

The Baird Star.

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Gift Suggestions For The Entire Family

Below we give list of appropriate Christmas Gifts which will aid you in selecting your gifts. Come early and make your selections

Dolls	25c to \$1.50	Bed Spreads	1.50 to 3.50
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COLD WEATHER

Wednesday morning a dry north-er came up rather gently at first, but the cold increased all day and Wednesday night was about the coldest weather we have had. Yesterday morning before sun-up the thermometer at THE STAR office registered 16 degrees above zero. These dry northers do not indicate either rain or snow.

HOUSE BURNED

Fire destroyed a residence adjoining Squire Hendrix's residence last Friday morning at 4 o'clock. The house is said to have been owned by John Hancock and occupied by a Mr. Smith, who recently moved here from Cottonwood, and is running a service car. Mrs. Smith was alone and got up about 3:30 and lit an oil stove, which is supposed to have exploded while Mrs. Smith was out of the room, for when she returned the interior of the room was on fire which spread rapidly and was under such headway before the alarm was turned in that by the time they reached the fire it was impossible to save the house or any of the contents, but prevented the fire spreading, the only thing they could do.

COTTON GINNED

There were 8,137 bales of cotton ginned in Callahan county up to Dec. 1st. Number of bales ginned same date last year, 7,152.

WOOD WANTED.

I want two or three cords of dry wood, 4 foot lengths, good size wood not little poles at \$3.00 per cord. W. E. Gilliland, Star Office.

MR. E. H. NELSON DEAD

Saturday morning at 2 o'clock, after a lingering illness, E. H. Nelson father of Mrs. S. E. Webb, of this city, and H. J. Nelson, of Dallas, and for a number of years an honored citizen of this county, passed away at the home of his daughter. He was born in 1832 near Greensborough, Alabama, and so was at the time of his death 84 years of age. In the early fifties he was a student of the University of Virginia. He was a gallant soldier in the Confederate army and saw service throughout the war. He was a Royal Arch Mason and a life long member of the Methodist Church. He was twice married, first to Anna Elizabeth Jones in 1859 who died in 1882. In 1883 he married M. Sue Jones, of Mississippi, who died in Baird in 1906. Grandpa Nelson was a well informed man and retained his bright interest in affairs to the end of his life. He was a gentleman of the old school, a loving father, a true friend, and above all a Christian citizen. His patience in suffering and his unbounded faith in the goodness of God were marvelous. He has "passed over the river and rests in the shade of the trees." He lived to a ripe old age, left the impress of his life on three generations and was ready when the summons came to come up higher.

A Friend

WHITE LEGHORN CHICKENS

I have a few full blood White Leghorn roosters to sell for 75 cents each. They are the Norton strain, the stock purchased from him two years ago last spring. R. Smalley, Baird, Texas 2-2t adv

SOCIAL EVENTS

Miss Marguerite Seale entertained Saturday afternoon for Miss Mittie Brock and to announce the approaching marriage of her sister, Miss Adine to Mr. Frank Burt, which will take place Jan. 16, 1917.

Bridge was played at four tables. Miss Clara Pearl Jackson making high score was presented with a picture, which she presented to the Honor Guest. Familiar songs were played by Miss Helen Walker, the first letter of every song spelling, Adine and Billy.

Delicious refreshments were served in two courses. Those present were: Misses Bettie Harris, Edith Collier, Helen Walker, Dora Buckles, Lora Franklin, Wren Foy, Clara Pearl Jackson, Amy Bowyer, Lillian Schwartz. Mesdames C. E. Walker, H. D. Driskill, C. S. Gee, J. O. Moore, Leache and Mrs. Max Levi, of Cincinnati.

Mrs. Mosley entertained the Sewing Club last Thursday afternoon. Sewing was indulged in for some time, after which a contest on poets and writers was given, Miss Lora Franklin getting the prize. Refreshments of banana salad, sandwiches, cake and tea were served to, Miss Lora Franklin, Mesdames J. R. Jackson, L. M. Hadley, W. S. Hinds, C. S. Gee, R. L. Grigg, H. D. Driskill, Hatcher, L. L. Blackburn, E. D. Driskill and J. F. Boren.

Lanham Whisenhunt, telegraph operator, is working temporarily at the depot. He came down Wednesday night from Big Springs to take the place of one of the operators who is taking a lay off.

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INTERNATIONAL SUNDAY SCHOOL LESSON

(By E. O. SELLERS, Acting Director of the Sunday School Course in the Moody Bible Institute of Chicago.)
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LESSON FOR DECEMBER 24

UNTO US A SON IS GIVEN.

LESSON TEXT—Isaiah 9:1-7.
GOLDEN TEXT—For unto us a child is born, unto us a son is given; and the government shall be upon his shoulders; and his name shall be called Wonderful, Counsellor, the Mighty God, the Everlasting Father, the Prince of Peace.—Isa. 9:6.

The Christmas lesson naturally and logically follows the three lessons we have just had from the book of the Revelation where Jesus in his glory had been portrayed, and the ultimate success of his work is foreseen in the new heaven and the new earth. Isaiah saw the vision of his first coming. John saw the vision of his second coming, when what he began the first time shall ultimately be accomplished. The prophecy here spoken was uttered during the reign of Ahaz, B. C. 738 to 723. The king of Assyria was attacking Syria. The tribes of northern Israel were carried away as captives. Judah was in danger of invasion. (See II Kings 15:29.) Isaiah was preaching in his home city, Jerusalem. His vision of the Messiah Savior was not more than 800 years before John saw the vision of the glorified Jesus.

I. **Darkness Versus Light** (vv. 1-5). We need to go back into the eighth chapter to get the full historical situation of this part of the lesson. Ahaz, trembling in Jerusalem, had with him the Prophet Isaiah, the wisest and greatest man in his kingdom, yet Ahaz listened not to his words of warning and rebuke. He doggedly pursued his own course and sought help in every other quarter than the right one. This explains Isaiah's words, "The people that walked in darkness." Primarily he may have referred to those of the lands of Zebulun and Naphtali, the Galilee of the nations (John 1:46; 7:52) and the light which shone in them, which was the light of the world, Jesus of Nazareth (John 8:12). But there is a larger application in this verse to the whole world which lay in darkness until Jesus came, and the whole world has seen or shall see the great light (Luke 1:78-79). With the coming of light comes the increase of joy (v. 3 R. V.). In Israel there is to be, through Christ, a wonderful increase (Isa. 49:20-22; Zech. 10:8). In Christ there is to be great joy, the joy of harvest and of victory. The religion of Jesus Christ is pre-eminently the religion of joy (Acts 8:8; Phil. 4:4; I Peter 1:8) but the Child that was to be born was to be a Deliverer too, for the "yoke of burden" was a tax of \$1,800,000 that had recently been levied by the king of Assyria. It was a night of thick darkness for Israel. Then, even as now, we have the moral darkness. (Read Rom. 1:20-32.) But the prophet saw the joy of deliverance. Jerusalem had been left in peace, Hezekiah succeeded his father, Ahaz, and entered upon a religious revival in the kingdom. The people who had walked in darkness had seen a new light. The prophet saw the dawning rays through the midst of this darkness of ignorance being removed. He also saw the coming of the Light of Men 700 years later, and the multiplication of the nations, the increase of their joy.

