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## Highland Poultry Show Was A Grand Success

Big Show Held At Alpine Was Pronounced A Grand Success All Breeds Represented.

At the Highland Poultry Show held at Alpine, December 16-17, the leghorns led in the number of entires with 16. Barred Rocks came second with 13 and Single Comb Rhode Island Reds, Third, with 10 entires. Judge Holmgren, of New Mexico A. & M. College, placed the awards as follows:

### Exhibition Class.

**SILVER WYANDOTTS**—Mrs. C. V. Nettleton, Alpine, Texas, all awards.

**BLACK MINORCAS**—Charles Jones, First young pen, first cockerel; Mrs. Dalton, First hen, first young trio.

**JERSEY GIANTS**—Entries from Corpus Christi Hatchery, 1-2, cockerel.

**WHITE ROCKS**—Mrs. J. H. Hamilton, Alpine, Texas, 1st young pen, 1st young trio; J. H. Evans, Alpine, Texas 1-2 old trio.

**PARTRIDGE ROCKS**—E. T. McDonald, Marfa, Texas, 1-2-3 hen, 1-2 cockerel, 1-2-3 pullet.

**WHITE LEGHORNS**—W. B. Hamilton, Alpine, Texas, 1st cockerel, 2nd pullet; M. F. Higgins, Fort Davis, Texas, 1-3 pullet, 1st young trio.

**WHITE ORPINGTON**—Corpus Christi Hatchery, 1st cockerel.

**ENGLISH LEGHORNS**—J. H. Evans, Alpine, Texas, 2nd old trio; Fred Clark, Van Horn, Texas, 1st old trio, 1-2 hen; Fred Clark, Jr., Van Horn, Texas, 1st young pen; Sproul & McNatt, Fort Davis, Texas, 2nd young pen.

**SILVER HAMBURGS**—John Weyerts, Alpine, Texas, 1-2-3 hen, 1st old pen.

**SINGLE COMB RHODE ISLAND REDS**—Mrs. J. P. Wea-

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## Marfa C. Of C. Elects Directors For Year

J. C. Fuller, Elected President Miss Katherine Duckworth Remains As Secretary.

Last Saturday night the members of the Marfa Chamber of Commerce met at the community house for the purpose of selecting 12 directors for the ensuing year. There was quite a large attendance of members and considerable interest manifested.

The meeting was called to order by President Fuller. He made a report touching on the various activities of the Chamber of Commerce. Following him there were a number of speeches made by different ones, among some of the speakers were: Capt. J. B. Gillett, Judge K. C. Miller, Judge C. E. Mead and Henry Coffield.

When nominations were declared in order for directors, there were many nominations made, which resulted in the following being elected: H. S. Hord, J. C. Fuller, T. C. Mitchell, J. B. Gillett, Lee Glascock, Henry Coffield, J. M. Roson, T. C. Crosson, Mrs. T. A. Childers, Ben Avant, R. E. Petross and W. W. Bogel.

Wednesday the newly elected directors met and re-elected J. C. Fuller, President; T. C. Mitchell, Vice-President; and Miss Duckworth, Secretary. T. C. Crosson, having resigned Stanley Casner, was elected in his place.

## SNOWED SUNDAY, MONDAY AND SOME TUESDAY

Marfa and the surrounding country has been covered with snow nearly all of this week. One of the finest in two years, and it will do a world of good, by putting moisture in the ground. And if the good work will continue, either snow or rain, it will insure grass in the spring.

## Our Greetings

PART of the wisdom of Providence, no doubt, is expressed in the calendar position of Christmas. It would be hard to imagine a holiday of its peculiarly sweet and tender significance coming at any other season of the year. No other time is so appropriate. The sparkling cold of the air but increases the warmth within.

Spring and summer have their more intense activities and autumn its garnering. Near the end of the year comes the balancing of the books, the checking over of affairs to see if they have been well or ill. This is also a good time for spiritual stock-taking, a proceeding happily promoted by Christmas.

If our affairs have been good, the more reason for a feeling of charity and good will. If the twelve-month has borne trials and anxieties in unusual measure, the more reason for a sympathetic feeling toward others who have been similarly burdened, and for summoning peace to our hearts and renewing our faith.

It is the season of quickening pulse and regenerated hope—the season when heart calleth unto heart. Let us blend our voices in full jubilee.

MERRY CHRISTMAS

THE PUBLISHERS

## PROCLAMATION

Inasmuch as Christmas day comes on Sunday, I as mayor of the City of Marfa, respectfully request that Monday December 26th, be observed as a holiday in the City of Marfa and respectfully request all of the business houses in the City to remain closed throughout the entire day, so that the employees may enjoy the full day of recreation. On behalf of the City Commission of the City of Marfa, I extend Christmas greetings to all of our

people, and wish for them a happy New Year and peace and prosperity throughout 1928.

JNO. T. HAMIC, Mayor.

Attest:

Ruth Roark, City Clerk.

## HIGH SCHOOL CLOSSES FOR HOLIDAY HERE

Wednesday evening the Marfa High school closed for the holidays. On January 2nd School re-opens for the Spring term.

## LOCO STUDY IS ENDORSED STATE FUNDS ASKED FOR

Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association and Highland Hereford Breeders' Association Give Endorsement and ask for State Aid.

(By H. T. FLETCHER In The Cattleman.)

At the regular quarterly meeting of the executive committee of the Texas & Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association at Marfa, Texas, September 6, 1927, a resolution was presented by J. D. Jackson, of Alpine, past president of the association, endorsing the movement to secure the establishment by the State of Texas of a laboratory in West Texas for the study of the loco problem. The executive committee went on record as being squarely behind this movement. The loco problem is one of the biggest problems confronting the cattlemen of the United States.

The present movement was begun in the late spring of this year by R. S. Miller, county agent for Brewster, Jeff Davis and Presidio counties, who discussed the loco situation with a few of the Highland section, including H. L. Kokernot, J. D. Jackson, W. B. Mitchell, W. P. Fischer, H. T. Fletcher, and others, who agreed that the loco problem was of too great proportions to be solved by the cattlemen alone.

Mr. Miller's plan involves the establishment of a laboratory in this section where loco actually exists, to carry on experimental work and the co-operation of ranchmen wherever loco grows. The whole plan pivots around the director of the laboratory who should be the best research man that can be obtained, a trained biological chemist who has had sufficient experience to enable him to grasp the larger aspects of the problem. He should be big enough and sufficiently well qualified to have worked on such problems as cancer or tuberculosis of humans, or Texas fever or hog cholera of live stock. Texas has such men in

Doctors Francis and Schmidt of

A. & M. College. Should these men be not available, no pains should be spared in securing a man of like caliber elsewhere. The research director should have the support of competent veterinarians, chemists, botanists and etomologists in order that no possible element entering into the situation might be overlooked.

Considerable work in loco investigation has been done by Dr. C. D. Marsh, poisonous plant investigator, and other specialists of the United States Department of Agriculture, but so far, very little has been determined as to the principle of loco poisoning. That nothing or little definite results have been accomplished up to this time should not cause us to lose heart and abandon the work.

It may be recalled that veterinarians and scientists worked for years on blackleg, anthrax, hog cholera and Texas fever, apparently for a time without results, but finally found control of these diseases. Is it not possible that a control for loco poisoning might be found?

