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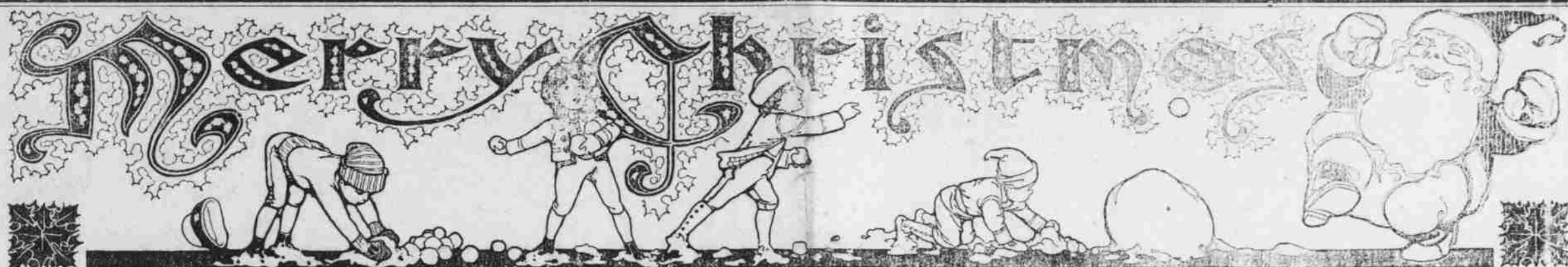
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THE BELEN NEWS

VOLUME II.

BELEN, NEW MEXICO, DECEMBER 25, 1913

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ERNEST DIDIER SERIOUSLY INJURED

On Monday afternoon during an altercation at the New State Saloon, Ernest Didier was pushed or fell into a plate glass mirror, suffering wounds so serious that he is at St. Joseph's Hospital at Albuquerque, with only a fair chance of recovery. Just how the accident came about, is not known at this time. Four or five young fellows were scuffling with him when the mirror was broken, young Didier's back being pierced by the splinters of plate glass. Local surgeons were called, who succeeded in staunching the flow of blood, at least externally, and reduced the internal flow. He was taken to the hospital on the five o'clock train, where two pieces of glass were removed from the body, one of which had pierced the lung. Don Adolphe Didier returned from Albuquerque Tuesday night, and reported the young man as resting fairly well. The physicians in charge are of the opinion that if they can ward off an attack of pneumonia, the patient has a show for life. Officers are investigating the affair, and no names will be made public until they arrive at some definite conclusion.

Ernest Didier, of Belen, who was seriously injured when he fell through a mirror, yesterday appeared to have improved. He is at St. Joseph's hospital. The fact that pieces of glass penetrated the right lobe of the lung, however, makes it impossible for the attending physician to say positively just what his chances for recovery are.—Wednesday's Morning Albuquerque Journal.

Moving Picture Shows

T. P. Davis has made arrangements to open the Pastime Theater, giving Moving Picture Shows on Tuesday, Thursday, Saturday and Sunday nights of each week. He has secured a new electric plant, new picture machine and new films, so that the shows will be first class. Two large stoves have been put into the building, to thoroughly heat the room. Mr. Davis guarantees as good a show as one can see in the cities, and invites the public generally to come out and see the pictures.

The first performance will be a matinee this, Thursday afternoon, at 2:30 o'clock. Three good reels will be shown, with a second performance at 7:30 tonight. Popular prices of 10 and 20 cents will prevail.

HARRIS IS ON ROAD TO RECOVERY

E. B. Harris, who has been confined to his bed the past few weeks as the result of a fall from a roof which he was repairing, is improving and claims that he is going to eat Christmas Turkey at the dining room table today. He has not regained the use of his right arm, altogether, as yet, but says if they only let him alone, he'll prove what he can do left-handed to that turkey. We are glad to see him on the road to recovery and hope he will soon be out again.

WITH THE CHURCHES

ZION CHURCH.
Evangelical Lutheran

John A. M. Ziegler, D. D. Pastor. Max F. Dalies Sunday School Superintendent. Preaching Services 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m. School and Bible Class 10 a. m. Luther League 7:00.

Next Sunday, December 28th, will be observed with special services both morning and night. In the evening a service of Christmas songs will be given by the choirs.

The public parsonage housewarming will be on Tuesday night, December 30th. All friends of the church and their friends are invited without any further invitation. You are guaranteed a "furnace-warm" reception.

METHODIST CHURCH NOTES.

Clyde Keegan, pastor; P. P. Simmons, Sunday school superintendent. Preaching services at 11 a. m. and 7:45 p. m.; Sunday school at 11 a. m.; Epworth League at 7:00 p. m.

The pastor will preach a New Year's sermon on Sunday morning, December 28th.

The Epworth League will be led by Paul Simmons in the evening.

Santa Will Be Late.

Santa Claus will no doubt be arriving in Belen for several days after Christmas, owing to the overcrowded conditions of the mails. Yesterday morning the clerks at the local postoffice had eighteen bags of mail to distribute, which had arrived on the trains during the night, while the clerk on the Cut-off train, reported that he had seventy-five sacks of mail out of Amarillo, which he had been unable to touch on the trip. Evidently somebody is a generous Santa this year.

The Belen News extends the Greetings of the Season to each and everyone of its readers at this, the glad Christmas time. May Santa, in his wisdom, portion out to everyone, the gifts most suitable and needful, and may each of us not forget those who may be less fortunately situated than we are, for the real Christmas Spirit is the Christlikeness of our lives, and He it was who said "It is more blessed to give than to receive."

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...Program...

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Christmas Exercises

Methodist Episcopal Church
Wednesday, December 24th, 1913, 7:00 p. m.

Song, "Joy to the World,"	School and Orchestra
No. 262, Pentecostal Hymns	
Prayer	
Responsive Reading,	Page 18, M. E. S. S. Hymnal
Christmas Welcome,	Calvin Westfall
Song,	Primary Class
Recitation	Barbara O'Donnell
Solo,	Mrs. Higgins
"Christ, the King, is Born Today"	
Recitation,	Bonita Barrow
"The Birthday Gift"	
Song, "Tell me the Story of Jesus,"	School and Orchestra
No. 128 Pentecostal Hymns	
Christmas Lullaby,	Electa Westfall
Exercise,	Junior Class, 6 Girls
Recitation,	Loyal Craig
"No Room at the Inn"	
Song,	Choir
No. 178 Pentecostal Hymns	
Recitation,	Ada Davidson
"A Telephone Message"	
Recitation,	May Young
A Christmas Story,	Rev. Clyde Keegan
"The Other Wise Man"	
Song,	Choir
No. 152 Pentecostal Hymns	
Distribution of Gifts to Sunday School Children	
Benediction	

Zion Lutheran Sunday School
Thursday, December 25th, 1913, 6:00 p. m.

The Zion Lutheran Sunday School will hold Christmas celebration on Thursday, Christmas evening, at 6 o'clock. There will be the usual Christmas Trees and remembrances for all the children. It is hinted that even Saint Nicholas himself may be there.

