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Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She After a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadersville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the least trouble was soon righted with a few doses of Black-Draught. Seventy years of age made Theodor's standard, household member, of every family. I give in cleaning the believing the troubles of constipation, indigestion, etc. You cannot keep stomach, liver and bowels working order. Keep Try Black-Draught. It gently and in a natural way feel sluggish, take a You will feel fresh 25c. a package—One All druggists.

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TRACTOR SERVICE SCHOOL

The Case Threshing Machine Co. will conduct a tractor service school at Ed S. Hughes store at Abilene from Jan. 1 to 3rd. Those interested in tractors of any kind are invited to attend. Service men from the factory will conduct the school. Absolutely no charges to a y. one. For further particulars see Higginbotham Bros. & Co.

Mr. W. C. where you can get better prices.

LET CHRISTMAS GO MERELY ON; NO END OF WORLD YET

There may be nothing of the usual left out of preparations for a Christmas celebration, except that inflicted by prohibition. Christmas shoppers may go ahead with their purchases. The report that the world is coming to an end before the holidays turns out to be an exaggeration. Astronomers have assured the race that its course would not be appreciably shortened by the conjunction of planetary force in which Prof. Albert A. Porta of the University of Michigan, is said to see a general catastrophe.

A French observer has gone so far as to predict the end of the world. The reports have terrorized ignorant people in many points of the earth. In Mexico particularly the story was widely accepted and there have been many suicides.

Astronomers at the Yerks observatory, William Bay, declared the prediction unworthy of notice.

Prof. K. E. Barnard said the observatory staff had been deluged with letters from frightened people who seek information to quiet their fears. Dec. 17th is the date predicted on which the catastrophe would occur.

They Wear Well.

The better you know them, the better you like them. The people of Cross—we mean.

We start our second year's work with renewed hopes and aspirations for the success of the church and the glory of our Lord.

The spirit of this new hope permeated the hearts of the good women of our church last Friday, when they gave us a generous "old fashioned" pounding. And many responded who were not members of any church. To one and all we would say heartily: "Thank you."

We are beginning to feel the Christmas spirit. Let's do no harm but good on that day. Come to the Christmas Tree at the M. E. Church on December 24th, at 7 p. m. Come with joy and peace in your hearts, in adoring memory of the Infant Christ, the world's redeemer; and let the anthem of your very souls be: "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth, peace, good will towards men."

The first song will be: "All hail the power of Jesus' name; let angels prostrate fall. Bring forth the Royal Diadem, and crown Him Lord of all.

C. C. Tyler and Family.

Fred Robertson returned on last Saturday night from California, where he went to attend to his brothers, Randolph and John, who were shot by Mexican bandits in an attempted robbery of a store, a few months ago, the Robertson boys were operating. The boys have pretty well recovered from their wounds. Fred states that they are doing a nice business.

J. B. Moore of Cottonwood was here on Monday. Mr. Moore renewed his subscription to the Review and Telegram.

Squire J. T. Respass of Cottonwood was in Cross Plains Monday. Mr. Respass evinces a kindly interest in the Review, as he was once engaged in putting out a paper at Cottonwood, all his children being typesetters.

J. I. Harris of Liberty was in town on Monday. He paid for his Review and Farm News.

Charley Slate of Bartlett was in town on Monday. Charley paid his Review into the next decade; that is, into 1920. He marketed pecans while here, and states that he has a good crop of the same.

FIRE AT GRANT WELL EXTINGUISHED; RIG TOTAL LOSS

Fire, originating on Thanksgiving day, after completely destroying the rig of the Ohio Cities Gas Co. Grant well five miles north of Cottonwood and twelve miles from Cross Plains, has been extinguished. This well developed into a strong gasser at 621 feet, when drilling was stopped. It is said the gas is to be sold to the Texas Company, who are furnishing gas for fuel to a number of towns on the T. & P. A number of deep tests will be made in the vicinity of the Grant well.

Local parties report the Pennant Sanders, seven miles south of Cross Plains, as spraying oil at intervals. This well is considered a strong gasser.

Midland Oil Co. of Denver, Powell No. 1, ten miles south of Baird, drilling below 300 feet.

Western Texas Oil & Gas, Co., Odum, seven miles west of Cross Plains, waiting on casing at 735.

Galena-Signal, a Pennsylvania company, Windom No. 1, near Oplin, location.

Pierce Oil Corporation, McGowen No. 1, drilling below 2200 feet two miles southeast of Baird.

E. H. R. Green, Scott No. 1, about 3200 feet, sixteen miles north Cross Plains. This well developed a showing of ten barrels at 600 feet.

Litzinger, Yost, et al, Albin No. 1, two and one-half miles east of Cross Plains, location moved 1200 feet northeast of old well, and waiting for contract.

Southland, Vestal No. 1, two miles northeast of Cross Plains, drilling below 3000 feet.

Lyceum Saturday Night.

The second number of the lyceum course will be given at the school house Saturday night. It will be a good number and well worth your attending. The meeting being conducted by Rev. W. A. Erwin at the Presbyterian church, will give way Saturday night on behalf of the lyceum program. Come.

Two Trains Daily, Report

It is reported that the Katy will put an extra freight train on the Cross Plains branch some time next month.

