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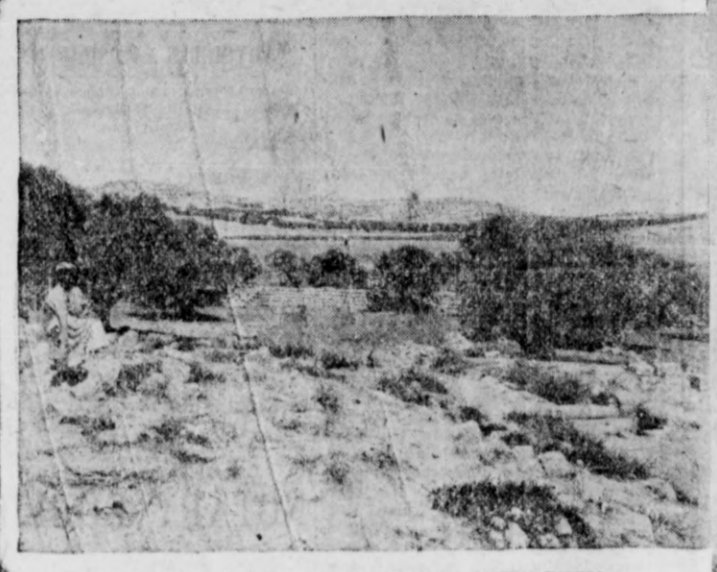
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**MILLIONS AND BEAUTY.**

There was a young man who had a face on him that was so homely that it would wake him up in the middle of the night and occasionally when he would look at a stray dog it would go away and have a fit. This young man loved a maiden and wanted to give her his heart and hand, but she gave him the ha ha and told him if he could trade his face off for a patent medicine cut or hang a chromo over his mouth she might consider his proposition. The young fellow went away sorrowful and also warm under his celluloid collar, but it cured him of most of his foolishness. He started the next week for the Klondike, opened up a restaurant and came back in four years \$3,000,000 to the good. The young woman who had given him the marble heart four years before was still single and was getting into the class where about all the gatherings she got a bid to were church socials, where the preacher announced that "all are cordially invited to attend." When the old girl learned that the man whose application she had turned down four

years before had returned home with the dough, she determined that she would sidle up to him, but the sidle act did not work worth a cent. Finally she had an opportunity to talk with him privately and said: "You don't know Jim, how I have regretted the remarks I made to you before you left here four years ago."

"Yes, I suppose so," said James, as he adjusted a thousand dollar diamond in his shirt front. "I suppose so. You are the tenth woman I have met since I came back who told me that I didn't know how she regretted the remarks she made to me before I went away."

Moral: A million dollars will make a seed wart on the nose appear as beautiful as a dimple in the cheek of a maiden.—Missouri Valley Farmer.

**He Found a Cure.**  
R. H. Foster, 318 S 2nd Street, Salt Lake City, writes: "I have been bothered with dyspepsia or indigestion for 21 years, have tried many doctors without relief, but I have found a cure in Herbine. I recommend it to all my friends, who are afflicted that way, and it is curing them, too. See at R. Phillips & Son, Baird, Texas."

**WHAT THE INFIDEL DREAMS.**

It is in the desert, where virtue trembles to tread where hope falters and where faith is crucified, the infidel dreams. To him all there is in heaven is bound by this little span of life; all there is of pleasure and love is circumscribed by a few fleeting years; all there is of intelligence and wisdom is in the human brain; all there is of mystery and infinity is fathomable by human reason, and all there is of virtue is measured by the relation of man to man. To him all must end in "tongueless silence of the dreamless dust," and all that lies beyond the grave is a voiceless shore and starless sky. To him there is no print of deathless feet on its echoless sand, no thrill of immortal music in its joyless air. He has lost his God, and, like some seraph flying in the rayless night he probes his way on flagging pinnons, searching for the light where darkness reigns, for life where death is king.—Bob Taylor.

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# CHRISTMAS IN MODERN BETHLEHEM

By Evangeline Ben-Oliel

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ABOUT nineteen hundred and two years ago, in the reign of Caesar Augustus, the little town of Bethlehem, six miles south of Jerusalem, was crowded with visitors at about this time of the year, all coming to be taxed in their native country. In a cave, below the principal inn or khan of the town, where the oxen were usually kept, a gentle Jewish mid bent lovingly over her Babe. A light from heaven illumined the rude manger where He peacefully lay and shed a brilliant radiance over the scene.

## MANGER

Above the altar hangings, to represent the manger, another chapel over which, according to tradition, covered. On Christmas eve around the church to witness the grand opening in order to witness the grand man, woman and child, who come is present, devoid of any seats, kneeling on the marble floor, in silent prayer, while the strains of the Te Deum fill the great organ.

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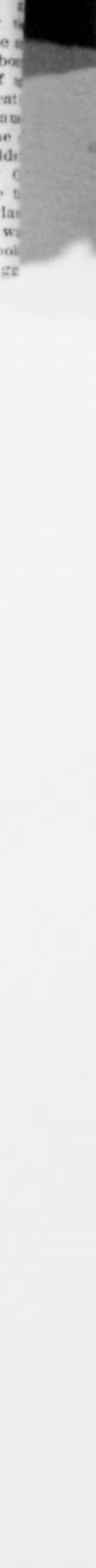
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## THE NATIVITY, BETHLEHEM.



# GIRL AT THE WINDOW

Wells Smith

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trap and left it beneath her head. The light from above faintly outlined her delicately shaped face against the black coat, her small white hand was thrown in childlike trustfulness above the glistening masses of golden hair. Bending quickly over the sleeping girl she fumbled a few seconds with the coat under her head, then drew back and pulling his hat over his eyes peered from under the wide brim into the darkness outside. Several shrill whistles came from under the car window, a lantern flashed up and there was a muttered oath. As the car moved off he ran wildly down the aisle.

The noise of the engine increased and the girl opened her eyes. She looked up into the face of the man standing over her and started. Could he be the same? Was she dreaming? Surely her seat mate did not wear a mustache, yet these seemed to be the same piercing black eyes, the same broad shoulders. She stared stupidly and thought the mustache must be a vagary. Then her eyes fell on the coat under her head and she faltered: "Thank you so much for putting it there. I hope you haven't come to your station."

The man smiled knowingly. "Yes, miss, he has passed his station, but for some reason he left his coat behind. You see, miss, it's very funny. I happen to be the detective in this Pochunk bank case—I reckon you have heard about it—and have been on the track of the leader of that gang since daybreak this morning. Somehow I thought he boarded this train, and when I got on at G—I looked all through for him, but being in company with a lady I didn't size him up till it was too late. I was just coming in from the other car when I saw him dash down the aisle and make a jump while the car was moving, and of course by the time I got to the door the car had gained too much speed for me to jump after him, so I reckon he has given us the slip for good."

The girl sat staring up in the face of her new companion without opening her lips. At last she burst into a hysterical fit of laughing. Suddenly checking herself she lifted the coat and uttered a loud exclamation as a little package dropped out of the folds. Slipping off the cover she picked up a roll of bills, and pinned carefully to one of them was a scrap of paper upon which some words had been hurriedly written with a lead pencil: "Please accept as a Christmas present my share in the Pochunk bank raid, which I think will about cover your loss. I used to read Sunday school books once, and in them I remember the thief was always brought to bay by a soft, gentle little woman. That is my case. Thank you for making me do the first decent thing of my life. JACK D."

The detective gave a long drawn out whistle when he read the note. "He is a bad fellow, but he might be worse," he commented with a crestfallen sort of smile. "Don't you feel a little proud of the way you handled the most notorious outlaw in the state?" But the girl did not trust herself to answer. She had turned her face to the window and in the little prayer of thanksgiving she sent out across the wide, wild darkness for her recovered fortune there was a plea for the man who had given it back to her.

## SANTA CLAUS UP TO DATE.

Since first good Santa Claus set out to make his wintery round, Though sought by many a merry rout, His home has never been found. Each year he brings, with couriers fleet, His choicest gifts and toys, Then hurries on nor stays to meet Our thankful girls and boys. Because of this, alas, alas, Some start a foolish chase And try the icy drifts to pass To thank him to his face.



JUST GIVE A HEARTY LAUGH. But ere the frozen fields are crossed, Where winter's blizzards blow, Each little child who starts is lost And buried in the snow. And every year some girls and boys Still keep themselves awake To thank him for his pretty toys— A terrible mistake! For lying wakeful in the cold Just keeps the saint away, And those who do it, I am told, May catch pneu-mo-n-i-a. But now this foolishness must end! You need not tempt your fate, For fullest thanks you now can send By methods up to date. To thank him for his Christmas cheer Just give a hearty laugh, And Santa Claus at once will hear By wireless telegraph.

A Bullseye. "I'm afraid my remarks this morning hit you rather hard," said the Rev. Dr. Scrum, who had observed Mr. Gayman leave in the midst of the sermon. "What led you to jump at that conclusion?" asked Mr. Gayman rather haughtily. "I noticed you jumped before the conclusion."—Catholic Standard and Times.

