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# The Carlsbad Current

EIGHTH YEAR.

CARLSBAD, NEW MEXICO,

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 26, 1919.

NUMBER 4.

## ARTESIA LIKES COTTON

Have Meeting Saturday and Listen to Carlsbad Experts—Decide on Durango.

Last Saturday afternoon 150 of the progressive farmers of the Artesia district gathered at the city reading rooms there to consider the planting of cotton on Artesia fields next summer. The meeting was under the auspices of Eddy Co. Farm Bureau and was under the direction of County Agent A. Z. Smith, and it was by his request that several Carlsbad project cotton specialists addressed the meeting.

Francis G. Tracy was the first speaker called to the floor by the County Agent. It was a fitting recognition of the work done by Tracy in growing cotton in the Pecos valley, for to him, more than any other one man, or any group of men, must be given the credit of bringing this wonderful crop to the project, and of proving its adaptability to the climate. Tracy also has insisted on Durango and the twenty cent premium paid on that staple this summer is proof of his sagacity in picking this particular variety for Carlsbad fields.

Mr. Tracy started by reviewing the history of the cotton crop in Carlsbad, tracing briefly its origin here. Cotton was first planted in 1902 by farmers from Harrow. The planting proved successful, and the industry seemed fairly started when the dam was carried out in 1903, and no water was had that year or in 1904. Some cotton was planted those years in the black river country and the Hagerman farm, and when water was turned into the ditches again, it was resumed on Carlsbad fields. Since that time the crop has steadily increased in size and in value, until this year, when planters will realize well over a million dollars for the staple picked from ten thousand acres.

"No other crop is so favored by railroad and banking interests as is cotton," continued Tracy. "The railroads give the same rate on one bale that they do on a carload lot. The banks will handle security, and if you have a collateral crop, you have a collateral crop."

"Cotton can be planted on lands which are not suitable for alfalfa, and if a stand can be secured on ground where alkali is showing, the crop will grow to maturity, and less water than any other crop which can be produced under irrigation."

Some fear was felt in Artesia as to the comparative length of the two seasons, and it was once stated that the season on those fields was two weeks shorter than that at Carlsbad. Opinion was divided regarding this, but Mr. Tracy continued:

"I have just heard that one farmer in the Carlsbad project thoroughly prepared one acre of ground, fertilizing it and getting the seed bed in good shape, and that he took from this measured acre two bales and a half of Durango cotton. This shows that the Carlsbad growing season is plenty long to mature the Durango variety. We do not make this as an average. The average is from two-thirds to three-fourths of an acre, but these figures show what has been done. I believe that by careful selection of seed, these average figures can be increased. What has been done

once, can be done again."

Mr. Tracy's first try at the cotton game was in response to a request of a cotton specialist in the Department of Agriculture that he plant a trial crop at Carlsbad. This was one of four simultaneously carried out in four different states, and the result here was the best obtained by any of the four experimenters. The staple planted at that time was the Egyptian variety. In conclusion, Tracy said:

"It is my belief that if the farmers of the Artesia district intend to go into cotton planting, that they should decide on what variety they wish, and stay by that variety. In my opinion, the Pecos valley can not compete with the rainfall districts of Texas on short staple, and so we should retire from that field altogether. But in Durango cotton, we hold a practical monopoly, and although Durango seed is going out from the project into many other districts, yet Carlsbad is known as the home of Durango cotton, and consequently our buyers are giving us a twenty cent premium on that variety. The cotton is known, and is desired. By producing a superior strain, the farmer can not only sell his premium on his staple, but sell his seed at an advance over that paid by the mills. High-grade Durango seed sells at ten cents per pound."

After some technical questions had been put and answered regarding the depth of planting, width of rows, season of frost, etc., County Agent Smith called on L. C. Lettwich for his views. Lettwich is a buyer who has put over half a million dollars through Carlsbad banks for cotton, and who is probably as well informed regarding cotton and markets as is anyone in the state. Mr. Lettwich wittily opened his remarks by saying:

"Every cotton planter must run the danger of two pests in his planting. One of them is the boll weevil, the other is the cotton buyer. The boll weevil can be avoided, but the cotton buyer is always with you. There is probably no crop raised in the world regarding which so little is known by the grower as the cotton crop. The alfalfa grower can grade his own pea green hay, and the stockman knows all that need be known about his cattle, but the cotton planter never knows all that needs to be known about cotton. The subject is too vast. In Liverpool, where more grading is done than in any other port in the world, staplers work as apprentices without salary for three years, before they are considered to know how to grade cotton, the farmer can hardly expect to equal this education in stapling cotton, engrossed as he is with the growing of the plant. For this reason, the cotton buyer must be a specialist in his line."

Lettwich briefly explained the grade and the staple, the two points on which cotton is judged, and then said, "It is hard to sell cotton which is not of regular length. Mills set their machinery for a certain length, an inch, or an inch and an eighth, etc., and all cotton which is longer or shorter than these lengths is lost, when it passes through a machine set for a particular staple. This is called invisible waste, and the mill owner pays it. Naturally he wishes to secure bales in which the staple is regular."

There is no market for 7-8 staple in America. This goes to the cotton mills of Japan. Inch staple and staple to an inch and a quarter finds a ready market in America, but as there is no Durango cotton raised elsewhere in the world outside of Mexico than at Carlsbad and Pecos, Lettwich ad-

## CONTEMPLATE NEW GIN.

Loving Planters Confer with Otis Company Regarding Second Unit.

Planters in the lower valley are considering the erection of a new gin at Loving. The plan so far outlined, is to have the Otis gin company double its capital, and install a second unit at Loving. The gin at Otis has made good, and the management is popular. The matter is to be presented to the stockholders of the Otis company at their annual meeting in January. Committees have met and discussed the building, but many important facts remain to be decided, notably that of power. The Otis management have used electric power very successfully, and have no desire to go back to the gasoline engine, but the matter of installing an electric power line to Loving will have to be taken up by the Utilities Company, which will require some time in which to make arrangements. Most of the stock of the new authorization would be taken by Loving planters.

The proposed new gin at Loving, which is mentioned elsewhere in this issue, will undoubtedly be run by electric power, and the directors of the Public Utilities Company are planning for the improvement which will be required. In addition to an expenditure of ten thousand dollars for the extension of the power line, an additional ten thousand will be required for new machinery at the dam. When this new machinery at the dam is installed, the company will be able to generate more current with less power than is used at present. The officials of the gin company are also discussing the erection of an oil mill, but this is purely tentative. Sixty-five hundred dollars has been subscribed by lower valley people toward the erection of the gin.

## Grades For Postmaster Examination Received.

Grades have been received of the recent examination for postmaster. The applicants rank according to grades, John Bolton, John Wells and Aud Lusk. However, it is understood that soldiers are given an advantage of five points in any civil service examination, so it appears that John Wells has an excellent chance of being the next postmaster.

Visited the Artesia growers to take up this brand.

"The cotton buyer must of course figure on a certain overhead expense but if we could buy Durango at Pecos, Carlsbad and Artesia, thus securing a greater volume of this kind of business, we, of course, could figure a little closer to the farmer. We can not compete with the Texas farmer with his shorter haul to Gulf ports on short staple but we can produce something which he can not produce, and thus take ourselves out of his class. I would advise that the Artesia people experiment with a view of making Durango their particular crop."

At the close of the talk made by Lettwich, the County Agent called on Joe Wertheim, who was formerly a resident of Artesia, but who later moved to Carlsbad, taking up the buying of cotton this year in connection with his mercantile business. Mr. Wertheim said:

"I have heard some of you discussing the planting of Mahone cotton. I think this is the worst thing you could do. The Mahone has been given up on the Carlsbad project. It has a short staple, from 7-8 to 11-6, and our wholesale men tell us to stay off the Mahone. We have some cotton under now in Gulf ports, which is shortstaple, but all our long staple found a ready market."

Wertheim was sure that Durango would be raised in Artesia, as he had bought several good bales raised at Lakewood and Dayton. He then concluded his talk by reading from the stubs of his check book the prices paid for bales in Carlsbad. The sums sounded convincing.

Lettwich, speaking later, said that he had specialized for seven years in Durango, three years in lower California, and four at Carlsbad, and that he had consistently urged the planting of this variety. He said, however, that the fluctuation of the premium on long staple varied greatly, more so than the shortstaple. The twenty cent premium now being given would have been increased he thought had labor troubles not interfered with selling. Foreign exchange, also, was at such a prohibitive figure that French and German mills were greatly crippled, particularly German industries, and the English pound had reached depths undreamed of by conservative Englishmen.

After the three Carlsbad experts had been quizzed by the Artesia farmers, it was moved and seconded that the meeting consider that Durango should be the staple planted, and this motion being put by the County Agent, it was carried, with but one dissenting vote. The County Agent was asked to help in the selection of seed, and representatives of the Citizens and the First National Bank being present, these bankers agreed to learn the acreage to be planted, and the requisite amount of seed desired.

## STATE MAY GET 2 CONGRESSMEN

Census Forecast Is That New Mexico Will Be Entitled to Another Representative in 1920.

Albuquerque, N. M.—It is quite probable that New Mexico will have two representatives in congress after March 4, 1921. This state was allowed two congressmen during the first year of statehood, but under the apportionment fixed by congress based upon the census in 1910, one representative was lost.

Congress made it necessary for this state to have a population of 423,754 in order to have two representatives in the lower house but the 1910 census showed a population of only 327,301. But the estimates of the census bureau of 1918 gives this state a population of 437,000 in round numbers. There should be a reasonable increase for the year 1919 to be added, and unless actual tabulation by the enumerators should show the annual estimates of the bureau to be frightfully inaccurate New Mexico will be entitled to elect two representatives in 1921.

Speculation naturally arises regarding the personnel of the candidates. On the democratic side it is not believed that W. B. Walton will allow his name to go before the convention. In the last campaign he announced that he would not run for the lower house again. He stood squarely by his guns, when the convention came, to nomination for the senate, or nothing. Judge Richardson of Roswell finally accepted the nomination, but he didn't really want it. Antonio Lucero would not have it. Great difficulty was experienced in securing one candidate, and indications are not lacking that it will be quite difficult to secure two when the convention meets next year.

On the republican side Congressman Hernandez has announced that he will not accept a nomination to succeed himself, and the sentiment in the party seems to be crystallizing on Lieutenant Governor Pankey as the man likely to be named to succeed Mr. Hernandez. If another candidate is to be named, he may likely come from the Pecos valley country or he may come from some one of the northern counties, or he may come from Albuquerque. The logic of the situation would suggest that a Spanish-American be named to run with Pankey, should he be the nominee. In that case, it is not improbable that Nestor Montoya of this city will be the nominee.

The greatest drawback to securing a candidate in either party is a financial one. It is expensive to make the race, and if the candidate is elected his troubles have only commenced. He cannot live in Washington City, as a congressman is expected to live, on the salary. He couldn't do it before the high cost of living epidemic came, striking the national capital harder than any other place in the nation, and it will linger there longer.

