

The Baird Star.

Our Motto: " 'TIS KNITNESS BIRTH, NOR WEALTH, NOR STATE; BUT THE GIT-UP-AND-GIT THAT MAKES MEN GREAT."

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PRESBYTERIAN MISSIONS MEET

At the meeting of the Presbyterian Missionary Society next Monday afternoon at 4 o'clock, the following program will be presented:

Song, "Joy to the World."
Scripture Reading, Mrs. V. Jones.
Song, "Jesus the Light of the World."
Prayer, Mrs. Gilliland.
Business meeting program:
Subject "Mormanism," five-minute map talk by Mrs. Wilks.
Paper, Mrs. Alexander.
Song, Miss Jessie Powell.
Reading, Mrs. Green.
Music, Mrs. George Simons.
Song, Four Little Girls.
Music, Ruth Strain.

NO BAIRD STAR NEXT WEEK CHRISTMAS

Following our usual custom there will be no Baird Star issued next week, in order to give the printers the usual Christmas holiday.

The time, Christmas week, in part, will be used to clean up around the office and get ready for 1921. We expect to increase the size of The Star about the 21st of January to a

six-column quarto, the old size. We have the paper to run us until January 14, and as it cost us all the way from ten to fifteen cents a pound in Dallas, we must use that first.

Remember that no Baird Star will be issued Friday, December 31st.

Wishing you one and all a joyous Christmas and a happy and prosperous New Year, we bid you goodbye for the year 1920.

THE BAIRD STAR.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH SERVICES

There will be a Christmas tree at 7:30 p. m. Friday at the Presbyterian church, which promises to be different and better than any seen in the town for years.

Come and see this tree, enjoy a good program and have a grand time. Special services Sunday morning, preaching by the pastor and good music.

We urge a full attendance by the membership and we extend a cordial invitation to the people of the town to attend our services. A hearty welcome awaits you.

A special invitation is extended to strangers and visitors:

Sunday school 10 a. m. The Sabbath school is good, but let us start in now to make it better than it has ever been. We can, if we will. Come, let us do our best.

There will be a meeting of the Missionary Society Monday afternoon, December 27, at 4 o'clock.

James D. Hester, Pastor.

D. W. TEASLEY DEAD

Mr. D. W. Teasley, aged 72 years who has been ill for several months, died at his home in North Baird, Tuesday morning at 9:30. Funeral services were held at the residence by Dr. Collier yesterday evening at 4 o'clock. The body was interred in Ross Cemetery by Baird Masonic Lodge. Mr. Teasley was a cousin of our fellow townsman, W. K. Boatwright, and came here some years ago and bought the S. M. Moon place. He was a quite, unassuming man and a good citizen. One of the sad things connected with Mr. Teasley's death is that his wife has been critically ill for several months but very few of his friends knew that Mr. Teasley was seriously ill until a week or two ago. Baird has lost a good, upright citizen and his family a brightened, honorable member. Peace to his memory.

STAR-TELEGRAM BARGAIN DAYS EXTENDED TILL JANUARY 1st

Star-Telegram Subscription Bargains can still be had at The Star office until the first day of January. There will be no later or lower bargain offer the S-T Circulation Manager informs me.

Bring your subscriptions to The Star office at once. I will sell you, until January 1, 1921, the Star Telegram, daily and Sunday, one year for \$7.85, without the Sunday issue for \$6.40.

Geo. W. Symonds,
Authorized Agent.

A. L. (Tickey) Albin was appointed Night Watchman by City Council Friday night, to serve during the holiday season.

LATE CALLAHAN COUNTY OIL DOPE

The Prairie Oil & Gas Company, of Independence, Kansas, with Texas offices at Eastland, and the Sun Oil Company, of Dallas, are renewing their Callahan county oil leases. The Texas Company and the Gulf Company are renewing some and releasing others.

The G. E. Simons Dyer No. 1 Well, formerly owned by the Baird Petroleum Company, about nine miles north of town, after four months of grilling work, has now got a clean hole, having fished out underream lugs, collapsed casing and a string of tools. As soon as some 8-inch pipe arrives they will begin drilling at 2415 feet.

The Midland Oil Company's Well, 12 miles south of Baird, after fishing out casing, a string of tools, etc., now has a clean hole. They are hauling their casing to Cisco to be rethreaded, will engage a new force of drillers, and the first of the new year will begin drilling at 1771 feet.

The two wells south of Clyde, Harris and Andy Urban, are drilling about 3,000 feet each.

The program rendered at the School Auditorium last Saturday night by the music pupils of Mrs. C. B. Holmes and the pupils of Miss Gayle Williams's expression class, was much appreciated by the splendid audience that greeted them, and the young performers acquitted themselves most creditably. The net proceeds, about \$20, will be used to buy scenery for the auditorium stage.

GOODFELLOWS FIND FEW POOR

The Baird Goodfellows, of which Dr. R. G. Powell is chairman, have secured about \$135 in contributions to their Christmas Cheer Fund, but have difficulty in securing needy subjects for their benefactions.

The Finance Committee consists of Mrs. W. G. Bowles, chairwoman; Mrs. Odran Green and Mrs. Pitt Ramsey.

The "Needs" Committee is composed of Mrs. Byrd Chambers, chairwoman; Mrs. Willie Flores Barnhill, Mrs. Everett Driskill, Mrs. Pitt Ramsey.

It is probable that the unexpended portion of the fund will be banished for future emergencies.

MAGAZINE SUBSCRIPTIONS

Special Rates for December.

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The Younger Set's at the old Stone Hotel last Saturday night, was one of the most successful and enjoyable terpsichorean events Baird dancers have ever participated in.

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DRASTIC ANTI-STRIKE BILL PASSED IN SENATE

ONLY DOZEN MEMBERS PRESENT
WHEN VOTE IS TAKEN.
BIG SURPRISE.

Washington.—Senator Poindexter's anti-strike bill has passed the senate. This measure, which had been expected to kick up one of the biggest rows of the session, was passed without any objection, without debate, without a roll-call, almost without anybody knowing it was happening. Nobody was more surprised than Senator Poindexter. He admitted afterwards that he had expected to see the senate chamber torn more or less asunder.

Only a dozen or so senators were in the chamber at the time, included among them being Smoot, Spencer, Gronna, King, Overman, Thomas, Randsdell Smith of South Carolina and Heflin. The bill came up in regular order on the calendar under its name of "a bill to prohibit interference with commerce." The clerk heard Poindexter's "aye" and no "noes" whatever, the vice president declared the bill passed and the clerk proceeded to call the next one. Smoot continued gazing abstractedly at the joined tips of his fingers. Gronna peered across the room over the rims of his glasses, Heflin sat absorbed, apparently, in the glory of his new senatorship.