### Extent Of Growth/

Loco is the common name applied to a number of plants that affect live stock similarly. Most of them belong to the botanical family, leguminosae, being closely related to the valuable and harmless forage plants, as the pea alfalfa, the clovers, and the mesquite bush. The purple loco, Astragalus mollissimus, is found throughout Western Texas, New Mexico, and parts of Arizona, Oklahoma, Colorado, Kansas, Nebraska and Wyoming. The white loco, Oxytropis lamberti, is found over practically the same territory and ex-

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THE STATE OF TEXAS.

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Presidio County—Greeting: You Are Hereby Comanded, 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, for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Who is a non-resident of the State of Texas, to be and appear before the Hon. 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, same being the 23rd day of January A. D. 1928 then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 12th day of December A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2850, wherein Mrs. Mary Lesey Billings, is plaintiff and Frederic Aldrich Billings, is defendant. The nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows, to-wit:

Plaintiff alleges that she is and has been for a period of twelve months prior to exhibiting the petition herein an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas, and has resided in the said County of Presidio, State of Texas for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit. That plaintiff and defendant were married in Woodville Mississippi, on or about September 28th, 1926, and lived together as husband and wife for about two months, when by reason of the cruel, harsh, tyrannical and abusive treatment of defendant towards plaintiff, she was forced and compelled to permanently abandon defendant, since which time they have not lived together as husband and wife. Plaintiff alleges that defendant often beat and abused and threatened to take her life and that defendant's action and conduct towards plaintiff generally are of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

Plaintiff prays for the dissolution of the marriage relations and that she be given her maiden name. That defendant be cited to appear and answer herein and for general and special relief in law and in equity that she may be justly entitled to.

Herein Fail Not, And have you before said Court, on the said 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 12th day of December A. D. 1927.

ANITA YOUNG  
Clerk District Court Presidio County, Texas.  
By Clara Shields, Deputy.

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Plaintiff alleges that she is and been for a period of twelve months prior to exhibiting the petition here in an actual bona fide inhabitant of the State of Texas and has resided in the said County of Presidio for at least six months next preceding the filing of this suit. That plaintiff and defendant were lawfully married in Woodville Mississippi, on or about September 28th, 1926, and lived together as husband and wife for about two months, when by reason of the cruel, harsh, tyrannical and abusive treatment of defendant towards plaintiff, she was forced and compelled to permanently abandon defendant, since which time they have not lived together as husband and wife. Plaintiff alleges that defendant often beat and abused and threatened to take her life and that defendant's action and conduct towards plaintiff generally are of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

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Christmas  
by Mary Graham Sommer

THREE words meaning more to more people than almost any other greeting or salutation or phrase. Three words fraught with significance.

There are the happy people. Families where affection, cheer, joy in one another, unselfishness toward one another, love and sympathetic understanding flourish.

They know the full meaning of A MERRY CHRISTMAS.

There are the almost-happy people. People who sometimes bicker and quarrel, make speeches only half-meant which sound twice as harsh. Christmas comes and they rouse themselves. After all, there is happiness for them. The wives with loving slyness make little sacrifices and buy the husbands gifts they know will be acceptable. The husbands rush at the last minute into gaily decorated shops, purchasing those gifts they know will be acceptable. They have paid more attention of late. They have noticed what was missing, what was wanted. Arriving home a little late the very sound of their steps has a new crispness, their voices joviality and affection.

They jog themselves up. They have A Merry Christmas.

There are the poor families, buying what toys they can for their children who have the same eyes as all children. Eyes which see doll's carriages, trains of cars, dolls, mechanical toys, books. Eyes which look deeply into the windows of shops. Perhaps those more financially fortunate will lead them into shops and let them realize some of their dreams.

There are the charity children, children who receive dinners given by charitable organizations, being photographed so that those who are independent may feel undisturbed by all that they possess. Children whose pictures reveal at times a little shame, a little shyness that they must be photographed when eating a regular meal. And yet they know the meaning of Christmas, too. This, for them, is good luck. Perhaps it can be made better.

A Merry Christmas. Three words—but synonymous with those three words are many others—children, children's gay, excited, happy voices, parents with home-coming sons and daughters, gifts and generosity. Christmas trees, appealingly empty stockings left by the trusting on Christmas Eve, cordiality, true humanity.

A Merry Christmas.  
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MRS. DAVIDSON FLIES



Assistant Secretary of War for Aviation and Mrs. F. Truhee Davidson are really a flying family. Here we have Mrs. Davidson climbing into one of the army planes at Rolling field for one of her frequent flights over the national capital.

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## AFTER PARADISE

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

"MONSIEUR LE CURE," Inspector Joly said abruptly to the cure of Saint-Medard, "after paradise, what?"

"After paradise," stammered the cure, rousing himself, "there is nothing. Paradise is the sum of all things, the realization of every dream."

"In that case," replied Inspector Joly, "I advise you on going there to hold a few dreams in reserve, lest even paradise prove wearisome."

Mateer had been a very active man. He had started life with little education and no money, and he had made himself the outstanding citizen of the town. He had not been satisfied with merely making money, though he had done that. He was, perhaps, the richest merchant in town, but in working for financial position he had not neglected his mind.

Without formal education, he had developed the habit of reading and was one of the most widely read men in his community. He had a fine library, not merely because it gives one the appearance of culture to be surrounded by books, but because he enjoyed the companionship of books. He had read the most of those he owned, which is more than a good many more formally educated men than he can say.

There was scarcely an interest in the town—business, social, charitable or financial—with which Mateer was not closely associated. Anyone wanting help or advice or suggestion went directly to Mateer.

But he had accomplished what he had set out to accomplish, and he looked forward when he was sixty to a paradise of freedom from responsibility. He would sell his business, or at least retire from any active participation in it; he would resign his membership in the various organizations with which he was connected; he would not accept a position on any board of directors or committee or anything which imposed responsibility upon him. He was going to be free; he was going to enjoy himself; he was going to find paradise.

But he kept no dreams in reserve. It was very lovely at first to have nothing to do, no responsibilities, no duties, nothing calling for attention. He could come when he wished, go where he pleased, get up in the morning when he felt like it, go to bed early or late as he chose. And there was no need to concern himself about making a living. He had as large an income as he wanted and more than he needed.

He was rather surprised after a few months to find how bored he was, how thoroughly tired he was of so much leisure. Even his books palled upon him. One cannot read all the time.

He saw an advertisement in one of the papers of a man who wanted a partner to help him carry on a little business which he was starting. Mateer wasn't old; he would like to take a try at working up an absolutely new trade. He got into his car and drove to the place where the business was being established. The thing was as easy as anything. It gave him a thrill when he thought of having something once more to do.

It was a dream beyond paradise!  
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### To Keep Weight Down



To reduce weight or keep it down, get a job as a football official. Walter Eckersall, who helped run the recent Army-Notre Dame game, told a friend: "I'm surprised that my weight is exactly the same as when I played football, and that's 144 pounds stripped."

Capt. and Mrs. Donald Dunkle, two little girls, Nancy Anna Dunkle and Hester Ealnor Dunkle of New Haven, Conn., came in Thursday to spend the Holiday season with Mrs. Dunkle's father and mother Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brite.

H. M. Fennel left here Monday over land for Del Rio to bring his daughter Miss Elizabeth Fennel home for Christmas.

## Oksheda's Christmas

by Noni C. Bailey

"WHOSE oksheda washda daw?" was the semi-Sioux greeting of the plump little Scotch Canadian mother as the sunny-haired young laddie came running into the kitchen, where already the porridge was cooked and the tea brewing for breakfast on this, his second Christmas. She caught him in her arms and tossed him high above her head.

