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Best Wishes and Greetings of the Season

As the year 1919 is rapidly drawing to a close, we take this method of expressing to our friends, customers and the general public our sincere appreciation for the splendid patronage that has been accorded us during the year.

You can rest assured that we are grateful and our best efforts will be put forward in the future to render you more efficient service and sell you better merchandise.

Again thanking you, and wishing you a very merry Christmas and a happy and prosperous new year, we are,

Your friends,

KEELAND BROS.
THE PRICE IS THE THING

Peace on Earth Good Will Toward Men

May your Christmas be merry and the New Year bigger, brighter and better than ever before.

Season's Greetings

W. H. Long & Co.
The Value Giving Store

LIVELYVILLE NEWS

Livelyville, Dec. 22.—The Christmas spirit prevails everywhere. People are most cheerful and the crowds in the stores are good natured. And why shouldn't it be that way? Peace reigns, and His message, "Peace on earth, good will to men," is heeded most everywhere at this glad time of the year, and Livelyville wishes each and everyone a merry, merry Christmas.

My, wasn't it a pleasant surprise to see our Messenger in its Christmas dress! Wasn't it a lovely frontpiece! We enjoyed it very much and are proud of our home paper, proud of its efficiency, proud of its capability, fairness, and anyhow, we are proud for its own self. The Messenger is all the word implies.

We want to extend our appreciation to our merchants during this busy shopping time. They were ever kind, obliging and cheerful. We want to thank the ladies of Darsey's dry goods department and Mr. Murdoch for wrapping our parcel post packages.

Dillard Haltom and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Sidney Taylor.

Rusie Brown spent Sunday with Belmar and Annie Cunningham.

Raymond Garner and Paul MacDonald were in Grapeland Sunday, the guests of Arthur Guice.

Mr. and Mrs. George Cunningham entertained the young people with music Friday night. Many folks were present and all had a fine time.

School closed Friday until Monday December 29, and all enjoy the vacation—the pupils at home eating plum pudding and cranberry sauce.

Miss Lila Dennis left here Saturday for her new home in Oakwood to spend Christmas with her parents. This is her first trip home, and we certainly hope she will have a happy time during the vacation she deserves.

In conclusion, all of us wish the editor and his force a merry Christmas and all the good things of the season.

SLOCUM NEWS

Slocum, Texas, Dec. 22.—The death angel visited our community last Tuesday and called the little child of Mr. Wolf. We sympathize with the bereaved parents.

Mrs. McIver, Miss Ruth Sory, Mrs. Alton Davis, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Denson, and Mrs. A. P. Tims motored to Palestine last Tuesday to find Santa, and all report a grand time.

Mrs. Mills of Texarkana has been visiting her daughter the past week.

Little Miss Elowise Day of Palestine is visiting her grandmother, Mrs. Sory.

There was quite a crowd visited the school last Friday to hear the little boys and girls speak. They rendered a nice program and the tree was laden with lots of presents for each pupil. Miss Ruth and Mrs. Irene are quite accomplished teachers.

The stork visited the home of Mrs. Ruth Vinyard last week and left a big boy.

A. P. Tims and father are home from the west, where A. P. has been gathering the fleecy staple.

We wish the editor and the many readers of the Messenger a happy Christmas and a prosperous new year.

Our store will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Dec. 29, 30 and 31 account of taking stock.

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

A Merry Xmas

We appreciate your early buying, which has enabled us to clean out all Christmas goods.

We wish everyone a Merry Christmas.

Thank you.

McLean & Riall

DEPENDABLE MERCHANTS

Grapeland, Texas

ROCK HILL ITEMS

Rock Hill, Dec. 22.—We fell quite grieved to have to celebrate Christmas without our friend and kinsman, Dewey Willis. He has been here ten consecutive Christmases, but we believe he will enjoy the Christmas better than any of us.

A number of young people assembled at the home of C. M. Streetman Wednesday night and had quite an entertainment. We expect several more this week.

Richard Streetman and sister, Miss Lizzie Belle, and Eva Mae Nichols visited their grandfather, R. H. Cook, of San Pedro Saturday and Sunday.

Roy Morrison of Florida is visiting his friends in this community.

Mrs. Lester Tucker is spending the holidays with kinspeople in this community.

Miss Annie Tyer is spending Christmas with Miss Ola Willis of Tyler.

Mrs. Howard Campbell is visiting relatives here.

Chas. R. Streetman, formerly of this community, was married last Saturday to Miss Jennie Miller of Palestine.

Mr. and Mrs. Lock are visiting here.

L. B. Harrington returned to his home at Weldon to spend the holidays.

Clinton Montgomery of New Prospect visited the home of C. M. Streetman Friday and Saturday.

Gratan and Richard Streetman are at home to eat Christmas dinner.

Wish everyone a merry Christmas and a happy, prosperous New Year.

Christmas Tree

Everybody is welcome to the Christmas tree at the Methodist Church tonight (Wednesday). Anyone desiring gifts placed on the tree will please have them clearly labelled and at the church by 4 p. m. An appropriate program has been arranged.

Committee

New Price on Hulls
Until further notice we will sell hulls at \$16.00 per ton. If you need any see me.

O. W. Davis.

Corn Wanted
I am in the market for 1,000 bushels of corn. Will pay \$1.00 per bushel delivered.

O. W. Davis

Cannot Praise this Remedy too Highly

THE WAY ONE LADY FEELS AFTER SUFFERING TWO YEARS

Judging from her letter, the misery and wretchedness endured by Mrs. Charlie Taylor, R. F. D. No. 1, Box 144, Dillon, S. C., must have been terrible. No one, after reading her letter, can continue to doubt the great healing power of PE-RU-NA for troubles due to catarrh or catarrhal conditions in any part of the body. Her letter is an inspiration to every sick and suffering man or woman anywhere. Here it is: "I suffered two years with catarrh of the head, stomach and bowels. Tried two of the best doctors, who gave me up. I then took PE-RU-NA and can truthfully say I am well. When I began to use PE-RU-NA, I weighed one hundred pounds. My weight now is one hundred and fifty. I cannot praise PE-RU-NA too highly, for it was a Godsend to me. I got relief from the first half bottle and twelve bottles cured me. I advise all sufferers to take PE-RU-NA."

As an emergency remedy in the home, there is nothing quite the equal of this reliable, time-tried medicine, PE-RU-NA. Thousands place their sole dependence on it for coughs, colds, stomach and bowel trouble, constipation, rheumatism, pains in the back, side and loins and to prevent the grip and Spanish Flu. To keep the blood pure and maintain bodily strength and robustness, take PE-RU-NA. You can buy PE-RU-NA anywhere in either tablet or liquid form.

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Don't give it a chance to "set in"—use Dr. King's New Discovery

THAT dangerous stage where a cold or cough or case of grippe might get the better of you may be nearer than you think. Prompt action with Dr. King's New Discovery will avert a long siege.

For fifty years it has loosened congested chests, dissipated tight-packed phlegm, broken vicious colds and coughs. Give it to the youngsters—take it yourself. There will be no disagreeable after-effects. 60c. and \$1.20 a bottle. At your druggist's. Give it a trial.

Bowels Become Normal

—liver livens up, bile flows freely—headache, biliousness, tongue-fur, stomach-sourness, disappear when Dr. King's New Life Pills get in their natural, comfortable action.

Purgatives, never pleasantly corrective, sometimes habit-forming, should not be taken to rack the system violently. Nature's way is the way of Dr. King's New Life Pills—gently but firmly functioning the bowels, eliminating the intestine-clogging waste, and promoting the most gratifying results. Cleanse the system with them and know the boon of regular bowels. 25c. at all druggists.

"I Was So Weak That I Could Not Walk"

Rich-Tone Is Making Me Strong and Healthy.—Says F. Maese.

"I was so very weak and nervous, had lost all my appetite and had become in such a bad physical condition that at times I could not walk. I saw your advertisement on Rich-Tone and am now taking it. I feel so much better that I take pleasure in recommending Rich-Tone to all my friends as the very best tonic in the world."

Take RICH-TONE and gain new energy

Rich-Tone makes more red corpuscles, enriching and purifying the blood. It contains all of the elements that are needed most in maintaining strength and vigor. Rich-Tone rests the tired nerves, restores appetite, induces healthful sleep—it gives you all those things which mean energy and well-being. Get a bottle today—only \$1.00 at all drug stores.

A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Texas

Kill Dandruff With Cuticura
All druggists: Soap & Ointment 25c. and 50c. Jar & Cream 75c. Sample each free of Cuticura, Dept. E, Boston.

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Bad for Health
Upsets Nerves
Go to Drug Store—Try
CAPUDINE
BY ROSE AND IN BOTTLES—10¢, 30¢ & 60¢.

FRECKLES POSITIVELY REMOVED by Dr. Barry's Freckle Ointment—Vanishing Cream by mail, 50c. Free book, Dr. C. W. Barry Co., 2875 Michigan Avenue, Chicago.

Old Folks' Coughs will be relieved promptly by PISO'S. Stops throat tickle; relieves irritation. The remedy tested by more than fifty years of use in

PISO'S

ON THE FUNNY SIDE



Thrifless.

"You don't seem to have much respect for those chaps painters refer to as 'the old masters.'"

"None whatever," said Mr. Dustin Stax. "They slighted their opportunities. Think of the money they could have made merely by painting into each picture a package or a bottle of something that was being advertised."

Mortal Superiority.

"If you will make three wishes," said the old-fashioned fairy, "I will see that they all come true."