The Poindexter bill includes the anti-strike provisions of the Esch-Cummins act, which were stricken out in conference. These were intended to prevent railway employes from striking or inducing other employes to strike. The bill provides a similar restraint for employes of concerns supplemental to railway operations, when such a strike is intended to hinder the operation of the railroads. An offense under the proposed act would be a felony and the punishment provided is a fine not exceeding \$10,000 or imprisonment not exceeding ten years, or both.

FLOATING DRY DOCK DESTROYED BY FIRE

\$2,650,000 Damage and Thirty Persons
Hurt On New Orleans Water
Front.

New Orleans, La.—When an electric feed wire snapped, dropped into a pool of water and short circuited with a blaze, it caused \$2,650,000 damage to the \$3,750,000 floating dry dock of the Jahnecke Dry Dock and Shipbuilding company here Thursday, destroying three vessels undergoing repairs, damaged six others and caused a casualty list of at least thirty.

The blaze ignited a pool of oil and the explosion scattered blazing oil throughout the plant.

Although workmen said a score of men jumped overboard into the Mississippi river, an early check of the men by company officials revealed none missing. The casualties consisted mostly of men burned by flying oil or injured in their efforts to reach places of safety. One city fireman who fell twenty feet was believed so seriously injured that he might die.

The vessels damaged by the flames so that they practically destroyed were the John Adams, Sacarappa and the Dillwyn.

APPOINTMENTS TO BE MADE BY NEFF

Four Men Selected As Officials of Incoming Administration.

Waco, Texas.—Governor-elect Pat M. Neff has announced a number of appointments he will make to important state offices when he is inaugurated as governor in January.

R. B. Walthall of Nacogdoches to be his private secretary, Ed Hall of Bryan to be commissioner of banking and insurance, Major Thomas D. Barton of Amarillo to be adjutant general, Judge R. H. Hamilton of Port Lavaca to be assistant attorney general representing the state before the court of criminal appeals.

Assembly Elects Four New Members.

Geneva.—The league of nations increased its membership to 46 states Thursday by the admission of Bulgaria, Finland, Luxembourg and Costa Rica. None of them met with opposition, but there were some abstentions from voting on their admission, led by the French delegates, who explained that, although they held no grievance against Bulgaria, they lacked sufficient information and preferred not to act either way.

Traveling Men Win Income Fight.

Washington.—By approval of the secretary of the treasury of new regulations concerning deductions by commercial travelers of expenses for board and lodging while away from home, from their income tax returns, the traveling men brought to a successful close a campaign which they have waged since passage of the revenue bill.

Mr. Pep



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The features of this girl portray the finest type of Polish childhood that now lies engulfed in hunger and disease and all their attendant miseries. Relief already administered by America has preserved her beauty and freshness, albeit her eyes betray the suffering she has seen, but literally millions in her own and adjacent countries still have no one to look to but America as another winter of horror closes in upon them. To the end that their prayer may not go unanswered eight leading American relief organizations have banded together in a joint appeal in behalf of Europe's suffering children. They are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Relief Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

American Adviser to King, Lucerne.—One of the guiding powers behind King Constantine, when he mounts the throne of Greece, may be an American citizen, Constantine Cusanen, reputed to be well known in New York.



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White Haired Alabama Lady Says She Has Seen Medicines Come and Go But The "Old Reliable" Thedford's Black-Draught Came and Stayed.

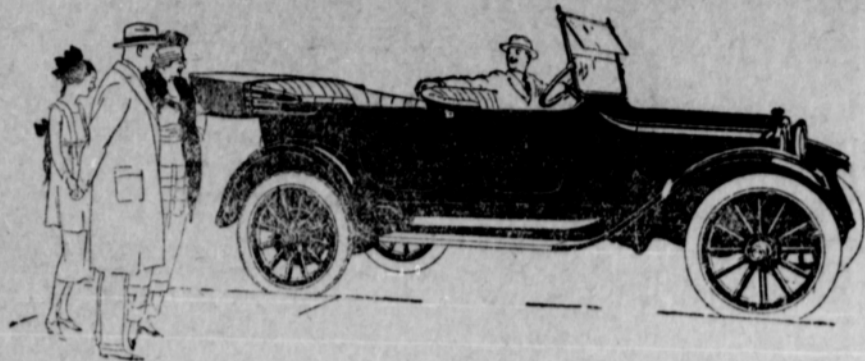
Dutton, Ala.—In recommending Thedford's Black-Draught to her friends and neighbors here, Mrs. T. F. Parks, a well-known Jackson County lady, said: "I am getting up in years; my head is pretty white. I have seen medicines and remedies come and go but the old reliable came and stayed. I am talking of Black-Draught, a liver medicine we have used for years—one that can be depended upon and one that will do the work."

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PROPOSITION MADE TO GIVE ARMENIA RELIEF

ROUMANIA SUGGESTS LEAGUE MEMBERS SEND FORCE OF 14,000 MEN.

Geneva.—An international military force of 14,000 men to immediately march to the relief of Armenia was proposed in the league of nations assembly Friday by Take Jonescu, Roumanian foreign minister.

Jonescu promised men and money would be contributed by Roumania. He proposed that the army should be under control of an allied staff.

He declared the situation in Armenia, where a soviet government has been recognized by Russia, is especially dangerous to his country.

The proposal was referred to the special commission.

Geneva.—Albania has been elected a member of the league of nations by the assembly of the league.

Immediately after the opening of Friday's session of the assembly, Lord Robert Cecil, although appointed to make a report on the admission of Albania to the league, took the floor and declared he disagreed with the report of the committee which was adverse, according to Albania membership. He asked the assembly to elect Albania a member.

N. W. Rowell of Canada also pleaded Albania's case, and he, with Lord Robert Cecil, for the first time found support from other delegations of the British empire on a contested question.

Nine nations, led by Japan, signed a protocol giving executive approval to the international court of justice, set up by the league of nations.

Portugal signed a provision for obligatory jurisdiction, while other nations simply give their consent to the court plan without the obligatory provision.

The latter nations were Greece, Paraguay, Uruguay, Siam, New Zealand, Norway and Sweden.

FINANCE BODY IS FORMED BY SOUTHERN BANKERS

Seven Million Dollars in Stock Subscribed for New Corporation.

New Orleans, La.—The Federal International Banking company, with a subscribed capital stock of \$7,000,000, was formally launched here Friday at a meeting of the campaign committee. Fifteen members of the board of directors were nominated and will be presented to a meeting of the stockholders to be held here Jan. 7 for confirmation.