"Whose very good boy?" was what she had said, partly in the language she had learned from her husband. His nurse had been one of those squaws of the picturesque type still to be seen in Manitoba. In summer they come, selling wild red raspberries or choke-cherries; in winter, trudging on snowshoes into the village to visit their customers.

Hugging the little lad to her breast, the rosy mother half sobbed as she tried to say it cheerfully, "Whose oksheda washda daw?" Even as she repeated the greeting, the door swung open and a sudden gust of wind swept the fine, dry snow, like biting dust, into her face. Before her stood one of these old Indian women, apparently exhausted from a long journey through the storm.

"Oksheda washda daw?" she gasped, then continued in her native tongue, "Wichyenna, you speak the language of my people. You speak the cry of my heart. Last night I read it in the rainbow - hued streamers of light from the north—the night wind sang it—oksheda!"

The wrinkled old face twisted into a pained smile as she sank in a heap by the kitchen fire. A bit of paper fluttered to the floor from her hand. "The Great Spirit calls—it is the end of the trail," she whispered as the little mother bent over her, anxiously chafing her hands. She saw the faded

old eyes suddenly brighten, then close suddenly—it was the end of the trail. "See, see," said the little lad, holding up the scrap of paper which had fallen from the squaw's hand. Opening it reverently, the Canadian woman exclaimed, "My certe! It's an ill wind that blows nobody good, sure enough. Her oksheda!"

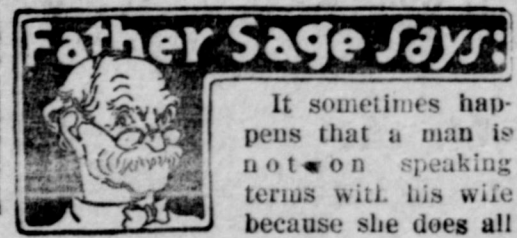
She rushed into the living room, where her "oksheda wechasta" (married boy) was lighting the candles on the scantily decorated Christmas tree. "Look, Robert, on Christmas Day it has come. The mystery and all—see! It is the oksheda's Christmas!" she exclaimed, as she gave him the crumpled paper to read.

Robert had been found when a baby by a band of Indians. Only the old squaw who had come to the end of the trail this Christmas morning knew the paper existed. All night long in the blinding snow storm she had traveled on her snowshoes—traveled that she might find some one to whom she could tell the story.

All these years she had guarded the paper, which she could not read, feeling that in some way it would bring good fortune to the oksheda who had seemed her very own little white baby. She had loved him so. She was afraid to show the paper to her people—the paper she had found hidden in his clothing. She was afraid she might lose him if they knew. Then one day he wandered out of her sight and the M. P. had found him by the lake alone.

No white man was found to claim him. The Indians were afraid to. Their white brothers would ask them to explain and often their white brothers did not believe. His foster mother loved him; but she, too, was afraid. So she hugged the bit of paper to her heart and kept silent vigil.

The M. P. took the lad home and hired an Indian nurse from the settlement to care for him. Every summer the old squaw came with her pail of red raspberries, only to grunt her thanks and look furtively about her to assure herself that all was well with the boy, then chuckle to herself as she patted her breast where the precious paper lay. In winter she would sometimes look through the open spaces in the frost-covered win-



**Father Sage Says:**  
It sometimes happens that a man is not on speaking terms with his wife because she does all the talking.

## The Christmas Proposal

by Katherine Edelman

AURA WORTHLEY had passed her thirtieth birthday some years since, and although she was possessed of more than ordinary good looks, coupled with a good disposition and an inherent ability for home making, she had never had a proposal of marriage. Once, some one had almost spoken the words—Laura often thought of that wonderful evening since—but just as it seemed that the fateful moment had arrived Aunt Mabel had come seeking her for something or another. Next day Robert Barrett had left Lindenfield and Laura had never heard from him since.

The passing of time had eased the pain in her heart and she had managed to go about and show a smiling face to the world, but often she felt



very, very lonely. But she told herself that she had no right to think of Robert; he was probably married and settled down long before now in that far-off land where his company had sent him.

But, always as Christmas approached she found herself thinking of him and picturing the home that might have been theirs together. Aunt Mabel had been dead two years now, and since her death Laura had felt very much alone in the world, in spite of many friends.

But every year at Christmas time her cousin Vera, a widow of limited means, came to spend the holidays with her, and always at this time she gave a party for the young people. And lest any of them might be thwarted of love and a proposal, as she had been, she saw to it that plenty of mistletoe was in evidence.

She looked very beautiful now as she welcomed her guests to her annual party. She was one whom years give new and added charm in recompense for the rosy flush of youth that they steal, and as she walked to the door to answer a new peal of the bell, she would have attracted attention anywhere.

Opening the heavy door she looked without. A little cry sprang to her lips, for there she saw Robert Barrett. A rush of joy, of wonder, of delight, flooded her whole being. He had come—he still loved her—else, why would he be here?

Steading herself by the doorway she bade him welcome, and as she recovered from the sudden rush of joy at seeing him again, her voice grew cool and composed as she assured herself that his coming meant nothing more than a friendly visit—that even should he be still unwed, it would be some one younger, fairer than she that he would now seek.

He seemed rather ill at ease, and he blundered and stammered so when he spoke, that his voice was almost drowned in the sounds of gay laughter and music that came from beyond. Then, suddenly, without warning, his arms reached out and he clasped Laura close and she felt his kisses upon her lips. He was asking



the question that she wanted most to hear, and he was telling her that she meant all the world to him. When they both came back to earth he showed her the spray of mistletoe above them: "It gave me the courage I lacked long ago," he whispered.

Later he told her why he had never written. Aunt Mabel had spoken to him the evening before he left, and had told him that it would not be fair to tie Laura with a promise; also she had hinted of another man who was more favored. The company had just brought him back to Lindenfield, and as soon as he got in, learning that Laura was still free, he had come.

And because it was Christmas time, and also because the years that were coming here a wondrous promise for them, and they could afford to be generous, there was no resentment in their hearts for the thing Aunt Mabel had tried to do.

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# When Christmas Comes



## WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Another year is drawing to a close. A sprit of good fellowship and good cheer abounds. Old friends become more dear. New friends receive a heartier hand clasp and our appreciation of each other become more lasting and sincere.

In this sprit we thank you for your past patronage and friendly cooperation and wish for you the joys of this Holy Season.

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# THE NEW ERA

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Soon it will be written 1928.

A good conscience is a continual Christmas. —Ben Franklin.

Resolved, That leaving factional bickerings and personal differences behind us as the wasteful leftovers of 1927, each will strive for the betterment of Marfa in 1928.

There is an idea abroad among moral people that they should make their neighbors good. One person I have to make good; myself, but my duty to my neighbor is more nearly expressed by saying that I have to make him happy—if I may.—Robert Louis Stevenson.

### More Than 100 Per Cent.

The New Era received this week from the Secretary of the Brewster County Chamber of Commerce, the "Annual Financial Report" accompanied by a brief summary of the Growth of Alpine and Brewster County during the past twelve months.

