

The Baird Star.

Our Motto: " 'TIS NEITHER BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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GOODWILL

The season prompts us to express to you our appreciation of that invaluable asset---Goodwill---that you have so kindly bestowed upon us during the past year and which we fully reciprocate.

We extend to you all the compliments of the season, wishing you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

Sincerely

B. L. BOYDSTUN

Baird, Clyde, Cross Plains and Putnam

LONES FAMILY HOLD REUNION

The H. A. Loneses, of this city, had a most glorious Christmas celebration. For the first time in a quarter of a century this estimable couple had all of their children and numerous grandchildren gathered around the Christmas board last Sunday, to partake of the reunion dinner, and unitedly thank God for His infinite mercy in giving them all sturdy health and prosperous happy lives.

They will not separate until after the holidays, and during that time Papa and Mama Lones will live their lives over again in historical reminiscence of each child's life upward from the cradle to the present time. The Lones family visited The Star office in a body Monday afternoon, and their good nature and jollity was as infectious—more agreeably, of course—than the smallpox used to be when the heads of the Clan Lones plighted their troth at the altar nearly a half century ago. This is the roster of The Star's visitors:

Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Lones, of Baird; C. A. Lones, of Medhill, Oklahoma; Mrs. B. N. Leonard, of Shreveport, Louisiana, and her daughter, Mr. C. H. Thompson, of Chicago; Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Kershner, of Palestine; Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Copeland, of Big Spring; Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Bowler, of Baird; S. J. Lones and J. D. Lones, of Tulsa, Oklahoma; Frank Leonard, Moran; J. A. Knott and W. L. Knott, of El Paso.

BAIRD MASONS VISIT RANGER

The Thursday before Christmas four members of Baird Lodge, No. 522, A. F. & A. M., went to Ranger, where they were the guests of W. A. Robinson and C. A. Hammond, and that night assisted the members of Ranger Lodge No. 738, in conferring the master's degree on W. A. Robinson.

The visitors report having had a most enjoyable time, declaring that the Ranger masons are ideal hosts.

FORD DRISKILL WELL COMES IN

The well belonging to Ford Driskill and others, three-quarters of a mile west of the Deep Creek Shallow Field Discovery Well, has come in and is reported flowing naturally at the rate of twenty barrels daily from the sand at 421 feet.

Another new well, belonging to Moore & Snebold, of Fort Worth, which is also flowing naturally, is south and three-quarters of a mile in advance of other production in that direction.

These two wells open up considerable new territory and operators declare they will be instrumental in much new drilling in the adjoining sections of the Deep Creek Shallow Field.

The Baird Light & Ice Company has removed the houses and other buildings from the half block of ground it purchased on the east side of Baird facing the railroad, and is getting ready to begin the erection of its big re-icing plant, plans for which have already been prepared.

BAIRDITE WRITES ABOUT BIG DAM

Wichita Falls, Texas, 12 18 '21. It might be of some interest to Star readers to know what is going on in this part of the country. I am with a party of engineers, surveying a big lake on the Wichita river, in Baylor county, sixty five miles from Wichita Falls. Wichita County Water Improvement District No. 1 is at the head of the project. The main dam will be one of the largest in the United States, if not in the world. The main dam will be 100 feet high and will impound 450,000 acre feet of water, covering approximately 18,000 acres of land.

There will be a diversion dam 25 miles below, on the Wichita river and two canals from this lower dam, 25 miles in length, running north-east and northwest of Wichita Falls. It is estimated that the reservoir could easily irrigate between 100,000 or 150,000 acres of land.

Four million five hundred thousand dollars worth of bonds have been voted for this project. The lake and canals are to be completed by December 31, 1923.

We are camped on the Waggoner ranch, in the 150,000-acre Waggoner pasture. It is a rough country and at night the wildcats squall and the wolves join in with a howling chorus. We will have a short vacation Christmas, but can't make it home in the short time allotted us.

Wishing the editor and The Star force a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year, I remain

Yours truly,
Claude Flores.

HOME NATIONAL BANK THANKFUL

The officers of the Home National Bank desire, through The Star, to return their grateful thanks to the people of Baird and the surrounding country for the splendid patronage that has been given to this institution during the year just closing.

With more than one million dollars in wealth represented in its management, the Home National Bank will enter upon the new year with renewed confidence and a more earnest determination to give such service to the bank's customers that their number will double before the year 1922 comes to an end.

And we, the directors of the bank, wish all its customers, the people of Baird and the citizenship of Callahan county that full measure of material success that will make the Yuletide season of 1922 one of universal rejoicing; and, with this wish, remain, loyally your friends, well wishers and conservative financial agents,

Eugene Finley,
P. G. Hatchett,
Martin Barnhill,
C. B. Snyder,
F. L. Driskill,
T. E. Powell,
H. W. Ross.

THANK NEIGHBORS AND FRIENDS

We wish to thank our neighbors and friends for their kind help during the short illness of, and the death, of our father, W. W. Braton.
His Family.

LADIES BARELY MISS GUILLOTINING

Mrs. Frank McDonald, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank S. Russell, and her auto-companion, Miss Beulah Whitehorn, of Cottonwood, narrowly escaped being guillotined Monday, when the car which the former was driving ran into a wire clothesline at the John Lofton home, on the Bayou.

There were two other ladies in the car who fortunately escaped injury, and Charles, the little son of Mrs. McDonald. When the wire smashed the wind shield, Mrs. McDonald, who was at the wheel, with rare presence of mind, pushed her young son into the bottom of the car and stepped on the brake.

The party had been visiting at the Lofton home, and the car was going at moderate speed when the wire struck the windshield crashing through the glass, catching Mrs. McDonald in the mouth and Miss Whitehorn in the neck, inflicting painful injuries.

RENEW VOWS OR MAKE NEW ONES

Next Sunday, January 1, 1922, should be a good day with the churches. It would be a splendid time to renew your vows or make new ones.

Come out and let's have a one hundred per cent attendance. What do you say?

T. J. Rea, Pastor
Baird M. E. Church, South.

Strangers compliment Baird on her "white lights," and are amazed at the progressiveness of her citizenship.

SUB. ABOLISHMENT GETS NO SUPPORT

BRITISH ARGUE TO DO AWAY WITH UNDERSEA CRAFT. OTHERS OPPOSE.

Washington.—Great Britain's plea that the submarine be banished from the seven seas was presented to the arms conference Thursday, but it received no support from any other power. In turn, the spokesmen of France, Italy and Japan replied that they regarded submarines, when properly employed, as a legitimate and valuable arm of naval strength, and were unprepared to see them abolished.

The American delegates took no final stand on the question, but suggested that the conference turn its efforts toward such a revision of international practice as would prevent a repetition of the ruthless submarine methods of the world war.

A further exchange of views on the British proposal will take place later, unless France, whose representatives again are awaiting instructions from their Premier, is prepared to go ahead with the delayed presentation of estimates for auxiliary craft she desires to keep under the naval reduction program.

Thursday's discussions took place behind closed doors of the committee room, but the British asked that their indictment of the submarine be made public, and indicated that they probably would carry their fight later to an open session of the conference. They apparently do not hope to succeed, however, after this expression of views, and are planning to join in the move for an understanding to restrict the operations of underwater craft in future wars.

Announcement of the French that they were unprepared to present figures as to their auxiliary tonnage requirements caused general surprise in conference circles.

COL. HENRY WATTERSON PASSES AWAY IN FLORIDA

Jacksonville, Fla.—Colonel Henry Watterson, known to the American people as one of the last surviving members of the old school of journalism and to his friends as "Marse Henry," died early Thursday at a hotel here.

Death came peacefully, the venerable editor retaining consciousness almost to the end and conversing during his last hour with his wife, son and daughter.

Colonel Watterson came to Jacksonville several weeks ago, in accordance with his annual custom of passing the winter in Florida, usually at Fort Myers. He contracted a slight cold Tuesday, and, while seated in a chair Wednesday morning soon after breakfast, he suffered an acute bronchial attack and was ordered to his bed by his physician. His condition grew worse during the day and night and the end came at 6:15 o'clock Thursday morning. The immediate cause of his death, his physician said, was heart failure superinduced by congestion of the lungs.

Thus Marse Henry passed to "That Beautiful Shore" where last October he wrote his comrades of the Confederate Army he was sure "the bonnie blue flag will be flying at the fore and the bands will be playing 'Dixie' on parade and the pretty girls will be distributing the Chattanooga Rebel (the newspaper published by him during the war between the States) to groups of ragged, red-nosed angels who have not forgotten the rebel yell."