Following the confirmation of the board of directors by the stockholders, officers of the new institution will be

elected by the board and the bank will begin to function under the provisions of the Edge act and under a charter from the federal reserve board.

The conference held here was attended by bankers from nine southern states. A canvass of the stock subscriptions showed that a total of \$7,000,000 has been subscribed making it possible for the corporation to begin with a capital of \$1,000,000 in excess of the amount originally agreed upon.

Subscriptions by states, as announced are:

Arkansas \$427,000, Alabama \$543,675, Florida \$112,000 Georgia \$1,400,000, Louisiana \$1,719,725, Mississippi \$390,900, South Carolina \$225,600, Tennessee \$622,500, Texas \$1,550,000 Total \$7,000,000.

WOULD PLACE TAX ON BANK DEPOSITS

Bill Introduced in Congress Proposes Tax of One-fourth Per Cent.

Washington.—A tax of one quarter of one per cent on all bank deposits is proposed in a bill introduced by Representative Treadway of Massachusetts, a republican member of the house ways and means committee. Mr. Treadway estimated that such a tax would net a revenue of approximately \$1,000,000,000 annually.

Collection of the tax would be made at the time deposits were made and institutions affected would include all national, state and private banks, trust companies, brokers' offices and other institutions, receiving money on deposit.

Mutual savings banks, co-operative building and loan associations and similar institutions organized and operated exclusively for the benefit of their members would be exempted.

Get \$30,000 Worth of Whisky.

Wilwaukee, Wis.—Twenty-six barrels of whisky, valued at \$30,000, were stolen by burglars from the basement of a building on Fifth street occupied by the Badger Nonbeverage company. The burglars are reported to have blown open a large cement vault in which the whisky was stored with dynamite in order to gain access to it. The loot was hauled away in a truck.

4,000 Tuberculars Uncared For.

Galveston, Texas.—Information compiled by the Young Men's Progressive League of Galveston show that there are about 4,000 tuberculars in the state in the second and third stages of the disease who can not be admitted to the tubercular home at Carlsbad because of their being in the latter stages of the disease, it was pointed out. It was said that there are 400 cases in the first stage of tuberculosis who are on the waiting list to be admitted to the institution.



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—Herbert.

THE PAST

O'er the trackless past, somewhere
Lie lost days of our tropic youth
Only regained by faith and prayer,
Only recalled by prayer and plaint;
Each lost day has its patron saint.
—Bret Hart's "The Lost Galleon."

IMMORTALITY

It must be so, Plato thou reasoned well!—
Else whence this pleasing hope, this fond desire,
This longing after immortality?
—Addison.

May we all profit by the mistakes we may have made this year—and we all make some mistakes. Each one knows his or her own mistakes, and it is up to each of us not to make the same mistake twice. No one but a non compos mentis or a hog will do that, and readers of The Star do not belong to either of the latter classes.

No doubt you have heard the query: "What makes the wildcat wild?" The Coleman Democrat. Voice answers the question thus: "A rent farmer sold his cotton crop for \$180 00 less than it cost him and he still owes the landlord for rent. That is what makes the wildcat wild."

We should say this was enough to make any kind of a cat wild, and if the farmer has not got a level head he likely to make him Bolshevik.

Let us make Baird the best city in West Texas to live in. By so doing we will attract the very best class of citizens. A good, law-abiding citizen, when he moves, wants to go to a town where they have good schools and churches. Baird has both. Then they want good graveled or paved streets and sidewalks. Baird has some of both, but only in spots. We must do more in that line. Then a new comer wants to settle in a town where people observe the law and where the laws are enforced. Baird is doing better than the average town in this respect, but there is some room for improvement.

About the only complaint we have heard about law violations is bootlegging. We have seen none here, but hear of it. If the "people want prohibition laws and all other laws enforced, they must stand behind the officers with every means at their command. It is useless to arrest offenders unless juries convict violators of all laws, and they do not always do that.

Let us make Baird the best school town, the best church town, the cleanest town morally and physically, within a radius of one hundred miles around and we will attract the very best class of citizens, who want to live in such a town, no matter what the size.

Ben Perry, a negro, who has recently been pardoned after serving eight years in the penitentiary for an offense he never committed, asks the Governor and the Attorney General to assist him in securing compensation for the time he served in the penitentiary. If his story is true—and it probably is—then he is entitled to compensation from the State that unjustly restrained him of his liberty, but how is he to secure compensation from the State, as no provision in our laws has ever been made to cover such a case?

The old cry that "the King can do no wrong," was a fallacy, but no more so than the claim that a Sovereign State is not bound to compensate one who may have been unjustly punished. There, maybe, no law or precedent to compensate this negro for his wrongful imprisonment; but there ought to be some way to right such a wrong so far as humanely possible.

They do better in England. Some years ago we read a story of a man who served five years in prison on a charge that was afterwards proven false. The English government said that there was no law to allow compensation for the wrong done a British subject, but asked Parliament to appropriate five thousand pounds as a partial compensation to the injured man—and it was done.

Our lawmakers, in framing our criminal laws, it seems, never contemplated that an innocent person could be convicted in a court of justice, but if such a thing should occur, the victim was not entitled to any monetary compensation for the injury done to his character and his forcible detention in the service of the State. All convicts have to labor like slaves (on a farm or in a factory). The State of Texas justly owes that negro something, but it is not likely to ever pay him anything for his time. More's the pity.

CHRISTMAS GREETING TO READERS Our Thirty fourth Epistle

With this issue we bid our readers goodbye until January 7th, 1921. (No paper next week—see notice.)

The year that is now drawing to a close has been the very best year, in a financial sense, The Baird Star ever had. We have had many bad, but more good than bad years, though. We remember that in bidding goodbye to the passing year we expressed the opinion that we bade it goodbye without regret.

Not so with the year 1920, because it has been the best year for us in a business way we ever had in the newspaper business, and for that reason we bid it goodbye with reluctance, because we may not again soon—and possibly never—see its equal again; but we wish to say to our friends and readers, in bidding them goodbye for 1920, as Lord Byron so beautifully said to his friend Tom Moore:

My boat is on the shore,
My bark is on the sea;
Bu', b-fore I go, Tom Moore,
Here's a double health to thee.
Here's a sigh for those who love me,
And a smile for those who hate;
And whatever sky above me,
Here's a heart for every fate.

Were the last drop in the well,
A-I gasped upon the brink,
Ere my fainting heart fell,
"Tis to thee I would drink.
With that water, as this wine,
The libation I would pour,
Should be—peace with thine and mine
A health to thee, Tom Moore.

