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SPLINTER

Wonder if the inhuman conditions of the penitentiary system has anything to do with Ross turning out so many of the prisoners?

Haven't noticed much rooting, pillaging, or arson taking place in East Texas oil fields since Supreme Court decision about the illegal use of soldiers. We must have been misinformed.

When Moore Lynn told us that the state was on a cash basis last summer we thought he meant that she was able to pay cash. In a recent statement made this month he says that the deficit for August 31, 1932 was \$3,174,406 and the estimated deficit of August 31, 1933 will be \$2,854,171. That means, we guess, that the state will have to pay cash.

When there's a little rumor of the government having to cut down on road building, economizing in the state schools, cutting out a few of the luxuries like the fee system, you hear a mighty wail. And come of the wailers haven't even paid their taxes for the past two or three years.

Some of the real broadminded citizens are yelping about going to lose some Federal aid on the state roads. Every state ought to lose Federal road aid. The national treasury is in no better shape than the state treasury.

When a private citizen runs out of money he stops buying. The government is just a whole lot of private citizens.

Nearly any able bodied man can make a living for himself and his family these days but he can't do it and keep that guy on the government pay roll, too.

History tells us that preceding prosperity there is always a cut in governmental expense. Last year was the largest expense we have had in our government.

Another indictment against the fee bill that's not getting much publicity is the findings in the big counties where it is the custom to arrest the thriving bootlegger, collect the fees, throw the case out of court, catch him again and do over. Doesn't sound good to the dregs.

People ought to really enjoy Christmas this year. It isn't like some of those more prosperous but by gone years when everybody had such a good time all year by the time Christmas got around, they were plumb wore out. There hasn't been much celebrating this year so every body can just take the day off and have an enjoyable time. It's Sunday too, so instead of forgetting what it's all about this year, we'll have time to do a little thinking how come. 'Course Monday is a legal holiday which'll be a good day to clean up the hash.

To old friends and new, big, little great or small, we truly appreciate the support which made possible the twenty-sixth year of the existence of the Post and while it hasn't been half of what it should have been, it's not because we didn't want it to be. We hope that old Saint Nicholas brings you every thing you wish for. If you are a wet, Congress and the weather are doing their part. If you are a dry, better ask for a pair of overshoes and an umbrella. So a Merry, Merry Christmas and a wealth of Happiness.

School Closes Early For Xmas Account of Flu

On account of the prevalence of flu in the community, school was turned out last Friday for the Christmas holidays and teachers living away from here returned to their homes. Superintendent and Mrs. Armour are in Abilene as is Miss Catherine Jones, Mr. Vernon Brewer left for Littlefield Monday, Mr. Robert Martin to Graham, Miss Elizabeth Myers is at home at Munday and Miss Juanita Cockrell at Westover. Misses Helen Bisbee, Mable Moorhouse and Francis Moorhouse are at home in Benjamin. Classroom activities will be resumed January third.

Dave Eiland of Munday Passes Away

Friends from all over this section of the state will be grieved to learn of the death of Dave Eiland of Munday who departed life Saturday and was buried Sunday at the cemetery at Munday. Mr. Eiland was one of the oldtimers in the county and for many years a resident of Benjamin. While her he was connected with the Haskell Telephone Company for several years he and W. A. Wyche were in partnership in the barber business at Munday. Well known, he was liked by all who knew him. He is survived by his wife and four children and three brothers all of Munday.

W. B. Combest, District Attorney of the 50th Judicial District, of Paducah was in Benjamin this week. Mr. Combest has been District Attorney for ten years but did not make the race this year. He was a young man just out of law school when he first went into office but rapidly developed into one of the best prosecutors in West Texas. He will resume his private practice of law after the first of the year.

Siamese Twins To Be In Seymour Next Week

Earnest Hayley of Seymour was here Thursday advertising the coming attractions at the Palace Theatre at that place. Mr. Hayley informs us that people in this section will be afforded the opportunity of seeing the only pair of Siamese twin boys in the world which will appear in vaudeville there Tuesday of next week. The boys are married and in perfect health. They perform many interesting feats on the stage.

Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Veale and son were in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

MISTRIAL IN JOHN NORWOOD CASE AT PADUCAH COURT

Witnesses and others returned last Thursday night from Paducah, where they had been to attend the trial of John Norwood for complicity in the Plunkett killing. The trial occupied Wednesday and Thursday of last week, the jury coming in about 8:30 in the evening with the announcement that they were deadlocked. There were 9 for acquittal and three for conviction. However, one jurymen stated that he was ready to join in acquittal whenever the other two were.