II. **Unto Us a Son is Born** (vv. 6-7). The greatest joy for Israel in Isaiah's time was in this vision of the Messiah, the promised Savior. Isaiah is looking ahead seven centuries. We are looking back nineteen. He was to be king over his people. Name and title is here given. (1) "Wonderful" because of his nature, being both human and divine. The word made flesh and dwelt among us. (2) "Counselor," one who has the wisdom to guide himself and others. No one guided by him has ever failed of true success. (3) "The Mighty God." He was truly God so that we can trust him to the uttermost. He can also save to the uttermost. (4) "Everlasting Father," expressing his divine loving kindness and self-identification with the Father. (5) He is also "Prince of Peace," the one who rules so that peace and prosperity abide in his kingdom. He brings peace between man and God, and between man and man. He is the peace of the soul as well as bringing peace to the soul. The completeness of this picture which Isaiah saw is the one which St. John saw, of which we have been recently studying. These two verses are marvelous ones, not only because of the clear prediction of Jesus of Nazareth, made more than seven centuries before his first advent, but marvelous also for the fullness and richness of the revelation they contain concerning the person, character and work of Christ.

Our Lord's earth life began at Beth-

lehem, but he was from all eternity (John 8:56-58; John 1:1-2).

As a man is not at peace with God he cannot be at peace with himself or his fellows; but as Jesus restores peace between man and God, he also restores peace to the heart of the individual (Phil. 4:7).

Sunday school officers and teachers should realize the difference between the peace with God (Rom. 5:1) and the peace of God (Phil. 4:7).

Let us see to it that in the fullest sense our scholars may have the Prince of Peace in their lives.

PEANUTS FOR SOIL IMPROVEMENT

By J. O. Morgan, Professor of Agronomy, A. M. College of Texas.

There seems to be a misunderstanding among many farmers as to the value of peanuts for soil improving purposes. There is an impression on the part of a great many that all the nitrogen in the peanut crop, or any other legume as far as that is concerned, is contained in the nodules and that when the nodules are left in the ground all of the fertilizing value of the crop is secured. This impression is wrong.

A leguminous crop, when grown for improving purposes, increases the productive capacity of the soil in two important ways, viz: by the addition of nitrogen and organic matter to the soil. It must be remembered that a very small percentage of the nitrogen and organic matter in the crop is contained in the nodules. While it is true that the germs that take the nitrogen from the air live in the nodules on the plant, only a small percentage of the nitrogen thus taken up remains in the nodules, the larger part of it being passed on to the other part. In the case of most legumes from 70 to 75 per cent of the total nitrogen taken up in this way is contained in the above ground portion of the legume. This being true, the removal of the above ground portion takes away the greater portion of the fertilizing value of the crop.

It must be remembered also that all legumes, even when properly inoculated, take a part of their nitrogen from the soil, the relative amounts coming from the soil and air being governed by the amount of available nitrogen in the soil on which the plants are grown. We are safe in saying that, on average soil, the peanut takes up at least from one-fourth to one-third of its nitrogen from the soil, the remainder coming from the air. Therefore, if all of the above ground portion is taken away and also a large part of the root system, as in the case when the nuts are harvested and nothing returned to the soil, the peanuts, in this case is a soil-improver, rather than a soil-improving crop, as the amount of nitrogen contained in the small part of the crop that is left in the soil will not equal that which is taken out of the soil by the crop to begin with. If a legume is to be made of much value as a soil-improving crop, a considerable portion of the crop must return to the soil. Merely leaving the nodules in the soil would produce very little benefit were such a practice possible.

On the other hand, when peanuts are used as a pasture crop for hogs, or other forms of livestock, they have a high fertilizing value, because in this case the greater portion of the fertility in the crop is returned to the soil.

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LONE STAR NEWS IN FEW WORDS

HAPPENINGS OF MAJOR AND MINOR IMPORTANCE NOTED.

PARAGRAPHS HERE PRESENTED

That Relate to Matters of Present and Likewise the Future Placed in Type and Embracing Various Portions of the Commonwealth.

Littlefield has a commercial club.
A Dallas store was robbed of \$14 in pennies.

George F. Munnerlyn, a resident of Waco since 1869, is dead.

First peanut hulls ever marketed at Sherman brought \$10 per ton.

The negro public school building in South Austin was destroyed by fire.

Owing to the high prices of feed two of Marlin's largest dairies have shut down.

New Braunfels Oil and Gas company, capital stock \$12,000, has been chartered.

Insane asylum laundry building at Austin burned; loss, \$38,000, with no insurance.

Terrell is to have an additional reservoir with a capacity of 200,000 gallons of water.

Nava-Sota Products company, Navasota, capital stock \$250,000, has been issued a charter.

Jan. 20 Wichita county is to have a stock law election to remedy defects in the present law.

While making a fire at Speegleville in McLennan county, fifty-six years old, fell dead.

Stephens County Oil company, Fort Worth, capital stock \$75,000, was authorized to do business.

In a difficulty between negroes at Paris Son Mitchell was shot through the body and killed add Emmet Hiedeman surrendered.

Assistant Attorney General C. A. Sweeton had his trousers stolen from a sleeper while en route from Austin to north Texas points.

El Paso was selected as the 1917 convention of the National Mohair Growers' association, which held its annual meeting at Galveston.

At the tenth annual Grayson County Poultry show, held at Sherman, nearly one thousand birds were exhibited Pigeon display was extra large.

A new trial was granted to Harvey Hutsert, a negro, convicted at Austin of the killing of Randolph Clarke, a white boy, and given death penalty.

The Waco Greeters' association is planning to include hotel clerks of all central Texas cities in the order. The next meeting will be held in January.

Dr. J. J. Dean of Waco has given \$10,000 to the Central Texas Baptist sanitarium to be erected at that city and a block of land which he values at \$7,500.