"You're a little slow," responded the rustic. "Any feller that runs for office out this way will promise to make wishes come true faster'n you can think 'em up."



THOSE DEAR GIRLS.

"Jack says there isn't another girl in town with a complexion like mine."

"And you still speak to him."

Hard Going.

Life is a journey all secure
As over level roads we slip—
And then Fate calls for a detour
That spoils the pleasure of the trip.

Wish Him Luck.

"Brown has a great idea, if he can work it out."

"What's he doing now?"
"He's trying to invent a dollar that will buy twice as much as the one we now have."

Apprehensive.

Friend—You saw the doctor, did you? I suppose he started to regulate your diet.

Dyspeptic—No; I think he started to eliminate it.

A Mad World.

Jack—I have noticed that some fellows act like fools when in love.

Edith—And I have noticed that it is not even necessary for some to be in love.—London Answers.

Leisure.

"Why can't you keep a servant?"
"I think," replied Mr. Crosslots, "that it's because she draws so much wages for the first week that she feels ready to take a two-week vacation."

Financially Speaking.

"Did Mayme accept the college professor?"

"No; she wanted an automobile and a diamond necklace, so she married the skilled day laborer."

The Woman Depositor.

"Sorry, madam, but your account is already overdrawn!"

"Well, what of it, young man? Haven't I a right to do what I like with my own account?"—Life.

Modern Simplicity.

"What a beautiful gown you have."
"My dear, it's really a very simple little thing and most inexpensive. I paid only \$135 for it, would you believe it?"

The Reason.

"And you haven't any friends, poor man?"

"No, ma'am, and it's because I am a poor man that I haven't any."

In Washington.

"Yes, they sometimes launder the soiled money at the treasury."

"Can you tell me where they hang it out?"

Defect.

"Don't you think athletics in school make a boy strong?"

"They haven't made our boy strong enough to bring up a bucket of coal."

URGE CO-OPERATION IN CENSUS TAKING

President Wilson Proclaims it the Duty of Everyone to Answer Enumerators.

Washington.—The following proclamation on the fourteenth decennial census of the United States is issued by the president of the United States of America:

Whereas, By the act of congress approved March 3, 1919, the fourteenth decennial census of the United States is to be taken beginning on the second day of January, 1920; and

Whereas, A correct enumeration of the population every ten years is required by the constitution of the United States, for the purpose of determining the representation of the several states in the house of representatives; and

Whereas, It is of the utmost importance to the interests of all the people of the United States that this census should be a complete and accurate report of the population and resources of the nation; now, therefore,

I, Woodrow Wilson, president of the United States of America, do hereby declare and make known that, under the law aforesaid, it is the duty of every person to answer all questions on the census schedules applying to him and the family to which he belongs, and to the farm occupied by him or his family, and that any person refusing to do so is subject to penalty.

The sole purpose of the census is to secure general statistical information regarding the population and resources of the country, and replies are required from individuals only to permit the compilation of such general statistics. No person can be harmed in any way by furnishing the information required. The census has nothing to do with taxation, with military or jury service, with the compulsion of school attendance, with the regulation of immigration, or with the enforcement of any national, state or local law or ordinance. There need be no fear that any disclosure will be made regarding any individual person or his affairs. For the due protection of the rights and interests of the persons furnishing information every employe of the census bureau is prohibited, under heavy penalty, from disclosing any information which may thus come to his knowledge.

I therefore earnestly urge upon all persons to answer promptly, completely and accurately all inquiries addressed to them by the enumerators or other employes of the census bureau, and thereby to contribute their share toward making this great and necessary public undertaking a success.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and caused the seal of the United States to be affixed.

Done in the District of Columbia this 10th day of November, in the year of our Lord 1919, and of the independence of the United States the 144th.

WOODROW WILSON.

By the president:
William Phillips, Acting Secretary of State.

Former Mexican General Held.

San Antonio, Tex.—Charged with violating the United States neutrality laws, Eduardo Martinez, formerly a general in the Mexican army, was arrested Friday on a fugitive complaint filed by Fleet T. White, agent of the bureau of investigation. Martinez is alleged to have organized an expedition into Mexico consisting of 14 men, who, it is alleged, crossed the Rio Grande near Roma, Texas, in May, 1918, and attempted to capture several towns.

To Publish Record.

Berlin.—The subcommittee investigating peace opportunities will publish the complete record of communications exchanged with the Washington embassy, and also the official documents bearing on the central powers' peace offers.

Yaqui Women Deported.

Nogales, Ariz.—Two hundred captured Yaqui women and children are to be deported to the Yaqui reservation on the Marias Islands, off the coast of Sinaloa. The Yaquis, captured by Mexican federals in fighting near Bacatez, Sonora, last week.

Texas Will Have 23 Delegates.

Washington.—Texas will have 23 delegates in the republican national convention next June, a loss of three compared with the convention of three years ago. There will be four delegates at large, two from the San Antonio district and one each from the other congressional districts.

DADDY'S EVENING FAIRY TALE

By Mary Graham Bonner

BIDDLE'S CHRISTMAS.

"I must tell you about the Christmas which Biddle Birdsall is going to have," said Daddy.

"The cat who does such wonderful things?" asked Nancy.

"Yes, the cat," said Daddy. "But this time we are to hear of the things which are to be done for Biddle for Christmas. They had a fine Christmas for him last year, and they will have another fine one for him this year."

"Even Biddle is getting excited about it, I suppose," said Nick.

"Yes, I do believe he must be dreaming about it," said Daddy, "for I have heard that he sleeps with an eye open most of the time for fear he will miss something."

"And they tell me that he sits a great deal by the window watching for Christmas packages to come."

"They have a red bow for his neck and they have some delicious catnip all ready for him. He will love that, and it will make him feel so sleepy and so comfortable. That, he thinks, will be the nicest present of all."

"As Biddle was sitting by the window the other day a little tiny dog ran out of one of the opposite houses and barked at Biddle's little master who was on his roller skates."

"The little dog was frightened, but Biddle looked much disgusted."

"That dog," he said to himself, "is very foolish to mind roller skates. I'm too fine and sensible a cat for that."

"Just the other day he saw the first real signs of Christmas. The ash pile in the garden was covered with snow, and it looked pretty, yes, really that old ash pile looked quite lovely, for it looked like a mountain of snow and was of such a beautiful shape."

"Biddle didn't care about the beauty of the ash pile, but he had always remembered that just before Christmas there was lots of snow so that even the ash pile looked like a snow mountain."

"Of course some time Biddle may make a mistake for this heavy snow-storm has happened to come just at this certain time since Biddle was a



"Looked Quite Lovely."

little kitty, and so he was quite sure that without any mistake it would soon be Christmas.

"Then he was given his Christmas ribbon a day or two before Christmas so he would look all dressed up for the day, and he snatched his lips and licked his little gray toes and said to himself: 'Ah, soon it will be time for the catnip.'"

"The door bell began to ring so often now. It has such a gay and nappy sound, like door bells do sound around Christmas time. People were getting presents from the postman which were all marked: 'Please do not open until Christmas,' and others were leaving their presents ahead of time."

"Ah," said Biddle, "soon it will be time, soon the children will shriek with delight, and I won't shriek—no, that would be beneath my dignity, but I will purr and I will lick their hands—I mean the hands of all the different ones in the family."

"And I will wish them a merry Christmas in my very own way. Oh, soon, I think it will be time. Soon, for what need is there to wait? I am dressed up and ready. I am waiting for the excitement. I can scarcely take a nap. It will not be until I get my catnip that I will be able to take a cat-nap."

"I'm ready, so why should they wait any longer?" So, you see, Biddle is waiting for Christmas and he will not be disappointed about his Christmas present, for he will get the catnip.

"But clever though Biddle is, he cannot bring Christmas ahead of time, and in the long run it's better that no one can, for there would be no excitement if Christmas came without having all those gloriously, wonderfully, exciting days which come before!"

"And so, among other reasons, we always have the days before Christmas in addition to Christmas day!"

WOMAN WORKS 15 HOURS A DAY

Marvelous Story of Woman's Change from Weakness to Strength by Taking Druggist's Advice

Peru, Ind.—"I suffered from a displacement with backache and dragging



down pains so badly that at times I could not be on my feet and it did not seem as though I could stand it. I tried different medicines without any benefit and several doctors told me nothing but an operation would do me any good. My druggist told me of Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. I took it with the result that I am now well and strong. I get up in the morning at four o'clock, do my housework, then go to a factory and work all day, come home and get supper and feel good. I don't know how many of my friends I have told what Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has done for me."—MRS. ANNA MERRIANO 36 West 10th St., Peru, Ind.

Women who suffer from any such ailments should not fail to try this famous root and herb remedy, Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound.

The Faithful.

"What is an idle jest, pa?"
"There are no idle jests, my son; they are working all the time."—Life.

Jealousy is as hard to hide as a bass drum.—Kin Hubbard.

INFLUENZA starts with a Cold

Kill the Cold. At the first sneeze take



Standard cold remedy for 26 years—in tablet form—safe, sure, no opiates—Breaks up a cold in 24 hours—relieves grip in 3 days. Money back if it fails. The genuine box has a Red top with Mr. Hill's picture. At All Drug Stores

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For Horses, Cattle and Sheep
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USE ANTISEPTIC MUL-EN-OL AS A MOUTH WASH AND DENTIFRICE

It Cleans the Teeth, Disinfects the Mouth and Keeps the Gums Firm and Healthy

For Grip, Colds and MALARIA

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kills the Malaria germ and regulates the liver. 25 CENTS

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For SORE EYES

ECZEMA!