## STATE APPROPRIATION FOR SCHOOLS OF EDDY COUNTY.

December 18, 1919.  
Mr. C. C. Sikes,  
County Treasurer of Eddy County,  
Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Dear Sir:  
From the State Appropriation of \$8969.40 to the schools of Eddy County, made by the State Department of Education on December 19, 1919, upon a scholastic enumeration of 3144 for the county, at \$2.85 per capita, you will please place to the credit of the several districts of Eddy County the following amounts:

No.	Enumeration	Amount
1. Otis	269	\$763.80
2. Lower Black River	39	111.15
3. Upper Black River	22	62.70
4. Queen	66	188.10
5. Rocky Arroyo	37	105.45
6. Lakewood	174	495.90
7. Hope	409	1165.65
8. Loving	314	894.90
9. Malaga	127	361.95
10. Dayton	61	173.85
11. Artesia	621	1769.85
12. Atoka	68	193.80
13. Cottonwood	114	324.90
14. Carlsbad Independent	824	2348.40

Total.....3144 8969.40

Very respectfully yours,  
GEO. M. BRINTON,  
County Superintendent of Schools.

## Contemplate New Church.

The Christian congregation is considering the erection of a new church. Plans have not gone further than to secure the promise of an appropriation from the extension department of the church, should the sum be asked.

## Watch-Night Meeting.

Watch-night will be observed at the Methodist church Wednesday evening. All the members of the church are most cordially invited. The nature of the meeting will be to get better acquainted and spend the evening in a social way as well as religious. A program will be rendered, lunch served, closing out with devotional service as the old year passes out and the new comes in. GEORGE H. GIVAN, Pastor.

## ERICKSON-MAYNARD.

A pretty wedding ceremony was that which occurred at the Joyce home Christmas day, when Miss Blanche Erickson of Carlsbad and Judge H. C. Maynard of Roswell were quietly married by the Rev. George H. Givan, the ring service being read. Mrs. Maynard is well acquainted in the valley, coming to Carlsbad in 1912 as an employee of the Joyce-Fruit Company, then, after a year's absence, returning to the same firm at Roswell, where she has lived until this fall, when she came to Carlsbad as a department head of the store here. The groom has lived in Roswell for the last seven years and has a well established law practice there. His earlier home was at Fremont, Nebraska. He is a popular and democratic man about town, and both he and his bride have a host of friends in the upper valley metropolis. After the ceremony the Maynards were guests of the Joyces for Christmas dinner, leaving at four o'clock, for Roswell, amid a shower of confetti. They will be at home at 510 South Lea, at a home recently purchased by Judge Maynard for his bride. The Current joins their many friends in extending its felicitations.

Miss Miller to Marry Mr. Peck.  
Mr. and Mrs. Duncan Wolcott Miller of 416 Humboldt St., Denver, Colorado, make formal announcement of the engagement of their daughter, Dorothy, to William A. Peck. The marriage is to take place in Carlsbad, New Mexico. Miss Miller is a graduate of East Denver High school and attended finishing school in Los Angeles, California.

Mr. Peck recently received his discharge from the army, having served nearly two years overseas as a lieutenant. He was engaged in all the fighting from Chateau Thierry to the day of the Armistice and was cited for bravery. He was ten months in the Army of Occupation.

Mr. and Mrs. Miller and Miss Dorothy will depart Monday for New Mexico.—Denver Post.

Friends are pleased to learn of the marriage of Miss Lucille Farrell at Socorro to Major Ned Godbey, formerly of the United States army. The wedding was on Monday of this week. The bride and groom have been acquainted since 1917, and will live in Redlands this winter.

## PRINCIPLES OF LEGION EXPLAINED.

Major E. P. Bujac Tells of the Creed that Service Men Hope To Follow.

"I have been asked," said Major Bujac, recently, "to explain the reason for the creation of the American Legion. A brief survey of its aims will convince any doubters of the imperative need of such a body."

"On Armistice Day at Minneapolis, the Legion pledged its devotion to a new-born declaration of National Independence, and a Constitution for all one hundred per cent Americans, to the exclusion of the alien slanders, and draft dodgers."

"That the American Legion may be more generally understood by those not familiar with its aims, be it known that it stands firmly for the creed:

"For God and country, we associate ourselves together for the following purposes:

"To uphold and defend the Constitution of the United States of America; to maintain law and order; to foster and perpetuate a one hundred per cent Americanism; to preserve the memories and incidents of our association in the great war; to inculcate a sense of individual obligation to the community, state and nation; to combat the autocracy of both the classes and the masses; to make right the master of might; to promote peace and good will on earth; to safeguard and transmit to posterity the principles of justice, freedom and democracy; to consecrate and sanctify our comradeship by our devotion to mutual helpfulness."

"I think if these principles are followed by all ex-service men, then a promise will be created from which will emanate God's will on earth, and that justify all the misery, death and desolation occasioned by the World War."

The Roberts-Debarbise Company, believing that Loving is a coming town, and also believing that it is coming very fast, recently bought seven city lots in the central part of the lower valley town.

F. G. Tracy, Vice-Pres.  
Annie L. Dalton, Secy.-Treas.  
Lewis E. Alexander, Secy.-Treas.

## ABSTRACTS AND CERTIFICATES OF TITLE

THE EDDY COUNTY ABSTRACT CO., INC.

ORGANIZED 1891

THREE ABSTRACTERS WITH 6 TO 12 YEARS EXPERIENCE.  
Office east of Court House.

## TAX VALUATIONS SAID NOT EQUAL

Taxpayers Are Smarting Under Big Burden Because of Undervaluation and Omitted Property.

"The taxpayers of New Mexico are smarting under a remarkably heavy tax burden, not because of lack of tangible property to assess, but because of gross undervaluation and omitted property."

"If the taxing authorities see that the burden of taxation has an equitable distribution among all property owners, according to law, our tax rolls will show such remarkable increase that the tax levies should be reduced at least 25 per cent and probably more."

Thus the underlying cause of heavy taxation was tersely defined by Joseph E. Saint, chairman of the tax commission, at the opening on Wednesday afternoon in the state house of the conference of county officials called by the tax commission.

Attendance easily reached the expectation of the tax commission and held out reasonable assurance that they would have the support of county officials in their drive to get taxable property on the tax rolls at full valuation—which Mr. Saint asserted, is the answer to the problem of high taxes. There were nearly fifty county officials at the opening session and the arrival of more was expected before the close.

After Mr. Saint's paper came an "experience meeting" that showed the valuation methods of county assessors to be as diversified as a department store "ad", largely due, of course, to the varied conditions in different counties. One county had irrigated lands, another dry farming lands, another "waste" lands and so on through the entire family of grazing and agricultural lands. Some counties had them in combination.

Publicity was used by Roy S. Waller, assessor of Eddy county, as the cure for unlike assessments of similar lands in different counties. He said that the valuation of the same kind of lands in Eddy, Chavez and Lea, neighboring counties, did not vary because they were in close communication with one another, but he wouldn't be surprised if there was a wide difference between Eddy county's valuation and another more distant county's valuation of the same class of land. He suggested that the tax commission keep the local officials informed.

## Zone Plan Explained.

The zone plan of valuation in use in Curry county was explained by George Roach, assessor, recognizing the higher value of suburban lands by reason of their proximity to the county seat. The farms lying closest to Clovis are in the \$1,800 zone. They are valued at \$1,800 a quarter. Living outside the first zone is the \$1,200 zone, then the \$1,000 zone and so on. In Clovis real estate is assessed by the assessor accompanied by real estate men and disinterested men, including members of the council.

Other speakers included T. F. McLaughlin, commissioner of Colfax county; H. D. Johnson, assessor of De Baca county; and G. C. Hanna, deputy assessor of Curry county. The speakers stood up as John Joerns, secretary of the commission, called the roll of counties in alphabetical order, but he got only as far as Eddy when the conference adjourned until this morning.

## WALTER CRAFT IN CARLSBAD AGAIN.

Walter Craft is back in Carlsbad. The ex-Y. M. C. A. man has taken charge of the grocery department of the Peoples Mercantile company, succeeding L. E. Hayes, now in El Paso.

Since last February, Craft has been in charge of the salvage department of the Southern Department of the Y. M. C. A. comprising six states. He was given priority to the value of five million dollars to salvage. Hundreds of thousands of dollars of athletic equipment, motion picture machines, tents, automobiles, all and various articles of camp equipment passed under Craft's hammer, and the work was not completed by a month's time when he decided to come back to the Pecos valley and grow up again with the country. The many friends of the family are exceedingly glad to have the Crafts back in town again.

Miss Lu B. Hughes and Tom Callaway were visitors to Roswell Wednesday.

## At Your Service

The National Bank of Carlsbad



WE PAY FOUR PER CENT INTEREST ON TIME OR SAVINGS DEPOSITS



## The Season's Greetings

At this Holiday Season, we like to think of our Customers as our Friends. We like to feel that in a broad sense our Customers are our Partners—That our success is but the reflection of their success.

And so on the eve of a New Year we extend to you our Hearty Good Wishes with the sincere hope that the coming year will bring to you greater Prosperity and Happiness than ever before.

## The Boston Store

WERTHEIM & RYNUM

### LEGISLATURE WILL RATIFY SUFFRAGE AMENDMENT AT SPECIAL SESSION.

There was held in Albuquerque the first week in December a meeting that in the years to come will be looked upon as one of the memorable occasions marking a step forward in the march of progress for New Mexico. This was a conference between Mrs. Carrie Chapman Catt of the National Suffrage Association and the women of New Mexico who are leading the forces for ratification of the Federal Suffrage Amendment at the coming Special session of the legislature which is to meet in January at Santa Fe.

Mrs. Catt called attention to the importance of New Mexico in the endeavor to secure a sufficient number of states to ratify in order that women might participate in the 1920 national election which is to be one of the most important elections ever held in America. It is important for the nation that woman's voice be heard at this critical time in the history of our country, and that woman's point of view be taken into account in the world's questions be recognized. This much is due women as a recognition of their unselfish devotion to our cause in the world war.

It was with great pride that the women informed Mrs. Catt that Governor Larrazolo had agreed to call a special session of the legislature, and they assured the national leader of their entire confidence that the legislature would ratify the amendment and so put the state in the forefront of the really progressive states of the Union.

The matter is now to meet the loyal support of its women in upholding the integrity of the country on the western hemisphere during the reconstruction period immediately ahead of us, and Mrs. Catt asserted that the opportunity for service of the New Mexico women was monumental because of their understanding of the Spanish language and people.

The meeting was also for the purpose of affecting a temporary organization of a League of Women Voters in New Mexico in anticipation of the new responsibilities. Committees were named and chairmen appointed for the several branches of work planned. It was interesting to note the scope of the interest of women throughout the nation—the new voters to be—as represented by the speakers from national headquarters. Dr. Valeria Parker represents the department of Social Hygiene, or National Health, such as has been carried on by the government among the soldiers but is now to be extended to the women and children of the nation; Miss Schuler, of the Child's Welfare Department, interested in reducing the infant mortality and in developing a stronger and better race; and Miss Haver, of the Consumer's League, a national organization interested in food, its conservation, preparation and distribution. These women who are all experts in their chosen work were brilliant speakers who outlined practical methods.

### HAY TRADE CONDITIONS OF THE WEEK.

Western markets continue to advance. Receipts although heavier than a week ago, are still below requirements and these markets are strong. The coal strike and consequent slow railroad deliveries together with poor country road conditions, have kept supplies below present requirements. Activity in buying is the result of cold winter weather and spot supplies are below requirements. There is no volume to trade in the East and although present railroad restrictions are holding up new shipments, there was a fairly large amount of hay moving and accumulating before the delivery situation became strained and this has been more unsatisfactory than in the West.

### Kansas City.

Trade is active in hay and although the total supply has increased, there does not seem to be enough to go around. Buyers are looking for all of the better grades of prairie, alfalfa and tamehay and the market is cleaned up early each day. Straw is also active. The coal shortage and poor traffic conditions are responsible for slow deliveries.

