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GOOD WORK IN DIVISION NO. 6

D. E. H. Manigault, division engineer of State Highway No. 6 was in Marfa Saturday last making an inspection of his division. Paul Propst, superintendent of maintenance for this division with headquarters at Marfa, is putting his work in fine shape. It might be of interest to Marfa and vicinity to know something of the details of the Highway activities, especially in relation to Division 6, and the work now engaged in by Mr. Propst and the territory embraced.

Highway Division No. 6 includes all territory south and west of the Pecos river, as follows: Highway No. 3 along S. P. to El Paso; Highway No. 82 from Sanderson north to the New Mexico line; No. 27—"Old Spanish Trail"—from Sheffield to Kent; No. 4—The Bankhead—from Midland to Van Horn along T. & P. railway; No. 54 through Brewster, Presidio, Jeff Davis and Culberson counties to Van Horn. The division 6, therefore, includes approximately 1100 miles of highways.

The Highway department, the Superintendent of Maintenance Mr. Propst, reports that in Presidio county alone the past year there has been expended between \$8,000 and \$9,000.

Mr. Propst has been authorized to spend, which he is now doing, for wagons, lumber, equipment, labor, etc., at least \$3,200. Lately he has purchased 20 Government wagons, upon which he is having constructed 20 substantial one-room houses to be used by patrolmen placed every thirty miles along the highways. These patrolmen will daily go over their respective beats and report any defective places needing repairs, etc.

Marfa being Mr. Propst's headquarters, he is paying out there monthly about \$450.00, and he is doing good work for the State too. Having had years of experience as a division engineer for the Government, he is especially well fitted for his present work.

FRUITLESS BEAR HUNT

Edwin Fowlkes, Mas Sproul, Dr. Gilbert, and Mr. Mead of Marfa, enjoyed a bear hunt on Tuesday, starting from the Sproul ranch. They followed a bear's trail for quite a distance and although seeing his bearship now and then, the animal managed to make good his escape and the hunters returned to town with only the memory of a fine chase.—For Davis Post.

Mr. Mead says that it was a bare hunt for bear, but that he was after something better. Only two deer were seen on the trip and he succeeded in killing both of them, notwithstanding Mac Sproul, who is the best big game hunter in Jeff Davis County, was in the crowd.

CHILDRENS PARTY

The hospitable home of Judge W. W. Bogel was the scene of a gay party last Saturday evening from 7:30 to 10:30, when his young grandsons, Harry and Billy Hubbard and Billy B. Bogel entertained a number of their classmates and school friends with a delightful party. The young guests arrived promptly at the appointed hour and soon games and contests were in full swing, each making merry as only children know how. Concluding the evenings fun, Mrs. Hubbard assisted by Mrs. R. S. McCracken, served delicious ice cream and cake.

This was a most enjoyable party and, as usual, the boys proved themselves splendid hosts, and the party will long be remembered by those who were there.

ROBBERY AT CANDELARIA

Last Wednesday the store of D. D. Kilpatrick & Co. at Candelaria, was robbed. It seems that about 11 o'clock a. m. on that day three strange Mexicans were in the store, and while one of them kept the clerk, Harry Warren, busy in one part of the store, the other two loaded up on \$150.00 worth of silk,

Merry Christmas to All



concealing some under their overcoats. Then the two went on and placed the silk in their auto. Soon the other one went out. When D. it. Suspicion was at once directed to the three Mexicans. On inquiry it was learned that after driving off the auto had stopped at a certain house and after remaining there a

short time, drove away. A search was instituted and the silk was found in the Mexicans house and then by following the direction taken by the auto with the three Mexicans, they were soon captured and are now in the jail here.

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS

Notice is hereby given that the City of Marfa will let to the lowest and best bidder, a contract for the erection of a concrete bridge in the city of Marfa across the arroyo on Lincoln street. The plans and specifications of the proposed bridge may be seen at the City Hall of the City of Marfa, and the contract is to be strictly in accordance with same. Sealed bids only will be received and all bids will be opened and considered by the City Commission at 10 o'clock a. m. of Tuesday, January 6th, 1925. Each bid must be accompanied with a certified check for \$500.00 to be forfeited to the City of Marfa if the contract is not carried out, if accepted, and the successful bidder will be required to enter into a sufficient bond to insure a proper completion of the work according to contract.

The City of Marfa reserves the right to reject all bids if it so desires.

This December 19th, 1924.

JOHN T. HAMIC,

Mayor.

A. M. AVANT,
Secretary.

GREEN VALLEY NEWS

According to a report by Mr. Ralph Doddridge of the Green Valley Oil Corporation, their No. 4 well is now down over 300 feet. The drilling average maintained has been 50 feet per working day. The formation corresponds to that found in the old Wilson well No. 1.—Alpine Avalanche.

—New shipment of Childrens sport and party dresses in plaids and velvet—Milady's Shoppe.

The Store of Yuletide Cheer

May This Christmas be a Happy One

It is with pleasure, we again, extend to you Christmas Greetings. If it were possible, we would like to clasp your hand, look into your face and tell you how much happiness and prosperity we wish for you. This not being possible, must content ourselves with this method of extending the hope that this Christmas will be the most happy one filled with peace, love and rest.

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GUESSING THE WEIGHT

Thursday the box at the Marfa
National Bank containing the guess-
es of the young people on the weight
of the old buffalo gun, was opened,
and it was ascertained after exam-
ining the same, that Hazel Williams
was the winner of the \$500 gold
prize offered by Capt. J. B. Gillett.
The weight of the gun was 13

pounds and 2 ounces and Hazel
guessed 13 pounds.

Others whose estimates were
close:

Frank Evans, 42 pounds; Lois
Mitchell, 12 pounds, 8 ounces; R. K.
Wylie, 14 pounds; Davis Wagues-
pack, 14 pounds; Roger Tyler, 13
pounds, 8 ounces; Guy Ridout, 13
pounds, 12 ounces; Margaret Kerr,
13 pounds, 7 ounces; Macon Kilpat-
rick, 13 pounds, 13 ounces; Erwin
Ridout, 13 pounds, 5 ounces; Mar-
garet Young, 13 pounds, 8 ounces;
James Benne, 13 pounds, 8 ounces

MARBLE SHIPMENTS BEGIN

The Marble Mountain Company
shipped a car load of marble to Los
Angeles last week. This shipment
consisted of samples of the various
kinds of marble to be found at the
quarry. They will be polished and
exhibited as samples in Los Ange-
les.—Alpine Avalanche.

