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Prof. J. W. Hamilton Passes Away.

A sad gloom was cast over the city Monday when the word was passed around that Prof. J. W. Hamilton was dying. While he had been sick for about three weeks with the La Grippe he was considered him in a serious condition. Later blood poison set in caused by an inflamed tonsil which resulted in his death at 6:40 Monday evening.

At the time of his death he was 47 years, 2 months and 1 day old. The remains were embalmed and placed in a beautiful grey casket and laid in state all day Tuesday at his late residence. Many citizens, the teachers and school children called to take a farewell look at their beloved friend and teacher. Funeral services were held at the Methodist church at 7:00 o'clock Tuesday evening, where a large concourse of people had gathered. As his pastor was out of town and recognizing the fact that he had been a public spirited citizen the services were conducted by representatives of the church.

As the casket was being borne to the church the choir, composed of the teachers, sang "My God to Thee" after which prayer was offered by Rev. S. H. Austin. Miss Ethlyn Swain sang "Beautiful Isle of Somewhere." Short talks were made by H. A. Deaver for the school trustees; Prof. Smith of the faculty; W. B. Quigley of the men's Sunday School; Elder Humphrey as a citizen; Rev. Swain as a school teacher; and Rev. Morgan as a pastor. Each talk showing appreciation and esteem the deceased was held by the people of Memphis, who had come to know him in his short residence.

Many beautiful floral offerings adorned the coffin, the services of admiring friends. After the services the remains, escorted by the Masons and many school pupils, were taken to the depot and put aboard the bound train. It was his wish that he should be buried with his wife, who had preceded him to the grave only a few months, at Rogerville, Va., and two sisters, Mrs. C. E. Bacon and Mrs. A. P. Lyon of Benams, Va. His wedded life was not blessed with children but the attachment between husband and wife was something unusual and it seems as each lived for the other.

Joseph W. Hamilton was born October 6, 1867, in Virginia and died at Memphis, Texas, December 7th, 1914. Was married to Alice Watterson on November 24, 1896, and moved to Texas in 1898, where he has been actively engaged in teaching in the public schools, having been a teacher or superintendent at the following places: Liberty Hill, Meridian, Seymour, Knox City and Memphis.

At the time of his death he was serving his second successful year as superintendent of the Memphis public schools. Under his supervision the schools had made much progress, advancing so that they had become affiliated with the State University. He had devoted much time and hard work in securing our new high school which is now being erected.

He was an active member of the Methodist church and was a very enthusiastic worker in the Sunday School and had taught the men's class for the past several months. Always willing and anxious to give of his means to any worthy cause where it might relieve suffering or help in the work of the church He will be much missed by his brethren.

Prof. Hamilton was a useful and capable citizen lending his time and talent to the advancement of the interests of his town always willing to share the burdens, even if others reaped the reward of his work.

After the death of his wife last July, following an operation in a hospital in Fort Worth, he was very melancholy and had stated that he did not care to live but as time passed he became more cheerful, until sickness overtook him, and when informed that he could not get well he expressed his willingness to bow to will of his creator and died believing that he would enter a better and a brighter world.

As a proof of his thoughtfulness of the living he carried a policy of \$10,000 on his life. He had his will drawn up Monday making disposition of his property, of which he has accumulated considerable.

An Aged and Honorable Citizen Dies.

The subject of this sketch, George Washington Thompson, was born August 1832, in the state of Kentucky. Here he spent his boyhood days, later moving with his parents to Missouri, where at the age of 19 he was married to Miss Annie Stagg. To this union nine children were born. From Missouri they moved to Leavenworth, Kansas, and in 1871 they moved to Cook county, Texas, where they resided for several years, later moving to Wise county, then to Amarillo, where they lived four years finally moving to Memphis where he spent the last eight years of his life.

He had been sick for sick months and disease combined with old age was more than nature could combat and he passed peacefully away Sunday morning at 8:05 o'clock, having attained the ripe old age of 82 years and 4 months. Funeral services were held at the Presbyterian church, Monday at 1:00 p. m., conducted by Rev. Will T. Swaim. Services at the grave in Fairview cemetery were conducted by the Masonic fraternity of which he had been an honored member since before 1861. He had been a member of the Cumberland Presbyterian church for the past 50 years and was a very liberal giver to all religious institutions.

He leaves to mourn his going a loving wife, nine children, eight sons and one daughter, thirty-three grandchildren and 7 great grandchildren. All the children are living and were in attendance at the funeral. Following are their names and residences given in order of their ages: B. F. Thompson of Fort Worth; W. S. Thompson of Memphis; E. A. Thompson of Vega; T. J. Thompson and G. M. Thompson of Memphis; L. O. Thompson of Amarillo; Mrs. Adie Slaton of Memphis; R. L. Thompson of Dallas; and L. M. Thompson of Memphis. This was the first time in 24 years that all had met together at one place.

One remarkable thing about this estimable couple is the fact, stated by each, in the 64 years of their wedded life never has a cross word passed between them. They reared a large family, the oldest being 62 years old, and are all married or have families except one, W. S. Thompson, who has spent the past several years at home with his parents.

He had lived a very long and useful life having lived 12 years over the allotted span and has now gone to receive the reward of a faithful and devoted husband and a christian man. The Democrat extends the sympathy of the entire community to the bereaved relatives in the loss of the husband and father.

U. D. C.

The U. D. C. will meet Mrs. C. F. Wilson Friday 18, when the following program will be rendered:

Subject—South Carolina, the first State to secede.

Roll Call—Give name of one of her sons, famous as a Secessionist.

Paper, The Ordinance of Secession—Mrs. J. A. Montgomery.

Music, Selected—Maggie Wilson.

Reading, Ode to the Confederate Soldiers by Henry Timrod—Mrs. Wm.ley.

Music by the Chapter.

HISTORIAN.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins Goes to Conference.

Rev. M. E. Hawkins left Tuesday morning for Sweetwater to attend annual conference. He stopped off at Canyon and spent Tuesday night with his daughter. Rev. Hawkins has only filled this station for the past nine months, having been transferred here from Canadian to fill vacancy created by Rev. B. W. Dodson being promoted to the position of presiding Elder for the Sweetwater district. While he has only been here a short time he has endeared himself to his congregation by his devotion to the position he holds and his earnestness in his work. The church has made a splendid growth during his short pastorate and there is no doubt that but what he will be returned to this place.

Reception.

Last Friday from two to five o'clock at the beautiful Moreman residence, Mesdames B. W. Moreman and T. T. Harrison gave a reception to the ladies of the town who had called upon them during their year of residence in Hedley.

About forty guests were present, and from their many words of praise in regard to the affair, it was highly enjoyed and the hostesses left nothing undone for the entertainment of their guests.

Upon entering the home the guests were met at the door by Mrs. Moreman, and were met at the head of the stairs by Mrs. Harrison, then conducted to the punch bowl presided over by Miss Mary Harris. Later they were seated in the drawing room where they were entertained in different ways. Guessing and drawing contests, music and readings. Misses Reeves, Moores, Johnson and Clark rendered selections on the piano, Mesdames Bain and Wimberly piano and violin, Misses Moores and Reeves vocal, and Walter Moreman and Miss Moores readings. The guests were then ushered into the dining room where they were served with delicious refreshments.

The evening was enjoyably spent and the hostesses were voted charming entertainers.—Hedley Informer.

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Bible school Lords Day 9:45 a. m. followed by the observance of the Lord's Supper and preaching at 11 a. m. Christian Mens Onward movement at 4:15 p. m. Christian Endeavor 6:15 p. m. and preaching services at 7:15 p. m.

The theme of the morning sermon "The Church and its Plea." Theme of evening sermon. "Does it pay to be a Christian?"

J. V. Leak, Supt. Bible School, Samuel H. Austin, Pastor.

Near Elopement.

W. H. Baird, operator at the Denver office, surprised his many friends here in Memphis by going up to Dalhart and getting married Sunday. The facts are he surprised himself as the wedding was not scheduled to take place until the first of the year, but when on a visit to Dalhart the latter part of the week, where the bride was visiting, the question was broached and both agreed that then was the opportune time and in the presence of a few friends he was quietly married to Miss Erma Tritt of Texline, by Justice of the Peace Mills.

The bridegroom is the son of Mrs. S. J. Baird, who recently moved to Lewisville, Texas, and is one of Memphis hustling young business men.

The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. H. Tritt of Texline, and was one of Texline's most popular young society ladies.

They arrived in Memphis Sunday night and for the present have rooms at the Cobb hotel. The Democrat extends to the happy couple best wishes for a successful journey through life.

Womans Culture Club Entertain Their Husbands.

The home of Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Wheat was the scene of much merriment Thanksgiving night when the Womans Culture Club entertained their husbands with a regular Thanksgiving luncheon consisting of turkey, cranberry sauce, celery, potato chip, pickles, pumpkin pie, cake and coffee. The social committee consisted of Mesdames Wheat, Sexauer and Houghton, were hostess for the occasion. Welcoming the guest and entertaining them in old-fashion Thanksgiving style. Club members enjoying this most delightful affair were: Mesdames Dial, Quigley, Bird, Whaley, Crozier, Finch, Montgomery, Thorne, Grundy, Bryant, Neely, Sexauer, Houghton, Wheat and Miss Annie Thompson.

Messers Bird, Dial, Crozier, Bryant, Quigley, Howard Finch, Jim Montgomery, Thorne, Neely, Wheat, Whaley, Sexauer and Grundy.

Invited guests, Mesdames Roy Houghton, Baskerville, Tomlinson, Madden, Ward and

Wells. Messers Roy Houghton, Baskerville, Tomlinson, Madden and Ward. Misses Riggs and Whitely.

Birthday Dinner.

The Memphis camp Confederate Veterans were treated to an old fashioned chicken pie dinner with the frills of desert thrown in, Sunday Dec. 6th, 1914.

The occasion was the celebration of Comrade G. W. Cox who passed the 68th milestone on that day. He graciously favored the camp with the splendid report as an omen of good will and good luck to all the other members and an expression of gratitude for Gods blessings through all these years.

The occasion was a most pleasant one and the old boys lived over again their joys and sorrows during the pleasant social time after dinner. Rev. R. B. Morgan was an honorary guest and ate enough for all the members of the camp that could not be present.