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# AN EFFECTIVE FORCE

Harbors of Venezuela Are Closely Guarded at This Time.

## VESSELS NOW THERE

The United States Battleships Kearsarge and Alabama Are Present at Port of Spain and Have Been Saluted.

Port of Spain, Dec. 22.—The blockade of Venezuelan ports was begun with an effective force at midnight Saturday night. The British have the cruisers Indefatigable, Alert and Tribune, the special service steamer Columbine and the torpedo boat destroyer Rocket along the coast. The cruiser Aradiane the flagship of Vice Admiral Douglass is here and will remain. All the British operations will be directed from Trinidad.

The cruiser Vineta, the German flag ship left here Sunday morning for La Guayra to reinforce the German cruisers Gazelle, Panther and Falke, and the training ship Stosch. The Charloote another training ship, has left here for St. Lucia, her presence on the blockade apparently being unnecessary.

It is reported here that Mr. Haggard, British minister to Venezuela, has said that Great Britain acted only after great provocation and that the whole world must approve of what she did. The climax to Anglo-Venezuelan relations was reached when a Venezuelan gunboat captured a British merchantman on the high seas, shipped her crew and valuables and landed them at Margarita Island. Then Great Britain determined to act. Mr. Haggard and the German representative, Herr Von Pilgrim-Baltazzi are said to have left Caracas secretly in the fear that they might be held as hostages by President Castro.

The United States battleships Kearsarge and Alabama arrived here Sunday afternoon. Their appearance provoked considerable comment on shore, but when Admiral Higginson called upon the acting governor of Trinidad and the commander of the British ships, he took occasion to explain that the visit to this port of the American man of war was part of the usual winter trip of the squadron. As the American vessels entered the harbor the Charlotte saluted Admiral Higginson's flag, a courtesy which was also extended by the British ships. The Kearsarge and Alabama were anchored outside the British warships which are guarding four Venezuelan vessels, none of which flies either the British or Venezuelan flag. The Restaurador, which was captured from Venezuela by the Germans, flies the German flag and is used by them for dispatch purposes.

General Ferreras, who represents the Venezuelan revolutionists at Ciudad Bolivar, has collected \$350,000 in duties since the Venezuelan blockade of the Orinoco was raised. Of this sum \$75,000 has been used to repay money borrowed from merchants. General Ferreras has sent a large order for munitions of war to Port of Spain.

### Believed to Have Been Received.

London, Dec. 22.—It is believed that President Roosevelt's answer to the proposal made by the allied powers that he arbitrate the Venezuelan issues has been received in London. The strictest secrecy with regard to every phase of the negotiations is preserved, however, and it is impossible to make a definite statement, but such indications as are obtainable point to President Roosevelt's acceptance of the office of arbitrator.

### Castro Signs Acceptance.

Caracas, Dec. 22.—In the name of Venezuela President Castro has signed acceptance of the appointment of President Roosevelt to arbitrate the Venezuelan controversy.

### HAVE BEEN NOTIFIED.

American Ministers Informed That Venezuelan Blockade Is in Effect.

Washington, Dec. 22.—A cablegram was received from Commander Diehl of the Marietta, which now lies at La Guayra. The message comes from La Guayra, via Hayti, and is dated Sunday.

The British vice admiral has established effective blockade from and after Dec. 20, of La Guayra, Careno, Guanta, Cuamana, Carupano and mouth of the Orinoco river.

Ambassador Tower notified the state department from Berlin that he has received official notification from the German government that the German squadron has blockaded Maracaibo and Porto Cabello.

Ambassador Meyer, at Rome, cabled the department he received Sunday from the minister of foreign affairs an official note dated Dec. 20, announcing that Italy had decided to participate with her naval forces in the blockade of Venezuelan ports.

### Times Prints the Text.

London, Dec. 22.—The Times prints the text of the wireless Marconi message received from the Canadian government, as follows: "The Times desires to congratulate the British people on the achievement by Marconi of the greatest feat of modern science yet achieved."  
CARTWRIGHT,  
"Acting premier."

### Netherlands Neutral.

The Hague, Dec. 22.—The government of the Netherlands has decided to observe a strictly neutral attitude in the Venezuelan trouble. Ships of the blockading powers will be prohibited from calling at the ports of the Dutch colonies.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON XIII, FOURTH QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, DEC. 28.

Text of the Lesson, a Comprehensive Quarterly Review—Golden Text, Ps. xc, 1—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

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LESSON I.—Joshua encouraged (Josh. 1, 1-11). Golden Text, Josh. 1, 9, "Be strong and of a good courage." It seems to me that chapter iv, 24, gives the one aim of this book and of all Scripture, "That all the people of the earth might know the hand of the Lord that it is mighty; that ye might fear the Lord your God all days." The great thing in this lesson is the assurance of the Lord's continued presence. His commission to Joshua and His word for constant meditation.

LESSON II.—Crossing the Jordan (Josh. iii, 9, to iv, 7). Golden Text, Isa. xliii, 2, "When thou passest through the waters, I will be with thee, and through the rivers they shall not overflow thee." There is nothing too wonderful for Him who divided the Red sea and banked up the waters of Jordan, but we will not know His power in us and for us till we know something of the meaning of the two heaps of stones (iv, 9, 20), signifying that we are dead with Christ and risen with Christ.

LESSON III.—The fall of Jericho (Josh. vi, 8-20). Golden Text, Heb. xi, 30, "By faith the walls of Jericho fell down." Again it is simply and only the mighty power of God, and when we come to our Jerichos, our seeming impossibilities, we must just do as Israel did and go persistently round them in the name of the Lord, in quietness and in confidence, sure that in His time they will fall before us.

LESSON IV.—Joshua and Caleb (Josh. xiv, 5-15). Golden Text, Josh. xiv, 4, "He wholly followed the Lord." In this lesson we have in Caleb a glorious object lesson illustrating the blessing of a whole heart for God, a man at the age of eighty-five as strong for war or service as when he was forty, because he relied upon God and wholly followed the Lord God of Israel.

LESSON V.—Cities of refuge (Josh. xx, 1-9). Golden Text, Ps. xli, 1, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." But how shall He become the refuge of sinners and the strength of such as we are? Moses and Joshua and all Israel were just such sinners, and yet He was their refuge and strength. The story of the city of Refuge, with its welcome, its open gate and prepared way and its high priest, suggests Him who is both refuge and way and priest.

LESSON VI.—Joshua's parting advice (Josh. xxiv, 14-25). Golden Text, Josh. xxiv, 15, "Choose you this day whom ye will serve." If we would know by experience the reality of the power and presence of God, we must live in His fear and serve Him in sincerity and truth, remembering that He is a jealous God, loving intensely and desiring to possess fully those whom He loves that He may lavish His love upon them for their highest good.

LESSON VII.—The time of the Judges (Judg. ii, 7-19). Golden Text, Ps. cvii, 19, "They cry unto the Lord in their troubles, and He saveth them out of their distresses." The generation of the times of Joshua having passed away, the next generation lived as if there never had been a Moses or a Joshua or a God, who delivered them from Egypt and fed them in the wilderness and divided the Red sea and the Jordan for them.

LESSON VIII.—World's temperance lesson (Isa. xxviii, 1-13). Golden Text, Isa. xxviii, 7, "They also have erred through wine." This lesson, though seemingly out of order, well illustrates the time of the Judges, for it is just the story of a self-pleasing, God-forgetting people, who make a covenant with hell and death and desire no knowledge of God.

LESSON IX.—Gideon and the three hundred (Judg. vii, 1-8, 16-21). Golden Text, Ps. cxviii, 8, "It is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man." The least of a poor family is chosen by God to deliver Israel, and His army of 32,000 must be sifted and tested till there are but 300, and then they are commanded to go to battle like perfect fools, with trumpets and torches in earthen vessels instead of as well armed warriors.

LESSON X.—Ruth and Naomi (Ruth 1, 16-22). Golden Text, Rom. xii, 10, "Be kindly affectioned one to another." The golden text hardly touches the lesson this time, for the heart of the lesson is supreme devotion to God and to His people, a whole heart for God and His ways. The book sets forth the eternal purpose of God and shows how Ruth, who was a gentile, came into that purpose, as every Jew or gentile may do who will join themselves to Christ.

LESSON XI.—The boy Samuel (1 Sam. iii, 1-14). Golden Text, 1 Sam. iii, 9, "Speak, Lord, for thy servant heareth." According to H. C. Trumbull, this lesson teaches that even a child may have a place in God's house, an ear for God's call, a mind for God's service and a message at God's bidding. The sadness of it is to see an aged servant of God so out of fellowship because of iniquity tolerated that God cannot speak to him directly.

LESSON XII.—A Christmas lesson (Luke ii, 8-20). Golden Text, Luke ii, 11, "For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, who is Christ the Lord." A heavenly host and just a few of earth's poor ones interested in the greatest event that ever took place on earth, the Son of God, the Creator of all things, born of a woman to become the Saviour of sinners, and the world He made cares nothing about it. Thank God for the believing shepherds, and may we, like them, be faithful witnesses.