Further procedure would be for the case to come to trial again next April, when court meets at Paducah if it should seem best to continue the case.—Baylor County Banner.

A HAPPY CHRISTMAS TO YOU

One thousand nine hundred thirty years ago three travel weary but eager riders paused and inquired of King Herod, "Where is he that is born King of the Jews, for we have seen his star in the east and are come to worship him?" They were the three wise men and continuing their search, the star went before them, till it came and stood over where the young child was. When they saw the star they rejoiced with exceeding great joy. And when they went into the house they saw the young child with the mother Mary, and fell down and worshipped him; and when they had opened their treasures, they presented unto him gifts; gold, frankincense, and myrrh. And in the same country there were shepherds abiding, keeping watch over their flocks by night. The angel of the Lord came upon them, and the glory of the Lord shone around them, and they were afraid. And the angel of the Lord said, "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 Savior, which is Christ the Lord. And this shall be a sign unto you. Ye shall find the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes lying in a manger." Suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God, and saying, Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men." The shepherds went in haste and found Mary and Joseph and the babe lying in the manger and when they departed they told every they saw their story.

So runs the first Christmas story as told by Saint Matthew and Saint Luke. Great writers have come and departed since the days of these beloved saints but having had not the inspiration with which to bless their work, have not approached the beauty, nor the simple dignity of the story of the first Christmas.

And so with the angel and the multitude we say to you this Christmas, "Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace, good will toward men."

THE PUBLISHERS

W. E. RYAN DIES AT HOME IN TRUSCOTT

W. E. Ryan who lives ten miles north east of Gilliland died Thursday evening, December 15, in Truscott. Mr. Ryan had been ill for a few weeks.

Funeral services were held at the American Legion Hall in Vernon and buried in the local cemetery there.

Mr. Ryan was 39 years of age, and served with the 119th Engineers during the duration of the war.

He is survived by his wife, one son father, three brothers and four sisters.

Mr. and Mrs. L. B. Propps, Author Propps and Mrs. Corinne Hutton attended the funeral services.

Rev. Shettlesworth of Breckenridge held services at the Christian Church last Sunday.

Jack Smith is a new subscriber to the Post. Mr. Smith is an employee of the Santa Fe Railroad and has been a resident of Benjamin for many years. His wife is the former Miss Genie Daniels.

J. B. Moorhouse was a business visitor in Wichita Falls Wednesday.

Lee Coffman and a party of hunters from Wichita Falls have been hunting geese on the fields near here this week and report good luck.

Mrs. Frank Patton has our thanks for her renewal to the Post this week.

NOTICE TO 4-H CLUB MEMBERS

The Home Demonstration Club will have their annual Christmas party on Tuesday, December 27th at 3 P.M. at the home of Mrs. J. W. Melton. Those not present when the party was planned are asked to bring their gifts and a drawing for names will be made at the time.

An interesting program has been prepared and it is hoped that every member will be present.

Program Committee.
Mrs. J. A. McCanlies.
Mrs. I. T. Wright.

TEXAS 4-H CLUB CALF BECOMES AMERICA'S CHAMPION STEER

COLLEGE STATION, Dec. 22—"Texas Special," the first Texas calf to be made grand champion steer at America's largest livestock show, was originally a 4-H club calf fed by Marvin Baberry of Fisher county last year. It was a creep fed calf, finished on a recommended A. and M. College ration under direction of C. C. Johnson, county agent of Jones county, points out A. L. Smith, animal husbandman in the Extension Service at Texas A. and M. College.

"At four months of age the calf weighed 420 pounds, due to the fact that he was a well bred animal and was well fed during the summer," says Mr. Smith. "From July 1st until September 19th 1931, Bumpy Lad, as he was then known, was kept in a barn in daytime, nursed his mother twice daily, and ran on sudan pasture at night. He learned to eat ground maize, ground wheat, a little cottonseed meal and plenty of hegar rough age during this creep feeding period. From September 19th when Marvin put Bumpy Lad into the feedlot until March 16th 1932, he was fed a daily ration averaging 10 pounds daily of grain consisting mainly of ground threshed milo and wheat, 2 pounds of cottonseed meal, and 8 pounds of hegar and sudan fodder. He also nursed his mother until January 1st, and another nurse cow twice daily throughout the remainder of the feeding period. When sold at Lubbock, Bumpy Lad weighed 880 pounds after making average daily gains of 2 1-2 pounds per day.