MONITION

Notice is hereby given that there
has been seized in this collection
district for violation of U. S. Cus-
tom laws, one Ford roadster, motor
No. 2,851,977, and twenty quarts of
spirituous liquor. The liquor will
be disposed of according to law.
The automobile will be sold at auc-
tion to the highest bidder for cash
January 9, 1925 at 10:00 a. m. in
front of the Court House, Marfa,
Texas. Anyone claiming the above
car must file claim with the Col-
lector of Customs, El Paso, Texas,
within twenty days from first pub-
lication of this notice.

T. B. GABLE, Collector.

—Duncan's Art Exhibit, Murphy-
Walker building, December 15 to
24. Open from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m.



A WEEKLY PANORAMA OF EVENTS IN THE NATION- AL CAPITAL.

(By Peter Keegan.)

With only two months left to do
any real work, Congress is shoving
all private bills and unimportant
legislation aside so that there will
be nothing to prevent action on the
appropriation bills which are the
chief task of the current short ses-
sion. Following a Christmas re-
cess, both houses will mark time
until after the first of the year and
will then settle down to the actual
work of legislating. Some progress
has been made already, but most
of it has consisted in cleaning up
matters left over from last session.

An appropriation of more than a
hundred million dollars for the na-
vy department was one of the left-
overs that have been disposed of by
the passage of a bill providing money
to bring the U. S. Navy up to the
strength authorized and fixed by the
Armament Conference. Despite the
President's expressed desire to cut
heavily into the naval appropriat-
ions, Secretary Wilbur is hammering
away at Congress for money—and with
considerable success.

Whenever a question of saving
money comes up on the Capitol Hill
Senator Borah, who succeeded
Lodge as chairman of the Foreign
Relations Committee, comes to the
front as the Administration leader.
On questions of governmental econ-
omy President Coolidge and Senator
Borah stand on common ground.
Borah had his first chance to come
to the aid of the President when an
agreement was asked to override the
Mr. Coolidge's veto of the bill to add
some sixty millions of dollars to the
pay of the postal clerks. Borah ob-
jected and no agreement was possi-
ble. The relations between Borah
and the White House are becoming
more and more friendly—so much
so, in fact, that it is not improbable
that the Idaho senator will be the
President's choice for Administration
leader in the 69th Congress next year.

The visit of the future Empress,
if any, of Russia to the National
Capitol was a distinct success in the
view of local society leaders, altho'
the White House and the State De-
partment paid no attention to the
Grand Duchess Alexandra Feodorov-
na, wife of Grand Duke Cyril. The
Grand Duke has laid claim to the
throne of the late Czar Nicholas II,
so the duchess excited as much in-
terest here as the Prince of Wales.
She was welcomed at the Union
Station by a group of social lead-
ers, including Mrs. Frederick Grant,
mother of the Princess Camilla, who
is chairman of the American branch
of the Russian Relief Society. It had
been announced that the Grand
Duchess would be received in the
President's room at the station but
when she arrived the room reserved
for the Chief Executive was closed,
and the famous Russian visitor had
to receive the city's greeting in the
concourse with all the other pas-
sengers from New York.

The treasury is complacent, but
the Senate is all riled up over the
attitude of British officials toward
the negotiations between France and
the United States for the payment
of the four billion dollar French
debt. The trouble is that reports
have gotten out that the American
Debt Funding Commission is likely
to give better terms to France than
those accorded to Great Britain. The
new London Government, there-
fore, has served notice that it will
expect from the United States the
same treatment that we give France
in funding her debt. The negotia-
tions between the United States and
France, however, are in a state so
nebulous that the present interna-
tional exchanges are little more
than the blowing off of steam, tho'
they may develop into something
serious.

LOST

Last Wednesday between Marfa
and Shafter a brief case containing
valuable papers but of no value to
anyone but the owner. On case
appears the name of L. J. Stanber,
Lake Valley, New Mexico. Return
either to New Era or to E. M. Gleim
Shafter, Texas, and obtain reward.



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VERY New Year's
Eve the old lady
came. Hoskins had
been watching her
now for several
years. Always
about the same
time, eleven or
twelve, she would
come and take her stand in the mid-
dle of the bridge looking expectantly
down the river. As the "Amalia," an
old barge engaged in the Indian trade
and scheduled to arrive annually in
London on January 1, sailed up the
river, she became violently agitated.
When it passed directly under her, she
shouted loudly in a cracked, hoarse
voice, and tossed a purse down to a
certain sailor on the deck who greet-
ed her with wild cheers. She would
watch the old boat glide easily up
the river till it was out of sight. Then
quietly she turned toward the south
and walked away.

Now Hoskins was a conscientious
thief. It was not his policy to rob
old women of their purses. The
opulent old men of Hyde Park,
and the young men, too, were his
game. But lately there were too
many in the business for any profit.
And the newspapers were against
him, daily re-
minding their
readers to be
ware of pick-
pockets. People
watched one more
now and one had
to be on one's guard at all times.

Reluctantly Hoskins forsook the old
field of his activities and sought other
prey. It was a hard year, however.
What little he picked up from the
Christmas shoppers he already owed
to friends. He was facing the New
Year almost penniless. Then he re-
membered the old lady and her fat
purse. He despised himself for think-
ing of it—he a man of principles—but
starvation is starvation, and it was
New Year's Eve. Tonight she would
come.

He concealed himself in an old
crevice in the masonry. It was a per-
fect hiding place. He could see out
easily and not be seen by anyone.

About midnight he heard the slow,
heavy step of the old lady. She
passed close by him and advanced a
few yards. He emerged from his hid-
ing place and followed. About to
make a quick spring at her, she
turned, and faced him. He composed
himself with difficulty, tipped his hat
and bid her happy New Year in a
weak, strained voice.

"Oh, thank 'ee, sir; the same to you,
sir."

"Fine weather we been 'avin'?"
"Fine, indeed. And fine for that boy
o' mine what's comin' in tonight from
them 'ot 'eathen places." The old lady
sniffed. Hoskins edged a little closer
to her.