A broken rail wrecked two Pullman coaches near Grapeland. Several Iowa national guardsmen en route to Clinton from Brownsville were injured, none seriously.

Ramon Pizana was convicted at Brownsville in connection with Mexican bandit raids in that section last summer. Specific charge was termed "banditry."

Texas department of agriculture is urging state commercial organizations to have jackrabbit dinners similar to the one recently given by that department at Austin.

Joe Newhom, a young man, was discovered dead in a room at Wichita Falls, a wound in his head and a revolver on the floor. Remains were interred at Hamlin.

An election was ordered for Justin precinct of Denton county for Feb. 3 to vote on a \$150,000 road bond issue. It will take about an 80-cent tax to float the issue.

As a result of fire that badly damaged the Cleburne hotel, Cleburne, D. W. Ritch of Denison, thirty years of age, jumped to his death. Three persons were injured.

Eleven immigrant cars loaded with household and farming implements have arrived at Snyder for families from east Texas and other states locating in Scurry county.

Ed C. Sims, a stockman, was shot to death at Snyder Saturday by his divorced wife. Her brother, Sidney Johnson, and herself surrendered to the sheriff their pistols.

By automobiles colliding at El Paso

Mrs. F. H. Benjamin was buried against the windshield of one add hit the pavement and killed. Four other women with her were injured.

Violations of law prohibiting the hunting of deer at night with lamps are reported to the state game, fish and oyster department, all complaints being from southwest Texas.

Conditional on its being maintained by the city, J. A. Kemp, the banker and stockman, presented a \$20,000 building to Wichita Falls for a public library—a Christmas present.

Charles Gibbs of Midland has been appointed by Governor Ferguson as judge of the Seventieth judicial district to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Judge S. J. Isaacks.

Hale Parker, ten years old, son of Policeman J. P. Parker of Texarkana, was seriously burned while lighting a gas heater. His father's hands were badly scorched while extinguishing the flames.

Attorney general's department has approved a \$450,000 issue of El Paso county courthouse and jail bonds payable within forty years, with option of ten years and bearing 4-1-2 per cent interest.

Trial of T. R. Watson and his son, J. E. Watson, charged with assault on murder State Bank Examiner Eldred McKinnon, set for trial at Fairfield, has been continued until the February term of court.

The state game, fish and oyster department is receiving complaints from southwest Texas stockmen about deer hunters "headlighting" and killing their cattle. One stockman reports the loss of nine.

By an explosion in the chemical laboratory of the Southern Methodist university at Dallas Miss Minnie Lee Norwood of Nacogdoches, a student, lost an eye and was seriously burned on her arms and face.

Interstate commerce commission has suspended until April 14, pending investigation, proposed increases of 1 cent to 30 cents per ton on coal over southwestern carriers from Dawson, N. M., to Texas points.

The body of S. A. Earp was found hanging to a tree about four miles from Brownwood. He was sixty years old. A note in a pocket stated he was unable to find work and could not see his wife and children starve.

Young Men's Business league has been organized at Quanah. A president and twelve directors were elected and instructed to employ a secretary. A banquet will be given Jan. 1, when organization will be perfected.

As a precautionary measure against spread of smallpox Waco Mexican and negro dance halls have been ordered closed. An annex is being put to the city detention hospital, where smallpox patients will be placed.

Five thousand acres of range have been fenced by J. D. Shipman, a Tom Green county stockman, sixteen miles south of San Angelo, for a game preserve. He is making efforts to secure deer, antelope and buffalo for it.

What is known as the two-story "tin house" was burned at Corsicana. It was built of pieces of tin and tin and tin cans and owned and occupied by John Mammick, a negro, seventy-five years old, who perished in the flames.

T. C. Garrett, for half a century a resident of McLennan county, died at the residence of A. J. Garrett, a son, twelve miles north of Waco. He was eighty-eight years old, a Confederate and leaves three other sons and three daughters.

During a gun fight at East Donna Private Abbott of Troop D, First Iowa cavalry, acting in the capacity of a guard, was killed, and two others slightly wounded. East Donna is a Mexican town about a quarter of a mile from Donna.

Elder P. D. Ausmus, a Primitive Baptist minister, and wife, of Milton, Lamar county, have celebrated their golden wedding. Nine children, thirty-two grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren attended.

Just as the congregation of First Christian church, Dallas, were leaving the building Sunday, Elder L. S. White united in marriage on the lawn Robert E. Clements and Miss Verona Louise Willard. It was their desire to marry in the sunshine.

Two children of Arthur Young, a negro, one and two years old, were burned to death at Tyler when the house was destroyed by fire. Their mother had left them alone while she was washing for a family some distance away. It is not known how the fire originated.

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The next legislature will likely pass a law creating a Highway Commission that the press of Texas have so long advocated. Texas and Indiana are the only two states that have no Highway Commission, but Texas is coming to the front on the good road proposition after so long.

Let us all have a sober, sane Christmas. Have your egg nog if you like, but let us not make a Bacchanian feast of the Saviour's birthday, but celebrate it with becoming reverence in memory of Him who died for the salvation of a sinful world. So be it!

And Old Granny Carranza refused to sign the American-Mexican agreement. He considers his feelings hurt by the agreement made by his Commission. If old Carranza had a little less pride and more sense he would let the United States destroy Villa, but he won't do anything but rear back on his dignity.

Gov. Ferguson does not seem to take to the School of Journalism in the State University. We doubt if it is worth the cost, notwithstanding one of our good friends, Will H. Mayes, is at the head of it. The best school of Journalism is the printing office, and it takes many years of hard work to learn the ropes, even then.

The Kaiser tells his troops that they win battles with God's help, and that the German army is God's instrument to punish the nations. Attila, the Hun, was called God's scourge, but Attila himself was considered a heathen. The Kaiser would hardly appreciate being classed with the cruel Hun, the scourge of Europe.

Senator John Sharp Williams has joined the dries. He made this announcement too just after his reelection to the United States Senate from his state, Mississippi, and he further stated that he would never again be a candidate for any office, so it cannot be consistently charged against him that he turned pro to secure an office. John Sharp Williams is one of the ablest men in the South, and we understand he is wealthy and does not need an office to make a living. The Prohibitionist have gained an able convert in Senator Williams, no doubt about that.