They gathered around the finely loaded table at Mr. Piercels Restaurant with the following members. Capt. J. G. Adkinson 82, B. F. King 66, J. W. Wells 70, L. M. Queen 74, R. E. Stafford 68, Mac Fletcher 67, T. J. Johnsey 74, and G. W. Cox 68. The combined ages of those present represented 569 years. The boys were slow in breaking up after dinner, some of them being accused of eating so much they couldnt move about fast. They all decided before breaking up that the camp would move Capt. Adkinson birthday up to next Sunday, Dec. 13th, instead of February as he will likely go away for the winter and they couldnt afford to wait until he comes back to eat chicken pie again.


Are the Dead Interested in the Living?

The subject of the sermon Sunday night at the Presbyterian church will be "Are the Dead Interested in the Living?" This is the sixth in the series of sermons on "The Great Hereafter."

Morning worship at 11 o'clock, the pastor preaching, Sunday School at 9:45, S. S. Montgomery, Supt.

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GERMANY IS DOUBLING OUTPUT OF ZEPPELINS

Factory Activities Indicate Preparations for Raid on London.

Geneva, Switzerland, Nov. 20.—Germany is preparing steadily to make her threatened aerial attack on London and on the eastern coast even without the aid of the German Navy, in the judgment of observers of the continued activity at the Zeppelin works at Friedrichshafen.

At this factory on Lake Constance more than 1,000 workmen since the beginning of the war have been employed, instead of a normal working force of 500 men. The men, all experts, been divided into day and night shifts, so that 500 are always engaged. All the finished materials and fittings arrive ready made and the workmen have only to put them together. This makes it possible to build a Zeppelin in three weeks.

The latest and strongest Zeppelin ever built sailed to the North Nov. 5 direct from the Friedrichshafen works without any previous trial trips. It is considerably longer than its predecessor and its motive power consisted of three motors of 800 horsepower. It carried a crew of thirty officers and men. In a special basket this Zeppelin carried fifty torpedo bombs, each said to be capable of as much damage as the shells of the famous sixteen-inch guns. One of these bombs during a trial near Friedrichshafen penetrated the earth five yards. All the Zeppelins built since the beginning of the war have been similarly fitted.

"Dreadnought" Zeppelins were launched Aug. 15, Sept. 3 and 24, Oct. 15 and Nov. 5, and two others of the same type at the beginning of August, making a total of seven.

These formidable aerial vessels are said to be able to resist successfully any aeroplane attack. They can "sail" with a weight of two or three tons; they have

seventeen to eighteen independent gas compartments and water planes that will allow them to land on water if necessary and continue their flight later. At Friedrichshafen they are called "marine airships," and in small letters on their hulls are painted the significant words, "Meant for London."

Officially in Germany there have been built up to the present thirty-one Zeppelins, but only the most recent dozen count with the military authorities. The older ships are employed in dropping casual bombs on towns, but otherwise doing the work of captive balloons, their places as scouts having been taken by aeroplanes. The new airships are being kept in reserve, it is asserted, for the raid on England and especially London.

The German staff and Count Zeppelin are understood to hold the opinion that eighteen to twenty Zeppelins of the latest type are necessary for a successful attack on London and this number is expected to be ready early next year.

All the latest airships carry several machine guns on special platforms and one large gun each.

"CONTRACT" CRITICISMS DELUGE NEWS OFFICE; NOT ONE GOOD WORD.

Editor Who Approves Innovation Has Not Been Found.

Editorials protesting against the proposed "contract system" of handling the rural free delivery service continue to pour into the News office by every mail. If there is a newspaper in the country that approves of the suggested change it is yet to be heard from, and there is no mistaking the chorus of emphatic disapproval.

"Let well enough alone," is the argument of the Newberry (S. C.) Observer in an editor-

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ial opposing the proposed "contract system." The Observer says:

"Postmaster General Burleson has recommended to Congress that the rural routes be let to the lowest bidders. This suggestion of his must come from a desire to do something new. This is the bane of nearly all new officers; they think they must do something new. We have seen men with the same sort of idea about machinery; they must do something to it, or people will think they are not machinists. The usual consequence to the machinery is that it is injured and then of course does not work as well as before it was 'tinkered' with. When machinery whether of government or workshop, is moving on smooth and satisfactorily, the sensible thing is to let it keep on that way. 'Let well enough alone,' is one of the wisest of maxims.

"The rural free delivery system is working admirably; in fact it is one of the most successful of the government's agencies. It was made for the benefit of the rural or farming people, and it is serving them acceptably. It was not established as a money-making or a money-saving business, but to give the country people prompt mail service, and efficient service—and it is doing it.

"As to the pay, the carriers certainly get no more than they earn. Why this spasmodic effort at economy? And why limit it to the rural mail service? If the government is to get things done by the lowest bidder it might make a sweeping change all along the line and not confine itself to cutting down the pay of the hard worked and faithful men who carry the mail to the people in the rural districts. For instance, there might be a considerable saving if the office of Postmaster General were let out to the lowest bidder; and all cabinet officers, and United States Senators and Representatives. It is possible that some one could be found to take the office of president of the United States for less than \$75,000 a year.

"What would be the result if the job of rural carrier were let out to the lowest bidder? In these hard times it is likely that every man now in would have to get out, for there are many men out of jobs who would be anxious to get one of these. And the next go round other men out of a job would cut under again, and so the pay would keep falling until there would not be a decent living in it for one thing, and for another it would fall into the hands of men incapable of giving efficient service.

"Congress will have the good sense, no doubt, to let well enough alone."

The above was clipped from the R. F. D. News, a paper pub-

lished in the the interest of Rural Carriers. This is but one of many strong editorials printed which oppose the letting of Rural Carrier routes by contract.

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The Farm Workshop.

Howard K. Pierce in Farm and Ranch. There is on every farm some member of the family that likes to try his ingenuity on a piece of steel while it is red. If he knows that he is doing something that is beneficial the pleasure is greatly enhanced. It stands to reason, then, that on every farm where there are many tools of steel to be taken care of there ought to be a forge. Of course no farmer likes to do without woodworking tools, so these will be added and the farmer will have a well equipped shop. My own shop building is 10 by 10 feet, and has a work bench on one side and a forge on the other. As I keep my lumber piled on the joists overhead, I have a flue built to my forge to guide the smoke out of the building, to avoid the lumber getting smutty. This building is large enough for all the work that I have to do. I keep it clean at all times, as I like to go in there sometimes and tinker away at something that is for diversion only. Also I like to invite my friends in there; in other words, it serves the same purpose to me as the city man's office or "den," with the exception I do not read or study in there.

No one who has never tried it can imagine the great number of trips to town that were saved by having at home the means of making quick repairs. In the collection of odds and ends of iron that are always to be found at the forge I have enough material to make all small repairs that do not require actual purchase of a new part. Besides the forge, for iron working you will need a small anvil, a hammer to suit your strength, tongs, wrenches and files. For wood-working you can get a better set of tools already assembled than you can assemble yourself. Don't buy tools that are too good to use and don't refuse to let the boys use them. In fact, while I figure that my shop pays me good profit, I believe it is rather small in comparison to the enjoyment that the boys get out of it. On rainy days or when there was a respite from work my boys were to be found in the shop doing some kind of work in which they were interested. Sometimes they were making pieces of furniture for their rooms. Again they were making nests for pigeons, birds or our chickens, and sometimes they were just whittling and amusing themselves. They were never discouraged in this. The farmer who commands that his boys shall be forever producing something useful, and never wasting their time on something of doubtful accomplishment, is the man who lives to see his boys leave for the city when he needs them most.

I burn almost anything in my forge. Of course it takes good coal to get the iron hot enough to weld, but I seldom have to weld. When I do I use coal and put a little of some good welding preparation on the iron.

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Confidence is a great asset. The fact that our people have confidence in their neighbors and in the country to adjust its financial system and marketing difficulties is all the assurance we need for prosperity.—Farm and Ranch.

John D. Rockefeller is fighting the payment of his personal property tax in the federal court. He regards the valuation as unjust. His admiring fellow citizens in the city of Cleveland insist that a \$311,000,000 valuation is liberal, to say the least. The man who is taxed never believes in the justness of a valuation made by the tax assessor. The richest man in America has his own troubles. He says money is the root of all evil. Then give it to the Belgians. There are 7,000,000 foodless and homeless applicants for aid in that unhappy country. Rockefeller is holding this money for Lord and the Belgians claim to be the Lord's children.—Port Worth Record.

\$10,000 Prize Fund of Texas Industrial Congress to be Awarded at Annual Convention in Dallas December 19

Dallas, Texas, Dec.—The sixth annual convention of the Texas Industrial Congress, with the distribution of the \$10,000 prize fund to contestants who have made the greatest net profits in growing field crops and fattening baby hogs, will be held in the auditorium of the Dallas Chamber of Commerce, December 19. A program of addresses by noted agriculturists has been arranged. Professor Perry G. Holden, who promoted the first agricultural demonstration train in the United States and whose work added millions of dollars annually to the value of the corn crop of Iowa, is to speak on "Diversification in Texas," and Commissioner P. P. Claxton or Dr. H. W. Fogg of the U. S. Bureau of Education on "Gardening in Connection with School Work." Dr. A. Caswell Ellis, of the State University, will speak on "Rural Better-

United States Soldiers Leaving Vera Cruz.

While vessels of the United States navy will remain in Mexican waters for purposes of protection of "nationals" and their property, the army division under General Frederick Funston is withdrawing from Vera Cruz, obedient to orders from the president. As originally decreed last September, this recall was justified because of entire removal of the circumstances which were thought to justify the occupation "to quote the official order. During the interal there has been prolonged negotiation with Carranza over terms on which revenues collected by the United States should be handed over. It now appears as if the more than \$1,000,000 held in trust by the United States will be retained until a stable government at Mexico City can arise so as to conserve the money.

From the standpoint of those who urge occupation of Mexico by the United States, in the hope of ultimate annexation of the southern by the northern republic, this withdrawal may seem quixotic, especially as factional strife in Mexico just now is unusually fierce. It is not to please persons thus purposed that the administration has defined and executed its Mexican policy to date, and we see no reasons for thinking that the policy will be changed to meet these critics' demands. The president undoubtedly has Mexican opinion toward the United States more in his thought when he moves than he has the desires of outside investors in Mexican properties, or the conservative classes of Mexico City and the provincial capitals. He wishes to disabuse the Mexican of any notion that the United States is either overbearing or dishonest. He wishes states in Central and South America to see that in Mexico as in Cuba, the United States can volunteer aid without ulterior motives and can even step in and serve as policeman for a season, and then fall back into the ranks of well wishers who ask for no pay in the form of a territorial grab and are content with simply rendering aid. Such action will stop the mouths of critics and skeptics who deny the possibility of anything other than self interest dominating the acts of states.