"The possibilities of this calf, bred by D. F. Maberry and fed in a baby beef club contest sponsored by a Hamlin civic organization, were recognized first by John Gist of Odessa and later by C. M. Largent and Sons of Merkel who successively acquired Bumpy Lad and fitted him for championship honors," says Mr. Smith.

Collins Moorhouse, principal of the Vera High School is spending the Christmas holidays with home folks.

Rising Thermometer Is Accompanied by Rain

Rising temperatures accompanied by a slow steady downpour the last of the week routed the blizzard and removed the last traces of the sleet and snow which have covered this section for many days. Travel over the unpaved road is becoming trouble some but bus lines are still striving to maintain schedules over them. Small grain producers welcome the rain with thanksgiving as the fall drought threatened a short crop for the coming year. Stock raisers are also materially benefitted. Although all the cotton has not yet been gathered, the unusually favorable fall weather made it possible for most farmers to get out the greatest portion of their crop.

STATEMENT TO THE PRESS BY MOORE LYNN, STATE AUDITOR

AUSTIN, Dec. 20—A possible gap of \$13,145,858 between estimated available revenues for the next biennium and expenditures for the present biennium was disclosed today in the report of State Auditor Moore Lynn on the present and prospective condition of the general revenue fund.

The auditor's report pointed out that this gap must be bridged either by increasing revenues, decreasing expenditures or both.

Actual and expected expenditures for the current biennium amount to \$43,250,180. Prospective revenues, taking into account the possible decreases and drains in the fund, amount to \$30,104,321 or a reduction of \$13,145,858 as compared with the present biennium, his report said.

"The deficit as at August 31, 1932 was \$3,174,406; the prospective deficit as at August 31, 1933 based on appropriations in effect at October 1, 1932 is \$2,854,171. This figure is the deficit before making allowance for the estimated cost of the Regular Session of the Forty-third Legislature, deficiency warrants now outstanding, and accumulated interest on the public debt, for which no appropriations have been made.

"After taking these into consideration, together with the prospective loss of \$3,000,000 amendment for homestead exemptions, the funds available for specific appropriations are expected to be \$16,674,662 for 1934, and \$20,629,690 for 1935. These figures are comparable with \$22,213,321 expected to be expended for 1933, for maintenance of the departments and institutions.

"Thus it will be seen that the fund available in the General Revenue Fund for the biennium 1934-1935 amount to \$37,304,321 compared with \$43,250,801 expended and to be expended for the present biennium. The amount available for the coming biennium, then, is \$5,945,858 less.

"These estimates have to do only with the General Revenue Fund. If the homestead amendment is interpreted as relieving homesteads from the 35 cent school tax and the 7 cent pension tax, the annual loss is expected to be \$3,000,000 to the Available School Fund and the \$600,000 to the Pension Fund, or a total of \$7,200,000 for the biennium. In that case new sources of taxation for these funds may have to be found.

Cafe Changes Hands

Omar Parker sold his interest in the Highway Cafe this week to Harvey Duke who took over the management the first of the week. Paul Padgett is now operating the adjoining cafe to the Gulf Station.

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Editorial

THE CONSTITUTION

The poor old Constitution that has served us so faithfully since 1876 sure caught it in the neck at the late general election when nine more patches were stuck to its anatomy. Heretofore people have been very cautious about monkeying with things that they knew but very little about, but in their desire to do a lot of voting this year they voted every single amendment. Take that Homestead Exemption amendment for example. It's not improbable that the Supreme Court might rule that if a homestead is exempt from state taxes, it is likewise exempt from county, school and municipal taxes. That might complicate things a little. And the one to combine the offices of the tax collector and tax assessor might also when threshed out in the highest court, include the office of sheriff in counties of less than ten thousand. Who thought they might be signing away their right to their land without a court proceeding for delinquent taxes when they voted an amendment to that effect. It's probably all right for a retired army officer drawing a nice tax pension from the government to hold a juicy office but the statesmen of '76 thought otherwise even if the voters of '32 didn't. No one doubts that if a man lets his taxes go delinquent for ten years he does not intend to pay them but we didn't have to vote an amendment to encourage him to do it. Now since that eventful day in November the Permanent University fund may be invested in bonds of municipalities or bonds issued under the Federal Farm Loan Act. We are pretty ignorant but the amendment didn't say that municipalities so we take it to mean any of them and a lot of them are broke. And if that Homestead Exemption Amendment happens to go blooey, a lot more of them will be broke. Don't know much about the Federal Farm Loan Act bonds but if they are like the Farm Stabilization Board bonds they were messin' with in Wall Street, look out. And then there's an amendment authorizing the Legislature to dip in the state Treasury for a Centennial Celebration, if they want to, and from all accounts they're ready at all times to celebrate nearly anything. Appropriating one thing they're good at. Well, she used to be a pretty respectable old Constitution but like a model T, the more balin' wire you get on one the slower she travels.

INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE

A report of the Senate Fee Investigating Committee is nothing if not interesting. Under the fee system the sheriffs, district clerks constables, justice of the peaces, district and county clerks receive their compensation in whole or in part in fees for the services they perform.

The sheriffs get mileage for transporting prisoners, for serving subpoenas; the district clerk is paid for entering his upon records the final disposition of a case; the constable is paid per arrest, and the justice of the peace for each examining trial and so on almost without end. "Consequently," said the statement of the Committee, "There is an obvious incentive for the sheriffs to travel as many miles as possible, for the justice to hold the maximum number of examining trials, for the constable to make the largest number of arrests. If these officials kept in mind the purpose for which they are employed—the ends of justice—no criticism could be made; but this Committee is forced to conclude that many of them hold their paramount duty is the collection of fees rather than the enforcement of the law."

Covering a period of 69 months from September, 1925, to May, 1931, it's shown the criminal jurisprudence system, for the prosecution of felony indictments cost Texas \$12,436,106. This amount, of course, does not include the enormous jury expense which is borne by the counties. It is shown there were, during that period, 113,449 indictments, and only 24,848 convictions—better than four to one, and the average cost of each conviction was \$500.48.

It is shown, too, that the number of outright dismissals without trial was 49,829, or about twice the number of convictions.

It is shown that the seriousness of the crime has little bearing upon the chances for conviction under the fee system. The man who steals a chicken is more likely to go to prison than the man who is convicted of violating the prohibition law. The percentage tables shows that 43 out of every 100 persons indicted go scot free without trial, the next four are acquitted on trial, the next seven given suspended sentences, and only 21.9 are sent to the penitentiary out of each 100 indicted.

It is hardly possible to determine the number of persons indicted since such a large part are multiple indictments. The rule should be to return only one indictment against one man. Instead, that is the exception, and the rule is to return many indictments against each person. This holds true also on convictions, the trial court record showing a number of convictions although in fact only one man was convicted several times. Popular is the custom of indicting one man on say, ten cases and if he pleads guilty, assessing him ten sentences of two year each, to run concurrently. The state pays the cost for each of the ten trials, gets one conviction really, the man serving a total time of two years, and each participating official gets ten fees. The State gets a single conviction for the price of ten.

GILLILAND
 BY ELIZABETH PARRIS

Mr. and Mrs. Ed Feemster were called to Vera Sunday because of the serious illness of Mrs. Feemsters sister.

Mr. and Mrs. Hogan, Audavee and Odis were in Seymour Saturday.

Miss Lula Hurd spent the week end in Vera with her parents. Her mother is seriously ill.

Bryan Lowrey is in Austin this week on business.

Mrs. Maurine Welch is home from college to spend the Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Props.

Glenn Parris left Tuesday for Houston where he will be the guest of Miss Louise Drew during the holidays.

Earnest Wright spent Saturday and Sunday in Haskell with his parents.

The Gilliland School will be dismissed from the 23rd. through the 2nd of January for Christmas holidays.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Iising, Mr. Olie Iising and Miss Odesa Iising were in Truscott Saturday.

Miss Cordelia New was in Truscott Saturday on business.

Fred Allbright visited friends here Sunday.

Glenn Earnest and Elizabeth Parris and Eula Mae McGuire and Francis McGuire were in Vernon Saturday.

Jimmie Chamebrlain of Texas Tech College is here to spend Christmas with his parents, Supt. and Mrs. B. B. Chamberlain.

Many school children are not in school this week on account of the flu.

Jr. Brown who has been seriously ill is improving.

J. A. Crofford was in Knox City Saturday on business.

Glen McGuire, student in Texas Tech, is expected here Thursday to spend Christmas with his father and friends.

Miss Avis Williams of Benjamin is here to spend Christmas holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Henry Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Cook were in Crowell Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Claud Snow were in Vernon Tuesday.

LETTER TO SANTA CLAUS

Dear Santa Claus:
 I hope I have been a good boy. Will you please bring me some breeches, socks, and a pocket knife.
 David West.

