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The Carlsbad Current

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR.

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 24, 1915.

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VILLA LOSES IN MEX.

AMERICAN RAILROAD MAN SLAIN BY BULLET FIRED FROM ACROSS RIO GRANDE.

El Paso and Southwestern Car Inspector on Duty in Yards Near River Bank Deliberately Murdered by Mexican Cavalrymen.

General Pershing Rushes United States Troops to Scene and Lodges Protest With Carranza Consul; Villa's Whoreabouts Still Unknown.

Jaurez stores were looted yesterday morning by armed Mexican soldiers, who also robbed American passengers on a street car, murdered a Japanese merchant in his store, and then capped their rioting by deliberately firing across the river and killing George A. Diepert, car inspector for the E. P. & S. W. railway, as he stood on a freight car near the El Paso Milling company's plant on the edge of the Rio Grande east of the Stanton street bridge. The looting took place shortly before noon, and Diepert was killed about 3 o'clock. As a result of Diepert's death, General Pershing, commander of the Eighth brigade, has lodged a strong protest with Carranza Consul Andres G. Garcia, with instructions that it be forwarded to the Jaurez commanders.

Wanton Murder of American.

According to General Pershing, who had the affair investigated, six Mexican cavalrymen of the Jaurez garrison rode down the river bank and opened fire when they saw Diepert and a companion, W. C. Bentley, on the freight cars across the river. Neither of the Americans were struck at the first volley. They started to climb down the car, but the Mexicans fired a second volley and Diepert was hit in the back. He died before physicians could reach him. Bentley escaped unharm. Mexicans then hurried away from the vicinity. No arrests have been made yet in connection with the killing. Diepert was 32 years of age and came here last month from Raton, N. M. He resided on Myrtle avenue and is survived by a widow and a baby child. He was a member of the B. of L. E.

Troops Sent to River Bank.

Two companies of the Sixth infantry were rushed to the river and posted at the international bridges, while the Sixteenth Infantry and the remainder of the Sixth were ordered to be held in readiness for instant action. Captain Henry C. Bonnycastle and Lieutenant K. S. Gregory, with E and G companies of the Sixth, are on duty at the river. At 9 o'clock last night General Pershing, accompanied by Mayor Lea, made a trip of inspection along the river front. Police are also stationed at the bridges and four deputy sheriffs under Deputy James Newton have been assigned to watch the footbridges at the El Paso smelter.

Hundreds Participate in Looting.

Nearly 100 soldiers took part in the looting and rioting which began about 11 o'clock yesterday morning. Thirty of them entered George C. Morrow's "Aztec" curio store on the main street of Jaurez and, despite Morrow's protest, took \$50 in gold and \$200 in Mexican silver. Then they broke the cases containing cigars and cigarettes. A big safe in the store contained \$1,000 but the looters were unable to force it open.

Looter Shot by Officer.

While the robbery was in progress General Gregorio Ortiz passed along the sidewalk and commanded the soldiers to desist. Most of them did, but one hurled an insulting word at the officer, who drew his pistol and shot the offender. The bullet struck the soldier in the head. He was taken to the hospital and was still alive last night. This incident put an effective halt on the looting game.

Civilian Summary Executed.

Juan Martin, a civilian, who joined the looters at Morrow's store, was placed under arrest by General Ortiz' order to a passing squad of infantry. He was marched to the rear of the customs house, stood against a wall and executed without any preliminaries.

Little shops and restaurants owned by Japanese in the neighborhood of the city plaza suffered the most from the rioters. A dozen places were entered and robbed. In one of the stores, owned by Siori Murra, the soldiers became angered at his refusal to give them money. They unsling their

guns and shot him dead as he protested to them. "La Barrellita," a small saloon in the plaza district, was robbed of money and liquors. This liquor caused most of the trouble that followed, as the rioters drank until most of them were intoxicated.

Street Car Passengers Robbed.

The robbery of the street car passengers took place about 12 o'clock. The car, containing a number of American passengers, was standing at the customs house corner, when a Mexican appeared half a block away, pursued by half a dozen soldiers. This Mexican, according to witness, was Alfonso Garcia, former mayor of Jaurez. He was being pursued by the rioters, it is reported, because they supposed he could pay them back wages which were overdue. Garcia gained the waiting car, with the soldiers behind him. Several laid hands on him and took what money he possessed, while the others turned to the passengers.

Carmen Battle With Mob.

Motorman C. A. Griffith and Conductor W. E. Lunsford fought off the mob and prevented most of them from boarding the street car. Several passengers were forced at the point of pistols to give up their money. An attempt was made to get Conductor Lunsford's watch, but it failed. The car then made a quick run to El Paso. Yarmaster W. E. Andrews of the Mexico Northwestern railway, reported to Lieutenant Martin Schallenberg, of the provost guard at the bridge that he was held up and robbed when he entered Morrow's store while it was being looted by the soldiers. A gold watch and some money were taken from him.

Car Service Resumed.

Street car service to Jaurez was stopped as soon as news of the robbery reached this side, but was resumed again at about 4 o'clock in the afternoon and continued until midnight.

While the rioting was at its height, Mrs. F. D. Edwards, wife of the American consul in Jaurez, telephoned to Andres G. Garcia, Mexican consul here and suggested that a payment of money to the rioters would quell the disturbance. She reported that she had heard three high officers had gone out and tried to reason with the mutineers but vainly, because the men were determined to get something for the money due them. Consul Edwards is in the east at present, and his wife took her husband's duties upon herself.

No Attempt to Steal Racehorses. Although no attempt was made to steal horses at the Jaurez track, the races were called off for the day. Accel from the track during the afternoon and evening, no sign of a movement against that place was in evidence. The races will be held today as usual.

Order Restored in Afternoon.

Fifty or sixty soldiers who took part in the general rioting were arrested during the afternoon and locked up in various barracks. How their cases will be disposed of is not known, but so far none have been executed. Several hundred picked men were detailed by the officers to police the town and prevent any recurrence of the looting and disorder. All other soldiers were dismissed and their rifles were locked up, the keys being retained by officers.

General Pershing gave orders last night to the officers at the bridges not to permit Americans to cross to Jaurez. Especial passes signed by the general were necessary to secure passage to the other side of the border. During the afternoon a large number of Jaurez citizens, alarmed by the disorders, came to El Paso, but by nightfall the panic had subsided and many had returned to their homes. Early last night the streets of the Mexican city were crowded with unarmed soldiers, officers and civilians.

NOTICE TO SCHOOL CHILDREN.

In poultry contests we will furnish R. C. R. L. R. eggs for hatching at \$2.00 per 15 and guarantee 9 chicks. This fall we will give \$5.00 cash prize for cockerel winning first and \$5.00 for pullet winning first from our stock. The eggs will be from our first prize pen. We will help you. Your club show should be held about October 1.

HART & MULLANE.

Ralph Thayer and Oliver Shattuck are spending a few days in town coming Wednesday.



ALTHOUGH we live in Gungy-wamp.

Which isn't on the map. An', thou u our town hez settled down

To take its winter nap. Our thoughts go out to friends afar. Friends north, south, east an' west

We hope an' pray this Christmas day Will be their happiest

We live here quiet on the farm.

Irene an' ma an' me; We have two pens uv noisy hens

An' cats, no less'n three! We raise our garden sassa an' sich,

Make cider ev'ry fall; Wish we could git a cask uv it

Out to you, one an' all

We ain't no hands for style an' sich. But we jest want say We'll use you white by day or night

El you should come our way. Accept this greetin', which is full Uv good ol' Gungy cheer

An' peace, good will an' joy until We see you all next year!

-Joe Cone.

ATROCITIES IN MEXICO.

Secretary Lansing Promises Monsignor Kelly That Measures Shall Be Taken to Put An End to Abuses.

Washington, Dec. 20.—Secretary Lansing, of the state department, today received a protest by Monsignor Francis Kelly, of Chicago, charging systematic persecution of the clergy in Mexico, authorized by government officials since the recognition by the United States of the Carranza government. Monsignor Kelly said the secretary had promised efforts toward improvement in the situation.

Monsignor Kelly who was accompanied to the department by the Rev. Thomas Shannon, of Chicago, charged

A DEPENDABLE STORE.

The Current reporter stepped into the Horne store the other day and was surprised to note the immense stock, in comparison with the small store carried a few years ago by the Merriam store which the Horne store succeeded and being of an inquisitive turn proceeded to investigate the cause of such a growth. It is not generally known, but the class of goods kept in a store is the secret of growth. Only the other day we overheard a person say: "I got these shoes at Horne's a year ago and did not ex-mo-nish, for, the last pair I got at another store for some less looked as good when I got them and they gave out in less than half the time". It is so with all the goods of the Horne store. They are dependable and people once making the discovery that the goods will wear have no compunction or fear that they will be called down by their friends when recommending the Horne store as a dependable place to trade. With the motto to give the best that money can buy at a reasonable profit Mr. Horne commenced three years ago and has built up such a permanent trade among the best people that his stock has doubled and then doubled again. The oldest customers are the ones who buy with the least persuasion and they are frequently surprised to find the immense and complete stock carried in dry goods as well as ready to wear in both ladies and gents suits, and all other classes of goods.

George Adams came in from the ranch the first of the week and is spending the holidays in Texas, going south Tuesday morning. No doubt to Fort Stockton.

Mrs. Tom Jones was in from the ranch Saturday doing her Christmas shopping. She said she left master Gordon home to run the ranch.

Mrs. Mary James is very ill with la grippe taking a severe cold last week that has resulted in her present condition. Mrs. E. Hendricks has also been confined to her bed with a rising Dr. P. J. Smith, veterinary surgeon and dentist. Inquire at Corner Drug Store.

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A GOOD TEACHER



A Wish For the Holiday Season

THINE own wish wish I thee in every place. The Christmas joy, the song, the feast, the cheer; Thine be the light of love in every face

That looks on thee to bless thy coming year My own wish wish I thee—what dost thou crave? All thy dear hopes be thine, whatever they be A wish fulfilled may make thee king or slave I wish thee wisdom's eyes wherewith to see Behold, she stands and waits, the youth, full year! A breeze of morning breathes about her brow, She holds the storm and sunshine, bliss and fear, Blossoms and fruit upon the bending boughs She brings thee gifts What blessing wilt thou choose? Life's crown of good in earth or heaven above? The one immortal joy thou canst not lose To love! Leave all the rest and choose that love

-Gail Thomas

The SOUTH'S CHRISTMAS AFTER the WAR

ON a typical plantation the first Christmas after the war came gloomily indeed, writes Mary E. Bryan in Uncle Remus Magazine. A number of the negroes still inhabited the old "quarter," but they were too demoralized and unsettled in mind to work. The cotton crop had been a failure and old debts had swallowed up the proceeds. No boxes and barrels containing good things for Christmas had been rolled from the plantations upon the plantation trading, as in better times. But Christmas morning there was the old chorus, "Merry Christmas" under the window.

The master of the house flung open the window impatiently and called out, "There's no Christmas for you here; you will have to make your own Christmas now. An old pattern of the tribe stepped forward and bowed his gray head. We've brought it, Christmas 'membrance for master and mistress, please, sah," he said. They went in then. Each had a gift and hid it on the table in silence. One brought a dressed chicken, another a dozen eggs, and the patriarch brought a basket of hickory nuts, and a basket of acorns were among the offerings.

When their gifts were deposited they started to the door, when the man of the house, after a moment's consideration, called them back and thanked them. The children poured out the contents of their Santa Claus stockings to share with the visitors, and the house mother brought out a jug of homemade white.

There was a little Christmas cheer after all. The heart feeling melted away. Even heart responded to the prayer uttered by the negro leader when he was departing. "The Lord bless you and your family, niggers, and be us top feel as 'eck rich' as you can be niggers."

Mrs. John Wesley from Loving and little daughter, Alice, were in town Wednesday. Alice was pleased to see old Santa Claus and had many questions to ask on her journey home.

Fred Schermayer was in town a few days the latter part of last week, loading up his wagon with good things and climbing the hills to his ranch again on the mountains Monday.

