHERBET.
Put 3 cups of canned apricots through a strainer. To the fruit syrup add 2 tablespoons of lemon juice, a few grains of salt, 1/2 cup of sugar, 1/4 cup of orange juice, the apricot puree and 1/2 pint of chilled double cream, whipped solid with 2 tablespoons of powdered sugar. Freeze slowly, using 3 parts ice to 1 of rock salt.

GRAPE AND PEAR SALAD.
Cut canned pears in halves. Mix together 6 tablespoons of chopped preserved ginger and 12 tablespoons of seeded, quartered Malaga grapes with a little mayonnaise dressing and fill the core cavities of the pears. Arrange the halved pears in nests of the celery straws, resting on crisp lettuce leaves, sprinkle with 6 tablespoons of chopped pistachio-nuts and pour over a dressing made from 8 tablespoons of salad oil, 4 tablespoons of lemon juice, a few grains of salt and 2 tablespoons of powdered sugar. Serve very cold.

POPCORN PUDDING.
Scald 3 cups of rich milk and pour over 2 cups of freshly popped corn which has been finely pounded. Let stand 1 hour. Add 3 eggs, slightly beaten, 1/2 cup maple sugar, 1 tablespoon butter and a scant teaspoon salt. Turn into a buttered baking dish and bake in a slow oven until firm. Serve with thin cream.

CELERY AND APPLE SAUCE.
Mix equal quantities of finely cut or diced apple and celery and moisten with mayonnaise dressing. Scoop out the inside pulp of choice red apples, taking great care not to break the red skin. Refill the apple shells with the apple and celery mixture and garnish with crisp celery tips and curls.

SUET PUDDING.
Stir 1 cup of cornmeal into 4 cups of scalded milk. Add 1 cup of finely chopped suet, 1 cup of molasses, 1 teaspoon salt, 1/2 teaspoon ginger, 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon and a dash of any other desired spices. Add 1 well-beaten egg and turn into a buttered baking dish. Pour 2 cups of rich milk and 1 cup of cold water over the pudding and bake slowly for 3 hours without stirring. Serve with thin cream and sugar.

FLAKY PIE CRUST.
Mix 1 cup of flour, 1/4 teaspoon baking powder and 1/2 teaspoon salt. Work in 3 level teaspoons lard and then lightly mix with 3 tablespoons ice water. It may be possible to make the dough hold together without the addition of any more water. Use just as little water as possible so that the pastry will be flaky and tender. Chill before trying to roll out.

BAKED OYSTERS DE LUXE.
Scald 1 quart of oysters in the accompanying juice until the edges curl; drain and add to the liquid enough strained soup stock to make 1 1/2 cups. Cook 2 tablespoons of butter with 2 tablespoons of minced canned pimento for five minutes. Blend in 4 tablespoons of flour and add gradually, while stirring constantly, the oyster liquid. Bring to the boiling point, season to taste with salt and celery salt and a few grains of mace. Arrange the oysters in individual baking dishes, pour over the sauce and sprinkle with grated cheese. Bake until the cheese is slightly browned in a moderate oven.

Every home has its own Christmas dishes, but everywhere the plum pudding is in favor. Here is a tested recipe:

PLUM PUDDING.
One cup milk, 1 cup bread crumbs, 1 cup sugar (scant measure), 1 teaspoon salt, 1 teaspoon cinnamon, 1 teaspoon nutmeg, yolks of 4 eggs, 1-3 teaspoon each mace and cloves, 2 ounces finely chopped citron, 1/2 cup almonds, 1/2 pound suet, whites of 4 eggs, 1/4 cup fruit juices. Pour the scalded milk over the stale crumbs; when cool add the sugar creamed with the yolks of eggs, then the chopped suet, salt, fruit and nuts, and last of all the spices and the beaten whites of the eggs. Steam four hours or one and a half hours in individual molds. Serve with any good hard sauce or whipped cream sprinkled with grated pineapples.

CHRISTMAS CANDIES.
New Orleans is famed for its delightful candy, known as parlines. Many a Mardi Gras visitor has carried away with them a "cotton bale" box of the toothsome dainty. So unusual is the flavor that many have longed to know just how they are made. An old creole woman furnishes a recipe for this coveted and toothsome candy.

CREOLE PRALINES.
Three cups of coffee brown sugar.
One cup of cream.
One cup of pecans—halved.
One large tablespoon of gelatine—non acidulated.
One tablespoon of butter.
One tablespoon of vanilla.
Mix the sugar, cream and gelatine and allow it to cook until, when dropped in water, it forms a ball that can be picked up in the fingers—not a hard ball. Remove from the fire and add the butter and flavoring. Beat for a few minutes, then pour in the nuts. When the candy begins to beat thick and creamy, drop it into little cakes on a buttered surface with a tablespoon. Waxed paper is preferable.

STRAWBERRY CARAMELS.
One cup of sugar.
One cup of corn syrup.
One glass of preserved strawberries.
One tablespoon of butter.
One-half cup of milk.
One teaspoon strawberry extract.
One-fourth teaspoon cream tartar.
Place the sugar, syrup, milk and cream of tartar in a saucepan. After boiling to the soft ball stage, add the preserved strawberries, and boil until the mixture will harden when tested in water. Remove from the fire and add the strawberry extract. Boil up, but do not stir, then pour immediately into buttered pans about a half inch in depth. Mark off into small squares.

FOAM O' THE NIGHT.
Two cups white sugar.
Two tablespoons mapleine.
One-fourth teaspoon cream tartar.
One-half dozen marshmallows.
One-half cup water.
One-third cup of chopped walnuts.
Two egg whites.
Boil sugar, mapleine, water and cream of tartar until the mixture will make a firm ball when tested in water. Then add the marshmallows, cut into small pieces. Cover and let stand on the back of the stove for five minutes. Pour over the stiffly beaten whites of the eggs. Beat until light, drop from a spoon onto a buttered or waxed paper and place a half walnut on top of each.

NUT CHIPS.
One cup brown sugar.
One-fourth teaspoon cream of tartar.
One-tablespoon butter.
One cup molasses (light colored).
One teaspoon vanilla.
One cup nut meats.
Boil sugar, cream of tartar, butter and molasses until the mixture will harden in water. Add nut meats chopped fine and boil the mixture until it will crack. Remove and flavor with vanilla. Pull into thin strips and cut into small pieces with a pair of sharp, clean scissors. When cold, dip in melted chocolate flavored with a little vanilla.

POPCORN BALLS.
Melt 3 tablespoons butter in a saucepan. Add 2 cups of molasses and 2-3 cup sugar. Stir until sugar is dissolved. Boil until the mixture becomes brittle when tried in cold water. Pour over 6 quarts of freshly popped corn. Butter the tips of the fingers and shape the mixture into large balls.

FIG SQUARES.
Two cups light brown sugar.
One cup chopped figs.
One-fourth teaspoon cream of tartar.
One-half teaspoon ginger.
One-tablespoon butter.
One teaspoon vanilla.
One cup milk.
One-half cup chopped nut meats.
Boil sugar, figs, cream of tartar, ginger, butter and milk together until mixture reaches the soft ball stage. Stir often enough to keep the mixture from sticking. Remove from the fire, add the vanilla and nuts and beat until creamy. Pour into buttered pans and cut in squares.

These recipes all have been tried and successfully used, although not so well known as the old standbys of fudge, divinity and taffy.

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