Moderates in Mexico will be glad for the withdrawal. It will strengthen their hands against extremists who have used the occupation to further factional ends. The army will come home with honors, not of a military sort, but of an administrative kind. The ancient city has been cleaned, invosted, policed and managed in a way to compel the admiration of intelligent natives. Too many natives Mexicans have been pleased and bettered by the change in conditions of living to be willing to have a reversion to the older type at Vera Cruz. With Vera Cruz cleaned, adorned and well governed it will mount in importance as a trading port. This ideal the American army officers have steadfastly held before them since they entered the city. Their record in Havana and Cuban towns has been repeated in Mexico. By work of this kind the United States shows real fraternity and goodwill to her neighbors.—Christian Science Monitor.

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The Old Standard general strengthening tonic, GROVE'S TASTELESS CHILL TONIC, drives out Malaria, enriches the blood, and builds up the system. A true tonic. For adults and children. 50c

More Than One Way.
"To cure warts," says a Chicago doctor, "burn them out with a red hot pin." Another method is to put in a charge of dynamite

Citation by Publication.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Contable of Hall County—Greetings:

You are hereby commanded to summon R. S. Lemon and the heirs of said R. S. Lemon, whose names are unknown, to be and appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Hall County, to be held at the court house thereof, in the town of Memphis, on the first Monday in January, 1915, being the 4th day of January, A. D. 1915, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 29th day of April, A. D. 1914 in a cause numbered 780, wherein D. H. Davenport is plaintiff and Edward Kennedy, W. V. Kennedy, R. S. Lemon and the unknown heirs of R. S. Lemon are defendants, the cause of action being alleged as follows:

Suit to cancel a certain deed executed by plaintiff in favor of Edward Kennedy, one of the defendants herein, conveying and undivided three-fourths interest in and to 338 town lots situated in the original town of Lakeview, Texas, described in plaintiff's petition, and as the same appears on the recorded plat of said town recorded in Vol. No. 17 on Pages 472 and 473 Deed Records Hall County Texas; and a second tract being a part of section 22, Block 18, surveyed for the public school fund by virtue of cert. No. , issued to H. & G. N. Ry Co., situated in Hall county Texas, described in plaintiff's petition; said deed being dated on the 27th day of May, A. D. 1909, and recorded in Vol. 19, pages 365-6-7; Deed Records Hall County, Texas; and also a certain deed executed by plaintiff to defendant Edward Kennedy, dated the 14th day of August 1909, conveying all of three tracts of land containing one and seventy-seven one-hundredth acres and eight and fifty-eight one-hundredth acres and eight and seventy-four one-hundredth acres, respectively, and a one-fourth interest in one tract of land containing four and thirteen one-hundredth acres, described in plaintiff's petition, and which said deed is recorded in Book 21, page 228, Deed Records Hall County, Texas. Plaintiff also seeks to cancel two certain deeds executed by the defendant Edward Kennedy to the defendant W. V. Kennedy and R. S. Lemons conveying to each of said defendants an undivided one-half interest in said Edward Kennedy's undivided three-fourths interest in and to 137 town lots in the original town of Lakeview, Texas, as shown by the original plat of said town, and described in plaintiff's petition and also his undivided three-fourths interest in a part of section 22, Block 18, surveyed for the public school fund by virtue of Cert. No. , issued to the H. & G. N. Ry Co., situated in Hall County Texas, described in plaintiff's petition, except lots 19 to 24 in block 4 and 1 and 2 in block of the railroad addition to Lakeview, described in plaintiff's petition and recorded in Book 22 at pages and 199, respectively and dated April 20, 1910, and March 18, 1910, respectively. Plaintiff alleging that said deeds from the plaintiff to the said defendant, Edward Kennedy, were procured by means of false and fraudulent representations on the part of the defendant Edward Kennedy made to plaintiff for the purpose of procuring the execution of said deeds by plaintiff to the said Edward Kennedy, which representations were to the effect that the defendants would build a standard gauge railroad to Lakeview, Texas, in consideration of such conveyances, made by the plaintiff and would equip the same, build and maintain a depot of sufficient capacity at said town of Lakeview, and that the grading of said railroad was to begin in thirty days after the delivery of the deeds of right of way, and further represented that said defendants would lay the steel for said railroad within eighteen months from the date of said deed; that said representations were fraudulently and designedly made by said defendants without any intention on their part to comply with same; and further alleging that the said W. V. Kennedy and R. S. Lemon were partners with and interested in said contract and the building of said railroad with the said defendant, Edward Kennedy, and had full notice of all the conditions and representations made by the said Edward Kennedy to this plaintiff, and acted in conjunction with the said Edward Kennedy in procuring said deeds. That had it not been for said false and fraudulent representations so made by the defendants, plaintiff would not have executed the deeds heretofore referred to, and plaintiff prays for the cancellation of said deeds from the plaintiff to defendant Edward Kennedy, and from said Edward Kennedy to the said defendants W. V. Kennedy and R. S. Lemon, and for judgement decreeing the title to said lands in plaintiff, for costs of suits, etc.

You are further commanded to serve this citation by publication by publishing the same once in each week for eight successive weeks previous to the return date hereof, in a newspaper published in your county; but if no newspaper is published in said

LOW PRICED COTTON

On account of Low Priced Cotton I have decided to cut prices down for CASH. I have a **Good Stock of Groceries.**

Bring your orders to me and I will **Save You Money** and you will get first class stuff. I don't handle cheap stuff.

J. T. SPEER, Grocer

county, then in the nearest county where a newspaper is published.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness S. G. Alexander, Clerk of the District Court of Hall County Texas.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, in the town of Memphis, this the 9th day of November, A. D. 1914.

S. G. ALEXANDER, Clerk of the District Court, Hall County Texas.

Issued this the 9th day of November, A. D. 1914.

S. G. ALEXANDER, Clerk District Court, Hall County Texas. 21-8c

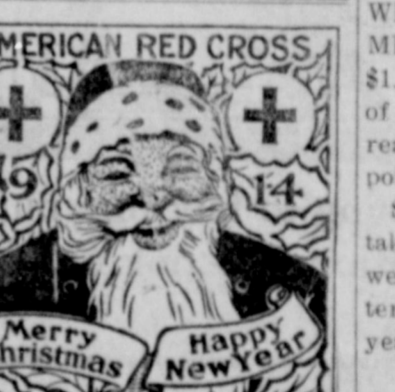
Stops Pain Right Now.

Hunt's Lightning Oil gives almost instant relief in cases of rheumatism, neuralgia, headache etc., and acts as a healing oil on cuts and bruises. Every home should keep a bottle handy. Get it at any reputable drug store in 25c and 50c bottles.

Judge George Thomas, of Columbus, Neb., recently decided that if a man accepts a paper that is sent to him he must pay for it. The decision was rendered in the case brought by the Columbus (Neb) Telegram against a man for \$2.35. The Telegram had been sent to the man's home and he accepted the paper. When called upon to pay for it he refused and suit was brought. When Judge Thomas heard the evidence he instructed the jury to bring in a verdict for the Telegram. Judge Thomas ruled that the old common law principle that what a man received and used he was bound to pay for applied in this instance. —Ex.

Fashion Set by Moors.
The Moors of Arabia and Spain were the first to display colored globes in chemist's windows.

Piles Cured in 6 to 14 Days
Your druggist will refund money if PAZO OINTMENT fails to cure any case of itching, blind, bleeding or protruding Piles in 6 to 14 days. The first application gives ease and rest. 50c.



Red Cross Christmas Seals.

ONE CENT EACH
Buy and use on the back of all mail. The use of Christmas Seals is an evidence of your interest in the worldwide movement to stamp out ALL preventable disease and to lengthen human life. Everyone can help. Order Seals now from Mrs. W. L. Wheat or Prof. Cluster Q. Smith, Red Cross Christmas Seal Committee.

ABSTRACTS: Fire and Tornado INSURANCE: Old Line Companies FARM LOANS: Notary in office
DUNBAR BROS. Memphis, Texas
OFFICE: Citizens State Bank. PHONE 206

The Magic Washing Stick.

"The Magic Washing Stick is just fine. It did just what you said it would and the clothes were so nice and white with all that hard rubbing left off," writes Mrs. Sarah Goodale, Preston, Texas. The Magic Stick is not a soap nor a washing powder. Sold by druggists, three 10c sticks for 25c, or by mail from A. B. Richards Medicine Co. Sherman, Tex.

The Best is None too Good.

IF YOU WANT A NEWS-PAPER THAT GIVES THE NEWS, especially the news from TEXAS and the GREAT SOUTH-WEST, as well as from all over the WORLD, one that gives the most of it and in the best possible way, you can get it by subscribing for THE SEMI WEEKLY FARM NEWS along with the MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT.

THIS IS A COMBINATION of general news and local news that can't be equaled or surpassed. In addition to its great news service, THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS has many special features that entertain, amuse and inform. Among these are THE FARMER'S FORUM, THE WOMEN'S CENTURY, OUR LITTLE MEN AND WOMEN, and the BEST LATEST, AND FULLEST MARKET REPORTS to be had in any newspaper, hot off the wires. THE NEWS spends many thousands of dollars a year for these telegraph market reports, and they are reliable.

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The price of THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS and the MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT is only \$1.75 a year. You get the best of everything that is good in reading matter from every standpoint.

Send in your order now and take advantage of the next few weeks posting yourself on matters of deep concern the coming year MEMPHIS DEMOCRAT.

Guess Where Father Was.

When I asked her to wed She looked angry and said, "Go to father!"
Now she knew that I knew Her father was dead, And I knew that she knew The life he had led, And she knew that I knew what She meant when she said, "Go to father!"
—Anonymous.

THE BIG RED TAG SALE

now in full blast. The Greatest Saving to the people that has ever happened. We have Dry Goods, Boots, Shoes, Hats, Caps and one of the Largest line of Racket Goods, X'mas Goods that has ever been shown in Memphis. Everything goes in this Great Slaughter Sale.