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APPLES, WINESAPS, Good Size, 2 DOZ. FOR		.25
DELICIOUS APPLES, NICE SIZE, DOZEN		.24
GRAPES, RED EMPERORS, 3 LBS. FOR		.15
CELERY, WELL BLEACHED, PER BUNCH		.10
ORANGES, RED BALLS, NICE SIZE, 2 DOZ.		.35
GRAPE FRUIT, Texas Seedless, Good Size, 6 FOR		.19
SPUDS, GOOD QUALITY, 10 LBS. FOR	.17	
SUGAR, Pure Granulated, 10 LBS FOR	.45	
GELATINE DESSERT, Red and White, All Flavors, 4 pkgs.	.25	
PINEAPPLE, Red and White, Grated or Sliced, No. 1, 2 for	.19	
SYRUP, WHITE KARO, 5 LB. BUCKET	.34	
GRAPE JUICE, Red and White, PINT SIZE FOR	.19	
PICKLES, SLICED,, QUART SIZE	.15	
WALNUTS, NO. 1. California, PER POUND	.22	
ENGLISH PEAS, Red and White, NO. 2 1-2 Can, 2 for	.35	
COFFEE, RED AND WHITE, 2-LB. CAN	.69	
BACON, SLICED PER LB.	.19	
OYSTERS, PER DOZEN	.15	
SPECKLED TROUT, PER POUND	.25	

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| BLOOMERS | LEATHER COATS |
| BOOT SOX | NECKWEAR |
| BOYS WEAR | NUTS |
| BERRETS | OVERALLS |
| CHRISTMAS BOX PAPER | OXFORDS |
| CHRISTMAS CANDIES | PAJAMAS |
| CAP PISTOLS | PEARL NECKLACES |
| CHRISTMAS CARDS | PERFUMES |
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| COMPACTS | PANTS |
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BENJAMIN MERCANTILE

PHONE 97
 (IT IS OUR BUSINESS TO SEE YOU ARE PLEASED.)

The RED & WHITE Store

TRUSCOTT
BY VELMETA SOLOMON

Dan Tarpley who is attending college in Abilene is visiting home folks this week.

Ruth Browder was in Lubock one day last week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Stewart were in Benjamin Saturday.

J. W. Chowning and S. B. Maddox were in Austin this week.

H. B. Maddox was in Benjamin one day last week.

Deane Hutton who is attending school in Denton is visiting home folks this week.

Phil H. Davidson was unable to meet his regular classes for two days last week on account of the flu. Mrs. Randolph taught in his place.

Rev. and Mrs. Stapleton and Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Solomon were in Crowell one day last week.

Mmes Robert Burg and Frank Brown were honored on their birthday last Thursday with a bridge party given by Misses Lucille and Lelia Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Brown and children and Misses Helen Winstead and Velmeta Solomon were in Vernon Saturday.

Louie Cure of Gilliland who is attending school here spent the week end with home folks.

Tom Moody and Mrs. Irene Gerald were in Crowell one day last week.

Miss Virginia Browder who is attending school at Denton is spending the holidays with home folks.

Dalbert Cook of Gilliland was in town last Friday.

On account of the bad weather the pageant that was to be given at the Methodist church Sunday night was post poned until Friday night.

A community Christmas tree and program will be at the school house Saturday night.

Willie Jewel Bar of Shannon who is attending school at this place was called home Thursday to attend the funeral of her grandmother. She will not return until after the holidays.

W. E. Rhyn of Waggoners ranch died at the Truscott Hotel last Thursday night. He was carried to Vernon for burial.

ON TEXAS FARMS
By W. H. Darrow
Extension Service Editor

Not one cent has been spent for groceries for two months by Mrs. John Raspberry, garden demonstrator of the New Salem Home Demonstration Club in Falls County. She says most of their groceries are in cans on the pantry shelves, and additional products needed are provided by swapping potatoes for them.

Thirty McLennan county farmers have built trench silos this year and have found the ensilage the best substitute for grass, the county agent reports. T. C. Westbrook, who built the first concrete silo in the county 20 years ago at a cost of \$900, built a trench silo of the same capacity this year at a cost of \$17.50.

Raymond Brown in Titus county, Master Farmer, and demonstrator working with the county agent, has doubled the production of his land in the last five years by terracing, crop rotation and planting wilt-resistant cotton.