The report is a splendid one showing the various accomplishments, etc., aided and fostered by the Chamber of Commerce. We were especially interested in the fact that the membership of a 100 per cent showed a more than 100 per cent collection in dues. The amount collected in dues for the year was \$6,399.74. There are about 150 members, I paid \$300.00, 7 paid in dues \$180.00 each, while others ranged on an average of about \$35.00 each. Another noted fact appears that the president, first and second vice-president are not members of the board of directors, but act in an ex-officio capacity.

### Christmas Windows.

Never in the history of Marfa have the merchants show windows been so beautiful as they have been this Christmas season. No end of compliments have been passed on them. And it is evident there will be no great necessity to make a long journey to the cities to see such show windows, neither do we need go to the expense of the trip in order to do our Christmas shopping. Our merchants have had a wonderful and beautiful array of gifts at very reasonable prices.

The Christmas spirit in Marfa was much in evidence by these wonderful holiday bargains carried by our merchants, and it gives one a genuine thrill to spend a few hours with Santa Claus in the Toylands and Gift shops. These things carry some of us back to those never-to-be-forgotten days when we too were waiting in great anticipation for old Santa to visit our Christmas stocking.

### The New Commandment

"A new commandment I give unto you, That ye love one another—By this shall all men know that ye are my Disciples, if ye have Love one to another."

Again the Master said on another occasion, when a Pharisee asked him, "Master, which is the great Commandment in the Law?"

Jesus said unto him, "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart, and with all thy soul and with all thy mind."

This is the first and great Commandment and the Second is like unto it, Thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. On these two Commandments hang all the Law and the Prophets."

Love is Real. It is practical, solid and substantial, the essence and Joy of Life and which binds the Creature to his Creator. It is the Doorway through which the Soul passes from selfishness to Service, and from Solitude into Kinship and Association with Humanity.

Without Love there could be no aspiration, No Inspiration, no Society and No Religion. Love is a great necessity and the great mystery.

God is Love.

### MONITION

Notice is hereby given that there has been seized in this collection district for violation of U. S. Customs laws, one Cleveland Touring car, motor Number 9-28-22, one Ford Roadster, Motor Number 5467506, and one Ford Roadster, motor Number 12708842, which will be sold at auction to highest bidder for cash, January 14, 1928, at 10:00 a. m., at Marfa, Texas. Anyone claiming any of the above must file claim with the Collector of Customs, El Paso, Texas, within twenty days from first publication of this notice.

THOS. P. GABLE, Collector.

### INCORPORATION AT PRESIDIO DEFEATED 34 TO 15

The Border Times says: The voters of Presidio defeated the proposed incorporation of the town of Presidio by better than a two to one vote at the special election held last Saturday. The vote stood thirty-four against and fifteen for the measure.

The defeat of the measure came as quite a surprise to many of the voters, since thirty-two legal voters had signed a petition asking that the plan be put to the voters at the polls.

A second election will probably be held sometime in the coming year on the same question. Many people say that the election last Saturday was premature, and that if an election is held in six months on the question the measure will carry by a heavy majority.

### PICTURES OF MERIT

Mr. Raetzsch owner of the Opera House states he has recently contracted for all new pictures from the Paramount, First National, Universal and Fox companies, and thereby will be able to lead all towns in the Southwest in the latest pictures and at the very lowest prices.

Shows costing for admission in the cities \$0.25, \$0.50 and \$1.00, can be seen in Marfa for 30c & 40c, and that too at an earlier date. At these low prices there will be good music to add to the enjoyment.

Mr. S. W. Pipes, who recently opened a printing plant in Fort Davis, publishing 3 issues of the Davis Mountaineer, states that conditions were unfavorable for a newspaper at Fort Davis and closed his establishment and is contemplating opening up a printing shop in Presidio, and will probably start a paper there. Mr. Pipes is an old hand at the newspaper business and doubtless he will make good in Presidio.

FOR SALE—Practically New Guitar and case, one 2 burner Kerogas Cook Stove in good condition. PHONE 298.

FOR SALE—All kinds of hogs, Phone 181, Will F. Evans.

### CITATION BY PUBLICATION

#### THE STATE OF TEXAS,

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, for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Annie Lee Long and Margaret Pierce, who are non residents of the State of Texas, 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 on the 23rd day of January, A. D. 1928 then and there to answer a Petition filed in said Court, on the 18th day of October, A. D. 1927, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 2,844, wherein Orrill B. Propst, and Paul Propst, and Orrill B. Propst, guardian of the estate of Horatio G. McHenry, a minor, are plaintiffs and Annie Lee Long and Margaret Pierce are defendants. The nature of the plaintiffs demand being as follows, to-wit: Suit in trespass to try title and for possession, and to remove cloud from title to the following described lands, situated in Presidio County, State of Texas, and being: All of section 4, Certificate 416, Block 1, D. & P. RY Co., Grantee, containing 640 acres; Section 12, Block 351, Certificate 4,632, G. C. & S. F. Ry., Co., Grantee, containing 640 acres; the west part of Section 16, Block 362, Certificate 336, Martha D. McBride grantee, containing 320 acres.

Plaintiffs allege that they own the above described lands, and that the defendants have caused certain deeds to be recorded conveying title to a part of the above lands which creates a cloud upon the title, and plaintiffs pray judgement for the title and possession of said lands, and that the cloud be removed from the title to same.

Herein Fail Not, And have you before said Court, on the said 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, and issued at office in Marfa this, the 30th day of November A. D. 1927.

ANITA YOUNG

Clerk District Court Presidio County, Texas.

By Clara Shields, Deputy.



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Any person found hunting or fishing in my pastures without written permission from me will be prosecuted.

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WE INVITE YOU to come to our store and see for yourself what we think is the best balanced line of REAL Jewelry ever shown in Marfa. We can show you many things suitable for GIFTS that will last a lifetime priced from \$1.50 up. We will not name them as we want to show you.

### The LOCKLEY'S



## Christmas Bargain Shop



## Locals and Personals

Mr. and Mrs. R. E. Petross returned Thursday from an extended pleasure trip. While away they attended the Masonic meeting at Waco, and visited their daughter, Mrs. March Coffield, at Pine Bluff, Ark. From there they paid a visit to the famous Winter resort, Palm Beach, Fla.

Miss Hazel Weatherford of El Paso, came in Wednesday.

Mrs. Frank Moore of Presidio came up last Monday to assist in the Pageant to be given at the Christian church, Christmas evening.

For Sale at all the leading grocery stores and markets, infertile yard eggs. Stamped H. B. H.

Roy Tingle of Ruidosa, came in Thursday enroute for Temple, Texas, to spend a few weeks with his home folks.

### AT THE HILSIDE GARDEN

Shade Trees:—Chinese Elm, Locust—Huckleberry.  
Fruit Trees:—Peach, Pear, Apricot, Apple, Cherry.  
Also:—Shrubs, Vines, Roses, Bulbs, etc.

J. R. JACOBS.

Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Weatherford and family left Thursday evening for Austin to attend a family reunion.

J. H. Howell and J. T. Hamic were El Paso visitors last Saturday. Mr. Howell remained over several days there this week on business.

For less than a penny more you can eat fresh infertile yard eggs, branded H. B. H. For Sale at all leading grocery stores and markets.

The second car load of Wolf Proof fencing was received this week by the Marfa Lumber Company. The first car load was sold and unloaded away from Marfa.

Sherwin Williams Kilsab is the most effective remedy for sheep and Cattle Scab.

MARFA LUMBER CO.

Davis Waguespack was awarded the medal offered by the Hartford Insurance Co., to the student of the Marfa High for the best essay on fire prevention.