RATIFICATION VOTE DELAYED THE DAILEIREANN ADJOURNS

Dublin.—The Daill Eireann, by a vote of 77 to 44, decided late Thursday on a motion submitted by Michael Collins, to adjourn further debate on the Irish treaty until Thursday, Jan. 3. It was not the motion itself but an amendment to the motion on which the vote was actually taken. The amendment, introduced and seconded by opponents of the treaty, called for continuous sittings day and evening until a decision was taken on the treaty's ratification or rejection.

The defeat of the amendment automatically decided the motion. With few exceptions, so far as could be observed, the vote followed the party lines of those favoring or opposing the treaty.

\$3,000,000 DeWison Terminal.

Denison, Texas.—Announcement was made here that the Missouri, Kansas & Texas Railroad would begin within thirty days to spend \$3,000,000 or more on a new terminal in Denison. The terminal will cover 400 acres and will consist of a double syle hump switching yards roundhouse, shop, fuel oil storage tanks, and other buildings. The contract was let for grading the yards and concrete work

DEBS' TEN-YEAR TERM COMMUTED

FIVE SOLDIERS ARE ALSO GIVEN FULL PARDON BY PRESIDENT HARDING.

Washington.—The ten-year prison sentence of Eugene V. Debs was commuted Friday by President Harding and the Socialist leader will be released Christmas Day from Atlanta penitentiary.

Along with Mr. Debs, who was convicted in 1918 of violation of the espionage law, the sentences of twenty-three other persons serving time for violations of war time laws were also commuted to expire on Christmas Day. Five former soldiers serving sentences imposed by court-martial were pardoned.

The commutations and pardons were announced personally by President Harding, who took the action in accordance with the custom of extending clemency to Federal offenders at the Christmas season.

The five soldiers given full pardons are Carl J. Bryan, James A. O'Dell, Roy Youngblood, George Van Gilder and J. B. Richardson, all serving life terms to which they were sentenced while with the American Army on the Rhine for the alleged killing of German Lancefield, a former British officer.

Among those whose sentences were commuted was Charles Ashleigh, a former newspaper man and a writer of poetry, who was sentenced at Chicago for ten years for conspiracy under the espionage act. He agreed to accept deportation to England, the country of his nativity.

GOV. NEFF FROWNS AT SPECIAL SESSION

Austin, Texas.—Governor Neff refuses to believe that a special session of the Legislature will be necessary following the injunction granted at Houston Thursday in the Eighteenth District Court restraining the Prison Commission from pledging next year's crop in order to borrow money to maintain the system until the crop is made, it now being without funds.

"I think there are better ways than a special session of the Legislature to get money to operate the prison system," said the Governor, "and I refuse to think it is inevitable." He added that the system was not trying to mortgage next year's crop but further than that he would not discuss the matter.

It is evident that the Prison Commission hopes to borrow the money without pledging the crop or expects to obtain sufficient funds to pay the \$95,000 due the Houston Exchange National Bank, which secured the injunction, and then make the new loan cover the entire amount, the refund and the amount necessary for operation. It could then pledge the crop returns.

LOMETA FIRE LOSS PLACED AT \$20,000

Lampasas, Texas.—About 2 o'clock Thursday morning fire destroyed five business houses at Lometa, twenty miles west of Lampasas, causing a loss of about \$20,000.

The fire is supposed to have originated in the linen room of the Toller & Shelton Barber Shop. The losses are:

Rock Building, owner by J. A. Fulton, loss \$3,500, insurance \$1,000; Toller & Shelton, loss \$2,000, no insurance; Steve Smith, tailor, loss \$1,000; Frame building owned by A. Brown and occupied by Iven & Huff, produce, loss on building \$1,500, no insurance. Two frame buildings, owned by F. Kirby and occupied by McNatt Tailor Shop, also Powell Barber Shop, loss on building \$2,000, no insurance. A good portion of the contents were saved. Two-story stone building, owned and occupied by the First National Bank, and offices upstairs, loss about \$10,000, insurance \$9,000.

JAZZ IS DESCRIBED AS GREATEST EVIL

Ablene, Texas.—Jazz, in the opinion of President W. B. Bizzell of Texas Agricultural and Mechanical College, is the greatest of many evils which afflict this country as a result of the world war. He so told 700 school teachers gathered here for the annual Central West Texas Teachers' Institute.

"We blame the war for many things and a good many of the present conditions may be traced to the war, but the worst thing that the war has brought on us is jazz," said President Bizzell. "This has affected us more than the economic set-backs which we hear so much about."

NEW YEARS' GREETINGS

Appreciating your business and hoping that the pleasant relations now existing between us will continue, we wish you much happiness and prosperity for the New Year.

HARRY BERRY

AUTHORIZED FORD SALES AND SERVICE

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FIVE MEN HELD AT ARDMORE GET BAIL

FREED ON BONDS OF \$2,000 EACH WHEN ONE OF NUMBER MAKES STATEMENT.

Ardmore, Ok.—With the submission of a signed statement here by J. A. Gilliam, stock raiser of Ardmore, to Assistant County Attorney John L. Hodge concerning his participation in the series of raids Thursday night which are believed by authorities to have culminated in the death of three men at Wilson, five of the sixteen men who were being held in the county jail in connection with the killings were released under bond of \$2,500 each, and another was unconditionally released and charges of murder against him withdrawn.

The men allowed bond are J. A. Gilliam; Leon Julius, Baptist minister of Headton; J. D. Smith; Walter Carroll, brother of Joe Carroll, who was shot down and killed by masked men at his home, and H. A. Hensley of Wilson, relative of Carroll. Bill Ratliffe, an oil-field worker, was ordered released by County Attorney James H. Mathers when it was established, the attorney said, that he has no connection with the affair.

It was explained that Carroll and Hensley, against whom no charges were filed, were held under bond because of their possible value as witnesses in the trial. These two men, according to authorities, were at the home of Carroll when members of his household attempted to repel the attack of masked men after they had shot and killed him. In the gun battle which followed John Smith, an alleged member of the band, was fatally wounded.

Soon afterward the body of C. G. Sims, Ardmore plainclothes policeman, was found in a field near Wilson and authorities since then have been attempting to connect the killings.

ANTI-LYNCHING BILL UP AFTER HOLIDAYS

Washington.—Democratic leaders won their fight to prevent consideration of the Dyer anti-lynching bill until after the holiday recess, and following a filibuster the Republican leaders agreed not to press the bill for consideration at this time. Almost all of Tuesday was consumed in calling the roll, at a time when the Democrats left the House for the purpose of breaking a quorum. It was a successful assault following adoption of a special rule on Monday to give the bill a preferred status at this time. Only when the Republican leaders consented to a postponement did the Democratic members re-enter the hall of the House. With a voting strength of more than 300 the roll calls revealed not more than one-half of the Republicans in attendance.

"The absence of a quorum is not wholly a fault of the Democratic side of the chamber," said Representative Summers of Dallas, who was in training to make the chief argument from the Democratic side against the bill. "We are willing to debate the question if they will permit a vote when the debate is closed."

ONE EYE-WITNESS SAW TWELVE MEN HANGED

Washington.—George H. Taylor of Philadelphia told a Senate committee Tuesday that as an overseas soldier he saw with his own eyes twelve American soldiers hanged around Is-sur-Tille, France, from April to June, 1918, but was unable to say whether any of them had been convicted by court-martial.

One of the soldiers hanged, he declared, was tried for assault on a French girl by a French court-martial at which one American officer was present.

Robert A. Harrison of Wilmington,

N. C., testified that in 1917 he witnessed the lynching in France of a soldier, a Mexican, from El Paso or Earle Pass, Texas, who was charged with a crime against a woman and not tried.

"I was told that the man had to be hanged to save some officers from being cashiered," Harrison declared.

Through a pair of field glasses, Harrison said he saw the lynching in which thirty men took part.

"It was a nice little necktie party," he said. "I saw the body later with a rope around the neck."

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"Black-Draught is, in my opinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. White-side, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating—tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was constipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

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FOREIGN—

Chicago has so many murder cases on the criminal docket that Chief Justice Kiekham Scanlon has appealed for more Judges.

After having been dragged by his team after he had fallen from his wagon seat, Ben Tait was picked up last week on the road near Crowder, Ok., with his neck broken and his spine fractured.