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### An Intelligent Dog

A gentleman once had a dog and intelligent collection. One day he lost the dog taking it through the city. He went in vain searched everywhere and at last, seeing a dog creeping leisurely along into it and settled himself on the seat. The driver tried to take it out, but without success. A little crowd collected. None of the dog, but at last a spectator shouted out, "I dare me if he don't want to go home." "That's it; that's it," they all agreed amid laughter. They then examined the dog and found an address engraved upon it. Without further delay he jumped up and drove up to the same address, which proved to be correct one. Needless to say, the dog had been in the habit of home every evening with his master, a hansom and, with doggie ready had decided to follow his usual course when he had given up hope of his master.—London Opinion.

### Dr. Jowett and Bible History

The following story of Dr. Jowett was current among the undergraduates at Oxford in my day. It had reached the master's ears that Balliol men were not so successful in the examination "Rudiments of Religion" as in the other schools, so that he determined to call up the next batch of candidates and catechise them himself in Bible history. "Mr. Smith," he is reported to have said, "what prophet went up to heaven in a chariot of fire?" "Elijah, sir." "It is disgraceful that a scholar of this college should be so ignorant! Mr. Jones?" "Elijah, sir." "Mr. Brown?" "Elijah, sir." At this point the library boy entered, and to strike the undergraduates with shame he was appealed to. "Tell these gentlemen what prophet went up to heaven in a chariot of fire." "Elijah, sir." Then ensued a pause and then, "Well, gentlemen, perhaps it was Elijah."—Cornhill Magazine.

### Butchers Who Swap Meats.

A housekeeper who went to live on the far east side of New York asked a butcher why she couldn't get from him the best cuts of meat. His shop was in Second avenue, above Thirty-fourth street. The housekeeper, although she was economical, occasionally wanted a fine steak or a choice piece of other meat for a special occasion. She learned that while the butcher bought a whole ox he did not keep the best parts of it. "Every day," he said, "I send the best meats I buy to the shops farther west. The butchers over there buy it from me, and I get from them the cheaper cuts, for which they have no use. We have a regular system of exchange."—New York Times.

### A Little Too Much.

"A wife has a right to expect much of her husband," remarked the philosophically inclined person musingly. "Yes, I suppose she has," replied the meek appearing man with wilted looking whiskers; "I suppose she has, but when she expects him to live up, steadily and without swerving, to the motto on her first husband's tombstone I somehow think she is expecting more than she really ought to expect from a common, everyday, earthly man."

### Qualified.

"Yes, he's sure to make a grand president for the college. He's had so much experience."

"I didn't know he was a prominent educator."

"He isn't. He was an insurance agent, and he can coax money out of a stone wall."—Washington Times.

### Desperate.

Doctor—To remove your mother-in-law in her present condition to the hospital would, I am afraid, prove fatal. Henripeck—Well, let's try it anyway.—Kansas City Independent.

### Inane Verboosity.

"Don't you think that Mrs. Chatson is quite a brilliant conversationalist?" "Oh, quite! She can express less in more words than any one I ever met."—Life.

### Such is the flexibility of our language

that a noble brute may be either a thoroughbred St. Bernard or a rascally foreign fortune seeker.—Washington Times.

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FIFTEENTH ANNIVERSARY.

TIN HORNS
AND
FALSE FACES.



Our Holiday Stock is now ready. Our variety and
assortment makes the selection of appreciative gifts
both easy and perfectly satisfactory. We have
a stock that contains scores of articles suit-
ed to the needs of everybody. You
are cordially invited to come and
see what we can do for you
before you purchase.

We will be glad to show you what we have and at very low
prices. Wishing you a Merry Christmas.

R. PHILLIPS & SON.

ESTRAY NOTICE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
COUNTY OF CALLAHAN Taken up by C. W.
McCollum and estrayed before F. S. Ormsby,
J. P. Precinct No. 8, the following described
animal:

One bay mare about 12 years old, about 14
hands high, branded I on left jaw, and brand
ed JOF connected, on left shoulder cross P
on left thigh, star in forehead saddle and collar
marks. Appraised at \$15. If not proven
away will be dealt with as the law directs.

Given under my hand and seal of office
this 8th day of Dec 1902. W.P. Cochran, C. C.
By J.H. Cochran, Deputy. 3-4

WANTED-FAITHFUL PERSON TO
TRAVEL for well established house in
a few counties, calling on retail mer-
chants and agents. Local territory.
Salary \$1024 a year and expenses,
payable \$19.70 a week in cash and ex-
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ing. Standard House, 334 Dearborn
St., Chicago. 3-26t

Don't forget all our buggies for actual
cost as long as they last. Come
get our prices. C. S. Boyles. 2-3t

We are in the business to stay, not
only for a few days. R. Phillips & Son

It does not matter what you want
we sell it for less. Phillips & Son. 2

Pay up your back subscription to
THE STAR if you want the paper next
year. 2t

Our assortment of goods are too
numerous to mention, come and see
for yourself. Phillips & Son. 2

Christmas Cakes.

Real Fruit Cakes and
Pound Cakes of any size.
Plain and Fancy Cakes,
Bread and Rolls always
fresh and on hand. Give
me your order.

OSCAR NITSCHKE.

500 mammas wanted at Phillips' for
dolls. Ages from 1 month to 15 years
old, at once. 2



Christmas
Games
FREE
In each pound package of
Lion
Coffee

from now until Christmas will be found a free
game, amusing and instructive—50 different kinds.
Get Lion Coffee and a Free Game
at Your Grocers.

Our Xmas Gift!

TO SOME GIRL UNDER 14 YRS. OF
AGE WILL BE AWARDED DEC. 25.
Girls, tie up your ads into neat packages
and mark with your



Harry Meyer.

NAME, AGE AND NUM-
BER YOU HAVE SAVED.

And leave with us on

Christ-
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by 4 p. m., when the
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**T. & P.'s SCHEDULE.**

**EAST BOUND.**  
 No. 6, departs.....1:20 a. m.  
 No. 4, departs..... 10:15 a. m.

**WEST BOUND.**  
 No. 5, departs..... 3:50 a. m.  
 No. 3, ..... 3:45 p. m.

J. B. HARMON, Agent.

**SOCIETY DIRECTORY.**

**CHURCHES.**

**M. E. CHURCH, SOUTH.** Preaching every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. J. A. BIGGS, Pastor. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. T. E. Powell Superintendent.

**BAPTIST CHURCH.** Preaching 2nd and 4th Sundays at 11 a. m. and at night. Rev. I. C. Underwood, Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. W. M. Coffman, Superintendent.

**EPISCOPAL CHURCH.** Services 2nd and 4th Sundays. Rev. J. W. Keeble, Pastor. Sunday school at 10:30 a. m. Mrs. F. W. James, Superintendent.

**CHRISTIAN CHURCH.** Preaching every 2nd Sunday. Church meeting at 2 p. m. every Sunday. W. A. Barnhill, Elder.

**CUMBERLAND PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Preaching 1st and 3rd Sunday at 11 a. m. and at night. W. F. Kerby Pastor. Sunday School at 10 a. m. J. N. Rushing, Supt.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.** Preaching 1st and 3rd Sundays, 11 a. m. and 8:30 p. m. Every Sunday 10:30 a. m. Mr. J. C. Gray Supt. Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night 8:30 p. m. Pastors Reading Room at church, every Wednesday all day.

REV. M. E. CHAPIN.

**LODGES**

**BAIRD LODGE, No. 22, A. F. & A. M.** Meets every Saturday night on or before full moon at 7:30 p. m. J. W. Woods, W. M. J. H. Walker, Secretary.

**BAIRD CHATEL, R. A. M. No. 182.** Meets 3rd Friday night in each month. J. B. Harmon, H. P. J. H. Walker, Secretary.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 47, K. of P.** Meets in Castle Hall Odd Fellows building, every Thursday night at 8 p. m. Visiting Knights always welcome. Van Jones, C. C. H. Schwartz, K. of R. S.

**BAIRD CAMP No. 98, W. O. W.** Meets in the Odd Fellows Hall, 1st and 2nd Monday nights of each month. W. G. Bowlin, C. C. Oris Phillips, Clerk.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 271, I. O. O. F.** Meets every Saturday night. J. J. Allen, N. G. H. Schwartz, Sec.

**ARLENE COMMANDERY, K. of T. No. 27** Meets 2nd Monday of each month. J. H. Pickett, E. C. C. W. Roberts, Rec.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 142, A. O. U. W.** Meets 2nd and 4th Tuesday in each month. Visiting brethren fraternally invited and members expected to attend. J. A. Easons, M. W. John J. Allen, Recorder.

**BAIRD LODGE No. 806, BANKERS UNION** of the World meets in the Odd Fellows hall 1st and 3rd Monday nights in each month at 8 p. m. L. L. Blackburn, President. J. H. Cochran, Sec.

**CAMP ALBERT SIDNEY JOHNSTON, No. 1** U. C. V. Meets at Baird at 1 p. m. 4th, Saturday in each month. TWO TRENT, Capt. J. E. W. Lane, Adjut.