M. E. Wakefield returned home on Tuesday from a trip to West Virginia, where he went on some oil deals.

Henry Childs has moved his family from his farm to Cross Plains and is occupying the J. M. Little home on east Eighth street.

M. A. Baum of Dressy on Monday paid his Review into 1921; he has as yet very little company in the '21 class—trust he will have a good deal more soon. He clubbed with the Telegram.

Pink Barr has clubbed the Review and Telegram, a thing he does every fall. He has just built a nice home on his farm one mile west of town.

Mrs. L. E. Davany of Santa Anna is visiting her son, Postmaster R. H. Davany. She is preparing to move here.

J. M. Hembree of Abilene was here Tuesday night.

Dr. Copelin of Gary, in east Texas, is here visiting his brother, Jess Copelin of Bartlett, and other relatives and friends. He is a step-brother to Wade McDaniel, Mrs. Alice Henderson, and their brothers and sisters.

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Farmers National Bank Bldg.

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John Sawyer of Jourdanon in South Texas is visiting his folks here preparatory to moving back to Callahan. John says that that country has to much wind for him. Glad to have him and his family back with us.

George Hanke of Comal neighborhood has returned from a two-month visit with relatives in Milam County. George has been taking a vacation since returning from France

Eight mares and two horses, from 3 to 5 years, unbroken. See them at Salt Tank, 8 miles north-east of Cross Plains.

G. W. Young.

C. D. Baird, owner and operator of the . . . has given his . . . Dallas News to the Review.

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"What is that?" "It all depends on whether we are Miss Hardy and Mr. Eiden or whether we are still Reenie and Dave." Her bright eyes had fallen to the floor and he could see the tremor of her fingers as they rested on the back of a chair. She did not answer him directly. But in a moment she spoke. "Mother will buy the house from Mr. Conward," she said. "She is like that. And when we are settled you will come and see me, won't you—Dave?"

When the Hardys had gone Conward turned to Eiden. "We had better try and find out where we stand," he said, trying to speak dispassionately, but there was a tremor in his voice. "I agree," returned Eiden, who had no desire to evade the issue. "Do you consider it fair to select inexperienced women for your victims?"

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"I think," said Conward, "we can agree that the boom is over. We have done well, on paper. The thing now is to convert our paper into cash."

Dave turned about. "You know I don't claim to be any great moralist," Conward," he said, "and I have no pity for a gambler who deliberately sits in and gets stung. Consequently I am not troubled with any self-pity, nor any pity for you, and if you can get rid of our holdings to other gamblers I have nothing to say. But if it is to be loaded onto women who are investing the little savings of their lives—women like Bert Morrison and Mrs. Hardy—then I am going to have a good deal to say."

Dave went on with rising heat: "If business has to be done that way, then I say to hell—with business!"

"I asked you not to quarrel," Conward returned, with remarkable composure. "I suggested that we get at the facts. Now, granting that the boom is over, where do we stand? We are rated as millionaires, but we haven't a thousand dollars in the bank at this moment. This"—he lifted Mrs. Hardy's check—"would have seen us over next payday, but you say the firm must have nothing to do with it. And which is the more immoral—since you have spoken of morality—to accept labor from clerks whom you can't pay or to sell property to women who say they want it and are satisfied with the price? We have literally thousands of unsettled contracts. We must keep our staff together. We have debts to pay, and we owe it to our creditors to make collections so that we can pay those debts, and we can't make collections without a staff. Why, on the property we are now holding the taxes alone will amount to twenty thousand dollars a year. And I put it up to you, if we are going to stand on sentiment, who's going to pay the taxes?"

"I know," said Dave, whose anger over the treatment of the Harveys was already subsiding. "We are in the grip of the system. Still—we war they don't usually kill women and accountants. That is the point I'm trying to make. I've no sentiment about others who are in the game as we are. If you limit your operations to them—"

"The trouble is, you can't. They're wise. Most of them have already moved on. A few firms, like ourselves, will stay and try to fight it out; try at least, to close up with a clean sheet. If we must close up. But we can't wind up a business without selling the stock on hand, and to whom are we to sell it if not to people who want it? That is what you seem to object to."

"You place me in rather an unfair light," Dave protested. "What I object to is taking the life savings of people—people of moderate circum-

stances, mainly—in exchange for property which we know to be worth next to nothing."

"Yet you admit that we must clean up, don't you?"

"And there's no other way. Dave," said Conward, rising and placing his arm on his partner's shoulder, "I sympathize with your point of view, but, my boy, it's pure sentiment, and sentiment has no place in business."

Dave dropped the subject. There appeared to be nothing to gain from pursuing it further. They were in the grip of a system—a system which had found them poor, and now, with equal suddenness, threatened to make them poor again. It was like war—kill or be killed.

"Are All Cow Punchers So Discourteous?"

"You are very kind," said Dave as he reached their table. "Just a little dinner to celebrate today's transaction. You will not refuse to share to that extent?"

Dave looked at Mrs. Hardy. Had he been dealing with Conward and Mrs. Hardy alone he would have excused himself, but he had to justify her by being correct in his manners.

"Do join us," said Mrs. Hardy. It was evident to Mrs. Hardy that it would be correct for her to support Mr. Conward's invitation.



CHAPTER IX.—Continued.