The battle of paragraph 280 has begun by Methodists all over again. Paragraph 280 says that he who plays cards or dances or goes to horse races, theaters or circuses can not be a good Methodist.

Relief is being rushed to flooded districts near Stanwood, Wash., where many are homeless and suffering, following inundation of the country by the break of the great Ben Johnson lake, eight miles above the town.

The Stock Growers' Finance Corporation, the \$50,000,000 loan pool formed by banks throughout the country last summer to help the cattle industry, has ceased functioning after loaning \$29,000,000. It is announced.

Notices of a wage reduction of 10 per cent and a 15 per cent cut in house rent to employees, effective Jan. 16, 1922, were posted by the Colorado Fuel and Iron Company at the company's Pueblo steel mills and Arkansas Valley conduit plant.

The new Methodist Hospital at Memphis, Tenn., was sold last week to the United States for \$859,000, according to press dispatches from Washington and will be taken over for the use in the treatment of ex-service men of this territory by the Government Feb. 1.

DOMESTIC—

Valuation of the Pecos Valley & Southern Railway Commerce Commission to be \$373,409.

Great Britain, the United States and Japan are in full accord as to principles on a plan of naval limitation.

Representative Briggs has introduced a bill authorizing extension of the Galveston seawall from the end of the junction with the south jetty, 2,350 feet additional.

A new altitude record of 25,000 feet for two-engined airplanes has been established, according to officers of the army air service by Lieutenant Leigh Wade, attached to McCook Field, Dayton, Ohio.

An appropriation of \$20,000,000 would be available for the purchase of grain and other food products for distribution in the famine districts of Russia, under a bill favorably reported by the House Foreign Affairs Committee.

The former German Crown Prince, who since November, 1918, has lived at Wieringen, is now planning to return to Germany, and expects to request permission of the Dutch Government for his departure early in the spring.

Thirteen recommendations, including legalization of co-operative marketing combinations, lowering of freight rates on agricultural products and establishment of agricultural attaches in European capitals, are set forth in a report of the joint congressional commission of agricultural inquiry.

Following the killing of Ras Cooksey, 40-year-old negro porter, on the third floor of the Federal Building at Dallas last week, Miss Jehanne La Moore, 26 years old, nurse, was charged in Federal Court with killing the negro "with malice aforethought with-in and on property owned and occupied and under the exclusive jurisdiction of the United States Government."

Unswerving support of Irish Republicans who demand complete political divorce of Ireland from the British Empire was pledged last week by the national convention of the Friends of Irish Freedom.

An investigation is to be made by representatives of the War Department in the cases of a number of the former negro soldiers serving life terms in the Leavenworth penitentiary for participation in the Houston riot several years ago.

He Left Something



save half of it. If I only get one penny at a time I will save the first penny I get and the second one will be for myself."

"What are you going to save for, Nancy?" asked Nick. "Do you expect to be a penny millionaire?"

"What in the world is that?" asked Nancy.

"I thought perhaps you were trying to save a million pennies instead of a million dollars so you would be a millionaire of pennies."

Nancy and daddy laughed. But Nick said:

"Go on, Sis, I want to hear."

"I'm going to put my pennies in a bank and when the summer comes I'm going to give them to some farm for city children. Daddy gave to one last year for both of us. But I'm going to try to do my own share this year. We have a country home but there are lots of children in the city who can't have the country unless someone helps to pay their expenses."



"All Right," Agreed Daddy.

"Great!" said Nick. "That's the right idea. Well, my resolutions don't sound so fine beside yours. But here is one: I've been thinking that sometimes there are children in the hospital here, and that it would be nice if once a week we went to see them and showed them our story books, and took them some of our toys, played games with them—quiet games like Jack Straws. In the springtime we could take any sick children we knew of some flowers, for it must be awfully hard to be sick in the spring. And at Easter time we could take them chocolate bunnies!"

"I've planned to save some of my pennies for the bunnies and sometimes for an extra treat we might take the sick children. And I've also made a resolution to never tense anyone or anything smaller than myself, for that's mean."

Daddy smiled and said. "Two resolutions to be kept are better than dozens of them forgotten the day after New Year's."

Responsibility for the head-on collision of the two Philadelphia and Reading passenger trains near Bryn Athyn recently, resulting in the death of 25 persons, rests with one of the train crews according to a statement issued by Vice President Charles H. Ewing of the Reading.

Good Resolutions by Mary Graham Bonner

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"WELL, what about some good resolutions for the coming year?" asked daddy.

"I have one or two—that is I have made one or two which I think are good ones," said Nancy.

"So have I," said Nick. "Let's hear them," said daddy, and he settled back in his chair.

"Nancy first," said Nick.

"All right," agreed daddy.

"In the first place," said Nancy, "I have made a resolution to get up when I am called in the morning and not make mother or you try to wake me so that you get all tired out. I get lazy in the morning, so lazy, and I think I cannot possibly get along without another little nap."

"It isn't that I haven't slept enough, or that I want to be late to school, for I don't. I love school. It's lots of fun and I like even the work, for I think it is very interesting. But there is something else about my resolution."

"What is that?" asked daddy.

"I know perfectly well that I can go back to sleep for a little while and that some one will see that I really get up in time though it often means that mother has to hurry the breakfast or that Nick has to get my books ready."

"I have known that someone would get me up and look after the things I hadn't time to do, so I have grown selfish about it. That's all. That's resolution number one."

Nick smiled, for he knew how often he had gotten Nancy's books ready. Not that he minded, but still he thought it was fine of Nancy to try to do something which would be hard for her to do. He knew that she loved a "few extra moments" in which to sleep.

"And my second resolution," said Nancy, "is to save half of every penny I get and—"

"That would be hard to do," laughed Nick. "Would you divide the pennies in half really?" he added after a moment.

"No, don't laugh at me," said Nancy. "We aren't really laughing at you at all," said daddy.

"I know it," said Nancy, smiling. "Well, I mean, as Nick knows quite well, only he is such a tease, that whenever I get some money I will

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FOREIGN—

The net profits of the Krupp works at Essen for the year 1920-21 amount to 98,000,000 marks. Two dividends, one of 4 and the other of 6 per cent, have been declared.

Removal of the British troops, which was to have begun last week, has been suspended and they will not be withdrawn unless the treaty is ratified, it is announced.

Switzerland is the only country in the world where the American dollar last week was below par. The dollar was quoted at 5 franc 12 centimes on the Geneva Bourse.

The posts of Secretary of War and Secretary of Agriculture of Mexico remain unfilled. It is said unofficially that the new secretaries will be nominated by the middle of January.

Marshal Foch received a typical American welcome at the St. Lazare Railroad station when he returned from a long tour of the United States. With him was former Premier Viviani.

Committees representing labor and industrial organizations in the Rhine area have sent a cable message to President Harding saying the allied armies of occupation were double the forces that Germany kept in the area before the war.

Another meeting of the allied supreme council, this time at Cannes, on the French Riviera, is the outcome of the parleys between Prime Minister Lloyd George and Premier Briand of France during the last few days. The meeting will be held the first week in January.

It is considered quite possible that the necessary procedure to take Wolfe Lindenfeld, alias William Linde, back to America soon would be begun. Sylvester Cosgrove, agent of the Department of Justice, said he believed the Polish authorities would not object to Lindenfeld's removal.

DOMESTIC—

Good weather, little cotton and full teaching force are contributing to what will be a successful term of the schools over Texas.

A youthful, unmasked bandit locked three persons in the vault of the Farmers State Bank at Welch, Minn., late Monday and escaped with \$2,000 in currency.

The first steamer of the new East Atlantic Line from Galveston to Danish ports departed on Tuesday of last week when the Transvaal sailed. She departed via New Orleans to complete cargo with cottonseed cake and cotton for several Danish ports.

Merchants, manufacturers and business men generally need experience no difficulty in taking their inventories for the year 1921 to conform with the new revenue act. The language of the revenue act of 1918 and the revenue act of 1921 (Section 203), relating to inventories are identical.

A bond issue of \$500,000 to purchase or construct a municipal light plant in Lawton, Okla., carried by a vote of 990 to 113.

Four unmasked men, each carrying two revolvers, held up and robbed the State Bank of Iuka, northeast of Centralia, Ill., last week of \$15,000 in cash and negotiable paper.

