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Mrs. Thagard Entertains.

On last Friday evening Mrs. Thagard invited quite a number of young people to her home in northwest Floydada, to a 6:00 o'clock dinner in honor of her daughter, Miss Ethie. The guests were met at the door by Miss Sabra Thagard and ushered into the parlor, which was beautifully decorated in blue and white, and there we were entertained with music and a variety of games.

Shortly after the arrival of the guests a three course dinner was served, the first course consisting of soup, pickles and celery; second course, turkey and dressing, fruit salad, spaghetti and cheese, Saratoga chips and cranberry sauce; third course, different kinds of delicious pies and cakes served with boiled custard. The dining room was decorated in blue and white. The birthday cake was placed in the center of the dining table and surrounded by candles. After dinner we were motored to the MeandY Theatre, where we watched with pleasure "The Exploits of Elaine," we then returned to the Thagard home. One of the most enjoyable features of the evening was the cutting of the birthday cake.

Miss Ethie received numerous gifts which were highly appreciated.

Those present were: Misses Marie Henry, Marie Hughes, Ruth Brown, Minnie Steen, D. Allen, Bessie Thompson, Lillie Slaughter, Ethie and Sabra Thagard; Messrs. Leland Dawson, Irvin Bishop, Will Ratjen, Herbert Sparks, Glenn Flinn, Charlie Wilson, Earl French, Oliver Allen and Robert McGuire.

The guests departed at a late hour declaring Mrs. Thagard and her daughters delightful entertainers and wishing Miss Ethie many more pleasant and happy birthdays. Contributed.

"Ye Old Towne Quartette"

Pleasing Entertainment.

"Ye Old Towne Quartette" a company of singers and impersonators, furnished a pleasing entertainment at the MeandY Theatre last Tuesday night, under the auspices of the Floydada Lyceum Committee.

A well-filled house greeted the offerings of the company, which were of a high standard throughout.

Typewriter paper at Hesperian office.

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BRICK FOR SOUTH-WEST KEY CORNER

New Structure Will be 50x100 Feet, and Contain Two Store Rooms.

A brick building will be erected during the early part of the new year on the southwest key corner of the public square. The new building is to be 50x100 feet covering two lots owned by C. Surginer and Jno. N. Farris, who have recently bought the interest of L. T. Lester, formerly a party of interest in the lots.

Messrs. Surginer and Farris are having the plans drawn. The contract will be let soon.

The building will be well finished and will contain two rooms, each 25x100 feet. Walks will also be laid on the north and east sides of the lots.

The building now occupying the lots, occupied by Haines-King Company, will be removed.

It is understood that one or both store rooms have been leased for occupancy as soon as completed.

\$600 From Ten Acres is Good Crop Production Record.

T. B. McPeak is one of the good farmers of this immediate section, whose work this year has not been without results.

His cotton production this year was eight bales from ten acres, and the seed and lint made him a total of \$600.

He also had a large crop of feedstuffs, enough to feed his work teams and other stock, and a large surplus.

Cotton production, the way it is handled in Floyd County, is a great money-maker.

New Overland Dealer Received Carload Shipment Last Week.

J. D. Starks, Overland dealer for Floyd County, received a carload of the Model 83 Overland last week, two of which he has sold to date.

The Overland has grown in popularity until it has become one of the largest sellers in the southwest.

Mr. Starks delivered one car to the Dickens County agency at Spur last Saturday, and one to Chas. Trowbridge, Wednesday.

Miss Featherston's Expression Class in a Recital.

Monday night the pupils of Miss Vera Featherston, teacher of expression, appeared in recital at the Methodist Church.

A large number of friends and patrons attended the recital, and a program consisting of seventeen numbers was rendered.

Mrs. H. C. Bosley is reported quite ill at her home.

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D. E. PITTS

S. D. BISHOP KILLED SATURDAY NIGHT

Was on Duty at Woody Drug Store When Tragedy Occurred at 11:30.

J. R. McPEAK UNDER ARREST.

Preliminary Hearing Being Conducted this Afternoon in Justice Gaither's Court.

Stamp D. Bishop is dead and a preliminary hearing is being held today to determine whether J. R. McPeak shall be released on bond pending the action of the grand jury, as a result of the discharge of a pistol Saturday night at 11:30 at the Woody Drug Company store.

The bullet from the pistol entered Mr. Bishop's left leg about midway between the thigh and knee, just behind the bone, severing the femoral artery. Mr. Bishop bled to death in five minutes.

Paul Foster was the only eye witness to the tragedy. From his testimony and that of others who came to the scene shortly after Mr. Bishop was shot, Mr. Bishop was standing on the north side of the base burner in the drug store, with his hands behind his back, and his back to the stove. Jim McPeak and Foster sitting, Jim slightly south of west of the base burner, and facing toward the front of the store. Foster saw the flash of the pistol shot, saw Mr. Bishop jump and hollow "Oh!" He says Mr. Bishop then turned round, looked at Jim, and reached down to pull up his trouser leg, from which the blood was streaming. As he did so, Mr. Bishop's hands began to tremble, his face to turn pale and he sank to the floor. About that time young Foster took Mr. McPeak by the arm and led him from the store. Up the street they met Will Gaither who was told of what had occurred. He was the first to reach Mr. Bishop, who was breathing his last when Will reached him. Constable R. L. Henry was the first officer to reach the scene. He arrested Mr. McPeak. Drs. Andrews and Childers were summoned by others who reached the scene, but were too late to save the life.

The bullet which ended Mr. Bishop's life was from a .380 automatic Colt's pistol. After passing through his leg it hit the floor about six feet away, near a show case, from which it rebounded, and striking the show case, flew across the room to the southeast corner of the store where it was found later by officers. It was slightly dented on the face and one side. The pistol was also found by officers lying in the chair where Jim McPeak had been sitting.

Young Foster says there were no hard words previous to the report of the gun and apparently no hard feeling.

Justice Gaither conducted an inquest on the scene, and Jim McPeak was placed in the county jail.

District Attorney George L. Mayfield came from Olton Sunday morning to investigate the killing. He did not give out any statement relative to the affair. He is here today in behalf of the state in the preliminary hearing.

Jim McPeak was released on temporary bond Monday afternoon.

When seen Wednesday afternoon Mr. McPeak showed signs of deep distress. He spoke in monosyllables and only in answer to questions. "I wouldn't mind telling you all about the

W. I. Cannaday Resigns Management here for McAdams Lbr. Co.

W. I. Cannaday has resigned the management of the Floydada yard of the McAdams Lumber Company, and will be succeeded next Monday by A. M. Stoddard, for the past two years manager at Hale Center. The new manager will be checked in Monday.

Mr. Cannaday resigns in order to give all his time to his personal business. He has been with the McAdams people several years, and is one of the most popular lumbermen who has ever engaged in business in Floydada.

Mr. Cannaday will continue to make his home at Floydada.

A. M. Stoddard who will succeed him, has been in the west since before the coming of the railroads to this section. He is well-acquainted with a number of the older residents of Floydada.

Marriage Licenses Issued.

The following licenses for marriage have been issued:

December 16th Miss Mamie Lee and Mr. Myrth Yeary, of Cedar Hill.

December 16th J. C. Weathers and Miss Maggie Thompson, of Lockney.

December 16th, Mrs. Connie Martin and Mr. C. W. Waters, southeast Floyd County.

December 21st, Mrs. K. M. Ashworth and Mr. J. H. Robertson, of Lockney.

G. A. Lider is spending the holiday season in Dallas with his mother, Mrs. A. Lider and sister, Mrs. Van Eaton. Mr. Lider's wife has been in Dallas several weeks. They will return shortly after the New Year.

whole thing," he said, "only, I just can't talk about it."

Following the tragedy the body of the deceased was dressed at the drug store, where it was kept until seven-thirty Sunday morning, owing to the precarious condition of Mrs. Bishop's health. She was notified by neighbors about twelve o'clock of the tragedy. The shock prostrated her, and the doctor spent much of the night in attendance.