Money back without question if BUNT'S SALVE fails in the treatment of ITCH, ECZEMA, BINGWORM, TETTER or other itching skin diseases. Price 75c at druggists, or direct from A. B. Richards Medicine Co., Sherman, Tex.

GRANGER LIVER REGULATOR

For all Liver Complaints, Constipation, Indigestion, etc. PRICE 25c AT ALL DRUGGISTS



"I AM going to quit quitting," said a philosophic printer. "I'm going to swear off swearing off. I've come to the conclusion that a bad habit is better than no habit at all. Every time I've cut anything out in the past, I've just stuck around on the edge of the hole and mourned over the emptiness. I always used to reform on the first of January and backslide on the 15th. This year, though, I played poker all New Year's night, just because I could; and haven't played it since, just because I didn't want to. If I make any resolution this year, it will be something I want to do, not something I want to don't."

Technical consistency, however, will not be universal.

"I'm resolved that I won't trust nobody," said the proprietor of a lunch-room. "I'm a good fellow and that's



Says the Lunch Room Proprietor: "I'm resolved that I won't trust nobody."

all I get out of it. Everybody likes to eat in my place when it don't cost them nothing. Can they go to Smith over there when they ain't got no money? Well, they can't come here, either. Where's that Alec what I lent a dollar to besides what he ate? Would Smith give him a dollar, do you think? No, he wouldn't. He don't trust nobody, Smith don't.

"Who is the most disagreeable man you know?" a patron asked him ten minutes later.

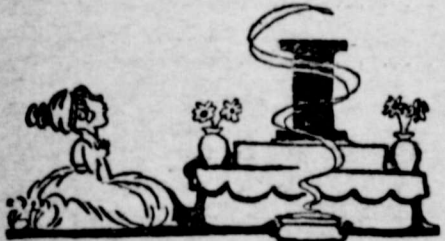
"It's that man Smith," he replied. "That man, why, he don't trust nobody."

Here is a formula worked out by a young feminist:

"Resolved, That I will be more selfish. I want to love my neighbor as myself. If I don't love myself, the result would be disastrous.

"That I will be more self-centered. My consciousness must be centered somewhere; if it is not centered on myself, it is apt to be centered on some one else. If the other person could be kept under my control, the result would be slavery; if he could not, it would be agony.

"That I will be myself, even if I get married. I will be Somebody and not



Says the Young Feminist: "Resolved: that I will be more selfish—more self-centered."

Mrs. Somebody, positively not Somebody's rib. I will live, not in self-sacrifice but in self-attainment; I will seek friends, not in self-forgetfulness but in the full appreciation of my social self; I will love, not in self-denial but in self-expression."

PROVERBS THAT FIT SEASON

Many Have Highly Important Bearing on Vital Issues Which the World is Facing.

Many a proverb has a special bearing on the issues with which we shall have to deal during the coming year. Thus, as bearing on the vital issues of the peace settlement our ancestral philosophers, proverb makers, remind us:

We should consult three things in all our actions—Justice, honesty and utility.

Justice is the rightful sovereign of the world.

Charity excuseth not cheating. It is cruelty to the innocent not to punish the guilty.

Peace flourishes when reason rules. What is just and right is the law of laws.

Avarice and fidelity cannot dwell together in the same house.

Human blood is all one color. They that command the most enjoy themselves the least.



"I'm going to be less vain, less humble, less contrite and less self-righteous," was the enigmatical statement of a more mature woman, one who is looked upon by many as an ideal wife and mother.

"Don't you know," she explained, "that vanity and humility are just different phases of the same disease? And remorse and self-righteousness are almost identical. The girl whose mind is filled with thoughts of how stunning she is simply crushed when she fails to stun. The man who exaggerates the importance of his own virtues is always the loudest mourner on the bench when he is 'convicted of sin.'"

"Oh, yes," she added, "I want my children to be good, but I don't want them to make a business of it. Because then, if they're bad, they'd be sure to make a business of that. The woman who told her son: 'Johnny, don't go outdoors, but if you do go out, put on your overcoat,' was a pretty good philosopher."

"I'm going to economize and begin smoking," was the brilliant decision of a newspaper man. "I haven't smoked for three months," he said, "and it's



Says the Newspaper Man: "I haven't smoked for three months and it's getting expensive. I'm going to economize and begin smoking."

getting expensive. Where I used to spend an evening with a pipe and a book, I have to go out now and find a game of Kelly pool. Going without tobacco has its advantages, I admit, but unless I get a raise in salary, I can't afford to continue the fight against Miss Nicotine."

"I'm not going to make any resolutions," said a serious-minded humorist. "I might make some if I knew just what to make; but I'm past forty now and haven't the slightest idea whether I suit myself or not. My acquaintances seem to like me, but so few of them know me, and I'm sure I don't want to be the kind of a man they think I am. I think I'll open up a little more; make my whole life an open book, not try to be agreeable or disagreeable, but just to do what I want to do and say what I want to say, regardless of anybody's prejudices and opinions. I might eventually get a genuine appraisal of myself, something to base any proposed changes upon.

"No, I couldn't either," he added sadly. "Everybody would laugh and say that I was funnier than ever."

He who devours the substance of the poor will find at length a bone to choke him.

Distrust is poison to friendship. None so despicable as those who despise others.

There can be no friendship where there is no freedom.

That is the best government in which an injury to one is the concern of all.

Our personal activities in the critical year of 1920, the policy each of us should adopt, and the good of the nation—regarding this also we may learn not a little from the collective experience of the race as voiced in proverbs:

Produce much, consume little, labor diligently, speak courteously.

A handful of common sense is worth a bushel of learning.

The charitable give out at the door, and God puts in at the window.

Well doing is the best capital.

To be of use in the world is the only way to be happy.

Space commands me to stop. But read through these proverbs once more, and ponder their helpfulness as counsel for the coming year.—H. Addington Bruce in Chicago Daily News.



"I take Dodson's Liver Tone when headachy, sick Bilious"

CALOMEL

There's no reason why a person should take sickening, salivating calomel when a few cents buys Dodson's Liver Tone—a perfect substitute for calomel.

It is a pleasant, vegetable liquid which will start your liver just as surely as calomel, but it doesn't make you sick and can not salivate.

Children and grown folks can take Dodson's Liver Tone, because it is harmless.

Calomel is a dangerous drug. It is mercury and attacks your bones. Take a dose of nasty calomel today and you will feel weak, sick and nauseated tomorrow. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of Dodson's Liver Tone instead and you will wake up feeling great. No more biliousness, constipation, sluggishness, headache, coated tongue or sour stomach. Your druggist says if you don't find Dodson's Liver Tone acts better than horrible calomel your money is waiting for you.

Those who expect a young man with dazzling prospects to set the world on fire are apt to be disappointed.

"CALIFORNIA FIG SYRUP" IS CHILD'S LAXATIVE

Look at tongue! Remove poisons from stomach, liver and bowels.



Accept "California" Syrup of Figs only—look for the name California on the package, then you are sure our child is having the best and most harmless laxative or physic for the little stomach, liver and bowels. Children love its delicious fruity taste. Full directions for child's dose on each bottle. Give it without fear.

Mother! You must say "California."—Adv.

What man has done woman thinks she is qualified to improve upon.

DON'T WHIP!
Stop Lashing Your Bowels with Harsh Cathartics but take "Cascarets."

Everyone must occasionally give the bowels some regular help or else suffer from constipation, bilious attacks, stomach disorders, and sick headache. But do not whip the bowels into activity with harsh cathartics.

What the liver and bowels need is a gentle and natural tonic, one that can constantly be used without harm. The gentlest liver and bowel tonic is "Cascarets." They put the liver to work and cleanse the colon and bowels of all waste, toxins and poisons without griping—they never sicken or inconvenience you like Calomel, Salts, Oil, or Purgatives.

Twenty-five million boxes of Cascarets are sold each year. They work while you sleep. Cascarets cost so little too.—Adv.

Life is short for a man to do all the things his wife wants him to do.

The Cuticura Toilet Trio. Having cleared your skin keep it clear by making Cuticura your every-day toilet preparations. The soap to cleanse and purify, the Ointment to soothe and heal, the Talcum to powder and perfume. No toilet table is complete without them. 25c everywhere.—Adv.

Many a man's bravery crops out when he loses his temper.

Make Baby Coo and Crow
Keep the little stomach regulated and bowels open, the secret of health in infancy, by using

MRS. WINSLOW'S SYRUP
The Infants' and Children's Regulator

that produces such remarkable and gratifying results. Relieves constipation, flatulency, wind colic, diarrhoea, and other disorders. Contains no alcohol—opiates—narcotics—or other harmful ingredients. It is a highly potent vegetable preparation made of the very best ingredients obtainable. Give it to baby and watch the smiles that follow.

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THURSDAY, DEC. 25, 1919

Evidence is required in court, although suspicion is sufficient to convict on the outside.

The way some men save for a rainy day you would think they were figuring on a flood.

There's a Christmasy feeling in the air, in spite of strikes, h. c. l. and the sugar shortage.

Borrowing trouble is foolish because of the ease with which an adequate supply can be acquired in other ways.

This universal restlessness would be alleviated wonderfully if a lot of people would quit resting and go to work.

When father was a boy and wanted to have some fun, he kicked up his heels and whinnied like a horse, but the boy of today runs around like a car and honks.

"Proof that Carranza Plotted Against U. S."—Headline. Nothing sensational about that. If somebody would come forward with proof that he had never done anything of the kind, then we would be surprised.