A service entitled "The Coming of the King" will be rendered, consisting of songs, recitations and responsive readings. Both Senior and Junior Choirs will render special music.

FILE ARTICLES OF INCORPORATION

The Jarales Trading company, of Jarales, Valencia county, has filed incorporation papers with the state corporation commission. The capital stock is \$30,000 divided into \$20 shares, and the company starts with \$2,000 subscribed. The concern will conduct a general mercantile, flour mill and butcher business at Jarales. The incorporators and directors are J. D. Cordova, who is the statutory agent, J. M. Garcia and Ignacio B. Garcia, all of Jarales.

New Assistant

On last Saturday morning a young lady applied at the home of Superintendent and Mrs. Baca for lodging and board, incidentally giving it out that she would like the position as assistant county superintendent of schools. Needless to say she was taken in, and expects to spend some time acquainting herself with the business of the office. The mother is reported as doing well. Long live the young lady!

Dills is Improving

John Dills is recovering from his attack of blood poison, and while it will be some time before he can use his hand, has succeeded in reducing the swelling, and is looking for the day in the near future when his hand will be as good as new. He has had quite a siege of it, but is gradually coming out on top.

Masquerade Ball

Next Wednesday night the Belen Citizens Band will give a Mask Ball at Commercial Club Hall, assuring everyone a good time. Good music, good floor, and lots of fun. Admission fifty cents each. Help the Band boys by attending, and help yourself by having a good time.

Christmas Dance.

The social committee of the Commercial Club will give its annual Christmas Dance at the Club Hall tonight, Thursday, to which all are invited. A good time is assured all who attend. Rumor has it that "the tango" will make its initial appearance in Belen at this time. Don't fail to attend.

Carey Harper is back from Arizona and California, where he has spent several weeks.

ATTENDANCE AT SCHOOL VERY SMALL

The attendance of the entire school has been poor this week. Two entire grades have been absent part of the time and many other grades have an attendance of 50 or 60 per cent. The snow is probably one cause in the lower grades, but in the upper grades many are beginning the holidays before the close of school. This will cause a duplication of work either for the pupils or the teachers when school opens again.

Friday afternoon, Mrs. Trimble's room entertained Miss Duer's pupils with several pretty songs, which were enjoyed very much, especially the Spanish songs by Gregorio Lujan and Antonio Baca.

Misses Anderworth and Wilsey left Wednesday night for a week with home folk at Deming.

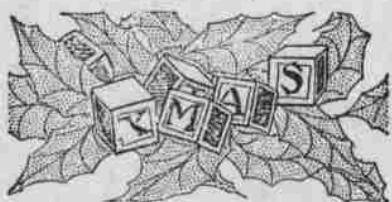
Antonio Gilbert, member of the school board, visited a few minutes Tuesday morning.

Claim your Prizes

At the drawing for the Brownie Camera and .22 Rifle at The John Becker Company, Tuesday, twenty numbers were drawn from each of the two boxes, the first nineteen in each instance being awarded a box of candy and the twentieth being the lucky number. Miss Pohl, who held the twentieth number on the Camera, the number being 1489, was awarded the Camera. However, Miss Pohl had given her number to Miss Edna LeBrun, who is the recipient of the prize.

The holders of the following numbered "Red Tickets" are entitled to a box of candy for each ticket, which will be delivered on presentation of the ticket at the Becker store, if the same has not already been delivered: Red Tickets Numbered 2315, 2162, 868, 947, 251, 754, 1471, 476, 2582, 2533, 903, 1985, 2769, 1488, 1768, 2958, 1388, 1729, 2164.

The lucky number securing the rifle is Blue Ticket No. 418. If the holder of this ticket does not present same on or before January 1st, the gun will be awarded to No. 2037. Should this ticket not be presented by January 10, the holder of ticket No. 1256 will be awarded the prize. The holders of Blue Tickets numbered 773, 2073, 465, 11, 766, 973, 768, 953, 1311, 1774, 759, 1047, 2190, 1313, 2346, 468, 1772, 2675 and 545 are entitled to a box of candy each, which will be delivered on presentation of the tickets at the store.



Five Hundred Dollars in Prizes

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The Capital Prize to be Given by
The Belen News

is to be an
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Most of the Merchants of Belen
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VALUABLE PRIZES

and will give

NEWS VOTE COUPONS

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Cash Purchases

RULES AND REGULATIONS GOVERNING THE CONTEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. ANNOUNCEMENT—This Piano and Popular Ladies' Voting Contest will be conducted fairly and honestly on business principles, strictly with justice and fairness to all concerned. With the above principles, it will be an assured success.

2. PRIZES—The capital prize will be an Obermeyer & Sons Piano. Also other valuable prizes to the amount of many dollars which are announced herewith.

3. CANDIDATES—Ladies in this and adjoining towns are eligible to enter this contest, and the party receiving the largest number of votes shall receive the beautiful \$400 Obermeyer & Sons Piano and other premiums will be distributed in accordance with the contestants' standing at the final count.

4. TIE IN VOTES—Should any of the con-

testants tie in votes, The Publishers Music Company will award a similar prize according to the standing at final count.

5. VOTES CLASSIFIED—Votes will be issued in the following denominations:
New Subscriptions, 600 votes - \$2.00
Renewals, 500 votes - 2.00
Renewals, more than one year, 600 votes, 2.00
5 years New Subscriptions, 5,000 votes, 10.00
10 years New Subscriptions, 12,500 votes, 20.00
20 years New Subscriptions, 30,000 votes, 40.00

The merchants named below will give coupons on cash purchases during the term of this contest, which may be voted the same as the subscription coupons. Be sure to ask for coupons when making cash purchases and have your friends do likewise.

INSTRUCTIONS—Results as to standing of

votes will be published after 30 days. No votes accepted at less than regular price of paper concerned in this contest. No one connected with this office will be allowed to become a candidate in this contest nor work for contestants.

Votes after being counted, cannot be transferred to another. Be sure to know whom you are going to vote for before coming to the ballot box, as the editor or anyone will positively not give any information on the subject. The key to the ballot box shall be in the possession of the awarding committee during the contest.

For the first 30 days this paper will run 25-vote coupons which can be voted free for any contestant.

Contest will run not less than 90 days. Closing of contest will be announced 25 days in advance of closing. The right to postpone date of closing is reserved if sufficient cause should occur.

The contest shall close on a day which will be announced later. Ten days prior to closing contest, the judges will carefully lock or seal the ballot box and take same to the First National Bank of Belén, where the same will be in a place where voting can be done during business hours and locked in a vault at night until close of contest, when the judges will take charge and count same and announce the ladies winning in their turn.

The last ten days all voting must be done in the sealed box at the bank. If you do not wish anyone to know for whom you are voting, place your cash for subscriptions together with the name of contestant for whom you wish to vote in a sealed envelope and deposit same in ballot box. This will give everyone a fair and square deal.