Christmas at Christ's Birthplace

AT last I am come to the market place, at one end of which stands the Church of the Nativity, marking the holy, lowly birthplace, says a writer in Army and Navy Life. There is only one entrance from the street, and it is so low that in entering one is forced to bow the head and assume a posture of reverence. When one inside I raise my eyes I feel the hushes wet.

The ceiling is lofty, the walls white-washed and bare, while the ancient dark beams and rafters add to the air of extreme simplicity. There are long rows of marble pillars, once adorned with paintings that are all but faded now, and of the once glittering mosaics of the clerestory only fragments remain. Coming into the choir and apse, the scene is suddenly changed. There are numerous altars of diverse ownership under a constant and jealous guardianship of Latin, Greek and Armenian. Over these various claims there has been much and bitter dissension; blood has been spilled more than once. In fact, as all the world knows, the Crimean war began with a mob riot in the Church of the Nativity—sacrilege of sacrilege!—and here was born the Prince of Peace!

Down the dark and winding stairs, slippery with the drippings of count-



BEND LOW AND KISS THE GROUND FOR CHRISTMAS.

less candles, I make my way to that lovely place into which first came the light of the world. The groto of the Nativity is a cavern beneath the church, long, narrow and low ceiled, with pointed, unadorned, peccious metal and rare workmanship lighting the gloom. The floor is marble, and wonderful tapestries, pictures and silk hangings cover the walls. A marble cradle in one corner commemorates the infancy, and in a niche on one side a lotus of more glowing lamps are ranged around a little table.

Before the altar three all men bend low and kiss the ground for Christ's sake, for it is here a silver star is set to mark the birthplace of him whom his mother called Jesus. The center of the star is black, and through it one may see the original rock of the stable. To the north of the groto underneath the floor one may also see the cave in which St. Joseph spent many peaceful years transmuting the Bible into Latin.

The effect of the whole is impressive, but in an unimpressive way. I am conscious of a feeling that is almost resentment against the lamps and tapestries and the marble floor. They seem to veil to the cheapness of worldly riches a spot that of all places on earth should have been allowed to remain tranquilly humble and dimly sacred, true to the character of its holy, transcendent mystery.

I close my eyes for a moment, while mind and heart rebel against the presence of the past in all its deep and wondrous mystery, centers to envelop my soul. "I am here, in Bethlehem," I whisper to myself, and beyond closed lids I see the Virgin mother with her simple face as the real mystery loved to shroud her and a light that never was no that of sun, to her beautiful, sweet eyes, while the glory from one low-begging star shines a light's hair. The faintest scent of new hay is in the air. I hear the soft tread of a young child and above the murmur of voices I hear the voice of the Magi is heard. "O, we have seen a star in the east and are come to worship him."

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TRUTONS RESUME TRAFFIC ON DANUBE.

Resumption of Steamship Service Opens Rumania Grain Market to Central Powers.

Berlin, Dec. 19.—The resumption of steam boat travel on the Danube is an event of much economic importance for German and Austria-Hungary. That river is in peace times the great highway for freight traffic between Rumania and Bulgaria on the one side and the central powers on the other; and by far the greater part of the foreign trade of the two little Danube kingdoms has been with their big western neighbors. But river traffic has been entirely suspended since the war broke out and this for two causes. Not only did Serbia put mines into the river, but the Russians sank several old vessels in the narrow channel of the Iron Gate just below the Hungarian frontier. This wholly stopped the export of grain from Bulgaria to Germany and the Dual Monarchy, and also greatly restricted shipments from Rumania as well. Some shipments by rail were made from Rumania, indeed, but not only were the railroads quite inadequate for the traffic offered, but the Rumanian government pursued a policy which appeared to be dictated by the wish to check shipments.

Shipments Hampered

The government apparently believed that Germany and its ally were placed in a position of dependence upon Rumania for grain supplies; hence it was disposed to drive a hard bargain with them. Not only were export duties on grain introduced but special fees for placing freight cars at the disposal of shippers were charged. In consequence of this policy the greater part of the grain available for export from the 1914 crop was left in the country and is still there. Only recently after the Serbian campaign was well advanced did the Rumanian government see that its system of squeezing the trade for all that could be got out of it could no longer be maintained; and about a week before the Germans and Austrians effected a junction with the Bulgarian troops the Bucharest authorities began to relax the onerous burdens upon the exportation of grain and other agricultural products. In view of the harsh measures enforced by Rumania, however, there is now a strong disposition in Germany and Austria to buy no Rumanian grain at all and to buy from Bulgaria instead, but doubtless the traffick will come around to taking Rumanian grain without objections as soon as it is offered on equal terms with Bulgarian.

Large Crop on Hand

The supplies to be obtained from those two countries are far larger than in fact, thus Germany and her ally are likely to find. Here in Germany the fact has been established through official inquiry that the stock of grain in the country is ample for feeding the population; hence there is no need for buying abroad for bread making purposes. On the other hand a big addition to the grain supply will come in very acceptably, as it can be fed to livestock and thus in-

crease the meat supply.

Rumania produces about 6,500,000 tons of grain, of which about 3,000,000 tons represent corn, 2,300,000 tons wheat and the rest is chiefly barley. Nearly half of the crop has hitherto been exported. The amount now available for export, however, is believed to be at least 5,000,000 tons, after about two-thirds of last year's exportable surplus was left in the country through the government's restrictive measures. In Bulgaria, according to official estimates, there will be about 1,000,000 tons of grain for export from this year's crop, of which about 200,000 tons represent corn and the rest chiefly wheat, and besides these amounts there are about 400,000 tons of corn and barley left in the country from the 1914 crop. There is thus a possible supply of some 6,500,000 tons (or more than 225,000,000 bushels) in the two countries for Germany and Austria to draw from.

Bulgaria Has Other Foods.

Other food stuffs can also be obtained from Bulgaria. Before its recent period of wars began the country was exporting about \$5,000,000 worth of animals and meats yearly, and it is expected that considerable quantities of butter and eggs will not be exported to Germany. The resumption of traffic on the Danube will also bring Germany into trade relations with the Turks again. The importance to Germany of this connection is evident from the fact that Turkey's exports of raw materials amounted before the war to nearly \$110,000,000 and those of food products to about \$135,000,000.

RELEASED PRISONER SUES WARDEN OF N. M. STATE PRISON

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 21.—Vollie C. Musgrave, who was released from the state penitentiary on October 26, after serving a five year term for horse stealing in Chaves county, has filed suit for \$45,000 damages in the district court here against the warden, John B. McManus. Musgrave alleges inhuman treatment, claiming he was beaten with a wooden paddle while strapped over a barrel, confined in a dungeon, and exposed to disease, his health being permanently impaired.

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ADVANCE ON TURKS' CAPITAL IS ENDED.

While Object of Expedition Into Gallipoli May be Accomplished Yet in Some Other Manner. Withdrawal Marks Relinquishment of Program.

London, Dec. 20.—The announcement of the British withdrawal from Gallipoli overshadowed all other war news tonight. For the British public the abrupt war office statement marks the end of one of the great chapters of the war's history.

The shock of the news was hardly broken by the fact that rumors had been current in the street for some days and the withdrawal of the forces had been a matter of widespread pro and con discussion ever since Lord Hibleddale's famous speech in parliament in which he declared that withdrawal had been recommended by a high military authority.

Relief and Regret.

The feeling of the man in the street was generally one of relief mixed with regret. A popular half penny paper sums up the British public's attitude as follows:

"Thus ends the enterprise on which the highest hopes were built and which if it had succeeded, would probably have turned the tide of the war. Our troops from the first to the last were within a few miles of victory."

The policy underlying the Dardanelles expedition may yet be carried to a successful issue in some other quarter of the Near East, but the prospect of forcing a way to Constantinople through the famous straits, is apparently relinquished.

British troops continue to occupy the tip of the peninsula at Seddul Bahy, commanding the entrance to the straits where many British have declared a new Gibraltar will one day arise. The position here is protected by a double line of ships and it is assumed this will be held.

Other Fronts Quiet.

A fair degree of quiet has continued on the war fronts during the last twenty-four hours and none of the oft repeated threats of a big offensive in France in Russia, and in the Balkans has yet actually materialized.

Persistent reports of a Greek-Bulgarian encounter, resulting from a Bulgarian surprise attack have been cleared up by the Greek statement that the encounter took place in Albanian territory. No one was killed and few were wounded. Order was restored promptly and an amicable inquiry is proceeding.

It is announced from Paris that no enemy detachment has yet crossed the Greek frontier. Meanwhile work on the defensive lines around Saloniki is being actively pushed and the Greek villages in the neighborhood of the lines are being crowded by the population.

Greek military circles declare they are convinced that the forces opposing the allies will not attempt to cross the frontier, the Bulgars because they realize the danger of provoking Greece, the Germans because they realize the tremendous cost which the enterprise would entail.

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ALLIES LOST GREATEST CHANCE AFTER THEIR FIRST ATTACK

Vienna, Dec. 20.—Had the allied fleet returned to its attack upon the Dardanelles, batteries on the day after the great bombardment of March 19, last the waterway to Constantinople would have been surely forced in the opinion of a number of artillery officers of the defense works near Tachanek Kale, expressed to the Associated Press correspondent, who has just come from the Dardanelles front to Vienna.

One of the principle batteries had for three of its large caliber guns just four armor-piercing shells each when night ended the tremendous effort of the British and French fleet, it appeared. For the fourth gun, five shells were left, making for the entire battery a total of 17 projectiles of the sort which the aggressor had to fear.

Prepared to Depart.

During the evening of March 18, the Associated Press correspondent talked to several artillery officers from the battery in question.

"Better pack up and be ready to quit at daybreak," said one of them. "Why?" he was asked.

"Oh! They are sure to get in tomorrow!"

Then the officer said his reasons. He was so sure that the British and French would return in the morning to finish their task that there was no question in his mind as to the propriety of discussing the ammunition matter.

"We'll hold out well enough to make them think that there is no end to our supply of ammunition," he said. "But it can't be done if they go about their work in real earnest. With our heavy pieces useless, they can reduce the batteries on the other shore without trouble. The case looks hopeless. You had better take my advice."

The allied fleet evidently was not inclined to risk more such losses as those of the previous day when the Bouvet, Irresistible and Ocean went down, and five other ships were badly damaged. And yet, with only the eleven remaining ships it appears from the Turkish admissions that the Dardanelles could have been forced on March 19.

Information System Failed.

Although the British information system in this field of operations was efficient, it must have failed in this instance, for it seems certain that with seventeen shells the battery in question would have been easily disposed of, a channel could have been made through the mine field and the way to Constantinople would have been open.

TURKEY ABLE TO FURNISH GERMANY NEEDED SUPPLIES

Question One of Transportation Only. Says Prominent Young Turk. Which Already is Nearly Solved.

Berlin, Dec. 21. (via London, 12:35 p. m.)—"Turkey has an abundance of foods and other material of all kinds which she can supply to Germany if needed," said Dr. Nazim Bey, secretary of the Young Turks committee and one of Turkey's most prominent men, in a statement to the Associated Press on his arrival in Berlin today. "It is only a question of transportation, which seems to be in a fair way of solution. For example we have 30,000,000 kilograms of cotton which Germany can have the moment she solves the transportation problem, not to speak of 10,000,000 kilograms of reserve supply.

"The same is true of copper, of which we have at least 40,000,000 kilograms.

Dr. Nazim Bey predicted eventual victory for the central powers.

"Such a success will mean independence for Turkey for the first time," he continued. "Turkey is enthusiastic for a number of reasons. First, she has never fought previously under such favorable conditions. Second, the thought of eventual independence stimulates the troops tremendously. Third, the soldiers are spurred on by hatred of their enemies. This hatred is engendered by illegal acts. The Turks regard the allies as real barbarians."

Dr. Nazim Bey spoke calmly except when the subject of the world's impression of Turkish-Armenian relations was brought up. Of this he talked in bitter words. America in particular, he said, had gained a false impression. "Every time a Turk does something praiseworthy in this world he is hailed as an Armenian," he continued, "but every time he commits a crime or acts basely he is a Turk—or something else."

Expressing himself as an ardent admirer of America and most things American, and declaring Turkey needed the trade of the United States even more than of Germany, Dr. Nazim Bey nevertheless asserted the delivery of ammunition by Americans to the allies had greatly estranged the two peoples.