Two well-dressed bandits entered the Bell & Bell Jewelry Company in the western terminus of St. Louis last week, ordered Miss Jeanet Bell one of the owners, and a man and woman customer, in a rear room, bound and gagged them, and proceeded to rob the store in a leisurely fashion, escaping with \$2,500 in jewelry and \$3,000 in cash.

An agreement among the relatives of Enrico Caruso by which the tenor's baby daughter, Gloria, is given one-half the estate and 50,000 lire, was made known last week by his widow's attorneys.

Joseph Montoone, a North Birmingham, Ala., merchant, and his wife, Susie Montoone, were found dead last week in their home. They were mutilated by ax blows. Robbery is believed to have been the motive of the

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Editor and Proprietor.

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

IN CALLAHAN COUNTY

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OUTSIDE OF CALLAHAN COUNTY:

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(Payable in Advance);

Bolshevism started out in Russia to abolish capitalistic government all over the world. Suppose they had succeeded? What nation could feed the starving Russians as we are doing today? The United States was especially singled out by the Russian Reds as the first capitalistic government to be destroyed and a soviet government, on the Russian plan, set up in its place. It is the irony of fate that the United States is the only government in the world that can or is trying to feed the starving Russians, victims of soviet misrule and drought.

The government and people of the United States are sending millions of dollars worth of food every week to Russia, and yet there are a few people in this country that really believe sovietism is the salvation of the world! Ask the starving Russian.

In conformity with the Christmas spirit of good will, we suppose it is all right to release Eugene Debs from prison, but the effort to make a hero of Debs don't appeal to the boys who went through the war in France, or the parents and relatives of these boys at home.

Debs did all he could to obstruct the draft law and other laws enacted to carry on the war. He boasted of this in public speeches until he was arrested, tried and sent to prison for ten years by a Federal court. Debs and his friends always contended that he had done no wrong; that he had only exercised the right of free speech guaranteed by the constitution.

The constitution gives no one the right to hamper the government in time of war and no one knows this better than Debs. He thought, like a lot of disloyal persons, that the government would not dare arrest them for sedition; but they found that Uncle Sam's arm was not paralyzed by war and that he is not afraid to punish sedition and disloyalty in time of peace or war.

We never regarded Debs as a bad man at heart, but one obsessed with impractical idealism in government that never has and never will be realized until human nature changes.

No matter what others may think of Debs, we have a thousand times more respect for him than for the despicable, cowardly, rich Grover Cleveland Bergdoli, who deserted his country and went over to the enemy country, rather than fight for his country. Debs stayed at home and took his medicine, but we fail to see that this makes a hero of him or of any other men who were disloyal during the war.

There is considerable discussion going on in the press of Texas as to whether or not the Bible should

be read in our public schools. Personally we would like to have the Bible read in all public schools where there is no objection, but we doubt if a forced reading of the Bible would do any good; in fact, if forced on any community that does not want this done, would do more harm than good.

We must remember that our public schools are supported by taxation, that comes from all classes of people, some Christians who believe in the whole Bible, some Jews who do not believe in the New Testament, and many who do not believe in the Bible at all. Such people would object, and the friction caused would outweigh any good that might come of a law compelling the reading of the Bible in our public schools.

We must remember that the American people are strictly opposed to mixing church and state. Our forefathers left Europe to escape autocratic rule, assumed by those in authority, to force their peculiar religious views on the people. Religion cannot be forced upon any one. That is certain, and if one does not fully and voluntarily accept religion or religious training, no one has any moral right to force it upon them.

One of the arguments used to require the Bible read in the public schools is: That if children do not hear the Bible read in the school they will never hear it, because they never hear it read at home. To how many professed Christians does this apply? What right has a professed Christian to demand that the Bible be read in the public schools, when they do not read the Bible to their children at home?

If a law should be passed requiring the Bible to be read in the public schools, what version shall we use? The King James or Authorized Version, the American or Revised Version, the Douay or Catholic Version, or any one of the other numerous translations? Some denominations do not use either of the Bibles named.

If any community wants the Bible read let them have it read in their schools, but we do not believe any law should compel the reading of the Bible (much as we revere the old book) in our public schools. The scheme smacks too much of force, which is contrary to the Christian religion. God could force every human being to be religious if He wanted to. Then why should man use force in a matter that the Almighty himself has never used.

AND TO-DAY'S "SATAN'S DEVICES"?

Satan, according to the Board of Education of Lancaster, Ohio, in 1838, devised the railroad as a means of quickly transporting frail humanity to his fiery headquarters. Holding this view the board refused a group of young men, who wished to discuss the railroad and telegraph, the use of the schoolhouse at that place.

The board's refusal, clipped from an old newspaper, reads thus: "You are welcome to the use of the schoolhouse to debate all proper questions in, but such things as railroads and telegraphs are impossibilities and rank infidelity. There is no work of God about them. If God had designed that His intelligent creatures should travel at the frightful speed of fifteen miles an hour by steam He would clearly have foretold it through His holy prophets. It is a device of Satan to lead immortal souls down to hell!"

We are sure having Simon pure West Texas weather, cold as the North Pole one day and as hot as Equatorial Africa the next.

LEST WE FORGET

Lead us when the way is bright and joyous,
Lead us blessed Savior, lest we stray
Far from the fold to drink at pleasure's fountain,
And forget that Je-us is the Way.
Lead us when barns are full to overflowing,
When fields are rich with golden grain,
Lest we forget the God who gave it
And make unto ourselves a god of gain.
And if, perchance, we climb to learning's temple,
Or find a place in hall's of fame,
Oh! then do Thou lead us ever,
Lest we forget Thy great and holy Name.
And if life's way be strewn with shadows,
And sorrows veil the brightness of Thy face,
It is enough to know Thou art beside us
Enough to know of Thy unfailing grace.
And when at last on earth our tasks are ended,
And we fare forth to brighter worlds unknown,
It is enough to know Thou art the Pilot,
And will lead us safely to a Heavenly Home.
Mrs. Foy.

BIRD SHOT

"Miltum in Parvo!"

Suggestions to business: Money is a boomerang; turn it loose.—Hutchison Gazette.

We didn't mind supporting the government in extravagance during the war, but this post bellum alimony gets our goat.—Columbus Record.

It is estimated that there is enough coal in discovered fields to keep the miners striking for 3,276 years.—Fresno Republican.

The trouble about defeating Prohibition now is that we would have to beat the combined vote of the prohibitionists and bootleggers.—Columbus Record.

The real Chinese puzzle is China.—Little Rock Gazette.
And Uncle Sam seems to think along the same line about the Japanese puzzle.

The Chicago cop who sold bootleg isn't a copper still.—Albany Times-Union.

Then what is he, a bootleg still?

Specialist! Most of the wholesale profiteering is done by the retailers.—New York World.

Only a sly way to hide all the real profiteers behind the retailers. The retail dealer has to bear the sins of all the profiteers, because he alone comes in contact with the consumers.

TEN GOOD REASONS

Why every self-respecting man should swear just as often and as hard as he can:

Because it is such an eloquent way of expressing one's thoughts.

Because it is such a conclusive proof of taste and good breeding.

Because it is such a safe way of making one's self agreeable to his friends.

Because it is positive evidence of acquaintance with good(?) literature.

Because it furnishes such a good example and training for boys.

Because it is just what a man's mother would enjoy having her son do.

Because it would look so nice in print.

Because it is such a good way of increasing one's self-respect.

Because it is such a help to manhood and virtue in many ways.

Because it is such an infallible way

TO OUR PATRONS

WE THANK YOU

This is just a word to acknowledge our thanks for the favors received from you during 1921, and the expression of our wish that the New Year will hold an abundance of good for you and yours.

The New Year of 1922 will find us giving our customers the best groceries and meats the markets afford.

WRISTEN & WILLIAMS

Phones 4 and 26

Prompt Delivery

of improving one's chances in the hereafter.—Scottish Rite Herald.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES

Though Christmas eve night was very cold and bleak, about half the Sunday school children assembled at the church to receive their treats, after the rendition of a brief program.

Next Sunday morning Rev. R. O. Twitty, pastor of the Abilene Presbyterian church, will fill the pulpit here, exchanging pulpits. We hope a good number will come out to hear him. He is a very fine preacher.

Sunday evening the pastor will preach. Theme: "Confiding in Jesus."

We hope all are enjoying a glorious Christmas, as we are, and hope for your presence next Sunday.
Gerald Fitzgerald, Pastor.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

We are authorized to make the following announcement, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary

For County Tax Collector:

Clyde White.
Oral D. Strahan, Cottonwood.