One Ton Cerrillos Lump Coal

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We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

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Value \$15.00

Donated by

Goebel & Sons

General Merchandise

We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

Sewing Machine

Value \$25.00

Donated by

The John Becker Company

General Merchandise

We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

Axminster Rug, 9x12

Value \$15.00

Donated by

Mandell Brothers

General Merchandise

We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

Silver Set

Value \$5.75

Donated by

Buckland Brothers

Druggists

We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

Fur Collarette & Lap Robe

Value \$20.00

Donated by

Fred Scholle

General Merchandise

We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

Heating Stove

Value \$13.00

Donated by

Adolphe Didier

General Merchandise

We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

Due Bill

Value \$5.00

Donated by

Purity Bakery & Grocery

"Good Things to Eat"

We give a 25 vote coupon free with each \$1.00 cash purchase. Ask for Coupons.

Call for and save your Coupons beginning Today for some lady will appreciate them

A Christmas Derelict

By Viola Justin

AS THE boat pointed its nose toward the city, the solitary man at the prow turned his back on freedom and gazed longingly at the graystone penitentiary, which seemed to be slipping away from him and growing smaller and cozier as distance lent the enchantment of perspective to his loneliness.

For Mulcahy dazed by liberty, was very lonely indeed. Every moment that the water widened between him and the prison it lessened the distance from the city, and in two minutes more the man knew that the metropolis, bristling with antagonism, cold and strange and busy with its holiday season, would be upon him, and it filled his heart with a nameless dread.

But, after all, he had only himself to blame for his liberty. "Good behavior"—that was the thing that had turned him loose from a comfortable home, three square meals a day, and his companions of the quarry.

If he had only transgressed a few laws, broken a simple rule or two, all might have been well. He might have eaten Christmas dinner with Jerry the Spike, Bottles, Hank and the whole zappy crew who had contrived to spend another Christmas in the "pen" through trifling indiscretions committed in defiance of the keepers.

These reflections were interrupted by the sharp teeth of the wind snapping at his legs through the thin trousers and the threadbare coat. He shivered as the boat docked, and then took a long breath as he walked up the gangplank and out into—was this freedom striking terror to his soul? Why was he trembling? He was free at last, free to do what? Free to kill himself before he starved to death, free to wander the uncomfortable streets and gaze upon the happiness that showed itself in the faces of fugitive passers-by.

He was only free to go anywhere; but these people had their homes to go to, each his separate "penitentiary," where there were warmth and food and human things to talk to.

He shut his eyes for an instant and started bravely up the hilly street that led to First avenue. Then suddenly a strange thing happened. He forgot his misery and his wretched homesickness. At first he couldn't realize what the influence was, then he recognized the soothing and thirst-inspiring smell of hops that poured over him like a hot breath from the brewery on the next street. This prompted a thought which was immediately followed by a sharp movement.

Mulcahy minded him of the faded five-dollar bill he had in his pocket, the last bounty of the good home across the river. He pulled it out and looked at it.

It represented two weeks and a half of life; that is, he calculated that while he was looking for a job it would provide food and shelter for him. If he couldn't find a job—but that thought ended with a look toward the river; and again he saw the "pen," and another thought occurred to him.

Anything to do, he decided to go back to the "pen" and beg to take him in. No, he couldn't do that. He squared his ragged shoulders as if trying to rise superior to the thought, for there was a remnant of pride in Mulcahy, albeit time and a desperate struggle to keep his feet on the globe had frayed its edges.

No, he determined to go back there honorably, as he had left. He might get a job shoveling snow—but alas! it was one of those cheerless Christmases, and nature had not even supplied the people out of work with snow to shovel.

Mulcahy had worked all his life. He was fifty now, and, as he unrolled the long catalogue of calamity which other people might have called his career, he found that the only year of his life that had been a happy one was his last in jail. It had started merrily even, for, after his outraged pride had revolted at the idea of being arrested for his slight connection with the robbery, comfort came swiftly with the thought that he was being punished for omission rather than commission.

These thoughts and the haunting smell of hops brought Mulcahy to Fourth avenue and a saloon. It was twelve o'clock, and corned beef and cabbage-leaf being slated for lunch on a blackboard under a Satyrish-looking bock and a life-sized "schooner," determined the man, and he stepped inside.

The story will move much more rapidly if we do not follow Mulcahy and wait for him to eat his corned beef and phillander with a spirit more of his ilk than any he has met for the last year, a spirit that seemed almost fabulous when dreamed of in the "pen"—to wit, the bartender.

But look where Mulcahy emerges half an hour later, the inner man lulled by the succulent cabbage and beef, but a melancholy gnawing at the outer man, whose clothes are slight protection against the increasing wind.

As the man stepped out, together with the wind, he felt the How was he going to keep warm?



Gazed Longingly at the Graystone Pen.

All alone in one of those ten-cent beds which promise so much to a weary body that soon discovers the egg-shell substance of the promise?

He shuddered and hurried down a side street of American-basement houses, with their dainty Boston ferns and yews, pretty windows with costly curtains that sealed happy homes from the profane eyes of the public. And this atmosphere gave Mulcahy hope. The inspiration born of despair took root.

He intended to abandon all thoughts of getting work until warm weather. It was worse than hopeless to think he could get work now—why, the weather, his age, all were against it. He would go back to the "pen" if he had literally to "steal" his way back. The thing to do now was to conjure up some reasonable offense, some trifling transgression that would open the iron gates of the prison, as difficult of entrance as it was of exit, and tide him over the winter months.

But what could he do? Not a single misdemeanor suggested itself to his overwrought brain. If he could only steal something long enough to get arrested and sent to the island! But how? When, and above all where?

Broadway and Thirty-third street, with its triangle of shops, answered that question. It was very late, but he knew that a week before Christmas the shops would be open until late. In the hope that his clothes would contribute their help toward arousing the suspicions of the store detectives, he quickened his steps feverishly.

Inside the shop was warm, brilliant, and jammed with people. The incoming and outgoing crowds jostled and pushed Mulcahy as if he were a rubber-washer between the hub of a wheel and the linch-pin.

Presently he found himself at the notion counter, swept there by the tide of customers. He wondered at the confidence of the storekeepers, who took no trouble to protect their wares set forth in little compartments.

Now he was backed into a little case of tooth-brishes. He felt his fingers close on something; mechanically he placed the thing in his pocket, and then let himself drift along with the crowd.

He had stolen something! Was it a cake of soap—perhaps; but with a sickening sensation of impotence he remembered that one cake of soap might not unlock the iron gate of the "pen."

Mulcahy sighed. Now he was in the jewelry department. It yielded



"Have You Seen My Mamma?"

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vast possibilities as far as valuables were concerned, but these were carefully protected by glass cases. True, there were some little trays of gold-filled pins and bracelets scarcely worth the effort of attainment. And yet a handful of these trifles, flagrantly abstracted, might attract the attention of a detective.

Perhaps there were no detectives, after all. This thought smote to him in the act of reaching out a trembling hand toward a delicate gold-filled bangle. Then he paused, and in that moment of hesitation he felt a twitch at his coat, and, turning to face what he felt must be authority either in plain or blue clothes, he perceived at his side a very pretty little girl.

She was well dressed; and after the first shock he felt on looking at her clear blue eyes, Mulcahy saw a beautiful locket and chain around her neck.