Night had settled when Dave left the office. A soft wind blew from the southwest; June was in the air. June too, was in Dave's heart as he walked the few blocks to his dhabul quarters. What of the drab injustice of business? Let him forget that; now it was night . . . and she had called him Dave.

He dressed with care. It was not until he was about to leave his rooms that he remembered he must dine alone; he had been dressing for her, unconsciously. The realization brought him up with something of a shock.

"This will never do," he said. "I can't eat alone tonight, and I can't ask Mother, so soon after the incident with her roomie. I know—Bert Morrison."

He reached for the telephone and rang her number.

Her number did not answer. He thought of Edith Duncan. But Edith lived at home, and it was much too late to extend a formal dinner invitation. There was nothing for it but

to eat alone. He suddenly became conscious of the great loneliness of his bachelor life. The charm of bachelorhood was a myth which only needed contact with the gentle atmosphere of feminine affection to be exposed.

He took his hat and coat and went into the street. It was his custom to take his meals at a modest eating-place on a side-avenue, but tonight he directed his steps to the best hotel the city afforded. There was no wisdom in dressing for an event unless he was going to defect his course somewhat from the daily routine.

The dining hall was a blaze of light. Dave paused for a moment, awaiting the beck of a waiter, but in that moment his eye fell on Conward, seated at a table with Mrs. Hardy and Irene. Conward had seen him and was motioning to him to join them. The situation was embarrassing, and yet delightful. He was glad he had dressed for dinner.

"Join us, Eiden," Conward said, as he reached their table. "Just a little dinner to celebrate today's transaction. You will not refuse to share to that extent?"

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"You are very kind," said Dave as he seated himself. "I had not hoped for this pleasure." And yet the pleasure was not unmixed. He felt that Conward had outplayed him. It was Conward who had done the gracious thing, and Dave could not prevent Conward doing the gracious thing without himself being ungracious.

After dinner they sat in the lounge room, and Conward regaled the time with stories of sudden wealth which had been practically forced upon men who were now regarded as the business framework of the country. As these worthless strolled through the richly furnished room, leisurely smoking their after-dinner cigars, Conward would make a swift summary of their rise from liverman, cow puncher, clerk or laborer to their present affluence, occasionally appealing to Dave to corroborate his statements. It was particularly distasteful to Eiden to be obliged to add his word to Conward's in such matters, for, although Conward carefully refrained from making any direct reference to Mrs. Hardy's purchase the inference that great profits would accrue to her therefrom was very obvious.

Eiden was glad when Mrs. Hardy remembered that she must not remain up late. Her physician had prescribed Early to bed, you know. Dave had opportunity for just a word with her before they left.

"What did this happen—tonight?" he asked with the calm assumption of one who has a right to know.

The COW PUNCHER

By Robert J.C. Stead
Author of
"Kitchener, and other poems"

Illustrations by Irwin Myers

was so glad you happened in. You have had wonderful experiences. Mr. Conward is charming, isn't he?"

Dave did not know whether the compliment to Conward was a personal matter concerning his partner or whether it was to be taken as a courtesy to the firm. In either case he rather resented it. He wondered what Irene would think of this "ennobling" business in the drab days of disillusionment that must soon sweep down upon them. But Irene apparently did not miss his answer.

"We shall soon be settled," she said as Mrs. Hardy and Conward were seen approaching. "Then you will come and visit us?"

"I will—Reenie," he whispered, and he was sure the color that mounted to her cheeks held no tinge of displeasure.

CHAPTER X.

Eiden lost no time in making his first call upon the Harveys. Irene received him cordially, but Mrs. Hardy evinced no more warmth than propriety demanded. Eiden, however, allowed himself no annoyance over that. A very much greater grievance had been thrust upon his mind. Conward had preceded him and was already a guest of the Harveys.

Dave knew Conward well enough to know that purpose always lay behind his conduct, and during the small talk with which they walled away an hour his mind was reaching out acutely, exploring every nook of possibility, to arrive if it could at some explanation of the sudden interest which Conward was displaying in the Harveys. These explanations narrowed down to two almost equally unpalatable. Conward was deliberately setting about to capture the friendship, perhaps the affection, of either Mrs. Hardy or Irene. Strangely enough, Eiden was more irritated by the former alternative than by the latter. Perhaps this attitude was due to subconscious recognition of the fact that he had much more to fear from Conward as a suitor for the hand of Mrs. Hardy than as a rival for that of Irene. Conward as a prospective father-in-law was a more grievous menace to his peace of mind than Conward as a defeated rival.

The more he contemplated this aspect of the case the less he liked it. To Conward the affair could be nothing more than an adventure, but it would give him a position of a sort of semi-paternal authority over both Irene and Eiden.

When at length Mrs. Hardy began to show signs of weariness Irene served coffee and cake, and the two men, taking that as an intimation that their welcome had run down, both rewound itself if not too continually drawn upon, left the house together. On their way they agreed that it was a very delightful night.

Dave turned the situation over in his mind with some impatience. Irene had now been in the city for several weeks, and he had had opportunity for scarce a dozen personal words with her. Was he to be balked by such an insufferable chaperonage as it seemed the purpose of Mrs. Hardy and Conward to establish over his love affair? No. In the act of undressing he told himself, "No," suiting to the word such vigor of behavior that in the morning he found his shoes at opposite corners of the room.