We are told by a sage that there is always some bitter with every sweet, and that is true in this instance. While we have prospered in a business way, some of our old time farmer friends have not. The low price of cotton and other farm and ranch products this year, has

hit them hard.

Then too, we are saddened by the fact that a number of old friends have passed away this year. They have only gone ahead of us. All in all, most of our friends have prospered in 1919 and 1920 as never before.

We wish you all Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year—more joy and less sorrow than you experienced this year.

W. E. GILLILAND.

MAKE A MERRY CHRISTMAS FOR METHODIST ORPHANS

Manager W. F. Barnett, of the Methodist Home, at Waco, in a letter to the editor of The Baird Star declares, in truth, that the Merry Christmas that we make for others is the one that does us most good. No person enjoys a selfish Christmas. Giving to those from whom we expect a gift in return is only bartering, and does not constitute a real gift.

When we give to persons who are unable to return the gift and from whom we expect no return, we are really giving as Christ would give and as the real Christmas Time suggests. This real giving is the source from which we truly receive a blessing and makes a Merry Christmas in our own heart.

Many orphan children, dependent and neglected, need homes, clothing and food, just the ordinary necessities of life. A small per cent of the Christmas luxuries will provide a home for hundreds of suffering children.

An opportunity is offered to make an investment in the comforts for children and in future citizenship of our State by making a good Christmas offering to the Methodist Orphanage at Waco. Every cent invested here will give returns to the present time and to eternity.

One hundred and fifty children are now asking for admission to this institution. They must be refused because there is no room; there are now two hundred and thirty-five children in the Home to be provided for. What an opportunity to make a real Christmas offering.

What kind of monument are you erecting for yourself? Is it one of stone, cold and inanimate? Is it something that does not give happiness? Or is it a part of some work that will never die, and will forever remind men and women that when you lived you were a part of a great world movement for humanity?

Money sent to the Methodist Orphanage will be invested in real child life. Send an offering and make one real Christmas gift.

A. Y. MAGRILL FORMER BAIRDITE GROUND TO DEATH BENEATH CARS

A. Y. (Young) Magrill, well known here in railroad circles, having worked for several years in the T. & P. yards, was ground to death Saturday night, Dec. 11, beneath the wheels of a string of cars he was herding in the railroad yards at Longview. For the following account of the tragic happening The Star is indebted to the Longview Leader:

A. Y. Magrill was killed Saturday night, a little after seven o'clock, while switching in the T. & P. yards at the Junction.

The switch engine and crew were making up a train in the east end of the yards and, while assembling this train, two box cars and an oil tank went astray and were noticed by the yardmaster, who, after stopping and tying the drifting cars, called upon those in charge of the engine for an explanation. They declared that the cars in question were supposed to have been "herded" by Mr. Magrill.

A search was instituted and Mr. Magrill's mangled body was found lying beside the track. The supposition is that Mr. Magrill fell from the top of one of the cars he was herding.

GREETINGS

Knowing that it will be impossible to extend the good wishes of the season to all in person, we are taking this method, in doing so, and wish you a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year's.

We have tried mighty hard to merit your good will and confidence, and are sincerely grateful for your patronage of the past year, and hope that in the coming year we can again number you as a friend and customer.

So here's hoping that this will be your very best Xmas, and our sincerest wish will not come true, Unless the Near, brings happiness to you.

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We urge you to come and see the goods, now that a real saving is necessary in every family.

The amount you can save by buying here now will more than buy your Xmas Presents.

LOTS OF NICE THINGS FOR XMAS

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SALE MANAGER

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D. B. London, Cashier. T. B. Powell, V. P.
F. L. Driskill, A. Cashier M. Barnhill, E. D. Driskill, A. Cashier

Guardian's Petition to Sell Real Estate
No. 602. Estate of Edna Cox, et al.
Minors, Mrs. Annie Cox, Guardian,
In the County Court of Callahan County,
Texas.

The State of Texas,
County of Callahan.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause to be published in some newspaper published in the County of Callahan for three weeks before the return day hereof, the following citation:

The State of Texas,
County of Callahan.

In the County Court of Callahan County,
Texas:

Know ye, that Mrs. Annie Cox, Guardian of the Estate of Edna Cox, Oscar Cox, Arthur Cox, Edgar Cox and Willie Cox, Minors, having on the 28th day of November, 1920, filed in the County Court of Callahan County, Texas, her application to sell real estate belonging to said minors, lying and being situated in the County of Callahan, State of Texas, said property being described as follows:

An undivided 5-16 interest in 193.39 acres of land out of Section No. 63, Block H. B. S. & F. Survey in Childress County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: Beginning at a point on the south boundary line of Section No. 63, Block H. B. S. & F. Survey, 823 varas west of the southeast corner of said section for beginning; thence west 538.5 varas; thence north 1900 varas to the north boundary line of said section; thence east 538.5 varas with the north boundary line of said section; thence south 1900 varas to the place of beginning. The parcel portion here desired to be sold and belonging to said Estate being 5-16 of the above described tract, or 60.43 acres of land.

Now, therefore these are to notify you and each of you, who are interested in the estate to be and personally appear at the Court in the City of Baird, Callahan County, on December 30th 1920, to be the day set for hearing on said cause, and then and there show cause why said application should not be granted.

Herein said not, but of, this Writ

make due return, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 4th day of December, A. D. 1920.

(Seal) GRADY G. RESPESS,
Clerk County Court,
Callahan County, Texas.

By Jonie Wilson, Deputy.

I, G. H. Corn, Sheriff of Callahan County, Texas, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of Original Writ now in my hands.

Witness my hand officially this 4th day of December, A. D. 1920

G. H. CORN, Sheriff,
Callahan County, Texas.

**CALLAHAN BAR HONORS
MEMORY OF JUDGE BELL**

Baird, Texas, 12-14-20.

At a meeting of the Callahan County Bar Association, held on the above date, the following resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the Hon. F. S. Bell, a member of our association, departed this life on November 28th, 1920; be it

Resolved, That in the death of Mr. Bell this association has lost one of its ablest and most proficient practitioners, who had, for a period of forty years, with great success, practiced before the courts of our county and adjoining counties, and by his strict integrity, genial disposition and unflinching courtesy, endeared him to all his associates; in his death the legal profession and the members of this association have lost a profound lawyer, a warm hearted, true, lovable companion; he served ably and proficiently, during his time, his state as District Attorney and other places of high honor and trust, and his county as County Attorney, and during the recent war gave a great deal of his time and splendid abilities to the service of the nation in its war campaign; he gave a great deal of his time and splendid talents to the uplifting of our local institutions and was always found in the forefront for all measures meant for the betterment of society; he was of the very highest type of Southern citi-

zenship, patriotic, loyal to his friends and supremely devoted to his family; be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our County and District Courts, a copy furnished the local paper for publication, and a copy transmitted to the family of our deceased member.