In the mean time she has possessed herself of his coat-pocket as if it were his hand, and clung to him as he asked:

"Have you seen my mamma?" Her voice was smothered by the crowd that pressed around her, and Mulcahy had to lift her up in his arms to make himself heard.

"No," he replied, his face close to her pretty neck and ear. "Shall we go and look for her?" he added, touched by the sudden moisture that blurred her eyes.

As he spoke he carried her to the revolving-door. Once out in the street, she told him that she had been shopping with her mother and had got lost. She lived, she said on Fifth street, between Madison and Fifth avenue. She didn't know where the door, and it was a white house.

The man assured her that they would find it together.

You mustn't think that this escape diverted Mulcahy from his original scheme. Only he wanted to be of use to the child, and he also saw a much better way of obtaining his arrest and entrance to prison.

The locket and chain he knew would serve his purpose, for he intended stealing them as soon as he had found her home. There were four dollars and ninety cents left from the "pen's" munificence, but he spent enough of it in a candy-store to have provided for himself for two days.

Over a congenial glass of ice cream soda the little girl gave him her name—Violet Van Twiller. The telephone book did the rest in the matter of locating the Van Twiller mansion, whither Violet was escorted by her ragged friend.

Afterward, when Mulcahy left her standing at the door of her home waving at him and smiling in her sweet, frank way, he wondered how he had found it in his heart to steal the necklace; but there it was in his hand, still warm from contact with her throat.

Then he darted away from the street, and, clasping the locket tightly, flew to the first police station and gave himself up.

The judge did not conceal his disgust when he learned that Mulcahy had robbed a child; and when he uttered sternly, "Six months on the island for him," he marveled at the brutality of a man who could smile at the sentence.

Meantime, Violet Van Twiller had been received with the tears and rejoicings of a hysterical and loving family and diligently interrogated concerning the events of the evening.

Over and over again she repeated the story of the "kind, ragged gentleman" who had bought her candy and soda and had found her home for her.

Later, Mr. Van Twiller discovered that Violet had mysteriously lost her locket; but, though he suspected her strange friend, he was so grateful to the "ragged gentleman" that the next day he advertised in all the papers that he wished to reward the person who had restored his daughter to her family.

But Mulcahy never learned of this golden opportunity which might have given him a new start in life, though he gave the officer who accompanied him to the island the name and address of the little owner of the necklace, and it was sent to her.

The next day saw Mulcahy safely aboard the Fidelity and headed for the "pen."

At the end of the week he was sitting at the Christmas dinner which had seemed a phantom on that dreadful day he was set at liberty.

Between mouthfuls of fat turkey and cranberry sauce he boasted to Jerry the Spike, Hank, and Bottles of how he had hoodwinked justice.

When he reported for work, a few days later, the keeper who presided over the men engaged in breaking stone remarked casually to a fellow keeper:

"I see Mulcahy is back on the job."

"Yes," the other replied; "he was liberated a week ago, and now he's back again. I tell you this place is a cinch for those fellows. They're living life on the installment plan; you dumped the whole caboodle on the East river and told them to swim to New York, they'd all turn like a lot of rats and squeak to come back to the 'pen.'"

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There's a man in New York who says he can sing 6,000 old songs. It's a safe statement. He'll never find a body to hear him through.

A coon was killed in an Atlantic City hotel. Probably coon hunting will now be taken up as a midwinter diversion by the smart set.

IS GROWING BETTER

Each Christmas Sees Nearer Approach to Ideal.

Humanity Affected by Teachings of Him Whose Birth Is Celebrated—Spirit of Helpfulness Prevails Among Men.



ACH year brings the world nearer to the ideal of the Prince of Peace, the ideal of universal brotherhood. Wars may occur from time to time and nations continue to arm themselves, but steadily the thought develops in the minds of men throughout

the range of civilization that fighting is a wasteful, senseless, inconclusive method of adjusting differences, and that righteousness and justice can be maintained by other means.

Over nineteen hundred years have passed since Christ was born, bringing the message of peace on earth and good will to men. Before his time the world knew no such doctrine. There was the law of might, and might prevailed. There were rights, but rights were dependent upon the strength of arms and often suffered. The strong arm governed in the affairs of men. The doctrine that Christ preached was one of enlightenment, an appeal to the reason, addressed to the higher self of man. That Christianity spread so rapidly after the first struggling start is proof that men were eager for such a teaching, and that they longed for the opportunity to live their lives placidly and honestly in a spirit of brotherhood.

Those who are discouraged by the occasional outbreaks of strife between nations should take comfort in the thought that there is a steadily increasing sentiment for pacific adjustments, that the essential spirit of Christianity is at work throughout the world to bring men into more reasonable relations, and that in the international as well as the private conditions of life the doctrines that were first preached in Judea nineteen hundred years ago are becoming steadily more dominant.

Christmas day naturally causes a reflection upon the state of humanity as affected by the teachings of him whose birth is celebrated. Men are unquestionably kinder and more thoughtful toward one another now than ever before. There is more charity in the world, and more justice, and more earnest disposition to bring humanity up to a higher level. There is more widespread education as a result of this spirit of helpfulness, and there is less suffering. Men are devoting themselves and their lives to the study of the needs of the less fortunate and to the amelioration of their condition. In all lands practical Christianity is working to the end literally of bringing peace on earth and good will to men.

The observances of Christmas are more tokens of the essential spirit of the day, which is more than the mere twenty-four hours of this particular calendar time, and extends throughout the year. No matter how elaborate or costly the gifts that are exchanged, how beautiful and impressive the services in the churches, how extensive the decorations, Christmas is no more sincerely commemorated than by him who on this day pauses to remember what it means, who pays tribute in his soul to the glorious example of Christ's life and resolves to conduct his own as nearly as possible in imitation of it. It is the personal Christmas celebration that counts, the individual effort to apply to everyday life that which underlies the occasion, that which began at Bethlehem over nineteen centuries ago.

The German national aviation fund is over a million and a half. The results from this big amount are in every point of view literally in the air.

A Cincinnati physician has invented a machine that will do ones breathing automatically. Now will become a reality the man who is too lazy to breathe.

PRESENTS
Exploiting One's Own Vanity in Bestowal of Gifts Is Poor Policy.

The most miserable Christmas present, the kind that no human being is rich enough to afford, is that which is bought to make a show, to exploit one's own vanity.

When you are tempted to buy a "show off" present, remember that the recipient has some rights. One who understands will be made unhappy by that kind of gift. You know yourself that when you receive a present that represents a great sacrifice on the part of the giver it makes you feel miserable, even when the right spirit is behind it.

The cost in money is about the poorest of measures for any kind of a gift. The thoughtfulness in it, the recognition of a desire for things unasked for, the affection that goes with it, counts for much more. Every Christmas each of us receives a message that means more than the most expensive gift. Yet we forget that sometime in the perplexing selection of presents for others—Woman's Home Companion.