Several days passed without any word from Irene, and he had almost made up his mind to attempt another telephone appointment, when he met her, quite accidentally, in the street. She had been shopping, she said. The duty of household purchases fell mainly upon her. Her mother rested in the afternoons—

"How about a cup of tea," said Dave. "And a thin sandwich? And a delicate morsel of cake? One can always count on thin sandwiches and delicate morsels of cake. Their function is purely a social one, having no relation to the physical requirements."

"I should be very glad," said Irene. They found a quiet room. When they were seated Dave, without preliminaries, plunged into the subject nearest his heart.

"I have been wanting an opportunity to talk to you—wanting it for weeks," he said. "But it always seemed—"

"Always seemed that you were thwarted?" Irene completed his thought. "You didn't disguise your annoyance very well the other night."

"Do you blame me for being annoyed?"

"To a monopoly of your attentions? Perhaps not. But it gives me the right to a fair chance to win a monopoly of your attentions."

He was speaking low and earnestly and his voice had a deep, rich timbre in it that thrilled and almost frightened her. She could not resist his straightforwardness. She felt that he was already asserting his claim upon her, and there was something tender and delightful in the sense of being claimed by such a man.

"I must have a fair chance to win that monopoly," he repeated. "How did it happen that Conward was present?"

"I don't know. It just happened. A little after you telephoned me he called up and asked for mother, and the next thing I knew he said he was coming up to spend the evening."

Dave dropped into a sudden reverie. It was not so remarkable as it seemed that Conward should have telephoned Mrs. Hardy almost immediately after he had used the line. Conward's telephone and Dave's were on the same circuit; it was a simple matter to Conward, if he had happened to lift the receiver during Dave's conversation with Irene, to overhear all that was said. That might happen accidentally; at least it might begin to happen recently enough. The fact that Conward had acted upon the information indicated two things: first, that he had no very troublesome sense of honor—which Dave had long suspected—and, second, that he had deliberately planned a conflict with Dave's visit to the Hardy home. This indicated a policy of some kind; a scheme deeper than Dave was as yet able to fathom. He would at least guard against any further eavesdropping on his telephone.

He took a card from his pocket and made some figures on it. "If you should have occasion to call me at the office at any time please use that number and ask for me," he said. "It is the accountant's number. There's a reason."

The cups were empty; the sandwiches and cake were gone, but they lingered on.

"I have been wondering," Dave ventured, at length, "just where I stand—with you. You remember our agreement?"

She averted her eyes but her voice was steady. "You have observed the terms," she said.

"Yes, in all essential matters. I come to you now, in accordance with those terms. You said that now we would know. Now I know; know as I have always known since those wonderful days in the foothills; these days from which I date my existence."

"I realize that I owe you an answer now, Dave," she said frankly. "And I find it very hard to make that answer. Marriage means so much more to a woman than it does to a man. . . . Don't misunderstand me, Dave. I would be ashamed to say I doubt myself or that I don't know my mind; but you and I are no longer boy and girl. We are man and woman now. And I just want time—just want time to be sure that—that—"

"I suppose you are right," he answered. "I will not try to hurry your decision. I will only try to give you an opportunity to know—to be sure, as you said. Then, when you are sure, you will speak. I will not reopen the subject."

His words had something of the ring of an ultimatum, but no endearments could have gripped her heart so surely. She knew they were the words of a man in deadly earnest, a man who had himself in hand, a man

who made love with the same serious purpose as he had employed in the other projects of his successful life. Had it not been for some strange sense of shame—some fear that too ready capitulation might be mistaken for weakness—she would have surrendered then.

"I think that is best," she managed to say. "We will let our acquaintance ripen."

He rose and helped her with her light wrap. His fingers touched her hand and it seemed to him the battle was won. . . . But he had promised not to reopen the subject.

In the street he said, "If you will wait a moment I will take you home in my car."

(TO BE CONTINUED)

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A Coryzatic Word.

W. R. Wright is a late clubber with the News. Thanks.

H. M. Warren of Burnt Ranch has taken advantage of the Telegram and Review club.

Roe Smith, who lives in the Gray Oil field, is a new subscriber to the Review. Roe lives so close to the Brewer gasser that he can hardly sleep for the noise the well makes.

George Clifton of Cottonwood has renewed his Review. He is making extra good crops this year, both in peanuts and cotton.

J. E. Butler of Franklin, Pa., has renewed his Review. He is taking the paper in an effort to keep up with all developments here. J. French Miller of the same place has renewed his subscription for a like reason. They both have extensive acreage in the county.

Uncle Henry Harpole, who has been taking the Review since its first issue, has put his subscription to the fore again. We can keep up with the seasons by Uncle Henry's regularity in renewing his subscription.

Miss Ophelia Wesley has renewed the Review for her father, J. W. Wesley, together with the Daily Dallas News.

The Review is in receipt of a letter from H. Lacy of Vernon, in which he encloses a check for his subscription to the Review. Mr. Lacy formerly lived for many years in the Liberty community, and will be remembered by many here. He is doing well in Wilbarger county.

J. L. Ferrell of Dressy this week renewed his Review and Telegram. John has also sent the R. to his brother-in-law, E. W. Walker, of Bonham. He has clubbed also the Dallas News and Ford County News. He believes in reading.