### New York.

There is more hay in sight and on hand than a week ago and the market is easy with values lower. A steady increase in accumulations the past two weeks has forced values down \$1 to \$2 and the market is weak at these figures while trade was especially light the past week. Much of the present offerings are of shipping and No. 3 and a large part of it is in small bales.

### Boston.

The local hay situation shows a slightly firmer tendency with some receivers holding at somewhat higher prices. There has been a little more inquiry from the trade during the week, although there have not been many sales reported. In some instances where special grade at the terminals is wanted sales are made above quotations, but as a rule, the prices quoted today represent the general market. Buyers generally are holding off and looking for lower prices, as invoices of hay to arrive are reported to be increasing and larger arrivals are anticipated. Canadian hay is coming forward more freely.

The subject of the sermon with morning worship next Sabbath at the Presbyterian church will be "Moral Inertia." There will be Sabbath school at ten o'clock and Endeavor meeting at six-thirty.

## Double Auction

JANUARY 1ST, 1920

MOUNTAIN VIEW RANCH

One Mile North of Main St. of Artesia, N. M.

Two O'clock Sharp

I will sell to the highest bidder RELINQUISHMENT AND ALL IMPROVEMENTS on one of the best located Quarter Sections in the West, 7 room house with running water, sewer and all plumbing in for bath; good well with pump; good storage tank; fenced and cross fenced; corral and sheds; a good milk house and storage in back yard; good garden with chicken and rabbit proof fence; pipe line running into the garden from well; over 100 acres good farm land.

This place has carried a \$20,000.00 loan and was considered good security.

Artesia ships more Poultry, Eggs, and Produce than any other town in New Mexico.

Santa Fe Railroad runs along east side of place. This place will sell on above date at the place and time above mentioned and any prospective buyer can get all the information necessary from the First National Bank or Citizens State Bank of Artesia, and the owner will abide by any recommendation they make and will pay all expenses of any one coming to look at this property, if, for any cause, it fails to sell to the highest bidder.

Only reason for selling is I cannot Homestead this land; am holding it under the Desert Land Law and, on account of sickness, cannot develop the necessary water to prove up.

Improvements cost over \$2500.00.

TERMS—All cash or half cash.

W. F. and Emma J. Hollomon, Owners.

IMMEDIATELY AFTER THIS SALE, FRED BRAINARD WILL OFFER FOR SALE 10 ACRES (A LITTLE LESS THAN 10 ACRES) FOR SALE TO THE HIGHEST BIDDER.

This is exceptionally good land. About 7 acres lie in Eagle Draw. It is one-fourth mile south of Corporate Limits of Artesia, and is more definitely described as the W 1/4 of the N. E. 1/4 of Sec. 20, Twp. 1, Range 20.

There is a one-fourth interest in an artesian well on the 10 acres adjoining this tract.

There are no improvements other than that it is fenced and set with bearing apple trees.

This would make a very desirable place upon which to build and live. It is at the end of Rose Lawn Avenue and is just one mile from Main Street of Artesia.

This place will be sold on JANUARY 1ST, to the highest bidder, providing there is no sale made before that time. The title to this land is good and an abstract will be furnished.

TERMS—All cash or half cash.

Come and see or write, either or both of the above-named banks.

COL. TOM MCKINSTRY, Auctioneer.

## You Know These Men

If not personally,

by reputation

CEO. W. CON, President of Roswell-Overland Co., Roswell, N. M.  
C. A. BERTON, Sheriff of Chavez County, Roswell, N. M.  
J. J. JAFFA, Vice-President of Citizen's National Bank, Roswell, N. M.  
GEO. W. LOSEY, President of First National Bank, Hagerman, N. M.  
GUY H. HERBERT, Ex-assessor of Chavez County, Roswell, N. M.  
NATHAN JAFFA, Jaffa-Prager Company, Roswell, N. M.  
DR. C. M. YATER, Roswell, N. M.  
DR. E. M. FISHER, Roswell, N. M.  
DR. F. R. HALSTEAD, Roswell, N. M.  
JUDGE R. D. BELLI, Roswell, N. M.  
LOUIS P. RICHART, Secretary Roswell-Overland Co., Roswell, N. M.

THESE BUSINESS MEN OF ROSWELL, together with seventeen other prominent business men of the Pecos Valley, have placed their money and confidence back of

## THE ROSWELL-COMANCHE OIL & GAS CO.

DOES THIS SIGNIFY ANYTHING TO YOU? Is a proposition endorsed by these men not worthy of your investigation and investment.

## The Roswell-Comanche Oil & Gas Co.

CAPITAL STOCK 9000 Shares Par Value \$1.00 each

The holdings of this Company consist of leases for oil and gas on the following described property, to-wit:

A drill-site in the town of Comanche, Oklahoma, in the heart of what is known as the Comanche Oil Field, within 1200 feet of production, and sixty acres lying south-west of the town of Comanche, which is, according to geological reports, on the same structure and in the same defined pool as the other production around the town of Comanche.

New developments seem to conclusively prove that production is getting heavier toward the south-west. We spudded in on this lease October 29th, 1919, and have every reason to believe that we will bring in a larger well than any now producing in the field.

### OUR QUICK DIVIDEND PLAN

It is the aim of the officers of this Company to sell all wells to the pipe line companies and pay the money back to the stock holders in dividends at once.

The bringing in of a 500 barrel well should mean a dividend of 1000 per cent upon the sale of the well. And remember, other localities will be drilled until we have drilled out our entire acreage. We realize that in all investments there is an element of chance for loss, but we believe that in this investment this element is eliminated to as great an extent as is possible in oil investments.

Remember, that when you make an investment in this Company, you are backing up the judgment of twenty-eight successful business men of the Pecos Valley, together with a long list of investors.

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Dated..... Name.....

Address..... Address all correspondence to Company, Roswell, New Mexico.

### BIRTHDAY OF BOY SCOUTS.

On February 8, 1920, there will be a tremendous birthday observance—that of the Boy Scouts of America.

The scouts of every place will unite with hundreds of thousands of others all over the country in observance of the tenth anniversary of Scouting. The celebration will continue for eight days.

It will also be known as Father and Son week. During that time in hundreds of cities there will be held fathers and sons banquets, where boys and men will get together for fellowship and mutual help.

The anniversary is to have as one of its objects a request to every man, woman and child in the nation to "do a good turn daily" for one week, the same as the Boy Scouts do throughout the year.

Every Boy Scout, wherever he may be at 8:15 on the night of February 8, will stand at salute and repeat the Scout Oath, which is as follows:

On my honor I will do my best:  
1. To do my duty to God and my country, and to obey the scout law;  
2. To help other people at all times;  
3. To keep myself physically strong, mentally awake, and normally straight.

### PECOS WATER USERS ASSOCIATION—NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION.

Notice is hereby given that the annual election and meeting of Stockholders of the Pecos Water Users Association will be held at the office of the corporation in the city of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A. M. and 3:00 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday, January 20th, A. D. 1920.

At said election there are to be elected by ballot as prescribed by the by-laws, one director in the Otis District, to take the place of C. P. Pardue, term expired; and one director in the Malaga District to take the place of A. W. Dallman, term expired.

The Judges of said election, as appointed by the president of the Board, are: Roy B. Worley, W. H. Merchant and C. D. Rickman.

The Clerks of said election, as appointed by the president of the Board, are: J. R. Ogden and Claude Wright.

This notice is given and published by me as required by the by-laws, and under the direction of the Board of Directors by resolution adopted by them.

L. S. MYERS, Secretary.  
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were gobble-gobbling around the barns not many days ago. Hey, little Bob! D'you see those pots of jam, and spiced watermelon pickles? And here are the Christmas presents all wrapped and tied ready for the tree, but not to be opened by anybody until Christmas morning. Here's why, mother! You've got one parcel here marked wrong! It has Dan's name on it!"

Mother Morris dabbed at her eyes with her handkerchief.

"Please, don't laugh at me, children," she said sadly. "It's my Dan's Christmas as much as it is that for any rest of us, and I—I was hoping that maybe we'd find him here in the city now that we've come here ourselves."

It was pathetically absurd, that barren little hope of the bereaved old mother, but none of them even let her see them smile at it.

The afternoon before Christmas Julia persuaded her husband to take little Bobbie downtown so that he could not surprise her trimming the tree. Brother Jim and the old folks went along.

Little Bobbie naturally was most of all interested in the toy departments and hardly could be made leave hold some of the playthings he most fancied.

"Oh see, daddy! A horse that rocks, with a mane and bridle and everything!... And oh, grandma! look! look! There's a real live Santa Claus talking to those other little boys and girls!"

It was indeed. The big store had hired a rather shabby-looking young man that week, who for \$15 was supposed to sit at the door of an imitation snow house and solemnly encourage visiting youngsters to tell him their fondest wants in the line of presents. Little Bobbie was impatiently waiting in line, holding fast with one chubby fist to his father's hand, in no time, Mother and father Morris, and big brother Jim watched and waited smilingly for them on the edge of the crowd.

to spend holidays with Julia, who had married and lived there.

Ordinarily Julia and her husband, with little Bobbie, came out to the farm visiting the old folks and brother Jim at Christmas, but this year Julia had a new baby, scarce four months old, and hadn't felt equal to the trip. So father and sweet-faced mother Morris—their hair already white and with the years' anxiety for their missing Dan reflected in wrinkled faces—packed up all sorts of home-made eatables in baskets and had sun-burned brother Jim take them for the first time to the big city.

It was a bewildering adventure to those simple souls; each incident of the journey and novel sight after arrival was a never-to-be forgotten experience. Fred, Julia's brisk and



hearty husband, welcomed them at the station and thrilled them with a ride out to their daughter's apartment on the elevated railway. It was a joyous reunion, but—as mother said, with a sudden break in her voice—"it can't be as if my baby, our Dan, were here with us too."

"There, there, mother," said father Morris, patting her quivering shoulder consolingly. "You mustn't think about Dan just now. He'll return to us some day when he's become rich and famous. Just look here, Julia—and you too, Fred!—all the month-watering stuff that Ma's brought you from the farm. Home-canned, uncolored butter rolls those are! And here's these stuffed little ones."

The long-whiskered Santa patted his head in perfunctory weariness. "And what do you most want me to put in your stocking this Christmas Eve, Bobbie?" he asked with a side-long glance at the tolerantly smiling father.

"We—ell," drawled Bobbie uncertainly, "there are lots and lots of things I want awful, awful much. Mister Santa Claus, but I heard my mamma say this morning that it's ever so much nicer to wish for things for those that love you than for yourself. So I—I guess, I ought to ask you

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With a choking cry the white-whiskered one stumbled to his feet, nearly upsetting his little snow house and searching Bobbie's wonder-round eyes in hungry disbelief.

"You are Julia Morris' little boy?" he muttered dazedly. "And you say that... that your grandmother really wants her worthless runaway Dan to come back to her?... is waiting here in the city for him now? Oh, my God!"

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## CHRISTMAS BELLS

Hark! Hark! I hear a distant bell,  
And now a chime—they softly ring.  
What 'joyful tidings do they tell  
As back and forth they swing.

'Tis mid of night—who rings those bells?  
Perhaps some doves these nestling,  
And while each little bosom swells,  
And warm, they touch with gentle wing  
The tuneful metal, and it feels  
So incubated it would swing  
To life, and wake the world with peals  
Of gladness as for new-crowned King.