Mr. Bishop's body was removed to the Bishop home in northeast Floydada early Sunday morning. The funeral services were held at the grave side Sunday afternoon at five o'clock and interment immediately followed. Rev. W. C. Carver, pastor of the Baptist Church conducted the services. Many friends of the families attended the services.

Of the near relatives only the immediate family, and the family of A. L. Bishop, brother, Stockie Bishop, of Plainview, and Mrs. Willis Young, of Amarillo, were present. A. L. Bishop, and Mrs. Stamp Bishop's sister and brother-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Hayes, the latter of Gatesville came in Wednesday at noon. A. L. Bishop was visiting at Gatesville when he received word of his brother's death.

Stamp D. Bishop was forty-five years of age. He leaves a widow and five children, the eldest a son, eighteen years of age. His father, L. T. Bishop, and a sister, Mrs. F. M. Christie reside at Quitman, Texas. He has a brother, Ed Bishop, at Walnut Springs, and a sister, Mrs. Lou Holcomb, at Brownwood, Texas.

The tragedy has created a profound sensation in Floydada and Floyd County. Both families have resided here many years and both parties are widely known in the county.

2000 PEOPLE SEE THE TURKEY RACE

"Lots of Fun and Amusement" for Largest Crowd Since Last Day of Fair.

Everything, including the weather, was favorable to the Turkey Race last Saturday, and the affair was a thorough success. The largest crowd which has been on the streets of Floydada since the last day of the Floyd County Fair in September, attended.

103 turkeys were turned loose by the Chamber of Commerce committee, who were assisted in making the plans for the affair more thorough by individual donations from business and professional men.

The turkeys were to have been turned loose on the square. Congestion of the streets and the heavy traffic before twelve o'clock soon made it necessary for the plan to be changed, and the turkeys were turned loose from the top of the baseball park grandstand. More than three blocks of open space inside and outside the stands were covered with people from all portions of this and adjoining counties, and everybody entered into the fun in a jolly mood. Out of the two thousand, there were one hundred and three lucky persons to secure birds.

County Commissioner R. L. Ormon caught the first turkey released, and P. M. Smith the second. C. B. Erwin, of Fairview, caught the turkey bearing the firm name of Robbins, Darsey & Fields, and which gave him the one thousand dollar life insurance policy free.

Following the Race many names of parties who caught turkeys were not obtainable. Through the assistance of Secretary Geo. A. Lider of the Chamber of Commerce, and others, we have been able to obtain more than half of the number. These names follow:

Wallace Maxwell, Floydada; Mrs. Anna Carr, Carr's Chapel; Carroll Duncan, Floydada; W. C. Hanna, Mickey; Van Terrell, Floydada; Carmon B. Erwin, Fairview; Jno. W. Smith, Floydada; Jess McNeely, Floydada; Mrs. E. C. Henry, city; Wade Roberts, city; Verdie Snodgrass, city; Miss Daisy Myers, Lockney; Chas. Ellis, city; Miss Marie Husky, Floydada; R. N. Burgett, Floydada; Luther Cooper, Lockney; T. E. May, Floydada; B. C. Bunn, Red River County; W. I. Cannaday, city; W. P. Hewitt, Curlew; Mrs. J. D. Ratliff, city; Mrs. Sam McCleskey, city; Bob Tibbitts, Flomot; Miss Bettie (Continued on last page)

Briscoe Factories Big Factors in Automobile Industry.

Green-Foster Motor Sales Company, of Floydada, have received news of an important deal, which is expected to prove beneficial to their agency for the Briscoe Automobile and which is also creating no little interest in the automobile world.

This announcement is that the Briscoe Motor Company has increased its capital stock to \$6,000,000, and in so doing has absorbed several manufacturing plants, enabling them to manufacture complete throughout in their own factory their 1916 Briscoe four- and eight-, which is now being offered to prospective buyers of cars.

Benjamin Briscoe, the head of the Briscoe company, was in the early days of the automobile industry, a builder and designer in the Buick factory. Later he was associated with the Maxwell builders, in the Maxwell-Briscoe Motor Co. Three years ago Mr. Briscoe withdrew from this company, and a year later offered the first of the Briscoe Cars to the buying public.

Under the announced arrangements made the company's output this year will be 30,000 cars, manufactured in the Briscoe company's own plant.

A. L. Barton Ranch Gets Thoroughbred Hereford Bulls.

A. L. Barton was in Floydada Tuesday, enroute to his ranch in Motley county, with twenty-three head of fine thoroughbred Hereford bulls.

The bulls were bought at Lake City, Kansas, Mr. Barton going himself to make the selections from the herd. Mr. Barton's purchase is in line with his policy for the past several years of breeding up the cattle on his ranch to a high standard.

Christian Church Elects New Preacher for the Year.

Elder J. F. Mathews, of Lubbock, has been called by the Christian Church of Floydada, and will preach here the ensuing year.

He preaches at the Christian Church Sunday.

He is making arrangements to move here this week.

Card of Thanks.

We take this means of expressing a small part of the gratitude we feel toward those who have been so kind to us during our bereavement in the loss of our husband and father.

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Why More Poultry Should Be Kept on Texas Farms.

(By Clarence Ousley)

Poultry keeping is not practiced as extensively on Texas farms as it ought to be. Just why this is the case appears hard to explain. There is positively no good reason why Texas should not be the leading poultry state in the Union.

There are thousands of waste land in Texas, not only in the country, but in the towns and cities. A flock of well-cared-for pure-bred chickens on this waste land area would return a handsome profit and increase the value of the land. Large tracts of land close to villages and cities lie idle and grow nothing but weeds. A flock of chickens of the egg-laying type could not be otherwise than very profitable to the owner. Put a flock of chickens on every acre of idle land in Texas, and Texas will be recognized the world over as the leading poultry state.

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MANY BIRTHS NOT REPORTED IN TEXAS SHOWN BY REPORT

Bureau of Vital Statistics Report Shows Many Birth Reports Neglected.

Austin, Texas, Dec. 16.—Some interesting facts are shown in the October report of the Bureau of Vital Statistics of Texas. It is estimated that at least 5,494 children per month, or 65,928 per year, born in Texas are not registered.

If the Tax Payers realized how many cases are appealed to higher courts on a question of age and the cost of such cases to the State when such questions could be settled in the lower courts by a certified birth certificate, they would demand a complete Birth Registration.

If the mothers realized that the orphan girl, who needs protection under those laws which have an age limit, is deprived of such protection by failure to have her birth registered, the mothers of Texas would see that every baby's birth in their community was registered.

If the Labor Unions, whose purpose is the protection of the laborer, both child and adult, were awake to the fact that the Child's Labor Law is absolutely dependent upon Birth Registration for enforcement, the Labor Unions in Texas would swing all their influence for complete Birth Registration.

Compulsory Education without Birth Registration will lead to endless litigation, depriving the child of such education as the State intends to force upon it. Teachers who are progressive must stand for Birth Registration.

Birth Registration keeps the under-age orphan boy out of the penitentiary or off the gallows when his age would send him to the Reformatory. Birth Registration will furnish the State unimpeachable evidence to convict the criminal who assaults an orphan girl under age of consent, and will exclude the purchaseable testimony of some negro woman, or an old Bible with its birth record that has been erased and re-written. The minister of the gospel, if he would be consistent, must stand for Birth Registration as a protection for those who will be orphans in coming generations.

Accuracy in Birth Registration is necessary. More than one out of a hundred do not show the sex, date of birth, or whether the child is legitimate or otherwise. If a child's birth is registered, the parent should not permit a stigma to be thrown on the child by questioning the legitimacy, unless it is otherwise. Such defects do not become apparent until the child's age is questioned, and it is possible that by that time it may be an orphan.

kets.

The reason that some eggs do not bring as much is because they are of a poor quality. Texas eggs no doubt are the poorest in the country because they are given little care. Our eggs often are described in some of the leading markets as light, weak, sickly and suspicious. To get a better price for our eggs we must first produce a better egg. First class, of the highest quality eggs always are in demand at a premium.

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Fumigation for Rats, Insects and Other Vermin.

By A. L. Lincecum, M. D. Assistant State Health Officer.