Every Woman Should Know

There are three entirely different kinds of baking powder, namely:

- (1) Cream of tartar, derived from grapes;
- (2) Alum, a mineral acid; and
- (3) Phosphate of Lime.

(1) Baking Powders made of Cream of Tartar add to the food the same healthful qualities that exist in the ripe grapes from which Cream of Tartar is derived.

(2) Baking Powders made of Alum add to the food some form of Alum or Aluminum, a heavy metal, wholly foreign to any natural article of food.

(3) Phosphate of Lime is made from rock or by burning bones which by chemical action are changed into a white, powdered acid. It is used in baking powder only because it is a cheaper substitute.

A Cream of Tartar powder never contains Alum or Phosphate.

Every housekeeper should read the names of the ingredients printed on the label and know what she is using.

DR. PRICE'S CREAM BAKING POWDER Made from Cream of Tartar

CATHOLIC HIGHER EDUCATION.

Our Methodist friends who, some years ago, were wont to criticize Catholics for maintaining schools of their own in which religion might be taught are now keenly alive to the necessity of religious education. Boston university, a Methodist institution, proposes to open a department off the training of religious teachers. The need of this department is thus stated by the university:

"The future welfare of our country depends upon the religious education of the coming generation. If our boys and girls are to grow up to trustworthy unselfish and morally efficient citizens they must learn how to take God into account. The teacher of religion has been removed from the public schools. The average home does not provide for it. Hence upon the Sunday school falls practically the entire responsibility for the religious training of the young men. The Protestant church is now losing over 50 per cent of her young people, because it has not yet developed an adequate system of religious education."

Of course, this Methodist proposal is not quite what Catholics believe to be the effective way to teach religion to the young. The Sunday school, with its hour or so a week, does not and cannot provide proper religious training. But it is significant to note that thoughtful Methodists admit that because it has not developed an adequate system of religious education the Protestant church is now losing over 50 per cent of her young people. The Catholic schools largely explain the strength of the Catholic church here and in every land where Catholicism is

in a flourishing state. for the Catholic school is a certain preservative of the Catholic faith. Non-Catholics are gradually coming to the belief that the Catholic attitude on education is the wise one. Catholic parents may, therefore, consider that the sacrifices they have made to conduct their own school have been well worth while.

In point of efficiency the Catholic school is the equal of any in the land. Frequently the past year we have chronicled triumphs of pupils of Catholic schools over those of other schools. As the Catholic grade school is unsurpassed, so is the Catholic academy and the Catholic college without a superior. The secular colleges are often danger zones to the faith of the Catholic student. Naturally Catholic parents do not want their children in places where their religious belief may be jeopardized by the atmosphere or by the teaching or example of irreligious professors. The safe and sane course for Catholic parents to follow then is to enter their sons and daughters into Catholic colleges, where religion is not ignored, but where it is safeguarded. They will come out as well equipped, so far as secular knowledge is concerned, as if they had attended any so-called great nonsectarian college in the country, and, in addition, they will possess the priceless gift of faith and will be ever ready and able to defend their Catholicity.—Catholic News.

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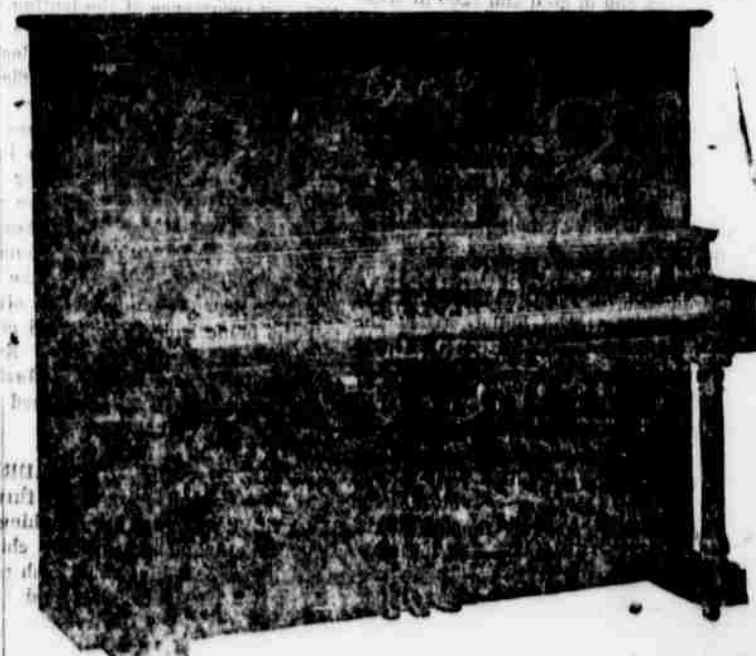
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SYNOPSIS.

Brick Willock, highwayman, saves one Shadware and a baby girl from being murdered by his fellow outlaws on the western plains.

Willock flees to the mountains and hides to escape the wrath of the outlaws he had outwitted. He learns that some one has discovered his hiding place.

Red Feather, an Indian chief, brings Willock a little white girl, named Lahoma, and instructs him to take care of her. He says her father is living with Indians.

The girl is taken across country by Willock to visit Bill Atkins, and later she makes her first trip to a real town.

Willock recognizes her as the daughter of a woman who had died and was buried near by. He begins to teach Lahoma correct English.

A young man, Wilfred Compton, visiting at a ranch, gets an accidental glimpse of Lahoma and becomes interested in her. The girl is now fifteen years old.

Compton afterward visits Willock and is finally allowed to meet and talk with Lahoma. They become vastly entertained by one another's company.

Compton leaves and goes to another section of the country as a prospector, where he hopes to make his fortune. Willock and Atkins join forces. Compton later returns.

Lahoma is sent to a city to get education and training. Compton is heart broken at not being able to see her. Red Feather appears on the scene once more.

Lahoma writes a long letter. One of the men she meets is Gladware, her step father, but she does not know of the relationship. He is a enemy of the outlaw type.

Lahoma sends a warning to Willock that Red Kimball, one of the outlaws with whom Willock formerly operated, has sworn to kill him and has started on his way to do so. She adds that Gladware is in dread of something the Indian, Red Feather, may do to him.

Red Feather attacks Gladware and almost kills him. Lahoma learns that Gladware has married the Indian's daughter and is now a prospector. Willock and Atkins join forces. Compton later returns.

Kimball and two other men are killed. Willock is wounded. Gladware is injured. Willock is injured. Willock is injured.

Red Kimball and the remainder of the old outlaw gang are seen by Lahoma and Willock on their way to kill Willock. A terrific storm, a Texas north, overtakes Lahoma and Willock.

The citizens are enraged at Willock, believing him to be a murderer. A mob gathers. Lahoma makes a speech in a desperate effort to save him from arrest. She describes his worthy deeds.

CHAPTER XVI.

"Will you marry me?"

FOR hours Wilfred sat opposite, staring at Lahoma's worn face, pathetic in its youthful roundness, from which the bloom had vanished, wondering at her grace, beauty, helplessness and perfect faith in him. That faith revealed itself in every line of the form lying along the seat and spoke from the unconscious face from which the brown hair was outspread to dry.

How oddly her voice had sounded! How strange had been its accent when she said, "I never entered my mind that I was the little girl!" Had she been sorry for the thought to come? Did she think less of him because he had not remained true to Annabel?

Would it not have been far better to wait until reaching their destination before blating of love? Even while perplexed over these problems and while charmed by that appealing face, with the softly parted lips, by the figure that stirred in the rhythm of slumber, other thoughts, other objects weighed upon him—the two dead men, the dead horse just outside. One of those men might be Red Kimball.

Armed and watchful, Wilfred waited through the hours. When no longer able to bear the uncertainty he crept from the stage with the lantern and examined the recent scene of a furious struggle. There were only two slain—the driver and one of Red Kimball's companions. Either Kimball and his other comrade had escaped or had been captured. If any of the attacking party had fallen the bodies had been borne away. Bloodstains indicated that more than two had been shot. From that ghastly sight was a relief to find himself once more enclosed by the crotch walls with Lahoma so peacefully sleeping.

Once he fell into a doze from which he was startled by the impression that soft noises, not of wind or rain, were creeping over the earth. He sat erect, with the confused fancy that wolves were slinking among the wheels, were glaring up at the windows, were dragging away the corpses. The sudden movement of his hand as it grasped his pistol awoke Lahoma.

She opened her eyes wide, but did not lift her cheek from the arm that lay along the cushion. "There you are," she said, "just as I was dreaming."

He stretched not to be uneasy, but his ears strained to catch the meaning of those mysterious movements of the night. Her voice cut across the vague murmur of the open plain:

"You only came once?"

Although her eyes were wide, she was apparently but half awake. Not a muscle moved as she looked into his

face. "I thought," she murmured, "it was on account of Annabel."

"I went away because I loved you," he answered softly. "I promised Brick"



"There you are!" she said.

I'd go if I felt myself caring, and no body could help caring for you. That's why I left the country. Just as soon as we laughed together it happened. That's why I didn't come again."

"Yes," sighed Lahoma, as if it was not so hard to understand now.

"And that's why I've come back," he added. "Because I've kept on loving you."

"Yes," she sighed again. She closed her eyes and seemed to fall asleep. Perhaps it was a sort of knowing sleep that lost most of the world, but clung tenaciously to a few ideas. The noises of the night died away. Presently he heard her murmur as a little smile crept about the parted lips. "The cave's pretty big—there's more room than I thought."

When she was wide awake daylight had slipped through the windows. "Oh, Wilfred!" she exclaimed, sitting suddenly erect and putting her hands to her head mechanically. "Is—are we all right?"

"All right," said the young man cheerily. "There's a good deal of snow on the ground, but it was blown off the trail for the most part. Some friends have provided us with the means of going forward."

"We'll finish the sandwiches and melt some snow for water and then mount. Look see those two Indian ponies fastened to the tongue of the stage? They'll carry us to the next station like the wind."

She stared from the window, bewildered.

"I don't know any more about them than you," he answered her thoughts. "But there they are and here we are."

He said nothing about the bodies evidently carried away by those who had brought the ponies. "It's all a mystery—a mystery of the plains. I haven't unraveled the very first thread of it. What's the use? The western way is to take what comes, isn't it, whether no others or ponies? There's a much bigger mystery than all that filling my mind."

"What is that?"

"You."

She bent over the sandwich with heightened color. "Poor Brick!" she murmured, as if to divert his thoughts. But his sympathy just then was not for Brick.

"Lahoma, you said that this is a subject a man should bring up."

She looked at him brightly, still dashing. "Well?"

"I'm bringing it up, Lahoma."

"But we must be planning to save Brick from arrest."

"I'm hoping we'll get home in time. Note that I say home, Lahoma. I refer to the cave. I'm hoping we'll reach home in time to forestall Red Kimball. We've lost a great deal of time, but Brick doubtless is safely hiding. And when we get to the journey's end—Lahoma, do you know what naturally comes at the journey's end?"

"No."

"A marriage."

"I thought that was what you meant."

"Will you marry me at the journey's end?"

Lahoma turned very red and laid down the sandwich. Then she laughed. Then she started up. "Let's get on the ponies!" she cried.

The snow that morning lay in drifts

from five to eight inches across the trail and to the height of several feet up against those rock walls, raising, as on vast artificial tables, the higher stretches of the Kiowa country. But by noon the plain was scarcely streaked with white, and when the sun set there was nothing to suggest that a snowflake had ever fallen in that sand strewn world. When the rude cabins and hasty tents of the last stage station in Greer county showed dark and white against the horizon of a springlike morning Wilfred cried exultantly:

"The end of the journey!"

And Lahoma, suddenly showing in her cheeks all the roses that had opened in her dreams, repeated gayly, yet a little brokenly:

"The end of the journey!"

The end of the journey meant a wedding. The plains blossom with endless flower gardens and the mountains sing together when the end of the journey means a wedding.

Leaving Lahoma at the small new hotel, from whose boards the sun began boiling out resin as soon as it was well aloft, Wilfred hurried after a fresh horse to carry him at once to the cave, ten miles away. Warning must be given to Brick Willock first of all. Lahoma even had a wild hope that Brick might devise some means whereby he could attend the wedding without danger of arrest, but to Wilfred this seemed impossible.