Respectfully submitted,

L. L. Blackburn,
W. R. Ely,
J. R. Black,
B. L. Russell,
Committee.

PERSONALS

Mrs. R. L. Surles has returned from a short visit to Fort Worth.

Little Miss Jetta Surles visited Miss Norma Ramsey at Abilene the first of the week.

Misses Lua James and Lucile Hawk are at home from O. I. A., Denton, for the holidays.

Mrs. W. P. Brightwell and her daughter, Bernie Louise came in from Denton Tuesday to spend the holidays.

Children of the intermediate and primary grades of the Baird Public School raised \$32.70 for the starving children in Europe last week.

At its meeting last Friday night City Council passed an ordinance requiring business houses to keep the sidewalks clear of boxes, barrels and other obstructions.

The program to be given in connection with the Christmas tree at the Methodist church Friday night, will begin at 7 o'clock. Come and enjoy yourselves with the children.



The Gift to One that all enjoy

The supreme gift—the one which will bring most joy to your home—is the gift that all can enjoy—a Brunswick phonograph.

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Eight Leading American Organ-
izations to Avert Tragedy.

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largest consolidation of effort in the
history of American relief and charita-
ble organizations has been set on foot

disaster which threatens 3,500,000
European children this winter. To the
headquarters of every agency that dis-
penses American mercy overseas has
come one steady cry for months past
the children, most helpless and blame-
less sufferers in the track of war, will
perish by the thousands before next
harvest unless America saves them.

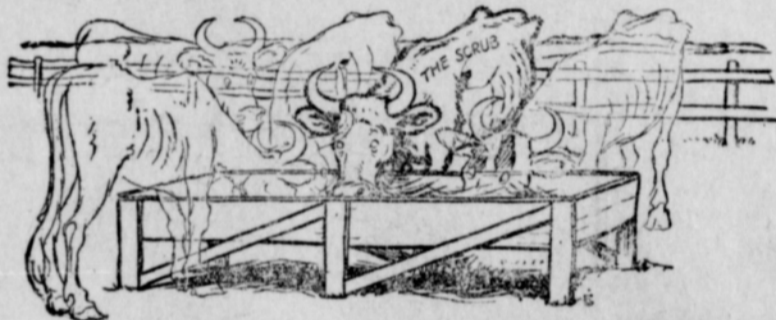
When Dr. Livingston Farrand, chair-
man of the Central Committee of the
American Red Cross, returned from
recent trip abroad, his report throbbed
with the need of the children. From
the feeding-stations of the American
Relief Administration throughout Europe

ern and central Europe came letters,
cables, pleas of every sort. The Pro-
testant churches sent investigators
into after-war conditions and every
report breathed the impending tragedy
of starving and diseased children.
Protestant, Catholic and Jewish, the
child life of Europe is threatened with
heartrending misery.

The European Relief Council, with
Herbert Hoover as chairman and the
whole power of American charitable
thought and effort behind it, has been
formed. It consists of Edgar Rickard,
representing the American Relief
Administration; Dr. Livingston Farrand,
representing the American Red
Cross; Felix Warburg, representing
the Jewish Joint Distribution Commit-
tee; Wilbur K. Thomas, representing
the American Friends' Service Com-
mittee; James A. Flaherty, represent-
ing the Knights of Columbus; Dr. C.
V. Hibbard, representing the Young
Men's Christian Association; Miss
Sarah S. Lyon, representing the Young
Women's Christian Association; Dr.
Arthur Brown, representing the Fed-
eral Council of Churches.

It is the purpose of the Council to
raise \$33,000,000. In an appeal center-
ing at the Christmas holidays, to the
end that the situation regarding child
life may be met. In every town and
community of the nation, it is hoped,
local committees, representing all the
co-operating agencies will be formed
to secure the vitally necessary funds.
Of the amount sought, \$22,000,000 will
be used for basic food. For every one
of these American dollars the local
governments and communities aided
will furnish two dollars, in the form
of transportation, labor, guards, clerical
help, cash contributions and such
food supplies as are locally obtainable.
No children receive the free food ex-
cept after medical tests showing them
to be seriously under-nourished. The
remaining \$10,000,000 of the fund is
just as urgently needed for medical
service to the children.

The European Relief Council will do
much more than effect economies in
the raising of the child-saving fund.
It will, with the inspecting forces of
eight great agencies, keep a constant
eye on the administration of America's
merciful gift, in order that there shall
be no wastage and no tendency toward
superinflation.



Feeding the Ghosts

When a stockman feeds a scrub, ghosts of the scrub's
neglected and starved ancestors share his food with
him. Fanciful as this may sound, it is none the less true.

A pure-bred shows *more gain* in tender, well-
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generations of good breeding and good feeding back of
him, he is haunted by none of the scrub's ghosts.

The pure-bred in the feed pen is an economy to the
stockman. From the pure-bred come *choicest steaks*,
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You've noticed how a grass-fed
steer of good breeding will often out-
weigh and outsell a corn-fed scrub of
the same age.

With the present narrow margin
between the growing cost and the
market price of beef, it is your duty
—to yourself, to your family, to your
community—to raise only the ani-
mals that make the beef that brings
a price that pays you a profit on
your investment. Don't waste good
corn on poor steers.

If you're not yet convinced that
pure-breds can make *you* money, you
should read **THE COUNTRY GEN-
TLEMAN** and learn what registered
cattle are doing for farmers all over
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THE MARKETS

Supplied by the Bureau of Markets, Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

DECEMBER 16, 1920

HAY—Market very weak especially on lower grades. Quotations lower in practically all markets due generally to slightly increased receipts and lack of adequate demand. Necessary to carry over from day to day in several western markets. Quoted December 15 No. 1 alfalfa Kansas City \$24, Omaha \$21, No. 1 prairie Minneapolis \$17, Chicago \$23, Omaha \$13.50, Kansas City \$15.

FEED—Market trend continues downward on principal feeds; demand very limited; transactions small. Cotton seed meal off about \$2.50 per ton; corn feeds steady. Quoted December 15 spring bran Philadelphia \$26; Minneapolis \$26 middlings about \$2 below bran. 36 per cent cotton seed meal Cincinnati \$32.50, Chicago \$32, Philadelphia \$36. Oil meal Minneapolis \$40, Philadelphia \$40.50, Chicago \$42.50. Hominy Cincinnati \$25, Philadelphia \$41. Gluten Philadelphia \$26, No. 1 alfalfa meal Chicago \$29, Kansas City \$28.