Many inquiries come to this office as to the best method of fumigation for mice, rats, cockroaches and other insects and vermin. To successfully do a fumigation for any purpose, it is necessary to make the compartment that is to be fumigated absolutely air tight. This is done by sealing all openings, cracks, flues, key holes, etc., with strong paper and flour paste. Stuffing cracks with cotton and dry paper will not hold the gas in the room. Therefore the efficiency of fumigation is lost.

To destroy rats, mice, insects and vermin, Sulphur Dioxide gas is the best, but caution must be used for the acids generated will injure metals, will bleach all fabrics that are dyed with aniline dyes, and will rot cotton fibre.

Five pounds of finely powdered sulphur must be burned to each 1000 cubic feet. This is burned in shallow iron vessels (Dutch ovens) these vessels are set in large vessels containing water, and to get the best results it is necessary to elevate the vessels by placing them on tables or hanging them from the ceiling with wires or chains. Moisture is absolutely necessary for the efficacy of this gas, therefore be sure that you have water in the bottom of the vessel. Wood alcohol is poured over the sulphur to ignite it. When everything is ready ignite the alcohol and quickly close the door.

For flies and mosquitoes, leave the room closed six (6) hours; for rats and mice, leave closed never less than twelve (12) hours and twenty-four (24) hours is far better.

Texas U. Has Largest Enrollment.

Floyd County is represented at the University of Texas this year by Ohmer Willis Kirk, Floydada.

The University is now in its 33rd session and has registered a larger attendance than at any previous time in its history. Twenty-three hundred students are now enrolled at the Main University at Austin (810 girls), and 300 at the Medical Department at Galveston. It is likely that the total registration before the end of the session will exceed 2800. Of course these figures take no account of the 1200 students taking work by correspondence.

Texas thus has, easily, the largest registration of any university in the south.

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"Lively Tom"

One Christmas game that is as old as the records of games is usually known by the name of "Lively Tom." A small stick is lighted at one end and allowed to burn for a few minutes until, when the flame is extinguished, there remains a lively glowing point.

The players being ranged in a circle, the stick is passed from hand to hand. Each player before handing the stick to his neighbor must repeat the words, "Tom's alive." So soon as the words are uttered the next player must receive the stick offered to him. The unlucky one who has Tom die in his hands must pay a forfeit. The most convenient forfeit for this game is that the one who is the victim should submit to wearing a mustache or eyebrows drawn on the face by the charred end of the stick itself.

Yule Log and Joyous Revel. The still observed custom of Merrie England of bringing in the Yule log with much ceremony and "joyous revel for both young and old" may be very charmingly adapted to the uses of a Christmas eve party. It is not even necessary that the house possess one of the mighty fireplaces of old English days, for the log in this case is figurative rather than actual.

It is constructed of cardboard or light wood and is hollow, with a convenient door through which the gifts have been put inside before the ceremony of bringing it in is commenced. There are many quaint though simple festivities that may be enacted, and they are always intensely amusing to the children.

Another Old Custom Time Has Removed

With the passing of time has come the passing of many old customs; family traditions are long forgotten.

This is particularly true of one of the oldest of customs among housewives, that of daughters following their mothers in the use of foods and housekeeping methods.

In the olden days if mother did a certain thing this way or that way, daughter did likewise, regardless of newer and improved methods.

If mother used a particular brand of food, daughter was blinded to better kinds merely because mother had used the same brand for years.

But now both mothers and daughters have changed their methods and investigate and compare, not by price alone, but by actual results obtained.

The old order is changing. The candle has given way to the electric light; the old fashioned

fire-place to scientific heating methods. Millions of housewives have changed their brands of coffee, tea, extracts, baking powder and other foods. Calumet Baking Powder is one of the most popular brands on the market today because of the uniformly good baking results obtained by those who use it.

Picture Frames made to order at Wilson's Studio. tf.

Mr. and Mrs. G. D. French left last Saturday for San Marcos, Texas, where they will spend the Christmas Holiday with their son. They will be gone about two weeks.

C. H. Featherston, wife and daughter, and sister, Miss Vera, leave this week for Jayton and Aspermont to spend the holiday season with relatives.

Mr. and Mrs. John Noble, of Cone, spent Saturday and Sunday in Floydada, the guests of Mr. and Mrs. S. C. Vanderlip.

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Oh, well, if you didn't catch a turkey Saturday, you ought to be able to catch one tonight, if you're a good manager.

Some of the fellows laughed so much at the other fellows scrambling for turkeys Saturday afternoon that the race was over before they could get busy. Since every man promised to bring his wife a big fat gobble that night a live session of "dickering" followed the main affair. Some of the women don't know yet that their husbands didn't really catch a turkey.

Three of the turkeys got away without tags. We understand that two or three dozen of them have been caught since.

Imitation is the sincerest flattery. If Matador will just keep the pace and follow suit on everything Floydada does the next five years their little town will also get in the running, and be on the some day.

Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, 1916.

For Treasurer Floyd County:
 MRS. ADDIE THAGARD.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector:
 J. B. JENKINS.

Store Tools Now to Protect Them During the Winter.

"This is the time of the year for the farmer to think about putting his tools away for the winter," says E. Gee, of the department of Agriculture Engineering at A. & M. College. "The rainy season will soon be upon us and it will only take a few showers to rust the plow moldboards and cultivator shovels. It would be well for the farmer to also go over the various machines and tools that he has, and find out what repairs each tool will need before it can be put in a serviceable condition. It will only take a few minutes time to go over each machine and make a list of necessary repairs, and then the next trip to town these repairs can be ordered from the local dealer, and if he does not have them in stock, he will have ample time to order them before they are needed. "Farmers will do well to paint the tools and machinery showing wear. Paint will prevent wood from rotting, or decaying and will prevent iron parts from rusting. A very good paint for either wood or iron can be made from

10 pounds of red lead, mixed with one gallon of linseed oil and one pint of turpentine, mixed thoroughly before applying.

"Before painting any tool, it should be thoroughly cleaned both from dust and grease. Two coats of the above mentioned paint will be sufficient to protect the tool from sun and rain. If you do not like the bright red color that the tool will have, you can then apply any good ready mixed implement paint to the tool without fear of it scaling off."

Our Silk is Cotton.

Mr. Chaperan, of the state department of agriculture, told the newspaper men at the Waco Cotton Palace that nearly all the silk goods sold now is made of cotton linters. In proof of this he declared that all the silk worms in the world couldn't spin enough to supply the "silk" used in Dallas. If the wearers think it is silk it does them as much good as if it were the real thing.—Carthage Register.

Thoroughbred Poland China males for sale, also some fine fall pigs. See H. E. Cannaday, or phone 144.

FOUND.—1 suit case on the Ralls road between canyon and Cone. Owner can have same by identifying suitcase and contents, and paying for this ad. 2tc. H. C. Bosley.

Mrs. Post Accepts Six Million Dollars

Battle Creek, Mich., Dec. 8.—Mrs. Charles W. Post, widow of the late cereal king, has agreed to accept a cash settlement in lieu of her share of the Postum Cereal Company plant thus terminating litigation among the heirs.

Mrs. Post receives \$6,000,000 and retains ownership of the Post Tavern, the seven story Post office building, the Post residence at Santa Barbara, Cal., and other lesser properties. She will withdraw from the Postum Cereal Company and Postex Company, a cotton manufacturing company at Post, Texas, the bulk of stock in these two properties going to Mrs. Marjorie Post Close, daughter of the food king, who asked for the accounting.

Although Mrs. Post will have nothing more to say regarding the management of the Postum cereal industry, she places no credence in the report that Henry C. Hawk, confidential man of the late C. W. Post, and Arthur B. Williams, counsel for the Postum Cereal Company, will be asked to resign.

Try a package of Kaferita Pancake Flour at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

Seed Oats for Sale.

Pure Red Rust Proof seed. Clean last Year's crop, heavy yield. See H. E. Cannaday, or phone 144. tf.

Detriments to a Town.