"Ain't seen yer boy for some time?"
"Only from the bridge 'ere onct s
year. Ain't seen him to 'old in my
arms since he was a lad o' twelve.
The hoarse old voice trembled a
little—almost broke down. "An'
ard life for a lad, that, on them
ships, and no 'ome, and an 'ard-
er life for me what's his lawful
mother never to lay an arm on him
in all these years." Here she broke
into a heart-breaking sob. "It's
a bad 'un I've been, sir. I
couldn't let that lad o' mine see his
mother was such a miserable old
witch. It'd break his 'eart. I get
together all I can in the world and
give it to him onct a year for his
'oliday. It's the best I can do for
'im. Don't know who he thinks I
am. He never troubled to find out.
But—" "Ey, 'ey, there," she
shouted suddenly.

The "Amalia" was steaming up the
river. It was directly under them
now and a little youth in uniform
jumped about eagerly on deck, signal-
ing to the old woman on the bridge.
She dropped the purse squarely into
his hands.

"Ooray for 'er Majesty," called the
youth, his gay voice continuing to
sound merrily as the barge disap-
peared up the river.

Finally the old woman turned to
Hoskins. "Good night, sir, and God
bless you in the New Year," she said
softly, and walked away. Hoskins
stood motionless, gazing up the river
after the small hazy object that was
the barge. There was a sentimental
look in his eye, and a softness in the
droop of his mouth. "God bless them,"
he breathed. "'Twould 'a been a bad
way, that, to begin the New Year."

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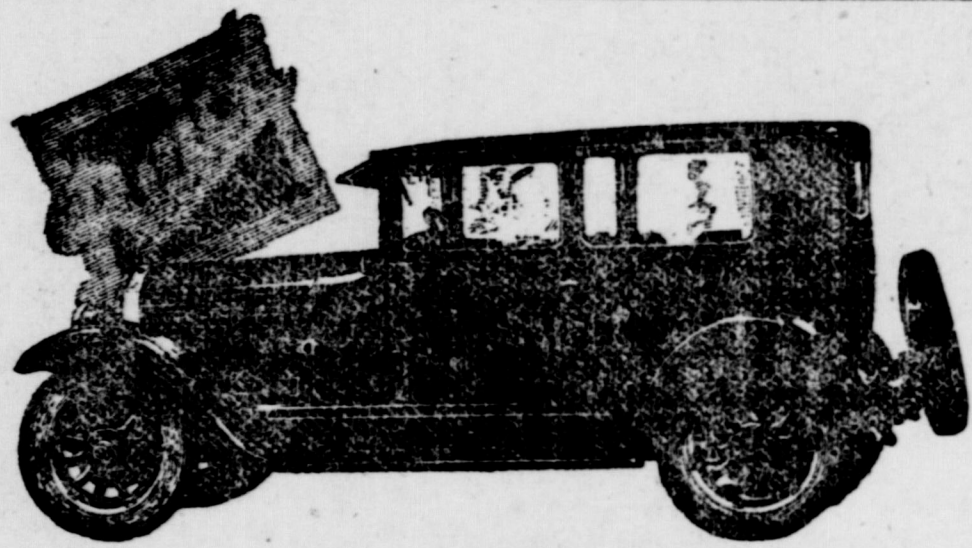
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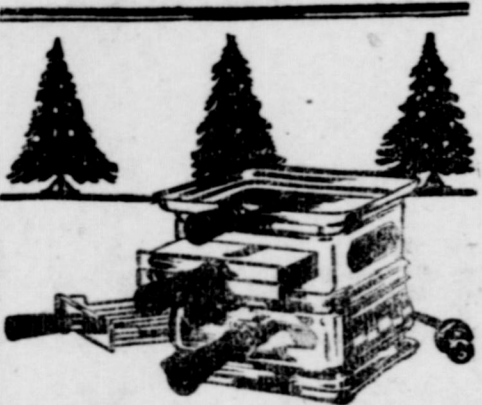
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THE CLOWN'S CHRISTMAS

By Mary Graham Bonner

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FOR YEARS he had been funny. For years he had painted his face, worn funny clothes and had made jokes.

He had traveled first of all in this country with a road circus. Then, when the road circus was going out of business, more or less, he joined a road circus abroad. And now he was very old.

But every afternoon and every night for ten months of the year he made jokes. He was in a small circus, too, so sometimes he had to take other parts.

The performing fox terriers acted with him. They were his pets. And how he loved them. How could some people be unkind to their pets?

Not the old clown. There was the donkey, too. When he paid too much attention to the dogs the donkey came along and gave him a push to tell him that the donkey, too, wanted some attention.

And now he had planned to have a holiday. A long holiday. He would take a little place and with his donkey and his fox terriers they would rest after their work.

They would not join the circus another year. They were all old. How tired he had become after some of the performances that year. He had washed his face in the basin



of cold water outside his wagon and had not even bothered to get off all the makeup.

The water was cold. It was hard to heat water after the performance was over, and only a little of the paint came off—only a little cold-looking pink water was at the bottom of the basin.

But the dogs didn't mind. They slept on the end or by the side of his cot in his wagon. They jumped in after him each evening and they

even kissed him good night. They didn't mind paint. They were used to it.

Oh, yes, he would take a long, long holiday. He would rest on the little he had managed to save. It would be enough for him and his pets.

But as the days passed along he seemed to feel rested and the pets seemed to have new vigor and strength. It was splendid to feel rested again. A family had invited him to Christmas dinner—and he had accepted and he had asked, too, if he could come with his donkey and bring his dogs along. They, he said, would help put on a little show for the children.

It was all agreed. But when Christmas afternoon came and the Christmas dinner was over, and the old clown was beginning his show for the children, he knew then that he could never take more than a few months' holiday from being a clown.

The laughter and the delight and the shrieks and the cries of joy from the children were things the old clown could not get along without.

This Christmas had shown him that!

Naughty Papa



"Mother, does Santa Claus love my nursemaid, too?"

"I guess so, Thomas. Why?"

"Well last Christmas I saw Santa holding her on his lap."

Why not buy that Christmas present now? We will keep it for you and you can get just what you want now, and later you will have to take what you can get. Lockley, the jeweler, has a good showing of jewelry, watches diamonds, silverware, etc., and Mrs. Lockley, (The Woman's Journal), has many things that will solve your "table" troubles and make your friends see life from a little different angle.