S. E. Bunton, Jr., of Valentine, came in first of the week from the A. & M. to spend the holidays with his parents Mr. and Mrs. S. E. Bunton. He was accompanied by several companion cadets, and together they expect to try for a buck or two before returning.

### NOTICE

Hunting cutting of green Pines and Cedars or otherwise trespassing on my lands in Jeff Davis County are hereby STRICTLY FORBIDDEN!

D. O. MEDLEY

### HOME FOR SALE

My home in Marfa very well situated and at a moderate price.

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Your Druggist

Works longer hours, seven days a week and is open nights to serve you. He does it for your convenience. Patronize him. P-24

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POSTED—My ranch is posted. No Hunting Allowed.  
C. T. MITCHELL

### POSTED NOTICE

The O 2 Ranch of W. W. Turney and the 101 Ranch of Mrs. W. W. Turney, lying in Brewster and Presidio Counties, are posted according to Law and hunting and other trespassing are positively prohibited.

H. T. FLETCHER, Mgr.  
(3-15-28)

**CHRIST FOR ALL—ALL FOR CHRIST**  
**The Word of God**  
It is a long way to feel, and a long way to go.—Psalm 119:105  
**BIBLE THOUGHT AND PRAYER**  
If parents will have their children memorize a Bible selection each week, it will prove a priceless heritage to them in after years.  
**CHRISTMAS DAY**  
**TIDINGS OF GREAT JOY:**—The angel said unto them, Fear not; for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. For unto you is born this day in the city of David a Saviour, which is Christ the Lord. Luke 2:10,11.  
**PRAYER:**—O Thou Lord of Life, be Thou born anew in us, and then we will pass on daily the good tidings and great joy to others until all people have received them.  
**QUESTION:**—Whence cometh wisdom and understanding?  
Answer, read—Job 28:20, 28.

**WELCOME, Mister Christmas!**  
Here is where we live,  
With room for you, and always  
Just all you have to give.  
Come in! The fire's burning  
And fine the table's set,  
And hear us sing the old song:  
"This life's worth living yet!"

**Room for Christmas** By Frank L. Stanton, in Atlanta Constitution

**WELCOME, Mister Christmas!**  
We love you more and more  
When we see you on the threshold  
Of the dwellings of the poor.  
You bring the weary wanderers  
From where their feet may roam  
To the light, and cheer and comfort  
Of all our hearts at home!

This week J. H. Young has been busy fencing his entire ranch with Wolf Proof fence. Mr. Young has recently purchased the J. E. Wilson Pinto Canyon ranch.

### The New Era's new "Ionic" Type

This is what our new type looks like folks. It has been endorsed by all the leading Optometrists of the United States, all you old folks that have to put your glasses on to read most of the ordinary newspaper types can read this without tiring your eyes. The New Era will come out in a new dress after the New Year. This type is called 7 pt. "IONIC" No. 5 with bold face No. 2.

face. The openness of the lowercase letters—especially the "e" and "a"—and fullness of the curves—the absence of marked contrast between thick and thin strokes—all of these things make this new type a most desirable newspaper face. There are no "pin points" or sharp corners to fill up with ink. The lines break down in steepest curves—seven color of the characters is readily adapted to the "rough" newspaper stock. The outstanding advantage of the new face is its conservation of ink. The even tone throughout its results in the eyes without any noticeable "grain" or "graininess" to avoid the "grain" is enough to be disconcerting. A happy medium has been effected. It is easier to read than seven point faces, yet gives the same word-count to the column as six point. Various degrees of leading can be used to advantage, or the lines may be cast on a solid

## OPERA HOUSE MOVIES

MONDAY & TUESDAY  
Noah Berry, Chas. Farrell  
**THE ROUGH RIDERS**  
—A Paramount  
WEDNESDAY  
Nancy Nash  
**RICH BUT HONEST**  
—A Fox Picture  
THURSDAY & FRIDAY  
Harry Langdon  
**THREE'S A CROWD**  
—A First National Picture  
SATURDAY  
Belle Bennett  
**THE FOURTH COMMANDMENT**  
Matinee Saturday at 3:30 p.m.  
—A Special Jewel

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At 6:45 P. M.

### DIPPING INTO SCIENCE

**The Tiny Oyster**  
Oysters are so small when they are born that they cannot be seen without a microscope. After birth they allow themselves to be carried about by the water until they are a week or so old and then settle down in the bottom where they fasten themselves to rocks or logs. Oysters have been cultivated for at least 2,000 years.  
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## Was In Misery All Over

"I was in a dreadfully run-down condition," says Mrs. Chas. L. Lacroix, of Montgomery, La. "I suffered a great deal of pain. I was in misery all over. I could not sit up and I could not lie down. I couldn't sleep and at times I would have dreadful vomiting spells. The aches and pains seemed to cover my whole body."  
"One night my husband brought me home six bottles of Cardui and I began to take it. I could tell that I was improving from the first bottle, but I kept on taking the medicine, for I knew that I needed a tonic that would build me up and strengthen me where I was weak and run-down. That is exactly what Cardui did for me. After I had finished the six bottles I felt fine."  
"I feel truly thankful for what Cardui has done for me, for I could not have gone on living in the desperate condition I was in."  
For sale by all druggists. P-128

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Agent.  
Marfa, Texas

### WILL PAY

I will pay Twenty-five Dollars each for approved articles on each of the following subjects, each article to contain not more than one thousand words, and to be submitted by January 1st., 1928.  
"Why the United States should pay the SOLDIERS BONUS Bill in Cash now."  
"Why Each State should pay a Special Bonus to World War Veterans."  
"Why the Soldiers should have their present pay raised."  
"Why A Law Should be Passed that would prevent repetition of the conditions following the World War, Whereby our soldiers were compelled to Beg and Patronize Bread and Soup Lines."  
The four winning articles, with the name of author, will be published in my book "An Appeal For The American Soldier," and copies will be sent to this session of Congress and to each winner. All publication rights must be assigned to me.  
My intentions are to put this Booklet in the hands of all the United States Senators and Representatives, State Governors, and Congressmen, Soldier Camps and American Legion Posts, as it is for the benefit of the American Soldier.  
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Meets second Thursday evening in each month.  
Visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present.  
John MacDonald, W. M.  
Chas. Bowman, Secretary

Marfa Rebekah Lodge no 432  
Meets every Friday at 7:30 p.m.  
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J. W. HOWELL, Sec.

**MARFA LODGE** No. 64 I. O. O. F.  
1st Tuesday Night, 1st Degree  
2nd Tuesday Night, 2nd Degree  
3rd Tuesday Night, 3rd Degree  
4th Tuesday Night, Initiatory Degree.  
All visiting brothers are cordially invited to be present.  
F. W. Jordan, N. G.  
E. F. NICCOLLS, Secretary.