Lubbock Avalanche:

1. Those who oppose improvements.
2. Those who "knock" the town to the strangers.
3. Those who show hospitality to no one.
4. Those who hate to see others succeed.
5. Those who distrust public minded men.
6. Those who oppose every movement and enterprise that does not originate with themselves.
7. Those who oppose every enterprise that does not tend to benefit themselves.
8. Those who enjoy the benefits that come from the work of public spirited men, but who do not give anything but criticism in return.

Do you belong? Why not reform?

It is a splendid thing to be a part of a wide awake city. It is a splendid thing to know that your own strength is infinitely multiplied by the strength of other men who loved their town as you do. It is a splendid thing to feel that the wholesome blood of a community can be united in common purposes and that by frankly looking one another in the face and taking counsel with one another, prejudices will drop away, handsome enterprises will arise, a universal spirit of service will be engendered, and that, with this increasing sense of community of purpose will come a vastly enhanced individual power of achievement; for we will be lifted by the whole mass of which we constitute a part.

Buy your Turkeys, Cranberries, Celery, etc., for your Christmas and New Year's dinners at Duncan Grocery. 1tc.

Lubbock Girl in Movies.

Miss Lola Tubbs, a member of a prominent Lubbock family, is in California making good as a movie actress. "Lucile LeMonde" is the stage name selected by Miss Tubbs, who has recently been given prominent parts in some of the big reels that are being filmed.—Herald.

Rev. G. I. Britain, wife and daughter, Miss Akard, were in Floydada Saturday, leaving in the afternoon for Abernathy where Rev. Britain preached Sunday morning.



WE WISH
 Our Friends and Patrons all the Pleasures and Blessings of a Joyous Christmas.
PRICE-FOSTER



Santa Fe Officials Visit on Floydada Branch.

D. S. Farley, division superintendent, and I. O. Wilson, road master, of Amarillo, spent Monday afternoon and night in Floydada.

They were on a regular inspection trip.

Buy your Christmas apples, grapes, oranges, nuts, candies, etc., at Duncan Grocery. 1tc.

Baby Girl Left on Door Steps of Plainview Home.

Plainview Herald: Last Sunday morning about three o'clock Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Morrison, living on South White Street, heard the crying of an infant. Going to the front door they found a baby lying on the step. The baby, a girl, was wrapped in a blanket, and looked to be about ten days old.

When interviewed by a Herald reporter, Mr. Morrison said: "I have no idea whose child it is, and really have made no inquiries. My wife and I, though we have one of our own, will see that it never wants a home."

LARGE ROOM—To rent for light housekeeping or as rooming place. Parties without children desired. References asked. Phone 21. tf

J. L. Messenger, of Throckmorton, left this morning for home after a week's visit in Floydada, with his brother, Tom Messenger.

Beacon Buys Linotype.

The Lockney Beacon will install a linotype machine in their office during the latter part of January.

Publisher Ben F. Smith made the purchase last week.

Quick service is our motto at the Main Garage Tin Shop. H. O. Pope. 2tc.

Jno. P. Houston and wife, of Matador, were in Floydada Sunday for a short time.

Phone 77 or 88 for clean, fresh groceries. We have the goods, and our prices are right. Give us a trial and be convinced. Duncan Grocery. 2tc

R. D. Jackson, of Cone, is spending the holidays with his aunt, Mrs. H. C. Bosley.

Combination Oil and Alfalfa Mill for Plainview.

Waco capitalists have arranged to build a combination oil and alfalfa mill at Plainview.

The plant is to cost \$70,000. The parties were interested in Plainview through the efforts of the commercial organizations of the town.

New Moon Bros., buggy for sale. Cash or good note. 1tc. L. M. Planary.

Mrs. J. W. McCoach, of Post is visiting this week with J. A. Stallings and family.

For Sale.

An excellent quarter about 3 miles south of town. Cash or credit. Fred Brown. tf.

Crushed rock and block stock salt, meat and table salts, cheap at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.

J. W. Crawford left Saturday for Dallas where he will spend the holiday season with friends.

When you need expert well drilling quick, see or write W. O. Tye, Floydada, Texas. 4tc.

White Crest, Soft Wheat, Highest Patent Flour, better than other brands, sold only by Duncan Grocery. 2tc

W. W. Major Here for Short Stay.

W. W. Major, of Midlothian, spent Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday night in Floydada and at his farm in Lee County neighborhood.

Mr. Major is highly pleased with the progress of his farming operations, and says that everything looks good as usual.

Pure extracted Honey 9 cts per pound at Duncan Grocery. 2tc.


Max Andrews, of Oklahoma City, Okla., spent the past week in Floydada with his parents, Dr. R. C. Andrews and wife. He left for Abilene today.

Sam Sluder returned last week from Hereford, where he has practically determined on making his home. He bought land a few miles out from Hereford.

MONEY.—Making your loan with James Brown saves the agent's commission. They take nothing out. Office at City Hotel. 116p.

Leslie Wilson, of Tucson, Ariz., spent this mid-week in Floydada with C. M. Wilson.

O. P. Darsey left this week for eastern points to be gone several days. Mr. Darsey's firm are bringing home-seeking excursionists into Floydada semi-monthly.



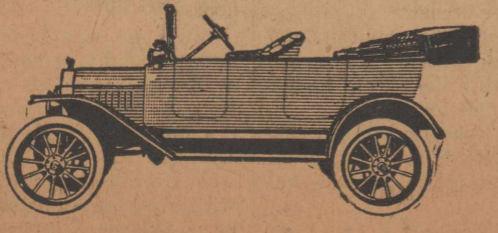
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Here's Wishing you a very Merry Christmas and may the New Year be one of Peace, Happiness and Prosperity for You and Yours.

CITY MEAT MARKET
 P. H. FLYNN, Prop.

To Our Customers and Friends:

We desire to extend to you the Compliments of the Season and express our sincere wishes for your prosperity the Coming Year and our earnest desire for a continuance of the cordial relations existing between us



MATHIS-MARTIN DRY GOODS CO.

"THE STORE WITH THE GOODS."



Floydada Texas,
Dec. 14, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a ring, bracelet, lace, Brother wants and some skates. I want a doll and a doll bed, and a set of dishes, also a new dress cap.

Yours Truly,

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a doll and candy, nuts, fruit and Mama wants a pocket outfit. Papa wants a shaving mug and brush and one of my brothers wants a gun and the other wants an auto. I am in the second grade. Be sure and don't forget the other little girls and boys.

Yours truly,
Viola Hanks.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 15, 1915.

Dear Old Santa:
We are writing you this letter because it's nearly Christmas and we want you to stop at our House as you come through the country, and leave us some pretty toys. I (Marene) want a pretty sleepy doll with curly yellow hair, and a little bed for her to sleep in, and I (L. F.) want a toy mule one that can kick and a baby doll too. I am a boy but I like to play dolls, and bring us lots of goodies to eat please. We have been good so don't forget us now Santa.

Good By,
Marene & L. F. Campbell.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is nearly here. I want you to bring me a baby doll and a doll buggy.

Your little friend,
Rubie King.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a package of fire crackers and a 25c toy lantern.

Your little friend,
Leo Sawyer.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
Xmas time is almost here, I want a cross and chain and would like to have a kodak and films.

Your little friend,
Gladys Hilton.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am writing you a letter to let you know what I want for Christmas. I want the following list: a doll, a doll buggy, apples, candy oranges, and all kinds of nuts. Please send them by Christmas.

Sincerely yours,
Anna King.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 14, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I wish you would bring me a doll and my sister wants a pair of kid gloves. My other sister wants a lavalliere and my other sister wants a doll for Christmas and I want some candy and apples and oranges and nuts and fruits of all kinds.

Sincerely yours,
Lillian Ramft.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 10, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I am trying to be good girl so you will bring me these things. I want a big doll, and a buggy, a pair of gloves and a rain cap. My papa wants a pair of over-shoes, my mama wants a tie rope, My sister wants a book, my brother wants a pair of overalls, he is five years old. I want a spell-er.