Germany is perking up marvelously since the republican senators knifed the peace treaty, but as yet she hasn't quite screwed up her audacity to the point of demanding indemnity from the allies for the German ships German sailors sunk at Scapa Flow.

To our little friends, Polly and Alice Pridgen, we most sincerely apologize for unintentionally omitting their letter to Santa Claus last week, but we are sure that old Santa, who loves all good children, will not forget them and will make their little hearts glad on Christmas morn with dolls and buggies and trunks, and nuts and candy and fruit.

All the teachers of the Grape-land public school have departed for their homes to spend the holiday. Misses Velerie Standley and Kate Hutchins to Lovelady; Miss Cecil Walters to Jasper; Miss Jessie Norwood to Madisonville; Miss Gertrude Nation to Iola; Miss Lydia Ullrich to New Baden. Miss Maggie Hale to Camilla.

Will Buy Your Hogs

I am in the market for all kinds of hogs from 60 pounds up, and will pay you the best market price for them. Be sure to see me before you sell.

J. W. Howard.

American Legion

An effort is being made by some of the discharged A. E. F. men in Crockett to organize a local order of the American Legion. There is plenty of good material in Houston county for such an organization. Let every A. E. F. man in Houston county who is interested, and all should be interested, confer immediately with Harvey Bayne Jr., and get the organization to going.—Crockett Courier.

Weevil Free Cotton Seed

In many sections of the State there will be no cotton seed suitable for planting and the spring seed will have to be imported according to W. B. Lanham, Assistant Director Extension Service.

Cotton seed need not be discriminated against merely because they came from a weevil infested field. Some people have the idea that getting seed from weevil free territory will aid in controlling this insect. The cotton boll weevil does not live through the winter in the egg stage, but lives over as an adult, hibernating in cotton bolls, stalks and other trash in or near the fields. The crop from seed which are secured from weevil free territory and planted in a field that was infested with weevil the previous season will be as badly infested as if the seed were secured from infested territory.

In other words, weevils can not be controlled by securing seeds free from weevil eggs, because weevils do not lay eggs on seed. The way to control them is to destroy the hibernating places by burning and early in the fall plow under deeply all cotton bolls and stalks.

*** Sugar at \$2.38 a Pound**

Sugar once sold as high as \$2.38 a pound, but this was in the earlier days of its production (from 1251 to 1400). It had fallen to 38 cents by 1800 and in the United States the average price of refined sugar from 1845 to 1891 was \$4.38 for 100 pounds. February 21st, 1895, refined sold for 4 cents a pound.—New York Tribune.

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A MERRY CHRISTMAS



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GEORGETTE WAISTS—Nothing makes a more suitable gift for a lady than a waist. Our waists come in all colors and in georgette and crepe de chine materials priced at **\$5.50 up to \$13.50**

SILK HOSE—We are just in receipt of a shipment of ladies' and men's silk hose. We are featuring one of the best selling numbers for spring in black silk with white silk embroidered design at **\$4.00**
 We have others priced as low as **\$1.00**

GIFTS OF CLOTHING—Clothing is lasting as well as appropriate. Our line of men's and boys' suits and overcoats has been brightened with the arrival of several bright numbers; you will also find just what he likes in shoes, belts, jewelry, etc.

READY-TO-WEAR—Our ready-to-wear department has many rare bargains in Coats, Suits and Dresses for the womenfolks and girls. There are also many dainty things in Underwear, Camisoles, Breakfast Caps, Bags, etc.

ELIMINATE THE WORRY!—Take your gift troubles to Darsey's and have them taken care of.

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NEWS FROM SALMON

(Delayed)

Christmas is drawing near and all the little fellows are rejoicing for the time to come around when they can hang their stockings up and wait in dreams for old Santa to come that night.

We are having some fine hog-killing weather, and the writer is planning to have plenty of meat and bread for Christmas day and lots of wood to keep a good fire that day if it is cold.

There is some sickness in this community at this writing. Those on the sick list are: Little Newton and Bonnie Herod, and grandfather LaRue.

There is some moving around and changes taking place now. J. R. Lasiter will move to the Sadler farm, east of Salmon and we learn that S. B. Taylor of Livelyville is going to move near here on Mr. Leatherwood's farm. We welcome this splendid family into our community. O. C. Lasiter of Elkhart has moved to Mrs. L. Walling's farm near here.

The Baptist church has secured Bro. Ben Morrison as pastor for another year, and we are planning for a great year's work for the Master, so let each and everyone of us put our shoulder to the wheel and push with all our might and put our whole trust in God and we will be successful. So far our church has pledged \$1492 for the Baptist 75 Million Campaign, and we think it will reach the \$2000 mark.

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Shipper spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Will Parker.

Dean West spent a few days with L. N. Lasiter last week. He will return in a week or two to Hillsboro, where he will make his home in the future.

Mr. and Mrs. W. P. Grounds visited at Dillard Haltom's at Livelyville Sunday.

Chester Lasiter was a business visitor to Palestine last week.

Bro. Ben Morrison will preach for us the fourth Sunday. Everybody invited to come.

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Crockett, Texas

NEWS FROM NEW PROSPECT

(Delayed)

Nearly all of our neighbor boys have returned from different points in the west, where they went to pick cotton. We are glad to see them at home again, as it is a dull place when all the boys are away.

There was singing Sunday evening at the home of W. J. Kyle.

W. L. Finch and Miss Irma Smith were quietly married last Saturday. These young people have been raised from infancy in and near this community and have many friends and relatives who join in wishing them every joy and happiness. May the flame of love burn stronger with in each heart as they tread the way of life together, and if the way be not all flowers, we hope they may find more flowers than thorns. They went to Alto Saturday evening, where they will reside in the future.

Mrs. W. P. Kyle has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. E. F. Musick, several weeks.

N. J. Campbell returned from Goose Creek several days ago.

Burlus Brown and family recently moved from Elkhart to this neighborhood.

Mr. and Mrs. Alton Baker are rejoicing over the arrival of a pretty girl baby.

Home Markets and Specialists

Texas spends thousands of dollars every year for rutabagas imported from Canada. This reminds us to observe that if we howl less for a market for our products, and produce more of the things we consume at home, and thus become our own customer, we might have a better market. We would at least have a good customer—one who never gives us a "freight kickback" on the one hand or accuse us of "profiteering" on the other. Yes; this is a day of specialization all right; the specialist is the man in the lead in his line always. Therefore, the farming world needs more specialists—specialists whose specialty is making a living at home—Fletcher Davis in Southland Farmer, Houston.

Too much sweet stuff puts the stomach out of order. A dose of Prickly Ash Bitters corrects the trouble, restores appetite and good digestion. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

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Wade L. Smith



UNION DOTS

(Delayed)

Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Herod visited Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Chaffin last Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Walling and family spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cox.

Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Duitch visited Mr. and Mrs. E. P. Bean last Sunday afternoon.

Mr. and Mrs. Ray Wells will soon move to Mrs. C. A. Walling's farm, where they will reside next year.

Miss Gladys Beason spent Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wylie Mosley.

Miss Birdie Weisinger has

been very ill, but is able to be out again.

The children are hoping that Santa's airplane will be loaded with presents. They had better not leave a fire in their stoves, as the presents are as likely to come down the stove pipe as they are to come down the chimney.

We are glad to report that little Milton Bean is improving.

A Holiday Holler

Christmas looms and I must buy a turkey bird that roosts so high, with skinny frame and rubber neck, that it will eat my whole month's check. And I will get that selfsame neck,

along with vegetables a peck, while guests get the rest, by heck, and other aces in the deck. And I must rustle dolls and toys for forty-seven girls and boys, and jumping-jacks and aeroplanes and other things that give me pains; some doodads for my oldest girl, whose music makes my bald hair curl; an auto for my son, who mops the earth of all pedestrian wops. The wife must have a wad of kale, and hence you hear my Christmas wail. But still I'm glad that I'm alive, to rustle honey for my hive, and thank the Christ whose birth we greet for love that makes this life so sweet.

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PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR

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How to Beat the H. C. L.

One may live on eleven cents a day, and in addition to the financial benefit be benefited in health says Dr. Harvey W. Wiley, the food expert. Corn-meal mush is his solution of the "H. C. L."

problem. One pound of cornmeal worth three cents, and eight cents' worth of milk, is enough, he says. The doctor was speaking to a club in Philadelphia.

If it is style you are looking for in clothes, Clewis has it.

Is There a Santa Claus

One of the finest things ever written about Christmas was the editorial printed 20 years ago by the New York Sun in answer to the earnest appeal of a little New York girl to be told whether Santa Claus really exists. Its author, Frank P. Church, was an accomplished journalist and wrote much on many subjects, but his fame will rest chiefly on this beautiful setting forth of an eternal truth. With Dr. Clement Clarke Moore's "A Visit From St. Nicholas," is one of the great classics of the Christmas season.

The answer to the eternal question as printed in the Sun follows:

"We take pleasure in answering at once, and thus prominently the communication below, expressing at the same time our great gratification that its faithful author is numbered among the friends of the Sun:

"Dear Editor—I am eight years old. Some of my little friends say there is no Santa Claus. Papa says: If you see it in the Sun it's so. Please tell me the truth; is there a Santa Claus?"