Christmas Time

By THOMAS A. CLARK
Dean of Men, University of Illinois
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OF ALL the illusions of childhood, I gave up with most reluctance those that clustered around Christmas.

The old saint who climbed down the chimney into the fireplace in our sitting room and filled our stockings on Christmas Eve was as real to me as Moses or George Washington or my grandfather or any other person of whom I had heard but whom I had never personally met. He is to me real today when I am in reminiscent moods, perhaps because I have always wanted him to be real. Long after I recognized all the subtleties which were being practiced on me as a child at Christmas time, I never admitted them even to myself, for I was quite willing to submit to the deceptions; I was made happy by all the ceremonies and surprises.

I have never in all my life been away from home at Christmas time; I hope I never shall be. Christmas joys are for me the most delightful; Christmas memories, the most precious. Everything about our holiday preparations at home was of the simplest

plum pudding was congested with them, I found them always on Christmas morning in my stocking with other good things to eat, and there was regularly on Christmas day a dish of them on the table to be eaten after dinner. It was not altogether what we had to eat that gave Christmas such a high place in my regard, though that helped materially, no doubt. It was the mystery, the anticipation, the preparation and the surprise of it all; the gathering together of all the family, the games, the roaring fire in the fireplace, and the general hilarity and good will prevailing that made Christmas for me the best loved of all the holidays of the entire year.

"We are rather outgrowing Christmas," a friend said to me a few days ago. "I don't believe it is ever going to be for any one again just as it used to be."

I suppose not; though there are some events connected with the celebration of Christmas, there is the real Christmas which I am sure I shall never outgrow. If I should hang up my stocking by the fireplace now, I feel just as sure as I ever did that old Saint Nick would get in some way before morning and fill it as he used to do when I was a child. My faith in Christmas has never waned, and my need for it, I practice economy badly at any time, but with the greatest difficulty at Christmas time, and especially since the prices of my own particular varieties of frankincense and myrrh have been so affected by the economic conditions. It is what is in our hearts that makes Christmas real. The song of



the angels is in the air if the Christmas spirit is in our hearts, Christmas is as great a reality as it ever was, if we will make it so, and for us all the angels are again proclaiming as they did that night in Palestine, centuries ago, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

I shall hang up my stocking at Christmas Eve, there will be raising in it in the morning. I have faith that the old Christmas joys will be mine once more.

Human blood is thought to contain the same proportion of salt as was in the sea when life began 3,000,000 years ago.

On the electrically propelled battleship Tennessee, potatoes are also peeled and butter is sliced by electric-driven machinery.

LADIES AID ENTERTAINED

Invitations were issued the first of the week to the members of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church as follows:

Winnie and Mary wish the presence of (guest's name) at a Christmas reunion of the Ladies Aid Society Tuesday afternoon at three o'clock, at Mamie's house in the Valley. Christmas comes but once a year; come and bring a gift of cheer, no to exceed 25 cents, my dear.

Mamie's house in the Valley proved to be the lovely home of Mrs. J. S. H. Howard, and the hostesses for the afternoon were Mesdames H. H. Kilpatrick and John J. Hart. This was one of the prettiest parties of the pre-holiday season, beautiful in color and appointments and cordial hospitality. The spacious reception rooms were unique in decoration, heralding the Christmas-tide in the season colors. A large red and white Jack Horner pie, containing the gifts, graced the center of the table. The clock on the mantle was decorated to represent the head of Santa Claus, while a miniature Christmas tree stood on each side, giving a festive splendor to the scene. Upon the arrival of the guests they were met at the door by Winnie and Mary and each were greeted by their given names.

This being the regular meeting of the Society, the formal session was opened by a violin solo, "Silent Night," on the victrola. The Scripture lesson—On the Birthday of our King—was read by Mrs. Hamie, followed by prayer, led by Mrs. Brite. The Secretary, Mrs. George Howard then read the minutes, followed by the paying of the monthly dues and birthday offering.

The members voted to consider and investigate the putting in of a pipe organ in their new church home.

After the business session a social hour was enjoyed and at this time Mary conducted an interesting contest on ices (that) taxed the ingenuity of each one. This was followed by an exciting snowball race, after which the hostesses, assisted by Cornelia Kilpatrick and Nellie Howard, served a tempting refreshment plate that further reflected the significance of the season. On the plate of the first course was jellied chicken in lettuce cups, garnished with myonise cranberry sauce, topped with a stuffed olive, waifer, celery and hot

tea, with a slice of orange. The second course was date pudding with whipped cream decorated with a red cherry. A cunning miniature photo of Santa Claus constituted the plate favors. The cutting of the Jack Horner pie afforded a great deal of amusement. Each guest received a number and each drew in turn for their Christmas gift.

This culminated another delightful and pleasant meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church.

"Twas ever thus, Wait Mason has many rivals, but a recent prose poem by a contributor to Farm Life is particularly interesting as furnishing an unanswerable argument for Hartford Farm Insurance. A farmer tells the story as follows:

I kept my barn insured for years, for I had dreams of scorching steers, of peacocks blistered to the ears, and pitchforks charred and burned. While other men were taking trips with bulging wallets on their hips, I paid up my insurance bills with surplus coins I earned. Rough hoboos when allowed to stay threw burning cigarettes anway and dropped live ashes in my hay, yet never made a blaze. At last I argued to myself, "Why stack up troubles on the shelf? Why not hoard up this surplus pelf to spend in other ways?" So when the agent came around he nearly sank into the ground, for I made no uncertain sound when I made known my plan. "All right," he said, "but some bright day you'll come around to me and say this risky business doesn't pay—you poor deluded ——" That right a hobo hove in sight, a wary man in sordid plight, and asked if he might spend the night in my good mow of hay. "You may if you don't smoke in bed," said I. He shook a solemn head; "I never smoke," was what he said, and so I let him stay. I woke at 3 o'clock that night to see a weird and lurid light, while through the yard I marked the flight of that undity man. He'd left m barn a seething fire, a mass of flames from stone to spire; next da I found his pipe—a briar—he'd dropped it as he ran. I lost no live stock, thank the Lord, but lost the building, hay and Ford, ten tons of oats that I had stooed and my good grubbing plo. I looked that agent up and said, "See here! Insure my house and shed, my woodpile, silo, s'ove and bed, as quick as you know how."