Sincerely yours,
Hester Dale West

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I will tell you what I would like for you to bring to my little brother, sister and myself. Please bring for Alonzo a wagon, a boy doll, with rubber boots on, and a drum. Bring for Julia Beth a doll, a sewing box, and a piano. I want a big doll, a sewing box, and a doll settee.

Bring a set of dishes nuts and fruit for us all.

Your Little friend,
Geraldine Newell.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 20, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is almost here. I want a big doll, a black board desk, a covered wagon and a horn.

From your little friend,
Tom Ed Benton.

I forgot to tell you I wanted a wind mill, and a gun.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is nearly here. I want an air gun and a train and a drum.

Your little friend,
Olin Murray.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 13, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
Please don't think I'm writing you too many letters but I'm afraid you did not get that one I sent you to the North Pole.

Please bring me a bicycle. I want it two feet from the bottom peddle to the seat. I am eight years old. I am four feet tall. I am in the second grade. I want it light red.

Yours Truly,
Dan Jenkins.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 20, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
We thank you for the nice presents you brought us last Christmas and please remember us again this year.

Please bring my twin sister a doll buggy, a set of dishes, a little table and a little bed.

I want a drum a bicycle and a pair of gloves.

Your little friend,
Herschel Green.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 20, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
Christmas is nearly here and I want you to bring me an air gun and some fire crackers and some roman candles.

Your little friend,
Clarence Boothe.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 20, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
How are you getting along today? I was glad to get what I did last year. Santa Claus, bring me a big doll, bring my little brother a doll. Santa Claus, bring my little brother a little bicycle and bring me a little set of dishes. I got down and prayed for it to be a pretty Xmas. Bring me a doll.

Your little friend,
Ottie Hardy.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 20, 1915.

Dear Santa Claus:
I want a bicycle and a doll. I want a bicycle and a doll. I want a bicycle and a doll. I want a bicycle and a doll.

Your little friend,
Ottie Hardy.

Floydada, Texas,
Dec. 20, 1915.

Read the ads. It pays.

In Memory of Our
Father S. D. Bishop

"Jesus, while our hearts are bleeding, O'er the spoils that death has won, We would at this solemn meeting Calmly say, thy will be done. By thy hand the boon was given Thou hast taken but thine own."

We miss thee from thy place, A shadow o'er our life is cast, We miss thy kind and willing hand,

Thy fond and earnest care; Our home is dark without thee, We miss thee everywhere.

We miss him much, he was so dear,

And long to have him with us here;

God loved him more, he bade him rest;

His Will be done, He knoweth

best. Farewell father, farewell father, Thou who hast loved us long and well, How we miss the none can tell, Jesus Called thee, all is well. —Written By Loved Ones.

Strayed or Stolen.

One black mare mule, 15 hands and one inch high, little blenish or wire cut on ear. Will pay \$5 reward for same delivered at Floydada.

J. H. Shurbet.

Pure Alfalfa Bulk Comb Honey \$5 per five gallon can at Duca Grocery. 1tc.

W. T. Cooper, of Lockney, was in Floydada Saturday to see the Turkey Race, and attend to business.

The Car of Service

Simplicity, Beauty

OVERLAND

Model 83 Touring Car F. O. B. Toledo - \$750

Model 83 has outsold any car of its size ever designed. This is due to its many conveniences, comforts and advantages.

It has even that ultra-convenience of the very high-priced cars—electric control switches located on the steering column—right at your hand; arranged so that you cannot miss or confuse them.

It has an efficient 35 horsepower motor.

It also has that certainty of ignition so reassuring to women drivers and provided only by

high-tension magneto.

It has long underslung rear springs to make it the easiest-riding car imaginable.

There is roomy comfort for its full quota of five adult passengers.

The lines of its streamline body are pleasing from every angle.

The price, \$750, is very low.

Other Overlands are—Model 75 at \$615; the famous six-cylinder model at \$1145 and the Willys-Knight Model 84 at \$1095; f. o. b. Toledo.

Catalog or demonstration on request.

J. D. STARKS
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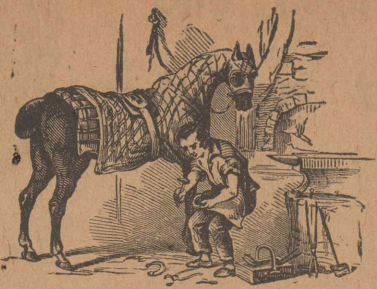
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Floydada, Texas.

SUCCESSFUL FEEDING.

Department of Agriculture Discusses Feeding Operations in Panhandle.

Washington, D. C.—Reports received from the United States Department of Agriculture indicate that a significant change is taking place in the management of cattle in what is commonly known as the Panhandle of Texas. For years this has been one of the chief cattle raising sections of the country. The ranchmen have been steadily breeding up their herds by the use of pure bred bulls and they have so improved the quality of their cattle that stock from this section has been in considerable demand for feeders. In the past it has been customary to ship out the cattle to be fed in the middle western and the corn belt states, but the possibilities of profit in feeding these cattle at home have now been demonstrated and ranchmen are no longer contenting themselves with the raising of cattle. They are feeding them for the market as well.

With the development of dry-

panhandle that was formerly open range has been taken up by small farmers. As a result great quantities of feed are now being raised and many of the ranchmen themselves have taken up farming operations on the ranches. This increase in the production of feed stuffs naturally led to increased interest in the finishing of cattle for the market and the high prices that fat cattle have brought in the last few years has stimulated that interest. The ranchmen, however, were inexperienced in cattle feeding, and as a result, arrangements were made for an agent of the United States Department of Agriculture to cooperate with them in the solution of various problems that arose. This work was begun in the fall of 1913, and since that time has met with what is considered to be marked success.

The first undertaking was a feeding demonstration on a ranch near Amarillo to test out the value of feeding steers in the dry lot on home grown feeds and cottonseed meal instead of letting them run on the range and selling them directly off grass. Four car loads of steers were used in

this test, being purchased at 5½ cents per pound on an average, or \$48 per head. At the end of the feeding period the steers which had run on grass with a small feed of cottonseed cake sold for 7 cents a pound and made a net profit per animal of 97 cents. The steers that had been fed on cottonseed meal, kafir corn silage and sorghum sold for 7¼ cents per pound and made a net profit of \$7.39 cents per animal.

Following this demonstration much time was spent in encouraging ranchmen to put in pit silos and in instructing them in the growing of silage crops, the filling of silos, and other subjects of this character. Many of the ranchmen in the twenty Panhandle counties asked for help and during the fall of 1914 and the winter of 1914-15 about 7,000 head were fed in accordance with instructions furnished by the Department of Agriculture. That winter, it will be remembered, was one of the most disastrous that cattle feeders ever experienced. A great number of them lost money in every section of the country, and there were men in the Panhandle who lost money also. On the other hand a great many of the feeders actually made money at a time when every one else seemed to be losing it.

Quite a number of men who were feeding their cattle in the new way kept complete record of the weight of the animals, the quantities of feed given them and the results. In consequence, practically all of the feeders know how much their steers gained per day during the feeding period, and how much it cost to make the gains on the cattle, and how much profit they made on the feeding operations. In some cases the feeders divided their cattle and fed each lot a different ration. Comparisons of this kind have demonstrated beyond question the efficiency of certain feed stuffs. For example, the value of silage made from kafir corn and milo maize has been shown and the value of maize chops has also been emphasized. The difference in results obtained by different feeders has aroused a healthy and vigorous interest in the fundamental principles of successful feeding.

Another result of the work is the stimulus that has been given to improving the quality of the herds. Ranchmen who feed own cattle have an opportunity to see for themselves how inevitably animals of poor quality fail to fatten in the feed lot as satisfactorily as those of high quality.

Howard Lands on the Market

(Formerly the old F Ranch.) Easy terms. 6 per cent interest. In small or large quantities. Located in Floyd, Motley, Briscoe and Hall Counties. Rich plains and Fertile Valleys.

A variety of soils and locations in a country fast growing famous for its productiveness of cotton, maize kafir and many other crops.

Address, W. M. Massie & Bro., Floydada, Texas.

A 600-Pound Man.