LIVE STOCK AND MEATS—Compared with a week ago all classes of live stock at Chicago show declines, depreciation is greatest in cattle, medium and good beef steers at drop of \$1 to \$1.50. Cows and heifers declined \$1 to \$1.25 per 100 lbs. Hogs lost about 50 cents. Sheep down 10 cents to 25 cents. Fat lambs declined 25 cents; feeder lambs 75 cents per 100 lbs. December 15 top Chicago prices: Hogs \$9.15; yearling steers \$14.50; good beef steers \$12.25-\$12.50; heifers \$10.25; cows \$8.25; feeder steers \$9; veal calves \$10; fat lambs \$11.25; feeding lambs \$10.50; fat ewes \$5.25.

Under fairly liberal receipts and a slow demand the fresh meat markets were weak to slightly. Beef and veal lost \$1 to \$2; lambs \$1 to \$5. Mutton and pork not materially changed. December 16 prices good grade meats: Beef \$17-\$20; veal \$16-\$22; lamb \$23-\$26; mutton \$11-\$16; light pork loins \$18-\$22; heavy pork loins \$15-\$18.

GRAIN—Markets during week have had very uncertain trend, first advancing and then declining with sentiment changing as rapidly as prices. Outstanding features have been heavy export sales of wheat and great difficulty in securing cash wheat to fill old sales. On the 16th Great Britain bought in the United States 1,500,000 bushels wheat; Italy 1,250,000 bushels; France 1,000,000 bushels; Japan 1,000,000 bushels.

result of this buy market advanced but later broke on report of fine crop prospects in Argentine with yields running above expectations. Excellent demand for cash wheat and corn. No improvement in demand for flour at large milling centers. In Minneapolis on the 16th No. 1 dark northern wheat sold at 7 to 12 cents over Minneapolis March; choice Canadian and Montana 13 to 14 cents over March; No. 2, 4, to 5 cents over. In Chicago No. 1 and 2 soft red winter 34 to 35 1/2 cents over Chicago December, hard winter 9 to 11 cents over. New No. 2 mixed corn 2 1/2 cents over December; No. 3 1-2 cent under; New No. 3 yellow 5 to 6 cents over; No. 4 about 1 to 10 cents over. For the week Chicago March wheat lost 6 1/2 cents closing at \$1.58 1/8. May corn 73-8 cents at 67-8. Minneapolis March wheat down 7 1/4 at \$1.53 1-2; Kansas City 6 1/4 cents at \$1.53 1-2; Winnipeg May 4 cents at \$1.73. Chicago December wheat closed \$1.64 1/2; May wheat \$1.52 3-8; December corn 67 cents.

DAIRY PRODUCTS Butter market steady during week; one firm on the 16th. Prices have recovered from weakness and low points early in the month and averaged 1 to 3 cents higher than a week ago. Closing prices 52 score: New York 54 1/2-5, Chicago \$1 1/2-2; Philadelphia 53 cents; Boston 55 cents. Scarcity of fancy butter seems to be lending support to general market. Danish butter less active than last week. Some of recent Danish arrivals have developed mold with resultant lessened demand. Storage butter shows little improvement, recent low prices of fresh having prevented quick sales.

COTTON—Spot cotton declined about 27 points during the past week, closing around 14.90; New York December futures lost 23 points at 15.46c.

TESTIFY THAT STEEL MILLS ARE FORCING "OPEN SHOP"

Refuse to Sell to Employers of Union Labor, Is Charge.

New York.—Testimony that the Bethlehem Steel company, the United States Steel corporation and manufacturers of fabricated steel are blocking building operations in New York and other cities by attempting to force their "open shop" policy on builders who employ union men, was heard by the joint legislative committee investigating the alleged "building trust."

The enforcement of the "open shop" principle in steel construction in New York and Philadelphia, it was testified, is merely the "opening wedge" of the system which was to be extended throughout the country.

Despite personal appeals to the officials of these companies by officials of two of the largest construction companies in the United States, they testified they were unable to purchase structural steel direct for erection under union shop conditions.

They declared they had been virtually driven out of the steel construction business because of their employment of union men and had to have all their structural work done by members of the Iron League of New York or the National Erectors' association, thus increasing the cost of construction work.

National Bank in Examiner's Hands

Nocona, Texas.—The Nocona National Bank failed to open for business Monday morning. The bank is in charge of National Bank Examiner S. A. Longmoore.

Ambassadors May Quit

Athens.—It is reported in diplomatic circles here that the arrival of King Constantine will be the signal for the immediate departure of the ambassadors of the allied countries.

RICKETS DID THIS.



Before this five-year-old Vienna girl was operated upon in the American Convalescent Home her leg was even more horribly deformed from rickets and she was in constant instead of intermittent pain. Now at least her leg is straight again, and by degrees she is relearning to walk. Rickets is the aftermath of under-nutrition, and it is a cut down the harrowing prevalence of such disease as this among the children of Europe that eight American co-

oper organizations are making a joint appeal under the name of the European Relief Council for funds to succor the millions that face a winter of horror. They are the American Relief Administration, the American Red Cross, the American Friends' Service Committee (Quakers), the Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, the Federal Council of Churches of Christ in America, the Knights of Columbus, the Y. M. C. A. and the Y. W. C. A.

Kill Man; Get \$100,000 Loot.

New York.—Three masked robbers entered the rooms of a jewelry concern on the eighth floor of an office building in the heart of the Fifth avenue Thursday afternoon, shot and killed Edward W. Andrews, a member of the firm, bound and gagged three other men and escaped with jewels valued at \$100,000. Stepping from the crowds of Christmas shoppers passing the building, the men took the elevator to the floor upon which Andrews' firm has offices.

Oak Cliff High Organizes Bank.

Dallas.—With the opening of a temporary School Government Thrift bank Thursday coincident with the announcement that the organization will be made permanent on Dec. 22, Oak Cliff high school leaped into national prominence by becoming the first high school in the United States to form a bank of this kind, it was declared by treasury department savings officials here. Each of the 1,100 students of the school will be a stockholder in the institution.

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HOW YOUR CHILDREN ARE TAUGHT

Teaching the Young Idea How to Shoot in the Baird Public School

IN THE FIRST GRADE
(Continued.)