See J. Humphris, Local Agent.

tea, with a slice of orange. The second course was date pudding with whipped cream decorated with a red cherry. A cunning miniature photo of Santa Claus constituted the plate favors. The cutting of the Jack Horner pie afforded a great deal of amusement. Each guest received a number and each drew in turn for their Christmas gift.

This culminated another delightful and pleasant meeting of the Ladies Aid Society of the Christian Church.

Welcome Christmas Shoppers

A Merry Christmas!
And a Prosperous and Happy New Year

And may your fondest hopes for the future become Happy Realizations in 1925 is our sincere wish for all.

We thank you for your cordial support and patronage during the years that have past.

Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Company

A Merry Xmas

AND A HAPPY NEW YEAR

To all our friends and Customers

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Dear Folks of Presidio County:—
Tuberculosis can be cured. It can be prevented, but the great fight cannot be left to the institutions—all must help—and it menaces all alike, so that it is YOUR FIGHT—MY FIGHT!
The penny Christmas Seals help tremendously in this fight. They provide the money by which the fight is carried on, provide nurses, doctors, lectures, literature and, in fact, PAY THE BILLS. Truly a powerful penny.
Only a few days of the sale remain and we will know if Presidio County has contributed the quota asked of us. If everyone who has not purchased the seals would buy a few, the result would be astonishing.

The workers from whom you may get the seals are:
Miss Blanche Avant,
Mrs. Dr. Church
Mrs. Dr. Darracott
Mrs. Albert Griffith
Mrs. Forrest Jordan
Mrs. William Murphy
Mrs. Dr. Hoffman
Mrs. Dr. Hollister
Mrs. S. F. Marsh
Mrs. J. H. Fortner
Mrs. Sam Davis
Mrs. T. M. Wilson or Mrs. C. E. Mead.

Those who have already turned in their reports are: Mrs. Jack Knight, Mrs. Ernest Williams, Mrs. Jim Ty-

ler, Mrs. F. C. Mellard and Miss Aline Duty, who sold to the school children.

I here wish to thank each one who has helped in this good work
MRS. C. E. MEAD,
Chairman Christmas Seal Sale.

A Prayer

By Rev. Alan Pressley Wilson
(Copyright, 1924, WNU)

OR LORD, we beseech Thee to grant that Jesus the Christ may dwell in our hearts through faith to the end that we, being rooted and grounded in love, may be strong to apprehend with all the saints what is the breadth and length and the height and depth of the love of Christ.

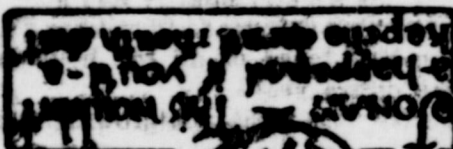
Come into our hearts and lives and dominate our wills as we enter another New Year and grant that we may live all through this year in accordance with Thy divine plan for our lives.

This we ask in the Name and for the sake of our Savior, Jesus Christ.
Amen.

New Years Customs in Scotland

As in France, so in Scotland, New Years is the chief festival of the year. The eve of the day and the day itself are called "Daft Days," or crazy days. And the eve separated from its "daft" associate is called "Hogmanay." But what this means, no one seems to know. The application of the term is in a custom of children to enrobe themselves in a sheet and go the rounds of houses on New Year's eve, knocking at the doors and crying "Hogmanay." In response they always get an oat cake.

TURN ME OVER



"THE WHALE—'I must have eaten something that disagrees with me'"

CLOSED FOR THE HOLIDAYS

The Marfa High School closed Friday evening for a two-weeks holiday. A number of the teachers expect to spend the season in different parts of the State.

Harry Grierson brought in a load of cattle for shipment Friday morning.

Pat Murphy was in Marfa Friday of this week from his ranch in Old Mexico.

Our office will be located in the dining room of the Jordan Hotel after December 1st, where we will be pleased to meet and serve our customers. Thanking you for past patronage and trusting that we may serve you in the future.—G. C. ROBINSON LUMBER CO.

OLD ST. NICK



Holiday Goods are here

Popular Dry Goods Store
JOE SROKER
Proprietor

WE wish to thank our friends and customers for their very liberal patronage during the past year, and now would extend the greetings of the near Holiday--- Best wishes for a Merry Christmas and a Prosperous and Happy New Year.

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S. PAUL'S CHURCH (Episcopal)

The service of the feast of the Nativity of Christ, commonly called Christmas, will be held in S. Paul's Church at midnight Christmas Eve. The last bell will ring at 11:59 p. m. December 24th. The service will follow immediately. The choir announces the following musical program:

Introit Hymn, "Adeste Fideles"
Kyrie Eleison Portogallo
Creed Merbecke-Douglas
Hymn: "It Came Upon the Midnight Clear," Willis
Offertory: "Stille Nacht", Gruerber
Duet: Mrs. Chapman and Major Paterson.

Sursum Corda, Sanctus, Benedictus, Agnus Dei Merbecke
Eucharistic Hymn: "O Little Town of Bethlehem" Redner
Gloria in Excelsis Traditional
Nunc Dimittis Traditional
Recessional Hymn: "Hark the Herald Angels Sing" Mendelsohn

This will be the first time that many will have had the opportunity to attend the Midnight Eucharist of Christmas in an Episcopal Church. Those who once do it make it a regular feature of their Christmas celebration. The music of the service is the setting composed for the first church service in the English language by John Merbecke in the year 1548. All good Christian people are invited to attend.

DELBERT W. CLARK,
Missionary to the Big Bend.

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES

With each recurring December we joyfully celebrate the birth of our Lord. The message that the angels brought to the shepherds in Old Judea that first Christmas night falls as sweetly on our ears as it did on the ears of our forefathers a thousand years ago.

Neither the day, the month nor the year when Jesus was born is definitely known, yet how deeply has His coming affected the affairs of all mankind! The date of every paper published and every letter signed bears silent witness to the Baby born in Bethlehem.