Farmersville, Texas, Nov. 30. Sam Harris, a farmer of Farmersville, holds the Texas record for weight.

Also with his 600 pounds he is waiting to find somebody else in the United States who can successfully dispute his claim to first place in avoirdupois records of the United States.

Harris is 42 years old, and while his 600 pounds are a trifle cumbersome when it comes to trying an ordinary chair or riding in a buggy, his flesh is hard and firm. His strength is almost proportionate to his weight. He can take a hickory ax handle in two hands and twist it to pieces without much difficulty. Ordinary strong men are proud when they can break an axe handle over their chest or across their knee.

Harris is six feet two inches tall, wears a seven five eighths hat, a twenty two one-half collar, and a number eleven shoes. His chest measures sixty eight and one-half inches, waist measure seventy two inches, his trousers demand a seventy six inch waist band, and his hip measurement is eighty three inches. Around one thigh is forty-seven inches, calf measurement is twenty seven inches, and arm measurement is twenty-five inches.

He is a grand son of the late Colonel Jim Harris, of Terrell, and has always enjoyed good health. Like most big men he has a jolly disposition. He rides to town in a specially built buggy drawn by two white mules. His chair and bed are specially made.

Every time he hears of a big man somewhere in the United States he writes for the new man's record, but so far he has out-classed every one he has heard of. About twenty years ago the late "Baby" Bliss, weighing a trifle over 500 pounds, traveled through the United States giving exhibitions as a bicycle rider. Harris believes there is an opportunity for him in some kind of advertising work.

Program at Christian Church Dec. 24, 1915.

Chorus—Choir.
"Kittie to Kriss"—Thelma Weatherly.
"Jingle Bells"—Classes No. 1 and 2.
"The Spelling Lesson"—Wanda Armstrong.
"Mandy's Organ"—Bennie Gibson.
"Happy Children"—Thelma and Bessie Weatherly, Honerhea Childers, Maurine Andrews, Winnie Gibson.
"When the World Bu'sts Through."—Mrs. Massie.
Arrival of Santa Claus.

P. R. Underwood, Amarillo Attorney, Will Move Here.

Attorney P. R. Underwood, of Amarillo, was in Floydada last week and completed arrangements to move to Floydada to enter the practice of law. He returned to Amarillo Saturday.

Mr. Underwood will return to Floydada about the first of the year to make this his permanent home.

Mr. Underwood has been practicing in Amarillo.

Floyd County Land to farm lease and to sell. Call on or write W. H. Freeman, Lockney, Texss. tf.

Automobile repairs and accessories at the Main Garage. We want your work. H. O. Pope. ltc.

No Commission Charged on Farm Loans

We are in position to make farm loans at 9 per cent ANNUAL INTEREST net, with no commission charged.

Gamble Land & Cattle Co., Floydada, Texas.

Here's Your Sack of Sugar

No charge and we thank you for taking it off our hands.

Any strings tied to this offer? None whatever. Here is the plan: To every purchaser of groceries who buys a bill of \$3 OR MORE IN CASH at our store between December 18th to January 1st, we will give a chance at a sack of sugar to be given away January 1st.

THIS IS NO LOTTERY

You get your money's worth when you buy at our store. When a \$3 purchase is made by the customer simply write your name on a slip of cardboard and drop in a sealed box prepared for the purpose. On January 1st, at 4 p. m. a disinterested party, in the presence of witnesses, will draw one name from the box, after the names have been well-shaken. The 100 lb. sack of sugar will be given to the lucky person whose name appears on the slip drawn.

Remember, our prices are the closest to store in town and our groceries of high quality only. You get your money's worth you buy,—the sack of sugar comes free.

NOW: The time to buy.

JAN. 1: The time somebody gets a valuable New Year's Gift.

Williams Bros. Grocery, EAST SIDE.

For Sale.

9 Head of horses and one mule. Five of them gentle to work. All good young stuff. A bargain if sold at once. Located 20 miles S. E. of Floydada on Floydada Spur road, 4 miles northwest of Wake Stp. H. M. Higgins.

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We are in position to make farm loans at 9 per cent ANNUAL INTEREST net, with no commission charges.

Gamble Land & Cattle Co., Floydada, Texas.

Notice.

All accounts due our firm, if not paid by January first, will be turned over to an attorney for collection.

Williams Bros.

10 Cent Delivery Service.

Light deliveries made anywhere in town on quick notice. Phone 81. Charlie Steen.

Don't forget the Main Garage gas and service station. ltc

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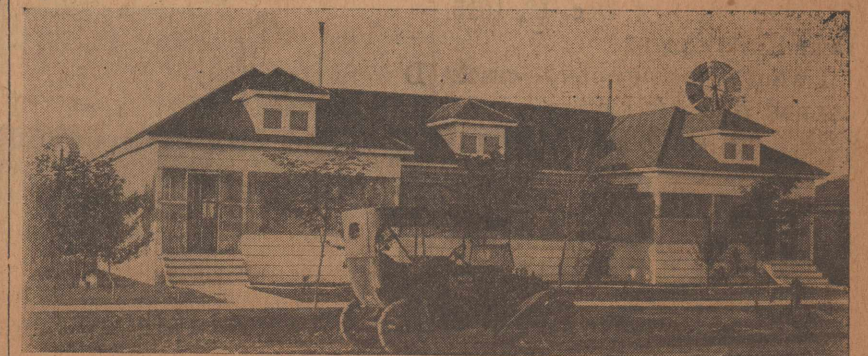
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OFFICIAL SCHEDULE: Leave Roaring Springs
Leave Floydada 1:30 P. M.
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Arrive Roaring Springs Arrive Floydada
11:30 A. M. 6:00 P. M.

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There is something about even the aroma of this delicious coffee that tells its tale of goodness. And when you taste it—well, you'll set down your cup with a great big sigh of joy and say, "Ah-h-h—there's the best cup of coffee I ever drank".

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Make Your Next Coffee Order White Swan Coffee

Full weight, air tight, one, two and three-pound cans. Whole or ground.

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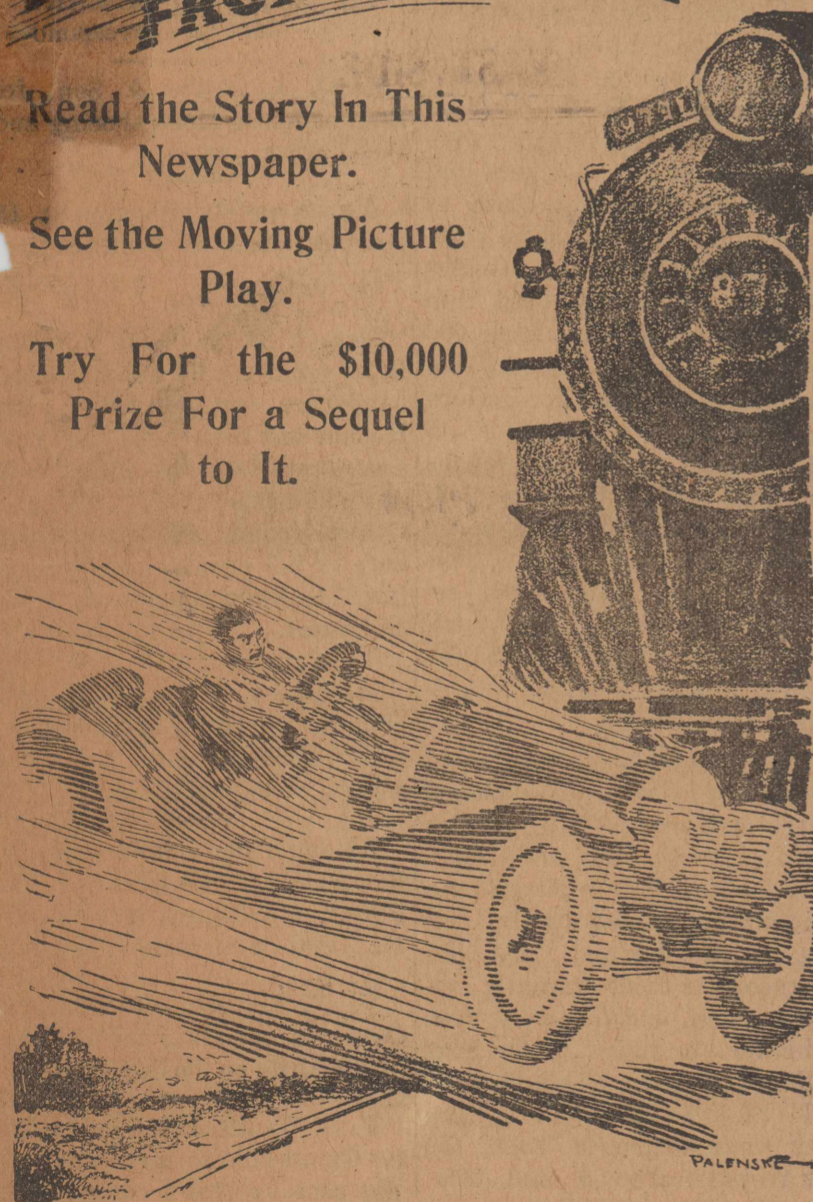


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Christmas Bells

By MINNA IRVING.