Those midnight bells, how sweet they chime.  
The welkin vibrates with their sound;  
To hearts attune they are sublime,  
Nor spread they dread alarm around.

Lo! now I see, from East afar  
A light shines through the steeple's  
frame.

'Tis brighter than the brightest star,  
It glows the bells with golden flame;  
There, too, I see some cherubs cling  
Fast hold the ropes. How fair they be!  
They swing the bells and sweetly sing  
'This is the Christ's nativity.'

Wake every heart, join in their song  
Of praise to Christ, our new-born King;  
To him our sweetest strains belong,  
And his, our richest offering.

When wakes the god of day, and shines  
Athwart the heavens, what of glee  
Will wake as well? With box and pines  
And flowers gay, your house will be  
Adorned, and while the anthem swells  
With organ's voice, all Christendom  
Will vibrate as as those bells  
That Christ's nativity has come.  
—J. William Pope.

## A Few Don'ts for Christmas

Don't court indigestion.  
Don't grumble, whatever you do.  
Don't half fill the kiddies' stockings.  
Don't give presents which will be useless.  
Don't forget the mistletoe. Romance still lives.

## At Christmas Time

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Make the appointment today, as  
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"Well, my little man, what is your name?" asked the scarlet-coated and long white-whiskered Santa Claus in a tired, husky voice when Bobbie's turn finally came.

"I'm Bobbie Wallace, dear Mr. Santa Claus, and I live at 5691 Byrne street," the boy chirruped at him, round-eyed and devoutly believing in the identity of Santa. "My mamma's name is Julia Wallace and I've got a little baby sister now, too."

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Don't forget that it ought to be a merry Christmas.

Don't deny the little ones' ideas about Santa Claus.

Don't worry about unpaid bills—at any rate until tomorrow.

Don't scoff at the lingering superstitions of the good old days.

Don't for the show of things, buy presents which you can't afford.

Don't expect too many presents. Take what you get and be thankful.

Don't, if you get up on your wrong side, make every body else miserable.

Don't forget to think at least once during the day that Christmas really means.

Don't give a present unless you want to. Better not give at all than give insincerely.

Don't forget that the giving of Christmas boxes, like charity, should begin at home.

Don't, if you are a girl, stand under the mistletoe until you see the right chap approaching.

Don't kiss somebody else's best girl, even though she is under the mistletoe. There might be a row.

Don't work on Christmas day if you can avoid it. If you have to, however, don't make a song about it.

Don't give Johnnie a trumpet and Peter a whistle and expect to have a quiet time. It's unreasonable.

Don't put off buying presents until the last minute. You'll get better value and avoid the crush if you shop early.

Don't send an electric runabout to a freezing widow with five starving children. This is like throwing a rope of pearls to a drowning man.

Don't look pained when somebody tells a fifty-year-old Christmas story. That's one of the unavoidable circumstances of the festive season.

Don't give a new song to some one who doesn't sing; but be still more certain that you don't give a new song to some one who imagines he can sing.

Don't refrain from giving because you can't afford to give much. The intrinsic value of a gift counts for nothing. It is the thought which prompts it that matters.

rather indignant crowd of shoppers old mother Morris was coming as fast as her trembling legs would permit, and above the noise and calls of clerks at the counters, could be heard her thrilling, quavering outcry:

"Danny! Oh, Danny! Danny! I've found my lost boy at last!"

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## Merry Christmas

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### OTIS SCHOOL.

Dec. 18, 1919 (Too late for last week.)

G. F. Fleming and W. W. Galton had a sale yesterday. Some things sold well and both parties were pleased. A nice lunch was served.

The Tebbetts family hopes to be in their new home by New Year. Tom Tebbetts and family visited Mr. Williams' last Sunday.

J. A. Hardy has ordered a Penn Motor car. It was shipped Dec. 1st.

Mrs. Lang was on the sick list last week.

A. F. Recker is going to buy a Cietrac Tractor.

Sybil Prewitt and the Newburn boys have been absent this week.

Mrs. Terry Basham returned from a visit at Roswell last week.

university, Chicago. She is a niece of Miss Laura Lovett, of this city, with whom she has resided for the past few years. Mr. Durden is a nephew of Judge L. A. Dale, of this city, and since his return from army service he has made his home with Judge and Mrs. Dale. He served with the 29th division in the American expeditionary forces.

### NOTICE OF RECEIVER'S SALE.

NOTICE is hereby given that pursuant to an order in cause No. 3928 of the Civil Docket of the District Court, Eddy County, New Mexico, wherein W. J. Gossett is plaintiff and Lee Donald is defendant, which order was made and entered on the 1st day of December, 1919.

I will on the 5th day of December 1919 at 2 o'clock P. M. at the place of business of the firm of Gossett & Donald, on Canyon street, near Fox street, in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, offer for sale and sell at public auction all of the property in my hands as receiver and belonging to the partnership of Gossett & Donald, consisting of the stock of merchandise on hand, the pool tables, cigar stand, cold drink stand, the barber shop, the chairs and other equipment, the lease of the room now occupied by said business and other goods and chattels connected with said business, said business now being conducted by me as a going concern, the terms of sale to be cash upon the date of sale.

Witness my hand this 3rd day of December 1919.

ROBERT A. FINLAY,  
Receiver.

### APPLICATION FOR GRAZING PERMITS.

NOTICE is hereby given that all applications for permits to graze cattle, horses, hogs, sheep and goats within the Lincoln National Forest during the season of 1920 must be filed in my office at Alamogordo, New Mexico, on or before January 15, 1920. Full information in regard to the grazing fees to be charged and blank forms to be used in making applications will be furnished upon request. O. FRED ARTHUR, Forest Supervisor.

### Lovett-Durden.

An interesting wedding occurred on Wednesday evening at 6 o'clock at St. Clement's Episcopal church, when Dr. Fuller Swift, rector of the church, united in marriage Cleo Durden and Miss Gaby Lovett. The lines of the service were read in the presence of only the immediate family and closest friends of the couple. The bride was charming in a tulle of brown cloth with hat and accessories matching in shade and her corsage bouquet was of white roses.

Mr. and Mrs. Durden will be at home at 1011 Los Angeles street. The bride is an accomplished musician and studied at Northwestern

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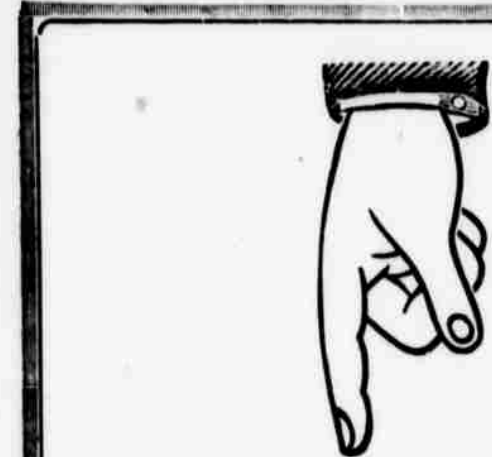
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AN MORRIS had run away from his home on the farm and none of the family had heard a word concerning him in the three years that followed. Dan was the youngest of three children — "her baby," as old Mrs. Morris always said—and hated farm work. "If brother Jim

likes it, let him do it," he had told the family defiantly. "I'm going to some big city where a fellow has some chance to see life and make his fortune. I'm through with haying all day long in the scorching sun, milking cows and feeding hogs, and then having to sit in the dark on the porch listening to nothing but frogs and katydids until you have to go to bed if you want to get up in time to do it all over again next day. I'm through. I tell you!"

The family had tried to reason with Dan, but it was of no use. One morning they found him gone, leaving only the briefest note of good-by to his mother. And now the third Christmas since his going had come and the family itself was going in to the big city

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### NEW YEAR'S DAY.

Human instinct from earliest time has made much of the beginning of a new year. The completion of another milestone is a notable event in the life of a man or of a nation. One is reluctant to see the years slip into the shadow without making some note of their passage.

Harrassed by trials and drudgery many people are glad to see the old year go, and look on to the new period without much pleasure. If one has the right attitude, the star of hope should always be shining along the pathway ahead, even if the clouds linger over present scenes.

Each year ought to bring new gifts and experience and achievement. The wayfarer has paid down one year of his life, and if he has been wise he has made old Father Time give him some fruitfulness in return. He will not wish to live over the past, but he will look ahead confident that he can avoid some previous mistakes, and attain results previously out of reach.

Cheerful people like to laugh at the passing years, and show that they are just as young as ever. In these busy times, New Year will not be the halcyon and voiceless time of yore. But people will find that they can celebrate without creating the raw material for a sick headache. The dancing crowd will feel that the dramatic moment of midnight adds a new zest to their frolicsome feet.

In silent churches and many quiet homes, waiting hearts will listen for the booming bells that announce one more journey completed around the great circle. In these thoughtful scenes the mind seems to rise above the limitations of earth and to realize the vastness of the universe. God will be thanked for many mercies. The heart will cheerfully open the door to the veiled unseen that lies beyond.

We wish in this way to announce to our advertisers that after this issue of the Current and beginning the first of the new year our advertising rate will be raised to enable us to meet the steadily rising cost of producing a newspaper. This is the first time we have advanced the advertising rate, it being the same as before the war and when the cost of living was insignificant in comparison with prices today. There is at present a scarcity of white print paper and it is a scramble to get it at any price. Such a condition has forced the price of this very necessary commodity skyward with the limit not yet in sight. During the past year the Current has enjoyed a very liberal amount of patronage from advertisers for which we wish to thank them one and all most heartily and assure them that with a constantly growing subscription list we are in a position to give better service than ever before.

It is common talk on the streets that the republicans of Eddy county will have a full county ticket in the field at the next election. It is argued that they are stronger now in this part of the state than ever before and after a few years of apparent inactivity they are solidly united and above board, of strength with the opposing party. All of which is a very laudable ambition on their part and we have no fault to find with them for wishing to secure offices for the members of their party. But it seems to us that the democratic party is inviting disaster by meekly laying down and allowing the custom of permitting republicans to participate in the forthcoming primaries to prevail as in the past. It would be an easy matter for the republicans to go into the democratic primaries, vote for the weakest candidate and at the general election put up a strong man and elect him for any office they might wish. One of the plans suggested to correct this evil is for each voter to be required to separately sign a pledge that he will support the democratic ticket in the general election. Another way suggested is to allow no one to vote who has not been registered and allow no one to register but democrats. Now is the time to get busy and agree on some way to secure as large a democratic vote at the general election as is polled at the primary.

### EXTENDING THE SCHOOL AGE.

A widespread sentiment exists among educators that the age during which children are required to attend school should be raised. Some authorities are agitating for an increase in the compulsory age from 18 years, with the leaving most of the children school education.

A proposition will involve a considerable cost for additional buildings and teachers. But might not be as large as some think. A large percentage of children already continue their education until they are 18, and very few go on as far as 16. If we could state, and municipal governments were run with business efficiency, enough money could be found to make this addition to the school system. It is objected by some that many of our people are dull at their

books, and after they get up a certain distance are better off to be working on a regular job. Some of these young people however would be transformed if given mechanical instruction in schools. This would brighten up their minds, and whet their ambition so much, that they would do better book work.

There are of course many families who the labor of older boys and girls is needed to tide the families over misfortune or provide for younger children. But the masses of working people are demanding more education for their children. The great majority of them would vote to raise the compulsory school age.