**LOCAL NEWS**

J. F. Barton and a number of other Tecumsehites were in town yesterday.

Hugo Foy came in from Tyler to spend Christmas with his parents.

Jack Eastham was up from the Deep Creek country after Christmas goods, Monday.

Miss Robie Schwartz came in yesterday from Dallas, where she is attending school.

Mrs. Lillie Leach and little son of Handley are visiting Mrs. Leach's mother, Mrs. Kane.

Mrs. Poindexter, wife of Dr. E. P. Poindexter arrived last week from Mississippi, and they have moved in to their new residence in the East part of town.

Mr. B. F. Potts who moved to McLennan County last year has returned to Callahan County to make his home again.

Miss Bertha Willis, of Big Springs, came down Sunday to attend the Nelson-Pratt wedding and to visit friends. She was the guest of Miss Hines.

Dick Price came in from the west the first of the week, but returned Tuesday night to finish delivering cattle sold by Mr. Sharp.

Morgan Price, Clark Smith and others from Admiral were up trading the first of the week.

There was a killing in Cisco Monday. We did not learn the particulars. The man killed was named Cline.

Berney Richardson is home from Waco to spend the holidays with the home folks.

Master Fred Speer who is attending Peacock's School for Boys, at San Antonio, will spend Christmas with his parents at Baird.

Passenger trains run on most any old time these days. The train from the East did not arrive Sunday night until about 10 p. m. Nearly seven hours late. Most of the causes of delay we understand is East of Ft. Worth.

**You can lead a horse to water but you cant make him drink.**



**It Is So!**

I can tell you about our 20 per cent. Discount on Clothing, but if you don't come and look at the clothes you will not know what bargains I am offering you.

**LOOK AT OUR CHRISTMAS GOODS.**

We have Ping Pong, Lawn Tennis and other attractive games. We have Books, Dolls and Golden Slippers for the little fellows.

**B. L. BOYDSTUN.**

**NOTICE.**

I have been lenient with all those who owe me and have accommodated them as much as possible, now I need money and I earnestly request all who owe me to come and settle up and take a new start, the coming year.

H. MEYER.

**ADVERTISED LETTERS.**

The following is a list of letters remaining in P. O. at Baird, Texas for the week ending Dec. 22, 1902. Parties calling for same please say advertised.

Mr. J. H. Allen.  
 Dr. W. K. Louiss.  
 M. Massie.  
 Mrs. L. M. Mann.  
 Mr. Marvin Massie.  
 Mr. Oscar Marshall.  
 Mr. J. R. Randle.  
 Wm. McMANIS, P. M.

**NOTICE.**

I have a larger amount due me on subscription than for any year since I started THE STAR, fifteen years ago, and need money worse than at any time in all these years. Most of these amounts are small, ranging from one to (a few) as high as ten dollars. Nine out of ten who owe me these small amounts could pay if they would only think of it. Come help me out, and I will appreciate it. If you cannot pay all pay what you can. I must have money to pay my debts and I cannot borrow it consequently the only way I can get it is to collect what is due me. This request is made to those who are in arrears on subscription, not to those who always pay in advance.

W. E. GILLILAND.

**\$1000 CASH IN ONE DAY.**

Where do the people buy dry goods, boots, shoes, hats, clothing and millinery in Baird? At T. E. Powell's of course! The cash receipts of over one thousand dollars at Powell's last Monday is proof that the people know where to get bargains.

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Mr. and Mrs. H. F. Powell are visiting relatives in the city.

Miss Bessie Foy is at home from the Denton Normal School to spend Christmas with her parents.

We regret to learn that Mr. F. S. Bell's little son, who has had fever for over three months, has had another relapse. He was clear of fever for two days last week, but it returned Monday as formerly.

**CARTER & SPENCER,**

**ONE PRICE GROCERS.**

Respectfully ask a share of your patronage. We have a complete line of Fresh Groceries and Feed. Give us a trial. Telephone 114.

**NOTICE.**

All persons who have ordered grape cuttings, Texas Queen, from me are notified that cuttings are now ready. Please call and get them.

R. PHILLIPS.

Moore's Pitules are a guaranteed cure for all forms of Malaria, Ague, Chills and Fever, Swamp Fever, Malarial Fever, Bilious Fever, Jaundice, Billiousness, fetid breath and a tired, listless feeling. They cure Rheumatism and the lassitude following blood poisoning. No Quinine. No Arsenic, Acids or Iron. Do not ruin stomach or teeth. Entirely tasteless. Price, 50c per box. Dr. C. C. Moore Co. No 310 North Main Street St. Louis, Mo 8-tf.

**A Cold Wave.**

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C. S. Boyles. 2-31

If you want to save money on your purchases of Xmas goods go to Phillips & Son, and do not hesitate to call for what you want.

**ESTRAY NOTICE.**

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Callahan, Reported by James Randall Co. Commissioner Precinct No. 4 Callahan Co., P. O. Cottonwood, Tex. the following described animals to wit: One sorrel horse about 12 years old, 14 1/2 hands high. No brand. If not legally proven away will be dealt with as the law directs. Given my hand and seal of office at Baird, Tex., this day of Dec. 1902.

W. E. Cochran, clerk county court.

The city ordinance against shooting fire crackers on the streets seems to be a dead letter, as no attention whatever is paid to the law. Boys will be boys, we know, and if they will shoot fire crackers on the streets, we hope they will be careful. If we get through Christmas without a disastrous fire in town we will certainly be in luck.

**THE PREMIUM STOVE.**

Mr. Harry Meyer requests us to announce that the counting of coupons will be postponed from Thursday to Friday evening at 4 p. m., as Thursday is Christmas day and rather inconvenient to all parties. Get up your coupons and have them at Mr. Meyer's store before 4 p. m. to-morrow, Friday Dec. 26, A. D. 1902.

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**\$1000 CASH RECEIPTS.**

Mr. Tom Powell says he took in a few dollars over one thousand dollars in cash last Monday. That is a pretty good days business in any line of business—the newspaper business excepted of course. A thousand dollars a day for a country weekly is so (un) common that none of us ever mention it.

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**Saved at Grave's Brink.**

"I know I would long go have been in my grave," writes Mrs. S. H. Newsum, of Decatur, Ala., "if it had not been for Electric Bitters. For three years I suffered untold agony from the worst forms of Indigestion, Water-brash, Stomach and Bowel Dyspepsia. But this excellent medicine did me a world of good. Since using it I can eat heartily and have gained 35 pounds." For Indigestion, Loss of Appetite, Stomach, and Liver and Kidney troubles Electric Bitters are a positive, guaranteed cure. Only 50c at Powell & Powell's drug store, Baird Texas, and Y. A. Orr's drug store, Putnam, Texas.

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Everything is in a name when it comes to Witch Hazel Salve. E. C. DeWitt & Co. of Chicago, discovered, some years ago, how to make a salve from Witch Hazel that is a specific for Piles. For Blind, bleeding, itching and protruding Piles, eczema, cuts, burns, bruises and all skin diseases De Witts has no equal. This has given rise to numerous worthless counterfeits. Ask for DeWitt's—the genuine. Sold by Powell & Powell, Baird Tex.

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# BIG BLOCKS BURNED

Knoxville, Tenn., Visited by an immense conflagration.

## GREAT DAMAGE DONE

A Number of the Most Extensive Establishments Suffer Considerable Losses, Aggregate Being Half a Million Dollars.

Knoxville, Tenn., Dec. 22.—The worst fire which ravaged the business portion of this city since the disastrous million dollar conflagration of 1897 broke out at 1:30 o'clock this morning in the immense four story building on Commerce avenue, directly opposite the central fire station, and occupied by the Knoxville Pants company. In two hours' time the buildings adjoining it on Commerce avenue, occupied by Broyles, McClellan & Lackey, agricultural implement dealers; L. David Commission company; the immense establishment of the George Brown Hardware company, on Cay street; the Shanklin Grain company and the R. H. Gate & Company buildings on the same street, had been completely gutted. The six-story building of McTeer, Hood & Co., wholesale clothing, and the building of the Davies Furniture company, which were reported destroyed, withstood the storm of flames and were but little damaged. Brandau & Kennedy, retail clothing; W. T. Newton, jeweler; Whittle-Spence Trunk company and other retail stores were considerably damaged.

Conservative insurance men say the loss will be between four and five hundred thousand dollars. Other estimates place it much higher.

The McTeer and Davies buildings seemed doomed, and although they were in flames time and again they were saved with small damage by the heroic work of the firemen.

Several other structures were on fire at times, including the big establishment of Gillespie Shields & Co., wholesale haters, but they were saved. The fire was a very spectacular one and attracted a crowd numbering thousands. It is a miracle no one was hurt with showers of falling glass and terrific explosions in the Brown Hardware company building that scattered bricks, burning embers and all conceivable articles of merchandise.

Chatanooga was called on for aid when the fire was at its height and an engine company was run by special train twenty-nine miles in twenty-three minutes, then stopped by wire, the fire being under control.