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WHEN all the world is white with snow
Ten million tongues repeat
The tidings of the birth of Christ
In accents clear and sweet.
They fling the message to and fro
O'er frosty hills and dells
Till every earthly ear has heard
The music of the bells.

THEY are the echoes of a voice
Still ringing through the night
From blossom bearing lands of sun
To lands of frozen white.
First heard on old Judea's plain,
Where flocks and shepherds lay,
By time and distance multiplied
To welcome Christmas day.

FOR then a shepherd boy awoke
And rubbed his sleepy eyes
And saw a star of wondrous light
Above him in the skies.
And, pointing to its glory, cried:
"All hail the Christmas morn!
Behold the star of Bethlehem,
The Prince of Peace is born!"

Light Up on Christmas Eve.
Some residents of Boston received the following announcement faintly printed in old English a few days before a recent Christmas:

"To All Whom It May Concern—Greeting: We again bespeak your good will and assistance in adding to the cheer of Christmas eve by placing lighted candles in the windows of your houses between 6 and 10 at night, to the end that the hearts of passersby may be gladdened and that the day of good will and glad tidings may be fittingly commemorated."

The response was more general than was expected. Scarcely a house of those to whom the appeal was addressed but had its candles arranged long before the hour appointed and promptly at 6 o'clock lighted up in a flare of Christmas light. The effect of good Christmas cheer and of welcome to the coming festival was charming. The custom will be observed hereafter.

"My Christmas Decision"

From Battle Creek, Mich., a Christmas message was sent to the nation—a message that may mean Christmas cheer for the starving tenement dwellers, the street waif, the jobless man, the social outcast, for everybody who is lonely, neglected or friendless.

With Rev. George E. Barnes as sponsor a movement was started to "make this Christmas Christmas for everybody."

The following, called "My Christmas Decision," was sent broadcast:

"Every Christmas season makes your friendship and mine more precious and our love more tender.

"This year the thought of that love has been bringing to me a new consciousness of the needs of the whole world of Christmas cheer and love.

"Desolate homes, stricken countries and imperiled lives abroad; slackened industry and impending suffering at home—all are calling. I want you to know that my Christmas gift to you will be quite simple, but warmed with the fire of a new love, for I am going to give an extra gift to the needs of all those whom I dearly love.

"My joy in this new service will be greater if you join me in its spirit, that our Christmas celebration may be kept simple, filled with good will, winged with sacrifice and devoted to peace."

Combination Turkey and Poultry Car Shipment by Duncan.

Duncan Grocery Company made a shipment to Swift & Co., last Friday, of eight hundred turkeys.

The remainder of the car was loaded out with chickens.

11 cents was paid at the car for the turkeys.

The Duncan Grocery has made many express shipments of poultry, including turkeys.

Residence Improvements.

T. J. McNeely completing a new residence southwest of the square two blocks.

The new residence of Dr. J. H. Massie is practically completed ready for occupancy.

R. H. Willis is making an addition to his residence on east Missouri Street.

When in Doubt

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Good Progress in eradicating Pest Reported by Biological Survey.

Washington, D. C.,—The extermination of prairie dogs over large areas has been practically completed, according to the report of the Bureau of Biological Survey, just published by the United States Department of Agriculture, and wide stretches of valuable grazing lands have been entirely cleared of this pest. In national forests in Colorado, New Mexico, Utah and Oklahoma, more than 95 per cent of the prairie dogs have already been destroyed. Active campaigns are still in progress in Arizona, New Mexico, Montana and South Dakota, and in the Rio Grande forest in Colorado.

The average cost of distributing poison on areas infested by prairie dogs has now been reduced to less than 5 cents an acre. In cases where reinfestation has made it necessary to go over the land again, the cost has not exceeded 3 cents an acre. Poisoned oats have been found to give the most consistent results except in the Coconino forest in Arizona, where a species of blue stemmed grass is abundant. The prairie dogs are so fond of this that they care little for grain whether poisoned or not.

The Biological Survey is also carrying on work against ground squirrels, pocket gophers, jack rabbits, moles, mountain beavers, pine mice, and crawfish, as well as against wolves and coyotes in the west. The crawfish, which are so injurious in parts of Mississippi and Alabama, can be kept away at an annual expenditure, it is estimated, of 25 cents an acre or less after the lands have been once thoroughly treated.

While endeavoring to destroy these and other pests, the Bu-

reau is also encouraging an increase of population of beneficial birds. The results of the second bird census in the spring of 1915 showed that bird life can be largely increased throughout the country. Where efforts are made to protect the birds the population increases rapidly.

Of the new national bird reser-

vations established during the past year, two are in Washington and one in Minnesota. In all sixty-seven such reservations are now in charge of the department. With few exceptions the conditions on them are said to be very favorable to the increase of bird life.

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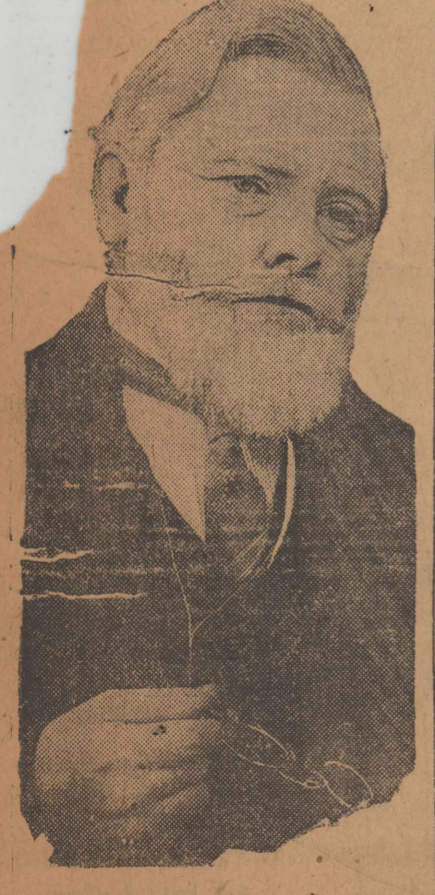
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**The Diamond
 From the Sky**
 By **ROY L. McCARDELL**
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CHAPTER III.
The Queen of the Gypsies.
 Colonel Stanley fell unconscious across the library table. Matt Harding silently closed the library door from the outside. His right hand closed tightly over the mouth of Hagar, preventing her from uttering an outcry, as before her eyes,



Good Old Doctor Lee.
 before the door closed on the scene, she beheld her boy, her first born, arrayed in fine linen, a great jewel glowing on his little breast, the center of some strange aristocratic rite or ceremony.

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ward on the table, that the judge had hardly heeded these slight extraneous sounds.

As for Marmaduke Smythe, the timid and bewildered English representative of the Earl of Stanley, he, like the judge, was facing the swooning colonel and also was unaware of the silent struggle in the hallway—the struggle that had caused Colonel Stanley to swoon, for the colonel saw in his mind's eye the baring of his plot, his own disgrace at undertaking it and, worst of all, the triumph of his enemy of blood.