It is known when Jesus rose from the dead. The resurrection was on the first day of the week. Every Sunday service bears witness to that event. On this Sunday morning of Christmas week let us fill the churches in joyful memory of Bethlehem and reverent worship of Him who lived and died and rose again that we might live.

S. F. MARSH.

NEW LOCATION

The Marfa Boot & Shoe Company will move on January 1st, 1925 next to the Model Meat Market, in the Murphy-Walker building. They will continue to carry a complete stock of cow-boy boots. First class shoe repairing also. All work work guaranteed. We appreciate the past patronage and trust you will continue to give us your trade. MARFA BOOT & SHOE CO. Gottholt Bros., Proprietors.

FOR SALE

—One well-marked pedigree Persian kitten.—Mrs. J. E. Pitzer

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

The C. E. program for Sunday, December 7 was on "Forgiveness." Eloyd Gafrost was the leader and the meeting proved interesting. At the close each one buried his hatchet of petty warfare as he quoted a verse from the Bible on forgiveness.

The meeting closed with the monthly consecration meeting.

The Endeavorers were entertained with a tacky party December 5th by "Nic" and "Mic" at the home of Mrs. T. D. Seerest.

The Christmas colors were carried out in the decorations and the games and contests brought for the Christmas spirit. Chewing gum, Turkish paste and apples were served throughout the evening.

An amusing event was the Fishing Pond where each guest went fishing and was successful in making a catch of a Christmas toy. Refreshments of cocoa and cake were served by the hosts.

The meeting for December 16th was on "Count Your Blessings." Juanita Propst was the leader. After the song service the different points on the topic: as our blessings, their source and our gratitude, were brought out in the clipping, questions, table talk and prayers.

Mrs. J. S. Dogherly entertained a few of her Endeavor friends with a masquerade party on December 13th at the home of Mrs. W. K. Livingston. The house was decorated in Xmas colors.

The evening was spent in playing

Locals and Personals

Lockley—Jeweler, Watch Doctor.

H. W. Reynolds of Sierra Blanca, was a Marfa visitor Thursday.

—See Mrs. Roark's display of needlework before making your selection of Christmas Gifts.

F. E. Gillett, mayor of Alpine, was a business visitor to our little city Thursday.

—See Mrs. Roark's display of needlework before making your selection of Christmas Gifts.

O. L. Nicolls of Marathon, stopped off between trains Wednesday. He was en route to El Paso.

Mrs. T. A. Spencer returned Sunday from a trip to San Antonio and other points east, where she has been on a vacation. She reports having had a splendid time while away.

See Dr. Hodges if in need of dental services. Jordan Hotel, room 7, up stairs. 19-1f

T. J. Jackman was up from his farm on the river the first of the week. He made fifty bales of cotton this year.

—Beginning December 1st Mrs. Roark will be glad to help you solve your Xmas problems. See her display of needlework.

L. C. Britte the last week has been in Fort Worth attending the executive committee meeting of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association. He returned home Thursday.

—New assortment of Sweaters and costume slips—all colors—nice for Xmas presents—Milady's Shoppe.

Mr. L. E. Propst of Muscogee, Oklahoma, arrived this week to spend some weeks with his son, Paul Propst, superintendent of maintenance of Highway No. 6.

Just received—a full line of handsome winter coats. Milady's Shoppe.

Mrs. W. H. Cardwell returned on Thursday of last week from San Antonio, where she has been visiting for several weeks. She reports continued droughts in Gonzales County. Stock water is very scarce in some places. It is impossible to begin farm operations for another year on account of the dry weather. She is happy to be home again.

—Great reductions in dresses—all wool dresses—up to \$29.75—only \$12.75.—Milady's Shoppe.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fischer, accompanied by their mother, Mrs. Lee Fischer, left Thursday morning by auto, for Sweetwater, to spend the holidays there with relatives.

Mrs. Lightfoot has sold her home to Mr. and Mrs. Moore, who are connected with Camp Marfa. Mrs. Lightfoot left Wednesday morning for San Francisco, where she will reside in the future.

A SPLENDID CHRISTMAS GIFT Six Years With the Texas Rangers. At Busy Bee, Macs and Carl's Drug Stores or Capt. Gillett, Marfa, Texas.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Pool last Saturday received a wire from Houston stating that a brother of Mrs. Pool had been killed there in an auto accident. They left on the morning train to attend the funeral.

Duncan's Art Exhibit, Murphy-Walker building, December 15 to 24. Open from 1 p. m. to 6 p. m.

CEDAR POSTS

Cedar posts in car lots, loaded at Uvalde, Texas. All sizes and lengths. For further information write Frank W. Miller, Reagan Wells, Texas.

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games and in contests. Delicious refreshments consisting of salad, sandwiches, cakes and tea were served by the hostess and at a late hour the guests departed, having had a nice time.

Christian Endeavor every Sunday. Study class at 6:00 and program at 6:30 p. m.

Lockley's, Jewelry, Wedding Presents

Judge Roy Tingle of Ruidosa, and Deputy Sheriff Edmondson of Candelaria, were visitors to Marfa Tuesday.

T. M. Wilson went out hunting last week and was gone about a day. When he returned one large fat buck was in the auto. Some of these Marfa hunters, judging from their uniform success, must have a deer park nearby.

—FOR SALE—A piano. Knunik-Bach Grande. Call or phone 237.

JUNIOR MISSIONARY SOCIETY

On December 12th we met at the home of Everyn Howell. At this meeting we elected officers: Frances Anderson was elected as president; Virginia Coke, vice-president; Verma Settle, secretary; Everyn Howell, treasurer; Zelda Hurley, corresponding secretary; social service leader, Fletcher Metcalfe.

We opened the mite boxes and had \$2.15 offering.

On January 9th we will meet with Zelda Hurley.

Reporter.

HOUSE FOR RENT

Nine rooms, adobe, stucco, convenient, comfortable. Garage, Water at a reasonable rate.

C. O. THOMAS,
Marfa, Texas.

Ranch phone No. 69.

Please get your chickens, turkeys, beef roast, pork roast, fish and oysters on Saturday evening for Sunday as I will not be open on Sunday morning after Nov. 1st. Phone 87. DAVIS MARKET.

Mr. and Mrs. R. Kerr and baby daughter, and Mrs. Everett Seaman of Marfa visited their grandmother, Mrs. James Darling—Alpine Avalanche.