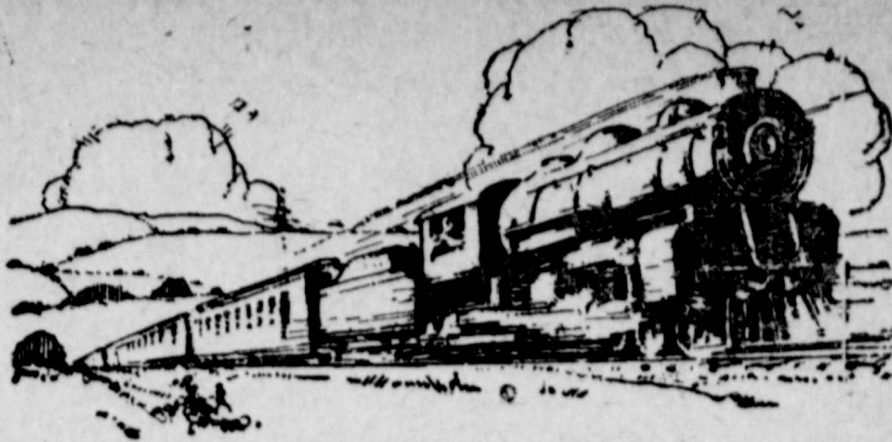
Virginia O'Hanlon,
115 West Ninety-first Street."

Virginia, your little friends are wrong. They have been affected by the skepticism of a skeptical age. They do not believe except they see. They think that nothing can be which is not comprehensible by their little minds. All minds, Virginia, whether they be men's or children's, are little. In this great universe of ours man is a mere insect, an ant, as compared with the boundless world about him, as measured by the intelligence capable of grasping the whole truth and knowledge.

Yes, Virginia, there is a Santa Claus. He exists as certainly as love and generosity and devotion exist, and you know that they abound and give to your life its highest beauty and joy. Alas! How dreary would be the world if there were no Santa Claus! It would be as dreary as there were no Virginias. There would be no childlike faith then, no poetry, no romance, to make tolerable this existence. We should have no enjoyment except in sense and sight. The eternal light with which childhood fills the world would be extinguished.

Not believe in Santa Claus! You might as well not believe in fairies! You might get your papa to hire men to watch in all the chimneys on Christmas eve to catch Santa Claus, but even if they did not see Santa Claus coming down what would that prove? Nobody sees Santa Claus but that is no sign that there is no Santa Claus. The most real things in the world are those that neither children nor men can see. Did you ever see fairies dancing on the lawn? Of course not; but that's no proof that they are not there. Nobody can conceive or imagine all the wonders that are unseen and unseeable in the world.

You may tear apart the baby's rattle and see what makes the noise inside, but there is a veil covering the unseen world which not the strongest man, nor even the united strength of all the strongest men that ever lived, could tear apart. Only faith, fancy, poetry, love, romance, can push aside that curtain and view and picture the supernal beauty and glory beyond. Is it all real? Ah, Virginia, in all this world



The railways of the United States are more than one-third, nearly one-half, of all the railways of the world. They carry a yearly traffic so much greater than that of any other country that there is really no basis for comparison. Indeed, the traffic of any two nations may be combined, and still it does not approach the commerce of America borne upon American railways.

—United States Senator Cummins.

Ask Any Doughboy Who Was "Over There"

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He saw the foreign roads—in England and France, the best in Europe—and in other Continental countries—and he knows.

The part railroads have played in the development of the United States is beyond measure.

American railroads have achieved high standards of public service by far-sighted and courageous investment of capital, and by the constant striving of managers and men for rewards for work well done.

We have the best railroads in the world—we must continue to have the best.

But they must grow.

To the \$20,000,000,000 now invested in our railroads, there will have to be added in the next few years, to keep pace with the nation's business, billions more for additional tracks, stations and terminals, cars and engines, electric power houses and trains, automatic signals, safety devices, the elimination of grade crossings—and for reconstruction and engineering economies that will reduce the cost of transportation.

To attract to the railroads in the future the investment funds of many thrifty citizens, the directing genius of the most capable builders and managers, and the skill and loyalty of the best workmen—in competition with other industries bidding for capital, managers and men—the railroad industry must hold out fair rewards to capital, to managers and to the men.

American railroads will continue to set world standards and adequately serve the Nation's needs if they continue to be built and operated on the American principle of rewards for work well done.

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there is nothing else real and abiding.

No Santa Claus! Thank God, he lives and he lives forever. A thousand years from now, Virginia, nay 10 times 10,000 years from now, he will continue to make glad the heart of childhood.

If you have a bad taste in your mouth, if your tongue is coated, and you have spells of dizziness, the trouble is in your bowels; they are clogged with bilious impurities. Prickly Ash Bitters clears out the obstructions and restores healthy conditions. Price \$1.25 per bottle. Wade L. Smith, Special Agent.

H. C. of L. Reaches White House

The high cost of living has reached the White House. Increased cost of maintenance was asked the other day in appropriations in Congress and now the employees at the President's residence claim they are underpaid, which is a fact with many of them.

"I Believe I Could Not Have Lived

If I Had Not Taken Rich-Tone."
—Says N. P. Stevens.

"This truly wonderful tonic has done me more good than all the doctors' treatments and I have been under the care of several eminent physicians. I am truly grateful for the benefit I have received from taking Rich-Tone and recommend it to all people who are physically weak and run down."

Take RICH-TONE and gain new energy

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Try our Barbecue—it's fine

Free Delivery

LOCAL ITEMS

Mrs. Goodson and Mrs. Gifford visited Crockett last Friday.

Clewis will please you. Have him clean and press your suit.

You'll find a suit or overcoat at Darsey's for men and boys. Some new ones arrived yesterday.

J. R. Finch made a trip to Alto last week, carrying a load of hogs for Arthur Brooks.

New line of neckties just arrived and on display at Darsey's.

Posts for Sale

Plenty of split oak posts. 2t
Ed Musick
Elkhart, Route 2

Mrs. Lloyd Anderson and daughter of Huntsville are spending the holidays with Mr. Anderson at their home east of town.

Hogs Wanted

We will buy any and all kinds of hogs. See us for prices. 2-t
Dailey Bros.

Miss Eula Mae Riall, who is teaching at Lake Charles, La., is home to spend the holiday with her mother.

Our store will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Dec. 29, 30 and 31 account of taking stock.
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Rev. J. E. Buttrill returned Friday night from Ft. Worth, where he had been for several days with his mother, who underwent an operation, and he reported her condition very much improved.

Catarrh Cannot Be Cured

with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions, and in order to cure it you must take an internal remedy. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts through the blood on the mucous surfaces of the system. Hall's Catarrh Medicine was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years. It is composed of some of the best tonics known, combined with some of the best blood purifiers. The perfect combination of the ingredients in Hall's Catarrh Medicine is what produces such wonderful results in catarrhal conditions. Send for testimonials, free.
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We Thank You

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Our firm name is now Goolsby-Sherman Drug Co.—same people, same location. Come to see us when in Crockett.

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WE PRACTICE PROFESSIONAL PHARMACY
CARL GOOLSBY Crockett, Texas LIP SHERMAN

Cars For Sale or Trade
I have a Ford roadster and a 5-passenger Ford for sale or trade.
Henry Dailey.

A. U. Streetman of the Rock Hill community was in the city Monday for the first time in several weeks. He is just recovering from a severe attack of typhoid fever.

Notice

Our store will be closed from December 29th until January 2nd, taking inventory.
W. H. Long & Co.

John R. Owens, editor of the Trinity Tribune, spent Sunday here mingling with his numerous friends.

Our store will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday Dec. 29, 30 and 31 account of taking stock.
Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

Miss Adabel Leaverton is home from Ft. Worth to spend the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. T. H. Leaverton. She is a student in the Texas Christian University.

We wash cars, charge batteries, fix Fords and repair automobiles.
Service Garage.

For Sale

Macatawa berry plants; better get yours before they are gone. See, write or phone me your wants. M. L. Williams, Route 4.

G. R. Whitley of San Benito is here on a visit to his mother, Mrs. Georgie Whitley, and greeting his many old friends. This is Mr. Whitley's first visit to his old home in quite a number of years.

Fords for Sale

1 1918 model Ford roadster with new top, for \$300.00; 1 Ford racer at almost your own price.
C. C. Hill.

Tax Collector Butler and his deputy, Coleman Scarborough, were here last Friday gathering in tax money. They were kept busy all day, the receipts amounting to over \$3,000. Mr. Butler stated that this was the biggest day's business he has done since he has been in office for an appointment outside of Crockett.

Guinn, Surveyor

I am acting County Surveyor; also hold license as State Surveyor. Have had more than thirty years experience in surveying and civil engineering. Your business solicited on merit. Equipment for quick and efficient services. When in need of surveying, terracing, levee work, drainage, good road construction etc. See, write, or phone me. Legal fees \$10 per day, and expenses, unless other wise contracted. Office over First National Bank; Residence phone 276, Crockett, Texas.
H. G. Guinn.

Married at Crockett

Oscar Driskell of near Grapeland and Miss Corine Jennings of Hickory Creek were married last Friday in Crockett at the home of J. W. Bringham, Rev. Leedihe has been in office for an best wishes.

DR. G. D. SMALL

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W. J. Garner,
Star Route, Grapeland.

Town Lots

Still have a few choice lots unsold in Selkirk Addition. Better see me at once and select the ones you want.
63-3t
J. M. Selkirk.

GREETINGS

We are indeed grateful for the hearty co-operation of our many friends who have helped to make this one of the best years in this store's history.

In reviewing the accomplishments of the year, we as individuals and as a nation, owe much to Him whose natal day we are celebrating.