Gov. Ferguson has been roundly condemned for mixing up in a row with the faculty of the State University, and THE STAR thought at first that the Governor was butting in where he should not, but on careful reading of the report of the investigation recently made of certain charges of extravagance of certain officers of the University has caused us to change our opinion and we now believe that Gov. Ferguson was right and his exposure of the loose methods of spending money by certain



Cease Firing!
By FREDERICK T. CARDOLE

The sergeant in the trenches
Slid his rifle from its mound
And bared his aching forehead
Where a red-stained rag was wound.
"Tonight, somewhere beyond us,
There is holly on the door,
And children smile in sleep," he said,
"Unmindful of the war.
And somewhere there is laughter,
And hymns of praise are being sung,
Mistletoe and ropes of green
Are somewhere being hung;
Yet we who stand on guard tonight,
Expectant, sleeve to sleeve,
Our hearts by battle hardened,
Forget it's Christmas Eve!
Thru miles of hostile distance
Where the tender home thought climbs,
I hear the frost-claimed echo
Of silver Christmas chimes.
Pardon, comrades, for my fancy
Runs wild and free tonight;
'Twas but a bursting shell I heard
Off there upon our right."
Then he shouted from the ramparts
Where life and death held tryst,
At the lines of hidden legions
Thru the settling powder mist.
"Must our presents be but leaden
Like the rest that you have sent?
Then may Christmas faith among you
Spoil your aiming and prevent!
Unless you court a greater sin
Than you or I conceive,
Ground arms and fly the truce flag,
Make the password 'Christmas Eve!'
Let memory of days that were
The thirst of vengeance quench.
So the glory of the season
May invade each bristling trench;
Let every heart be softened,
Every war tense should receive
The silent, hallowed message
That is sent on Christmas Eve!"
Then, as tho his cry was answered,
Clear a bugle order rang
From far off in the distance:
"CEASE FIRING!" it sang.
And the War God loosed its fingers
At the mandate of the horn,
The Star of Bethlehem gleamed down
And Christ our Lord was born.



officials of the University will serve a good purpose. The people of Texas have been generous in appropriating money to run the State University, but they will not be willing to have the money wasted as is shown to have been done in the past.

Friends of the University say the Governor has no right to interfere with the government or control of the University, but the Governor and Legislature both have a right to see that the money appropriated to support the State University is properly expended and not wasted, even in part by paying the traveling expenses of galavanting professors and officials traveling on their on private business or for pleasure. There has always been more or less graft in the state government that has become a

part of the unwritten law of the State. For instance, some years ago officials of a certain department at Austin were shown to have made a pleasure trip North, ostensibly on State business, but as a matter of fact for their own pleasure, and they charged the expense of the trip, over \$1000, to the State. These things should be stopped.

CHRISTMAS EXERCISES

Next Saturday evening at 7 o'clock at the Methodist church there will be a Christmas exercise. Instead of the regular Christmas tree there will be "something different". Come and see it. All members of the Sunday School and Church are urged to take part and the public is cordially invited to be present and

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Recitation, Grandison Turner

FROM THE BIG SPRING HERALD

M. Fronabarger left Wednesday night for Baird where he will be in the employ of the Texas & Pacific Ry.

Mr. and Mrs. W. O. Miller plan to leave next week for Ft. Worth and Austin to spend the Christmas holidays.

Mrs. Shine Phillips left Tuesday

night for Dallas to attend the wedding of her brother in that city. Returning she will stop over at Baird to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents.

Being unable to secure a desirable rent house in this city, Mr. and Mrs. R. V. Hart were compelled to move to Baird last week to make their home. It is to be regretted that our city cannot supply houses for those who wish to make their home here and our city will suffer until this short-coming is remedied.

Mrs. J. R. Copeland of Big Spring, and Mrs. W. P. Kershner of Fort Worth, who have been visiting their sister, Mrs. B. N. Leonard of Shreveport, La., are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones.



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At the Methodist Church next Sunday morning the Pastor will preach the annual Christmas Sermon. At 7 p. m. the subject will be "Why Give Gifts." A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend these services. Sunday School 10 a. m.

Mrs. M. B. Clements, who has been ill for the past three months and who underwent an operation about ten days ago, is improving rapidly and was able to be taken to her home at Ione, Tuesday. Mrs. Clements has been at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ira Clement. Mr. and Mrs. Clement desire to thank their many friends both in Baird and Ione for the many acts of kindness shown them during Mrs. Clements' long illness. Such kind acts are always appreciated and long remembered.



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LOCALS

H. A. McWhorter was in from the ranch, Monday

Mr. and Mrs. King Gist, of Fort Worth, spent the first of the week here with relatives.

Miss Dollie Wilson, Mrs. Rose and Miss Dora Stevens spent Saturday in Abilene.

Get your Coupon Catalogue from Holmes. 2.2t Adv.

Sheriff J. A. Moore left a few days ago for Corpus Christi, Victoria and other points in South Texas.

Miss Mittie Brock left this week for Sweetwater, to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Brock.

Misses Lorraine and Ellamoore Seale and Miss Hazel McGee, are at home from Kid-Key College, Sherman, to spend the holidays.

Holmes gives Coupons. 2.2t Adv.

Rev. Scranton, the new pastor of the Baptist Church, moved his family down from Abilene this week. We bid them welcome to our city.

Mrs. Ira Pratt and children of Big Springs, are here to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. White.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Moore, of Cross Plains, were in Baird Saturday to meet Mrs. Moore's mother, Mrs. Webb, who will spend the holidays with them.

Capt. J. W. and Mrs. Jones were up from the ranch, Wednesday. Mrs. Larmer Henry and little son, Billie Jones, and Miss Nell Price went home with them.

Mrs. Max Levi, who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. H. Schwartz, for the past three weeks, left yesterday morning on the "Sunshine Special" for her home in Cincinnati, Ohio.

J. W. Westerman and J. A. Barr came in Friday night from a trip on the Overland Special to Toledo, Detroit and Canada. The boys report the time of their lives.

Dr. Ramsey and family, while on their way home from church Sunday night in the car, ran into a ditch and threw some members of the family out of the car, but fortunately none were seriously hurt. Doc says the accident was caused by the lights going out.

Dr. Q. A. Griffin, formerly of Cottonwood, but now living at Sweetwater, passed through Baird Tuesday on his way to Cottonwood to see his mother. Dr. Griffin has bought a wheat farm and ranch in Moore county, but will make his headquarters at Dalhart. Dr. Griffin will retire from practice.

T. J. Lidia and family left last night for Stephenville to spend Christmas with Mr. Lidia's father, who has invited all his children and their families to eat Christmas dinner with the old folks. We hope they all have a pleasant time. Mr. Lidia and family will be home about January 1st.