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By FRANK E. BURKHALTER
Are you used to thinking of women's part in church work as merely that of going to Sunday School, prayer meeting and preaching services, giving pink teas occasionally in honor of distinguished visitors, and a chicken or oyster supper now and then to raise funds for a new suit of clothes for the poorly-paid pastor?

If so, probably you have not been to church recently. Since the Southern Baptist women began their organized work through the Woman's Missionary Union they have contributed more than \$5,000,000 in cash to the various causes fostered by the denomination, and when the value of boxes they have made up for orphan children and other benevolent causes is added their total contributions reach the sum of \$5,710,433.71.

Encouraged by the general spirit of the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, however, the women gladly assumed the task of raising \$15,000,000 during the next five years, or one-fifth the total sum sought in the campaign, and their leaders have no doubt that they will raise every cent of this amount and more.

And the women's part of the money is going to be raised through the hard work, earnings and sacrifices of the women themselves and not through sums contributed by the men of their families.

Legitimate Giving Will Raise Fund. Nor are the women going to depend upon church suppers, fairs, bazaars, ice cream socials, pink teas and things of that kind to assist them in their undertaking. All such methods of raising money for religious purposes are frowned upon by the leaders of the Woman's Missionary Union. Instead, the women will work, sacrifice and save in order that they may during the next five years give \$15,000,000 to the advancement of the Kingdom of God in the world through larger contributions to foreign, home and state missions, Christian education, hospitals, orphanages, ministerial relief and other equally deserving benevolences.

Every Good Cause is Aided. Every missionary, educational and benevolent work, local and general, carried on by Southern Baptists is supported liberally by the women, but in a number of states they assume, in addition, such tasks as the support of special schools for the training of women for Christian service as missionaries, Sunday School teachers, evangelists, district and county workers, and the like.

schools and hospitals on the foreign fields; training women and children of foreign birth in the English language, Americanism and the Christian religion; maintenance of Good Will Centers in the crowded tenement sections of the cities and in the mining districts with a view to reaching the mothers and children with a message of cleanliness, enlightenment and Christian love, and various other forms of Christian work.

For instance, the Woman's Training School of Louisville, Ky., which has for its object the training of young women in all branches of Christian service, is fostered by the Baptist women of the South as a whole, as are the Margaret Fund—established for the purpose of providing education in Baptist colleges for the children of foreign missionaries on fields where ample educational facilities in English are not available—and the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, which is a loan fund for aiding weak but worthy churches in building adequate houses of worship. In addition to the Fannie E. S. Heck Memorial, which is supported by all the Southern Baptist women, a large number of special memorials are maintained by the women of the individual states, the proceeds of these memorials likewise going to aid weak churches in erecting houses of worship. Georgia leads in the number of memorials with 82, while South Carolina is a close second, with 80.

Throughout the South each year the women take a Christmas offering for the Little Moon Fund, which is applied to missions in China, while the annual thank offering, taken in the spring, goes to the Home Mission Schools in the mountains of the South. Already, the Baptist women of the Southern Baptist Convention, through the channels of their organization, have given \$2,995,422.22 to foreign missions and \$1,524,772.43 to home missions. The total value of the permanent property owned by the W. M. U., including the Baltimore headquarters and the training school at Louisville, is in excess of \$200,000.

Build Hospitals and Schools. Indicative of the character of work which the women of the several states are doing independently of the general organization and of the other states, those of Georgia were largely instrumental in the erection of a hospital at Laichowfu, China, Ayers is the built and maintained by the Willingham School.

mountainous section of that state, have provided a girls' school at Kumamoto, Japan, and have launched a campaign for the erection of the Catherine Bryan Normal School at Shanghai, China, for training kindergarten and other school teachers, in recognition and appreciation of the services of Miss Catherine Bryan, educational missionary in charge of the kindergarten work at Shanghai.

Women of Alabama have established the Kathleen Mallory Hospital at Laichowfu, Shantung, China, in appreciation of the services of Miss Mallory, a native of Alabama, as the general corresponding secretary of the Woman's Missionary Union; those of South Carolina maintain Long Creek Academy, an institution for girls and have established a domestic science department in Morris College, an institution maintained by the Negro Baptists; those of Illinois carry on special work among the Lithuanians and other peoples of foreign birth in that state—Baptist women becoming "friends" in a special way to the various foreign-born women in their midst and thus seek to help them along general as well as religious lines—and similar work is done by the women of Florida in the Cuban and Italian missions in Tampa.

In Maryland, the chief work is done at Baltimore, where the Good Will Center enables the workers to reach all classes and kinds of people. The Daily Vacation Bible School forms a connecting link between the work of the various churches at that place.

While there is a support given to the Women's Training School, operated at Fort Worth, Texas, in connection with the Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, by the women of other states of the South, the bulk of the money for the maintenance of this institution comes from the women of Texas. Large Good Will centers are maintained in the mining districts of Oklahoma by the Baptist women of that state, in the packing center of Fort Worth by the women of that city, and in the tenement sections of Louisville and a number of other large cities of the South by the women of those cities. In many of the states the women are supporting missionary workers on foreign fields, providing scholarships for young women preparing themselves for this character of work and otherwise promoting the cause of Christian missions at home and abroad.