And our wish is that this Christmastide may hold in store for each of you an unlimited amount of good cheer and joy, and that the New Year will bring you happiness and prosperity.

Our Store will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday of next week on account of inventory

Geo. E. Darsey & Co.

THE SERVICE FIRST STORE

WILL FIGHT HIGH PRICES TO FINISH

Palmer Asks the Assistance of Every Man and Woman in This Country.

Chicago, Ill.—Attorney General A. Mitchell Palmer Tuesday mapped out the program of the department of justice to bring down the cost of living at a meeting of 400 city officials, heads of civic organizations and clubwomen of Illinois, called by Governor Frank O. Lowden.

Pledging the full power of his department in the prosecution of hoarders and profiteers, Mr. Palmer called for the assistance of every man and woman in the country for a national fight against high prices.

Explaining the plan of action whereby fair price committees in every community become agents of the federal government in enforcing its decrees, Mr. Palmer laid down a program of five things which if carried out, he thought, would do much to deal a death blow to the high cost of living. They are:

1. Organization of fair price committees in every city and county, backed by mayors and prosecuting attorneys, with committees supporting United States district attorneys.

2. Organization of women to refuse to buy anything but actual necessities until prices come down.

3. Holding of "conservation and economy" meetings in every community under the auspices of civic bodies.

4. Influence of mayors and prosecutors to be brought to bear on the "warring elements" to prevent "factional disturbances in industry," and particularly to bring about an industrial peace of at least six months' duration.

5. Remobilization of the "four-minute men" to deliver "work and save" addresses in theatres each night.

"Despite all objections and obstacles I purpose to go through with this campaign," Mr. Palmer said. "If industrial conditions do not get too bad during the next few months we can bring relief."

The chief cause of the high cost of living, he said, were decreased production incident to the war, inflated currency, due to government borrowings, and heavy taxes, which he charged were passed on by business men to the ultimate consumer.

Activities of the department of justice, he said, had already uncovered 219 cases against food hoarders, which had resulted in the libeling and distribution in eighteen states of millions of dollars worth of food.

Ninety-eight cases had been brought against profiteers, many of whom were indicted, and some of whom were serving sentences.

Mr. Palmer described the efforts to have congress continue the operations of the Lever food act six months after declaring of peace, and also to pass a law requiring the price at which an article left the producer to be stamped on the article.

"If we can get that law we will stop profiteering," he said. "When you go to the shoe store if you see plainly stamped on a pair of shoes the wholesale price of \$4.50 you simply aren't going to pay \$18 for that pair of shoes."

"An organization of women, organized as they never were before, will do more to bring down prices than any single movement. Their power is incalculable."

"One of the greatest crimes of the day is idleness. If men and women would do 10 per cent more work prices would come down 20 per cent, and if they would economize and save 10 per cent this problem of high cost of living would be solved."

Flying Field Closed.

Fort Worth, Tex.—Major T. J. Hanley, commander of Carruthers Flying Field for 18 months, has been ordered to Hampton, Va., according to a message received Wednesday. The field was formally closed also.

Glass to Take Seat in Senate.

Washington.—Secretary Glass said Tuesday he would give up his office as secretary of the treasury January 1 and take his seat in the senate.

Approximately 226 Miles an Hour.

Paris.—A burst of speed of approximately 226 miles an hour was scored by Sadi Lecoq, the noted French aviator, in an official timed airplane test Tuesday.

Plague Reported Grave.

Buenos Aires.—The bubonic plague is reported to have attained grave proportions at Las Rosas, Santa Fe province. Several deaths have occurred.

Texas News

Texas oil produced in November totaled 9,162,735 barrels.

Medina County has voted \$800,000 in bonds to be used in road construction.

Plans are being made for beautifying Firemen's Park, in the heart of Lufkin, which is already provided with ornamental shade.

The sleeper which has been in operation between Austin and Galveston, via Houston and Texas Central points, has been discontinued.

The state board of education at its regular monthly meeting in Austin purchased new school house bonds to the amount of \$168,050.

The 1920 State Fair of Texas will be held in Dallas from October 9 to 24, it was announced this week by W. H. Stratton, secretary of the fair association.

The largest single shipment of Angalina County cattle was loaded at Lufkin Friday for Colorado County, consisting of nine cars, purchased from several different parties.

Passenger and freight earnings for one railroad at Ballinger for November show more than \$36,000 increase over November a year ago and is a record breaker for the railroad business at Ballinger.

More than fifty counties are still missing in the tabulation of the official returns from the referendum held November 4 upon half a dozen propositions to amend the constitution. The state canvassing board will meet this week in Austin to make the tabulation, and the returns not then in hand will not be included.

S. W. Forrester, millionaire of Wichita, Kan., has bought the 100,000-acre Taft ranch at Gregory, Tex., and proposes to raise deer for consumption. He will build wire fences 12 feet high around the entire property. He expects to send 10,000 deer to the slaughterhouses each year to aid in combating the high cost of living.

Permanent organization of what is to be known as the Texas State Agricultural Council was completed at Waco Friday in the final session of Texas farmers. John T. Orr of Dallas was named the first president, and the month of December specified for annual meetings, with the place of meeting left with the executive council.

Pioneers wanting to be first on the ground in the first railroad town to be opened in Stephens County made the trip to Frankell from Ranger recently and purchased \$100,000 worth of business and residence property on the first day of the townsite sale. The town is the second opening on the route of the Wichita Falls, Ranger and Fort Worth Railroad.

With many fields white with cotton, and more than fifteen thousand bales unpicked, many negroes brought to Ballinger, Texas, from East and South Texas are returning home. The negroes have been making as high as \$15 to \$20 per day, picking at \$3 per hundred. Farmers are going east in an effort to get others to pick their cotton.

Pool hall owners in Texas received the death knell Friday as far as relief in Texas may be had or further restraining the authorities from enforcing the law, when Federal Judge James C. Wilson at Fort Worth denied the application made by J. M. McCormick, representing the owners, to preserve the status quo in the case pending the appeal to the United States Supreme Court.

Citizens from Winnsboro, Merrimac, Peach and Ogburn met at Ogburn recently for the purpose of subscribing funds toward purchasing the Marshall and East Texas Railroad line from Gilmer to Winnsboro. Motor car service was employed in conveying the crowd from Winnsboro to Ogburn. The plan is to operate motor cars at least twice daily over this line from Winnsboro to Gilmer.

Certain manufacturers and dealers in candy and petroleum products are violating the net container act, according to the department of weights and measures. In many places it is reported to the department that the extent of net contents is not placed on the outside of the package as required by section 8 of the law, which provides that "all articles of foodstuff, feed or other commodity which are sold in packages shall in all instances contain the net weight of the produce or commodity other than drugs so sold in such packages or containers, and shall not include the weight of the package or container."

HIGHWAY ENGINEER GETS \$10,000 YEAR

Will Have Supervision of Fifty Million in Road Construction Work.

Austin, Tex.—The Texas state highway commission at the December meeting closed Tuesday raised the salary of the state highway engineer from \$6,000 to \$10,000 a year, making him the highest paid of all Texas officials.

Regarding this action of the highway commissioners, Chairman R. M. Hubbard said:

"In raising the salary of State Highway Engineer Windrow to \$10,000 a year, the commission is but carrying out the contract made with Engineer Windrow when he entered the service of the state. At the time he was employed at that salary with an additional share of the profits of one of the large contracting firms of Texas. He is a \$10,000 man—and we recognized him as a \$10,000 man. It was expressly understood that he would come to the state highway department at \$6,000 a year until November 1. If he made good Mr. Windrow was to receive \$10,000 after that date. If he did not make good, he was to resign."

"Mr. Windrow made good. Further comment is almost unnecessary—but it is interesting to note in this connection that Texas is following the lead of many states of smaller size, smaller wealth, and much smaller road building programs in raising the salary of the state highway engineer."

"During the coming year Mr. Windrow will have supervision of possibly fifty millions of dollars' worth of road construction in Texas. There is at least one Texas county which pays its road engineer \$10,000 a year; and there are several which pay from \$6,000 to \$8,000. The work of an engineer requires technical training of a high order. He has no political ambitions to serve. His salary is all that he gets from the office—and a good man is surely worth as much to the state as to any private contracting firm of any county."

State Board of Education Buys District School Bonds

Austin, Tex.—The state board of education has purchased \$168,000 in the bonds of various school districts of the state, the largest being an issue of \$50,000 presented by the independent district of Moody. One-third the price was paid in each instance save where the issues were for \$1000 and less, when all cash was paid.

The board owed \$158,000 for bonds previously purchased, and this was reduced by one-third. The board had on hand \$125,000 in cash, and all of this has been paid out, leaving an indebtedness \$201,000.

It is the expectation that the board will be able by February 1 to entirely clear up this indebtedness to the various districts; and as there has been rather a slackening in the issuance of bonds it may be enabled to care for the small issues on a strictly cash basis.

Governor Approves 25 Pardons for Christmas

Austin, Tex.—The governor has approved 25 Christmas pardons which were recommended by the board of pardon advisors, according to a statement by Fritz Smith, chairman of that board Friday.

The governor approved 25 of the 26 recommendations made by the board, and the men are to be released Christmas Day. Of this 25, 20 are friendless men who have served two-thirds of their terms with good records and no one to bring their cases to the attention of the board of pardon advisors. Eight were Mexicans who can not speak English. A majority of the men scheduled for pardons have been in the penitentiary for more than 10 years.

Battle With Whiskey Smugglers.