The collapse of the Brown Hardware company's building saved the business district from a loss of \$2,600,000 at least, the flames being easily handled after that big structure had fallen.

The heaviest loss was that of George Brown Hardware Co. It carried \$150,000 stock. The building was owned by Colonel Charles M. McGhee New York, and valued at \$30,000.

All firms damaged except the David Commission company were well insured. Had the McTeer, Hood & Co. building been destroyed, as reported, the loss would have been nearly \$250,000 additional.

## DISASTER TERRIBLE.

Two Thousand People Killed and Sixteen Thousand Homes Demolished.

London, Dec. 22.—A dispatch from New Marghelan, Russian Turkestan, reports the earthquake at and near Andjan killed 2000 people and destroyed 16,000 homes. The rumblings continue. The authorities so far have not been able to cope with the destitute population.

## Hope Was on Fire.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 22.—Standard Oil company barge No. 48 was towed in port. She was set on fire by accident. One of her crew, named George Riley, lost his life. The barge was loaded with gasoline.

## Princess Has Died.

Dresden, Dec. 22.—The crown princess of Saxony died from her home on the night of Dec. 21 according to a Dresden journal. She is said to have been in an excited state, leaving her family at Salzburg and going abroad.

## Received a Message.

Rome, Dec. 22.—King Victor Emanuel received a wireless message from Marconi, forwarded from Cape Breton, via Cornwall, and sent a congratulatory reply.

## Drouth Effects Shown.

Sydney, N. S. W., Dec. 22.—The serious drouth is shown by the wool traffic on the railroads of New South Wales for the current year, which is only 340,000 bales, compared with 527,000 bales in 1901.

## Choate in Turkey.

Constantinople, Dec. 22.—Mr. Choate, the American ambassador to Great Britain, and Mrs. Choate arrived Sunday. They were welcomed by the staff of the American legation. They proceeded to Bremej, where they will spend several days.

## President and Family Back.

Washington, Dec. 22.—President Roosevelt and family have returned from Rapidan, Va.

## Bryan Goes to City of Mexico.

Austin, Dec. 22.—Colonel W. J. Bryan has one to the City of Mexico. His family went with him from here.

## TWENTY-THREE DEAD.

This Number Have Died and Four More Are in a Critical State.

San Francisco, Dec. 22.—A revised list of victims of the railroad collision on the Southern Pacific railroad near Byron station shows the following: Twenty-three dead: Robert Renwick, William L. Temple, Leonard S. Erwin, Tung Tai Gung, Chinese woman, Ah Quoy, Chinese girl, Richard Post, Yukin Malgowa, Hadru Malgowa, Mrs. Elizabeth Smith, Clarence B. Cluffs, Miss Mabel Vesey, Miss Birdie Elliott, Charles A. Sessions, Charles Owens, Miss Minnie Mayer, E. S. Eastman, Fong Dick, Chinese woman, Carl ayer, unidentified white woman, Miss Alice Sullivan, D. K. Vernon, two unidentified Chinese.

There are still twenty-one injured survivors of the accident. The condition of four of these is extremely critical, and additional names may yet have to be added to the death list.

Official investigation into the cause of the disaster has been begun by the coroner, Curry, of Contra Costa county, who proposes to thoroughly sift the evidence in order to fix the responsibility.

There appears to be no doubt that the Stockton flyer, which ran into the coal train, was signalled and the engineer responded with whistle and threw on the brakes. The question which remains open is whether or not the signal was given in time to avert the collapse.

## SURVIVORS ARRIVE.

Those Left of the Crews of Frank Palmer and Louise B. Crary at Boston.

Boston, Dec. 22.—The Manhasset has arrived with ten of the survivors of the crews of the schooners Frank A. Palmer and Louise B. Crary, which were in collision in Massachusetts bay Wednesday. Ten men on both vessels were drowned in the collision, the balance, eleven, took to one boat. Three of these subsequently went insane and jumped overboard, two died from exposure and two went insane after getting ashore. Both captains were saved.

The Crary was a five-masted schooner and the Palmer a four-masted schooner. They were both coal laden and bound for Boston. At 8 a. m. Sunday, when the Manhasset was off Highland light, the lookout sighted a small boat with men who were making signals of distress. The Manhasset changed her course and bore down on the little craft, which proved to be the boat which had been launched from the Crary. Only ten men aboard her were alive, and they were almost helpless as a result of their exposure to the weather.

Saturday night one man became crazed by suffering, and shouting at the top of his voice that the police were after him, jumped overboard and disappeared.

Four other members of the little boat's company died from exhaustion and exposure to which they had been subjected. All the survivors were frost-bitten, and some of them will probably have to have feet and hands amputated.

The Manhasset came into the harbor showing signals for assistance, and by the time she arrived at the wharf ambulances were ready to transfer the sailors to hospitals. Only six of the men could be removed, however.

## RIGGINS LOSES.

His Motion to Punish Waco Aldermen is Overruled by State Supreme Court.

Austin, Dec. 22.—The supreme court overruled the motion of J. W. Riggins to punish W. H. Thompson et al., members of the Waco city council, for contempt in having ousted Riggins from office when there was application for writ of error pending in the supreme court. The decision is quite lengthy and reviews every feature of the case, and was handed down by Chief Justice Gaines. The court held in effect that the restraining order issued by Judge Poindexter at Meridian expired by its own terms at hearing before Judge Surratt and the appeal could not keep it alive or keep it in force. The effect of this decision is that impeachment proceedings by the Waco council will stand and be in effect unless set aside in new proceedings instituted by Riggins in the nature of quo warranto or by mandamus in the district court. The motion for rehearing will be filed immediately by attorneys for Riggins.

## Important Ruling.

Austin, Dec. 22.—Internal Revenue Collector Planagan gave out a ruling from Commissioner Internal Revenue Yerkes at Washington to the effect that on and after Jan. 3, 1903, all druggists, confectioners and others who sell soda water or similar beverages to which distilled spirits, wines or any other compounds are added for flavoring will be considered retail liquor dealers and will have to pay the tax of \$750. This is a very important ruling and is alleged to affect every druggist and confectioner in the state.

## Trains Collide.

Colorado City, Tex., Dec. 22.—A Texas and Pacific freight train left the main line and crashed into a stock train being loaded on a spur, disabling the stock train engine, telescoping several cars, killing several cattle. Two or three Mexicans assisting in loading the stock train were slightly injured. Trainmen of the freight saved themselves by jumping. The switch had been opened waiting for the stock train to back out onto the main line.

## Johnston at Caracas.

Washington, Dec. 22.—Lieutenant Marbury Johnston sent by Admiral Dewey to Caracas for the relief of Minister Bowen, has arrived.

## THE SUNDAY SCHOOL.

LESSON 1, FIRST QUARTER, INTERNATIONAL SERIES, JAN. 4.

Text of the Lesson, Acts xvi, 22-34. Memory Verses, 29-32—Golden Text, Acts xvi, 31—Commentary Prepared by the Rev. D. M. Stearns.

[Copyright, 1902, by American Press Association.] 22-24. And the multitude rose up together against them, and the magistrates rent off their clothes and commanded to beat them.

Our last lesson in this book, six months ago, left the messengers of the Lord rejoicing in their welcome to the home of Lydia, who had just opened her heart to receive the Lord Jesus. The public confession by baptism of herself and her household caused joy in heaven as well as on earth (Luke xv, 7, 10). This was too much for the adversary, so he begins a special work of opposition through the damsel and the rulers of the city, which resulted in the beating and imprisonment of Paul and Silas.

25. And at midnight Paul and Silas prayed and sang praises unto God, and the prisoners heard them.

When Saul of Tarsus first became a disciple of the Lord Jesus, he was told that he must suffer for His sake, even as the Lord taught His disciples while with them that the world would hate them and they must not be offended if the religious Jews should put them out of the synagogue and kill them (Acts ix, 16; John xv, 18; xvi, 1, 2). Their bleeding bodies, their feet in the stocks and the darkness and loathsomeness of the inner prison do not separate them from the love of God nor break their communion with Him. They are filled with prayer and praise, according to Ps. xxxiv, 1, and, like Daniel and his friends, they are victors through the presence of Christ with them.

26. Immediately all the doors were opened, and every one's hands were loosed. Their songs were heard in heaven as well as on earth and, though they had no influence in the city, see the power they had in heaven—a quaking earth, foundation walls shaking, prison doors open, prisoners' bonds loosed by the Master of those men who felt all that was done to them as done to Himself and part of whose mission was to give deliverance to captives and opened prisons to those who were bound (Isa. lxi, 1).

27, 28. Paul cried with a loud voice, saying, Do thyself no harm, for we are all here.

While the righteous were suffering the ungodly were in health and asleep, but if the ungodly had slept into eternity how fearful their condition! See and believe Luke xvi, 22, 23; Rev. xiv, 9-11; Job xxxvi, 18. What a mercy to awaken such ere it be too late! The jailer, in his blindness, not knowing of the hereafter, would have madly rushed into it and have found himself in hopeless despair had not Paul returned good for evil and kindly cried to him.