It is difficult to build up an intelligent citizenship when multitudes of the younger people pult school as low down as the sixth grade, and many more at the eighth grade. The change suggested will not come at once, but the next few years will see a powerful movement in that direction.

### BUILDING LINES.

One of the greatest mistakes made in laying out American towns, has been the common lack of building line ordinance or law. In the centers of the majority of cities and towns, business blocks and houses are erected right up to the street line. If the city grows, and unless the street was originally laid out very amply, the room for traffic becomes inadequate. It can't be enlarged except by paying heavy damage.

Similarly in laying out the centers of many small towns, houses and stores were placed squarely on the street line. Although the towns may never have grown much, yet their centers will forever have a huddled and crowded look.

To create an attractive residence district, whether in large or small towns, dwellings need to be set back somewhat from the street lines, the distance varying according to conditions on each particular street. A house erected beyond the regular alignment cheapens the whole street. Setting back the houses makes room for lawns and shrubbery.

A street where improvement has been encouraged by setting back the houses, will look infinitely better than one with houses that cost just as much money, but were wrongly placed too near the front of the lot.

Many states are recognizing this principle. Iowa is the latest to adopt it, and the League of Iowa Municipalities rightly takes credit for pushing along this progressive measure. The Iowa law recognizes the correct principle, that the state should not dictate details, but let each community work out its own arrangements. Conditions vary not only in different towns, but in different streets in the same town. Real estate owners will enhance the value of their own property, by making these regulations established, and requiring the people who are up buildings to do so in an orderly manner.

### GERMANY IS WORKING.

Very contradictory news is coming out of Germany. Many prominent newspapers and newspaper correspondents report that the country is in a very bad way, with a bolshevik revolution likely to break loose any moment. Other reports have had it that the German wage earners are voluntarily working longer hours, realizing that only by work can they escape their difficulties.

The statement of Herr Schmidt, German minister of food and economics, would seem authoritative. He says that the German economic condition has improved to an astonishing extent recently. Workers have returned to their tasks far more than seemed possible last summer. He cited statistics showing that production is now close to the pre-war basis.

This is a remarkable showing. It reveals the tremendous power of the German people and their capacity for taking punishment. The other peoples must get busy and increase production, or they will be left behind.

### A WORD TO DISABLED SOLDIERS.

Every man who was in the military or naval service of the United States during the late war, and who on account of such service is not physically fitted to engage at once in a gainful occupation should at once notify the Bureau of War Risk Insurance in Washington.

Under the law this Bureau is charged with providing for service men discharged because of disability incurred in active service in the line of duty, compensation and free medical treatment until such time as they are restored to physical fitness. During the summer of 1918 there was a general coming out of the military training camps of the country in an effort to bring up the standard of physical fitness, and many men discharged at that time may be unaware of their rights under an act of Congress to compensation for disability and medical attention and hospital treatment where necessary. All cases of this or a like nature should be brought immediately to the attention of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance.

If you are in the market for a new car, don't fail to see the 1919 series new model Studebaker at the Ohnemus Shops and Garage—"Can Fix It."

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## METHODS OF CUTTING DOWN HIGH PRICES

Wearing Old Clothes, Community Buying from Wholesale Centers and U. S. Stores Are Cures for High Cost of Living.

The establishment of government stores, wearing old clothes and community buying from wholesale centers are suggested in Governor Larrasolo's instructions to the fair price commission, having one member in every county, as arms that can be used against profiteers, but he advises them only as the last resort.

Mild treatment is advised at first. Fair price committees should inform merchants who are found to be making unreasonable profits, that their prices are excessive, the letter says, but if this fails to bring any results the fact should be reported to the governor and district attorney.

The establishment of federal stores and community buying are suggested only in cases in which all other and less drastic remedies are exhausted without gaining relief because either of these measures would prove ruinous to local merchants.

The governor's letter follows in full:

"The object and purpose of the organization of the state fair price commission, and subordinate commissions is to secure a reduction in commodities of life, so that in the sale thereof to the consumer, the merchant selling such articles be permitted to make a fair and legitimate profit, as distinguished from an unfair and unlawful profiteering.

"In the effort to accomplish this result, the following manner of procedure by you is hereby suggested:

"First: In each city, town or settlement, in each one of the counties in the state, where stores are conducted for the sale of goods, wares and merchandise to the general public, there should be a fair price committee, the chairman of which said committee shall be appointed by the member of the state fair price commission in said county, that the local chairman, in turn, shall appoint the members of his local committee. In selecting the members that are to compose these committees, care should be taken to appoint persons, both men and women, who are supposed to have a fair idea or knowledge, in a general way, of the values of such commodities and necessities, and who will take pains in their work, and who, in the opinion of the chairman, are best calculated, in the neighborhood of his jurisdiction, to bring about the required results.

### To Visit Stores.

"Second: The members of the commission should, and it is hereby made their duty, to visit the several stores and other places of business where the necessities and commodities of life are sold to the general public, and secure from the respective managers thereof information touching the actual cost to them, including overhead charges and expenses of all such goods, wares and merchandise as they sell to the consumer, and in order to more accurately ascertain the cost to the merchant of such articles, the commission should demand that they be shown the invoices of such goods, wares and merchandise then they should ascertain the price at which the merchant sells such goods, wares and merchandise to the general public, and from such information they will be enabled to tell whether the merchant is making a fair or an unfair profit. If the merchant refuses to show his invoices, that, in itself is a good indication that he is making an unfair profit and that fact should be widely published so that the public in general may know it.

"Third: If it appears that the profit made by the merchants is unreasonably high and unfair to the general public, the commission should so inform the merchant, and induce him to bring his prices down to a reasonable profit. The commission should further inform him that the making of such unfair and unreasonable profits, would render him liable to prosecution and punishment under the Federal Food Control Act, of Aug. 10, 1917, and the subsequent amendments thereto. And should the merchant still insist on maintaining such high, unreasonable prices, he should be immediately reported both to the governor and to the United States District Attorney.

### To Publish List.

"Fourth: After ascertaining the cost to the merchant of all necessities and commodities, and the price at which the merchant is selling, a list of such articles, showing the total cost to the merchant, and the selling price thereof by him, should be published in the local newspapers for the general information of the people, and if there be no newspaper published in the locality, public meetings should be held and there inform the people of these facts.

"In many places the federal government is now selling all necessities and commodities to the general public practically at cost, which is far below what retailers are, as a rule, charging the consumers. If no other means avail to secure a reduction of prices to a reasonably fair profit to the dealer, the commission should state to the

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Three hundred and sixty-five days when the men and the machines of the Public Utilities Company labored to make your home bright and attractive—to lighten your work—and to bring far distant friends close at hand.

Three hundred and sixty-five days, we hope, in which you recognized the underlying purpose of the Public Utilities Company—which is to serve—and by thus serving to justify its existence and to earn a just return for the service rendered.

### NINETEEN HUNDRED AND TWENTY Means to Us

Three hundred and sixty-six days more of faithful service in your interests.

With best wishes for the coming year, and hearty appreciation of our relations in the past years,

## THE PUBLIC UTILITIES CO.

E. A. ROBERTS, Mgr.

merchants that an application will be made by them to the federal government, for the establishment of a government depot or store, where these goods shall be sold to the consumers. If such steps become necessary in the opinion of the commission, they should so notify me and I will make application to the government for the establishment of a government store in such place. It is presumed that local dealers will not drive the people to such action, which, if carried out would mean bankruptcy to them.

### Public Meetings.

"Fifth: Public meetings should be held in every community, at which the cost of living should be fully discussed. One line of conduct that would necessarily bring about the desired results would be, to advise the people at such meetings that they should not buy at such prices anything whatever except such articles as are absolutely indispensable. In the line of clothing, for instance, men, women, boys and girls should be advised to wear their old clothes and their old shoes as long as they are possibly serviceable, in preference to replacing them at an exorbitant price. If this line of conduct is observed, and merchants see that their goods remain unsold on the shelves, they will be forced to the conclusion that it is best for them to sell the goods at a reasonable profit, rather than to let them rot on the shelves.

"Another course, which, in the opinion of intelligent men, would answer a good purpose, would be this: If the retail merchants, who make an unreasonable profit cannot be induced to lower their prices, then the heads of families should get together and make as large a cash fund as possible and buy the necessary articles for consumption at wholesale prices in Chicago, and have them shipped to them at a considerably less cost than they can buy them at home. This course, would, of course, be ruinous to the local merchants, and it is not desired that it should be adopted except as a measure of last recourse.

"The several measures for relief herein suggested, are not intended to exclude any other lawful methods, which in the opinion of the fair price committees, would be calculated to bring about the desired results; but they are at lib-

erty to adopt such other measures as they may deem proper.

"Sixth: The chairmen of the local committees in the various counties shall report monthly to the member of the state fair price commission in their respective counties, upon the progress that they have made, and the success, or lack of success, that they have met with. The member of the state fair price committee in each county in turn, shall report monthly to the governor, showing in like manner what progress and what success, or lack thereof, along these lines, has been made in his county.

"The line of conduct indicated in this circular letter was adopted and approved at a meeting held at Santa Fe, New Mexico, at my request, on the third day of the present month of December, at which said meeting there were present several district attorneys in the state, the attorney general of the state, and the special assistant to the United States attorney, and it is sincerely hoped that for the public welfare, the fair price commission will take interest in their work, so that some measure of relief may be secured for the people of the state at large."

## WANT ADS

**FOR RENT:**—160 a. grazing land; house, barn, water supply, and sundry out-buildings. See 31 A. J. CRAWFORD.

**FOR SALE:**—Good farm as there is in Valley of 200 acres; 80 acres in irrigation. Address BOX 31, LOVING.

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Leghorn roosters. Farris strain, specially selected from heavy laying coop. Price \$2.00 each. See J. N. NEVINGER, or Phone 43N.

**FOR SALE:**—One new, rebuilt typewriter, No. 5 in excellent condition. Inquire at Eddy County Abstract Company office, east of Hall of Records.

**LOST:**—A small, gold cross and very fine chain. Liberal reward for its return to

MRS. M. NORNHAUSER.

**FOR SALE:**—A new 4 h. p. Witte engine, burns gasoline or kerosene; equipped with magneto and friction clutch. 25 per cent less than cost.

H. C. PENIKETT, Malaga, N. M.

**LOST:**—Three 10-dollar bills somewhere in the business district of Carlsbad this morning. Finder please return to the Express office. Reward.

**WANTED:**—To buy any kind of old books or magazines. Highest market price paid. SAM MOSKIN. **FOR SALE OR TRADE:**—Four room house on corner lot. A bargain. Call at Current Office.

**FOR SALE:**—2 1/2 acre tracts irrigated land in La Huerta on Main road. 1 tract has 5-room house with 2 large sleeping porches; the other has 5-room house and 1 sleeping porch. Both properties have large concrete cisterns and other improvements. See J. E. WALLACE.

**FOR SALE:**—My home, 5 rooms, sleeping porch and bath; good garage. House just done over inside; \$2600.00. L. H. HUNGATE.

**FOR SALE CHEAP:**—Big Percheron horses, blocky kind, 4 and 5 years old. May be seen at my farm southeast of town. W. C. BINDEL, Phone 45N.

**LOST:**—A thirty-second degree Watch Charm, somewhere in town. Liberal reward offered for return to this office or to L. A. Swigart.

**FOR SALE:**—9 Acres 1/4 mile South of Artesia. 4 acres in bearing apple orchard. Water right. Price \$1000.00 or will trade for good automobile. FRED BRAINARD, Artesia, N.M.