He had gone but a few steps from the hotel when he came face to face with the sheriff of Greer county. Cutting short his old friend's outburst of pleasure—

"Look here, Mizzo," said Wilfred, drawing him aside from the curious throng on the sidewalk, "have you got a warrant against Brick Willock?"

Mizzo tapped his breast. "Here!" he said. "Know where he is?"

Wilfred sighed with relief. "At any rate, you don't!" he cried.

"No use riding over to the cave," remarked his friend, with a grin. "That is, unless you want to call on some friends of mine—deputies. They're lying in the dugout, just laying for Brick to show himself."

"But, Mizzo," expostulated Wilfred, "why are you taking so much trouble against my best friend? The warrant ought to be enough, and if you can't get a chance to serve it on him that's not your fault. Your deputies haven't any right in that cave, and I'm going to smoke 'em out!"

Mizzo, checked with a deprecating shake of his head. "See here, old tip," he murmured, "don't you say nothing about being Brick Willock's friend. The whole country is raised against him. Heard of them three bodies?"

Wilfred explained that he had just come to town.

"Well, good Lord, then, the pleasure I'm going to have in telling you something you don't know and something that's full of meat! Let's go where we can sit down, this air's not standing now."

The look, red faced sheriff started across the street without looking to see if he were followed.

He did not stop till he was in his room at the hotel. "Now," he said, locking the door, "sit down. Yes, you bet, I got a warrant against Brick Willock! It was sworn out by a fellow named Jeremiah Kimball. You know him as Red. The form's regular, charges weighty. Brick Willock was once a member of Red Kimball's gang. He's the only one that didn't come in to get his amnesty. See? Well, he killed Red's brother shot 'im. Gladware's coming on to witness it. Willock will claim he done the deed to save Gladware's life, his and his little gal's. But Gladware will show it was other wise. Red told me all about it. Brick's a murderer, and worst of all, he's a murderer without an amnesty—that's the only difference between him and Red. Well, old tip, I took my oath to do my duty. You know what that signifies."

"But there's no truth in all this rot. Brick had to shoot Kansas Kimball!"

"Well, let him show that in court. My business is to take him alive. Listen, if you'll believe me the stage that Red and his pals was in—coming here to swear out the warrant, they was—that stage was set on by this friend of yours. Yes, Brick has gathered together some of his old pals, and is a highwayman. Why he shot one of Red's witnesses, and he shot the driver!"

"I know something about that hot tip," cried Wilfred scornfully. "It must have been done by Indians."

"Red saw Brick among the gang. He recognized him. Well, Red and his other pal got on horses they cuts loose and comes like lightning and gets here and tells the story, and maybe you think this community ain't a roaring and celebrating and a-singing for blood. There'd be more excitement against Brick Willock if there was more community, but such as they is is concentrated."

"Mizzo, listen to reason. Don't you understand that Red wants revenge and has misrepresented this Indian at tick to tick with his other lies?"

"I wouldn't say nothing against Red, old tip. It ain't gentlemanly to call dead folk liars."

"Dead folk?" echoed Wilfred, starting up.

"I knowed you didn't understand that Red's off the trail forever. Mizzo nodded gently. "I knowed you wouldn't be accusing him so rancid had you been posted on his funeral!"

Wilfred felt a great relief, then a great wonder.

"Yes, he's dead. I don't say he's better off—I don't know—but I guess the world is. I don't like to ensure them that's departed. Brick Willock is still with us, and him the county can't say enough against. His life wouldn't be worth two bits if anybody laid eyes on 'im. Consider his high headed doings. Wasn't it enough in the past to

kill Red's brother, but what he must needs collect his pals, stop the stage-coach, and then on trying to get Red, and one of 'em the innocent driver? You say yes. But hold on. That ain't all he done. No, sir. The very next day after Red swore out that warrant—and it was yesterday, if you ask me—what he saw when we men of Mangum comes out of our doors? Three corpses lying on the sidewalk side by side. You say what corpses? Wait, I'm coming to that. One was that driver, one was the pard that got shot with the driver, the other was Red Kimball his own self."

"I knew the bodies had been carried away from the trail," exclaimed Wilfred in perplexity.

"But you didn't know they had been brought to town all this distance to be laid beside Red. You didn't know Red had been stabbed so he could be added too. You didn't know the three of them had been left on the street to rile up every man with blood in his veins. Why, Wilfred, it's an insult to the whole state of Texas. Such high-handed doings ain't to be bore. At Brick Willock don't want to be tried in court, is that an excuse for killing all that might witness against him? It might of been once. But we're determined to have a county of law abiding citizens. Such free living has got to be nipped in the bud or we'll have another No Man's Land. I am the—er—as sheriff of Greer county I am a—I am the angel of civilization, you may say."

(TO BE CONTINUED.)

ENGLISH QUIT STRAITS—LEAVE POSITION TAKEN AFTER HEAVY LOSS OF LIFE.

Troops at Sulva and Anzac Quietly Moved Without Losses and Almost Unknown to Turks; Perils of Location Cause for Departure From District.

MOVE CONSIDERED VICTORY FOR ARMS.

Commanding General and Navy Given Great Credit for Extricating Forces Without Heavy Losses; England is Much Relieved by Announcement.

London, Dec. 20. — The British troops at the Sulva and Anzac districts of the Gallipoli peninsula have been withdrawn. The following official statement was issued here today:

"All the troops at Sulva and Anzac, together with their guns and stores, have been successfully transferred with insignificant casualties to another sphere of operations."

"Further details of the evacuation of the Anzac and Sulva zones have been received," says the official statement. "With out the Turks being aware of the movement a great army has been withdrawn from one of the areas occupied on the Gallipoli peninsula, although in the closest of contact with the enemy. By this contraction of the front operations at other points of the line will be more effectively carried out."

"Sir Charles Monro gives great credit for this skillfully conducted transfer of forces to the general commanding and the royal navy."

Ends Disastrous Move.

"The withdrawal of the British troops from Sulva Bay and the Anzac zone ends more successfully than most military men thought possible, the most unfortunate chapter of the British arms in this war. Thousands of lives were sacrificed in gaining these positions and other thousands in holding them."

The question has been constantly discussed why the generals commanding the Dardanelles expedition did not try to make a landing near the center of the peninsula in the beginning and cut off the Turkish troops on the lower end. When the attempt was finally made to secure a foothold higher up on the peninsula, the Turks were fully prepared to meet it.

Moreover, the British arrangements lacked several essential features, particularly a supply of drinking water. The story has been revealed by soldiers and correspondents returning from the Mediterranean only gradually and by detail. One eye witness declared that after the first battalion landed the men were shot down so quickly that the watchers aboard the ships were asking, "Why don't our men advance?" and thought the troops were lying down awaiting orders. The soldiers found barbed wire entanglements stretching clear out under the water when they jumped from their small boats. To add to their sufferings, the supply of drinking water was very short.

Robert Blatchford, an author, in a newspaper article, yesterday, asserted:

"Many of these men died of thirst. There was no ice for the wounded. There was no place ashore, except in dugouts under the hillsides, where the men were never safe from the enemy's shell fire, night or day. Numbers were sent to Malta and England suffering from dysentery or nervous collapse."

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of commons, that the sufferings of the Irish troops on Gallipoli were the worst known in the present war.

An official announcement was made recently that the general responsible for the Sulva Bay operations had been removed from his command, but his identity is not yet known to the British public. Gen. Sir Charles C. Monro reported in favor of withdrawing the troops when he took command at the Dardanelles, but the popular belief, shared by military men here, was that thousands of soldiers could not be taken aboard the transports and effect complete withdrawal from their trenches without calamitous loss of life. The achievement must have been a difficult one and the country is relieved that it has been done without disaster.

"Thank God, they are safely out of there without serious loss," is an expression frequently heard today in connection with the transfer of the troops from the Sulva and Anzac zones to "another sphere of operations," although this is invariably coupled with regret that it should have been regarded as necessary to evacuate the hard won footholds on the peninsula, obtained at such a heavy cost in casualties.

Destination Unknown.

The toe of the Gallipoli peninsula with Sedd-i-Bahr commanding the entrance to the Dardanelles, is apparently still to be held, as no mention is made of the transfer of troops from this region.

The war office statement leaves the public to draw its own conclusions as to the destination of these Australians and United Kingdom forces, which must be well over 100,000 strong. It is widely conjectured, however, that any southward sweep of the Teutonic or Bulgarian armies in the Balkans, whether from the north, west or east, will sooner or later come in contact with them, and that the transfer is connected with a determination on the part of the entente powers not to remain on the defensive in the near eastern theatre of war longer than is requisite to assure the success of a forward march.

In giving the house of commons information of the withdrawal of the Sulva and Anzac forces, as announced by the war office, Premier Asquith added that the transfer was made in pursuance of a decision reached by the cabinet some time ago.

"The operation so successfully carried out," said the premier, "reflects the utmost credit on the general on the spot, upon the admiral, the staff and all ranks of the army and the navy."

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The time has past for giving serious consideration to the man who does not believe in advertising. Advertising is as much a part of today's life as electricity, antiseptic surgery or divorce cases.

The news arrived last week that the president had nominated J. B. Harvey, for postmaster at Carlsbad vice John T. Bolton, whose term will expire on January 2, on account of the termination of his commission. As the senate had not acted upon the confirmation of the appointment of Mr. Harvey, it is impossible to say to a certainty whether or not he will be the next postmaster for Carlsbad.

However, it is generally the custom of the senate to confirm the president's nominations unless there are charges preferred of a very serious character. Mr. Harvey has been a resident of the town for more than twenty years and for the most of the time has been secretary of the county democratic committee. He has also been deputy assessor for many years and is, no doubt, well qualified to handle the post office. Mr. Bolton has made a good official and many regret that he is to retire.

Henry Ford and his peace party are having hard sledding in Norway from where the following comes as an inkling of how the outfit is looked upon: "The Christiania correspondent of the Times says that the main impression made on the Norwegian public is that Ford is an idealist dreamer, a sort of Tolstoid, whose honesty and unselfishness are beyond question, while some of his followers certainly fail to give that attractive impression."

The sleeping cars that arrive in Carlsbad on belated trains from the north are over fumigated and frequently babies and delicate ladies are compelled to sleep in berths occupied on the same day by consumptives and tuberculous infected people coming to this land of sunshine. It would seem that the return of Pullmans on the same day might be avoided and the cars fumigated. It would be but a little more expense to the railway or the Pullman company and might save many a life. If this state were Texas—but, it is not!

Villa's brother, Hippolito, was arrested in San Antonio, Texas, Wednesday and returned to El Paso charged with passing a worthless check. He was on his way to Cuba and was taken off a train by the officials. Villa is said to be hid in the mountains of Chihuahua. One of Villa's wives with her family is enroute to Cuba.

Villa is on the dodge and the British have been driven from the Gallipoli peninsula. Only one more thing to make it a Merry Christmas—the hanging of Carranza and the absolute defeat of the English.

It is stated in the dispatches that Pancho Villa, the ruffian murderer of Benton and a thousand or more other innocent Americans and Englishmen, has asked to be protected by the officials in this country, having fled from Mexico. It is a pity that he cannot be arrested and hung for the murders he has committed, but the chances are he will "get his" soon. Then if Carranza could be captured and also hung Mexico might be in a fair way to get a government.

POLITICS.

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 21.—All political happenings in the state, important and unimportant, drift into this ancient capital, and when foot-prints are found on the political sands the measurements are sent in. There is no denying the fact that the Hon. George Armijo has been leaving foot-prints in Mora, Union and other counties up that way—his feet fit the prints. Just what he has been doing is a matter of dispute, but a political wise-guy who ought to know, says he has been talking "uninstructed" delegates, supposedly in favor of Hubbell for the senate. It is claimed that Hubbell wants uninstructed delegates at the next state convention, so he can trade, but if that was George's mission up there the joke is on George, and the fellow sending him. The county bosses not out for straight trading are all for some favored candidate for some office, and refuse to be traded with. George may be for Catron, too, because that astute apostle of the old school of politics can almost always do more effective work trading with the county bosses than in arranging with the people. In fact "uninstructed" delegates are considered to be highly desirable by those gentlemen not caring to expose their political acts to too open a discussion.