THE MAN WHO KNEW SANTA CLAUS BEST



VISIT FROM ST. NICHOLAS

'Twas the night before Christmas when all through the house

Not a creature was stirring, not even a mouse; The stockings were hung by the chimney with care, In hopes that Saint Nicholas soon would be there. The children were nestled all snug in their beds, While visions of sugarplums danced through their heads;

And Mama in her kerchief and I in my cap Had just settled our brains for a long winter's nap; When out on the lawn there arose such a clatter I sprang from my bed to see what was the matter. Away to the window I flew like a flash, Tore open the shutters and threw up the sash; The moon on the breast of the new fallen snow Gave the lustre of mid-day to objects below, When what to my wondering eyes should appear But a miniature sleigh and eight tiny reindeer, With a little old driver so lively and quick I knew in a moment it must be Saint Nick. More rapid than eagles his coursers they came, And he whistled and shouted and called them by name.

"Now, Dasher! now, Dancer! now, Prancer! and Vixen!

On, Comet! on, Cupid! on, Donner and Blitzen! To the top of the porch! To the top of the wall! Now dash away! dash away! dash away, all!" As dry leaves that before the wild hurricane fly When they meet with an obstacle mount to the sky, So up to the housetop the coursers they flew, With the sleigh full of toys and Saint Nicholas too. And then in a twinkling I heard on the roof The prancing and pawing of each little hoof— As I drew in my head and was turning around, Down the chimney St. Nicholas came with a bound. He was dressed all in furs from his head to his foot, And his clothes were all tarnished with ashes and soot.

A bundle of toys he had flung on his back, And he looked like a peddler just opening his pack; His eyes—how they twinkled! His dimples, how merry!

His cheeks were like roses, his nose like a cherry! His droll little mouth was drawn up in a bow, And the beard on his chin was as white as the snow; The stump of a pipe he held tight in his teeth, And the smoke it encircled his head like a wreath; He had a broad face, and a little round belly That shook when he laughed like a bowlful of jelly. He was chubby and plump, a right jolly old elf, And I laughed when I saw him, in spite of myself. A wink of his eye and a twist of his head Soon gave me to know I had nothing to dread. He spoke not a word, but went straight to his work And filled all the stockings; then turned with a jerk, And laying his finger aside of his nose, And giving a nod, up the chimney he rose. He sprang to his sleigh, to his team gave a whistle, And away they all flew like the down of a thistle; But I heard him exclaim ere he drove out of sight, "Merry Christmas to all, and to all a good night."



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PHONE No. 34

The Dexter Developer and the
Cloudcroft Cloudcrofter are hav-
ing an interesting game (for
themselves) in trying to out-pre-
varicate each other. Judging by
the recent prevarications of the
latter that the state of New Mexico
was represented as bankrupt and
farmers deserting their home-
steads by wholesale, we opine
that the Developer will come out
second best in the affray now in
progress.

Christmas Eve.

(Revised version by Alice Jaynes,
in Ladies Home Journal.)

'Twas the night before Christ-
mas, when all in the shop,
Not a salesgirl nor wrapper but
thought she would drop;
The cash children rushed with
the money with care,
With wan faces strained, hither,
thither they fled,
While visions of reprimands
flashed through each head,
At an hour when rich children
were tied in nightcaps
And settling themselves for their
long winter naps.
From tables and counters arose
such a clatter
Some terrible tragedy must be
the matter;
The lights from the shining bulbs,
white in their glow,
Gave luster of midday to objects
below,
A salesgirl was selling small gifts.
Like a flash
She tore open boxes, and counted
out cash,
When what to my wondering ears
should resound
But a shrewish abuse you could
hear aisles around,
From a woman, well gowned,
who came just to kick,
I knew in a minute she was "the
Old Nick."
She was dressed all in fur from
her feet to her head,
And a comfortable feeling of opu-
lence shed.
More rapid than reindeer, re-
proaches they came,
As she scolded and called the poor
girl a harsh name,
"How stupid! You vixen! Don't
dare answer back!
I'll report you at once for being
so slack.
My gifts never came. Now where
can they be,
How such things can happen I
really can't see!"
And, giving a nod, up the store
aisle she sailed,
Full of wrath that her own "Mer-
ry Christmas" had failed.
The salesgirl so pale went straight
to her work,
For dozens of buyers forbade her
to shirk,
Hours and hours played the dra-
ma, long after she'd gone,
Delivery boys, women, cash girls
struggled on.
In hundreds of stores, in many a
city,
This spells "Merry Christmas."
Oh! Good people, pity!

In your Christmas giving, don't
forget that it is the spirit in which
it is given, more than the value
of the gift which makes it accept-
able.

The Belen News—\$2.00 a year

INTEREST INCREASES IN GREAT VOTING CONTEST

Many Inquiries about Voting

Who Will Get the Ten Dollars in Gold? Trade with
merchants Giving Coupons, Secure your Coupons
and Vote them for your Favorite Candidate

Judging from the interest that
has been manifested in the great
Prize Voting contest so far, there
is going to be a great scramble
for the \$10 in gold that is going
to be given to the contestant hav-
ing the largest number of votes
on January 15. The special prize
is worth winning, and the con-
testants realize the fact.

The contest is an assured fact.
There has never been a contest
in this locality where more or
better prizes have been offered,
or a more strict adherence to jus-
tice and equity to all participants.
The News desires to emphasize
the point that every contestant
will be afforded an absolute fair
deal.

The names of the judges of the
contest will be announced soon.
Bear in mind the merchants who
are giving coupons with every
dollar purchase:

The John Becker Company
Oscar Goebel & Sons
Mandell Brothers
Peoples Lumber Company
Buckland Brothers
Purity Bakery and Grocery
Adolphe Didier
Fred Scholle.

When you trade at these stores
be sure and ask for coupons.
Every one little piece of paper
bearing 25 votes may win some
friend of yours the beautiful
Obermeyer & Sons Grand Piano.

Get your friends to subscribe
for The News. For each one year
new subscription you will receive
600 votes; renewals for one year,
500 votes.

There is already a large list of
contestant, but there is opportu-
nity to nominate others. Fill out
the nominating blank and send it
to this office. Also cut out the
vote coupon and cast it for your
favorite. In order that every
contestant may fully understand
the votes during the contest, The
News wishes to state that the
contestant having the largest
number of votes during the con-
test, will be awarded the piano
as first prize, the one having the
next largest number of votes will
have the first choice of the other
prizes. The third largest will

have her choice of the remaining
prizes, and so on until all the prizes
have been distributed.

Use the free vote coupon in this
issue. If you know of any lady
who has not been nominated and
whom you think would make a
good race, use the nominating
blank in the announcement and
send her name to this paper or
bring it in person and her name
will be entered. It matters not
if she be married or single. This
is a popular voting contest, not
necessarily a young lady voting
contest. Read the rules and regu-
lations on page three and govern
yourself accordingly. Some one
is going to receive these prizes
and you can help decide who it
will be.

First count in contest will be on
Thursday, January 15, at which
time \$10 in gold will be awarded
to the contestant receiving the
largest number of votes.

These are the names of the
contestants who have been nomi-
nated. They are authorized to
accept money for subscriptions to
The News and receipt therefor
will be mailed from The News
office.