When the late Harry Meyer, who loved children and took sympathetic interest in their hopes and fears, their joys and sorrows, their work and their play, left behind him as a legacy of remembrance, a sum sufficient to equip the Baird Public School grounds with three of the ingeniously contrived modern mechanical appliances for playgrounds, joy giving, muscle building and health stimulating—the shoot the chutes, the giant stride and the swings—he built monuments to his memory greater and grander than any sculptured effigy or stately mausoleum—monuments of life and action, daily vibrant with the joyous orisons of happy children.

A great pity it is that some other benevolent friend of children does not, out of his abundance, place at the disposal of the school board the small sum necessary to provide "play machines" for the littlest scholars, the chubby faced, play loving little girls and boys in the First Grade, one of whom the Ancient Scholar had temporarily become.

The swings, perhaps, are not perilously dangerous for these little ones to venture, but their muscles are not sufficiently developed and their "sense of balance" sufficiently synchronized to hazard the chutes and slide and, the larger children monopolized the swings.

The "Ancient Scholar" noted also—with some surprise—that the "higher ups," the big boys and girls, ignored the play machines, or most of them did, and gathered in groups to chat or strolled aimlessly up and down the cement base walk surrounding the building, with the adolescent dignity of what a mid-Victorian mamma would have called "perfect little ladies and gentlemen." And I sincerely hoped that era of silly affectation, that era of prunes and prisms, when girls dabbled in archery and boys trundled hoops, had been consigned to everlasting limbo. The only physical benefit these lacadaisical ones received during the recess period was to inspire lungfull of God's pure air and a chance to stretch their cramped leg muscles.

"All work and no play," the ancient axiom hath it, "makes Jack a dull boy, and it also makes Jean a dull girl." If these grave and reverend "seniors" and "seniorixes" could have been transferred that sunny morning to the playground of one of the great continental schools (in the joyous days before the great World War desolated and saddened that fair country), they would no doubt have been jolted out of their dignity to see sure enough "grave and reverend seigniors" running and jumping about like young colts, participating with vim and vigor in the most strenuous muscle hardening and lung strengthening stunts.

In the more modern schools—outside of Texas, which state ranks very low in the educational scale, something like 37th, I believe—they have salaried "physical instructors" whose business it is to see that the coming men and women "play" as strenuously as they study. Fully equipped tennis courts, base ball diamonds, football and soccer ball fields, volley, handball and basket ball courts and complete gymnasium apparatus is provided, work in which, under competent supervision tends to turn out young men and women not only equipped mentally but developed physically to successfully meet the shock of life's stren-

uous battles.

But there, I've been scolding like a fish woman the whole recess period, and now the signal sounds and the members of the several grades are forming in long lines to march back to class rooms and studies. The Ancient Scholar, after a cursory inspection of the interior architecture of the Baird Public School building, and on several occasions mentally computing how long it took to empty the auditorium of a gala occasion crowd, feared there was a possibility of serious loss of life and limb in case of a fire alarm stampede. Such an alarm might stampede untrained groundups, but nervous parents can take in full faith the positive assurance of the Ancient Scholar that the tinnest of their little ones take them all in the course of the day's business, are not fazed a little bit by "fire's wild alarm."

All flushed and rosy the little First Graders filed into their seats and resumed their work. A hush fell upon the room. Suddenly there crashed upon the stillness the metallic, shrilling clamor of a bell. It gave the Ancient Scholar the creeps, but his tiny fellow pupils came instantly to "attention," at a signal from teacher faced the aisles, rose and in orderly, quick moving files marched from the room, mounted the stairs, swiftly traversed the upper hall and down the steep outside steps to the yard and safety. The Ancient Scholar, watch in hand, brought up the rear. From the time the alarm first clanged until his feet struck terra firma, exactly 63 seconds had lapsed, and the big building had been emptied of its precious human contents. Quick work!

These "alarms" are sounded at all sorts of unexpected times and always without warning. The little pupils, the big ones and the middle sized ones have had it firmly hammered into their understanding that it means "Fire!" and that the building must be vacated in the quickest possible time, but in an orderly manner. It means life to get from under quickly—it means possible death to hesitate for a moment in your getaway. Everything must be abandoned when that strident alarm sounds—books, clothing, everything they can be replaced, but a precious human life once lost is lost forever. They never know, until the last pupil is in the yard, "present and accounted for," that it's a false alarm.

You need have no fear of losing your little one by fire in the Baird Public School—even the tiny First Grader—for they have been trained to quick obedience when that bell clangs, and they are most certainly thoroughly disciplined. You may be in danger if fire breaks out in your own home, for you'll probably be so excited you'll impotently run round and round in circles, while "baby" marches quickly, without stampeding, to the great open and safety.

The Primer used in the First Grade are mighty interesting reading, a regular continued story, being the life history, in small and simple words, of a family, Kate and May and Will and Tom, their parents and friends, their pets and the farm animals, their simple adventures and their daily advancement in knowledge of the wonders of this great and beautiful world of which we live. And when they have entered the marvels of it

are ravenously eager to learn more. For Twentieth Century methods of education are so insidious—it's like a grand, slow, fascinating sort of play. But there, I've filled the space that The Star affords me weekly, and haven't got out of the First Grade yet. So, as the country correspondents say, I'll have to "chop off—more anon!"

THE ANCIENT SCHOLAR
(To be Continued.)

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISING

RATE—Five Cents per Line Each Insertion. Figure six average words to the line in fixing cost. Minimum charge 25 cents.

SADDLE FOR SALE—A good Riding Saddle for sale.
1-1t Phone 209, long and short.

TRUCK—Used Truck, 1920 model, for sale. With solid tires.

Harry Berry,
Baird, Texas.

LIGHT HOUSEKEEPING—Desirable rooms for Light Housekeeping for rent.
Mrs. Frank Parker,
52-1t Phone 234.

HORSES FOR SALE—A few Horses for sale or trade.
52-4t-p J. R. McFarlane.

RUNABOUT FORD—Runabout Ford, in first class condition, at a bargain. If interested, see
3-1t Chambers Bros.

KODAK WORK—For firstclass Kodak Work, call or send to
Mrs. J. W. Farmer,
52-1t Box 33.

HOUSE AND LOT—House and Lot for sale at a bargain.
2-2t-p J. W. Hughes.

ROADSTER—Chandler Chummy Roadster for sale. Cost \$2000. Will take \$600. See
M. Franklin,
2-2t-p At Berry's Garage.

LAND FOR SALE—Five Acres of Land; 3-room House, northeast part of town, within 80 feet of main gas line, 2 1-2 acres in cultivation. A suitable place for nice home.
N. G. Emmerson, P. O. Box, 333,
45-1t Baird, Texas.

OLD MATTRESSES MADE NEW—Bring your mattresses to me and have them renovated and made good as new.
F. D. Oakley,
42-1t Poe's Wagon Yard.