El Paso, Tex.—Probably 200 shots were fired Thursday night in a 30-minute battle between four provost guards, in charge of Lieutenant L. W. Little, and 12 liquor smugglers on the International line. Finally the latter, abandoning several hundred dollars' worth of liquor, fled into Mexico.

To Publish Record.

Berlin.—The subcommittee investigating peace opportunities will publish the complete record of communications exchanged with the Washington embassy, and also the official documents bearing on the central powers' peace offers.

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Girls! A mass of long, thick, gleamy tresses



Let "Danderine" save your hair and double its beauty. You can have lots of long, thick, strong, lustrous hair. Don't let it stay lifeless, thin, scraggly or fading. Bring back its color, vigor and vitality.

Get a 35-cent bottle of delightful "Danderine" at any drug or toilet counter to freshen your scalp; check dandruff and falling hair. Your hair needs this stimulating tonic; then its life, color, brightness and abundance will return—Hurry!—Adv.

A woman has no right to grow old until she has been married at least once.

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It is impossible to defeat an ignorant man in an argument.

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A MOTHER'S EXPERIENCE

Houston, Texas.—"After the advent of one of my babies my health became very poor. I was nervous and so weak I could not do anything, could not eat or sleep, and was nothing short of a physical wreck when a friend advised me to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I took several bottles, but it was well worth it, for it completely restored me to good health. My advice to women who suffer is to give 'Favorite Prescription' a trial, it will surely help them."—Mrs. E. L. Brown, 2414 Freeman St.



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Houston, Texas.—"When I had become all run-down, weak and nervous and was feeling miserable all the time I took Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. It was only necessary for me to take two bottles to build me up in health and strength. 'Favorite Prescription' is an excellent tonic for women."—Mrs. F. E. Gouge, 2615 N. Main.

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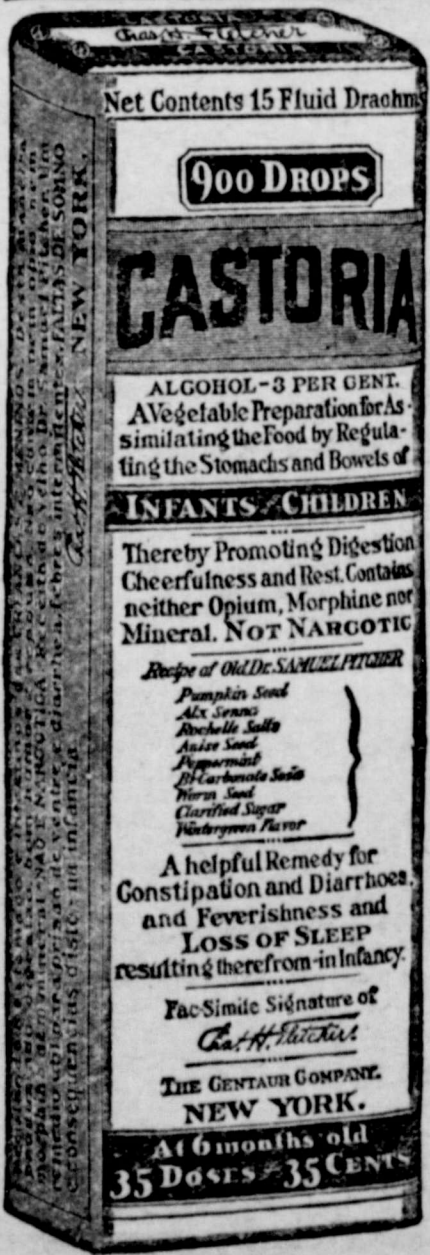
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All is fair in love—except brunettes.

His Good Angel

By M. McCULLOCH-WILLIAMS

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Marcella went soberly down the garden walk, although she wanted to dance. Her feet seemed made for dancing, they were so small and light-stepping. Notwithstanding, she was tall and straight and slight as a lily stalk. Her clinging white gown made her seem indeed a living lily, near akin to the white-blossomed ranks swaying lightly in the sunset breeze. She was all ready for the Elbridge party—in a little while the Andersons would call for her. It was like a fairy tale—this going in state—when she had no more than hoped to creep in modestly by the side door.

Indeed, at first she had not dared to think of going at all. Aunt Bab, who had brought her up, had scruples against dancing, and parties in general. Then there had been the matter of a frock. Marcella had nothing save a skimpy blue rag, worn for so long the whole village knew it.

Then all unaccountably a far-off city cousin had sent Aunt Bab a check with a note that ran: "Spend this for Amy's little girl."

On top of that the Andersons had opened their summer home a month earlier. Marcella had been kind to their little lad the year before and they did not forget it. So she was going under Mrs. Anderson's wing to the Elbridge's grand entertainment.

The town had been agog over it since before the cards were out. It marked the home-coming of Elbridge Gray, heir and grandson. The would-be wise said it would also signalize the announcement of his betrothal to Sidney Cleve.

Marcella had not gainsaid these wise ones, albeit very certain that she and her heart knew differently. Back in the days when Aunt Bab had kept a school for the very small children of Lithgow first families Elbridge Gray had been among her worst and cleverest pupils, unmanageable unless allowed to sit beside Marcella and study her lessons instead of his own.

He had been jealous of her as any small Turk, even after he had outgrown Miss Weil's school. Indeed, until he came to the age of jackets and shyness he had not hesitated to claim her anywhere and everywhere, to frown sulkily if she smiled at another lad, even to take her to task for preferring girl friends. Then had come the Christmas pantomime, in which he had been fairly bridegroom, she fairy bride. After the wedding on the stage everybody had laughed and teased them so he turned on her as though it were her fault and rudely cast her off.

That had lasted for a year—then he had secretly made friends with her. "You know you belong to me just the same, but folks mustn't know," he had cautioned. "The idiots laugh so—and look so sly and—hateful. Of course I'll marry you when we are grown up—but don't you tell, no matter what anybody says."

She had not told. She would never tell. Elbridge had not written all through his five years' absence, but neither had he forgotten—he had sent her delicate remembrances at Christmas, St. Valentine's, Easter and on her birthday.

And when Grandmother Elbridge paid her yearly call at the cottage she never forgot to say: "Elbridge asked me to make you two his compliments when I saw you."

After that she usually launched into eloquent accounts of her grandson—how he was an honor man, or chosen to the most exclusive secret societies; how his classmates all but fought for the privilege of entertaining him in their fine homes—after a while what a figure he cut in the promenades and at commencements. Then he had gone abroad, and it was the same thing—London had welcomed him.

Grandmother had let Lithgow folk know of Sidney Cleve. "I was at school with her grandmother at Miss Hale's. Elbridge met her in Paris, and they are the greatest friends. An heiress?"

"Of course. You must have heard of the great Cleve iron works. A beauty, too. I hear the artists almost fight for the chance of painting her. You will see her, maybe, a little later"—this with a significant smile. "Of course she is greatly run after, but from all I can hear she does not lack respect for age and family, and all that."

Marcella had listened with a beating heart, yet somehow her faith had not grown weak. Judge, then, what came to her of ruff and blackness when at last she found herself facing Elbridge with Miss Cleve upon his arm, and heard him say: "Sidney, I want you to know my good angel. But for Marcella I should have grown up a savage—if my wickedness had per-

mitted me to grow up at all." Somehow she had held herself upright, somehow answered properly—all she was conscious of afterward was the false flute note in Sidney Cleve's voice.

She sensed her rival's words rather than heard them; they were exactly what they should have been, but beneath and between them Marcella heard hate. The hate puzzled her; by a sort of sixth sense she had divined that Sidney Cleve did not love Elbridge; it must be his possessions.

But she could give no warning; it would be set down to jealousy. Besides she had no proof other than her instinct. Instinct fares badly when opposed to a woman's alluring beauty and a man's love.

Despair when deep enough is tonic. Marcella found herself laughing, talking gayly, dancing like thistle-down with feet that did not tire. She did not let herself think back nor forward; instead she concentrated herself upon the flying moment.

With a curious dual sense she went through her own allotted part, yet took note of all about her. It was thus that very late she marked Sidney's absence from the ballroom at the very instant Elbridge came to her.

"Give me this waltz—no matter about your card," he said, whirling her away to the rhythm of wailing strings. For two rounds he said nothing, only held her delicately away from him and studied her face. Then with a quick shiver he drew her closer, whispering: "Marcella, I used to dream we should—go through life—together."

"You have found out better—in time," Marcella answered, in a voice whose evenness surprised her. Elbridge drew a deep breath. "You don't care—and I'm cur enough not to be sorry of it," he said. "Come away—out on the piazza—I want to talk—and this is the last chance."

"I think you can have nothing to say to me," Marcella began but found herself imperiously borne outside. Down, down the long smooth stretch Elbridge wheeled her, the music growing faint and falter, until it was but a ghost of sound. There had been lights everywhere—now half the lanterns hung dark, and in the rest there were but flickers.

The shrubbery at the west angle was all dark, but to those upon the piazza, persons standing among it were faintly visible. Two stood there—man and woman, locked in a long embrace, and shuddering visibly.

Neither spoke for a minute. Elbridge made to draw Marcella away, muttering an imprecation under his breath. Then the full moon riding high among clouds, came suddenly out, and flooded the shrubbery with silver. The woman broke out passionately: "Carl! Carl! Take me with you! What do I care for money? For anything—if only I have you."

"You chose—the rich one," the man said, his voice that of an outlander: "You laughed at the count without a castle—who must ask your rich father to take care of both—"

"Did you come here to mock me?" Sidney Cleve demanded. "I came—because you called—" the stranger began. What else he might have said died in his throat—with a leap Elbridge had reached him, borne him down and backward, and knelt upon him with murder in his face.