Get busy and vote for your
choice. The contest will be con-
ducted squarely and no partiality
will be shown. Do it now and
help some one reap the benefits
of this liberal offer.

The nominations so far made
are as follows:

Miss Villa O'Brien
" Pearl Hayerford
" Mary Didier
" Jessie Mallow
" Tomasita Silva
" Eunice Roseberry
" Maureen Trimble
" Ida May Moffitt
" Helen Hoffman
" Sarah Baca
" Mattie Harper
" Eula Gooch
" Alvina Simpson
" Verona LeBrun
Mrs. Wm. Cobler
" Frank Fischer
" C. L. Eaker
" Dr. Wilkinson
" Martin Gilbert
" Fink

25 VOTE COUPON

Send this vote to the News office within 15 days from
date and it will count for TWENTY-FIVE VOTES. No
money is required with this Coupon.

VOTED FOR

December 18, 1913

Nominating Blank

News Voting Contest

1913

I hereby nominate or suggest the name of

Address

As a lady worthy to become a candidate in your Voting
Contest. I present this name with distinct understanding
and agreement that the editor shall not divulge my name.
This does not obligate me in any manner whatever.

Signed

Address

Dr. D. E. Wilson
Dentist
Central and Broadway
Occidental Life Insurance Bldg
Albuquerque

M. C. SPICER
Attorney at law
Practice in All the Courts of the State
Belen, New Mexico

SMILES

Willie, whose father was a can-
didate for office, ran into the
house one day and exclaimed:
"Oh, mamma! Mr. Smith says
papa's got the nomination. Is
that worse than the measles?"

"It's an old, old wish
On this great big card
It's simply
A Merry, Merry Christmas
But we wish it awful hard."

"And why are you writing 'per-
sonal' on that envelope?"
"I want the man's wife to read
the letter."

"My husband sees pink ele-
phants when he drinks."
"Mine has a worse fad than
that. He sees green dogs. It's
expensive, too."
"How's that?"
"Why, he goes and buys licen-
ses for them."

They met by chance,
They had never met before.
They met by chance,
And she was stricken sore.

They never met again,
Don't want to, I'll allow!
They met but once—
'Twas a freight train and a cow!

Attorney (cross-examining wit-
ness)—You say you were in Bos-
ton on the 15th, and in New York
on the 20th of last month. Now,
where were you in the interim?
Witness—I swear I never was
in that place.

He—I have just heard that you
wanted to get married, and here
I have turned up.
She—Well, you're turned down
now. See?

SANTA FE TIME CARD.

Effective December 7, 1913.

Belen, New Mexico.

Northbound.

810 For Albuquerque and East 5:40 a. m.

816 For Albuquerque and East 5:15 p. m.

Southbound

809 El Paso & Mex. Ex., 1:20 a. m.

815 El Paso Passenger, 9:33 a. m.

Cut-off Trains

Ar. Dep.

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812 From Pecos Valley, 7:15... 7:40

811 Pecos Valley Ex., 8:55... 9:00

C. F. Jones, Agent.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
Dec. 13, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that
Mariano Garcia, of Cubero, N. M.,
M., who, on Nov. 27th, 1908, and
Feb. 6, 1911, made Homestead
Entries No. 02681-014830, for
NW1-4, Section 22, Township 7
N, Range 10-W, N. M. P. Meri-
dian, has filed notice of intention
to make final five year Proof, to
establish claim to the land above
described, before Chas. Neustadt,
U. S. Commissioner, at San Ra-
fael, N. M., on the 4th day of
February, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Teodosio Garcia, Antonio Ar-
mijo, Seboyeta, N. M.; Nicolas
Jaramillo, Clemente Sarasino, of
Seboya, N. M.

Francisco Delgado,
12-25-1-22 Register.

Notice for Publication.

Department of the Interior.
U. S. Land Office at Santa Fe, N. M.
Nov. 20, 1913.

Notice is hereby given that Fla-
vio Romero, of Los Lunas, N. M.,
who, on Feb. 5th, 1908, made
Homestead Entry No. 05593-
13084, for NE1-4, Section 2,
Township 5N, Range 3W, N.
M. P. Meridian, has filed notice

of intention to make Five Year
Proof, to establish claim to the
land above described, before J.
M. Luna, Probate Clerk and Re-
corder of Valencia County, N. M.,
at Los Lunas, N. M., on the 3rd
day of January, 1914.

Claimant names as witnesses:
Juan Chaves, Eduvigen Perez,
Placido Padilla, Nicanor Artiga,
all of Los Lunas, N. M.

Francisco Delgado,
11-27-12-25 Register.

NOTICE OF SALE.

Notice is hereby given that,
pursuant to an order of the dis-
trict court, in and for the county
of Valencia, State of New Mexico,
the undersigned will, on the 5th
day of January, 1914, at the hour
of 11 o'clock in the forenoon at
the front door of the court house
in Los Lunas, in said county and
state, offer for sale and sell to the
highest and best bidder, the fol-
lowing described real estate, known
as the "El Estero de San Juan"
property situated in the town of
Los Lunas, Valencia County, New
Mexico, and bounded as follows:
On the north by a lateral ditch;
on the south by the public road;
on the east by the same lateral
ditch, which bounds the property
on the north; on the west by the
property of Nicanor Artiga. The
measurements of the said prop-
erty are as follows: On the north
line from east to west one hun-
dred and forty-five (145) feet;
on the south line from east to west
one hundred and fifty (150) feet;
on the east line, from north to
south one hundred and thirty-four
(134) feet; and on the west line
from north to south one hundred
and twenty-five (125) feet. Terms
of sale will be cash or secured
note, satisfactory to the board of
county commissioners.

Jesus M. Luna,
County Clerk and Ex-officio Clerk
of the Board of County Com-
missioners, Valencia County,
N. M. 12-4-25

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ployes and a greater Belen.

Get in on the ground floor. Select your lot now, and
build that home you have been planning. Your investment
will grow in value, and you will be saving rent at the same
time. This is your opportunity, don't let it pass.

Remember "Procrastination is the Thief of Time." DO
IT NOW.

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CHRISTMAS GAMES FOR THE CHILDREN

Many Forms of Merrymaking for
the Little Folks' Holiday
Party.

By ADELE MENDEL.

"At Christmas play and make good cheer
For Christmas comes but once a year."

At Christmas time the children
are bubbling over with the spirit
of the season and the grown
folks' thoughts turn to the little ones'
fun and amusement at no time more
than at the happy Yule Tide.

With a little thought and prepara-
tion a children's Christmas party
may be made such a joyous affair that
its happy memories will linger with
the young folks for many years.

Here are some entertaining games
that will solve a problem for the per-
plexed mother who perhaps is wonder-
ing "What shall I have the children
play at the party?" For when she
sends her "Come to my Christmas
party" invitations, she knows that a
successful children's party means
something more than just "ice cream
and cake."

These games will appeal to all the
children—the timid little girl, who is
inclined to shrink in the corner, as
well as the big boy, who usually oc-
cupies "the center of the stage."

Santa Claus' Reins.