Come and Save Money

MORGAN & BLANTON

North Side Square

Memphis Texas

PROGRAM PANHANDLE SWINE BREEDERS ASS'N

To be Held at Childress Friday and Saturday, Dec. 11-12

Morning Session.
Friday, Dec. 11, 10:30 a. m.
Address of Welcome—Jno. W. Davidson, Mayor of Childress.
Response—O. B. Burnett of Memphis, Texas.
Some Reasons Why Hogs Should Have a Place in Diversified Farming in the Texas Panhandle—W. F. Sterley, General Freight Agent Ft. W. & D.
Summer Pasture for Hogs—J. E. Hill, Claude, Texas.
Winter Pasture for Hogs—O. B. Burnett, Memphis.
Afternoon Session.
Beginning at 1:30.
Care of Sow at Farrowing Time—Harry A. Nelson, Miami, Texas.
Parasites—Dr. Hazard, Amarillo.
Some of the Causes of Failures in the Breeding of Swine; Observation Lesson—J. L. Pope, Ass't. Demonstration Agent Santa Fe R. R., Amarillo.
Value of Cotton Seed Meal in Balancing the Ration—Wm. Ganzer, Dist. Demonstration Agent, Denton.
Friday Night.
Banquet by the Childress Commercial Club.

Morning Session.
Saturday, Dec. 12, 10:00 a. m.
Some Things to Be Considered in Building Hog Houses—Tom Frazier, Fort Worth.
Weaning the Pigs—W. J. Duffie, Claude, Texas.
Ground Feed vs. Unground—A. N. Bryan, Lockney, Texas.
The Type of Hog the Packer Wants—C. C. French of Fort Worth Stock Yards.
Selection of Brood Sow—J. M. Williams, Clarendon.
Afternoon Session.
Beginning at 1:30.
Importance of Legumes in a Hog Pasture—J. C. Patterson Goodnight, Texas.
Crops That May Be "Hogged" Off—B. C. Carter, Chillicothe, Texas.
Things to Be Considered in Fencing Hog Pastures—W. H. Alexander, Childress.
The Value of Fairs to Swine Growers—W. A. Williams, Marlow, Okla.
Election of Officers.
Adjournment.

Card of Thanks.

We take this method of extending our heartfelt thanks to the friends and neighbors who were so kind and helpful in the two months sickness of Mrs. Bailey and especially to the attending physician.

MR. AND MRS. L. B. BAILEY.

Whenever You Need a General Tonic Take Grove's

The Old Standard Grove's Tasteless chill Tonic is equally valuable as a General Tonic because it contains the well known tonic properties of QUININE and IRON. It acts on the Liver, Drives out Malaria, Enriches the Blood and Builds up the Whole System. 50 cents.

Notice.

I will collect taxes on the following dates at places named:
Newlin, Friday, December 11.
Brice, Saturday, December 12.
Tell, Tuesday, December 15.
Parnell, Wednesday, December 16.
Estelline, Friday and Saturday, December 18-19.
Lakeview, Thursday, December 22.
J. E. KING,
Sheriff and Tax Collector, Hall County, Texas.

It pays to drink

EL MATE

At Mickle's Fountain. 5c

Some handsome Tailored suits made to exact measure for \$12.50. They sell everywhere for \$16.00. The house has instructed us to push 'em out for only \$12.50, and close out all Fall and Winter patterns now on hand. Several hundred patterns to close out with one fourth off made to your exact measure.

CLEANING HEROD'S TAILOR SHOP AND PRESSING.

Money to Loan.

If you want to borrow money on land see T. B. Norwood, Memphis, Texas, at once.

WANTED—FARM AND RANCH LAND, for Colonization purposes. No tract too large or too small. If you want to sell your property at your own price, on your own terms, without payment of commission, write European Mutual Colonization Co., Ltd., 633 Kress Bldg., Houston, Texas, for listing blanks and full information. 21-4tc

You Can't

You can't accumulate money without self-denial. Are you looking forward to the day when you will have all you now want and deluding yourself with the idea that you will then begin to accumulate money? That day will never dawn for you. Each day will bring for you a new want and if you continue to indulge in them your life will end in want. Indulgence to-day means for you future want, while self-denial to-day means future indulgence. Start a self denial Account today. Watch over it now and in the years to come, it will watch over you.

—Said a wise old Arab "He that sleeps without supper gets up without debt."

Hall Co. Nat. Bank

MEMPHIS, TEXAS.

W. O. W.

The Woodman of the World gave their annual banquet Friday night, December 4th, and invited their wives and the Woodman Circle to partake of their feast with them. At 7:30 p. m. a large crowd had gathered in the Woodmen hall. W. L. Wheat acted as Master of Ceremonies in introducing Judge A. S. Moss who gave the Welcome Address making all feel that it was good to be there, after which the guests were invited to be seated at the table.

The Woodman team dressed in their uniforms proved themselves perfect master of the art serving under the direction of their Captain Marvin Dishroom. During the serving of the supper toast were called for, the ladies responding first.

Mrs. W. L. Wheat pledged the Woodman, the ladies support if they would let them ride the goat.

Mrs. Dr. McNeely, responded in a pleasing and happy spirit.

Rev. R. B. Morgan responded saying he was like the little boy who only told one story and that was when they asked him if he wanted more turkey, he said no.

Mrs. R. J. Thorne responded complimenting the Woodmen, saying she was glad to be at their splendid supper.

Dr. Greenwood said he was like the moon he was full.

R. J. Thorne responded saying he always felt at home with the Woodmen especially when they had so much to eat.

F. A. Hudgins responded for the Woodman Circle and gave a good talk.

After all had satisfied themselves at the table the ladies were treated with a ticket to the moving picture show. There were 155 present at the supper. All the guest departed for their respective homes loud in their praises for the Woodman lodge of Memphis.

Banquet at Methodist Church.

Next Friday evening there will be a banquet in the basement of the Methodist church given to the adult membership. All such members are asked to make special effort to be present. It will be a pleasant evening profitably spent.

We will start our thresher after Christmas. We will also grind your grain if you wish to have it ground. We will thrash your grain when you get ready to store it away. Will thrash as cheap or cheaper than anybody. We are here to stay. See Walter & Nichols.

P. S. Mr. Nichols has had much experience in threshing.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Bailey left Thursday morning for their old home at Staunton, N. M. They had come to Hall county cotton some two months ago when Mrs. Bailey was taken down sick and has just now recovered sufficiently to return home. They were in a situation where they needed help and Mr. Bailey was loud in his praises of the citizens of Memphis for the many sympathetic words and help given them when they were most needed.

FOR SALE—Piano used nine months, cost \$350 when new. Will take \$175 if sold at once. See Art Jaynes or call phone 385. 2tp

Don't forget the bazaar to be given by the Ladies of the Christian Church Dec. 12, 1914, at the Mat Lane building on South side.

Poultry Wanted

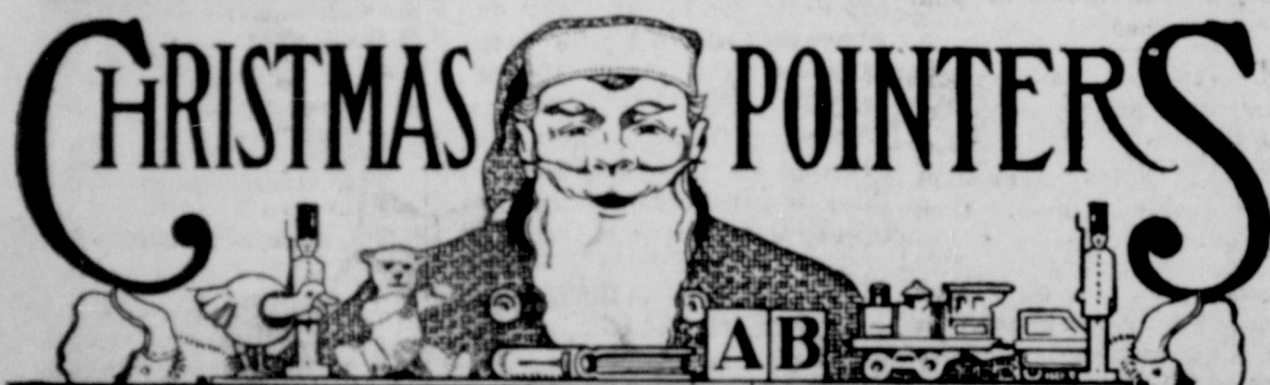
We will pay you top prices for all of your Turkeys, eggs and green hides always in the market. See us before you sell your produce.

Memphis Produce Company

C. R. LEMONS, Prop.
Next Door to Wheat & Jones
East Side of Square

"Good Night" Tight Skirt Says Woman's Convention.

Toledo, O., Dec. 3—Women will no longer wear tight skirts. Such will be fashion's decree next spring and summer. Makers of American styles will conform to the decision at a convention of National Women's Appeal Association here tomorrow.



What are you going to buy for your friends? Let us offer you a few suggestions. Look over this list; we have just what you want.

Diamonds of all kinds.	All kinds of Ivory and Sterling Silver Toilet Sets	Emblem goods of all kinds
Watch Fobs and Chains.	Military Sets.	All the latest patterns in Cut Glass.
Gold and Silver Watches.	Manicure Sets.	Big stock of Hand Painted Chinaware.
Necklaces and Locketts.	All kinds of Diamond, Plain and Set Rings.	Gold and Silver handled Umbrellas.
Watch and Band Bracelets.	Picture Frames in Sterling Silver and Ivory.	Jewelry Novelties of all kinds.
Lavalears.		
Special line of Cameo Brooches, Scarf Pins, etc		

If you see nothing in the list that appeals to you come to our store and look over our stock of Jewelry as we have many things not listed. Our stock is complete and our prices are reasonable.

R. H. WHERRY, Jeweler

EAST SIDE SQUARE

MEMPHIS, TEXAS

Some Cash Prices

FOR YOUR CONSIDERATION

25 pound sack sugar	\$1.50
7 pounds of Rio coffee	1.00
4 pounds of Rio Peaberry coffee	1.00
Fancy Blend coffee, large pail	.90
Two packages Postoasties	.25
Washington Crisp, the package	.10
Puffed Wheat, the package	.10
10 pound pail Arm & Hammer soda	.55
Evaporated Peaches, per pound	.10
Evaporated Apples, per pound	.10
Dried Grapes (Raisins) per pound	.10
6 bars of white soap	.25
7 bars Swiss soap	.25
Large Can Snow white syrup	.45
Large can Angel Food syrup	.40
25c can Crane Baking Powders	.20
Small can comb honey	.75
Large can comb honey	1.50
Seal Flour, as good as the best, per hundred	3.25
King Komus, Pure Cane Syrup, Large Can,	.65

The above prices are for CASH OVER THE COUNTER

Our stock is fresh and we safeguard the health of our customers by keeping our store in a sanitary condition.

We guarantee satisfaction on every article that goes out of our store. We invite the closest inspection of our stock.