**DON'T FORGET** that Hemstitching gives the plainest garment a dainty appearance. See MRS. ANNIE WEEKS about it.



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## Hearst's Magazine for December

### \$25 Workers Earn \$20,000 Bonuses

IN Chicago is a vast enterprise employing some 40,000 men and women. \$25-a-week workers in this concern who invest \$1.25 a week, at the end of 20 years' service draw out \$19,044. "It is the most remarkable profit-sharing plan" say the workers themselves, "ever devised by any employer of labor." Read "A Man with 7,000 Partners," In Hearst's for December

### Is Trinity Church a Squatter?

TRINITY is the richest Protestant Church in the world. But do its immensely valuable real estate holdings really belong to Trinity or to the people of New York? In all fairness to the Church itself, as well as to citizens generally, should not this question be clearly settled for all time? See Hearst's for December

### How Armies Got Too Big to Fight

WILL the Nations really disarm? This is the most vital question in the world today. Dismayed by slaughter and financial ruin, people everywhere are crying for universal disarmament and permanent peace. No League of Nations, many think, will be able to bring this about. Guglielmo Ferrero, Italy's foremost historian, discusses this problem in Hearst's for December.

### The Little Things That Count

WHY do so many Marriages turn out unhappily? Often because of the same trifling things that brought Andrew Merrow and his wife Joan to the point of divorce—and yet were cleared up in 10 minutes of frank discussion. Read "The Little Things That Count," by Roland Pertwee, in Hearst's for December.

## Hearst's Magazine for 1920

### Hall Caine

EVER since the end of the war Sir Hall Caine has been working on a new novel, "The Master of Man." As in the case of "The Woman Thou Gavest Me" he has selected Hearst's as the medium for its publication in America. "The Master of Man" begins in February Hearst's.

### Vicente Blasco Ibañez

NOT since Cervantes wrote Don Quixote has any Spanish writer attained the fame of Ibañez, author of "The Four Horsemen of the Apocalypse." Cowboy, sailor, soldier of fortune, revolutionist, Commander of the Legion of Honor, Ibañez as a novelist has been compared to Zola and Victor Hugo. His great new novel, "Enemies of Women" begins in Hearst's for April.

### Rex Beach

REX BEACH is writing more stories of Alaska for Hearst's. The first will appear early in the spring. To mention the short story writers in Hearst's for 1920, is to list the notable writers of the world: F. Britten Austin, Donn Byrne, R. W. Chambers, G. K. Chesterton, Richard Washburn Child, Larry Evans, Cosmo Hamilton, W. W. Jacobs, Maurice Level, E. Phillips Oppenheim, Roland Pertwee, Melville Davisson Post, Arthur Somers Roche, W. B. Trites, are a few of them. Arnold Bennett, Rudyard Kipling, Maurice Maeterlinck, George Bernard Shaw, each of these and many other notable writers will contribute to the success of Hearst's in 1920.

### A. Conan Doyle

SIR ARTHUR CONAN DOYLE is today the greatest authority in the world on the Life-after-Death. Not in a mysterious philosophical way, nor a flippant popular way; but in the serious matter-of-fact common sense way you approach your own greatest problems. Whether you scoff at Spiritualism or preach it, you will want to hear what Conan Doyle has to say. The first of his series of "True Ghost Stories" appears in Hearst's for January

WE HOPE YOU HAD A  
Merry Christmas  
AND WE WISH YOU A  
Happy New Year

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### CARLSBAD MAN DID COMMENDABLE SERVICE IN Y. M. C. A.

The International Committee of Young Men's Christian Associations, 347 Madison Avenue, New York, July 16, 1919.  
Mr. C. R. Brice,  
Roswell, New Mexico.

Dear Mr. Brice,  
When Mr. Guy Andrew Reed of Carlsbad, New Mexico, went overseas in the service of the Y. M. C. A. he named you as one of his references. He served as Hut Secretary with the 81st and 4th Divisions from October to June.

Our secretaries were given a great task and one beset with difficulties. The Association undertook not merely to contribute to the comfort and welfare of the troops in certain convenient localities but to extend its work rapidly to every part of France and to every village where any considerable number of troops might be stationed.

The Association did not hesitate to accept every task it was asked to undertake, even though adverse circumstances might make it impossible to meet with maxi-

mum success. The secretaries were put at tasks which were new to most of them and for which they had received no special training. They were scattered over France where they had to do their work more or less without direction and under conditions that were unfamiliar and in other ways difficult. There were very few who failed to measure up to their opportunities. Mr. Reed belonged to that great majority who gave unstintingly of their physical and mental strength to the tasks to which they were assigned. We want his friends to know our appreciation of the service which he rendered.  
Yours very sincerely,  
(Signed) CARLOS H. STONE.

C. P. Southern, field agent for the Bureau of Census Enumeration, was in Carlsbad this week, looking for enumerators for the southern part of Eddy County. Men were chosen to take the census in the Lovick, Malaga, Otis, and Queen districts. Mrs. Kirkpatrick will take the census in Carlsbad. From Carlsbad the field agent went out to Lovington, to appoint his men in that territory.

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### THEY WERE ALL THERE.

In the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, the files of our fighting forces indicate that many prominent men were represented by namesakes. Of "George Washingtons" there were 123, "General Washingtons", 6; "Robert E. Lees", 119; "John Quincy Adams", 47; Abraham Lincoln", only 5. General Grant, General Wellington, General Pickett, General Jackson, and even Napoleon Bonaparte were all there, although their rank in the world war was that of private.

### A Distinguished Family.

The Rodriguez family from Porto Rico, according to the files of the Bureau of War Risk Insurance, sent 894 men into the American forces and among this number, which was almost large enough for a battalion, there were but seven first names, as follows: Domingo, Francisco, Jose, Juan, Romon, Tomas and Antonio. The serial number of each man was in the 600,000 class.

A girl clerk in the Bureau of War Risk Insurance finds from the card index files of Uncle Sam's fighters that their name "Aloysius" is spelled in forty-nine different ways and "Ignatz" in eighteen ways. Even the simple name "John" is spelled in twenty-four ways, as follows: John, Giovanni, Jan, Jan, Jack, Jackie, Jacques, Jan, Jane, Hans, Jean, Joe, John, Johann, Johannes, Johnnie, Johnnie, Johnnie, Johnnie, Jon, Juan.

Some of the Great White Father's Indian soldiers bore melodious, if complicated, descriptive names. A few among many: Harry-Cries-for-Rib, George-Sleep-from-House, Benjamin-Come-out-Bear, David-Drops-at-a-Distance, Charles-Owl-Walks-in-the-House, Wash-Day-Clouds, Isaac-His-Horse-Is-Fast.

The town of Salmon, Idaho, furnished a soldier with five given names, Harry Adolph Thomas Richard Eugene Bullock.

### The Shortest Name.

Among the names of 4,599,000 soldiers, sailors and marines recorded in the files of the War Risk Insurance Bureau at Washington, the shortest family name was "It".

borne by two soldiers who were natives of Hawaii. Their name consisted of two letters, but it was pronounced in two syllables.

### BOYS WHO LEFT THE FARMS.

Of America's mighty war forces of more than four and half million of men, 1,209,000, it is estimated, came from farms. Records indicate that these farm-bred or farm-raised boys carried government life insurance amounting to over ten billion dollars.

During the earlier demobilization it was so difficult to keep track of the discharged service men that it seemed as though a very large proportion of them did not return to their former addresses or homes. So many of the service men who had come from the farms seemed to be listening to the call of the city that it was feared more than one-half of them were not going back to the farms. Later the tide of migration set in toward the country, and now it is believed that the loss in man-power to the farms as the result of former service men settling elsewhere may not be more than 500,000.

## JACOB J. SMITH

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## HANDLING WAR RISK MAIL IS GIGANTIC TASK

More Than 100,000 Letters Are Received Every Day.

### WORK NIGHT AND DAY SHIFTS

Hearty Willingness to Conform to Requirements Is Manifested in Letters Received by the Hundreds of Thousands—Identification of Cases Often Impossible Because Necessary Information Is Lacking—How Correspondence Is Handled.

"Dear government. This is to let you know that I am staying a while with my folks at Springfield, Mass. And this local, patriotic American mother thought that in this message she faithfully had complied with the oft-repeated injunction, 'Don't fail to inform the bureau of war risk instructions of change of address.'"

"Another conscientious mother who had been only instructed in the fact that it is often difficult to identify a soldier unless specific information be given in the letter of inquiry addressed to the bureau, asked for news of 'my boy Jim.' 'You must have noticed Jim, because he's six feet tall.' And of course she couldn't be expected to know that that wasn't just the sort of descriptive information which might help in placing Jim, nor that in that splendid regiment known as 'Perkins's Own,' made up of units from all over the country, there were 2,700 men who stood six feet and better."

One mother for whom "the boy" had made allotment and asked government allowance answered the formal inquiry as to whether she had other sources of income with the painstakingly conscientious statement, "Only Fred's hens."

#### Show Hearty Willingness.

So into the bureau of war risk insurance by the hundreds of thousands pour the letters bearing their manifest stories of hearty willingness to conform to requirements and simple, incorruptible honesty, but frequently so vague in respect to necessary information as to render identification of the cases difficult if not impossible.

The mail section of the bureau works on a 10-5 basis with one shift working from nine in the morning to five in the afternoon and a night shift from one to eight in the morning, handling directly from the post office all mail arriving during the night.

During the period October, 1918, to October, 1919, this section received, sorted, classified and distributed a total of 19,893,533 pieces of mail, and for the same period received from the various divisions of the bureau, arranged according to states, and forwarded to the city post office a total of 22,627,508 pieces of mail. This makes a grand total of 42,521,041 pieces of mail passing through the mail section during the course of twelve months.

On July 14, 1919, the mail section, under instructions from Director R. G. Chalmers-Jones, took over the arranging and listing of all tenders in payment for insurance premiums. These remittances during the period July 14th to October 7th numbered 1,203,492 at a valuation of \$9,784,186.38.

#### Takes On Additional Duties.

The mail section from time to time is taking on additional duties in order to relieve the various divisions of the bureau, and is functioning with a lower percentage of errors than the minimum allowed by the United States post office.

The bureau's mail trucks make hourly trips between the post office and the Arlington building and also collect or deliver at nine offices of the bureau outside of the Arlington building, and at eleven other government offices.

Around the first of the month the mail comes in at the rate of about 140,000 pieces a day, later falling to 60,000 or 50,000.

Premium receipts make up about half of the entire incoming mail during the first half of the month. Seventy-five per cent of all mail received is for the insurance division of the bureau.

The mail section also handles each day 75,000 to 100,000 pieces of outgoing mail and about 30,000 pieces of interdepartmental mail. Between December 1, 1918, and September 30, 1919, the bureau received 4,593,465 discharge notices alone. In January the flood of discharge notices rose to 685,300. In August it reached the high-water mark of 700,325. The total number of pieces of incoming mail received during August was 2,287,436.

#### How Mail Is Handled.

As it comes from the mail sack separated unopened into 31 classes, the letters are run through the letter-sorting machines at a rate of from 50 to three hundred a minute.

From the letter openers the mail goes to forty women expert mail readers, who make 48 separations of the mail brought to them. It takes good judgment as well as good memory to decide unerringly under which of the 48 heads a letter belongs, but the mail does it at the rate of 900 to 1,000 letters a day.