For Sheriff:

G. H. Corn (re-election).
C. E. Bray, Belle Plaine.

For Tax Assessor:

Wm. J. Evans, Cottonwood.

For County Judge:

W. E. (Eugene) Melton, Baird.

For District Attorney:

L. W. Green, Baird.

For County Attorney:

B. F. Russell, of Putnam.

GREETINGS

To Our Depositors:

We have tried earnestly to merit your good will and confidence during the old year, and we are sincerely grateful for your patronage. As the New Year beckons us on to put forth greater efforts to give better service, we look forward to again numbering you as a friend and customer of this bank. We trust that you will enjoy a most Prosperous and Happy New Year.

The First National Bank

BAIRD, TEXAS

J. F. Dyer, President
Henry James, V. P.
Tom Windham

W. S. Hinds, Cashier
Bob Norrell, Asst. C.
W. A. Hinds

MEMBER OF REGIONAL BANK FEDERAL RESERVE SYSTEM

New Years' Greetings

1921-1922.

Not because it is an honored custom, but because of the sincerity of our appreciation, we take this opportunity to thank you for the part you have played in our business prosperity during year just closing, and to wish you a Happy New Year.

MAYFIELD & HALL
BAIRD, TEXAS

CREDIT TERMS: 30 DAYS

New Year's Greetings

To Our Patrons:

It is a pleasure to remember friends, who by their loyalty during the past year have proven their cooperation and worth. The New Year we are soon to enter brings with it keen consciousness of the debt we owe our friends for their loyal and generous support, without which this bank could not have attained the remarkable growth it has.

More than ever we are determined to afford our depositors the fullest measure of friendly cooperation and we sincerely hope that we may have your continued friendship during the years to come. We wish for you a Happy New Year.

The Home National Bank

OFFICERS AND DIRECTORS:

E. L. Finley, Pres. H. Ross, V. P.
T. E. Powell, Cashier. P. G. Hatchett, Vice-Pres
L. Driskill, A. Cashier E. D. Driskill A. Cashier
M. Barnhill C. B. Snyder

STAR DUST

SIFTED INTO JINGLES BY THE MAN ABOUT TOWN

Hobobing!

Hobo—a dog—a faithful dog—loved mascot of The Star. Is back again, in sorry shape—he's hoboed much afar.

Aftermath!

This is the Yuletide aftermath, old Santa's had his day: Now think up resolutions good—to keep from New Year's Day.

Treating!

Old Santa Claus was pleased with Baird's display on Market street: In twenty-two he'll come again, to give the kids a treat.

Charity!

The poor in Callahan this year, all had good Christmas cheer. Thanks to the hooded Ku Klux Klan, whom evil doers fear.

Boosting!

Let's make a New Year's promise all, to join those who have dared To dump their factious foolishness, —unite, and root for Baird.

Happiness!

If Pluvius will loosen up and give us soaking rain, To irrigate the drought baked soil we'd happy be again.

Lacking!

Jones says the reason Billie Bess did not "skin" up the tree, Was 'cause she is a girl and hence, lacks his agilltee!

The Man About Town.

PERSONALS

Miss Willie Floyd, of Abilene, spent Monday in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Wade Harden visited Wade's parents at Opalin, Monday.

Miss John Gilliland came up Ranger to spend Christmas with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Feeler, of Ranger, spent Christmas with the folks in Baird.

Miss Rex Gilliland, of Breckenridge, spent Christmas with her mother in Baird.

Clarence Russell and family, of Plainview, are visiting relatives here during the holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Ralph and daughter of Big Springs, visited Mr. and Mrs. Henry Lambert and family this week.

Miss Grace Sharman, of Big Springs, is the guest of her sister Mrs. W. H. Powers, during the holidays.

Miss Ada Powell, of Washington, D. C., is spending the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. E. Powell.

Mr. and Mrs. Olborn Russell and children of Cisco, spent Christmas with Olborn's parents, Judge and Mrs. Russell.

Mr. and Mrs. Dwight L. Purdy, and little daughter, of Brisco, Okla. are spending the holidays with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Sigal.

Mrs. M. D. Hoover and little daughter, Zelma, of Dallas, are spending the holidays with her mother, Mrs. Henry and other relatives in Baird.

County Clerk Grady G. Respass and Mrs. Respass spent the holidays at the former's ancestral home near Cottonwood, the guests of his parents.

Miss Dollie Wilson, her friend, E. C. Bulterman, of Mexia and the latter's father, Charles Bulterman, of Cape Girardeau, Missouri, were Christmas guests at Uncle Johnny Wilson's home.

Rev. George E. Printz performed the solemn ceremony last Monday which reunited Mr. C. R. Hightower and Mrs. Lillie Hightower, both of Cisco, who had been divorced but agreed to try life in double harness again.

Miss Lurline Ramsey, of Dallas, was the welcome Christmas guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. Pitt Ramsey, and will remain until New Year's. She was accompanied hither by her friend, Miss Geraldine Rust, also of Dallas, who returned home Tuesday morning.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Cutbirth and family, of Brownwood; Mrs. Gordon Phillips, of Big Springs; Mr. and Mrs. Russell Hart and children of Abilene; and Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth and little daughter, of Bernt Branch spent Christmas day with their parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Cutbirth.

The Star regrets that Uncle Johnny Wilson, faithful custodian of the Callahan County Courthouse, and one of the fast dwindling veterans of that glorious phalanx of warriors who wore the Confederate Gray and fought valiantly four long and bloody years against overwhelming odds for Southern rights, is invalid at his home, suffering from a bad cold and an annoying attack of rheumatiz, but it is to be hoped that he'll soon be out again.

The municipal Christmas tree set up on mid Market street, with its bright and shimmering garlandage of ribbons and tinsel, illuminated at night by many twinkling electric light bulbs, looked like a little section cut out of fairyland Christmas eve, and it is a great pity that the weather was so cold that the proposed Santa Claus exercises had to be eliminated. The tree, which is a wide-branching one, came from the Derryberry place, in the Spring Gap section.

PIPE LINES IN SHALLOW FIELD

Since the completion of the Texas Company's pipe line from the Moran field, in Shackelford county, to the Deep Creek Shallow Field in Callahan, and the making of a market for this county's output, there has been considerable increase in drilling in this field.

A still further increase in development is expected after the first of the new year. The oil from Callahan county is bringing \$2.25 a barrel, the regular posted price for all high grade North Central Texas crude.

So far the greatest amount of development has been on the Neumann lease, and the leading operator in the field is Homer Peoples, the discoverer of the Sipe Springs Shallow Field, about three years ago. So far, the best well in the field is the Neumann No. 15, one of the Peoples group, which had an initial production of sixty barrels, from the sand, at 475 feet and has settled down to a steady production on the pump of forty-eight to fifty barrels a day. This well has fifteen feet of pay sand. It flowed steadily for several weeks after being completed.

There is also considerable gas in this field, some of the wells running as high as 5,000,000 cubic feet daily. The average production of the wells in oil runs from ten to thirty-five barrels daily.

Homer Peoples has spent considerable money in the development of the Deep Creek Shallow Field. He has installed a modern power plant capable of handling fifty wells. He also contemplates the construction in the field of a gasoline absorption or casing head plant for the utilization of the gas from the field. A modern plant for handling the gas output of the field would call for an expenditure of between \$15,000 and \$20,000. It is estimated that there is available a supply of gas amounting to about 10,000,000 cubic feet daily.

Baird's Santa Claus, the good Dr. R. G. Powell, who never forgets the poor on Christmas Day, brought Yuletide joy to the homes of sixteen families last Sunday, \$253.90, having been, through his solicitations, contributed by benevolent Bairdites, including a \$50 slice from the Ku Klux fund, which the Doctor disbursed with charitable discernment.

Miss Jonie Wilson, Callahan county's super-efficient deputy clerk, The Star regrets to learn—and her many friends will, likewise—that she leaves tonight for Groesbeck, where she will assume the duties of deputy to County Clerk P. P. Brown, of Dimestown county, stopping enroute at Mexia, where she will be the over-Sunday guest of her sister, Miss Dollie.

Engineers who recently examined Baird's water supply, declare that we have an abundance of aqua to furnish a city of ten thousand inhabitants (which Baird will outstrip some day) and take care of the proposed municipal sewage system also. They recommended a concrete storage tank, the installation of larger mains and the use of meters.