**MARFA CHAPTER** No. 344 O. E. S., meets the 3rd Tuesday evenings in each month. Visiting members are cordially invited to be present.  
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I have 65 good big boned, well marked bulls from 10 to 18 months old All these bulls are from straight bred Anxiety 4th herd bulls, and strong bred Anxiety 4th bred cows. They are good individuals and are in good conditions. If you are in the market for bulls you had better come and look at these, as I might sell them at any time.  
I also have some choice herd bull prospects Young shecattle for sale at all times.  
Herd bulls Mischief Domino Jr., Superior 37th Mischief Domino 65th, Gracious Mischief and Anxious Domino.  
**J. D. DULANEY, Sweetwater, Texas**  
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**LOCO STUDY IS ENDORSED  
WILL ASK FOR STATE AID**

(Continued From Page One)  
tends northward to the Canadian border. Field work carried on by the United States Department of Agriculture during several years has demonstrated that horses, cattle and sheep can be poisoned by eating these plants, especially when grass is somewhat scarce. They are green during the winter when other feed is dry and brown. When a taste for loco has been acquired stock often eat it to the exclusion of grass, though many animals will stop eating loco when green grass becomes abundant. It was formerly thought that cattle ate loco only when grass was short, but this year in the Highland country, cattle were seen eating loco where green grass six in., high was plentiful. Perhaps, whether an animal will become locoed or not depends upon the individual.

The first symptom of loco poisoning is loss of condition. This is followed by irregularities of gait and weakness, amounting, in many cases to paralysis. There is a lack of co-ordina-



White Loco in Bloom.

tion of muscular movement due to the effect of the poison on the central nervous system, followed by progressive emaciation and starving. It is not unusual for cattle to stand in the same position for hours and even days, finally falling and dying without making any attempt to go elsewhere for feed or water. Loco poisoning also causes abortion and sterility.

Every state in the United States where loco is found should do work simultaneously along the lines planned in West Texas to insure success. It is believed by County Agent Miller and the writer that loco contains some poison that can be determined, and that when found there is a possibility of finding something to be given to live stock to counteract it. Whether it will be in the nature of a serum or vaccine or some chemical to be given like salt will depend upon the nature of the poisoning principle the loco is found to contain.

It is well known by some ranchmen that at certain times, the loco plants are attacked by parasites or worms that damage them more or less. Perhaps, these parasites have something to do with the poisoning of stock eating the loco. Or perhaps other parasites affect the work of the known parasites and prevent their destroying the loco or counteract the harmful effect of either the loco or the known parasites on live stock. The determination of these questions would fall in the province of the entomologists who should be attached to the laboratory.

Perhaps the natural forage at times lacks some necessary chemical constituent and stock eat loco in an endeavor to supply this lack. Chemical analysis of all our grasses and forage plants might show this. Should some necessary element be found lacking, the supplying it, or a substitute.

**Vacation Only Known Relief.**  
About all that the ranchmen, or specialists who have studied the problem, know now about preventing loco



Purple Or Woolly Loco.

poisoning is to move stock away from loco infested areas or to dig it up. Ranchmen know that these courses are both impracticable. When all a range is affected there is nowhere to move.

The cost of digging up loco is prohibitive. The ground is usually hard and often rocky. The large seed pods produce innumerable small seeds that blow or wash great distances and remain fertile in the soil for many years.

If the proposed laboratory should be established, its trained staff could render valuable aid to stock breeders. Cancer eye of cattle could be studied, as could the unusual diseases of goats that has of late caused heavy losses. The nature of creeps, a disease or state of malnutrition of cattle common in certain types of pasture, might be determined. New and valuable grasses and shrubs might be introduced and our native grasses be bred up as corn andorghums have been improved. Our ranchmen can be taught how to reseed their pastures by planting or by deferred grazing.

The cause of occasional poisoning might be determined. On many ranges in the Highland country deaths of cattle occur from some obscure cause, variously ascribed to eating scrub oaks, larkspur, rayless, golden-rod, or some other plant or to hemorrhagic septicemia. Many close observers think these deaths to be due to the after-effects of eating loco. Practically all such losses occur in pastures where loco abounds.

This laboratory plan has been submitted to the Chambers of Commerce at Marfa, Fort Davis and Alpine, and each has unqualifiedly endorsed it. At a meeting of the Fort Davis body in June a resolution was prepared which was presented to the regional meeting of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, at Alpine, July 4th, and was unanimously endorsed by that body. The Highland-Hereford Breeders' Ass'n, at its semi-annual meeting in July, through a resolution, also expressed its unqualified endorsement.

This is a big problem and must be handled in a big way. It is useless to think of one man solving it. It can only be determined by a scientific investigation extending over possibly a number of years. Committees have been appointed by the Chambers of Commerce of Marfa, Alpine, and Fort Davis to work with County Agent Miller in making a survey of losses sustained in these counties during the winter of 1926-27. In estimating the actual death rate of live stock from loco poisoning there should also be considered the losses from sterility, resulting from eating loco and the lessened receipts from selling affected animals at reduced prices.

The State of Texas will be asked to provide and maintain this laboratory for the study of this important problem. It is no more the duty of the State of Texas to work out the cause,



The Blue Loco.

cure and eradication of cotton root-rot, Texas fever and numerous diseases of farm crops and animals than to seek the cause and cure of loco poisoning. On the other hand, it is not the fault of the State of Texas that the solution of this problem has not been approached before. Cattlemen, as a rule, are self-reliant and have neglected to ask their state for help. But it is felt that losses from loco poisoning have become so great and the problem has reached such proportions that state aid is necessary. All thinking farmers and stockmen are urged to give this movement their earnest consideration and support.

**Theford's**  
**BLACK-DRAUGHT**  
**Liver Medicine**  
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**HOMEMADE CHRISTMAS CANDIES**  
by Marqaret Bruce

**N**OTHING of the ceremonials that make home such a likeable place at Christmas time is the making of the pretty, colorful candies to decorate the table, or fill small boxes and baskets for neighbors and friends to whom one wishes to give a little something more than a card.

A cold wintry evening is just the time to indulge in this festivity, and if a neighbor or two should be invited in to help, so much the jollier. The bright checkered aprons on the men and make them do the preparatory work, such as cracking the nuts and getting the meats out whole, chopping citron, squeezing lemons, cutting angelica into strips, and halving red candied cherries.

Meanwhile at one side-table sits the lady with the fondant—that base of all the cream candies—stirring the confectioner's sugar, moistening it to the right consistency so that it will make round soft balls, and then either dipping it in boiling chocolate or stuffing it with nuts, cherries, citron, or bits of fig paste. It can be used to stuff dates, taking the place of the stone, the dates then being rolled in granulated sugar. Oh, there is no end to the decorative, luscious goodies that can be made from this cream foundation.

To make these candies look like Christmas, the liberal use of green and red is advised, either in the fondant itself or in the trimming. A box of coloring matter can be obtained at any grocery, the colors being green, pink, violet and orange. You can put a bunch of holly on a white cream by cutting wee leaves of green angelica and tiny bits of candied cher-



ries, pressing them into the cream before it hardens. A tiny green pine tree can be cut and pressed into the top of a cream.

When these pretty Christmas candies are packed into little gay baskets or painted tin boxes, they make the most attractive sort of gift to send around the neighborhood to nearby friends, or to give the Christmas caller. In addition, the fun of making them in the company of a kitchen-full of family or neighbors makes a preliminary Christmas party that is nearly as delightful as the day itself.

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**For Wrapping Gifts**

Fascinating hand-blocked papers from various lands are used as wrappings for Christmas gifts and in place of the usual ribbons there are thin paper ribbons in gay and festive colors.

**Father Sage says**

If fortune's wheel doesn't turn to suit you, put your shoulder to the wheel and give it another whirl

**Pretty Sports Ensemble for Cold Weather Wear**



This interesting sports ensemble worn by Mary Astor, First National player, consists of a gray Angora sweater showing smartly striped effects in gray and black. The silky shirt worn with it is of a gray background with dull red and black stripes. A silk scarf worn in Deanville fashion with a red border adds a chic note when combined with a velour hat of simple outline.