29, 30. Then he called for a light and sprang in and came trembling and fell down before Paul and Silas and brought them out and said, Sirs, what must I do to be saved?

This is the work of the Holy Spirit whom Jesus sent from the Father and of whom He said, When He is come, He will convince of sin, of righteousness and of judgment (John xvi, 8). The jailer had never had to do with prisoners like these nor had he ever met with kindness in return for such treatment as he had given to these two men. He saw in them those who had power that was not of earth; he saw that they were his friends, for men whom he had treated as he had these might naturally have let him take his life and been glad of it, but they had begged him not to harm himself. He has been powerfully wrought upon for his soul's good; he sees his danger and turns to those in whom he had seen the supernatural. See in Job xxxiii, 18, 29, and the context how much God does to save a soul and what it cost Him to save us.

31, 32. And they said, Believe on the Lord Jesus Christ and thou shalt be saved and thy house. And they spake unto him the word of the Lord and to all that were in his house.

God's way of salvation is, believe, receive, behold, take—it is all fully prepared and provided in Christ, and the invitation to all is, Come—come now, with the assurance that no one who comes shall ever be turned away (Isa. i, 18; lv, 1; Matt. xxii, 4; John i, 12, 29; vi, 37; Rev. xxii, 17). Without anything whatever on our part but a sense of our need, He asks us to accept the gift of eternal life, this life being in His Son, His unspeakable gift (Rom. vi, 23; I John v, 11; II Cor. ix, 15). The sinner is not asked to do a single thing but confess himself a sinner and accept that which God has provided.

33, 34. When he had brought them into his house, he set meat before them and rejoiced, believing in God with all his house.

Being saved by grace, he at once begins to work, for we are saved in order to work. See carefully Eph. ii, 8-10; Tit. iii, 5, 8. Having become a child of God, he begins at once to confess it by baptism and manifest it by kindness. The same hour he washed their stripes, took them into his own house and cared for them. He became at once a member of the church, the body of Christ, a temple of the Holy Ghost, and, having turned to God from idols, he began to serve the living and true God and to wait for His Son from heaven (I Thess. i, 9, 10). Faith in Christ, receiving Christ, brings salvation, and then the love of Christ constrains to good works. He is at once filled with joy and peace in believing (Rom. xv, 13), and notice that his household is with him in this. God loves to save households. Think of Lydia, of Noah, of Rahab and their households. Plead those instances with God and trust Him for your household.

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## OVER TWENTY HURT

None of the Passengers on the Train That Crashed into the Other One Were Injured and Owl Crew All Escaped.

Byron, Cal., Dec. 21.—As a result of a rear-end collision between the Stockton flyer and the owl train on the Southern Pacific railroad at Byron Springs Saturday, sixteen persons were killed, three more died, and more than a score were injured severely. Twenty-seven injured passengers were put on a train to be taken to the Southern Pacific hospital at San Francisco. The owl train had stopped at Byron Springs on account of a broken locomotive. A brakeman went back to flag the Stockton train, but for some reason the "flyer" did not stop. The list of identified dead follows:

- Elizabeth L. Smith, Fresno.
- Clarence D. Oluffs, Fresno.
- Miss Birdie Elliott, San Francisco.
- Mabel Vezev, Modesto, Cal.
- Geo. Sessions, Oakland.
- Charles Owens, Fresno.
- Miss Myers, Fresno.
- Robert Renick, San Francisco.
- Len Irwin, Oakland.
- W. F. Temple, Oakland.
- Tung Tia Gong, a Chinese girl.

At the Southern Pacific hospital, San Francisco, two more victims of the Byron wreck died, Richard Post of Fowler, Cal., a medical student, and Mini Magawa, a Japanese girl, and the death of Mary Baird, another victim was reported from Oakland.

This makes the total number of deaths nineteen.

None of the passengers of the Stockton train was injured and all of the crew of the "owl" escaped unhurt.

The Fresno coach was completely telescoped. So forcibly did the local meet the rear of the "owl" that the end of the second car, the dining car, was smashed in and the three cooks were seriously hurt. It seems miraculous that the horror of fire was not added to the direful disaster, but the panned up victims were, with seemingly providential intervention, spared from flame, for the oil burners were extinguished when the crash came.

Relief quickly came to the passengers who were penned in the wreckage, axes and saws being brought into play, and passengers and train crew lending eager aid. Messengers were sent to Byron Hot Springs, a short distance, and Dr. Byrd, of the Springs, who was a guest came quickly to the scene. A trained nurse accompanied them and first aid was at once given to the mangled, bruised and scalded sufferers who were lying near the tracks. Every effort was made to alleviate their sufferings and those who were unable to proceed on the journey were taken either to the springs hotel or the church in Byron, which was temporarily transformed into a hospital.

## TWO TERRITORIES.

Conductor W. S. Dickey of the Santa Fe was struck by a bridge timber while crossing the Washita river near Dougherty, I. T., and killed.

The Ozark and Cherokee Central railroad has reached Fort Gibson, I. T. Rev. Henry L. A. Fink, rector of the Episcopal church at Boonville, Mo., and Miss Ida A. Roff of Anadarko, Okla., a missionary among the Indians, were married at El Reno, Bishop Brooke officiating.

In a fight between a citizens' posse and two alleged highwaymen at Providence, I. T., one of the alleged robbers was shot in a limb. He was taken to Ardmore. The limb was amputated, but he died.

Senate confirmed the following Oklahoma postmasters: C. F. Neerman, Stillwater; W. H. Campbell, Anadarko; W. M. English, Hobart; J. T. White, Lawton; M. A. Younkman, McLoud; W. C. Johnson, Granite.

## Cherokee Bill Smith Caught.

Las Animas, Col., Dec. 22.—"Cherokee Bill" Smith, for whom posses have scoured the southeastern part of Colorado in an effort to effect his capture, has been taken by three Bent county deputy sheriffs in the neighborhood of Big Cedars, a wild unsettled district near the southeastern boundary line of the state. Eight shots were fired at Smith before he surrendered. Smith was being pursued on the charge of having robbed the postoffice at Carlton several weeks ago in company with two others. The latter, it is believed, succeeded in reaching the Indian Territory. Smith is a half-breed Indian.

## Vessel Thought Burned.

Gloucester, Mass., Dec. 22.—It is believed that a large vessel, either a tank steamer with oil or a sailing craft loaded with some highly inflammable material was burned in Massachusetts by about twenty miles outside of Boston harbor. A life saving crew from West Gloucester made a strong effort to reach her but a stiff southeast gale drove them back when they were still ten miles away from the burning vessel.

## Young Man Asphyxiated.

Beaumont, Tex., Dec. 22.—Thilton Holt, a young man, was asphyxiated while on a derrick over the Alamo Oil company's well in the Hogg-Swayne tract Sunday.

## Captured Six Thousand Pounds.

El Reno, Okla., Dec. 22.—Game Warden Gould captured 6000 pounds of outlawed game consigned to St. Louis parties. It was the largest haul ever made in Oklahoma.

## STONE'S ORDER.

He Directs That Sons of Veterans Hold Two Meetings Each Month.

Waco, Tex., Dec. 22.—Commander in Chief Thos. P. Stone has issued an order to the camps of United Sons of Confederate Veterans in which he directs that each camp hold two special meetings in every month between Jan. 7 and the general reunion at New Orleans, the meeting to be held on the first and third Wednesdays. At each of the meetings it is directed that two comrades make addresses on one of the following topics, taking them in the order in which they come:

- First—The moral and legal right of the south to secede.
- Second—The first battle of Bull Run.
- Third—Stonewall Jackson's valley campaign.
- Fourth—The battle of Shiloh.
- Fifth—The battle of the Wilderness.
- Sixth—The southern man before, during and after the war.
- Seventh—The southern women before, during and after the war.
- Eighth—The histories that should be taught in our public schools and our duty to that end.

The object is to arouse interest in the organization.

## MARRIED ON DEATHBED.

Pathetic Ceremony Was Enacted in the City of San Antonio.

San Antonio, Dec. 22.—Aloysius J. Schmidtbeaur of Milwaukee, Wis., a member of a prominent family of that city, died here Saturday morning, leaving a bride of a week who had come from Milwaukee and wedded him on his deathbed, after an engagement of seven years' standing. The bride was Miss Anna V. Faust, also of a prominent and well to do Milwaukee family, and closely related to Tony Faust, the restaurateur of St. Louis. Schmidtbeaur came to this city three months ago for relief from a lung affection, but grew rapidly worse and his relatives were notified about two weeks ago that he could not live. Miss Faust came here on the 16th. They were married by Father Smith of St. Mary's cathedral, the groom being barely able to speak and having to be assisted in placing the ring upon his bride's finger. The heartbroken wife took her loved one's remains to Milwaukee.

## Not Guilty.

Tyler, Tex., Dec. 22.—Tom Brownling was acquitted of the killing of Sam Elliott in the district court here, the difficulty occurred at a church near Garden Valley, this county. The deceased was stabbed twenty times with a large long bladed pocketknife. Three of the wounds were in the heart. The tragedy was enacted over a year ago.