"So! you coward!" he hissed through set teeth. "this is how you keep the promise that saved your miserable life. I forbade you to even think of—but never mind. Remember you had forfeited your life to me—and I spared you—on conditions. Don't delude yourself that I shall spare you again—"

"But you will. And spare yourself much more," Marcella cried, kneeling beside him to unlock his tightening fingers from the other man's throat. Sidney stood staring and dull-eyed as though stricken with madness. As Marcella wrenched loose Elbridge's fingers, Count Carl von Eulenberg groaned in relief, then said thickly: "Let me up! I will never more trouble you."

"Carl! Will you leave me?" Sidney entreated, flinging herself prone beside him. Elbridge got up, his face curiously hardened. "He shall not. I will see to that," he said. "It has come to me suddenly that by making him marry you I shall be sufficiently revenged on—both."

"Vengeance? Do you deserve it? Think well!" Marcella said, stepping back a pace. Again the moon hid herself. All was soft gray darkness. Through it Marcella spoke low and clear: "Forget—all of you—and let things be as they were. You may trust me—nobody shall ever know."

Elbridge caught her hand. "You need not say that," he said. "You are truth and honor all through—but one does not really forget. I thought I had forgotten you—now I know my mistake. Sidney it is I who should ask pardon—of you and the count. Let me help you with the angry father— I think I can make it smooth for you there. In return you must help me. I want to win back my good angel. She has saved me from murder—she must try to save me from myself."

PRESIDENT TO MAKE NO COMPROMISE

Says He Will Let Senate Arrive at Own Solution of Treaty Dilemma.

Washington.—President Wilson intervened Sunday in the peace treaty dilemma with an announcement that he had "no compromise or concession of any kind in mind," would make no move toward the treaty's disposition, and would continue to hold the republican members of the senate responsible for results and conditions attending the delay.

The president's position, regarded as peculiarly significant in view of the recent discussion in the senate of a compromise, was set forth in the following statement issued Sunday from the White House:

"It was learned from the highest authority at the executive office today that the hope of the republican leaders of the senate that the president would presently make some move which will relieve the situation with regard to the treaty is entirely without foundation; he has no compromise or concession of any kind in mind, but intends, so far as he is concerned, that the republican leaders of the senate shall continue to bear the undivided responsibility for the fate of the treaty and the present condition of the world in consequence of that fate."

The White House statement apparently had no effect in changing the treaty situation. Democratic leaders, endorsing the president's views, declared that it did not preclude a senate compromise, and that compromise efforts would proceed. Republican leaders reiterated that the president was responsible for the present status and must make the first move toward a solution. Senators hoping to kill the treaty alone expressed satisfaction.

Final Estimate of Texas Cotton Crop Is Issued

Houston, Tex.—The final estimate of the Texas cotton crop, prepared by F. N. Gray, Texas crop specialist, United States department of agriculture, was issued Saturday. The report follows:

The final estimate shows the Texas cotton crop to be practically the same in number of bales as last year's short crop. Both years' crops suffered alike through the seasons from extremes of weather influence, but the excesses were totally the opposite in character and application to areas affected. Last year, because of prolonged drouth, the west half of the state made little cotton, while the east half, with necessary moisture, made a splendid crop. This year, with excess of moisture throughout and multiplied insects of every known kind, the eastern belt has suffered in almost equal proportion therefrom, as did the western belt last year from excessive drouth.

The late date of killing frost, as of November 12, materially added to the crop in that part of the state unaffected by insects.

Picking has been most unusually delayed by bad weather in nearly all districts, but particularly so in the west center and northwest, where but little over half of the crop was picked by December 1, on account of the heavy yield, shortness of labor and high cost of picking, amounting to as much as \$60 per bale.

The estimate for Texas of 2,700,000 bales of 500 pounds gross weight is based on 1,293,240,000 pounds of lint, picked from 9,948,000 acres of 10,775,000 acres estimated planted and standing June 25, which shows an abandonment of 7 per cent since that date because of inability to cultivate on account of continuous rains. The average yield of lint cotton per acre for the state is estimated at 137 pounds. Last year's production of cotton was 2,696,561 bales of 500 pounds gross weight, and the five-year average 1913-17 (census) is 3,723,128 bales.

The average yield of lint cotton per acre by districts is as follows: Northwest (usually 8 per cent of crop), composed of 30 counties, yield 255 pounds; north (17 per cent of crop), 16 counties, average yield 135 pounds; northeast (13 per cent of crop), 20 counties, average yield 110 pounds; west center (6 per cent of crop), 26 counties, average yield 252 pounds; center (31 per cent of crop), 29 counties, average yield 133 pounds; east (7 per cent of crop), 21 counties, average yield 48 pounds; south (14 per cent of crop), 29 counties, average yield 80 pounds; southeast (4 per cent of crop), 12 counties, average yield 40 pounds.

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Nothing Left of the Ark. There are no remains of the Ark at the present day, although it is claimed that an outline may be traced on the summit of Mt. Ararat where the Ark is said to have landed.

BOSCHEE'S SYRUP.

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A Dozen Rules Promulgated For Good Health

Austin, Texas.—The Texas Public Health Association, which for eight years has been waging war in the state on tuberculosis, has issued "a dozen rules for good health." These rules are to be used to prevent tuberculosis and other diseases. The Association is working to prevent the White Plague as well as to cure it.

The health axioms issued by D. E. Breed, executive secretary of the Texas Public Health Association are: Food: (1) Eat plenty of good, wholesome food; but do not over-eat. (2) Do not gulp down your food; chew it thoroughly. (3) Do not confine yourself to meat, potatoes, eggs and bread; eat a variety of foods.

Fresh Air: (4) Have plenty of fresh air in your home and in the place where you work, and do not be afraid to breathe it clear down to the bottom of your lungs. (5) Ride, walk and keep in the open air as much as possible; and sleep where there is plenty of ventilation. (6) Wear warm clothes in winter; wear loose porous clothes in the summer, and let your body breathe fresh air.

Good Habits: (7) Keep the digestive system cleared. (8) Do not stoop or slouch while sitting, standing or walking; keep erect and straight. (9) Keep the body externally and internally—wash and bathe regularly, and do not use poisonous drugs. (10) Keep cheerful and do not worry; be an optimist.


Rest and Exercise: (11) Work hard, but take your proper rest and get plenty of sleep. (12) Play-time is as necessary as work-time—exercise both mind and body pleasantly.

The Texas Public Health Association, which is sponsoring the modern health crusade among the Texas Children, issues these health axioms in order to carry good health among the "grown-ups" as well as the "kiddies".

Might Pay Them to Try

A member of the British preachers' union seems to think they could get no increase in pay by striking, as he does not think anyone would care if they should strike. They might threaten to preach longer sermons and see what effect that would have.—Rocky Mountain News.

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Planets in December

Jupiter is now nearly at his brightest, and for the present outshines anything in the heavens except the sun and moon; though the bright star Sirius in a close rival. Jupiter is rather low down toward the eastern horizon an hour or two before midnight. Near him, about on the same level but farther south, is Sirius.

This gives a good chance to notice the different appearance of a star and a planet. Sirius, the star, twinkles. Jupiter, the planet shining as our moon does by the reflected light of the sun, has a steady, untwinkling light, like that of the moon. Later in the night other planets rise—Saturn, Mars and Venus.

But always the greatest astronomical event of December—greatest in its importance to man—is the winter solstice which comes on the twenty-second. That day sees the turn of the year. Really it ought to be New Year's Day. For then the days cease to grow shorter and begin to grow longer. We may say that a new year is born, for the sun begins to rise higher in the sky every day at noon and set each day a little farther north. In three months the change thus wrought will be so great that we shall say, "Spring is here."

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I regret to acknowledge that the first information I had pertaining to the non-payment of poll tax by discharged soldiers for the years 1918 and 1919 was the article written by Mr. N. H. Phillips, Assistant County Attorney, and as I am supposed to receive all legal information from the County Attorney's office by special request, and as I had not received any such information of such law being in existence, I could not make request for same; and, too, after seeing the article in the paper, I talked with the County Attorney, Mr. Earle Porter Adams, and he, like myself, knew nothing of such law until seeing the article written by Mr. Phillips, so I do not feel, since it is a brand new law and my not being informed, that I should be censured by anyone for the collection of said tax. However, I shall appreciate your telling me when you come to pay your tax that you are a discharged soldier. I desire to state that I was also working under the advice of a personal letter from the Comptroller's office. Yours truly,
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Both to Blame

One Mexican newspaper says that about 75 per cent of the responsibility for the strained relations existing between the United States and Mexico is Mexico's fault. That is candid admission. We might be equally as candid and admit that the other 25 per cent fairly belongs to us. The blundering which began in Mr. Taft's administration has continued with nothing to inter-

rupt the chain of blundering. Both governments have made matters infinitely worse since.—Houston Post.

Poetry Won't Buy Shoes

Lord Dunsany gives the poet preference over the cobbler, but more wear shoes than read poetry in this world. And even a poet is unwise to go barefooted in cold weather.—Omaha Bee.

No. 5 Wrecked

South bound passenger train No. 5, due at Grapeland about 1 o'clock a. m., wrecked 5 miles north of Elkhart Monday morning, and no trains were able to run south until a late hour Monday night. The engine left the track first, followed by all the coaches, one of which turned over, the others careening to one side. None of the passengers were hurt. Harry Richards of this city was a passenger on the train.