Anyhow, according to the former Santa Fean all has been fixed and the counties he has visited will send uninstructed delegations to the state convention, and be open for trades.

In San Miguel county Boss Secundino is closely watching the Black Eagle deal the cards for the 1916 game of politics. Someone has put the San Miguel county boss "wise", evidently, and it is rumored that the Black Eagle will not attend the next state convention as a delegate.

Richardson has put the lid on so far as his gubernatorial boom is concerned, as it is reported he will not consider it. McDonald is being talked of both to succeed himself and for the United States senate. Richardson is now talked of for the supreme bench. It is reported that Felix Martinez has refused to become a candidate for anything, which increases the talk of McDonald for the senate.

The Andrews boomers continue their activities, regardless of reports to the effect that he is not now a candidate, and they seem to be getting results, too, because with all the professional politicians against them they are lining up the voters. It is said, however, that after the holidays Mr. Andrews will announce his intentions.

The fact that the people of England are averse to the war needs no further demonstration than the very evident difficulty experienced in obtaining men to defend the country. Imagine the United States with her largest cities bombarded every night from the aeroplanes and great danger from invasion by a foreign army and the able-bodied men refusing to enlist for defense. Such a condition simply proves the injustice of the English position which has been wrong from the start for England has planned for many years to dominate the commerce of the world.

Her plan has been to crush any who opposed her rule of the seas. To build two war ships to any other nation's one that she might be prepared to crush on the seas all who oppose her, to exploit India and Ireland and make pets of her other colonies so as to have enough to control those she exploits and to be able to run her bluffs over the United States. It is not strange the people of England are averse to the war and would about as soon see Germany win as England for they know matters can be no worse. On the other hand the people of Germany are a unit for the Fatherland and are willing to fight to the last man and all indications prove, especially the losses and failures of the British in the Dardanelles and at other points, that the longer the war continues the more precarious becomes the situation of England. The Irish leader, John Redmond, told it to them in parliament when he said that conscription must not be used. How, then if the men will not enlist can England keep from being invaded by the Germans? Would it not be a blessing if she were in the hands of Germany today? Would not the people be better off if the whole of that bull dozing crowd were driven out and a government instituted that would give to all nations the right to sail the seas without fear of dictation by England?

Thirty eight large sacks of Christmas parcel post mail were packed full and sent from the Carlsbad post office last Tuesday, which day exceeded in receipts the same date last year by \$25. The Wednesday mail was considerably larger and to say the Carlsbad post office force worked is putting it mild for none of the clerks got away until twelve o'clock either night. The rush is about over now but this morning the mail car for the plains carried about 3,000 pounds and the car that came in yesterday brought a large load of parcels. The receipts of the office each day this week averaged about \$100.

Jim Simpson and wife are up from Clark Bluff ranch and will spend a week in town and enjoy Christmas. Mr. Simpson is meeting Frank Barfield here to close a deal for some cattle—or at least look them over.

Willard Bates, wife and little daughter, Tura, came in from the ranch today and will spend Christmas at the Bates hotel. Miss Wardie is here attending school.

Mrs. Milton Smith will spend the New Year with her mother in Weldon, Texas, and may continue her visit a number of weeks. She expects to go Monday.

Mr. Ruyts and A. E. Rudeen went about twelve miles out Thursday and brought a big Christmas tree for the Otis community, which will be ready to greet the boys and girls in glad array tonight.

Mrs. Will Barber and her two little girls and maid came in from San Marcus, Texas, yesterday to spend Christmas with Mr. Barber on the ranch. Her daughter, Barber-Nell Thomas, did not accompany her mother on this trip as she is in school at San Marcus. Mrs. Barber is a very pleasant lady and her presence on the ranch should mean more than mere words at yule-tide.

Myron K. Clark and wife are leaving for Pecos, Texas, in the morning to spend a few days with Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Davis and enjoy Christmas.

Roman Ohnemus, wife and son, Bill, were passengers to Artesia Saturday. Mrs. Ohnemus and Bill returned the same day, but Rome spent a few days in Artesia selling cars and succeeding in disposing of one to Wm. Kissinger—a Studebaker four. They motored to Hope and Will and Jack Kissinger and families came to Carlsbad Monday and had dinner with Mr. and Mrs. R. Ohnemus.

Mrs. Marvin Livingston went Sunday to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Tom Jones. She is planning to spend the week with mother. Marvin and the girls, Misses Lucy, Linnie and Barbara, are to be there to enjoy Christmas dinner.

CHURCH NEWS

METHODIST CHURCH.
Sunday School 9:45 a. m.
Sermon (with special music), 11 a. m.
Senior Epworth League 6:30 p. m.
Sermon (with special music), 7:30 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, 7:30 p. m.
Stewards' meeting, First Wednesday, 8:30 p. m.
Woman's Missionary Society, First Thursday, 3:00 p. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH.
Services at the Christian church: 10 a. m., Bible school.
11 a. m., communion and preaching.
3 p. m., Junior C. E.
6:45 p. m., Senior C. E.
7:30 p. m., preaching.
Wednesday, 7:30 p. m., prayer meeting.

PRIMER AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH CHRISTMAS EVE.
Hymn, "Joy to the World."

Scripture reading.
Prayer.
Hymn, "Holy Night."
Recitation, Donald Dudley.
Recitation, Thelma Beckett.
Recitation, Lella Dillard.
Song, "Mr. Santa Claus", Catherine Purdy and Dorothy Dudley. Accompaniment by Elizabeth Purdy.
Recitation, Eva Thomas.
Recitation, Zane Smith.
Song, "Christmas Birthday", Zelpha Bates and Mary Causey.
Recitation, George Thomas.
Recitation, Mildred Hutchinson.
Recitation, Marjory Snow.
Song, "Dolly's Lullaby", Dorothy Dudley.
Recitation, William Harry Purdy.
Recitation, Dorothy Dillard.
Recitation, Dorothy Dudley.
Recitation, Ruth Daugherty.
Solo, Grace Daugherty.
Song by Primary Department.
Song, "Hurray for Santa Claus", Catherine Purdy and School.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH.
Regular Meetings:
The Presbyterian church sabbath school at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m.
Evening worship at 7:30 p. m.
Endeavor meeting at 6:45 p. m.
Prayer meeting, Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m.

The Christmas celebration with the Presbyterian Sabbath School will take place Friday evening in the church at seven o'clock. The program is a mystery. Each class has arranged its own part and carefully withheld all knowledge from the rest. The exercises will thus be a series of surprises, and with a sort of rivalry for the best feature the interest is intense. Friends are invited to be present.

There will be special music at the Presbyterian church on Sabbath, consisting of solos and anthems, and it will be given both morning and evening. The subject of the morning sermon will be "The Quest of Wise Men", and the evening sermon will continue the course on Mary, the mother of Jesus, and will be the first of two dealing with the relation of the mother to the son.

THE BAPTIST CHURCH.
9:45 a. m., Sunday school.
11 a. m., preaching service.
6:30 p. m., R. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m., preaching service.
7:30 p. m., Wednesday, prayer-meeting.
7:30 p. m., Thursday, choir practice.

B. Y. P. U. XMAS PROGRAM.

The services at the Baptist church on Sunday evening, December 26, 1915, will be conducted under the auspices of the Baptist Young Peoples' Union. The program includes several vocal and instrumental numbers and Mr. A. N. Pratt will deliver an address appropriate to the Yule-tide season.

The public is invited to this service, especially young people not identified with any young people's organization.

GRACE CHURCH (EPISCOPAL).
Lord's Day Services:
Holy communion 1st, Lord's day at 11 a. m.
Morning prayer and sermon at 11 a. m. on all other Lord's Days.
Bible school at 10 a. m.

F. W. PRATT, Vicar.

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH.
Sunday 10 a. m., High-mass and sermon.
Low-mass every morning during the week at 7:30 o'clock.

ST. EDWARD'S CHURCH.
Christmas.

There will be three masses Christmas morning, 6:30, 7 and 10 o'clock. Before the first mass at 6:30 a. m., the children will visit the crib singing Christmas carols. The second mass will follow immediately after the first mass. The third mass will be at 10 o'clock, followed by Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament.

Sunday, High-mass and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament at 10 o'clock. During the week a holy mass every morning at 7:30 o'clock.

GEORGE O'CONNOR'S PLACE

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ANNOUNCEMENTS.

Under this head, during the coming months before the Democratic primaries, will be carried the announcements of all who wish to present their names to the voters at the primaries or in the general election in November. This will, of course necessitate the use of these columns for from six to ten months and at the regular advertising rates will be worth all that is asked for the service which for the offices will be as follows:
For all county officers.....\$10.00
For all district officers..... 15.00
In the event that a write-up is desired by the candidate, more than a brief statement written by the editor, the candidate or a friend may write more extensive notice and it will be charged for at the rate of ten cents per line.

SHERIFF.

The Current is authorized to place the name of John N. Hewitt before the electors of Eddy county as a candidate for the nomination for sheriff of Eddy county subject to the result of the democracy of the county in the primaries.

Miss Linnie Jones is with the Peoples this week. She came down from her school at her Uncle Snooks Gordon's Saturday.

Lewis Means brought down a fine load of Christmas trees and delivered them to different parties and to the churches and left for Artesia to see Mrs. Lewis Means and the boy, who are visiting Mrs. Means' parents. They expect to visit Mr. and Mrs. J. R. Means at Hope before they return.

Will Simmons, wife and the two children, were in Carlsbad Monday doing their trading and buying sweets and visiting toy land.

Subscribers are notified that the date after their names is the only notice they will receive, and the Current will not be sent after the date so marked, as for instance, "John Smith" shows that the subscription of John Smith expires January 1, 1916, and will be discontinued that date unless paid for another year.

ON THE NORTH POLE EXCHANGE

Hello, Central, give me Santa—Number? Just North Pole; Just connect me with his place, And—you might reverse the toll; For I'd like to talk with Santa, And ask him why last year He passed right by our chimney With his team of swift reindeer, When I wrote him a nice letter, Telling him my heart's desire—But I guess this method's quicker— Can't you get him on the wire?

And some shoes for baby's feet, And I asked him for my Papa Yes, I wrote and asked old Santa For some coal and things to eat, And a warmer dress for Mamma, For the job he needed so, And a doll for me—I never Really owned a doll, you know.

But I'll tell you—if THIS Christmas Santa fails to come around, Why, our hearts will be just broken, And we'll all of us be found Hungry and sad and lonesome— There's no little we desire— Hello, Central! Give me Santa— CAN'T you get him on the wire?

U. S. Hamilton, the contractor, returned last night from Black river having finished a barn for the Polled Angus Cattle Company that is 20x30. He also did some other improvement on the ranch. He left this morning to build a shed for A. J. Crawford on the latter's farm south of town.

Dr. Doepf, who spent the past two weeks accompanied by his brother in West Texas, looking over some ranch propositions, returned Wednesday, not having found anything very alluring.

Mrs. Morgan Livingston is spending Christmas at the ranch going out today. Mrs. Seavey and the little girls are with her. They are planning to make it pleasant for the little girls.

A HOLIDAY GREETING

AFTER A PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR OURSELVES, AND WE TRUST FOR YOU, WE WISH TO THANK YOU FOR THE NICE BUSINESS WITH WHICH YOU HAVE FAVORED US DURING THE YEAR 1915 AND EXTEND TO ALL OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS, WE TAKE IT THAT INCLUDES YOU, THE SEASON'S GREETINGS, AND WISH YOU A

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CARLSBAD LOCAL ITEMS

J. Guy Fisher, of Roswell, was here Tuesday.

Frank Ferrell was in from the ranch yesterday.

Earl Kendall, of Malaga, was a visitor here Wednesday.

S. D. Stennis, Jr., returned from his eastern visit last Monday.

John Lusk came in Wednesday to spend a few days in town.

Doc. Vest is a sufferer this last week and this with plucacy.

John Wallis and Chas. Pardue, of Loving, were here Monday.

Mrs. B. Stone, of Pecos, Texas, was at the Palace hotel Tuesday.

John Shaw and Walter Crockett, of Pearl were in town Wednesday.

Mrs. Earnest Shafer was brought in from Rocky Tuesday very ill.