W. T. Burson, of Cottonwood, has traded his farm to W. Riddlebarger for the Butch Wilson place in Baird. We hear that Mr. Burson has sold the Wilson place to W. T. Wheeler. Mr. Riddlebarger and wife will spend the winter at Corpus Christi, where they came from to Baird. We regret to see Mr. and Mrs. Riddlebarger leave Baird, where they have made many friends during their sojourn here.

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OUR DEPARTED DARLINGS

TO MR. AND MRS. GEO. B. SCOTT
When I heard of your great loss,
It brought afresh to me.

The loss of our own darling girl,
That I so much wish to see.

Oh! if we could open the doors of heaven,
And take a glance inside.

We would see the beautiful mansion,
Where our darlings now abide.

They are dwelling there in heaven,
Praising their savior all the while.

Giving him their love and service,
And receiving from him a smile.

I know your grief is so great,
And your burden seems heavy to bear.

The only relief you can obtain,
Is by going to God in prayer.

God loaned them to us for a season,
But he found he needed them in heaven.

To give praise to his dear son Jesus,
Who for them his life had give.

Let us look if we can at the beauties,
Found where they now abide.

Then will we wish them out of glory,
To dwell again at our side.

We must be humble and submissive,
To the will of the Father, we know.

And when he says "children come higher,"
Should we hesitate to let them go.

Composed and written by Mrs. Geo. B. Ellis, to try and help relieve their sorrow. For I know how great it is to do without them.

NOTICE, FIRE WORKS

There is a City Ordinance prohibiting the shooting of fire works in the Fire Limits of the City of Baird. This ordinance will be strictly enforced. The dry weather makes the use of fire works very dangerous and we hope all will be careful of fire during the holidays.

H. Schwartz, Mayor
W. L. Ashton, Marshal

FAIR WARNING

January 1st will soon be here, and at the present high cost of paper, all printing materials and the high cost of everything else we cannot carry over past due subscriptions next year. It looks like we will be compelled to raise the subscription price early in the year. We do not want to do this but may be forced to do so. We will receive subscriptions to and including January 1st at one dollar a year, but after that we make no promises. Pay up while you can get it at \$1.00. Newspapers all over Texas are raising the price of subscriptions. Most of them to \$1.50 per year, some to \$2.00.

Buy a "Merry Christmas" button sold by scholars of the Methodist Sunday School.

Money for "Merry Christmas" buttons sold by the children of the Methodist Sunday School will go for Conference funds for support of aged ministers, orphans, etc. Not one cent is used by the local church for expenses.

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NO STAR NEXT WEEK

Following a custom of late years, we will issue no paper next week. This issue completes four weeks for December and advertisers will lose nothing they are entitled to, as four weeks constitute a month, but yearly advertisers are given three weeks during the year "free gratis, for nothing." We hope all our readers and friends will have a happy Christmas and New Year.

SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, Dec. 17, 1916.	
Methodist Sunday School.	
Number present	124
Collection	\$4.52
Baptist Sunday School.	
Number present	151
Collection	\$2.72
Presbyterian Sunday School	
Number present	10.75
Collection	\$2.66
Church of Christ Sunday School.	
Number present	102
Collection	\$3.20
Chapters read	-
Total Attendance	482
Total Collection	\$21.19

This is a fine report. All schools attendance above 100. Lets try to keep them that way during the coming year.

Be careful about fire and especially about fire crackers, Roman candles and sky rockets. Everything is so dry half the town might be destroyed if fire should get a good start during a high wind. Some of us have no insurance and others very little and a bad fire would nearly ruin the town. Please be careful. Have your flues examined. See notice of Mayor and City Marshal about fire-works.

Christmas Dinner

is where the real Christmas spirit reigns. Daughter and son will be home for the holidays. The grandchildren will be there for that big dinner and we want to remind you that we have everything you will want for that dinner. Here you can get your Groceries, Fruits, Nuts and all kind of Fresh Meats, and Vegetables. Prompt attention given all orders.

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Christmas Is Dying Out, Say Birsky and Zapp

"And Who Done It? The Fellow That Invented the Saying: 'Do Your Shopping Early.'" ۞ ۞ ۞

Now Everybody Buys Presents Out of Season and Holiday Sales of "Sticker" Goods Are Doomed. ۞ ۞ ۞

By MONTAGUE GLASS

Illustrations by BRIGGS



CHRISTMAS ain't what it used to be," Barnett Zapp remarked, as he sat opposite Louis Birsky in Wasserbauer's restaurant.

"Sure I know," Birsky said, spreading a slice of rye bread with mustard as he waited for an order of kreplach soup, with gefilte tebeches to follow. "Former times if a retail drygoods concern didn't get half their salesladies faint on 'em every night for two weeks before Christmas, their creditors would come down on them and ask them to discount their bills. Nowadays if a cash girl gets a headache, that's big already."

Birsky nodded sadly. "Christmas is dying out," he declared. "The people is getting too wise, Zapp. It used to be that if you wanted to push your stickers,—whether it was handkerchiefs, socks, neckties, oder gloves, all you had to do was to wait till the first of December, mark 'em up 50 per cent over the regular retail price for fresh goods, put 'em in red paper boxes, y'understand, and your customers practically used blackjacks on each other to get at the counter where the goods was displayed. Christmas silver articles was also good sales. I seen butter dishes go like hot cakes, which the salesladies was warned not to dust them off mit feathers even, on account it might scratch the silver plate and show the brass underneath. But that's a thing of the past now. And who done it,

villions is saying to themselves: 'Now it gets warm,' Zapp, handkerchiefs for colds are the furthest from your thoughts. Also children whose mothers do their Christmas shopping in September is apt to get school supplies



"Thinking What His Parents Are Going to Hand Him Next Morning."

instead of sleighs, because a shopper ain't got no imagination, Zapp. She buys what's in season, and if she was doing her Christmas shopping as early as the Fourth of July, y'understand, she would come home with fireworks."

"Say," Zapp said, flipping the fingers of his right hand at Birsky. "storekeepers ain't allowed to sell no more fireworks around the Fourth of July. It's against the law."

"I know it," Birsky continued, "and if people couldn't shoot off firecrackers around the Fourth of July and couldn't shop around Christmas, all it needs is that it should be a suspended sentence for eating turkey on Thanksgiving, and the only pleasure we got left in Amer-

Christmas, Birsky, and just because it was near Christmas and they claimed they could use all the money they could get, your creditors wanted you to pay bills which you hardly knew you owed on account of not receiving the second monthly statement yet. Furthermore if you owned a tenement house, you'd got difficulty collecting the November rent because the tenants said it was so near Christmas, and that's the way it went, Birsky. People treated Christmas not as a holiday, but as an excuse. The wonder is it ain't died out altogether."