False teeth repaired, teeth replaced, full dentures carefully done. At the Jordan Hotel, room 7.

Mr. and Mrs. Russell Clarke visited relatives to Marathon Sunday last.

Milady's Shoppe is now comfortably located in their new quarters, next door to the Western Union.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Garnett and Mrs. Will Garnett were Alpine visitors to Marfa the first of the week.

Baptist Young People Sunday evening; Womens Meeting Monday afternoon; Sunbeam Friday afternoon.

FOR SALE

A registered, pedigreed, black Newfoundland pup, three months old. Fine companion for children. Price \$10. Mrs. B. H. Grierson, Fort Davis, Texas.

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Sheriff J. E. Vaughan was called to Austin and Temple, Texas on business this week.

Interesting teachers in the Baptist Sunday School. They want you to enroll.

MILADY'S SHOPPE

New shipments of dresses, sweaters and hats are coming in every day. Be sure and see them.

DENTAL NOTICE

Dr. Hodges will be in town until the Holidays—Hotel Jordan, Room No. 7.

It pays to paint. It pays to paint with good paint. It pays to paint with Sun Proof Paint. G. C. Robinson Lumber Co.

H. W. Schutze says he has a speed wagon for sale, guaranteed to run at its best speed not faster than 12 miles an hour.

—Beginning December 1st Mrs. Roark will be glad to help you solve your Xmas problems. See her display of needlework.

Mayor J. T. Hamie has been absent for several weeks, but is now back on the job.

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There are Scriptural and evangelistic sermons each Sunday at the Baptist Church.

The most beautiful line of Christmas Greeting Cards at the most reasonable prices, at CARL'S DRUG STORE. Be sure and see them before you make your selection.

Devotional Bible study and prayer meeting Wednesday night at the Baptist Church.

Mr. Sparks of Presidio, came in from the river country Thursday.

Mrs. E. S. Cross and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Cross were Alpine visitors here Sunday.

Mrs. Creed Taylor had as her guest last week from Marathon Mr. and Mrs. Granger and their daughter, Miss Bessie.

NOTICE TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

All licenses issued by the State Highway Department expires on the 31st day of December.

Get your 1925 license by January 1st to avoid penalty.

O. A. KNIGHT,
State and County Tax Collector.

LAND FOR SALE

Within three miles of Fort Davis, including 40 acres, more or less, especially suitable for apple orchards. Interested parties write Harry Grierson, Fort Davis, Texas.

NOTICE!

After the first day of November my market will not be open on Sunday mornings, all during the winter. However, to accommodate my customers, I will make deliveries up to 8:00 p. m. on Saturdays. Phone 61. DAVIS MARKET.

NEW DENTAL OFFICE

Dr. C. H. Slaton, Dentist, has secured office space over the Post Office and will be located here permanently after January 16, 1925. Dr. Slaton is a graduate of Baylor University and all equipment is up-to-date.

BE SURE IT IS SANITARY.

Many diseases afflicting humanity are caused by drinking impure milk. Therefore, beware of dangerous germs ever found in the same when proper sanitary precautions are not taken. It is most essential that all vessels be properly steamed before using, and especially the milk should be cooled below 60 degrees immediately after each animal is milked. Hurtful bacteria increases 100 per cent every 17 minutes if not properly handled.

MODEL DAIRY.

TO MY FRIENDS AND PATRONS.

I have apples in cold storage at the Marfa Power house. You can get apples now when in need of them by calling at the power house. M. F. Higgins, Fort Davis, Texas.

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Important Message

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NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

No. 858.

Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned, that R. Nunez, et al, the postoffice of whom is Ruidosa, Texas, did on the 24th day of November, A. D., 1925, file their application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in which they apply for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State, from the Rio Grande, in Presidio County, Texas, sufficient water for irrigation purposes, to be diverted by means of pumping plants to be located as follows:

Plant No. 1 bears S. 180 25' E. 725 varas from R. K. md. in W. line of Survey 5894 varas N. 50 E. from original corner; Plant No. 2 bears N. 12 1/2 W. 925 varas from S. W. corner of Survey 52; and Plant No. 3 bears South 1864 varas from South corner of Survey 52, all in Presidio County, Texas, and distant in a Southerly direction from Ruidosa, Texas, one mile.

You are hereby further notified that the said R. Nunez, et al, propose to install three pumping plants, No. 1 to be a 15 in. Horizontal Centrifugal pump, operated by a 35 H. P. Kerosene engine, No. 2 to be 8 in. Horizontal Centrifugal pump, operated by a 20 H. P. Kerosene engine, plant No. 3 to be an 8 in. Horizontal Centrifugal pump, operated by a 20 H. P. Kerosene engine, plant No. 1 having a lift of engine, plant No. 2 having a lift of fourteen feet, No. 2 a lift of 15 1/2 feet, and No. 3 a lift of sixteen feet, and to divert therewith sufficient water for the irrigation of about 1084 acres of land fully described in said application.

A hearing on the application of the said R. Nunez et al, will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Austin, Texas, on Monday, January 26, A. D., 1925, beginning at 10 o'clock A. M. at which time and place all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearings will be con-

tinued from time to time and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the said Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, this the 1st day of December A. D., 1924.

JNO. A. NORRIS,

C. S. CLARK,

A. H. DUNLAP,

Board of Water Engineers.

Attest:

A. W. McDonald, Secretary.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Presidio:

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Presidio County—GREETING:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That you summon, by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Presidio if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in a newspaper published in the nearest County to said Presidio County, in which a newspaper is published, once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Charles Guessow, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the County of Presidio at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, on the Fourth Monday in January A. D., 1925, same being the 26th day of January A. D., 1925, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court, on the 2nd day of December A. D., 1924, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2709, wherein Mrs. Gussie Guessow is plaintiff and Charles Guessow is defendant. The nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff alleges that she has been a bona fide resident of the State of Texas for twelve months and of Presidio County for at least six months next preceeding the filing

of this petition, also that to the plaintiff and defendant there was born a boy, Jack Guessow, whose age is seven and who is now with plaintiff, that on account of cruel, harsh and tyrannical treatment of defendant toward plaintiff and of the constant fear that defendant would take the life of plaintiff, that their further living together as man and wife is unsupportable. Plaintiff prays for dissolution of the marriage relations between plaintiff and defendant, and for the possession, care and custody of the minor child, Jack Guessow.