Letters containing checks, money orders, other valuable inclosures go to a room of girls in the next room, where a big table covered with baskets. All checks are listed, categorized, the lists verified, and the

## BRITISH AIR ROUTE WILL COST MILLIONS

England-Australia Service Will Require at Least Six Big Airships.

The proposed Liverpool-Australia and Liverpool-New York air service will be an enormous undertaking. The problem of supplying the necessary dirigible airships is but one of the items to be considered. They cost about \$3,750,000 each to construct. At least six of these huge craft will be necessary to maintain these two services with any degree of regularity.

There are also to be considered the problems of suitable landing grounds and mooring-posts; the intention of the Great Northern Aerial syndicate being that airships will be provided at the most important stations, while mooring-posts will serve as second class stops or halts.

Airships for dirigibles are required only at every 2,000 miles and it now is possible for an airship to be moored to or released from a mooring tower in any wind up to 60 miles an hour; yet the total financial backing considered necessary for such an undertaking is in the neighborhood of \$10,000,000.

The mooring out station for airships, which is in the form of a high tower, enclosing an elevator shaft by which passengers and cargo will be taken up and down from the ground, is over 150 feet high. With a revolving head the airship can be rigidly attached to this tower by the nose, will rise clear of the ground in all weathers and be able to swing with the direction of the wind.

Each of these towers will be provided with a hauling-in winch and a rope by which the airship will be hauled up to the mooring post; also a supply base of hydrogen, fuel and water ballast.

### HELPS MANY MOTHERS

One Girl Is Godmother to 117 Babies.

Miss Ruth Weir of Black river, Alcona county, Mich., is the champion godmother of the Balkans. By count 117 young Rumanian mothers have summoned her to the christening of their infants, friends here and in Black river have learned.

Miss Weir is a member of the American Red Cross Commission to Rumania and is the most popular young woman in the Bifov district, which numbers forty-two villages. To the 112,000 inhabitants of this department she is "Domnissarel Capitanie Americane," the lady American captain.

Scores of Rumanian mothers have named their children after her, and her little mud house on the side of a mountain is a favorite place for the peasants to bring their children to be baptized. Whenever a child was christened, Miss Weir has received quaint gifts from the mothers. These gifts range from sucking pigs to cabbage roots and include beautiful embroideries, some hundreds of years old.

Some of the little children have received queer names. One will bear through life the title of "Peace Wilson Weir Caplescu." Another was baptized "American Weir Stefansen," another "Domnissarel Capitanie Americane Weir Jonescu," while still another, on Miss Weir's suggestion, was named "London Ontario Constantinescu."

### GIRLS WILL BE CAREFUL

Bees and Hornets Drove Them Away and Spoiled Picnic.

A gay picnic party which had been arranged by young women at Rochester, N. Y., had to be called off and probably no second attempt will be made to hold it.

The girls motored out to Mrs. Burke's farm at Honeyoe Falls and prepared for the picnic. All of the hampers containing a wonderful picnic lunch were carried to a nice looking grove. One of the girls dropped a basket and fled, shouting "Bees! Hornets!" All the others fled, but none was as speedy as the bees and hornets, for nests of both had been stepped on. Shouting of the girls aroused a neighbor who called a sheriff.

With ten deputies Sheriff Ralph Burton hurried to the scene in an automobile. The sheriff's party was chased away while Mrs. Burke aided in the application of lotion.

### 4,200 MILES TO WED

Bride Makes Trip to Western Town From Belgium.

After coming 4,200 miles to wed the man she had met in Antwerp, Belgium, Miss Alice Rubens and Ira Weaver, a returned soldier, were married at Danville, Ill., recently. The bridegroom was serving with the One Hundred and Sixth engineer train when he met Miss Rubens.

He was walking down the streets of Antwerp when he noticed a young man having trouble with his automobile. Weaver stopped, offered his services and the motor was soon running. He was invited to the home of the man whom he had assisted, and there met the sister.

Their friendship quickly ripened into love and when he returned to the United States it was with the promise that she would soon follow. His bride arrived and a marriage license was procured in short order. They will live in Danville.

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## Are YOU anticipating a shortage in TIRES next spring?

Nobody can tell definitely, but all indications point of higher prices and a big tire shortage. The cost of cotton for tire fabric is steadily advancing and labor is both high and scarce.

In view of this situation I am placing a big order immediately for **GOODRICH TIRES** at present prices.

This move on my part gives my customers the same opportunity. I will reserve for you, for delivery as late as May 1, any number of casings you may need. These tires will be tagged and held subject to your instructions.

I feel absolutely certain that in this way I can perform a great service for you on your tire requirements for next season. This will eliminate any possibility of your not securing tires next spring.

I carry a complete stock of **GOODRICH TIRES** and **TUBES** and because of their value as service tires I recommend them strongly

## Weaver's Garage

## Merry Christmas

Whether it be prattled on baby lips that scarce can shape the words, or saying them, thinks not, but only feels the insensate overflow of giving from a soft, full heart...

Although it be mumbled inarticulately by the shabby nonentity whose whine for charity one acknowledges in the spirit of the season, even while knowing that the words be said in servile mockery...

If it be breathed by mother mouth, the sad, sweet lines of which were molded so by a yearning, prodigal tenderness and an unfaltering devotion, be its object worthy or not...

Whether it be parted from between the warm, moist lips of maidenhood—tremulous, palpitant, shame-faced and shy because of an ardor which it dreads to comprehend...

Although it be uttered by maid, matron or man, friend, chance acquaintance, tradesman or servant...

Merry Christmas to You and to Yours

By DE LYSLE FERREE CASS

## GERMANY SUFFERS FOR LACK OF COIN

Currency Situation Is Growing Worse and Worse.

### COUNTERFEITERS ARE BUSY

Returning Americans Say People Are Buying Jewelry and Art Works to Be Redeemed When the Mark Rises—Smugglers Are Resaping Big Profits by Carrying Money Out of Germany—No Gold or Silver in Country.

The currency situation in Germany, according to Americans who recently have returned from that country, is rapidly degenerating into a condition where values are being destroyed, and where those who have money are keenly intent upon turning it into goods and merchandise, which may be kept until such time as money values are restored and some semblance of order returns to financial affairs.

There is no gold or silver money anywhere to be found, these returned Americans say, and even the copper and zinc coins which formerly were plentiful have long since disappeared from general circulation, and are only to be had now upon payment of a large premium. Foreign money is in great demand, and it, too, sells at a large premium over its pre-war value. In fact, it is said, people in Germany are willing to accept almost anything in return for the many different kinds of paper currency now circulating there.

The paper money, which is in far greater volume than ever before, is of innumerable varieties. The government, through the Reichsbank, issues notes in denominations of 1, 2, 5, 10, 50, 100 and 1,000 marks. The cities and towns, too, have recently taken to issuing notes in some of these denominations, and, in addition, are putting into circulation great quantities of small notes of 10 to 50 pfennig denomination. These emissions of the cities and towns circulate at their face value, or something approaching face value, only in the municipalities which are responsible for them, and other municipalities, it is alleged, refuse absolutely to recognize the issues of their sister cities.

#### American Traveler Annoyed.

One American, who has just got back from Germany, tells a story of having changed a good part of his money at Coblenz into the paper notes issued at that place. When he got to Cologne his money was no good. Only by accepting a heavy discount could he change it, through a currency dealer, into money which was current at Cologne. Then, as his travels progressed, he discovered that the Cologne money had no value outside of that city, and at Berlin he had to change it again, also at a discount.

In Berlin there is a tremendous amount of counterfeit money in circulation.

The bolshevik played an important role in the circulation of counterfeit money in Germany. They first came over and did a big business by exchanging Russian ruble currency at ri-

diculous figures for German marks. When the German government stopped this it is alleged the bolshevik agents went back to Russia and calmly proceeded to print mark notes, duplicating those issued by the Reichsbank. These, it is claimed, were smuggled into Germany by the carload.

#### Germans Buying Jewelry.

Many Germans, an American banker who recently was there says, are fearful that the mark will continue to depreciate for some time to come and are buying jewelry wherever it is possible. They are also buying works of art, paintings, and so forth, hoping that ultimately they will be able to dispose of them to foreigners for foreign money.

It is forbidden to send money out of Germany except with the special permission of the government agents at the Reichsbank. This is extremely hard to secure and only in special cases. But rich Germans, who fear the imposition of heavy taxes on capital, as advocated by one of the new German ministers, are smuggling their funds into adjacent neutral countries. The smugglers are demanding, and are getting, very high rewards for their services.

An American commercial agent who has just returned from Germany, by way of Holland, says he heard of a case where a smuggler had carried out of Germany 1,000,000 marks in paper notes and, under the terms of his contract, was only required to deliver \$50,000 marks at a bank in Holland. This same man tells of having talked to an ex-officer of the German army, an aviator, who is rapidly getting rich by plying the trade of smuggler. The former German officer is making reasonably regular trips, by airplane, across the German-Dutch frontier, carrying German paper money upon which he collects 15 to 20 per cent commission. On his return trips he brings back with him foodstuffs and soap which sell at many times their value in the neutral countries.

### FOUND GOLD IN TRUNK

Boy Discovered Hidden Treasure While Rummaging in Barn.

Under a mass of moth-eaten wearing apparel which he found in an old trunk while rummaging about his father's barn, Paul Smith, 12 years old, of Huron, O., discovered a cigar box containing \$40 in gold, a gold watch and a bank certificate of deposit for \$1,100. Interest due on the certificate amounted to \$308.

The trunk belonged to Thomas Smith, an uncle of the boy's father, who carried it with him from Missouri ten years ago and put it in the barn when he went to the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' home, where he later died.

### WILL WAIT FOR HUSBAND

Russian Stowaway Arrived to Find Soldier Spouse in Palestine.

Mrs. Somveh Levin, 22 years old, a stowaway on the steamship Mazama, who recently arrived in the United States from Russia to meet her husband, discovered upon her arrival that he was in Palestine with the Jewish legion of the British army.

Two brothers of Mrs. Levin appeared at the dock and told the woman that her husband was in the Holy Land, but would soon return to the United States. They informed the immigration board that they would care for Mrs. Levin in their Brooklyn home until Levin returned.



# The Christmas Gift.

by Merrill Maltrath Burton

THE day before Christmas, Why don't you make it one of rest, Joel, and begin the new year fresh and ready and bright for the work before you?"

The Rev. Joel Brierly regarded his estimable better half with smiling thoughtfulness. "It happens to be a day when both of us must live up to imperative duty, dear," he replied. "There are the Mason children, I have placed the two older ones with some very good people. The little girl of four and the boy of six, however, are still in need of a home. I have been thinking; suppose you see if you cannot find some one to adopt the girl and I will do the same for the boy."

"Who are we ever going to get to take them?" inquired Mrs. Brierly, growing fussy and excited.

"I shall trust your busy and sensible mind to enlist the interest of some of your charitably inclined lady friends," answered Mr. Brierly gallantly. "I will undertake trying to influence some benevolent husband or father."

So, with holiday cheer warming his honest heart, the best liked minister Paxton ever had started forth on his mission. Before doing so, however, he sat down on the porch for a quarter of an hour compiling a list of possible "prospects." Thomas Dalrymple, the village magnate, was among them, and he listened with apparent interest to the minister's story of how four children had been left homeless and penniless through the death of their mother, a poor widow.

"Tell you," said Mr. Dalrymple, "my wife is an invalid and any variation in our regular life would greatly disturb her. I shall be only too glad to join in a fund to provide for the care of one of the children at some school or institution."