"The wholesaler wouldn't miss it if it did," Birsky commented. "Believe me, Zapp, for every child that lays awake the night before Christmas thinking what his parents are going to hand him the next morning, there is fifty manufacturers counting sheep jumping over fences, trying not to think what some of their customers in the retail drygoods trade is going to hand them after the second of January. It don't require much water to drown a shaky drygoods retailer. He can sink like a stone in two days' rain during the week before Christmas."

"Don't I know it?" Zapp said. "If the Christmas presents that the wholesalers give by mistake to shaky retail drygoods men was put on trees the way other Christmas presents are, they would cover all the redwood groves in California. But it ain't the retailers' fault, Birsky. Sometimes the feller is playing in hard luck like a merchant like I used to sell goods to by the name Felix Immerglick out in Cincinnati, which a couple of years ago last Christmas he specialized on sleighs, skates and cheap furs, and from December 15 on they got such a warm spell in Cincinnati that the hotel keepers figured should they or should they not open the roof gardens again. So the following year Immerglick cut out the sleighs and skates and laid in bicycles, children's books and a very attractive line of umbrellas, and Immerglick says that it's a wonder with his luck he didn't also buy stock in a chain of artificial ice factories, because on the day he received the goods in November the thermometer goes down to zero on him and stays that way till a week after his next spring millinery opening. Can you blame such a feller that he settles with his creditors 30 cents on the dollar?"

"Listen, Zapp," Birsky said, "a 30-cent-on-the-dollar feller could always pin his bust-up on either a warm Christmas, a cold Easter or an invalid wife, whereas the figures show that the average of real cold Christmases ain't no more than the average of real sick wives."

"Sure I know, Birsky, but figuring out the average is what has done the most harm to poker, pinocle, the Fourth of July, Christmas and all them things that former time people enjoyed running chances on. Take, for instance, the Fourth of July, and a lot of people which considers even safety matches gefahrlich goes to work and figures that out of every million people that shoots off firecrackers, one and seven hundred and fifty-two one thousandths people gets burned, so they put the fireworks manufacturers out of business, and now instead of setting off fireworks people goes to the shore or trolley parks on the Fourth; and as soon as it gets figured out that of every million people that goes to trolley parks and Coney Island, six and ninety-seven one thousandths gets Mensaured, eating frankfurters and riding over the trolley cars on the Fourth of July, all the frankfurter factories and trolley companies go quick me-chullah."

"Aber, what's that got to do with Christmas?" Birsky asked.

"I'm coming to that," Zapp said. "People are commencing to figure averages on Christmas also. Take Miss J. P. Morgan, and she figures that out of every million Christmas presents displayed in stores a certain percentage of people buys something which they couldn't afford and gives it to a certain percentage of people which ain't got no use for it at all. So she goes to work and gets up a Society for the Prevention of Useless Giving, and consequently a certain percentage of drygoods stores loses a certain percentage of customers which formerly had a rotten bank account and a good disposition, and has now got a good bank account and a rotten disposition."

"But Miss Morgan done this for a lot of salesladies which used to spend their money so foolishly at Christmas, Zapp, that they had nothing left to take a vacation with in the summer time."

"That may be so, Birsky," Zapp said, "and while I ain't exactly a certified public accountant, Birsky, I figure that if 90 per cent of Christmas shoppers followed Miss Morgan's advice, Birsky, the drygoods stores would shut down around Christmas, and all them salesladies would not only take a vacation in the summer time, but in the winter time also; and then the question is, how is them salesladies going to raise money for their winter vacations?"

"Miss Morgan would get up a subscription maybe," Birsky suggested.

"And the proceeds after the expenses of collection were deducted would support twenty-three six hundredths of a



"People Treated Christmas Not as a Holiday, but as an Excuse."

Zapp? It was the feller that invented the saying: 'Do your Christmas shopping early.'"

"Who did invent it?" Zapp asked. "I should know who invented it!" Birsky exclaimed. "But whoever he was, Zapp, he put a bigger crimp in the cheap handkerchief business than the feller who invented rhinitis tablets, because if you are doing your Christmas shopping around the first of October when all them poor fellers that runs summer hotels and bathing ba-

ren is decorating graves on the thirtieth of May."

"Still, in a way, it's a good thing that Christmas is more or less a thing of the past," Zapp said, "because when you tried to collect a bill from somebody around Christmas time, it didn't make no difference if he was retired from business except for a 10 per cent interest in a button suit factory, he would wait you to wait till his Christmas fusa was over. Also people didn't give no orders 'cause it was around

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saleslady for 6,008 hours, Birsky," Zapp concluded, "which the trouble with them people that figure out the averages is that they don't consider human beings as men and women, but as fractions ausgereckoned to hundred thousandths yet. Also it's a good thing to figure out the averages on the percentages of people that set off fireworks and don't get burned, and the percentage of people that it wouldn't do a bit of harm to if they bought once in a while for somebody a present, useful or otherwise. In other words, Birsky, if you're going to reckon up the averages on anything, the best way is to figure how it will affect one hundred one hundredths of the people twelve months out of the year, and then go to work and get up the Society for the Prevention of Prevention Societies and limit the membership to one hundred million Americans. Most of us would join it."

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Treasurer's Quarterly Report

IN THE MATTER OF COUNTY FINANCES IN THE HANDS OF W. P. RAMSEY, Treasurer of Callahan County, Texas. COMMISSIONERS' COURT, Callahan County, Texas, In Regular Quarterly Session, Nov Term, 1916.

We, The Undersigned, as County Commissioners within and for said Callahan County, and the Hon. W. R. Ely, County Judge of said Callahan County, Constituting the entire Commissioners' Court of said County, and each one of us, do hereby certify that on this, the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, at a regular quarterly term of our said Court, we have compared and examined the quarterly report of W. P. Ramsey Treasurer of Callahan County, Texas, for the quarter beginning on the 15th day of Aug A. D. 1916, and ending on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and finding the same correct have caused an order to be entered upon the minutes of the Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, stating the approval of said Treasurer's Report by our said Court, which said order recites separately the amount received and paid out of each fund by said County Treasurer since his last report to this Court, and for and during the time covered by his present report, and the balance of each fund remaining in said Treasurer's hands on the said 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and have ordered the proper credits to be made in the accounts of the said County Treasurer, in accordance with said order as required by Article 867, Chapter 1, Title XXV, of the Revised Statutes of Texas, as amended by an Act of the Twenty-fifth Legislature of Texas, at its regular session, approved March 20, 1897.