Dowell & Howard

"The Pure Food Grocers"

GET GIVING



When you buy your friends and loved ones gifts for the Holiday season-- buy them something that will be useful and that they will appreciate. Let us suggest the following:

For Men and Boys

Dress gloves, kid or mocha unlined or silk lined at \$1.25 to	\$1.75
Men's Neckties in holiday boxes 50 and	1.00
Men's Wunderhose, silk plated, 4 pair in a box at	\$1.00
Men's Initial Handkerchiefs, 10, 15 and	25c
Men's silk mufflers at 50 to	\$1.50
Men's President Suspenders, in holiday boxes at	50c
Men's and boys belts 25, 50 and	\$1.00
Men's tie clasps	25c
Brighton Garters	25c
Men's sweater coats, good ones \$1.50 to	\$3.50

For Ladies'

Black, navy and tan kid gloves	\$1.25
Keen Kutter Scissors, 18 different styles	
Ladies' head scarfs 60, 1.25 and	\$1.50
Ladies' dutch caps at 50, 1.00 and	\$1.25
Ladies' silk hose in black and colors 50, 1.00, 1.25, 1.75 and	\$2.00
Ladies' initial handkerchiefs at 10, 15 and	25c
Ladies' better handkerchiefs, 1000 in stock at 25 to	50c
Ladies' leather hand bags at 65 to	\$2.00
Ladies' mesh bags 1.25 to	\$5.00
Ladies' party bags at 1.25 to	\$4.00
Ladies' barrettes at 25 to	50c
Ladies' garters, the prettiest line of elastics we have ever shown	

We are also showing a very-complete line of toys and dolls for the little ones. We can save you money on this line.

Do Your Christmas Shopping Early GREENE DRY GOODS CO.

MEMPHIS

"THE BIG DAYLIGHT STORE"

TEXAS

Oakdale is the best.
L. W. Willis left Tuesday for a trip to New Mexico.

Call at J. W. Mickle Drug Co., for Home Stationery.

G. W. Cox made a business trip to Estelline Monday.

We serve lunchettes at the J. W. Mickle Drug Co.

Hats cleaned and blocked by O. K. Tailor.

S. S. Montgomery was a business visitor to Childress Friday.

Dial will buy your feed.

Mrs. J. C. Ross left Saturday for Eldorado, Okla., where she will visit her mother for some time.

We serve Chili all the time at the J. W. Mickle Drug Co.

Only one more week of school and they will be dismissed for the holidays.

Dial has what you want in the feed or Hay Line.

The infant child of Mrs. Anne Rowden is reported very well.

Fresh home made lard a specialty at the City Meat Market.

Memphis and Hall county is experiencing a cold norther to day.

Sudan Grass Seed for Sale. See M. EWEN. 24-4tc

Mrs. Thrasher and children came up from Estelline and visited with relatives.

We serve hot all kinds of Bouillabaisse at the J. W. Mickle Drug Co.

Miss Carothers is reported

sick today and Miss Tot Bryant is teaching her classes.

Spanish Balls hot, on tap all time at the J. W. Mickle Drug Co.

Miss Lee Packer of Newlin spent Monday in Memphis the guest of Miss Myrtle Johnson.

You will receive the same courteous treatment at the Smith Grocery Co.

The awning in front of Wherry's Jewelry store and The Racket store has received a new coat of paint this week.

Ladies, call at the J. W. Mickle Drug Co., for Chili, Spanish Balls, hot or cold drinks.

Get acquainted with

EL MATE

At Mickle's Fountain.

J. C. Bevers of Lakeview, was in Memphis today and left his subscription for the Democrat and Dallas Farm News.

Our goods are fresh and just as cheap as anywhere in the city. Smith Grocery Co.

Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Thornton came in Saturday morning after a several months visit with relatives in Oklahoma.

For a nice juicy steak or all pork home made sausage go to the City Meat Market, West side square.

The C. W. B. M. met with Mrs. W. B. Cherry on last Thursday evening. A good time is reported.

Order your suit from the O. K. Tailor we have the largest display of woolen ever shown in Memphis.

Miss Ethel Stephens returned Monday from a weeks visit with her sister, Mrs. V. V. Davis, at Wellington.

Wheat & Jones have this week received a car load of Michigan salt for salting down your meat. See them.

Mrs. B. W. Moreman from Hedley was in attendance at the C. W. B. M. meeting last Thursday.

MONEY TO LOAN—Do you need a loan on your land. If so see me at once. T. B. Norwood, Memphis, Texas.

'Tis good for you

EL MATE

At Mickle's Fountain. 5c

Tom Benton has accepted a position with Ike Grundy and is assisting him with his oil business.

The Smith Grocery Co., is ready to deliver you anything you may need in the grocery line S. S. Smith.

The Ladies of the Christian Church will give their annual bazaar December 12, 1914 at the Mat Lane building on south side.

J. T. Claggett came in this morning for a visit with home folks after a several weeks absence. He will be here for several days.

WANTED—Man and wife, without children, wants work on a ranch. Address W. S. in care of Democrat.

S. I. Byars of the Lakeview community was a business visitor in Memphis Saturday and made the Democrat a pleasant

call.

The Reliance corset sold by Mrs. N. C. Herod. 25 different styles, see cut of Abdo belt style in another column.

Mrs. Geo. Nelson and children returned to their home at Logan N. M., after a ten days visit with friends and relatives in and near Memphis.

If you have never tried Oakdale coal try just one load and you will want no other. At W. P. Dials.

George W. Held, representing the Barnhart Bros., & Splindler dealers in printers supplies, spent Saturday in Memphis calling on the print shops.

Save money by ordering your fall suit from L. McMillan, the O. K. Tailor where you always get a fit and the worth of your money in clothes.

C. F. Smith and family came in Monday from Johnson Co., and are living in the Pressley residence on North 12th street. They will make Memphis their future home.

Minced ham, balogna, ham sausage, veal. Also barrel kraut Fresh home made lard a specialty City Meat Market, West side.

Mrs. Kittle Langham and children, from Greenfield, Mo., is in Memphis visiting at the home of her brother, R. E. Painter. She will visit here until after the holidays.

FOR SALE CHEAP—Sausage Mill, Bone cutter and sausage stuffer. At the City Meat Market, West Side Square, Max Bishoff, Prop.

Jno. M. Gist returned to his home at Plainview Saturday night after spending several days in Memphis visiting with old friends and looking after business matters.

MONEY TO LOAN on Farms and Ranches Loans closed promptly. See me at once if you need a loan. Memphis on Mondays. Clarendon balance of week. J. S. ULM.

We are offering the Fort Worth Star Telegram and the Democrat one year for \$4.00, or to the old subscriber by paying the one dollar on subscription. Don

delay as this offer is only good until December 15.

The Home Stationery is in 35c boxes, envelopes and paper, each sheet of paper has on it Memphis, Texas, in gold letters. J. W. Mickle Drug Co.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Painter and son, Forest, of Crawford, Okla., will visit their son, R. E. Painter until after the holidays. He is an old timer in Hall county having lived near Newlin, for several years before moving to Oklahoma.

Ladies, we have on hand fresh bulk kraut, sweet pickle, sour mixed pickle, dill pickles and olives. Include these in your order when you phone for your meat. Huchton Meat Co.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Bagwell left last week for Palestine, where they will visit with their daughter, Mrs. S. C. Harris. They will also visit a son at Commerce, Texas, and will probably be gone for two or three months before they return to Memphis.

We must thank all the dressers of Memphis and Hall county for their liberal patronage. We have fitted up several hundred

and made only one misfit.

CLEANING HEROD'S TAILOR SHOP AND PRESSING

D. M. Gosset and A. C. Williams of the Lakeview community will hold public sales in a few days and sell their belongings preparatory for departing for New Mexico where they have taken up land. Mr. Williams will hold his sale on the 18th and Mr. Gosset on the 19th.

Have you Catarrh?

Is nasal breathing impaired? Does your throat get husky or clogged?

Modern science proves that these symptoms result from run-down health. Snuff and vapors are irritating and useless. The oil-fool in Scott's Emulsion will enrich and enliven the blood, aid nutrition and assist nature to check the inflammation and heal the sensitive membranes.

Shun Alcoholic mixtures and insist upon SCOTT'S.

Cures Old Sores, Other Remedies Won't Cure. The worst cases, no matter of how long standing, are cured by the wonderful, old reliable Dr. Porter's Antiseptic Healing Oil. It relieves Pain and Heals at the same time. 25c, 50c, \$1.00



CHRISTMAS TALKS



SELECT NOW

The Diamond, Watch, Umbrella, Jewelry, Etc.

for your holiday gifts and you will have the satisfaction of avoiding the Christmas rush.

You can have the goods held until the last week if desired. There are so many advantages in making your early selections that you cannot overlook them.

You avoid the crowds—you are not obliged to wait for others that are ahead of you—you can choose from a complete stock—you save time and many annoyances. Engraving free on all goods bought here.

CHAS. OREN, Jeweler & Optician
At Tomlinson's Drug Store

The Eating Is Much More Pleasant

When you know it is paid for. We started on December 1st to do cash business and will buy for cash and sell for cash. By doing so we can

Give You More for Your Money

Give us a trial and we will convince you of the fact. Talk over the cash proposition with us anyway.

Hogland Mercantile Company
MEMPHIS, TEXAS

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The Home Circle Column

PLEASANT EVENING REVERIES

A Column Dedicated to Tired Mothers as They Join the Home Circle at Evening Tide

Crude Thoughts From The Editorial Pen

THE TONGUE.

There is no greater source of evil than the unsanctified use of the tongue. Nine-tenths of all our social, political and religious troubles are traceable to this unruly member. It destroys the sanctity of home, severs the ties of affection between husband and wife, parents and children; sets otherwise peaceable communities in a tumult of unwarranted and needless excitement. This deadly weapon has dethroned empires, crushed kingdoms, laid waste continents, and sent de-solation and destruction and dismay from one end of our world to the other.

The tongue is the medium of conversation—talk, tattling, tale bearing, lying gossiping, etc. It is the mouth piece of the brain, and willingly responds to its demands. The confusion of tongues (languages) 2,343 years, B. C., put a stop to the building of the tower of Babel, and penetrated the designs of a wicked and worldly-glory seeking people. If there could be some limit to the vast amount of worthless trifling, demoralizing and dangerous conversations, it would stop the building of many a tower of trouble.