Bonnie Beech of Black River was buying Christmas presents Monday.

Buck Gholson and Jim Boweton were up from the Hudson range Wednesday.

W. L. Ashbrook, Jack Gaither and Mr. Green were in Carlsbad Tuesday.

Mrs. Annie Weeks was very ill at her home Wednesday and Thursday.

Miss Neoma Wallis, of Loving, is with R. L. Halley during the holiday rush.

Bruce Jones was on the streets Wednesday with his side partner, Ed Lamb.

J. W. and J. M. Candill, of Lovington, were in town the first of the week.

Rom Holt came in from the ranch Tuesday to take his Christmas in town.

Mrs. Ashcraft, mother of Mrs. J. A. Hardy, Jr., spent Monday in Carlsbad shopping.

Chas. Runyan was off duty Monday with a grippie but was up and around yesterday.

The Otis community will have a Christmas tree at the school house this evening.

Eli Ashcraft and family, from Mo., are visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hardy, Jr., this week.

Hod James left yesterday for El Paso to spend Christmas with his mother and father.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hardy, Jr., will keep open house Christmas day at Hardycroft farm.

E. E. Hartshorn is returning today from Pittsburg, Kansas, to spend Christmas at home.

Miss Mary Vaughn, who is teaching in the Otis school, was brought home Tuesday night very ill.

J. W. Tulk was in this week Tuesday and Wednesday leaving yesterday. He says all stock are doing well.

Albert Johnson and wife were in from their home on Black river Wednesday doing Christmas shopping.

Bob Richards was in from his ranch east of Salt lake Wednesday to buy Christmas necessities for his home.

R. Carter, wife and baby, Alice, came down from Hagerman Wednesday and will spend the holidays here.

Mrs. M. J. Stanford, mother of Mrs. Pond and Bob Hamblin has been very ill at her home all week with lagrippe.

H. M. Carter and wife of Pemaquid, Maine, came in Thursday and are expected to make their home in New Mexico.

J. W. Knorr and wife left today for Artesia where they will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. G. R. Brainard.

Judge John C. Fording, of Chicago, is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hardy during the holidays, coming yesterday.

Will Fenton and wife, also Joe Lusk, and wife, came in from the ranch yesterday and will be guests of the Bates hotel for the coming week.

Mrs. E. G. Ashcraft and two children, are here from Crame, Mo., and will spend the winter with her sister-in-law, Mrs. J. A. Hardy, Jr.

W. E. Robinson, a concrete workman, came in Tuesday from the Jud Alston ranch this side of the San Simon and reports progress on the building of the large ranch home of Mr. Alston as progressing fine, there being from three to five men constantly employed. The residence, when complete will be the best on the whole east side of the Pecos in Eddy county. It is being constructed from plans selected by Mrs. Alston and is on the Mission style of architecture with columns and porticos, partitions and all in solid concrete. The house will have seven large rooms besides closets, etc. Mr. Robinson, probably paid the highest price for a copy of the Current last week for he hired a cow boy to go eighteen miles, to Pearl for the paper and paid \$1.50 which goes to show that the news in this paper is sometimes valued highly.

Claud Dannelley and sister, Mary, son and daughter of Luke Dannelley came in last Friday for a visit with old time friends, both having been brought up in Eddy county and also were pupils at the Carlsbad public schools leaving here with their parents six years ago for Hurley, this state, where the family has resided since. Mr. Dannelley is in the employ of the Clino Copper Company and also his two sons each of whom have good salaries. They will be here until after the holidays. Claud will take a Carlsbad teacher home with him in the near future, if not this trip in a future one in the person of Miss Crowder, who is at present engaged in the Spanish-American schools of Carlsbad as teacher.

Mrs. Mary L. Williams, of Bluffdale, mother of Bryant Williams, of Hope, was here Monday. She has been spending the past three weeks with her son in Hope. She, in company with her daughter-in-law, Mrs. B. Williams and three little girls, left for Texas Tuesday morning where Mrs. B. Williams will visit with Mrs. Mary L. Williams, of Bluffdale.

Mrs. Williams is a neighbor of Mrs. Aubrey Gist, and while here she called on Mrs. Wm. H. Mullane and they found many things to talk of. She admired the R. C. R. I. Red chickens and counted the ribbons won by these birds, and spoke of giving Hart & Mullane an order for cockerels.

Miss Willie Harmon, who was nursing Mrs. Ben Christian, was taken very ill Friday and has been very ill all week. Mrs. McClure took her place.

Mrs. John Acree left yesterday morning for Coleman City, Texas, where she will spend Christmas with her mother, Mrs. Blevins, and continue her visit for a few weeks.

Mrs. Emma Welpton and daughter Margaret are expected here today to be the guest of Mrs. H. I. Braden during the Christmas holidays.

Judge Richardson came down Monday from Roswell and Tuesday morning drew the juries, both grand and petit, for the January term of district court which will convene the second Monday in January.

Mrs. G. N. McGonagill and daughter, Miss Annie Bell, arrived from El Paso Wednesday afternoon where they had been visiting for some time, and will visit here with Mrs. Kyle and family and numerous other friends. Their home is on their ranch near Lovington, N. M.—Pecos Times.

Nat Roberts and wife were in Carlsbad Monday, returning from an extended trip by auto to Arizona. They continued their journey to the plains Tuesday.

The Woman's club will not have the social meeting Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. McCollum, as that lady has been very ill all this week, and so many of the other ladies being ill with the prevailing cold and coughs.

Dr. F. J. Smith, of Tucson, Arizona, a veterinarian, is in Carlsbad this week and is thinking of locating here. He is a graduate and a teacher of veterinary and can be depended upon as a legitimate veterinarian.

Johnnie Stewart, Mr. Bass and Fred spent two or three days in Carlsbad the first part of the week. They found so many old friends to talk with, why should they hurry home? Lee Magsby was also with them.

W. F. Cummins, of El Paso, Texas, will be the guest of Joe Bunch and family Christmas week.

Roy Waller and wife are planning to spend Christmas with Johnnie Barber at the ranch.

HIT WITH 8 LB. HAMMER.

Jose Carlos, who was holding a drill last Friday on the government work, was struck on the head by an eight pound hammer and the skull crushed. The hammer flew off the handle and struck him. Word was phoned to the Reclamation building and an auto went down and brought the man to the sanitarium, and an operation has made it possible for him to recover.

Mrs. Lee Middleton came down on the mail car Tuesday and was very busy getting a stock of toys, sweets and holiday goods off to Queen.

John R. Joyce, Jr., will arrive today from California. John R. is quite a man now to come so far alone to join the family at Christmas time, and he will find a warm welcome with the boys and girls of Carlsbad. But, no doubt, John R. will lose no time looking up little pony, pat his head and give him a lump of sugar.

J. W. Gamel of the Joyce-Fruit Co., had an attack of lagrippe this week and found home a good place for an afternoon or two.

Mrs. J. W. Knorr went to Artesia last Friday and came down Wednesday spending the time with her mother while Mr. Knorr was up at the Area ranch. Mr. Knorr came down from the mountains yesterday. While there he vaccinated 400 calves.

Riley Dean has decided to try his luck in Texas again, leaving for Uvalde Wednesday where he will help his father and mother with the store. Riley has been here about a year and has learned to like the Pecos water so he may come back any old time.

Mrs. Woody Tullius came in on the train Tuesday from Roswell and returned Wednesday taking her little daughter, Nettie, home with her to spend Christmas. Nettie has been with her aunt, Mrs. John Lucas, attending school.

Mac Fletcher, wife and the two boys, came in from the ranch Tuesday. Mrs. Fletcher found her mother Mrs. Rascoe with this prevailing lagrippe, and could not take her parents home with her, but said she was going to come back and spend Christmas with them at the Duncan home.

Will Bloxon and son, Lee, will spend a month in Texas, going Tuesday in time to eat Christmas dinner with home folks.

Quince Leatherman, wife and little daughter, were here from the ranch Wednesday. They will spend Christmas in El Paso, called there on business. Mrs. Leatherman stated that Mrs. A. Moore was very well and hardly thought she or Mr. Moore would come home for Christmas.

Will McBride was a guest of the Rightway hotel Monday. Will has quit his job with Col. Williams and is looking for a ranch to buy.

Mrs. Bob Bruce, of Malaga, spent Wednesday night at the Rightway hotel a guest of Mrs. Blevins. Mrs. Bruce was buying Christmas goods and trimmings for the Christmas tree at Loving. She returned yesterday morning.

J. W. Hightight, son and daughter, were passengers to Lovington yesterday. They are from Blossom, Texas, and are going to make their home on the plains.

Miss Bessie Speck, who has been teaching at Lovington returned to her home in Artesia this week to spend Christmas.

L. C. Culp and wife of Knowles, were in Carlsbad yesterday, and called to insure the twelve month's visits of the Current in 1916.

Mrs. Frank Ferrell and children returned to the ranch Wednesday, going out with Green Usary.

Mrs. Tom Higgins and daughter, Mrs. Valley Owens, spent a few days in Pecos on business this week returning yesterday.

Mrs. Joe Jacobson, son, Joe Ford, and the two Misses Jacobsons, were in Carlsbad Tuesday, shopping and enjoying the day.

Sam Roberts, Lawrence Merchant, Jim Walker, Blythe McCollum, Lewis, Fred and Calvin Ares, Morris Forsythe, all arrived at home yesterday evening, school being dismissed yesterday at three o'clock. The boys are well pleased with their work and are expecting to enjoy the holidays with home folks in a pleasant way.

Mrs. Cline came in Tuesday from the east and will visit her husband who is here for health purposes. James Tulk is here this week from his ranch on the plains.

G. S. T. CLUB.

Saturday the busy girls of the G. S. T. Club, spent the entire afternoon tating. They forgot all about the social hour and tatted away, knowing this would be the last meeting before Christmas. Francis Cooke was hostess. They took time, however, to enjoy fresh mince pie and hot chocolate. Those present were Misses Mary Lee Newton, Grace O'Quinn, Ruth Hartsborn, Helen Mellvain, Dorothy Ryan, Nelly Linn, and Frances Cooke.

Mrs. Heard and Miss Mona returned from the Golden State and a visit in Albuquerque, Tuesday. They are well pleased with the exposition. They visited relatives in Albuquerque. They expect to spend the holidays in Carlsbad.

Charley Harbert and two daughters Misses Beulah and Grace, and their guest for the past few weeks, Miss Minnie Jones, came in from the ranch Monday evening. Miss Minnie says she had a fine time and they attended a dance at the Gap while she was out there, that they all enjoyed. She was out there about a month.

Spencer and George Graham left for their home near Lovington yesterday the Graham Buick being there to take them home.

J. C. Barnes returned from his eastern trip Wednesday evening. He expresses himself as being well pleased with the country.

Roy Waller and wife came down from Roswell Tuesday, Miss Ada Estes accompanying them. They are enjoying a Buick roadster.

John Stephens, of Clovis, came in yesterday to visit and spend the holidays with friends.

Miss Pattie Witt came in from Black river this morning. She closed her school there for the holidays last night with a Christmas tree and a program, and will spend the vacation with home folks.

Golph Lusk and wife were in Carlsbad yesterday.

Mrs. Williams and her sister, Miss Bessie Felton, of Malaga, were in town last Saturday.

Andie Richards and Henry Pendleton returned last night from Stanton, Texas, to spend the holidays at home. They are going to school at the Sisters of Mercy school in Stanton and will return after New Year. They were met at Pecos by Walter Pendleton.

Jack Horne made a trip to the ranch at the state line yesterday and found Mr. Ezell quite ill with the prevailing influenza cold, or lagrippe that is visiting every one in the Valley. Very few are escaping—Jack returned the same day.

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C. O. Swickart left for Rockport, New York, Saturday morning to visit his mother-in-law, Mrs. Phillips, who's health is failing, and has been writing for Mr. Swickart to visit with her. He may be away a number of weeks.

Clarence Richards and wife returned Tuesday night from El Paso, Tex. The weather was fine and they enjoyed making the trip in their car.

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What Others Eat at Christmas

EVERY one is familiar with the viands that go to make up the Christmas dinner of the English speaking races—the turkey, goose, plum pudding and mince pie. But how many of us know what they eat at Christmas in foreign countries?