It is the aim of the general Women's Missionary Union ultimately to assume the support of all women missionary workers sent out by the Foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Aid Development of Young People. But the women do not confine themselves to gifts of money alone. They are doing a large educational work and contributing much to the development of the children and young people of the homeland in the various Christian graces and in personal service.

The chief aims of the W. M. U. for the current year are set forth as follows: "Individual and united prayer, regular Bible and mission study, systematic and proportionate giving, and organized personal service. Grateful to God for His manifold blessings, and desirous of knowing God better, we again declare ourselves on the side of those forces which make for righteousness, standing for patriotism, supporting national prohibition, maintaining Sabbath observance, keeping the home inviolate, urging a general re-establishment of the family altar, and assisting Americanization, better industrial conditions as regards women and children, public health, education and purity of life."

In the program of personal service for this year the women adopted the following resolution: "That we continue organized effort to reach the oppressed and unsaved in our immediate localities. That to this end we study the state and federal statutes relating to health, employment of women and children, and general public welfare, reporting lack of enforcement to the proper authorities. That we study the policies and methods of missionary and social service organizations, adapting those best suited to our aim of preventing and eradicating community evils and making known the power of God unto salvation. That we strive to meet the needs of our soldiers, to pray for them, and continue to help the Red Cross and our own domestic agencies in efforts to rehabilitate the war-stricken countries of Europe.

"That we bend every effort to promote food conservation, and to raise the standard of health in our communities. That in cities of 5,000 and over we establish and maintain Good Will Centers or a number of Homemakers' Clubs, Industrial Schools and Daily Vacation Bible Schools; that in the smaller towns we conduct Homemakers' Clubs, Industrial schools, mission Sunday schools or Daily Vacation

able Schools in the rural and mission Sunday Schools, and hood Bible classes and "Homemakers' Clubs." Personal Service Given to the Community. To afford the students of the Women's Training School at Louisville practical training in personal service—a clinic or laboratory enable them to put into practice theory which they get in the room, as well as provide a source of inspiration and helpfulness to that part of the Good Will Center established in 1912 by the training school has accomplished large results. For the past year show an attendance at the Good Will Center Sunday School of 94, at the Daily Circle 27, prayer service every hour 29, Victory Bazaar 19, Victory Girls' Club 8, Shop 18, Camp Fire Girls 2, Blue Bird Club 32, Library 501, Bible and piece of music given 100, number of music lessons given 316 and the number of letters 424.

The students did a large amount of hospital visiting, where and religious literature was distributed and personal work while other personal service carried on at seven different Baptist churches of the city, the Will Center Settlement, the base Patch, Wesley and Mrs. Home for Friendless, Neumann Home City Hospital, related Charities, the Y. W. and seven factories.

The total number of visits was 3,319, religious conversions 269, Bibles and pieces of music distributed 1,557, missionaries made 35, Sunday school average taught 1,651, total average attendance 2,200, number of letters and total average attendance 424.

The entire program of the Good Will Campaign, in which the women have assumed such a large part, contemplates raising \$15,000,000 in the next five years (\$3,000,000 per year) and is apportioned as follows: Home Missions, \$2,000,000; state missions, \$12,000,000; evangelism, \$1,000,000; Christian education, \$1,000,000; hospital and medical work, \$4,700,000; and other work, \$2,300,000.

Cash and subscription money which is put over this year carrying the goal 1 and contributions to all parts of the church in the hands of the Women's Baptist Convention last week, November 20, 1915.

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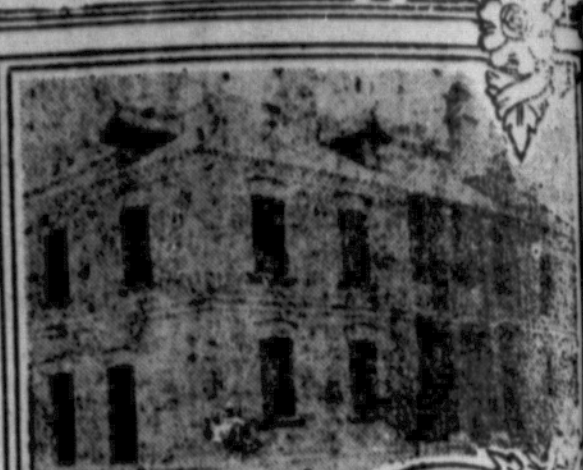
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Lee Champion of Cottonwood has renewed his Review and Telegram, thereby making a saving.

C. O. McKeehan of Cottonwood has renewed his Review again. He lived this year north of town, but will soon move back to his farm southwest of Cottonwood.

Your wife or daughter will appreciate a Coleman gas lamp for a Xmas present. Let Boyles show you one. adv.

Henry Williams has for the seventh time renewed his Review and Star-Telegram. Can't do without a daily nor his home weekly.

Cream and eggs wanted; cream this week per lb. 70c. Neeb Produce Co.

Miss Lillian Robertson has gone to Clyde where she will teach school in the country. She ordered the Review to follow her there for the term of the school.

A most suitable and highly appreciated gift—a Coleman gas lamp Boyles sells them. adv.