HEREIN FAIL NOT And have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, Texas, this, the 2nd day of December A. D., 1924.

ANITA YOUNG,

Clerk of the District Court, Presidio County, Texas.

Issued this 2nd day of December, A. D., 1924.

ANITA YOUNG,

Clerk of the District Court, Presidio County, Texas.

MARFA HI COMMENDED

Austin, Texas, November 21, 1924.

Supt. J. E. Gregg:—

The work of classifying and accrediting the public schools of Texas is under the direction of the State Committee composed of six members chosen by the public schools and six by the colleges. This committee determines the conditions upon which the high schools are classified and accredited for the purpose of establishing educational standards, encouraging schools to attain these standards, and certifying those that have attained them so as to facilitate the transfer of students to any other school or college.

The regulations as prescribed by this committee are administered by the State Department of Education through high school supervisors. In the visits of the supervisors and in their reports to school authorities, recommendations are offered in the spirit of co-operation and helpful suggestions, with the earnest desire that all school authorities will join with the State Department of Education in their efforts to maintain the necessary standards of education in Texas.

In order that the schools may be properly certified it is essential that the minimum requirements as outlined in Bulletin 182 be met. To that end, the supervisor who recently visited your school makes the following recommendations:

1. That the bonds be issued and work be started on a new building as speedily as possible.

The lives of the Marfa school children are endangered by the present building with no fire escapes. Some sort of compromise should be effected so as to provide for their safety.

2. That commendation be given the policy of the board in providing a regular allowance for library expansion. The library here is unusually good.

3. That the school be commended for its excellent order and high standards of work.

State Department of Education.

High School Division.

NOTICE

My pastures are posted and parties are hereby notified that all hunting in same is strictly prohibited under penalties of law.

CRAWFORD MITCHELL.

A SURPRISE SHOWER

The bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hodges was a scene of a pretty miscellaneous shower Saturday evening when Mesdames Clarence Chenault and Edgar Jordan honored the newly weds. Mrs. Hodges was before her marriage, Miss Love Quick, and her marriage to Mr. Hodges was one of the weddings of interest the past week.

Numerous attractive and useful gifts were received, after which refreshments of hot chocolate, coffee and cake were served to the forty guests present.—Junction Eagle.

FOR SALE—Two registered Airedale pups, five months old, male and female, \$7.50 each. See G. L. Butler, c/o Immigration office.

TO THE PUBLIC.

Notice is hereby given that I will permit no more fishing or hunting in my pastures. W. W. Bogel.

NOTICE!

The public is hereby notified my pastures are posted and all persons are warned not to trespass on same by hunting or camping. Mrs. W. M. Kennedy.

POSTED

This is to notify all persons that our pastures are posted as the law directs, and most positively no hunting of any character is allowed. If any offenders disregard this notice, we will prosecute to the full extent of the law.

Signed:—

W. H. CLEVELAND,

J. R. LOVE,

W. P. FISCHER,

MRS. T. A. CHILDERS

MONITION

Notice is hereby given that there has been seized in this collection district for violation of U. S. Customs Laws, one Ford roaster, motor Number 9456141 and 10 quarts spirituous liquor. The liquor will be disposed of according to law. The automobile will be sold at auction to the highest bidder for cash December 26, 1924 at 10 a. m. in front of the Court House, at Marfa, Texas. Anyone claiming the above car must file claim with the Collector of Customs, El Paso, Texas, within twenty days from first publication of this notice.

T. B. GABLE,

Collector.

Lockley, Watches, Jewelry, Diamonds

SHERIFF'S SALE

(Real Estate)

By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Nolan County, on the 8th day of November, A. D., 1924, in case of Nolan County versus E. Q. Daniel, et al No. 2097A, and to me, as Sheriff, directed and delivered, I have levied upon, this 1st day of December, A. D., 1924, and will, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on the first Tuesday in January A. D., 1925, it being the 6th day of said month, at the Court House door of said Presidio County, in the Town of Marfa, proceed to sell at public auction, to the highest bidder, for cash in hand, all the right, title and interest which E. Q. Daniel, the First State Bank of Kaufman, W. T. Talley, O. L. Talley, W. H. Marshall, R. J. Thomas, John A. Pool Sr., R. B. Marshall, C. L. Wells, W. S. Downard, C. B. Harbert, Mary A. Thomas, W. W. White, H. A. Cavanaugh, A. F. Northcutt, Theresa Ephriam, W. H. Johnson, A. O. Huffman, S. H. Buddy, Hamp P. Abney, John McMillin, Albert Moser, Mary E. Crosby, K. E. Crosby, Geo. H. Crosby, Frank Duto, Wm. C. Beech, T. H. Vinson, Finis E. Downing, T. E. Baldwin, C. T. Brewer, S. A. Meeks, Mose Novich, A. J. Williams, Henry Williams, J. A. Barnett, Will A. Miller, T. H. Purcell, J. T. H. Lipscom, John Humphris, R. B. Russell, E. N. Kirby, Helen V. Williams, C. B. Williams, F. C. Carr, C. N. Click, R. N. Townsend, John D. Townsend, Grant Lauchner, R. C. Warn, J. E. Collins and N. L. Phippen had, on the 5th day of March A. D., 1924, or at any time thereafter, of, in and to the following described property, to-wit: All of League No. 1, in Block 1, Nolan County, League No. 2, Bk. No. Nolan County 2; League No. 3, Bk. No. Nolan Co. 3 and No. 4, Bk. No. Nolan Co. 4, all of said land being situate in Presidio County, Texas, League No. 1 patented to Nolan County September 15, 1882, patent No. 27, Vol. 24; League No. 2, patented to Nolan County September 15, 1882, patent No. 26, Vol. 24, League patented to Nolan County January 8, 1887, patent No. 484, Vol. 24, and League No. 4 patented to Nolan County Sept. 5, 1882, patent No. 25, Vol. 24, all issued by the State of Texas, said property being levied on as the property of the aforesaid defendants to satisfy a judgment amounting to \$7,161.57 in favor of Nolan County and costs of suit.

GIVEN UNDER MY HAND This 1st day of December A. D., 1924.

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