A tattling, gossip peddling person in a community is more to be feared than a Bengal tiger, or the Asiatic cholera. You can kill the tiger, but the mischief maker goes free. You may overpower as fearful a disease as the cholera or the yellow fever, but the mischief making, tattling, back biting, whispering news venter, gossip monger is incurable, unmanageable, irrepressible and unendurable. They are the terror by night, the pestilence that walketh in darkness, the arrow that flieth by day and the destruction that (does not) waste or cease at noon-day. Their highest aspiration is to disturb the peace and happiness of the community in which they live. On the other hand, a pure, chaste use of the tongue is the most powerful agent for good. Many persons accomplish more by their silence than they could possibly do by anything they might say.

The Christian, as well as every one else, is commanded to order conversation as becoming Godliness. No true Christian can be either a tattler, back-bitter, liar or gossip monger. His conversation is to be discreet and edifying such as will minister grace to those who hear. His guide says he shall give an account the day of judgement for every idle word. "Be ye holy in all manner of conversation."

FLATS AND DIVORCE.

One of the leading Illinois papers says that an analysis of 1,250 divorces in a big city showed that 95 per cent, were among flat dwellers.

Home must be more than a place in which to sleep when other places are closed.

The man or woman who has room for a flower bed, a chicken coop and a play space for the kiddies is pretty apt to have little time or temptation for other affluities.

In a flat, though, there's room for only eating and sleeping—sometimes even the eating is done outside.

Amusement means movies, dance halls, auto rides, everything except staying at home. Of course, Old Nick finds mischief for idle hands to do.

But when you study the land values you see why flats are

necessary.

Little Belgium, before the war, had found a way to keep home life sweet. It used its railroads to let its city workers live in neat cottages in the country—for less than the price of three 10 cent cigars they could travel 20 miles twice a day for a week.

We can't get away from frequent divorces unless we get back to the soil.

By the time a man is married his character is formed, and he changes very little. His mother has made him; and no matter how hard she tries, there is very little that his wife can do toward altering him.

The very reputation of always trying to improve yourself in every possible way, of being in dead earnest, will attract the attention of everybody that knows you, and you will get many a recommendation for promotion which never comes to those who make no special effort to climb upward.

THE WIFE.

Is man the child of sorrow and do afflictions and distresses pour their bitterness into his cup? How are his trials alleviated, his sighs suppressed and his corroding thoughts dissipated by a wife of cheerfulness and love. Is he overwhelmed by disappointment and mortified by reproaches? There is one who can hide her eyes even from his faults, and who, like her Father in heaven, can forgive and love "without unbraiding." And when he is sickened by the subtleties and deception of the world—when he becomes dissatisfied with himself and all around him, her pleasant smile, her undissembled tenderness, her artless simplicity, "restore him to himself, and spread serenity and sweetness over his mind."

There is an untold wealth locked up in the long winter evenings and odd moments ahead of you. A great opportunity confronts you. What will you do with it?

Take one home

EL MATE

Good Hot or Cold.

At Mickle's Fountain.

Ship Hogs Under Co-operative Plan.

Belton, Tex., Nov.—A carload of hogs were recently shipped from here under the co-operative plan by farmers in this section. The plan is for each farmer that is a member of the organization and who has a few hogs for sale, to assemble the porkers at a point, holding them until a carload is secured and then the shipment is made. The plan is a frugal one and has proved to be very profitable to the farmers in this territory. County Agricultural Agent, Thomas Youngblood acts as sales agent without charge.

Mineral Wells—A hotel that will compare favorably with any of a similar type built anywhere in the county is being planned by the Lamar Wells Company for this place. The structure will be eight stories high and will have a roof garden. Three street fronts will be built into the edifice. The exterior of the building will be of golden brown mat faced brick and the inside work will consist of marble and other elaborate trimmings and decorations.

LITTLE 'RASTUS ON SANTA CLAUS

WILBUR D. NESBIT

Mah mammy say dat Sandy Claus come Ter good li'l boys, En bring er ho'n on er big red drum, En ruther toys, En one dese jump' jacks—broken, dough—But den, my lan'! I caln' on'stan'. I guess I knows what Sandy Claus do—He see'n han' man!



Lae' yeah he clomb down ouah stovepipe W'enst I's ersleep, En futch some oynages—bout half ripe—En three toy sheep, En one dese jump' jacks—broken, dough—But den, my lan'! 'Bout dishyere Sandy Claus—I des know He see'n han' man!



I as' my mammy of Sandy Claus ain' Done know des how Ter men' dem toys, en' 'ix dey paint, En she say: "Now, Don' worry, chile, 'bout de white folks, 'cause Hit's de good Lawd's plan." So I guess dat mah Mistah Sandy Claus—He see'n han' man!

REFUSED TO RECOGNIZE DAY

Puritans of England Made Christmas Illegal and Declared it a Misdemeanor to Be Gay.

English Puritans of the seventeenth century guarded against looking upon the rosy side of life.

Because Christmas is really a survival of the Celts' Yule, and is not the actual anniversary of the birth of Christ, they refused to countenance Christmas festivities. Not only did they refuse to recognize the day, but they made laws to that effect.

The parliament of 1644 passed an act ordering all law abiding citizens to observe December 25 as a solemn fast, to be spent in silent atonement for previous Christmas days that had passed in riotous living and merry-making.

Naturally the community did not share in these hard and fast rules, and many a turkey was surreptitiously killed, and many a plum pudding quietly bolted. But woe betide the unfortunate offender against the act were he luckless enough to be discovered.

Soldiers were sent to search the houses of those suspected of harboring such delicacies as mince pies, etc., and many were the pitched battles between disagreeing sections of the public.

UNDER THE MISTLETOE

To ask a girl if you may kiss her before doing it is an insulting way of laying all the responsibility on her.

In a man's opinion a kiss is an end that justifies any means.

You needn't be afraid of a mere kiss. Thousands are exchanged daily by people of the highest reputation.

The kissed girl fears no mistletoe.

A kiss is as good as a smile—and a good deal better, too!

The ideal kiss is the kiss that is never given.

A kiss too soon may be a full stop in the tale of love.

The child who doubts about Santa Claus has insomnia. The child who believes has a good night's rest.

A CHRISTMAS CONSPIRACY

How Grandmother's Heart Was Gladdened by Remembrances From the Children.

"Grandmother Jessup!" Stella's tone was distinctly accusing; it was evident that grandmother had something to answer for. Grandmother, from her invalid chair, looked across at the girl who stood at her bureau drawer. She had endured years of pain and weakness; but they had not succeeded in quenching the spirit in the frail figure; her voice was as saucy as a girl's.

"Not guilty—what is it?" "It's your handkerchiefs. How many dozen have you?"

"Seven or eight. You see, I have seven of the dearest grandchildren in the world. It's queer, isn't it, that your nose should be so especially honored when you grow old?"

But Stella's gray eyes forgot to laugh back at grandmother's. Something had disconcerted her. She put the handkerchiefs back, made some trivial excuse, and ran up to her own room, where her sister and cousins were holding a Christmas conclave.

"I wonder," she burst out, "that grandmother can endure Christmas at all!"

"What under the sun do you mean?" Corinne and Isabella exclaimed together.

"Corinne, what did you give grandmother for Christmas last year?"

"A box of handkerchiefs. Why?" "And you, Isabella?"

"An embroidered handkerchief with little weeny initials."

"Mollie?" "Two handkerchiefs," Mollie confessed. "There didn't seem to be anything else—except slumber slippers, and Aunt Maria always knits those."

"And Laurie and I gave her handkerchiefs—because she's old, and they're the easiest thing to think of! Girls—she isn't old—she's as young as any of us down in her heart, and she loves pretty things just as much as ever. This year let's give her the biggest surprise of her life—a Christmas that will make her really happy."

"But how—what—" Corinne stammered.

"What do we like best—each of us?"

"Jewels!" "Books!" "Hand embroidery!" "Candy!" "Silk stockings!" The answers came in a laughing shower.

"Well, then, why not? Grandma'd love a bit of jewelry from us—chosen just for her. And books—not 'Thoughts of Cheer,' as if she were melancholy, but love stories that end well. And why not embroider her something? And if not silk stockings, then a pair of slippers with tiny velvet bows. As for candy, she'd love to have it to pass round, even if she couldn't eat much herself."

"And let Bob and Archie send her their absurd jokes as they do to the rest of us? It doesn't seem—respectful."

"But grandma doesn't want to be seemed respectful-to," Stella declared. "She'd just love to be counted in with the rest of us, little vanities and jokes and all. O girls, try it once and see!"

And that was the way the Christmas conspiracy started. Grandmother's eyes on Christmas morning were proof of its success.—Youths' Companion.

SAID LITTLE SOCRATES.



"Some generous person," said little Socrates Bulgibrow, of Boston, "has been kind enough to send me a copy of Mother Goose's lyrics for Christmas. Do you know, the theory that a representative of the bovine genus at one time leaped over the chief luminary of the night leads to some interesting calculations as to the muscular development of the cows of that time. I have ascertained that they must have been endowed with strength proportionate to that of the sea of the present day."

THE JOY OF SHOPPING.

By Wilbur D. Nesbit. I love to go and shop for things To send as Christmas gifts to friends, For then my fancy girls on wings, I feel the joy that never ends. O, what a rapture 'tis to stand And be stepped upon, bumped into, joggled, jostled, pushed, squeezed, shoved, frowned at, scowled upon, trampled, bruised, slammed, rushed, hurried, jolted, and finally get up to the counter and discover that you are at the wrong one!

COULD SCARCELY WALK ABOUT

And For Three Summers Mrs. Vincent Was Unable to Attend to Any of Her Housework.

Pleasant Hill, N. C.—"I suffered for three summers," writes Mrs. Walter Vincent, of this town, "and the third and last time, was my worst."

I had dreadful nervous headaches and prostration, and was scarcely able to walk about. Could not do any of my housework.

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A Vagrant Christmas Gift

By ALBERT EDWARD CONVERSE

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Mr. and Mrs. Jackson Smith understood each other perfectly on the Christmas present proposition. This satisfactory state of affairs did not come about the first year of their wedded life, nor even the second. The third Christmas was almost at hand before Mr. Smith discovered accidentally, but to his intense joy, that Mrs. Smith related his selection of furs, gloves, curlers, rugs, and so on, no more than did he her choice of smoking-jackets, cravats, mufflers, etc. That their friends could not be taken in on the combination was, however, a thorn in the flesh of each of them.

"The worst has happened," said Mrs. Smith, interrupting Mr. Smith's perusal of the paper Christmas morning.

"A messenger just brought a present from the Snivelys, and I forgot to put them on my list. It's a book and we've got to send them something."

"Well, what are we going to do about the Snivelys?" growled Mr. Smith.