This game is very exciting. Three
pieces of white tape, each about an
inch wide, and the length of the room,
are held at one end by three children.
Three others are given pairs of scis-
sors and at a signal the players cut
the tape in half lengthwise. The one
who first reaches the opposite end of
the tape is the winner of that heat.
The different winners contest until
the champion is declared. Boys and
girls, you know, love racing competi-
tions of all kinds and this race is one
that probably they never played be-
fore.

Magic Music.

Although this is a game that per-
haps the mothers and fathers played
when they went to kindergarten, it
still causes much laughter and is al-
ways successful.

One child leaves the room and the
others decide upon something for him
to do on his return. The musician
regulates his playing, and the child
must guide his actions according to
the loudness or softness of the music.
It is astonishing what different tasks
are accomplished after a little prac-
tice, and the children's cries of "let
me go out next!" prove their enjoy-
ment of "Magic Music."

Guessing Holly Berries.

For this game the child must put
on his "thinking cap." Hold a large
spray of holly in your hand and al-
low the children to look at it for a
few minutes. Then tell them to write
their estimate of the number of
holly berries on the branch. You
might take a chrysanthemum also
and ask them to guess how many
petals in the flower. Great interest is
shown when the petals are counted.

A Christmas Doll.

The idea of this game is to see who
can make the prettiest doll out of a
long smooth potato, two pieces of
pretty colored tissue paper, some
small sticks for legs and arms, and
some pins. Or if you would rather
pass clothes pins and let the children
fashion dolls out of them, that will
also answer the purpose.

Place all the dolls in a row when
completed, and have the children vote
for their favorite one. You will be
surprised to see what ingenious re-
sults the clever little fingers produce.

A Noisy Game.

Yes, it is noisy, but the children
have an idea that "the more noise,
the more fun," and what mother cares
if "the roof comes down" at a Chris-
mas party?

After a child leaves the room, a
proverb is chosen. One word of it
is given to each child. If there are
more children than words contained
in the proverb, then two or more chil-
dren are given the same word. When
the child outside the room returns, a
leader counts "One, two, three." At
the "Three" all the children shout
their given word. The child must
guess the proverb.

Santa Claus' Grab Bag.

On the invitation state that each
child is to bring something to the
party that he or she no longer cares
for. This article is to be in a neatly
wrapped and tied parcel, so as to hide
its identity. It is placed in a large
bag, on the child's arrival. Each child
then draws a present from the bag.
Uproars of laughter follow the open-
ing of the packages, which probably
will consist of peculiar articles of all
sizes and descriptions.

A Christmas Mix-Up.

Provide the children with paper
and pencil. Give them the following
list of words pertaining to Christmas.
You see the letters are all twisted.
It is their interesting task to straight-
en them out.

Key and list:

1. Christmas—Atschamrl.
2. Reindeer—Drierene.
3. Sleigh—llegas.
4. Mistletoe—Ellosmtle.
5. Holly—Oyhl.
6. Plum Pudding—Uplmdpudgrt.
7. Santa Claus—Ascultatna.
8. Candles—Lcdnea.
9. Stockings—Kosctelgn.
10. Jack Frost—Kcajfrso.
11. Wreath—Thrwae.
12. Snowball—Ownebl.

What Santa Claus Doesn't Like.
This is a simple and successful
game. All the children are seated
except one who says "Santa Claus

doesn't like C's. What are you going
to give him instead?" The first child
replies with a word that does not con-
tain a "C." For instance: "Meat"
would be a correct answer, but "rice"
would not do. If a correct answer is
not given by the time the leader
counts "ten," a forfeit must be paid.
And we all know the fun of redeeming
the forfeits.

A Peanut Race.

At one end of the room place two
bowls of peanuts, and at the opposite
end two empty bowls. Two children
are each provided with a knife and at
a signal they place as many peanuts
as they can on the blade of the knife,
and carry it to the empty bowl with
one hand. Depositing the peanuts,
they return for more. Each child is
allowed three minutes. A score is
kept and the one who has the large-
est number of peanuts credited to his
name wins the prize.

Puzzle Pictures.

Pretty pictures taken from maga-
zines, advertisements and discarded
picture books are cut up into several
pieces and placed into envelopes. A
good idea is to write the same num-
ber on the back of the envelope and
all pieces belonging to one puzzle, so
that if a piece gets mixed with the
others it can be readily returned to its
own set.

Each child is handed a puzzle, and
as soon as he succeeds in placing the
pieces in their proper position he is
given credit for it by the score
keeper, and receives another puzzle
to work with. The one who succeeds
in putting together the most pictures
in a stated time receives a well-
earned prize.

Snowballs.

This is an amusing game. Snow-
balls made of cotton batting and cov-
ered with white tissue paper and a
small basket are required. The play-
ers stand about eight feet from the
basket. The one who tosses the most
balls into the basket is the prize win-
ner. Each child might be given
three snowballs to start with.

A Christmas Spider Web.

Take as many balls of twine as
there are children expected at the
party. To one end of each ball attach
a card bearing the child's name and
to the other end an inexpensive gift.
Twist the twine around the different
objects in the room. Give each child
the twine and card bearing his name.
At a signal all begin to unwind the
entangled web. Great is the fun and
loud the exclamations when the
young people arrive at the end of
their string and find a gift awaiting
them.

A Pop Corn Party.

If you don't mind the "muss," and
of course you won't, have a pop corn
party. Have the children sit in a
circle on the floor and provide each
with a bowl of popcorn, a needle and
some coarse white thread. Tell them
that the one who strings the longest
popcorn chain before the time is up
will win the prize. Each youngster
takes home his own string of corn.

An Impromptu Entertainment.

When the children are tired of romp-
ing, let them sit on the floor in a
circle and tell them you are going
to have an entertainment, and that
each child must do something to help
make it a success. The youngsters
will provide a variety of numbers for
your impromptu program, from nur-
ery rhymes to fancy dancing.

Artists.

Bring in a good sized blackboard
and have the children see who can
draw the best Santa Claus. This will
afford much pleasure for the littlefolks.
(Copyright, 1912, by W. G. Chapman.)

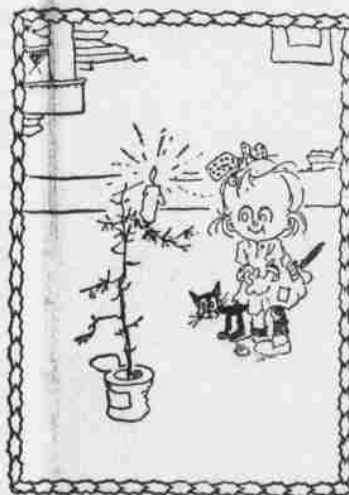
A Brooklyn bride has advertised
that she will not be responsible for
her husband's debts. Ten to one she's
an actress.

Norway is now starting to manufac-
ture nitrogen from the air. In the
midst of peace we are surrounded by
dangers.

That man who wants to know
whether the years 2000, 4000, 8000 and
12000 will be leap years, should wait
and see.

Mexican federal soldiers made a
mistake and fought themselves. They
ought to change their brand of re-
freshment.

ONE THING LACKING.



"Oh, Kitty! If we only had a piece
of candy to put on it, wouldn't it be
just lovely!"