With a garden of 27 varieties,

Ruth Cain, Indian Rock 4-H club girl in Upshur county, provided 4450 pounds of fresh vegetables for the family and 157 containers of canned food. The garden cost \$12.50.

The greatest sensation of the year. The Siamese Twins, in person, on the at the Texas Theatre, Seymour, Tuesday afternoon and evening. On the screen, "Faithless" with Bobt. Montgomery and Thelma Bankhead.

Mrs. A. F. Bivins and four of their children, Leon, Katherina, Maurine and William Lee are all down with the flu this week.

ALL KINDS OF REPAIR WORK ON COMPLICATED MACHINERY. SPEEDOMETERS, WATCHES AND CLOCKS AND JEWELRY REPAIRED. ALL WORK GUARANTEED. KEY MAKING A SPECIALTY. DAVE E. LAMBERT, SEYMOUR, TEXAS. Quick Service by Mail Carrier.

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R. B. Jeske.

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FRIDAY and SATURDAY

December 23-24

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in

"Hard Hombre"

Good Comedy

A Paramount Picture

NOTICE OF INTENTION TO APPLY FOR SPECIAL LAW

Notice of intention to apply to the Legislature of Texas, which will convene in January, 1933, for the passage of an Act or Acts authorizing Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase or lease the properties now owned, or hereafter acquired by Clinton-Oklahoma-Western Railroad Company of Texas, Kansas City, Mexico and Orient Railway Company of Texas and North Plains and Santa Fe Railway Company.

The undersigned will apply to the Legislature of Texas, which will convene in January, 1933, for the passage of an Act or Acts, authorizing the Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase or lease the railroads or other property now owned, or hereafter acquired by Clinton-Oklahoma-Western Railroad Company of Texas, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned by Kansas City, Mexico, an Orient Railway Company of Texas, and to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned or hereafter acquired by North Plains and Santa Fe Railway Company, such lease or leases, if executed, to include the branches and extensions of such railroads, and each of them, that may be hereafter constructed.

PANHANDLE AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY,

By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President CLINTON - OKLAHOMA - WESTERN RAILROAD CO. OF TEXAS,

By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President KANSAS CITY, MEXICO AND ORIENT RAILWAY COMPANY OF TEXAS,

By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President NORTH PLAINS AND SANTA FE RAILWAY COMPANY,

By (Signed) W. B. Storey, President

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At this season of the year—when all West Texas is radiating the old pioneer Christmas spirit of "Good Will Toward Men"—it is this company's privilege to extend to its many friends and customers the sincere Christmas Greetings of its hundreds of loyal employes.



Throughout 1932, as in previous years, progressive cities, towns and communities in this "Land of Opportunity" have been served efficiently with dependable and inexpensive transmission line electric service from the three major generating stations of the West Texas Utilities Co.



Hundreds of farms, ranches and small communities also are served over the modern high tension transmission line system which, more than 2,500 miles in length, interlaces this vast empire.



To this progressive citizenry—with which the West Texas Utilities Company has at all times worked hand in hand for the greater development of West Texas—this company extends cordial Season's Greetings and best wishes for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

West Texas Utilities Company

WISHING YOU A MERRY CHRISTMAS

SAVE MONEY ON GASOLINE, KEROSENE, NAPHTHA
LUBE OIL, GREASES, REPAIR WORK, CANDY
GROCERIES, TOBACCO AND AUTO ACCESSORIES

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FOR FRIDAY AND SATURDAY DECEMBER 23 AND 24.

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"Ah," exclaimed the diplomat, heartily, a light breaking upon him. "And now he marry her? Bravo."

A cub reporter, frequently reprimanded for prolixity and warned to be brief, turned in the following:

"A shocking affair occurred last night. Sir Edward Hopeless, a guest at Lady Panmore's ball, complained of feeling ill, took his hat, his coat, his departure, no notice of his friends, a taxi, a pistol from his pocket, and finally his life. Nice chap, Regrets and all that."

Traveler: "Who's the close mouthed individual over in the corner? He hasn't spoken for ten minutes."

Villager: "Hy Blackmore. He ain't close-mouthed; he's just waitin' till Pete comes back with the spittoon."

"Oh, Peter, how you have growed since you went away to college."

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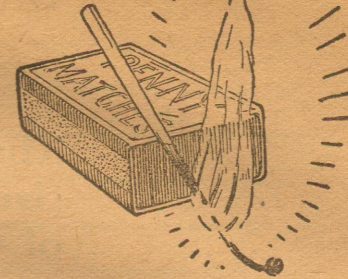
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