## Detectives Investigating.

Louisville, Ky., Dec. 22.—Five eastern insurance detectives have arrived to investigate the death of F. C. Wayne, the Louisville man who was found dead near his home here with a gunshot wound in his breast. Mr. Wayne's life was insured for over \$400,000 and the coroners jury returned a verdict of accidental death. Sunday afternoon the detectives visited the scene of the tragedy in search of additional evidence.

## Found Guilty.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 22.—The jury brought in a verdict of guilty against William J. Potter, for the murder of Frederick Taylor, the colored body servant of Gugie Bourquin, a wealthy planter. His son, Wayne Potter, on trial in the same charge was acquitted but will be tried for the murder of Bourquin, who met death together with his servant.

## Brief Services.

New York, Dec. 22.—In the mausoleum on Riverside Drive brief and simple exercises were conducted Sunday over the remains of Mrs. Ulysses S. Grant. In addition to the members of the Grant family there was present among the 500 persons to whom invitations had been sent, Gov. Odell, Mayor Low, Secretary of War E. H. Root, Rear Admiral Barker and staff, Generals James Grant Wilson, Granville Dodge, Horatio C. King, Chas. F. Roe, N. Y. N. G. and staff, Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Carnegie and many federal and municipal officials and officers of the army and navy stationed in the city.

## Preparing His Message.

Austin, Dec. 22.—Governor Sayers continues hard at work preparing his retiring message for the next legislature. It will no doubt, be an interesting document, and one of historical value, as it is understood he will make it thorough just at this time, when Texas is entering on her greatest era.

## Storically Wounded.

Vinita, I. T., Dec. 22.—A leading citizen of Wagoner named Skaggs was held up by a negro and mortally wounded.

## Case Dismissed.

Paris, Dec. 22.—The order dismissing the case against Jean de Rydzewski, in whose apartments Mrs. Ellen Gore was shot November 19 has been signed.

## Got Fifty Years.

Clarksville, Tex., Dec. 22.—J. D. McRae, charged with criminal assault upon a six-year-old girl, was given fifty years in the penitentiary.

## Congressmen's Commission.

Austin, Dec. 22.—The secretary of state has issued the commissions of the sixteen congressmen-elect.

## Killed from Ambush.

Strawn, Tex., Dec. 22.—Henry Ott, who lives ten miles south of Strawn, was shot from ambush and killed.

## General Egan at San Antonio.

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## JONES ON ROOSEVELT.

Mayor of Toledo Says President Solved the Problem.

Chicago, Dec. 22.—"Theodore Roosevelt, as a man, is greater than the government he represents. While the government of the United States was unable to restore peace in the anthracite region, Roosevelt, not as president, but as a man suggested a rational way to settle the trouble. The man triumphed and the problem was solved."

Thus spoke Samuel M. (Golden Rule) Jones, mayor of Toledo, O., before the Chicago Peace society Sunday. He sought to show that force of arms was futile, that war was inexorable and that killing in battle was murder.

Mayor Jones declared, however, that he was an optimist, and in spite of recent wars he said the world was better than it was 100 years ago and was continually improving. That brought him to the late coal strike in Pennsylvania and caused the reference to the president.

Mayor Jones criticized Major General Young, who at a banquet in Cleveland on Saturday night spoke of the necessity of force to maintain the supremacy of the nation's commerce.

"No one will accuse me of being unpatriotic," said Mr. Jones, "but I would not raise a boy to go into the army or the navy to support commerce of this kind."

## ATTENDED CHURCH.

President's Family Rode in a Large Carriage in Old Dominion.

Rapidan, Va., Dec. 22.—In a driving rain the president, Mrs. Roosevelt and four of their children, accompanied by their host, Mr. Joseph Wilmer, went horseback riding Sunday afternoon. The party left the Wilmer mansion shortly after 3 o'clock in the afternoon, and did not return until 5 o'clock. It has rained hard and incessantly since an early hour Saturday night. Sunday morning the president and his family and Mr. Wilmer drove to the picturesque little Episcopal church in the Rapidan to attend divine service. The trip was made in a big carriage capable of seating comfortably ten persons. It was drawn by four horses.

## SECRECY SOLVED.

Marconi Transmits Wireless Messages from Canadian Coast to England.

Halifax, Dec. 22.—After tests conducted with the great secretary, Marconi reports that he has solved the secrecy of wireless trans-Oceanic telegraph and has transmitted wireless telegrams from the shores of Canada to the coast of England. The formal announcement of this achievement was made by the inventor himself Sunday, when he stated that the wireless messages had been successfully transmitted and forwarded from the governor general of Canada to King Edward VII. of Great Britain, and to the king of Italy. Dr. George R. Parkin, principal of Upper Canada college, trustee of Rhodes scholarship, was present when one of the successful tests was made.

## Beside Her Husband.

New York, Dec. 22.—The body of the late Mrs. Grant lies in the great red granite sarcophagus beside that in which the remains of her husband rest in the tombs at Riverside Park.

## Colonel Bryan Arrives.

Austin, Dec. 22.—Colonel W. J. Bryan spent a few hours here Sunday. He was en route to Leander, where his wife and children are visiting.

## NEWS IN BRIEF.

Strike of teamsters and freight loaders at New Orleans was a failure.

Conditions in Zapata county, Texas, are reported good owing to the rains.

John D. Rockefeller has contributed another \$1,000,000 to the University of Chicago.

Thirty-five parties, alleged to have been gambling, were arrested at Denison, Tex.

New York board of aldermen voted \$250,000 to buy coal for the poor of that city.

The carnival at Galveston attracted many visitors. The vehicle parade was a feature.

Eighteen gymnasts froze to death in Hungary. Other deaths from the same cause are reported.

The remains of a negro were strewn along the Cotton Belt railroad for a quarter of a mile near Gilmer, Tex.

A fire at Temple, Tex., resulted in several firms being burned out and a total loss of several thousand dollars.

Herman Meyer, while walking along a railroad track at Moulton, Tex., was run over and killed by a train.

Diamond City Investment company, capital stock \$75,000, has been established at South McAlester, I. T.

T. J. Thornton, on trial at Amarillo, Tex., charged with killing Sam Gregory in Brisco county, was acquitted.

At San Antonio J. R. Walker got judgment against the Galveston, Harrisburg and San Antonio Railway company for \$10,000.

J. A. Stewart of Palestine, Texas, sold to F. O. Ball of St. Louis 16,553 acres of land in Anderson county. Consideration was \$69,375.

Ed Follensby, deceased, left her property, valued at \$15,000, to a farm hand named Henry Roseman, residing near Hartsville, Mo.

While searching for two girls and a man in a crap game room Mrs. Lizzie Russell of Marion, Ill., was shot in a thigh and parted company with a hanger.

The damage done to the stock of the Daniel Millinery company of Dallas by the recent fire is estimated at \$50,000, with \$30,000 insurance. Water did the greatest damage.

Because her husband wished her to ride a bicycle, Mrs. Dora Thompson of Joplin, Mo., has filed suit for divorce. She alleged he wished her to ride from Colorado to Missouri.

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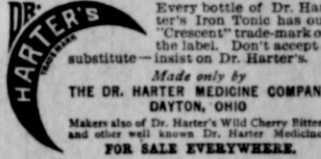
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A Yuletide Tale of Two Homes

**R**IDGEWOOD had a thief! When I, Detective Martinet of the metropolitan secret service, was called out there, I found the town in a state of excitement over the robberies. The principal ones had taken place in the mansion of Colonel Payne, the richest man in Ridgewood. There had been four burglaries at the Payne mansion. The first night silver was taken—small pieces—consisting of spoons, forks, after dinner coffees and knives.

The second night a small rocking chair disappeared and several velvet covered footstools and nice little articles of bric-a-brac designed for Christmas gifts. The third night all the children's Christmas toys that had been carefully stored away in a Santa Claus cupboard by Colonel Payne and his wife, ready for Christmas eve, disappeared, and the fourth night the cellar was pillaged of its wine and fruits.

"Looks as if it was somebody inside the house," said the colonel after we had been over the ground pretty well.

"Not exactly," said I, "or why would they take a rocking chair?"

The party that accompanied me through the house consisted of the



"I NEVER SAW ANYTHING SO LOVELY."

colonel and his wife, the oldest daughter, a girl of fifteen, and the colonel's private secretary, William Winter.

"This is the window they got in at the first night," said Winter, pointing to a bay window on the ground floor leading out of the dining room. "And this is the one they got in at the other nights," pointing to another big window that was in the staircase hall alongside the front door.

"Why didn't they always enter at the same window?" I asked curiously.

"That's what bothers me," said Winter, "but you can see for yourself that they didn't," pointing to trampled places under both of the windows.

"You see it was this way," said the colonel. "We were greatly alarmed the first night when the silver was taken, and we set a watch over the things. From that night to the present this house has been steadily guarded from the inside every night, from dark until daylight. And yet we have had three robberies during that time. It is the strangest thing I ever saw, and I'd give \$500 to catch the burglars."

"Are they operating anywhere else in Ridgewood?"