FORD TRUCKS—New Ford Trucks, pneumatic tires; also, new Sedans—for immediate delivery. See
Harry Berry,
Authorized Ford Sales and Service,
50-1t Baird, Texas.

MARES WANTED—I want to hear from parties who have one or two Mares for sale. 15+ or 16 hands, five years old, gentle broke, to work. Call to see me or write, P. O. Box 13, Baird, Texas.
1-4t-p

SHOE SHINE—Get a Mirror Polish on your Shoes. Let me put it there.
N. L. (John) Dickey,
Elite Barber Shop.
2-2t

HEMSTITCHING—First class Hemstitching, 10 and 15 cents per yard and all Thread furnished. See or phone
Mrs. Sam "Totts" Wristen,
2-4t-p Phone No. 249.

LAUNDRY—Let me handle your Laundry. Basket leaves Monday, back Saturday. Good work and prompt delivery.
N. L. (John) Dickey,
2-2t Elite Barber Shop.

WANTED, LADIES' AID OR CIVIC LEAGUE—To conduct Christmas Sale of Pot Plants on commission. No expense involved. Act quickly. Two thousand dollars worth beautiful Xmas Pot Plants to dispose of.
2-2t Cisco Floral Co.

RHODE ISLAND REDS—For sale, at my home, 4 miles southeast of Adminal, several fine, Single Comb Rhode Island Red Cockerels. \$1.50 and \$2.00.
3-4t-p Mrs. Mabel Derryberry.

HOME FOR SALE—My Home, one block west of Court House, five rooms, hall and bath, one and one half lots.
L. A. Blakley,
52-1t Box 441, Baird, Texas,
Phone No. 920, 1 long, 4 short.

PROGRAM

PRINCESS—FRIDAY, Dec. 24th—Elaine Hammerst.

"IN THE POINT OF VIEW"

Her Latest Selznick Feature. Also a Comedy 15 and 25 Cts

SIGAL—FRIDAY, Dec. 24th—Henry Starr in

"A DEBTOR TO THE LAW"

A Big Western Feature. Also a Comedy.

CHRISTMAS DAY SPECIALS

SIGAL—SATURDAY—

"THE COURAGE OF MARGE O'DOONE"

Beautiful snow scenes, intense action, intelligent animals, all star players, picturesque locations and masterly direction contribute to the success of the film version of James Oliver Curwood's famous story, "The Courage of Marge O'Doone." James O'Neal as the faithful Indian has a real combat with savage dogs while making the production. The players headed by Pauline Starke and Niles Welch under the direction of David Smith, had some real adventure in the blizzard swept ridges of the Rockies a few miles from Truckee. Admission 15 and 40 Cts.

PRINCESS—SATURDAY—Clara Kimbell Young in

"THE FORBIDDEN WOMAN"

Her latest picture. Much has been said on the subject of the psychology of dress on the screen and the part clothes play in the indication of character, but to my mind, Clara Kimbell Young in "The Forbidden Woman" enjoys the distinction of being the best dressed woman on the American stage or screen. I base the claim to supremacy upon magnificence of attire and materials, effective and unusual design, picturesqueness and actual valuation—for whisper it low, girls, I happen to know that Miss Young's wardrobe for "The Forbidden Woman" alone, cost upwards of \$24,000. The role of Diane Sorel, the charming young French actress, which Miss Young enacts, calls for nineteen different costumes, and the wardrobe which Miss Young has furnished for this picture includes a full length sable coat, nine evening dresses, four afternoon frocks two dinner gowns, enough lingerie to last the average woman a lifetime, with shoes, stockings, gloves, jewelry, hats, fans and accessories galore. They came very high, girls, but it pays—The Matinee Girl.

We have spared no expense in securing to of the best pictures on the market for your entertainment on Christmas night. You-Christmas will not be complete without seeing both pictures. See our pretty lobby display at both the Sigal and Princess Christmas morning. No raise in admission for children, Adults 40 cents.

Show starts at 6 o'clock sharp—continuous show until 11 o'clock on above night.

SIGAL—MONDAY—

"WHO'S YOUR SERVANT"

From Jonlian Johnson's celebrated play which startled New York during it's run there. A picture of mystery, love, trust and crime, that will shake the foundation of society. 15 and 25 Cts.

TUESDAY—Bryant Washburn in

"IT HAPPENED TO JONES"

A Paramount Feature. 15 and 25 Cts.

WEDNESDAY—Joe Moore and Eileen Sedwick in

"THE WHITE RIDER"

A Five Reel Western Feature with a thousand thrills. Also a Comedy. 15 and 25 Cts.

THURSDAY—Special—William Farnum in

"THE SCUTTLERS"

His latest big Fox Feature. Also a Comedy. 15 and 33 Cts.

SIGAL—FRIDAY & SATURDAY Dec. 31st & Jan. 1st—
Douglas Fairbanks in

"THE MARK OF ZORRO"

In 8 Reels. "Doug's" latest United Artists production in which the big punchers pack tremendous wallops—rapid fire action—appealing romance thrills galore. Story from the "All Story Weekly" novel, "The Curse of Capistrano" by Johnston McCully.

PRINCESS—FRIDAY, Dec. 31st—Olive Thomas in

"DARLING MINE"

That is not a Salutation—it's the title of a darling little Photoplay which is coming to our theatre for one day only. Of course you like Olive Thomas. She was never quite so charming as she is in this picture, so you must be sure and see it. 15 and 33 Cts.

PRINCESS—SATURDAY—Louise Lovely in

"THE LITTLE GRAY MOUSE"

Her Latest Fox Feature. Also Sunshine Comedy. 15 and 25 Cts

POT PLANTS—Beautiful Pot Plants at Alexander's Music Shop. Orders taken for Cut-Flowers. 3-1t

ROOMS—Two rooms for Light Housekeeping. See
3-1t Mrs. H. M. Bailey.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS—What is more appropriate than Flowers for Xmas?
3-1t Alexander's Music Shop.

ELITE CHRISTMAS DINNER—The Elite Cafe will serve a Royal Christmas Dinner—Roast Turkey, Oyster Dressing and Cranberry Sauce, Cream Celery Soup, Celery Salad, English Peas, Mashed Potatoes, Tomatoes, Stuffed Peppers, Fruit Punch and Waldorf Fruit Cake.
3-1t F. E. Stanley, Prop.

J. W. Campbell, of Dayton, Ohio, purchased a bottle of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy for his boy who had a cold, and before the bottle was all used the boy's cold was gone. Is that not better than to have a five dollar doctor's bill? For sale by dealers.