The Frenchman's Christmas bill of fare, for instance, is extensive and varied and in many respects quite different from our own. The great cattle national dishes are truffled turkey and black puddings, of which every Frenchman who can afford such luxuries makes a very hearty meal at Yuletide.

In Russia the Christmas meal consists largely of two dishes, one of which is a porridge served with honey and the other a curious compound of stewed pease, apples, oranges, grapes and cherries, seasoned with honey and served cold.

Italians, too, are fond of rather sweet and indigestible dishes, especially at Christmas. One of their favorite combinations is that of cold periwinkles and vermicelli, while the inevitable macaroni and spaghetti form of course the principal articles of food at all times.

The German Christmas dinner offers as its principal attraction the goose, without which your true German would feel that he had not had a real holiday feast. Germans, like Austrians and Italians, have a very sweet taste, as evidenced by their numerous varieties of cake.

Withstanding the tendency in all countries to offer huge dinners at Christmas it would seem that every

The forebears of modern Englishmen must have possessed magnificent appetites. Their hospitality was conducted on a scale that would make the housekeeper of today shudder. The meal with which they commenced their Christmas day, a mere appetizer to them, was ample enough to rob the modern gourmet of all zest for food for several days. The sideboard of the old English mansion groined under its vastness round of beef, its corpulent pork pie, the Yorkshire ham, the brawn and chine, while on the table itself deviled turkeys' legs, homemade sausages, cutlets and kidneys sent up a mingled and grateful incense from an environment of piles of hot buttered toast, new laid eggs, honey and fruit.

But this repast, substantial as it was, was trifling as compared with the dinner—the real dinner—that followed not many hours after. The feast was presided by the bear's head, preceded by servants who blew resounding flourishes on their trumpets. The bear's head itself was carried, sometimes on a dish of gold or silver, into the banquet hall of the head of a stately procession of guests.

Then came the peacock, which was served even more sumptuously than the bear's head with its garlanding of rosemary and bay and its tucks ornamented with large apples. This is how they used to prepare the peacock for the feast. When it had been roasted and dressed with a stuffing of sweet herbs and spices and basted with the yolks of eggs, it was sewed into its feathers, its back was gilded, and it was borne to the dining hall by dames of high degree, accompanied by the strains of minstrels.

Other features of the old time Christmas dinner included geese, turkeys, capons, pheasants, sirloins of beef and hampers of venison. That these were washed down with gallons of ale and wine goes without saying. Indeed, another story might be written of the liquid element of the old English dinner. Harper's Weekly.

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.

Ned Shattuck, wife, and the smaller children, Bertha, Floyd and Julian, spent two or three days in town visiting toy land and making ready for the yule-tide and the joys of Christmas, when there are little ones in the home. A big Christmas tree is in progress at Queen and will cause many little eyes to dance with joy, and brings to mind these old familiar lines:

The joys are ours today and the heart of May thrills through December drear.
So it ours to sing with the old time ring a ring of Christmas cheer,
From the blazing fire the sparks aspire, and the laden tree is bright,
And the children play on the blessed day, and older hearts are light.

ANNUAL ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The annual election of officers was held at the regular communication of Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., on Thursday evening, the 23rd instant, and resulted as follows:

Worshipful Master, Victor L. Minter.
Senior Warden, Wm. A. Craig.
Junior Warden, Wm. A. Poore.
Treasurer, John A. May.
Secretary, Chas. A. May.

The installation of officers will occur on St. John's Day, December 27, 1915, at 7:30 o'clock, at which time the appointive officers for the ensuing year will be named.

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When Jane Fixes the Knickknacks

LIKE to loaf in the kitchen while Jane is in her wifely way, is putting the finish on knickknacks for the dinner on Christmas day, early, tidily early or morning, when the coffee's sizzling low, An' the roosters is crowin' for daybreak—like nobody else didn't know—An' out through the white curtained window the stars is beginnin' to fade, An' the hills that was hid in darkness is at last comin' out o' the shade, Directly a silence settles, so plain it is mighty high seen, An' me an' the past stand together, with nervously a mind between, For I feel instantly tender in a glad, half sad sort o' way, While Jane is fixin' the knickknacks the dinner on Christmas day.

A person don't never, I reckon, disremember the old folks at home, No matter how feeble he grows an' no matter just where he may roam, An' they show pretty clear at each minute, true an' brave as in days gone by, Till I push my chair in the shadows—chidin' the faint in my eye, I see the grave face of my father as he leans to the candlestick there, An' I hear some hum of my mother as she comes in the hickory chair, Then the freight falls on the ceiling with the noise of the old time glow, As I dreamily dream o' the future 'and it is dream o' the hour ago, Hushed!—What a world o' changes from the old to the new now a day, Watchin' Jane as she fixes knickknacks for the dinner on Christmas day!

They say thoughts travels on an upward from a place where the old folks be, An' I wonder if any old children is thinkin' o' a Jane or me, If they heard some organ peodin' the song, "Oh, They Miss Me at Home," Through the holy Christmas mornin', through the holy Christmas gloom, If they heard their children shoutin' in pleasure their little toes, Would they think once more o' the home-ward, where they lived when glad an' boys, The young has the world before 'em, but for us it lies behind—A dim, dear land o' memories, where even I keep in mind, Wee, faded clothes in the attic, broken toys long laid away, As I watch Jane fixin' knickknacks for the dinner on Christmas day, —Will T. Hale.

ELECTRIC CHRISTMAS GIFTS.

Still New Enough to Have Novelty Element Dear to Americans. Electric Christmas gifts still possess that element of novelty dear to the American heart and thus solve the problem of giving Christmas gifts that are "different." Imagine how pleased most men would be to receive an electric shaving cup or electric cigar lighter instead of neckties, socks and handkerchiefs "as usual."

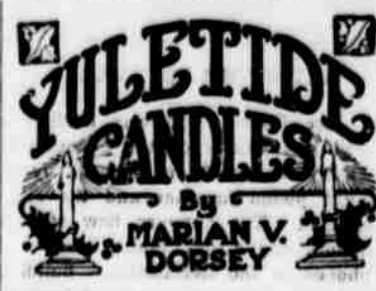
A teakettle for grandmother, a samovar for mother's 5 o'clock teas, a chafin dish for the college girl, a disk stove for the bachelor, a flatiron or sewing machine motor for the practical housewife—all these novel and useful gifts will be appreciated by the recipients.

It should not be forgotten that these electric Christmas gifts are all useful gifts. Each of these devices is designed to do some one thing better than it can be done any other way, whether it is to percolate coffee, toast bread or furnish the power for running a sewing machine.

The presence of an electric percolator on any table adds a touch of something different and something better. The electric tea samovar is rapidly becoming quite the thing for the modern tea table.

"Wassail! Drinkall!" The wassail bowl, which is still used in some old European families at Christmas, succeeded the skill of the Norwegian's foe as a drinking vessel. In these old wassail bowls, some special ones of silver or of brass ware and others of massive silver, were placed the ale, the ginger, the sugar, the nutmeg and the roasted crab apples. Where the old custom still prevails the ale is served spiced and sweetened in the wassail bowl, but the apples are omitted.

Still Bring in the Bear's Head. The ancient Christmas ceremony of bringing in the bear's head is regularly performed on Christmas afternoon in the hall of Queen college, Oxford, England. The head is borne in on a silver dish, shoulder high, at the head of a procession formed by the college choir augmented for the occasion singing "The Bear's Head Song."



YULETIDE CANDLES

EVERY year the little green bayberry candles are sent as luck bringing gifts to an even greater extent than during the past few holiday seasons. The reason for this is that the people who received them the past year or two—and who did not?—thought that they really did seem to bring them good fortune; hence this increasingly rapid growth of the candle's popularity as a substitute for the conventional Christmas card or as constituting in itself an unpretentious little gift symbolizing every good wish.

But, while a great many people both send and receive bayberry candles as gifts, there are but few who know whence they come or why the luck and persistence is inseparable from them.

The candles, or "dips," as they were first called, are the product of a revived industry started a few years ago in the old Massachusetts towns of Deerfield and Hingham and in the kitchens of the Cape Cod people. All of them using the old pewter or tin molds that have descended in the families from colonial times. Old southern villages have not yet realized the opportunity offered its women in this revived industry, although the bayberry candles were made by the early settlers in all the coast colonies where the berries grew, never being found inland.

As to the origin of the good luck idea, we seek it in vain among colonial chronicles as applied to the candle itself. Yet from times far earlier the bay tree and the laurel were considered sacred to good fortune, and it is



LIGHTING THE BAYBERRY CANDLE.

from this immemorial belief that we must trace the present day faith in the virtues of the bayberry candle.

The bay is a species of laurel, and its poets and victors were crowned with the laurel or the bay, wishing them long life and happiness, so is the same wish conveyed in the bestowal of a candle made of the waxen berries borne by the sacred tree.

Bayberry dips are also made as well as the molded candles. These dips are smaller and less even in shape and show us how candles were made by repeatedly dipping the wicks in the melted wax of the bayberries and drying each layer till the dip was of proper size. That was before molds were introduced, early in the eighteenth century.

To accompany a bayberry candle one should send in the little box in which it is daintily wrapped a card on which is printed, in red and green lettering the legend:

ON CHRISTMAS EVE
A bayberry candle burnt in the socket
Brings luck to the house.
Good to the father
And good to the pocket.

When these cards are not to be found the best time may be written on the back of one's visiting card and wrapped with a candle, but in that case it must not be forgotten that the inclosure of writing necessitates extra postage.

Their color, a soft olive green, blends beautifully with other Christmas decorations, and they burn with a steady flame, emitting a delightfully pungent fragrance, and they are consumed evenly all around without making unsightly gutters or ridges of wax down the sides as ordinary candles do.

From New England comes the tradition that if lovers separated by distance each lights a bayberry candle in honor of the other at the same hour the aroma of incense arising from the burning wick will drift in the direction of the absent one; hence the candles hold a strong appeal to young people of romantic temperament.

A candle must be presented to you, not bought by yourself, in order to be sure good luck, and you must not light your own; that must be done for you by some other person, not necessarily the donor.

Christmas eve is the time for burning, either a distant or later, and to follow out the old idea of the laurels and the bay to the victor a candle should surely be bestowed on the relative or friend who has recently achieved some success or won a distinction.—Philadelphia Press.

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NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE.

Notice is hereby given that in Cause No. 2268 on the Civil Docket of the District Court of Eddy County, State of New Mexico, wherein Joyce-Fruit Company, a corporation is plaintiff and J. M. Wilson is defendant, which is a foreclosure of a certain mortgage upon the lands hereinafter mentioned and in which cause a final judgment was rendered on the 12th day of October, in said Court in favor of plaintiff as follows: For the sum of Six Hundred Forty-five (\$645.00) Dollars principal and interest and the sum of Sixty-four and 50/100 (\$64.50) Dollars as attorney's fees, which said sums bear interest as follows: On said Six Hundred Forty-five (\$645.00) Dollars at 12 per cent per annum from October 12th, 1915, and on said sum of Sixty-four and 50/100 (\$64.50) Dollars at 6 per cent per annum from October 12th, 1915, and for all costs of this suit and for all costs connected with this sale.

The amount of said sums, (exclusive of costs and expenses of this sale) with interest as provided in said judgment and decree to January 15th, 1916, the date of sale hereinafter mentioned, is to-wit: \$729.85.

The undersigned was, in said final judgment and decree, appointed special Master to sell the following described property to pay the above mentioned judgment, to-wit: Situated and being in Eddy County, State of New Mexico:

The Northeast quarter of the Southeast quarter of Section Seventeen, Township Twenty-four South, Range Twenty-eight East, N. M. P. M., containing Forty acres more or less together with all and singular the lands, tenements, hereditaments and appurtenances thereunto belonging or in anywise appertaining.

Therefore, the undersigned will, on the 15th day of January, 1916, at 10 o'clock A. M., at the South Front Door of the Court House (old Building) in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, offer for sale at public vendue, the above described real estate to pay and discharge said judgment and all costs of said suit and of this sale actually accrued and to accrue to the highest and best bidder for cash, and notice is further given that any surplus received over and above money sufficient to pay said judgment and costs will be paid over to the Clerk of the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, to be by him held, subject to the order of said court.