"Yes," said Winter promptly, "they tried to steal some things out of the church last night, and a week ago they broke into the office of the gas company."

"Are you familiar there?" I asked.

"Yes," said Winter.

"One thing more, colonel, before I go," I said. "Will you tell me the name of the person who was on guard in your house the last three nights?"

"I was the person," said Winter.

"All right, colonel," I said. "I am going back to the city today to stay about a week, but I will be back Christmas eve, and then I will look up your thief for you. And, by the way, you might get ready for your Christmas tree, for I expect to give you all your things back in time for your Christmas celebration."

The colonel looked skeptical and Winter shook his head sadly.

"Don't you think you had better stay here if you are going to look for him?" asked the colonel.

"No," I said. "It isn't necessary. Good day, you can look for me Christmas eve."

I said goodby, but I didn't leave Ridgewood after all. I only went away far enough to hide myself in a certain little hotel in the little town, and there I waited and watched—did as slick detective work as I ever did in my life, even in a big city on the biggest robbery I ever had.

Christmas eve found me, not in the colonel's home, but out in the cold, frosty air, looking into the window of a little cottage. The cottage was the end one in a row of wooden houses, each with a grass plot around it. It belonged to William Winter, private secretary to Colonel Payne; and in the cottage lived Winter and his wife and Winter's wife's mother; also six little

Winters varying in age all the way from four to twelve years.

"I never saw anything so lovely in all my life, papa," the oldest Winter girl was saying as I pressed my nose against the glass and peered in through the narrow strip between the window sash and the casement.

There inside of the room stood a little Christmas tree upon a big box, and upon the tree and all around the foot of it stood dozens of beautiful Christmas gifts. Such a Christmas tree you never saw! There were little things in silver—spoons, forks, after dinner coffees and knives, and there was a rocking chair, also several little footstools and little articles of bric-a-brac, all newly covered with cheap chintz. And there were toys. Oh, so many toys! And upon the table at the side of the tree stood the best of wines and Christmas fruits.

"How sweet of you, Will!" Winter's pretty wife said as she threw her arms around his neck and kissed him. "How did you ever guess that I wanted all those silver things for the table?"

"And did any one ever see such a son-in-law?" cried the old lady as her eyes fell upon the table with the wine and fruits.

"I have got the goodest papa in the world," yelled the six year old, while the others chimed in "Yeth" as they made a dive for the toys.

"I could sit in this rocking chair for a week," murmured Winter's wife, rocking herself back and forth with her foot on the gayly covered footstool, "if it wasn't that I felt as if I wanted to get up and kiss you again," she said to Winter for the twentieth time as she looked around.

"Now go to bed, all of you," cried Winter, "and something extra for the one who starts first. Don't let me hear a word from you again until tomorrow morning at breakfast, and then we'll have Christmas all day."

He hustled them out of the room, and when I tapped on the door there was no one left downstairs to open it but he.

"Well, what are you going to do about it?" I asked, stepping into the room and pointing to all the Christmas things.

"I don't know," said he, dropping down by the table and hiding his face in his hands. "I don't know, I am sure. It will kill her if you tell her."

"What made you take them?" I asked.

"Because he's got so much he doesn't know what to do with it," said Winter. "So I took them all easy like and thought it would blow over in a few days. You see, we have so many babies in our family," he added, "that there wasn't much left this year for Christmas, and the children have been talking about it every day for the last three months. It broke my heart to think I'd have to disappoint them, so I did the best I could for them."

"You watched the house all night for the colonel, did you?"

"Yes, except for about an hour; long enough to slip over here with an armful."

"Well, what are you going to do about it?"

"God knows; I don't," he repeated. "It will kill her if you tell her."

"Do you want me to arrest you tonight, or will you wait until morning?"

"Christmas day," he exclaimed, breaking down and beginning to cry like a baby. "I know I'm a wretch. Only kill me—do anything; but don't tell her."

It might have been that the spirit of Christmas was in the air. Perhaps the thought of those six little children and that sweet freed wife had a stronger influence than they should have had over a detective's heart. But I said to him, "Well, bundle up the things and come along with me, and we'll see what we can do about it."

We looked like two Santa Clauses ourselves as we slipped along the streets, choosing bylanes and cross paths to the Payne residence.

We got into the triangular lawn by a rear path and stole softly up to the house. There was the dining room brilliantly lighted and in the middle stood a tree all bare and waiting for gifts, just as I told the colonel to arrange it.

There was no one in the room, and after I had pried up the sash we stole in together. There was only just time to drop our packages on the floor at the foot of the tree and to rush away again before the colonel's daughter came in.

"Oh, papa," she cried, "here are some presents for us."

But I heard no more just then, for I was busy helping poor Winter get away. An hour later I rang the colonel's front door bell. He opened the door himself.

"Come right in," said he. "I guess you are a wizard tonight. Just after we got the Christmas tree set up and while we were upstairs getting our presents together to hang on the tree the thief came back and left the Christmas presents."

"Everything there?" I asked.

"Everything," said he, "down to the last teaspoon. We have counted them all. Poor fellow, he must have had a guilty conscience, and when it came Christmas eve he squared it with himself by sending back all he had stolen."

"Stranger?" said I.

"Very strange," said the colonel. "I'd like, if I knew who the thief was, to send him something for a Christmas present, just as a reward for his conscience. As it is I ask you, detective, not to look him up. He has evidently turned over a new leaf this Christmas eve."

"Evidently," said I.

"Now, detective," said the colonel, "I am going to ask you to stay with us over Christmas and enjoy a nice holiday. And so that we can all have an extra fine day I am going to send one of the boys over to Winter's house tonight with these things so that he can have a merry Christmas as well as the rest of us."—Minneapolis Tribune.

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\$ 5	Suit for	\$4
7 50	"	6
10	"	8
12	"	9 60
15	"	12
20	"	16

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# BOYDSTON.

## A TROPICAL CHRISTMAS

How the Day of Days is Celebrated in Jamaica

**C**HRISTMAS with the mercury at 95 degrees in the shade and soaring away out of sight when exposed in the open! The burning, almost boiling, rays of the sun beat vertically down from a deep blue dome of sky that is uncheckered by a single film of cloud, and reflect back with added intensity of suffering heat from the parched, baked and cracked earth and from the surface of a sea that shimmers like molten lead. Christmas in a land of perpetual summer, and a hot wave at that, where a linen suit feels like a buffalo robe and the mere thought of a blazing Yule log almost induces an attack of fever! The calendar may insist that it is the 25th of December, but to a stranger from the north, says a newspaper correspondent from Kingston, Jamaica, to whom the word "Christmas" has a jingle of sleighbells and the sharp, keen ring of skate blades on the ice, there is no real Christmas in the strange countries of the tropics.

In Kingston, the capital of Jamaica, the preparations for Christmas begin several weeks before the event. The shopkeepers lay in extra supplies and provide special attractions, pretty much after the manner of the New York stores. Among other things they import large quantities of sweetmeats and candies from London, New York and Paris, including chocolate creams and other confectionery which New Yorkers are accustomed to getting "fresh every hour." In Jamaica you are reasonably sure of getting these delicacies fresh every Christmas. Chocolate grows in great abundance all over the island, but it must go to London or Paris or New York to be manufactured into candy, or even into the preparations for breakfast beverages. That is one of the expensive peculiarities of the country. The Christmas market is the great feature of the day, and almost the principal event of the year in a certain sense. Everybody goes to market on Christmas day, and between the hours of 6 and 9 in the morning all the fashion and beauty of the island's capital are on dress parade through Victoria market.

The stalls in the market are gayly decorated with flags, bunting, palm branches, colored paper, tinsel and an



A NATIVE DUDE IN HOLIDAY DRESS.

abundance of flowers. A brass band occupies a prominent position in the market building and discourses music of great volume and variety and more or less melody. After the crowds fairly take possession of the market the performance of the band appears to be mostly pantomimic, for nothing made by the hand of man can for a moment compete in noise producing capacity with the average Jamaican negro.

The West Indian negro's great weakness is a love of gay apparel, next is a predilection for ceremoniousness, and the most prominent affliction is garrulity. In the crowd that surges past one through the market and the surrounding streets may be seen every variety of apparel known to civilized and uncivilized man. The country people wear little or nothing, the coolies as little as nothing, but the town negro wears everything he or she can put on, without any regard whatever to the climatic conditions. They take their notions from the English fashion papers, and heavy woolen clothing is all the style. The writer has even seen sealskins worn in Kingston on a day when the thermometer registered 90 degrees in the shade. Here is a stylishly saddle colored gentleman wearing lous check trousers, patent leather shoes, a striped flannel shirt of three colors, a crimson and black sash around his waist, a blue English cricketing cap on his head. In his hand he carries an immense cane, while screwed into his left eye is a circular piece of perfectly plain glass, through which he glares stonily on the throng. Not long ago the single eyeglass became very popular among Kingston society dandies, but they could not get along with the glasses that magnified, so some enterprising merchant imported a lot of circular pieces of plain window glass, and all the dudes wore them, happily and idiotically.