"Jack," said she in a moment, "I've had an inspiration. Why couldn't we send the Snivelys the book that Cousin Lucy sent us? Neither of them will ever know it."

"By George! We'll do it," said Mr. Smith, after considering the proposition. "Where is Cousin Lucy's book?"

"It's on the desk," said Mrs. Smith. "Just put our cards in the book and wrap it up neatly. I'll call a messenger boy."

Half an hour later Mr. Smith handed a package, addressed to Mr. Snively, to a messenger boy and saw him depart with it. He was luxuriously stretched out on aavenport when Mrs. Smith came into the room a few minutes later.

"Jack," said Mrs. Smith, holding a book in her hand, "I thought you were going to wrap this book up."

"Great Scott!" exclaimed Mr. Smith, jumping to his feet. "I did wrap up some book. The messenger has already been here and I gave it to him."

"How long has the boy been gone?" demanded Mrs. Smith.

"About ten minutes."

"Get your things on. Be quick, and maybe you can reach the Snivelys before the boy and get that dreadful book away from him! How could you have been so careless?"

Mrs. Smith was almost frantic.

Down to the nearest street car tore Mr. Smith, fairly consumed with rage. He had arrived at the downtown district when, with a thrill of joy, he spied the messenger boy. Without waiting for the car to stop, Mr. Smith jumped off and started on a run for the boy.

At the same moment the messenger boy saw him, and, without knowing why he was being pursued, he obeyed his first impulse and ran too.

In a moment a dozen had joined in the chase. Down the street came the poor messenger boy, frantically straining every muscle to get away from the mob pursuing him. Suddenly two men from a cross street ran in front of the boy. One threw his arms around the fugitive, holding him fast; the other man seized the package the boy was carrying.

"Why, Snively! This package is addressed to you!" he exclaimed.

"Why, so it!" said the man who had caught the boy.

In a moment they were surrounded by a crowd. A policeman rushed up and took charge of the boy.

"Hold on there, officer, the boy's all right!" cried Mr. Smith, who had arrived upon the scene by this time.

"What do you know about this affair?" said the policeman respectfully, as he recognized Mr. Smith.

But Mr. Smith was standing as one dazed. He had caught sight of Mr. Snively with the book under his arm.

"Hello, Smith," said Mr. Snively. "I just now caught this boy, and found him carrying a package addressed to me, so took charge of it. Do you know anything about it?"

"Why—why—er—yes," stammered Mr. Smith, trying to collect his wits. "You see, I sent the package."

"Well, why were you chasing the boy?" asked the policeman, a little impatiently.

The perspiration stood out on poor Mr. Smith's forehead.

"I—I was afraid I hadn't given the boy the right address, and was trying to stop him to find out," he blurted in desperation.

The policeman looked at Mr. Smith curiously. He was convinced that he was lying, though with what object he could not imagine.

"The package has come to the right fellow anyway," said Snively, laughing. "I'm going right home, so I'll take it along with me."

"Oh, I couldn't think of allowing you to do that, old man!" cried Mr. Smith. "Just give it back to the boy;

he'll take it to the house for you."

"Nonsense!" said Mr. Snively. "It's a light package and I don't mind carrying it a particle."

Mr. Smith ground his teeth with rage. How was he to get that book away from Snively?

"Snively," said he, my office is only a few doors down the street. Come up and smoke a cigar with me. I've got some good ones."

A few minutes later Mr. Smith ushered Mr. Snively into his office.

"Sit down here, Snively," said he, offering his guest a chair. "Let me have your package; I'll put it over here on my desk."

He took the book eagerly and put it on his desk out of sight. As he smoked and talked, he racked his brain for a scheme to get Snively out of the room without his book.

"Good morning, gentlemen. Merry Christmas."

It was Smith's partner, Perkins, who thus addressed them as he came out of his private office.

Suddenly a brilliant scheme took shape in his mind. He proceeded immediately to put it into execution.

"By the way, Perkins, I have a Christmas present for you." As he spoke, he picked up Snively's package and, holding it so that Snively could not see it, walked over the Perkins and handed it to him.

"But—but—" Perkins protested.

"Take it and keep your mouth shut, or I'll choke you!" whispered Smith fiercely.

"Oh, thank you very much," said the astonished Perkins. "Well, I must be getting home. Good morning."

After talking a few moments longer, Snively rose to go.

"Can I trouble you for my package, now?" he said.

"Oh, yes," said Smith, going to his



Searching First Calmly and Then With Apparent Annoyance.

desk and searching first calmly and then with apparent annoyance.

"By George! It isn't here," he announced in a surprised tone.

Suddenly he sat down and began laughing uproariously.

"Do you know what I've done?" he said as soon as he had his mirth somewhat under control. "I gave Perkins your package. I forgot that I took his present home last night, and my wife sent it over this morning with a present for Mrs. Perkins."

"Oh, that's all right," said Snively, laughing. "It doesn't make a particle of difference."

They parted, laughing good-naturedly over the blunder.

Smith arrived home soon after, congratulating himself on his generalship.

"Oh, Jack," cried Mrs. Smith, as soon as he stepped into the house, "I hope you haven't had any trouble!"

"Well, I've had just about the most strenuous time I've experienced in many moons," said Smith. "I came out all right though."

"I'm so sorry," said Mrs. Smith. "Now I hope you won't be angry, Jack, but you hadn't been gone but a few moments when I discovered that you hadn't sent Mrs. Snively's book, after all. I found her book lying on the floor by the center-table, where, in some way, it had been knocked off. The only book that is missing is the one that Mr. and Mrs. Perkins sent us, so that must have been the one that you sent to the Snivelys."

Mr. Smith collapsed into the nearest chair.

"Ding-a-ling-a-ling," went the telephone.

Mr. Smith, still in a dazed condition, rose and answered it.

"Hello, is that you, Smith?" said a voice. "This is Perkins."

Smith braced himself for the worst. "I didn't quite understand about that present you gave me down at the office. When I got home I found that it had Snively's name on it."

"Oh."

"I thought there must be some mistake about it, so I didn't open it."

"You say you didn't open it?"

"No."

"Thank Heaven!"

"What do you say?"

"I said that you did right. It was just a little joke on Snively."

"Is that so? Well, I'll bring the package down to the office with me in the morning."

"Thank you. Good-by."

"Thank heaven," said Smith as he hung up the receiver and once more settled himself in comfort, "Christmas comes but once a year!"

Santa Claus says:

- ☞ A face wreathed in smiles is better than a mansion wreathed in holly.
- ☞ Better broken toys than broken hearts.
- ☞ Never look a gift object in the price tag.
- ☞ Santa Claus by any other name would cost as much—and be worth it.
- ☞ Do not be satisfied with wishing people a "Merry Christmas;" help make it one.
- ☞ Lots of men put on long white whiskers and think they look like me when they look more like a goat—and perhaps they are.
- ☞ If Willie wants to see what is inside the drum, for goodness sake let him.
- ☞ You are living in God's own country. What more do you want for Christmas?
- ☞ It is a wise Santa who keeps his whiskers away from the candles.
- ☞ Keep up the "Good will to man" part of it right through until next Christmas.
- ☞ It is more blessed to give than to receive, except in the matter of offense.
- ☞ Fortunately for most of us, we won't get what we deserve on Christmas.
- ☞ When Christmas giving becomes a necessity it ceases to be a virtue.
- ☞ There is more joy in heaven over a ton of coal given to the poor than a ton of diamonds given to the rich.

Song of the Christmas Tree

By Gene Morgan

I come from northern forest lands
Where men would tarry never,
The seasons come, the seasons go,
But I am green forever.

The flowers of spring bloom at my feet,
The shadows always spreading,
Near by there runs a forest path
Where watchful deer are treading.

The summer passes all too soon,
And autumn winds are chilly,
Poor flowers, they wither, droop and die
Amid the woodland hilly.



From every branch, sad tears I drip
In rainstorm's fierce endeavor,
The flowers may come, the flowers may go,
But I am green forever.

Now hark! the woodman's ax is heard!
A sister tree he's felling,
What can this cruel destruction mean?
The winter wind is telling:

"Do not bemoan thy mournful fate,
Thou' axmen wield with madness,
Bedecked in tinsel, bright and fine,
You'll soon bring children gladness."

"Thou canst not die, although thy trunk,
Harsh hatchet blows may sever,
Within the little children's hearts
Thou wilt be green forever!"

Origin of Christmas Tree.

The Christmas tree is supposed by Greek numbers of people to have originated in Germany, but from a reliable source we learn that the Christmas tree came in the first instance from Egypt, and its origin dates from a period much earlier than the Christian era. The palm tree is known to put forth a branch every month, and a spray of this tree with 12 shoots on it was used in Egypt at the time of the winter solstice as a symbol of the completed year.

SEASONABLE PRICES.

Now doth the Christmas shopper
With happiness elate,
Buy something that was forty-also,
Marked up to ninety-eight.

TRUE SPIRIT OF DAY

Christmas Giving Should Be Prompted by the Heart.

Religion in the Orthodox Sense Not Necessary to Appreciate Finer Qualities of Great Christian Holiday.

By PRUDENCE STANDISH.

THE more the Christmastide and its beautiful meaning is with the world. Again the shepherds, watching their flocks by night, are sore afraid at the glory which shines about them. Clothed in blinding light, the angel speaks; the heavenly host that crowds suddenly about him sing of glory in the highest and peace and good will. The wise men who have seen his star in the East, kneel and spread their gifts of gold and myrrh and frankincense without question.

The miracle of 2,000 years ago is still new and glad and lovely, for, lo! in all Christendom bells peal and sweet choirs sing the message given by the blinding angel and the crowding host:

"For behold I bring you tidings of great joy which shall be to all people. Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

This is the message of the Christmastide, yet the bigger half of Christendom makes the period the pagan festival it once was at the time of the winter solstice. We give gifts, for sake of the gods of custom and merriment, forgetting entirely that they are for sake of the great spiritual joy "which shall be to all people." The gold and myrrh and frankincense of the heart are withheld—we give gifts because we've got to, and keep our hearts as much closed to the Christmas child as was the inn. We have our own selfish ends to gain, the rich patron to cater to, the friend to appease. We heap little children with dazzling toys, and light the starry lamps of their fir trees because it is the fashion, and we do our small Christmas charities because it would seem mean not to do them.

We have forgotten the joyous and sublime meaning of Christmas. One does not need to be religious in the orthodox sense to appreciate the finer quality of this great festival, for what is known as Christian feeling has come to be a moral obligation at this time—a point of etiquette, in truth, for the heart and mind.