Christmas Suggestions

If you want an exceptional gift—something dif-
ferent—be sure and see the assortment at

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Condensed Report of Condition of

The First National Bank

of Belen, New Mexico

at the close of business December 16, 1912, as made to the
Comptroller of the Currency

RESOURCES	LIABILITIES
Loans & Discounts, \$165,827.26	Capital Stock 25,000.00
Overdrafts, 472.01	Surplus & Profits 25,534.11
U. S. Bonds & Prem. 26,492.66	Circulation 25,000.00
Five per cent. Fund 1,250.00	Taxes Unpaid 728.50
Building, Furniture and Fixtures 7,182.90	DEPOSITS 191,975.25
Real Estate 600.00	
Cash and Exchange 67,013.63	
Total 263,227.86	Total 268,237.86

Correct:—

L. C. BECKER, Cashier.

O. N. THOMPSON

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PERSONAL

J. M. Lee came down from Grants to spend Sunday with his family.

Mrs. Jud Hall gave a dinner in honor of Miss Spencer Sunday evening.

Miss Lillie Sylvestre will arrive today to take part in the annual Santa Fe dance.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Gurule from "Madrone" were visitors in the city Saturday.

"Everybody's doing it," taking lessons for the Xmas dance on Sunday.

Mrs. John Becker, Jr., entertained in honor of Miss Spencer last Friday evening.

Herbert Goebel and wife have taken rooms in J. M. Lee's house, moving in last Saturday.

S. S. Service and family are back from their trip to Oregon, where they went to visit relatives.

Dr. W. H. Smith, of Hondo, Texas, is here to spend Christmas with his sister, Mrs. John Becker, Jr.

Henry Davidson, who has been in Silver City the past three months, is expected home to celebrate Xmas with the folks.

Miss Bessie Matthews and M. H. Tate were married at Albuquerque last Thursday. They will make their home in Belen.

Mrs. O. P. Mallow and daughter, Miss Grace, of McKinney, Texas, are the guests of the family.

Mrs. P. C. Lentz and children are expected to arrive from Socorro this morning to spend Christmas with the editor and family.

Ferry Becker is home from Colorado Springs, Colorado, where he has been attending school, to spend his holiday vacation with his family.

The porter at Hoffman's Barber Shop took an overdose of medicine Sunday and only for the quick action of Dr. Dempsey, by the use of artificial respiration was his life saved.

The new road to the river bridge will look like some of the good road work soon have a number of roads which will be a credit to any state.

Mrs. Leo J. Geimer, of Chicago, Illinois, who has been visiting her son, Lawrence B. Geimer and family, left Monday night for her eastern home, after having spent a most pleasant fortnight here.

At the drawing at Goebel's on Monday, Mrs. C. L. Eaker was awarded the horse and surrey, holding the lucky number, 1992, while Mrs. Fink who held No. 1445 on the big doll, was awarded the prize.

Mrs. Grace Stroup and children arrived from La Junta, Colorado, Tuesday night, for a week's visit with her brother, Harvey Baber, here. Later Mrs. Stroup will proceed to Chandler, Oklahoma, to visit her mother.

About four or five inches of snow fell on Saturday night, which was followed by cooler weather, Monday morning being exceptionally cold. The thermometer showed moderating weather all day long, the snow melting quite rapidly.

The Tango.
If you wish to see this popular dance, attend the Xmas dance December 25th at the Commercial Club, only \$1.

The Band boys offer you a good time at the Masquerade Ball, Wednesday night, December 31. Will you be there?

The Belen News—\$2.00 a year.

SANTA FE FIRST

We should worry! It will happen next month.

Joe Voelker is still batching. Ask him how he likes his beans.

Manager Fink of the Harvey House will be real Santa Claus on Christmas Day.

L. B. Geimer and family spent Monday evening inspecting Xmas in Albuquerque.

L. E. Simpson, car timekeeper, and wife, will spend Xmas in the large city of Vaughn.

Will some one please present Mr. Bowland with a bottle of Catsup for Christmas?

Santa Claus is coming early this year. For evidence ask the Division Foreman's office.

The official thermometer at the Santa Fe depot registered 4 below zero Monday morning.

R. G. Sutherland, assistant bonus supervisor spent a day in Belen the first of the week.

Dick—Would you be hurt if I kissed you?

Nelly—There's an accident hospital close by.

DIARY FOR CHRISTMAS GIFT

Peculiar but Pleasant Remembrance Showing Absent Friend Was in Mind of Donor.

On Thanksgiving day a man sat down and began to write to a distant friend. But he wrote only a few lines, and laid it aside. The next day he took up the pen, put down the new date, diary-fashion, and wrote some item of news of interest to them both.

So each day from Thanksgiving till Christmas he added something to the letter, as he would in a diary, ending and mailing it just in time to reach his friend on Christmas morning. At the top he had written this message:

"This is all the gift you get from me this year; but it carries more thought of you and more love, I imagine, than do some more costly ones I am sending. But just put it in your pocket for a dull January day. It will keep."

And this was a letter from a man to a man: Damon and Pythias, David and Jonathan still live in our prosaic American business world—Mother's Magazine.

Just a Warning.
If you are going to spend the Christmas holidays with the family of your small niece and nephew, don't forget to make the youngsters a present of a drum and trumpet.

A laborer in a Connecticut town recently dug up an iron pot filled with pieces of eight. Must have been buried by a salesman of wooden nutmegs.

Some toys are so expensive that it is more economical to set the children up in housekeeping and railroadings than to buy the imitation articles.

Between the peace assemblies and war preparations the poor dove of peace, like the perplexed congressman, wants to know where it is at.

Holiday Excursions



Account Christmas and New Years Holidays the Santa Fe will have a special rate of one and one-third the first class one way fare for the round trip, to all points on the Santa Fe in New Mexico. Also low rates to points in other states.

Dates of Sale
December 23, 24, 25, 31, and January 1, 1914

Final return limit January 5
For further particulars see Ticket Agent

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Xmas Candies and McDonald's Chocolates in special boxes for gifts at Buckland Bros.

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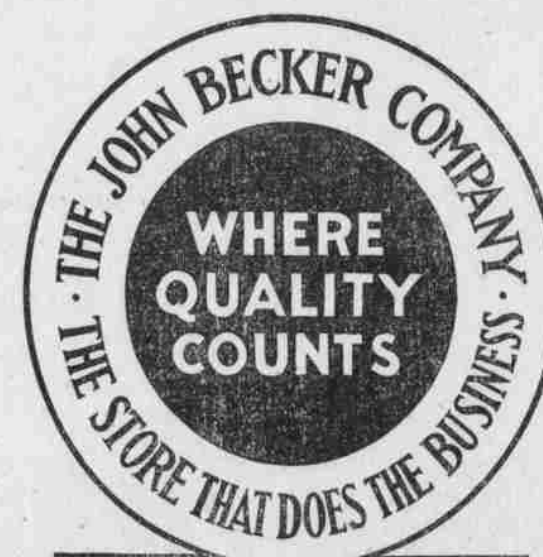
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