Alderman Ernest Cook was successfully operated upon Tuesday of last week for tonsillitis and nasal trouble at the Baptist Sanitarium in Dallas. His infirmities weakened his eyes and he is wearing spectacles, which add a gravity to his naturally good humored face that would cause a stranger to mistake him for a college professor.

The Putnam Enterprise, of which W. L. Bowman is editor and manager, is an enterprise recently launched in our enterprising civic neighborhood to the east. It makes a brave showing of local advertising and seems to rope and typographically handle all the live news of the Putnam section. The Enterprise is printed in Onecc, and is a six-column, eight page journal.

Ring Out, Wild Bells

RING out, wild bells, to the wild sky,
The flying cloud, the frosty light;
The year is dying in the night;
Ring out, wild bells, and let him die.

Ring out the old, ring in the new,
Ring, happy bells, across the snow;
The year is going, let him go;
Ring out the false, ring in the true.

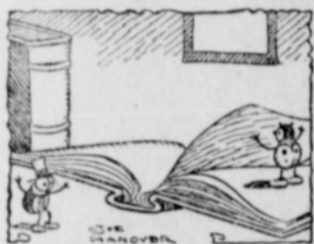
Ring out the grief that saps the mind,
For those that here we see no more;
Ring out the feud of rich and poor;
Ring in redress to all mankind.

Ring out a slowly dying cause,
And ancient forms of party strife;
Ring in the nobler modes of life,
With sweeter manners, purer laws.

Ring out false pride in place and blood,
The civic slander and the spite;
Ring in the love of truth and right,
Ring in the common love of good.

Ring out old shapes of foul disease,
Ring out the narrowing lust of gold;
Ring out the thousand wars of old,
Ring in the thousand years of peace.

—Alfred Lord Tennyson.



THE FIRST OF THE YEAR
"Hey, what are you doing there?"
"Turning over a new leaf! The first of the year is most here."

THE GLAD NEW YEAR.

Now joy bells ring across the sea,
All clear and sweet and full and free,
A message that the world may hear,
It is New Year! The glad New Year!

The snows lie deep on hill and plain,
Our voices sing the full refrain
Of hope and faith and wondrous cheer,
It is New Year! The glad New Year!

We break the links of trouble's chain,
Forget the sorrow and the pain
And with our loved ones gather near,
It is New Year! The glad New Year!

The past is the past, its grief is gone,
There breaks for us a brighter dawn—
God sends to us a gift most dear—
It is New Year! A glad New Year!

—Ruth Raymond.



NO WONDER.

Dorothy—Oh, father, why have you buttoned your coat way up around your chin?

Father—So as to hide this tie your mother bought me for Christmas, my child.

Wonderful Farm Machinery.

The first mower was invented in 1832, but few were used for many years. Now one man with the average mower can cut 12 to 15 acres in a day, instead of two with a scythe. The cost of handling is vastly reduced with the use of the present side-delivery rake, self-loader and hay fork for unloading.

In 1834 the reaper was invented but did not come into general use for 20 years after. Then came the self-rake harvester, and the self-binder. The modern self-binder with one man and three horses can cut and bind as much grain in a day as 15 men could do in 1840. Even greater efficiency is secured in very dry sections where the combined harvester is used, which cuts, threshes and sacks the grain in one operation.



"Lord, Thou hast been our refuge from one generation to another"

God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Our shelter from the stormy blast,
And our eternal home. Amen.

Under the shadow of Thy throne,
Thy saints have dwelt secure;
Sufficient is Thine arm alone
And our defence is sure.

Before the hills in order stood,
Or earth received her frame,
From everlasting Thou art God,
To endless years the same.

Thousand ages in Thy sight
Are like an evening gone;
Short as the watch that ends the night
Before the rising sun.

Time like an ever-rolling stream,
Bears all its sons away;
They fly forgotten, as a dream
Dies at the opening day

God, our help in ages past,
Our hope for years to come,
Be Thou our guard while life shall last,
And our eternal home. Amen.

Isaac Watts

KANSAS CITY TIMES

S. Ray

LIFE'S NEW YEAR

Our Being Not Transitory, but an Eternal Possession.

Time Has Very Little to Do With the Fundamental Things of Our Existence.

THE serious thing is, not that life is or may be short, but that it may be wasted or misused—indeed is likely to be so in most cases. There are few men in whom there is not something of the slacker—and yet there is so much to do! Others are not slackers, but only because they have no sense of responsibility, and are conscious of no obligation. To these the sudden realization that time is passing swiftly by comes with a terrifying effect—when it comes at all. It was these that the Psalmist had in mind when he wrote:

"Yet they think that their houses shall continue forever; and that their dwelling places shall endure from generation to generation; and they call their lands after their own names."

So it is harder to live nobly and bravely than it is to die gallantly in defense of a righteous cause at the call of country. This is, of course, in no way surprising. Yet the obligation is the same in both cases, for in both it is a question of being loyal to duty, sensitive to the promptings of what is best in human nature. If time is short the wise thing is, not, as the Roman poet suggested, to use it recklessly and to the utmost in mere enjoyment, but to build it into the future self which is being realized with the passage of each day. Life thus used is not transitory, but rather an eternal possession, something of which a man cannot be deprived. And that, of course, is the moral of New Year's day. It is an old moral, and yet ever new—new every morning. Indeed, practically the whole of religion, as applied to daily life, is summed up in it. For religion, even more than culture is "the study of perfection," and it speaks of, and was meant to further, the progress from imperfection to perfection.

He who has been "made perfect in a short time" has, as has been seen, "fulfilled a long time." "And an unspotted life is old age." On the other hand, the man who dies in wickedness dies in his youth even though he live far beyond the scriptural term. Time, therefore, has very little to do with the fundamental things of life.

The Flag of Hope

NEW YEAR day flies the flag of hope. Many of us come to the close of the year with a sense of defeat. We have failed to accomplish what we had hoped. Events have shaped themselves against us, and we have lacked the power to stem the tide. The good resolutions with which we so bravely started soon went lame and dropped out. Thus many of us find the shadows of disappointment, discouragement and failure falling around us as the old year closes. What is the use of struggling longer? We are fated to disaster.

Then New Year day dawns and something is saying: "Try again." There is ozone in the air. Events begin to wear a different outline. Voices are calling. Hands beckon us on. And as we lift our eyes to face the future, yonder on the sky line flies the flag of hope.

This is what New Year day would do for you and me. It would put ginger and punch into our sapped and fading vitality. It would help us to stand on our feet and look the world fearlessly in the face and carry on. It would shout in our ears: "Forward! March!"

Some cynic may say it will be the old story again, but success is on the road to meet the man who tries. It is a glorious thing to put up a fight, even if you seem to lose. We are not lost because we fail, but because we decline to attempt.

The page of yesterday is a stained page, blurred by our tears and blotched with failure, but the page of tomorrow is white and clean. The New Year is saying that you may do better. Grandly begin!—Dr. James I. Vance, in Springfield (Ill.) Journal.

DATE CREAMS.

2 cupfuls brown sugar, ¼ cupful corn sirup, ½ cupful water, ¼ teaspoonful cream of tartar, ½ cupful dates, ½ cupful walnut meats, 2 egg whites, 1 teaspoonful vanilla.

Boil together the sugar, corn sirup, water, and cream of tartar until it will form a soft ball in cold water; add the dates which have been chopped fine, return the pan to the fire and boil until it forms a hard ball in cold water; add the vanilla, then pour the mixture over the stiffly beaten egg whites. Beat until creamy, then drop by spoonfuls onto oiled paper; put half walnut meats on top.

NEW YEAR'S GIFTS

Exchange of Hearts Regarded as Most Acceptable.

The Most Valued Gems Are Those Strung on Love's Chain and Beyond Price.

Ah, they know not heart
Of man or woman who declare
That love needs time to woo with care!
His altars wait not day nor name—
Only the touch of sacred flame.

IT MAY be dangerous for a young woman to ask a nice young man who has been paying marked attention to her what he would like to have her give him for a New Year's gift. Laura Jean Libbey writes. Nine out of ten men will make ready answer: "I should appreciate, more than words can tell, a gift that money can't buy—your heart, dear, and the promise of your hand in wedlock."

Why shouldn't a lover make bold to ask for the treasure that is nearest his heart, when the opportunity is his? What maiden, who really loves, will say aught else than "You may ask papa?" Why shouldn't an exchange of hearts be the most acceptable holiday gift that can be given?