And we, and each of us, further certify that we have actually and fully inspected and counted all the actual cash and assets in hands of said Treasurer belonging to Callahan County at the close of the examination of said Treasurer's Report, on this the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and find the same to be as follows, to wit:

	DR.	CR.
JURY FUND.		
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 15th day of Aug 1916.....	339 75	
To amount received since said date.....	230 41	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		\$ 355 08
By amount to balance.....		215 08
Total.....	570 16	570 16
Balance to credit of said Jury Fund as actually counted by us on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		215 08
ROAD & BRIDGE FUND.		
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 15th day of Aug 1916.....	1468 81	
To amount received.....	2045 21	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		2235 83
By amount to balance.....		1278 19
Total.....	3514 02	3514 02
Balance to credit of said Road and Bridge Fund as actually counted by us on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		1278 19
GENERAL FUND.		
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 15th day of Aug 1916.....	4077 26	
To amount received since said date.....	1407 77	
By amount disbursed \$1574 27 & \$1000 00 trans.....		2574 27
By amount to balance.....		2910 76
Total.....	5485 03	5485 03
Balance to credit of said General Fund as actually counted by us on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916 and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 15th day of Nov 1916, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		2910 76
COURT HOUSE FUND.		
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 15th day of Aug 1916.....	328 06	
To amount received since said date.....	123 64	
By amount disbursed since said date.....		1 29
By amount to balance.....		450 41
Total.....	451 70	451 70
Balance to credit of said Court House Fund as actually counted by us on the 15th day Nov of A. D. 1916, and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report 15th on the day of Nov A. D. 1916, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		450 41
ESTRAY FUND.		
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 15th day of Aug 1916.....	127 25	
To amount received since said date.....		
By amount disbursed since said date.....		127 25
By amount to balance.....		127 25
Total.....	127 25	127 25
Balance to credit of said Estray Fund as actually counted by us on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916 and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		127 25
POLL TAX FUND.		
Balance on hand as shown by Treasurer's Report on the 15th day of Aug 1916.....	399 76	
To amount received since said date.....	61 84	
By amount disbursed.....		
By amount to balance.....		461 60
Total.....	461 60	461 60
Balance to credit of said Poll Tax Fund as actually counted by us on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916 and including the amount balance on hand by said Treasurer at the date of the filing of his report on the 15th day of Nov A. D. 1916, and the balance between receipts and disbursements since that day, making a total balance of.....		461 60
RECAPITULATION.		
DATE		AMOUNT
Nov 15, 1916	Balance to credit Jury Fund this day.....	215 08
" " "	Balance to credit of Road & Bridge Fund on this day.....	1278 19
" " "	Balance to credit General Fund on this day.....	2910 76
" " "	Balance to credit of Court House Fund on this day.....	451 70
" " "	Balance to credit of Estray Fund on this day.....	127 25
" " "	Balance to credit of Poll Tax Fund on this day.....	461 60
	School Fund on hand.....	461 60
	Total Cash on hand belonging to Callahan County in the hands of said Treasurer as actually counted by us.....	\$5444 58

ASSETS.
In addition to the actual cash as above, we find the following assets belonging to the said County, and to the credit of the following funds, which is also in the possession and custody of the said Treasurer, to wit:
One Note for \$30.24, Payable on demand.

BONDED INDEBTEDNESS.
The bonded indebtedness of the said County we find to be as follows, to wit:
5 Callahan County Court House bonds each in the sum of \$1000.00 \$5000.00
Witness Our Hands, officially, this 11th day of Dec A. D. 1916.

W. R. ELY, County Judge.
A. E. KENDRICK, Commissioner Precinct No. 1
H. WINDHAM, Commissioner Precinct No. 2
J. S. YEAGER, Commissioner Precinct No. 3
J. M. HOUSTON, Commissioner Precinct No. 4.
Sworn to and subscribed before me, by W. R. Ely, County Judge, and A. E. Kendrick and H. Windham J. S. Yeager and J. M. Houston, County Commissioners of said Callahan County, each respectively, on this the 11th day of Dec. A. D. 1916.
CHAS. NORDYKE
By Artie Steed, Deputy Clerk County Court Callahan County

When Christmas Comes



WHEN Christmas comes, I never mind the cold. I like to get up prompt an' go to school. An' I don't mind his taggin' ev'rywhere. An' I don't mind his taggin' ev'rywhere. An' clean the walks 'thout waitin' to be told— Though I like sleddin' better, as a rule. Or builidin' forts— But nothin' ain't so bad When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes, I'd just as lief give half My cooky to the baby, an' take care About the crumbs. It's fun to make the little fellow laugh. An' I don't mind his taggin' ev'rywhere. He can't help bein' little! I'm not mad When Christmas comes.

When Christmas comes, I don't forget to give My shoes a wipe, an' scrub my ears a lot Till my head hums. An' mother says, "That's boy's too good to live!" But I'm not 'fraid of dyin', 'cause I'm not No different from always—only glad When Christmas comes!

—Abigail Williams Burton, in December St. Nicholas.

What to Give for Christmas.
Gifts for men: Tobacco jars, ink wells, shaving mugs, ash trays, match boxes, combs, hat marks, handkerchiefs, watch chains, fobs, coat hangers, hat brushes, clothes brushes, bath robes, smoking jackets, pocketbooks, bill files, cuff buttons, books, or subscriptions to magazines and farm papers.

For women: Rings, chains, lavalieres, bracelets, hat pins, sleeve buttons, manure sets, jewel boxes, gilt clocks, card cases, hat brushes, combs, toilet sets, toilet articles and perfumery, fountain pens, silk or embroidered waists, birthstone rings, hand bags, pictures, mirrors, or bank books and bank deposit.

Clinging to an Ideal.
"I told my boy that Santa Claus is only a myth."
"How did he take it?"
"He didn't seem much impressed. He merely remarked that every great and good man has to be subjected to some kind of unfavorable comment."

Don'ts for Parents.
Christmas week don'ts for paterfamilias: Don't open bureau drawers. Don't look into closets. When the collar button rolls under the chiffonier or the bed, don't pursue it; it is better to let thy collar go loose than to risk the premature revelation of the Christmas socks, neckties or lace curtains. Be blind, be blind—and again, be blind!

My Christmas Wish

By GEORGE MATHEW ADAMS

This is my great, earnest Christmas wish—that the Christmas Spirit may enter me and that it may fill me, enthrall me, and then that I may dip into its wealth of Love and give it away—to Everybody—everywhere. So that even War can never be again. And Peace shall eternally endure in the Hearts of men.