Like a stoic Mammy Lucy, holding the false heir, had never stirred or changed attitude.

Dr. Lee, standing closer to the colonel, sprang at once to the aid of his friend and with all his skill sought to revive the stricken man.

Down the hall to the great open doorway Matt Harding bore his struggling, silenced wife. The bank notes in his bosom, the price of the sale of his own flesh and blood, rustled as he struggled with the frenzied, half-strangled Hagar. By the sheer force of his brutal strength the gypsy dragged the woman to the little corpse where their meager camp was pitched. Here he bound her with ropes to the seat of the van, gagged her with his neckkerchief, hitched his horses and drove off toward the dawn.

In the library the ministrations of Dr. Lee had revived Colonel Stanley. "Brace yourself!" the doctor whispered. "Remember, your heart will not stand much of this!"

"I am all right now," said Colonel Stanley, moistening his lips. "You, doctor, will certify that this is a male child born heir to the Stanley estates, and I will attest that he is my son, heir at my death to the diamond from the sky and also heir to the earldom of Stanley at the death of the present earl."

The English lawyer fumbled in his green bag and produced the already drawn up document of attestation. With a firm hand, but giving the colonel a sad but searching glance as he did so, Dr. Lee signed the paper as physician in attendance at the birth. The colonel signed as father of "Arthur Stanley 2d of Stanley hall, Virginia." And then it was the turn of Judge Stanley to sign as next of kin. For a minute he faltered, a look of bitter hatred on his saturnine countenance, and then he affixed his signature and threw down the pen with a bitter curse for what he did. A mocking smile played upon the face of Colonel Stanley. For one brief moment he forgot the flower face of the beloved dead woman upstairs. For one brief moment he forgot the girl child born of their deep love, whose birthright had been taken away in the fulfillment of his hate for his disappointed and abandoned kinsman.

and... Dr. Lee, that little Esther would be secretly delivered to him and the doctor could give out the story that was an orphan relative that he had adopted as his daughter. To this supposed daughter of his nearest friend the colonel proposed to will as much of his means as would have come to a girl openly acknowledged.

Meanwhile the unhappy Hagar had been borne far away by the brutal and ever watchful Matt Harding.



The lives that lay between their only child that he might possess both the diamond from the sky and the English earldom.

Such was the state of affairs when Hagar and her tribe came back to Virginia, three years after the death of the colonel's wife and the substitution of Hagar's child as the heir of Stanley. Leaving her people camped at a distance, Hagar journeyed to the neighborhood of Stanley hall, and there, hidden in the shrubbery, with bursting heart, beheld her son ride forth, the petted and pampered little master of Stanley hall.

Colonel Stanley, with the boy, was riding on his daily pilgrimage to the cross surmounted grave of his dead wife. The road led him past the house of Judge Stanley. Looking from his window after his enemy and the little heir of the Stanleys on his pony beside the colonel, the judge was aware of a gypsy woman who stalked after the colonel and the boy as swiftly and as furtively as an Indian tracker. Seizing his hat, the judge quietly emerged from his house and trailed the gypsy woman.

By the gate of the graveyard Hagar hid panting behind a huge boulder. She watched so intently the bare-headed figure of the colonel praying by the grave of his wife, and she watched still more attentively and with such a hungering heart the little boy upon his pony by the colonel, that she was not aware of the presence of the judge until his strong hand grasped her wrist and his harsh voice hissed in her ear. "Why do you spy upon them?"

To the startled Hagar the cruel face of the judge was the face of a well-remembered enemy. Her account of justice and retribution with Colonel Stanley was between them alone. She would have no confidence in or dealing with Judge Stanley. For she knew instinctively that if he hated the colonel he equally hated and was prepared to harm the colonel's supposed son, her child.

CHRISTMAS GAMES AND SPORTS
 "Guessing Hands"

A VERY original sociable that is especially good when jolly crowds are assembled for Christmas festivities is an all hands function. The invitations are written on cards shaped like an outstretched hand, and "all hands" are invited to join in the fun to follow.

Of course there is a guessing game where hands are the puzzle subjects. First the young men guess the girls' hands, which are thrust through holes in a curtain or held above a screen, and afterward the maidens must say which hand belongs to which man.



Then see which of each sex can take the biggest handful of nuts from a basket of these goodies passed to all. Most nuts grabbed win the prize, but there must be separate awards for the girls and the men.

Or have each guest plunge his or her hand into a basket of nuts and, taking up as many as possible on the back of the hand, run around the room with the booty. The number of points in one's score is represented by the number of nuts on the back of the hand when the runner completes the tour of the room.

Drawing a hand is another good contest, and it would also be amusing to have the guests name as many famous anecdotes connected with the human hand as can be recalled at the time and written down.

Or the hostess may prepare in advance a series of puzzle questions to be answered by her guests. Such questions as the following will convey an idea of what questions are meant:

What famous lady had great difficulty in washing her hands? Lady Macbeth.

What nursery hero is suggested by part of the hand? Tom Thumb.

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Kansas City Livestock Market Report in Detail.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Dec 20, 1915. The cattle market after Monday last week showed declines of 15 to 25 cents on the various classes. Stockers and feeders lost their gain of the first of the week, especially feeders, which found slow sale.

Receipts today are 15000 head, and the market is strong on all classes. A large share of the supply is stockers and feeders. Beef grades being relatively scarce, and good to choice finished cattle entirely lacking. A drove of short fed middle class steers weighing 1200 pounds was put up by a packer at \$6 65, and good quality short fed steers some of them of good weights, sell at \$7 to \$7.75, pretty high grade steers being required to get above \$8. Some Panhandle fed steers sold at \$7.70 today. Cows bring \$5.25 to \$6.25 in most cases, bulls at \$5.25 to \$6, veals \$8 to \$9.25. Stockers and feeders are not selling quite as brisk today, although some yearling steers brought \$8. Generally speaking well bred thin steers, in all weights from 600 to 1150 pounds sell around \$6 65, while plain stockers, good colors and good doers, sell at \$5.50 to \$6. The sentiment prevails here that beef cattle will be plentiful during the winter, and also during the grass season next summer. Breeding stock remains firm, well bred light young cows selling at \$5.25 to \$5.60, heifers at \$5.75 to \$7.50, including the fancy kinds.

Hogs arrived to the number of 16000 head today, which included nearly 8000 brought in by packers from South St. Paul and Sioux City for slaughter in plants here. The market opened steady, but the board demand that has featured the trade recently asserted itself, and the close was 5 higher, a great many hogs selling at the top, \$6.60, bulk of sales \$6.30 to \$6.60. A feature was some Minnesota hogs, 150 lbs average, at \$6 30, and Min

nesota pigs at \$5 50. Heavy supplies of hogs are arriving at the Northern markets particularly, but killers' action during the past week, during which time the market has made small net change, denote that they consider them well worth present prices. Sheep and lambs sold steady today, peaked lambs selling at \$9.00, which figure has been the top price of the day since last Monday. Receipts were 9000 head, and the supply contained some good yearlings at \$7.50, weathers a 6.50 and medium ewes at \$5.80. Lambs which have not had a good finish sell around \$8.50 and feeding lambs, sorted out of immature lots of fed Westerns bring up to \$8 25. From appearances lamb feeders this season who make their lambs good will secure a profit on them.

J. A. RICKART,
 Market Correspondent

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Mrs. T. B. Holland, of Red River County, joined her husband here last Saturday. Mr. Holland has been here the past several weeks. He intends to buy and locate.

Mrs. Holland was accompanied here by her daughter and son-in-law, Cleveland Bunn and wife, of Deport.

Mesdames O. J. and J. D. Huggins left Saturday for Carrollton, Dallas County, to spend several weeks on a visit.

Among the immigrants to Floyd County this week is R. C. Porter, of Whitney, Hill County. Mr. Porter's car arrived Monday.

V. F. Stevens, of Shattuck, Okla., is spending several days in Floydada on business.

F. S. Truitt left Wednesday for Gainesville to spend the holiday season at his former home.

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