All else can be bought with gold by any hand that holds it. The tender love of a pure sweetheart, the earnest, absorbing devotion of a good, loving wife, the love of little children, eye and of parents, brothers, sisters and of kinfolk, are gems strung upon love's chain—beyond price.

The childless husband and wife would give all their wealth if it could purchase a love-bond—a child whom they could press to their breast—their very own. The proud old bachelor, whom all the world envies, would barter his wealth for the real love of one honest, trusting heart.

But the women from among whom he would choose a mate do not want him. He finds that all the wealth of the Indies cannot purchase that which is God-given—love.

Money cannot buy such loyalty as exists between son and sire; between mother and daughter. A rich man might secure the hand of a woman young and beautiful in marriage, but if her heart has not gone with it, he soon finds wealth, with all its glitter, which can buy many comforts, cannot purchase love. Nor can it buy happiness and contentment or prolong life one moment longer than destiny decrees.

If health was a favor which only the rich

The rich would live. The poor would die. The miser who was caught in his own trap by the spring door swinging to and locking itself behind him, found that all his gold was but dross to him and set him free. The millionaire, going down in a sinking ship, finds that the life of a struggling sailor is fully as precious as his own when both are fighting for a place in a lifeboat. There is not money enough in the universe for him to give his life for the others. There are indeed many treasures which money cannot buy in this dear, just old world.

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OLD YEAR AND NEW

Forget Past, Start Anew With No Apology for Yesterday.

Box Up All Mistakes and Troubles That Never Happened and Bury Them Deep.

IVISITED a penitentiary one time. The turnkey went before, unlocked all the doors and carefully locked them after we had gone through. We went from cell-house to cellhouse, and from corridor to corridor. We could not go back, but we could go forward. Forget about last year. December 31 locks its doors securely forever. You can't unlock those doors. What has been done cannot be undone. Perhaps you began your life's journey quite awhile ago, 1900 is gone! 1910 is gone! 1920 is gone! Those years all sped by, and they are locked forever. They are gone with lost opportunities, wasted privileges, broken pledges. You cannot call them back.

Regrettable it is we cannot go back, and, with the added experience of years live a portion of our lives again. Every high-minded person would do differently if he was given the last ten or twenty years to live over. But why think over the past? Why nurse the unfortunate in your bosom?

You cannot go back if you would; if you are sensible you would not if you could. To brood over life's unforgotten past only doubles the present load, makes one more morose and crabbed, and deepens the furrows in one's brow. (Wipe off the slate. Box up all omissions, all "shallow miseries," all mistakes, all the troubles that never happened—and bury them. Then about face! Head erect chest out, shoulders back, and—forward march! Look every person squarely in the eye, make no apology for yesterday, for tomorrow is before you. The new year is yours. The world lies at your very feet.

This is not a message simply for youth, because no person is exempt from moral obligations. There is no age limit in life's battle. When we are through with the world the world is through with us. Too many persons consider it fashionable to "retire" at a certain age, and that age is getting constantly lower.

If one has not found life's place before forty, the more the reason for his doubling his efforts after forty. A man should not consider withdrawing from life's toil at fifty, and one should not think himself old at sixty. Gladstone was doing the best work of his life at eighty-five, and at eighty-seven toured England on a speech-making trip in behalf of Armenia.

Little streams often dry up in the desert, but great rivers run full strength to the sea, and turn the wheels of commerce before they finally plunge into the ocean. Small lives are easily discouraged, but every great life is rooted in the past, blossoms today and bears fruit tomorrow.

The great life is ahead, because we have the blessed results of yesterday's experience. The future is full of promise. America's greatest history is yet to be written. The best days are yet to come. 1921 was far better than 1920; 1922 will be better than 1921, if we will make it so. We shall find this a very good old world, if we are willing to do our part.

"Success consists not in never failing, but in rising every time we fail."
—Nathan Howard Gist in Grit.

MOLASSES FOAM.

This is the very cheapest candy. Boil equal parts (say, one cup each) of sugar and good molasses together until the mixture becomes brittle when tested in ice water, and then put into this (first) lemon flavoring (just a few drops) and a level teaspoonful of carbonate of soda—old-fashioned baking soda. Stir very briskly and be prepared, for the candy foams up over twice the quantity it was before the soda was added, hence the necessity for making it in a big pan and of having your buttered tins at hand to pour it in instantly when it is thoroughly "risen." This candy must never be exposed to sudden cold while cooling.

GREETINGS

The splendid co-operation received from the public the past year has been an inspiration to our efforts and a source of added pleasure in what we have been able to accomplish. During the past twelve months we have made some great strides and wonderful development and it was by the constant good will and support of the people of this city that we were able to do this.

With the feeling that we are now entering a new era of progress every member of every department of this Company wishes every customer and patron that we are serving the most sincere wishes for a Happy New Year.

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New Year Greetings

TO OUR CUSTOMERS:

We desire to extend to you the Compliments of the Season and express our sincere wishes for your prosperity the coming year with a continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

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Baird, Texas

DEBS WILL WORK FOR PARDON OF OTHERS

VISITS HARDING AND DAUGHTERY—IS CORDIALLY RECEIVED BY PRESIDENT.

OPINIONS ARE EXCHANGED

Attorney General to Remind People of Debs' Offense and Explain Pardon.

Washington.—Eugene V. Debs, in the first statement issued since his release from Atlanta penitentiary Sunday, announced that he would dedicate his newly acquired freedom to "the freedom of political prisoners and the cause of all prisoners."

The statement was made after Debs had conferred with President Harding and Attorney General Daugherty. His future activities, Debs said, would depend "entirely on how long I will be out."

Upon arriving in Washington Debs went first to a hotel where he breakfasted and then called upon Attorney General Daugherty and later President Harding, spending about half an hour with each.

Returning to his hotel from the White House Debs said:

"When I was advised by the warden of my release by commutation, it was coupled with the request of Attorney General Daugherty that I come to Washington to meet him and President Harding.

"The warden furnished me with a railroad ticket to the Capital City for that purpose."

In ordinary circumstances, he said he would have gone home, as arrangements had been made for him to return to his home and a demonstration of welcome was scheduled for him at Terre Haute, Ind., but his plans were set aside because of the request of the Attorney General.

"I was courteously received by the Attorney General," he continued.

"At the White House," he said, "I was received very cordially by President Harding, with whom I exchanged opinions and points of view that he might perfectly understand my attitude in reference to my future activities. During the visit I took occasion to express my appreciation of the consideration."

The Attorney General declined to elaborate on his statement, which follows:

"I have received a call from Mr. Debs," Mr. Daugherty said. "I volunteered no advice to him and he asked none. There was no unusual conditions attached on his communication. His call upon me was of his own volition."

"I will shortly give out for publication, with the President's consent, my recommendation in the Debs case. My object in doing this will be to refresh the memory of the American people of Debs' violation of the law and to inform them of the reason for his commutation. I hope it will be educational to some extent."

"I have nothing further to say regarding Debs' call or regarding his case except that I hope he may direct his talents to a useful purpose."

SMALL OIL TOWN IS WIPE OUT BY FIRE

Business Section of Dillard, Ok., Is Damaged About \$100,000.

Ardmore, Ok.—The town of Dillard, in the heart of the Hewitt oil field, is smoldering in ruins and more than 1,000 people are homeless as the result of a fire which visited the "rag-town" during the early morning hours Monday and which consumed the entire business section, including six two-story buildings and several score of one-story structures.

A few moments after the fire was discovered hundreds of men, women and children, most of whom were attired in night clothes, came out of the buildings. Most of them took refuge from the cold in neighboring homes far enough removed from the scene of destruction to be safe, while others motored to Healdton, Wilson and neighboring towns.

INDUSTRIAL CENSUS WILL BEGIN ON JANUARY 3RD

Washington.—Enumeration of the 1921 census of manufacturers will begin Jan. 3, officials of the Census Bureau have announced, the questionnaires being now mailed with request that the manufacturers return them with as little delay as possible. The bureau desires data covering production for the calendar year 1921. The results, when compared with reports for the census of 1919, will show to what extent business had suffered or gained as a result of the period following the world war.

The Season's Greetings

TO OUR PATRONS:

With grateful appreciation of all the favors received by us from you and for that priceless though intangible asset, your Good Will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence and aim to serve you faithfully in the future.

We trust the past year has brought you success and extend best wishes for continued and increased prosperity during the New Year, 1922.