W. H. Duke of Liberty last week renewed his Review. He has been taking the paper for some years.

E. E. Henderson has clubbed the Review and Telegram for himself and his mother, Mrs. Alice Henderson.

J. W. Slough of this place has subscribed for the Review, and does not want to miss a copy. That is, he jumped on the management for neglecting to send him one of the first issue of the paper after he ordered it.

A pleasant surprise for "her" Xmas, will be one of those beautiful Coleman gas lamps, the kind that Boyles sells. adv.

E. L. Tecton of Pioneer has renewed his Review for the fourth of fifth time. Thanks.

Loe Pierce left on Saturday morning for his home in San Antonio. Lee has ordered the Review to follow him there for the next twelve months.

Sam Connelly of Dressy is a late renewer of his subscription to the Review. Sam is getting too rich on a big cotton crop.

J. M. Childers of Route 1 has clubbed his Review and Star-Telegram. He did same last year.

Cream and eggs wanted; cream 70c. See The Neeb Produce Co.

A. C. Fore of Liberty last week clubbed his Review and Star-Telegram. Think he will find it hard to do without a daily paper once he gets the habit. Every man should have a daily in his home. The times demands it.

Dr. Mary L. S. Graves has renewed her subscription to the Review. Thanks

H. H. McDermitt, who lives seven miles west of town, on last Friday clubbed his Review and Telegram. Hugh has been taking this combination for several years.

Jim Barr, who lives north of town, is a new clubber of the Review and Telegram. Not a new subscriber to the Review—he has been taking it several years.

Buy her one of those nice Coleman gas lamps for Xmas. See C. S. Boyles.

C. E. Barr, who is helping manage the Vestal well, selling Reo cars and incidentally operating a very fine farm two miles north of town, last week clubbed his Review, the Telegram, Baird Star and Farm News. He finds time to read, all right.

The Baird Star announces the marriage of R. Q. Evans and Miss Lambert at Baird. Mr. Evans was formerly demonstration agent for the county, and in that capacity was well known here. We wish him and his bride much happiness.

J. I. Cress, south of town has renewed his Review and Telegram, getting the Review for \$1.00. The local paper is the cheapest commodity known now. A man can still get the Review for \$1 to \$1.50, which is a mere fifty per cent increase over former price, when the stock that goes into it is three times as high as it was, and labor more than twice as high. Got to be a chance.

J. C. Watson, who lives in the Comal neighborhood, has taken advantage of the Review and Telegram club.

L. P. Woods, old-timer here and old-time friend of the Review, has put the latter and the Dallas News together in a club.

J. E. Duncan of Hurst Ranch has taken advantage of the Review and Farm News club to put his Review to 1920.

Building Material and PAINTS

We now have a most complete stock of building material, such as lumber, paints, varnishes and wall paper—in fact everything needed in building and beautifying your home.

Come around, inspect our stock, get our prices and you will readily see that we make it to your interest to buy your building material from us.

Sherwin-Williams Paints Are Best

W. W. PRYOR

Only a Few More Days—then Christmas

Bring us your Poultry, Butter and Eggs.

We are paying the best market price.

We are all paying the same price for cream.

Give us your grocery order for Christmas.

Just received a fine shipment of Candies for Christmas.

Wilson Produce Co.

Christmas Goods

Guns, pistols, firearms, dolls, wagons, toys of all kinds, silverware, pocket knives, talking machines, percolators, cut glass, manicure sets and thousands of other suitable gifts.

Please DON'T wait until Xmas week to make your purchases. Our goods are on display. Pick them out now. We will keep them for you until Christmas.

Remember, nothing charged, nothing exchanged, nothing returned. All sales final.

C. S. BOYES, Hardware

Laugh at the High Cost of Living Now

A Special Cut Price Christmas Sale at THE MODEL For Men's, Ladies' and Children's Shoes

Now is the time for you to buy shoes for the whole family and save \$2.00 and more on each pair of shoes.

Also have a fine line Mens Sweaters, Silk Shirts, and a fine assortment of Ties.

THE MODEL

FOR PRICES

CHRISTMAS SHOPPERS

Twelve days to do your Christmas shopping. Our advice would be for you to make your selections early and not wait until the last days. Christmas goods are like almost everything else. They are scarce and hard to get. We have made preparations to take care of your wants in this line, especially in the way of practical gifts. You will find them here in abundance, if you come early, for your sweetheart, father, mother, and any member of the family. Read the list below, come and buy what you will need while you can get it.

GIFTS--For Men and Boys	GIFTS--For the Ladies	GIFTS--For the Little Tots
Silk Shirts, Bath Robes, Hand Bags, Silk Sox, Ties, Gloves, Gollars, Sox, Caps, Hats, Supporters, Belts, Handkerchiefs, Scarfs Pins, Collar Pins, Etc.	Sweateretts and Sweaters, Furs, Gloves, Hose, Gerters, Camasoles, Brassiers, Purses, Mirrors, Ivory Sets, Cut Glass, Bud Vases, Table Linen, Fancy Towels,	Dolls, Ties, Wrist Watches, Books, Sweaters, Caps, Handkerchiefs, Mittens and Gloves, Lunch Baskets, Ribbons and Collars, Crib Blankets, Etc.

There are many more practical gifts you will find here, such as Ladies' Dresses, Coat Suits and Coats, Shoes, Rubbers, Overshoes, Hats, Knit Caps, Scarfs, Etc.