That's What They Will Do.
Mrs. Yeast—Going to do the stocking act this Christmas, dear?
Mr. Yeast—Oh, Christmas stockings be hanged!

THE Christmas Season

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Some Christmas Gift Suggestions

For Men

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Christmas Selections are Best Now

For Ladies

We are showing a pretty line of most appropriate gifts for ladies such as Bath Robes, House Slippers, Fancy Hose, Ties, Handkerchiefs, Kimonas Boudior Caps, Teddy Bears and Camisoles in Crepe-de-Chine, Collars, Scarfs, Furs, Bath Sets in Pink Blue and Gold, Fancy Garter Webbing Lace and Ribbon.

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Many changes for the coming year just wait for the 1st, there will be much moving then.

The most disagreeable weather of the season, with no rain of which we stand in need.

Away back just after the Prohibition campaign of '87, local option was slightly agitated in Callahan Co. several speeches having been delivered by the fire "imported spellbinders" who told what "bleeding Kansas" was and is under Prohibition or local option and the question somewhat agitated the public mind. At that time I had a brother in the bridge business who was figuring with the Commissioners Court for a string of iron bridges in and for said county. He was told by the Honorable body to see the different road overseers where the work was to be done and get their ideas, etc. He came to my place and he and I went to consult the overseers of the Precinct including the crossing of Clear Creek where one of the bridges was to be erected at or near Capt. Jones' ranch. They talked and spouted as usual on such occasions and finally broached the subject of prohibition and the overseer pretended to favor the move and the bridge builder, as a matter of course sided with him. "Well, said the overseer, I had a sister, a promising girl who married one of the biggest drunkards in Texas who made life a misery or hell on earth and for that reason I somewhat favor prohibition. "Poor girl," said the bridge man. "But I had another sister who did worse than that," said the overseer. "Indeed you are unfortunate, how was that?" continued the bridge builder. "Why, she married a bridge builder. Let's go to dinner boys and then you can give me your ideas in writ-

ing in regard to this work. And after a good dinner, interspersed with laughter at the expense of the bridge man, we struck for pastures green

Thanks to my little friend of Admiral for that nice Xmas card. "Juan" asks God's richest blessings on you not only Xmas times but during your promising life.

And now to The Star force one and all, it's many readers and patrons and contributors: Yes one and all: A Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year is the sincere wish of "Juan"

I judge Uncle Bill and the Dallas News are on a high lonesome, no papers today.

I trust all my friends will send me a Christmas card, it may be the last that you may greet me. If so, kindly refer to me as "Juan" of the Baird Star.

When I survey the wonderous cross On which the Prince of glory died My richest gain I count but loss

And pour contempt on all my pride Forbid it Lord that I should boast

Save in the death of Christ my God All the vain things that charm me most

I sacrifice them to his blood See from his hands, his head, his feet Sorrow and love flow mingled down

Did ere such love and sorrow meet, Or thorns compose so rich a crown His dying crimson like a robe

Spreads ore his body on the tree. Then I am dead to all the globe

And all the globe is dead to me Were the whole realm of nature mine

That were a present all too small Love so amazing so devine

Demands my soul, my life, my all —Watts.

I endorse this grand sentiment Monday is trades day at the Terminal and then comes the big time Xmas.

R. B. Garrett Esq., is seriously sick at his home in Cross Plains.

Gen. Goodman is better, we learn "Juan" is suffering with that game leg of his, maybeso cut it off.

With peace at home and honor abroad

Kiss your wife and serve the Lord. "Juan."

COTTONWOOD LOCALS

December, 19, 1916

Editor Star:

And still Christmas draws on space and still the prospects are no lighter for a little stimulation, and to add to our discomfiture the hens have gone on a strike, thus rendering the adage true, "troubles never come singly." Some moving around, some merry making, indicative of the approach of Christmas is all the indications we have of a day of festivities so near.

Messrs Warren, Will and Wes Everett, attended an old Sacred Harp Singing at Cross Cut Sunday. They went down in Mr. Will's new Overland car.

Eld. Greathouse, a primitive Baptist Minister, preached at Deer Plains School House last Saturday and Sunday. Eld. Greathouse is a minister of some renown in his church and is interesting to all.

Eld. J. M. Harlow, of near Cross Plains filled the pulpit at the Christian Church at Cottonwood Sunday. Eld. Harlow was once a citizen of Cottonwood and is living not far away now hence he is well known here.

Mrs. Maud Whitzel, of Vernon, Texas, is expected at Cottonwood to-morrow, (Wednesday the 20th,) to visit her father, "Uncle Jimmie," whom she has not seen for more than three years.

A telegram from Montana, reports Walter Respass, of that country who was just a few days ago reported seriously ill, much improved.

The little child of Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Clifton who has been real sick, is reported much better this morning, with the hopes of a speedy Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Ayers have one daughter, Miss Bessie, in Oklahoma and one, Miss Alma, in Kansas, thus leaving only one, Miss Earnsteem, at home.

Say Uncle Billie with all the butchering around us it has beed our misfortune to not get our feet under the table a single time where there was "cracklihg bread" on the table. Now I fear that our social standard is being allowed to derioate to some

extent. And again we have not had but one mess of (everybody hang up their receivers)chitlings.

Married.—At the residence of the bride's mother, two miles east of Cottonwood Sunday evening at six o'clock Mr. George Banard to Miss Ina Gattis. Mr. Banard has only been in our community a year or two, but has conducted himself in such a manner as commanded the respect and esteem of the entire community. Miss Ina is a daughter of Mrs. William Gattis and was reared principally in this community and her friends and numbered by her acquaintances. Eld. J. M. Ferguson spoke the words that made the twain one. Now may they travel down the path of life with not a jar or one discord to obscure the sum of happiness. May each one be blessed with a long, useful and happy life is the earnest desire of Uncle Jimmie.

Well yesterday was the regular meeting day of the "old remanants" and "Juan" we wish to hear that you were there and that you "drove to the right"

Now let us admonish you with all due cander, that we are very much out of paper and geetting "mucher so" all the time, after wich we will "keno." "Uncle Jimmie."

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Pocketbook Lost—I lost a small black pocket book containing a \$5. bill and some postage stamps. Any one finding same will confer a favor by returning it to me.

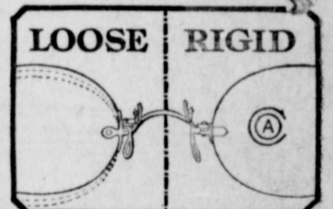
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