The terms and conditions of said sale are that the purchase price at such sale shall be paid in cash.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand this 16th day of December, 1915.

CHAS. H. JONES, Special Master.

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NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION.

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Department of the Interior, United States Land Office, Roswell, New Mexico, Nov. 24, 1915.

NOTICE is hereby given that Callie T. Ross, of Pecos, County of Reeves, State of Texas, has filed in this office his application, Serial No. 033356, to enter, under Sections 230607, R. S., the NE 1-4 SW 1-4 of Section 8, Township 26 South, Range 31 East, N. M. P. M.

Any and all persons claiming adversely the lands described, or desiring to object because of the mineral character of the land, or for any other reason, to the disposal to applicant, should file their affidavits of protest at this office on or before the 7th day of January, 1916.

EMMETT PATTON, Register.

our application for final proof made out free of charge at this office Bring all your filing papers.

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WANT TO BE HEALTHY? EAT LOTS OF LIMBERGER CHEESE.

Doctors of Wisconsin County Showing Lowest Death Rate Ascribe Welfare to Smelly Edible's Use.

Monroe, Wis., Dec. 19—Physicians of Green county, which had the lowest death rate in the state last summer, attribute the healthy condition of the community to the eating of limberger cheese.

Last year 3,041,465 pounds of this cheese were produced in the county, and as a staple of food it largely displaced meat. The quarterly report of the state board of health, just issued, gave Green county a death rate of 7.2 per thousand, compared with 9.2 for the state at large.

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COMMUNION IN THE PEACE IN OLDEN TIMES

Christmas holiday bill of fare is becoming simpler with the course of time. An interesting comparison may be made of the Christmas dinners formerly served in England and in this country with those of today, when the latter are by no means simple.

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JAS. E. CURREN, OLD-TIMER, DIES OF PNEUMONIA.

Veteran Newspaper Man Passes Away
in Clovis; Had Been at Head of
Many New Mexico Weeklies.

Clovis, N. M., Dec. 19.—James E. Curren, political editor of the Clovis News and one of the best known figures in New Mexico journalism, died here last night of pneumonia after a short illness. He was 60 years old.

Mr. Curren was one of the pioneers of New Mexico's journalism, having been at the head of a number of weeklies in the days when the lot of the country editor was not as rosy as it is now. He founded the Deming Headlight and afterwards conducted a newspaper in Farmington. In fact, during the thirty years that he was a citizen of New Mexico he devoted practically all his time to the weekly newspaper field.

Mr. Curren was a consistent democrat, an active party man and a conspicuous figure in the political history of the state.

The above refers to one of the most unique characters ever in the New Mexico newspaper field. Years ago he championed the cause of the "actual settler" and for his sympathy for the down-trodden and oppressed, died a poor man. As is always the case, the efforts of the newspaper man who seeks to benefit the poor are throttled by those high up in official power and the grafters and bribe-takers. Mr. Curren once assisted for a few days on this paper and made us a pleasant visit in 1897 and at that time stated that he would always work for the "actual settler" whether he succeeded in showing the wrongs of

the disposition of the public lands or not.

CARDINAL APPRAISED OF OUTRAGES IN MEXICO.

Baltimore, Md., Dec. 21.—Cardinal Bibbiena announced that he had received a letter this afternoon from the archbishop of Oaxaca, Mexico, informing him that the Carranza government had forbidden collections to be taken in Catholic churches. Confessions have been forbidden for the time, according to the archbishop.

"He recites many of the conditions among the clergy and the nuns," said the cardinal, "and it makes one shudder to think of these outrages."

The Scouts have their monthly drill this week under direction of Capt. Dean. For their holiday program they expect to indulge in a "feed".

Dr. Black is expected to return from the plains today.

Mrs. Victor L. Minter and son, Victor Lee, Jr., arrived in Carlsbad last Saturday afternoon, after a three months visit at her home in Alliance, Ohio.

Mrs. J. F. Warren and three children left Tuesday morning for Dublin, Texas, to spend the holidays at her childhood home with her parents.

E. L. Perry, the Singer Sewing Machine agent, now of Artesia, was here yesterday hustling around for business.

Ed. Robinson will spend the holidays in Lakewood with his niece, going up last night.

Mrs. M. S. House, who was so very low with pneumonia at the Palace hotel, for the past few weeks, has recovered sufficiently to move to the house they are going to occupy. The residence is near the Grammar school building.

Chef Foote who has been cooking at the Bates hotel for the last year, has accepted a position in Hurley, N. M., and left Tuesday night. His wife, baby and her mother, Mrs. Padlock, will go Monday. They have made their home in the Bates cottages and like the valley in every way. They will visit in El Paso, Texas, before joining Mr. Foote.

A. R. Seder, wife and baby, Margaret, also Miss Camille (Gantham), arrived yesterday afternoon from Clovis. They will spend their vacation with their parents, Judge and Mrs. D. G. Gantham.

Mrs. Arlie Nichols and little daughter, Alice, from Otis, were in town Wednesday.

Miss Louise Saxter, teacher of the Queen school, came down Tuesday, and will be with her aunt, Mrs. Dr. Leon Darham, until the first of the new year.

The Ohnemus Shops unloaded a car of Studebakers at Roswell Friday and drove the cars to Carlsbad, selling one in Artesia while enroute.

George Fredericks is driving his shiny new car fresh from the Ohnemus shops. Will Barber drove his Cadillac home this week, and Dick Thorne's car is being shined up and ready for Christmas.

Mrs. S. P. Page, left Tuesday for Dallas, Texas, to spend two weeks with her mother, Mrs. Spaul, who spent most of the summer here with her daughter.

Mrs. J. S. Oliver and the children Preston, Louise and Hazel, were passengers yesterday to Roscoe, Texas, where they will visit her sister, Mrs. Carbon, for two or three weeks.

Walter Glover, wife and little daughter were in from the ranch Wednesday. The little girl was taking a peep at Santa Claus and delighted with the noise of the toys.

Mrs. Sadie Cheatum leaves tonight for Artesia where she will spend Christmas with her friend, Miss Lina McCoy, and they are anticipating one more good time.

Miss Lucy Jones is with Joyce-Pruitt Company this week. Miss Lucy came in from her school on Lone Tree Saturday and planned to spend the week pleasantly with her uncle Frank's family, but changed her plans this week.

A five pound girl baby was welcomed to the home of Ben Wheeler and wife Monday Dec. 20th. All parties doing nicely, but grand dad. His step is uncertain and irregular.

STOCK NOTES

W. W. Ward bought this week the old Tom Runyan and Segrest ranch and the old S S headquarters ranch. The sum paid is private but is said to involve quite a sum of money.

Miles Stone was in town Tuesday from his ranch. Mr. Stone has the fifty head of heifers at his ranch that were held a couple of weeks in Texas subject to inspection. Mr. Stone has been improving his ranch in the way of building cement tanks and troughs and has not gotten off to California to spend Christmas with his family, but expects to get off any time after the first of the new year.

J. W. Smith and H. M. Williams, of San Juan, N. M., were in town Monday and Tuesday. Mr. Smith was closing a deal with Mr. Williams selling him some good cows.

W. D. Hudson shipped from Riverton stock pens 441 cows Wednesday to J. W. Smith, of Kansas City, the cows going to a pasture near Shamrock, in Texas on the Oklahoma line. The price paid was \$20.00 for 400 and \$25.00 for 41 and they were all good cows. This is the lowest paid in Eddy county for some time.

DROP IN STOCK CATTLE.
The perpendicular drop in stock cattle for the past several months has been very marked, canners that this time last year were worth 5c on the Kansas City market are now quoted at 3.50.

The downward tendency of the market is no better proven than by the following market reports:

Kansas City Live Stock—1914.
Kansas City, Nov. 10, 1914.—Hogs—Receipts, 32,000; steady. Bulk, \$7.50@7.90; heavy, \$7.50@7.90; pigs, \$6.50@7.25.

Cattle—Receipts, 17,000; steady.
Prime fed steers, \$10.00@11.00; western steers, \$7.00@9.75; calves, \$6.50@10.50.

Sheep—Receipts, 14,000; higher.
Lamb, \$8.00@9.25; yearlings, \$6.00@7.00.

At Kansas City—1915.
Kansas City, Dec. 21.—Hogs—Receipts, 19,000. Market strong. Bulk, \$6.30@6.60; heavy, \$6.50@6.65; light, \$6.25@6.50; pigs, \$5.25@5.75.

Cattle—Receipts, 6,000. Market steady.
Prime fed steers, \$9@9.75; dressed beef steers, \$6.75@8.50; western steers, \$6.25@8.25; calves, \$6@9.25.

Sheep—Receipts, 7,000. Market strong.
Lamb, \$8.25@9.10; yearlings \$6.75@7.50; wethers, \$5.75@6.50.

As will be noted the market for sheep seems to be better no doubt on account of the removal of the tariff on wool.

H. D. Hubbard, wife and the two small boys are spending the holidays in Wichita, Kansas, with Mrs. Hubbard's mother, Mrs. Mary Gould. Mrs. Gould is known here, having visited her daughter at different times and spent part of last summer here. They started on their eastern journey Monday night.

Misses Mary and Jewell Hubbard are guests of the Bates hotel while their father and mother are visiting in Wichita, Kansas. Harry is head man at the home and is keeping the wheels moving.

In her head and Mrs. Henry Jones has been with them all week and they are doing nicely.

Mrs. T. P. Roach and little son, Nesbitt, also Mrs. Henry Englishman, and son, Maurice, came in today to spend Christmas with their sister and family, Mrs. Y. R. Allen. Nesbitt was here in the fall and returned with his father some time ago. He made many acquaintances while here.

J. D. Ogle came in last night from Barksdale, Texas, where they have been making their home since spring. He left Rock Springs Wednesday morning and getting a train out from Angelo the same day, got the late train at Sweet Water and the train at Pecos yesterday—some traveling.

The one dance at the Club rooms last Friday evening was especially enjoyed by ten or fifteen couples and Jack Hines said it was the second best he could remember of. All present had a delightful time.

Gene Roberts left Tuesday for a business trip through east Texas and a visit with friends in Louisiana. He will return about next Monday.

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J. F. FLOWERS

HOSPITAL NOTES.

Claud Ferris was dismissed from the hospital yesterday.

H. Hunt returned to his home in Lakewood Wednesday.

Mr. Walker from Livingston, was brought to the hospital yesterday suffering with pneumonia.

Fred Willis, of Midland, Texas, is a guest of the Bates hotel and will be here during the holidays, enjoying the climate and his many friends.

Miss Vera Hines returned to her home in Pecos, Texas, Tuesday, but expects to return soon.

Mrs. S. S. Skidmore is home to spend Christmas with her parents and sister, Miss Mahel. She came yesterday and will be here over Sunday.

Dady Heard, Tom Miser, wife and baby are expected here today from the High Lonesome ranch.

Mr. Moses, one of T. C. Horne's salesmen, who has been here about four months, will leave tonight for his home in Oklahoma. Mr. Moses has accepted a position in Sapulpa, Okla. He is a good salesman and has made many friends while here.

ANDERSON'S SANITARIUM.

Mrs. Earl Kendall is still at the Sanitarium and will be operated on tomorrow or next day.

Rev. Mr. Pratt is feeling alright now and will be able to conduct the Christmas services at Grace church.

Mrs. Johnson, of Hope, who brought her baby here for an operation for strangulation of the bowels, last week, will be able to take it home this afternoon or tomorrow as it is improving rapidly.

Jose Carlos, the Mexican who was struck on the head with an eight lb. sledge hammer, last Friday, at noon, was brought here and operated on for trephining and is doing nicely.

W. E. Blackwith, who had a stroke of paralysis at the Ogle ranch, last week, was brought here in an auto Friday night and is doing as well as could be hoped for.

Miss Anna Clauder arrived yesterday to join Mrs. F. L. Hopkins here to enjoy the holidays. Miss Clauder is governess at the Todd Barber ranch. She is a guest of Mrs. Lucius Anderson.

Lee Keller and two boy friends were up from Malaga Saturday, trading.

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