GROCERIES

Our Grocery Department will be ready to serve you with the very best to be had. Of course you will want a sack of COTTON-WHITE FLOUR, Apples, Nuts of all kinds. We will have them. GIVE US YOUR ORDER

B. L. BOYDSTUN

"WHERE IT PAYS TO BUY"



A Christmas Present For Every One

We are fully prepared to take care of your Christmas wants. A few of the things you will find at our store—Prompt Service, Courtesy and appreciative Treatment.

1. A choice assortment of ivoryware, single pieces and combination sets, something to please the most fastidious. Manicure sets, ranging in price from \$2.00 to \$37.50.
2. Silverware, the best assortment and the best goods ever shown in Cross Plains, both Rogers and Community, which to those who know means QUALITY. Knives, forks, tea and tablespoons; also combination 26-piece sets, with nice cabinet.
3. Jewelry—Our stock is very complete with the best and latest designs. Rings, brooches, lavliers, necklaces, watch bracelets, watches for men and boys, clocks which are both fancy and durable, fancy belt buckles and other things to numerous to mention.
4. Books for the children, Bibles for the older children, toys. Yes just OODLES. Dolls too.
5. A complete assortment of the Parker Lucky Curve Fountain Pens. (A twelve months accident policy given with each pen.)
6. An instrument of merit—the Golden Throated Claxtonola, an ideal gift for the home. Think it over in the mean time come in and let us demonstrate this machine to you. It is the machine you will eventually BUY

THE CITY DRUG STORE

It's Very Seldom

—You find a grocery store links together the three essences of a desirable place to trade—Quality, Service and Price.

In beginning, Quality is the first thing to be considered, because in the long run, the best is the cheapest.

Our Service is quick, full of pep and efficient. Prompt attention given to telephone orders.

While we do not pretend to be a bargain counter, our prices are found to be low and reasonable.

Our Christmas Goods will be something Attractive

W. E. BUTLER
GROCERY
"Where Your Friends Trade"

Jewelry Embraces Per Cent of Christmas Gifts

We have the largest stock to select from this Christmas that we have ever carried.

If you contemplate making a Christmas gift to any one you will certainly find something suitable and attractive in our guaranteed line of jewelry—including men's and ladies' watches.

Diamonds, Watches, Rings, Toilet Sets

L. M. BOND
Jeweler & Optician.
at Wilson Furniture Store

LIVER DIDN'T ACT DIGESTION WAS

Says 65 year Old Kentucky Lady, Who Tells How She Made a Few Doses of Black-Draught.

Meadorsville, Ky.—Mrs. Cynthia Higginbotham, of this town, says: "At my age, which is 65, the liver does not act so well as when young. A few years ago, my stomach was all out of fix. I was constipated, my liver didn't act. My digestion was bad, and it took so little to upset me. My appetite was gone. I was very weak. I decided I would give Black-Draught a thorough trial as I knew it was highly recommended for this trouble. I began taking it. I felt better after a few doses. My appetite improved and I became stronger. My bowels acted naturally and the long trouble was soon righted with a few doses of Black-Draught. Seventy years of age, I made Theoford's Black-Draught standard, household member, of every family. I need the help that Black-Draught gives in cleansing the system, relieving the troubles of constipation, indigestion, etc. You cannot keep your stomach, liver and bowels in working order. Keep Black-Draught. Try Black-Draught. It is gentle and in a natural way. You will feel fresh and strong. 25c. a package—One All Druggists.

THE CROSS

CROSS PLAINS, TEXAS

THE FARMERS NATIONAL BANK

Security--Strength Stability

PLUS—Courtesy and Service are the features of this bank.

DEPOSITS Over 400,000.00

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Of Cross Plains, Texas

YOU WILL

FIND here the right prices on dress goods, sweaters, blankets, Curlee clothes for men and boys, Hamilton Brown shoes for the whole family; in fact anything you may need in dry goods and groceries.

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R. R. OFFICIALS VISIT CROSS PLAINS

McGee, Asst. Gen. Supt., J. W. Evans, Div. Supt., made an annual trip of inspection over Cross Plains branch last Saturday. The train service for Cross Plains the past few weeks has been excellent. This uncertainty of train service, we are informed, is due to a bad condition of the road, making it exceedingly dangerous to attempt to operate trains with any rapidity. Schedule runs as in the past, and trains are expected when they signal for service. Whether the midnight train will lead to any improvement in the service is not known. There are floating rumors that another freight train will be operated on this line shortly after the first of the coming year.

PRESBYTERIAN REVIVAL

The revival being conducted at the Presbyterian church by Rev. W. A. Erwin will come to a close Sunday. A number of conversions and additions to the church have been reported.

Dead.

Mr. John Gaines died at the home of his brother, W. F. Gaines of Cross Cut on Friday, Dec. 12, from pneumonia, and was buried in the Cross Cut cemetery on Saturday, the Rev. S. F. Jones conducting the services. The deceased was a bachelor, a Woodman, and a member of the Baptist church, and was well known as a good man. He leaves three brothers, G. B. W. F. and Frank Gaines, and a sister, Mrs. J. H. N. Weffer. The funeral was held at the home of the deceased and friends.

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