In point of mere etiquette—what the social world thinks on the subject of Christmas gift giving—it is thought had taste for a person of modest means to give presents of value to others of wealth and influence, for this savors too much like currying to continued favor if the giver is already under obligations. But some knowledge of the helpful friend's existence is necessary, and this may take the form of a pretty Christmas card with an appropriate greeting; or a knot of flowers or winter berries may be sent with a note expressing warm Christmas wishes.

That the servant who has given her bodily strength and heart's best interest to the home must not be forgotten, goes without saying; but it is certainly bad form to make the poor servitor's gift an inexpensive trifle when something better can be afforded.

Then what a woeful want of taste it shows for us to defer buying a friend's or sister's present until we have found out what she means to give us, and so make the exchange a quid pro quo. The gift that goes to friend or relative is above all one for love, and it is undoubtedly better taste for the recipient of the simpler gift in the exchange to appear as pleased as if she had received something ten times its value.

But, then, what matters the nature of the gift after all? The spirit is the thing—and does not this silly picture or cushion, so unbecoming to the parlor, mean that the friend or sister has thought of us?

As for the little children, so much are their feelings painfully strained at this time that I would like to write a book on the subject. I beg every mother not to threaten the poor little heart that misbehaves sometimes with the eternal word that "Santa Claus won't come if you do that any more." The dear kiddie who forgets to be good knows better after a year or two of this harrowing threat, which makes you out a story teller. Meanwhile, there is the little heart staying awake at night with its dreadful anxieties; there are the sudden storms of bitter tears, with all the glory of Christmas sunk in the bottomless pit of absolute sureness that Santy—dear, abused, good old fat gentleman—won't come.

We remember the poor and drop a few pennies gladly for the blind children.

But, why do we do it—why? It is because a wide, sweet star has stopped over a stable in the far East, because the church choirs are singing of peace on earth and good will toward men.

So let us never lose sight of that fact with our gifts, whether our hands tender or receive them; for the heart closed to the deeper significance of Christmas may truly be likened to the inn that held no room. Let us send with each gift some of the heart's true gold and frankincense—bind it with the cord of some memory of Bethlehem. Let us receive each and every one of our gifts as tidings of great joy.

Blind Students.

Two blind boys are actually working their way through school. Several hundred other students work in order to pay their bills while at the University. This has been often marvelled at. Even the Catalogue points to this fact with pride. But even at best, working one's way is considerable of a hardship. Had one of these been told a year ago that it was possible for a blind boy to carry all his courses and make the "dough" wherewith to scare hunger off, such an one would have replied firmly with "impossible."

George Remley, a freshman academy student, earns \$15.00 per month over and above his board and lodging in addition to making a creditable showing in his school work. He stays at the Blind Institute, and while there takes care of the music room. It is the duty of certain students to come at certain periods and practice their music exercises. And it is Remley's business to see that the right student appears at the proper time. Moreover, he keeps the room strengthened up, and locks all the students up at night.

Another blind boy, R. A. Hayes, gets his board and room for coaching deficient students in their subjects. His regular occupation is to coach two high school students in Spanish. In addition he frequently coaches Varsity students also.

"Fencerail" Smith says that one time when cotton was selling at a scandalous low price, he and several of his neighbors got together and decided they would plant just half as much cotton next year as they planted that year. They made some very solemn pledges to that effect, and along about planting time he discovered that every last one of them was getting ready to plant more cotton than ever. He says he got so mad over their duplicity that he decided he wouldn't plant any at all, and he didn't, but planted a lot of feed stuff and raised quite a smatter of hogs, and by Hokey, the price was lower than ever on cotton that fall and it took nearly every cent his neighbors got for their cotton to pay him for the corn and meat he sold them that winter.—Ex.

Gainsville—The plans which were recently started here for the building of a large oil refinery in this city have about matured and it is expected that actual work on the project will be started with in a short time. A large pipe line will be constructed from the Haldton oil field near Ardmore to supply the plant with its raw material.

VILLA AND ZAPATA TO WORK TOGETHER

Each Says Will Retire to Private Life After Work is Accomplished.

City of Mexico, Dec. 4, via El Paso, Texas, Dec. 7.—Generals Villa and Zapata met today at Zochimilco and after a conference announced publicly that they would work together and each would retire to private life when their work was accomplished. George C. Carothers, special representative of the Washington State Department, attached to General Villa's headquarters, and several of Villa's officers, previously had conferred with Zapata in an effort to persuade him to come to the capital.

A serious hitch evidently had occurred. Zapata was organizing his forces at Cuernavaca, where the Villa delegation met him. After the conference today General Villa said his forces would begin immediately a vigorous campaign against Carranza. The forces of Villa and Zapata will enter the City of Mexico tomorrow.

Leon Canova, representing the United States, attended the conference and was given an official statement by the two leaders.

General Villa requested the newspaper men present to say he congratulated General Scott on his appointment as chief of Staff of the United States Army. He said:

"General Scott is a great soldier, and is my warm friend. An active campaign will be begun within a week by the Villa and Zapata forces, according to the statement of a high official of the present Government. The plan calls for the sending of four strong columns to attack the followers of Carranza. The first expedition will consist of 18,000 men, who will leave within the coming week, their objective point being Vera Cruz. In line with this plan Villa today took over the railway of an English corporation, running between the capital and Vera Cruz.

The second column of 15,000 men soon afterward will be sent toward Guadalajara, their ultimate destination being the west coast. Another will be sent to Tampico and the fourth to Saltillo. The south will be taken care of by the Zapata troops, who already are besieging the city of Pueblo.

The civil and military convention will meet next week in the capital to approve these plans and to appoint new provisional officials. It is reported a new provisional President will be elected on this occasion.

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Miller-Brumley Nuptials Solemnized Wednesday.

Edinburg's first church wedding was witnessed by a large number of friends and relatives of the bride and groom Wednesday evening when Miss Mattie Lucinda Brumley was given in marriage to Mr. T. Everette Miller.

The handsome new church edifice was befittingly decorated with palms, ferns, chrysanthemums and ribbons. The color scheme of green and white being

carried out in a most pleasing and effective manner. Over the heads of the bride and groom was suspended an immense bell made of pure white chrysanthemums which added grace to the occasion.

Promptly at the appointed hours, seven o'clock, the bride entered the church accompanied by her father and marching up the aisle to the enchanted strains of Mendelssohn's Wedding march played by Mr. J. G. Sherwood on the piano with Mrs. W. R. Montgomery playing the violin. The groom met the bride at the altar, being accompanied by Rev. E. A. Potts.

While Rev. Potts was pronouncing the pair man and wife with the impressive ceremony of the Methodist Church the delightful music penetrated the atmosphere and lent enchantment to the solemn occasion.

The bride wore an exquisite gown of white satin with all over lace together with the customary bridal veil, which was trimmed with orange flowers.

Immediately following the wedding ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Miller retired to the parsonage where a reception was held and their numerous friends extended them happy congratulations. During the reception refresh-

ments of grape juice punch and cake were served.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller are now at home to their many friends in the cozy new cottage erected for them in the heart of the city.

The Advance joins their many friends in wishing them continuous success and happiness in their wedded life.—Hidalgo Advance.

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Lesley News.

We are having damp cool weather at this writing.

Our school began November 30, with Miss Lottie Boone, as teacher, sorry to say there were only fourteen enrolled as so many are not through gathering their crops.

Ethel Evans is real sick.

J. J. Redwine and family left last week for their new home in Clay county.

Mr. Durham of Clay county moved to the J. J. Redwine place Saturday.

The school rendered a short program Saturday night and decided to have a Christmas tree at Finger.

Issac Hancock and wife moved to one of Mr. W. M. Montgomery's places last week.

A. E. Finnin and family visited at Clarendon Saturday and Sunday. Grandma Finnin returned home with them.

Mr. Moody and family have been visiting Mrs. Boone for some time. Mr. Moody returned to their home in Wise county Tuesday.

G. D. Dennis of near Lakeview, visited his aunt, Mrs. Black Sunday.

Claude Hays and family and Miss Lizzie Moore took dinner at Mr. Adcock Sunday.

Mr. Kouch, the Rawleigh man was in our community last week he was making his last round in 1914.

Ben Smith and family spent Sunday at Mr. Scotts.

Theodore Messer returned last week from Arkansas after several days visit.

W. S. Dunn Alma Hightower made a business trip to Hedley Friday.

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Lakeview News.

We have two sales going on in our city and from the looks of crowds at each place they are certainly doing the business.

We are very sorry we overlooked the fact that a brother of the late J. H. Davis came in from Miss. some two weeks ago.

Sheriff King was out this way at Mr. Geo. Haylett tacking attachments Monday. It had been rumored that Mr. Haylett had left the country and leaving many of his friends behind, but his appearance was made known Tuesday.

W. H. Bowerman and Rev. Corley were out in their car Friday. Mr. Gardner, our cotton buyer, returning back to Memphis with them.

The young folks had a social entertainment at Walter Sachse Saturday night. We learn they had a good time.

Rev. Hudgins and Beck filled the pulpit here Sunday and Sunday night. Rev. Sharp being away at conference.

Dr. Winfred Wilson of Memphis took dinner with Dr. Stidham Wednesday.

O. D. Turner shipped a car of cattle to Canyon Wednesday.

Rev. Cunningham left Monday for New Mexico. He says he has gone for good.

A. E. Capps and Rev. Britt left Sunday on a prospecting tour for New Mexico. They both are expecting to move out farther west.

W. R. Watson has a little child very sick as we go to press. We hope it will soon recover.



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Miss Vivian Reed, has again assumed her position as teacher at Webster.

Uncle John Gosdin says the old folks are inviting him to come around here of late. There's a reason. They must have heard he is our newly appointed High Deputy Sheriff of this place.

Mr. Rollins, the contractor of our school building was out from Memphis Wednesday.

G. W. Bell left Sunday for his home in New Mexico.

Mr. and Mrs. Trent made a trip to Memphis Friday on business, returning Saturday afternoon.

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Christmas Suggestions.

Remember the holidays are approaching and you will want to do your Christmas shopping early. Read the ads in the Democrat from now until after the holidays and you will find many suggestions that will perhaps relieve you of much worry in trying to decide just what you want.

A Change in Pastors.

The Methodist conference for this district will convene at Sweetwater next Tuesday. A change will be made in pastors here, as Rev. Hilburn, the present incumbent, has been here for four years, which is the limit of time allowed by that denomination for any pastor to hold a charge.—Estelline News.

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