THE BAIRD STAR

Sigal Theatre

PROGRAM

Friday, Dec. 30th—Earl Williams

"LUCKY CARSON"

Also Helen Holmes in

"THE TIGER BAND"

15 and 25 Cts.

Saturday, Special—Douglas Fairbanks in

"THE NUT"

His latest United Artists Production in seven reels.

Monday

"STRAIGHT IS THE WAY"

A Paramount feature with an all star cast.

Tuesday—Sessue Hayakawa in

"BLACK ROSES"

Also "Bill and Bob" in

"THE MOUNTAIN LION"

Wednesday—Billie Burke in

"FRISKY MRS. JOHNSON"

A Paramount Feature

Thursday—Mary Miles Minter in

"HER WINNING WAY"

Friday—Announced Later

Helen Holmes in

"THE TIGER BAND"

Only 15 and 25 cents

Saturday—Wm. S. Hart in

"THE TESTING BLOCK"

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T. P. BEARDEN, Mgr

SEVERE ILLNESS OF BAIRDITES

We regret to learn that there are several cases of severe illness in Baird.

Miss Jean Powell has been seriously ill with pneumonia, but was reported much better yesterday.

Roy Jackson is very ill with pneumonia and at last reports was no better. We are sorry to hear this.

Mrs. Lee Estes was seriously ill Wednesday, but was reported better yesterday. Did not learn the nature of her illness.

The trappers have about trapped all the fur-bearing animals in Callahan county.

Despite the Eighteenth Amendment a goodly lot of liquid Christ, mas cheer gurgled into Baird.

"The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse" at the Sigal Theatre Monday and Tuesday of last week should have been seen by every man, woman and child in Baird. It was the graphic illustration of a great moral lesson and a momentous ethnographical problem, and the warning lesson that it taught should sink deep into the fastnesses of every human heart.

The Fourth Assistant Postmaster General is advertising for bids for carrying the mail from Baird by Admiral to Cottonwood and return, a distance of 22 miles, every day except Sunday, from July 1, 1922 to June 30, 1926. \$1,000 bond must accompany each bid, and all bids must be in by January 9, 1922. The present pay is \$1,132.97 per year and the present carrier is Charlie M. Smith.

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THE BAIRD STAR	\$1.50
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IN OLD TIPPERARY

Valley of Slieve-na-Mon Land Rich in Historic Interest.

Long Famed as a Storehouse of Folklore and Fairy Legends—On Devil's Bit Mountain.

Recent news dispatches from Ireland contained the story of an ambush and battle between Sinn Feiners and crown forces in the Slieve-na-mon country, County Tipperary.

To those who have read and studied the history of Ireland the name will strike a familiar chord.

The valley of Slieve-na-mon is a country rich in historical interest. Many of the stirring events which grace the annals of Irish history have been enacted there. Perhaps in no other section of southern Ireland will you find such a wealth of historic events, such a storehouse of folklore and fairy legends and such typically Irish people as you will find in this section.

It was here in 1848 that Smith O'Brien and the Young Irish party gathered their forces; it was here a pitched battle took place between them and the royal Irish constabulary and the British military, and it was here occurred many of the stirring events of the Fenian rebellion.

The valley of Slieve-na-mon is so-called from the mountain of that name which at times gowers aloft, cold dark and repellent, but when clothed in the soft gray mists of early morning or bathed in the glamor of an Irish sunset is truly a sight to gladden the senses. The valley embraces part of that section of Tipperary called the Golden vale of Munster, said to be the richest farming land in all Ireland.

Away to the northeast is the famous Devil's Bit mountain, another of the Galtee range. It was on this Mountain that Cromwell is said to have stood when he turned to his soldiers and said: "This is indeed a land well worth fighting for."

The sides of the mountain are very steep and the climb a hard one, but the view well repays for the trouble. Away to the north a vision of wonderful blue hills and little green valleys, and afar off a glimpse of the lordly Shannon and to the south the beautiful Golden vale dotted over with little whitewashed cottages and farmhouses. Further south is the famous Rock of Cashel, the seat of the kings of Munster, a very interesting series of ruins and well worthy a visit.

There is a story attached to every place of note in Ireland, and it goes without saying that the Devil's Bit has one. If you visit any of the peasant homes in the valley, the woman of the house will tell you this story as she bustles about preparing you a cup of tea:

One day, the devil, through mistake, landed in the Emerald isle and, having lost his way, became very hungry. He dare not enter any peasant's cabin and ask for food or shelter, for he knew that few and far between were the homes where a little wooden cross was hanging on the wall.

He sat down at the foot of the mountain a while and was sorely troubled. But on looking up he saw a goat making his way up the rough mountain side and instantly he was on his feet. He started in hot pursuit, but the goat being very nimble, as are most of his kind, seemed to be getting the best of the race.

Enraged with fear of losing his prey the ruler of the lower regions let out a terrific roar, and opening his huge mouth, bit a hole out of the mountain side. And the "bit" is there today to show itself. And if you are a doubting Thomas, you will find the rocks which he could not swallow scattered over the mountain side, some of them large enough to build a good-sized house.

Not Needed.

A certain Democratic candidate for a state office in the last election tells a story on himself, and he evidently appreciates the humor in it, now.

"I was billed for a speech at a county seat," his story goes, "and the Republican county chairman saw my announcement. He immediately wired to his state speakers' committee: 'Send one of the best speakers you have for Thursday night. So-and-so is to speak here the night before.'"

"I went to the town and made my speech. The next day the Republican county chairman wired his speakers' bureau: 'Cancel all arrangements for meeting tonight. It is not needed now.'"—Indianapolis News.

Giant Gas Tank Being Built.

The second largest gas holder in the world is under construction in Baltimore. When fully inflated the gas tank will stand 228 feet high and will have a capacity of 10,000,000 cubic feet of gas.

A Joyous New Year

Our cordial greetings go out to you in the hope that the New Year will be bigger, brighter and more prosperous than any before.

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The Elite Jelly Rolls, plum, cherry, pineapple and other flavors, make delicious dessert, a dime the cut. Try one the next time you eat.
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For rent, an Eighty Acre Farm, between Clyde and Baird, on right-of-way. Forty acres in cultivation. Four room house and good well of water; also small orchard. Write Mrs. Madge R. Hollis.
3-2t Abilene, Texas.

COLD DAY BREAKFASTS

At the Elite Cafe you can be served with real Frosty Morning Breakfasts—ham and eggs, sausage and eggs, bacon and eggs, with either our famous cream waffles or hot cakes on the side and a cup of fragrant coffee.
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Will guarantee good positions to a few more young men and women who can begin training at once, either at College or by Mail. Holiday Rates extended few days. Graduates earn from \$85 to \$125. Money-back contract insures you similar position. Write today.
4-2t-p Drawer 38, Abilene, Texas.

STAR-TELEGRAM BARGAINS

I have been authorized by the Circulation Manager of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram to extend that great journal's exceptional "Bargain Day Offer" until January 4, 1922. I am directed to take your subscriptions for one year—either new or old—up to that time at the following exceedingly low rates: Daily, \$5.60; and Sunday, \$6.75; Daily only, \$5.60. Take advantage of this offer at once and get the news of the world served daily for a year. George Wolsey Symonds, At The Star Office.

CITY ORDINANCE REGARDING AUTOS

Be it enacted by the City Council of the City of Baird:

That it shall be unlawful for any person to operate any automobile, truck, motorcycle, or any other motor vehicle, within the corporate limits of the City of Baird, without having devices in good working order which shall be at all times in constant operation to prevent excessive or unusual noises, or to use upon any such vehicle devices known as "muffler cutouts."

Any person violating any provision of this Ordinance is punishable by a fine of not exceeding Twenty-five Dollars.

C. E. WALKER, R. Q. EVANS,
5-2t Secretary Mayor.

The Star hopes all its readers had a pleasant Christmas, and permit us to wish you one and all a prosperous, happy and contented New Year, that will last for three hundred and sixty-five days.

Since the very dawn of "the art preservative of all arts"—printing—there have been tramp printers, skilled typographical nomads, ever on the move, like Eugene Sue's "Wandering Jew." Tuesday one of these typographical peripatetics passed through Baird, headed toward the rising sun—a young man, well dressed, jaunty and quick walking, who had hoofed it all the way from El Paso, toting two well filled grips, and exchanging merry peripatetic with his loyal courageous, stylishly garbed and exceedingly pretty wife, who vowed that tramp-ing was a great lark.

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