**We wish you**

**a**

**Merry Christmas**

**And a**

**Happy New Year**



**The Popular Dry Goods Store**

EL PASO, TEXAS



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### HAVING THE DRAG

By THOMAS ARKLE CLARK  
Dean of Men, University of Illinois.

GIBLER had been dropped from college for poor scholarship in accordance with the regulations which prevailed, and he was mourning the fact and racking his brains for some adequate alibi which would give him reason for applying for readmission. It was not that he had made the most of his opportunities or that he had been the victim of ill-luck or sudden misfortune, he had simply been caught asleep at the switch. It was the end of the semester and most of the fellows had gone home.

"If Tom Johnson were only here," Gibler remarked, "I'd be able to get by all right."

"How come?" his roommate asked him.

"Well, Tom has a drag with the dean, and I know he could get me reinstated just by asking."

Gibler accepted the Hindu proverb that if you have a friend on the police force, respect for the law is not essential. He believed thoroughly in making friends with the sons of Belial.

It is a curious and rather general point of view that if we know some one of importance or even if we know somebody who knows somebody in a position of influence that fact entitles us to special consideration, special privilege, the right to ignore regulations and to violate the law.

A boy came to me not long ago to enlist my help in getting a job.

"My father is very well acquainted with Senator Blank," he said, "and he knows....." And then he named a long list of more or less prominent citizens and officers of the state.

"How would that fact help you to do a job well?" I inquired.

"Well, I suppose it wouldn't," he was forced to reply.

"And what about the boy who wants a job and whose father is so unfortunate as not to know anyone of importance?"

"He'd just be out of luck."

"We never hold it against a boy who wants work that his father knows a lot of prominent people. He has just as good a chance as anyone else."

He looked at me curiously; but I don't think he understood. It was unintelligible to him that anyone who knew a congressman or a policeman didn't have a better chance to get something he wanted than another not so fortunately situated.

It is interesting to see how often a man, when he wants something that he has no legal right to have, shows me a badge or a button or a membership card in some organization to which I myself belong, or brings me a letter from an acquaintance of prominence, saying:

"Mr. Brown is a man of influence in our community and an intimate friend of mine. If you can see your way clear to set aside the regulations in his case I shall appreciate the courtesy."

And such a man expects that it will be done. It isn't justice he is after; it is special consideration. Knowing a man on the police force, he felt quite sure that he could get by.

It's a poor theory.  
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To Automobile Registrants

The Tax Collectors Office will begin to issue 1928 License Plates on December 15th. All Registrants will be requested to present a light test Certificate with application for 1928 Plates.

O. A. KNIGHT,  
Tax Collector

### Father Sage Says:



If there is one thing a childless married woman knows all about it is the art of bringing up children.

### Harvard Hockey Star



Photograph shows Capt. Johnny Chase, one of the players that Harvard relies upon in the hockey season. Harvard closed its first week of hockey with a glaring weakness in lack of defence with only one defence player available. Coach Joe Stubbs has planned to shift many prospective wingmen to the point positions.

### Pathos in "Unknown"

There is one thing that stirs the heart with tearful emotion, says a veteran—the 145,000 modest headstones at graves of those who lost their identity upon battlefields, the modest marble markers bearing the word "Unknown."

And loving eyes grew dim with tears  
And hearts grew old with grief of years;  
And here they sleep, as they have slept  
Since legions o'er the country swept;  
Where mothers wait before the Throne—  
Their names are known, their names are known.

### Christmas

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During this Season of God  
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### Lacoste Puts Up Racket



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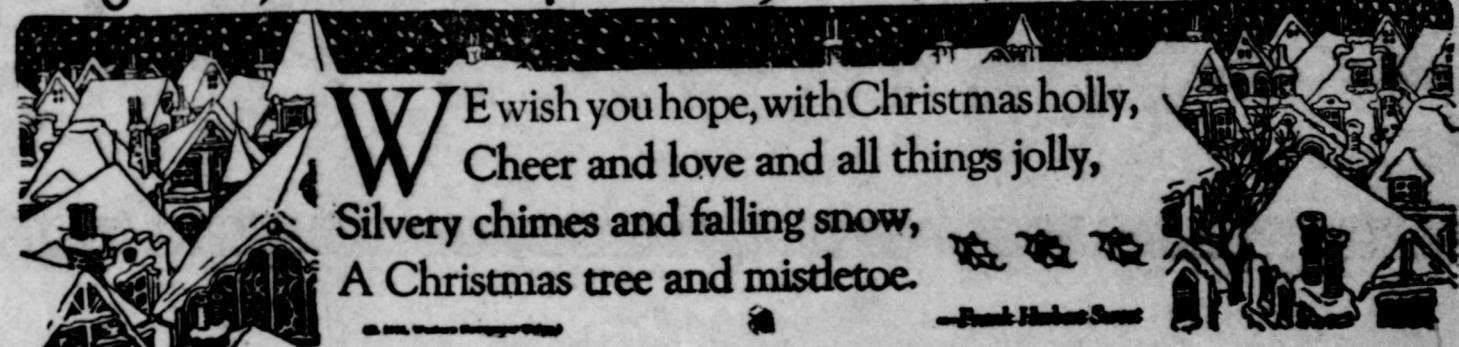
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# Slack's Jewelry Store

## Compliments Of The Season





**RESULTS OF THE ANNUAL HIGHLAND POULTRY SHOW**

(Continued From Page One)  
 therby, Fort Davis, Texas, 1st cockerel, 1st pullet; R. W. Coffey, Alpine, Texas, 2nd cock, 1st old trio, 1st young trio; J. F. Miles, Alpine, Texas, 1-2 hen, 1-2 old pen; Mrs. C. A. Brown, Alpine, Texas, 1st cockerel, 2nd pullet; Earl Reaves, Alpine, Texas, 2nd cockerel, 3rd pullet.  
**LIGHT BARRED ROCKS**—Dr. L. C. Pope, Alpine, Texas, 1st cock; Wm. Cotter, Alpine, Texas, 1st cockerel; D. M. Bennett, Alpine, Texas, 2nd cockerel; Fred Clark, Van Horn, Texas, 3rd cockerel, 1-2-3 pullet; Mrs. Rayborn, Alpine, Texas, 1st young pen; W. M. Jackson, Alpine, Texas, 1st old pen, 1st cockerel; Mrs. Rayborn, Alpine, Texas, 2nd cockerel; Mrs. Murphy, Alpine, Texas, 1-2 pullet; Fred Clark, Van Horn, Texas, 1-3 young trio; Wm. Cotter, Alpine, Texas, 2nd young trio; Dr. J. E. Wright, Alpine, Texas, 1st hen.  
**BUFF ROCKS**—Mrs. Greenwood, Alpine, Texas, 1st young pen; George Yates, Alpine, Texas, 1st cock, 1-2-3 hen, 1-2-3 pullet.  
**AUSTRALORPS**—Dr. J. E. Wright, Alpine, Texas, 1st cockerel, 1-2 pullet.  
**WHITE WYANDOTT**—Fred

Clark, Van Horn, Texas, 1st cockerel, 1-2-3 pullet.  
**Production Class.**  
**WHITE LEGHORN**—Mrs. J. M. Everhart, Alpine, Texas, 1-2 pullet, 2nd hen; Verta Cook, Alpine, Texas, 1st hen, 1-2 young trio; Mrs. J. P. Weatherby, Ft. Davis, Texas, 3rd hen; R. S. De- ming, 1-2-3 cockerel; Mrs. Jim Nail, Alpine, Texas, 3rd pullet; M. F. Higgins, Fort Davis, Texas, 1st young pen.  
**Bantams.**  
**SEBRIGHT BANTAMS**—J. E. Fuller, Jr., 1st cock, 1-2 hen; R. W. Coffee, Alpine, Texas, 2nd cock; Wm. Cotter, Alpine, Texas, 2nd hen.  
**WHITE LEG BANTAM**—Wm. Cotter, Alpine, Texas, 1st cock; J. E. Fuller, Jr., 1st pullet.  
**Turkeys.**  
**WHITE HOLLAND**—Mrs. C. A. Brown, Alpine, Texas, 1st old tom, 1st young tom, 1st hen, 1-2 pullet.  
**Finals.**  
**GRAND CHAMPION OF ALL BREEDS**—J. F. Miles, Alpine, Texas, Grand Champion Red Female.  
 Mrs. C. A. Brown, Alpine, Texas, Grand Champion Red Male.  
 Wm. Cotter, Alpine, Texas, Grand Champion Light Barred Rock Male.  
 Fred Clark, Van Horn, Texas,

**Grand Champion Light Barred Rock Female.**  
 Mrs. Geo. Bless, Alpine, Texas, Grand Champion Dark Barred Rock Male.  
 Fred Clark, Van Horn, Texas, Grand Champion Dark Barred Rock Female.  
 Fred Clark, Van Horn, Texas, Grand Champion Female of Show.  
 Mrs. Geo. Bless, Alpine, Texas, Grand Champion Male of Show.  
**Egg Show.**  
 W. M. Jackson, Alpine, Texas, First on brown eggs.  
 Mrs. J. M. Everhart, Alpine, Texas, First on white eggs.  
 J. H. Evans, Alpine, Texas, Second and Third on white eggs.  
 Parties in the best position to judge, including County Agent Miller, state that the show was fully 100 per cent better than the one last year. This includes the quality of the birds shown, the variety of exhibits and the interest shown by our local breeders.  
**THE PRESIDIO INTERNATIONAL BRIDGE OPENED**  
 Celebration probably in January Or February.  
 E. W. King, postmaster at Presidio, Texas, and Mrs. E. H. Dupuy were honor guests Wednesday at the semi-official opening of the new International bridge across the Rio Grande at Presidio. Mr. King paid and Mrs. Dupuy received the first of the twenty-five cent tolls to be charged for crossing cars over the bridge from the United States into Mexico.  
 Not only were Mr. King and Mrs. Dupuy the payer and receiver of the first toll over this new bridge. They were also the payer and receiver of the first toll to be charged for crossing the seventh International Bridge across the Rio Grande. Two of the other six are at El Paso, one each at Laredo Brownsville, Eagle Pass and Del Rio.  
 Again, they were the first to pay the toll over the eighth International bridge entering the U. S. There being only one bridge besides those crossing the Rio Grande, that is one between the United States and Canada.  
 The formal opening of the

bridge will be held some time during the latter part of January or the early part of February. This opening will probably be sponsored by the Presidio Chamber of Commerce, working in cooperation with the Presidio Bridge Company, owners. It is expected that this opening will draw several thousand visitors to Presidio, since invitations will be extended to all members of West Texas Chambers of Commerce, many high officials of both the state and national governments, and to high officials of the Mexican government.

On Tuesday, prior to the opening of the bridge, F. B. Moore, United States Custom Officer, stationed at Presidio, announced that from now on persons and vehicles would be allowed to come and go between the two nations, from the hours of 7 a. m. until 11 p. m. Formerly the port was open only from 9 a. m., to 8 p. m. However, only persons and vehicles will be allowed to pass at these hours, all merchandise imported and exported will still be limited to day light hours. Gallie Bogel, who has been working in New Mexico, has

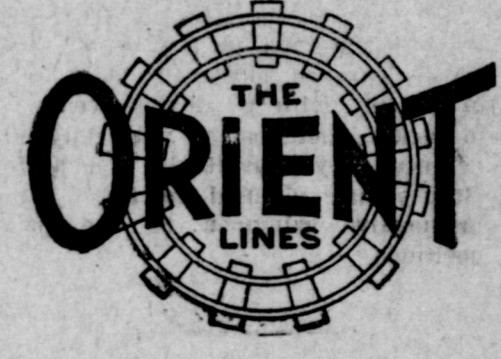
been sent to Presidio to help care for the customs work—The Border Times.  
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**WHAT OTHERS SAY**



What others have to say about you is vastly more important than what you have to say about yourself. The Orient has been fortunate and that its friends have often spoken kind words concerning the quality of its livestock service. Following is one of many testimonies  
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BRUCE BEHYMER, Editor,  
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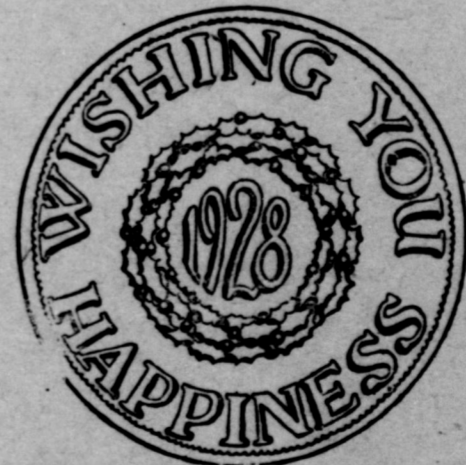


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**T**RIM your face with Happiness,  
Your eyes with Laughter fill,  
Hang a wreath of Gladness on your heart.  
Light your Christmas candles  
Wish Peace and great Good Will,  
And give the brand New Year a joyous start!



BEST FILLING STATION Ernest Williams

# Our Sincere Wishes

**A**GAIN the Christmas Tree uplifts  
Love-laden arms and many gifts,  
Beneath its branches may there be  
A blessed Christmas gift for thee.



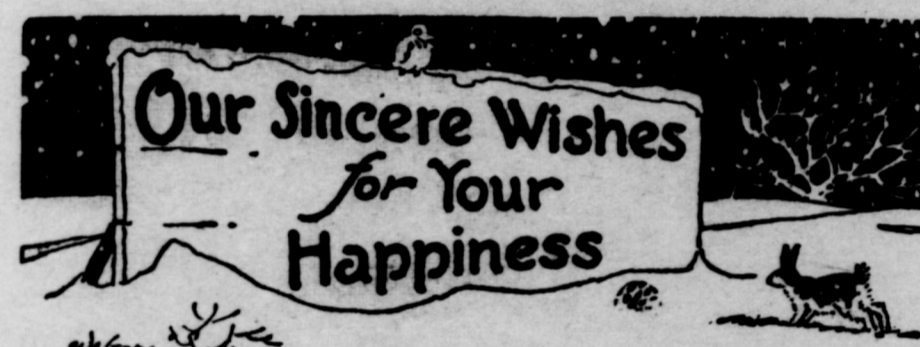
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Year Is Our Sincere Wish



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**W**E wish you peace on Christmas Day,  
God's costliest, sweetest gift,  
And may it keep your heart always,  
And ever you uplift.



Wishing  
You a  
Happy  
New Year

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