"We have none here adaptable locally," demurred Mr. Brierly, "and I promised Mrs. Mason that I would exert supervision and care over her little ones until they were able to take care of themselves."

Levi Brodie, a well-to-do merchant, turned out also a disappointment.

Two more calls, further excuses and Mr. Brierly entered the office



"Poorly, Poorly, Sir," Replied Dallas Dejectedly.

block of the town in quest of No. 5 on his list, to find the object of his visit absent for the holidays. He was somewhat weary from his useless tramp, and as he passed the office of John Dallas, who dabbled in real estate, he saw its tenant staring gloomily out of the window. Now the thought never occurred to Mr. Brierly that here might be a possible benefactor. John Dallas was gray and grizzled. He had changed a good deal of late years, and all his old-time cheerfulness seemed to have vanished after his children had grown up and married and went away. The clergyman had heard that Dallas and his wife lived a lonely and, it was said, rather unhappy life. Dallas looked it as he greeted his chance visitor.

"Just dropped in to rest for a minute or so," announced the latter. "How are you getting along, Mr. Dallas?"

"Poorly, poorly, sir," replied Dallas dejectedly. He had left home that morning wreathed in despondency. Insensibly since the younger and last of the family had had a wife and had settled in another section of the country, like himself, Mrs. Dallas had changed greatly, and the holiday season as it came around seemed almost unbearable.

The two would sit evenings amid a loneliness that really placed them as far apart as if they were separated by impenetrable space.

John Dallas opened his soul to the broad-minded, genial souled minister who had looked to the spiritual welfare of his family for over a quarter of a century. He had not one word of

dame, of course, for Mary, but he athetically described the forlornness of the dull, uneventful life they led.

"Maybe it's because we are growing old," he sighed. "We don't seem to have any mutual interests any more. The house is as grim and silent as a tomb, with the children all gone. I find dory sitting alone crying, and I'd like to myself when she forgets to kiss me good-by as she used to do mornings, when I would start out for the day."

"Why, you persistent pessimist!" allied Mr. Brierly, "you two people are in the very prime of life and ought to be happy as the day is long. You talk about there being no more Christmas or New Years for you!"

"Rouse up, John Dallas! what you want is something to interest you, to break the dull monotony in your quiet life, and, happily, I am the very man who can suggest to you how you are going to do it."

John Dallas regarded his visitor hopefully, almost pleadingly. "If you will follow my advice," continued Mr. Brierly, "you will bring into your home tonight a gift for your dear wife that will wake up in her all the old-time interest in the world and you."

"I hope it—I long for it," declared Dallas eagerly.

"Very well," resumed Mr. Brierly, "I am looking for some one to adopt little Henry Mason, whose mother had him stolen, a long and cruel



"There is the Present I Have Brought You."

brighten up heart and home with a loving, grateful little guest, who will surely bring a blessing to your threshold. Go home then every night to find your wife happy, because she has had some one to cling to her and love her all the day long, and the happy little fellow will twine himself close about your longing hearts."

John Dallas arose from his chair and fervently grasped the hand of his friend and adviser. There was a new-born light in his rugged face.

"Bring along the lad as soon as you like," he said. "It won't be my fault that he doesn't have a pleasant home, and I hope Mary will say the same," and just after noon Mr. Brierly appeared with the little outcast.

"Mr. Brierly says you are to be my new father," prattled the bright faced little fellow, running up to Mr. Dallas, "and won't you please take me to my new mamma?"

Not within five years had the old-time cheering, winning smile deepened on the face of John Dallas as now. He took his little charge around the stores and fitted him out newly. Somehow he was thrilled, as, clasping his hand lovingly, Benny ran by his side as late in the afternoon he started for home. As he went up its steps he told Benny to go to the end of the porch and stay there till he came back. His wife met him in the hallway.

"Mary," he said, and his voice showed deep emotion, "I've got something to tell you. You know tomorrow is Christmas. Well, I'm going to turn over a new leaf."

"How strangely you talk!" spoke Mrs. Dallas. "Aren't you a pretty good man as it is?"

"Why, you think that?" floundered John, all taken aback by the sudden and inexplicable change in his wife, who seemed bubbling over with extraordinary animation. "Anyhow, Mary, I'm going to think more after this of your needs and wishes, and I have a present for you which I hope will give you very much pleasure."

"Oh, John!" interrupted Mary tumultuously, "it seems as if everything good and grand is happening all at once. Come in, I want to show you something," and she seized his arm, hurried him into the sitting room, and there, lying asleep on the couch, was a lovely little girl of four—Benny's sister.

"It was that kind hearted Mrs. Brierly, the minister's wife, who came to see me this morning," explained Mary. "She's given us the dear little child for all our own. Oh! think of it, John, and—what was that?"

It was the little had left on the porch, who had recovered the family cat and was talking to and petting it.

"Mary," said John, as they went outside, "it seems a double gift day, all around. There is the present I have brought you—if two ain't too much. I say, the more the merrier."

"Are you my new mamma?" prattled Benny, running up to Mrs. Dallas, who gathered him up in her arms.

"Yes, you sweet dear!" she cried, and the tears rolling down her face, she kissed her husband first on one cheek and then on the other. "Oh, John!" she sobbed, "I am a happy, happy woman, indeed, upon this glad Christmas eve!"

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### TO MAKE RELIGIOUS SURVEY OF EDDY CO.

The Rev. D. F. Sellards is busy this week, on a moral and religious survey of Eddy County. This is being done for the Inter-Allied Church movement, which originated in New York City, and which aims to make a survey of the entire country. The number of churches in a county is included, with their average membership, the average attendance, and such other affairs as concern the well being of the church organization. Lodges, hospitals and schools are also included in the survey. After the map is made, it is forwarded to New York. Possibly material will be furnished later from the New York office for a lecture on the needs of Eddy County. New York bankers financed the movement with a million dollar loan without interest, which is to be paid back later when the counties are organized under the survey. The Rev. D. F. Sellards is county superintendent of the survey, and the head of the state is H. R. Mills, of El Paso, Texas.

### CAN'T FIND SERVICE MEN.

Nearly one-third of the former service men who were insured by the Bureau of War Risk Insurance cannot be reached by mail at their old home addresses, as shown by the letters returned to the Bureau as undeliverable. This fact shows the state of transition following demobilization of our forces. The problem confronting the Bureau is to find these men and bring home to them the importance of insurance reinstatement, as many soldiers upon discharge from the service dropped their insurance.

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### COTTON BUSINESS FACES PA- RALYSIS ASSERTS RAMSEY.

Bankers, farmers, cotton exporters and business men from throughout the Eleventh Reserve district began assembling in Dallas Monday for a conference at which for eight exchange rates and other matters affecting the cotton movement and business generally will be considered. The principal purpose of the meeting, according to the call issued by Judge W. F. Ramsey of the Dallas Reserve bank, will be to take action looking toward stabilizing the whole cotton situation. "The present rates of exchange are causing an immense loss on cotton in the south," according to Judge Ramsey. "If the heavy decline continues, or even remains at the present basis, we are likely to have a paralysis of the cotton trade, a considerable interference with the free movement of cotton and the cessation of the orderly liquidation that should go on throughout the Eleventh Reserve district."

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## The EMPTY STOCKING



There's an empty stocking hang-  
 ing from many a little bed,  
 Where a God-blown dream hangs  
 over each sleeping curly head;  
 And the vision gathers nightly of  
 a day that's soon to come,  
 Where little feet should patter to  
 the music of the drum.

There's an empty stocking hang-  
 ing by many a wind-blown door,  
 That must wait in vain for  
 Christmas, in the gray haunts  
 of the poor;  
 And eyes that now shine brightly  
 shall, through a rain of tears,  
 See nothing there on Christmas  
 but the sorrow of the years.

But out where splendor centers in  
 the mansions of the great,  
 No call will go unanswered, no  
 lot will vainly wait;  
 The Christmas horn will summon  
 —the Christmas drum will roll  
 The tide of joy in magic through  
 the gateway of each soul.

But where one gift would brighten  
 the dark of weary days,  
 No reindeer's hoof will thunder  
 o'er Poverty's drear ways;  
 And so, for God's white season—  
 for some wee dreamer's cause—  
 Don't you think that you might  
 whisper just a word to Santa  
 Claus?

## A Christmas Carol

"What means this glory round  
 our feet,"  
 The Magi mused, "more  
 bright than morn?"  
 And voices chanted clear and  
 sweet,  
 "Today the Prince of Peace  
 is born!"  
 "What means that star," the  
 Shepherds said,  
 "That brightens through the  
 rocky glen?"  
 And angels answering over-  
 head,  
 Sang, "Peace on earth, good-  
 will to men!"  
 'Tis eighteen hundred years  
 and more  
 Since those sweet oracles  
 were dumb;  
 We wait for Him, like them  
 of yore;  
 Alas, He seems so slow to  
 come!  
 But it was said, in words of  
 gold,  
 No time or sorrow e'er shall  
 dim,  
 That little children might be  
 bold  
 In perfect trust to come to  
 Him,  
 All round about our feet shall  
 shine  
 A light like that the wise  
 men saw,  
 If we our loving wills incline  
 To that sweet Life which is  
 the Law.  
 So shall we learn to under-  
 stand  
 The simple faith of shep-  
 herds then,  
 And, clasping kindly hand in  
 hand,  
 Sing, "Peace on earth, good-  
 will to men!"  
 But they who do their souls  
 no wrong,  
 But keep at eve the faith  
 of morn,  
 Shall daily hear the angel-song,  
 "Today the Prince of Peace  
 is born!"  
 —James Russell Lowell.

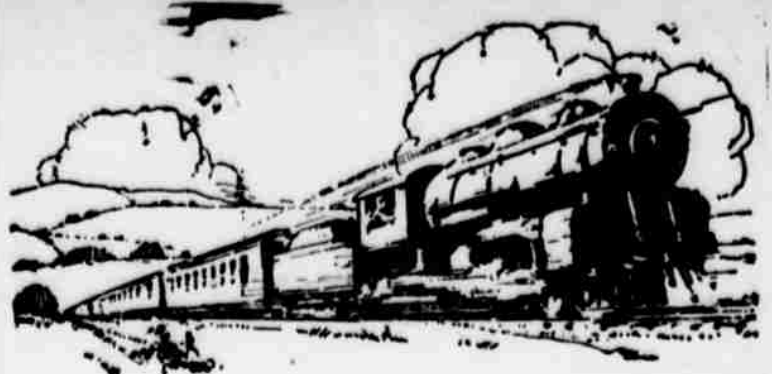
## Different Now, But Christmas Just the Same

By De Lyle F. Cass

In olden days they used to bring a  
 bear's head smoking into the feast  
 and drag the holly-grown Yule-log to  
 the great fireplace with special cere-  
 monies.  
 And years afterwards the custom  
 was for hands of sweet-voiced boys to  
 go from house to house on Christmas  
 morning, standing grouped in the  
 street and singing carols of joy to the  
 mellow resonance of bells.  
 And in grandfather's time folks  
 made up jolly, rollicking sleighing par-  
 ties, where all muffled up snugly  
 and let out the horses, with the iron  
 runners gliding swiftly over the hard-  
 packed snow.  
 But Mollie and I live in a little house  
 in town, where the sanitary depart-  
 ment keeps the streets swept clean  
 of snow; where there are municipal  
 rules against chopping down trees and  
 no fireplaces in which to burn the logs,  
 even if we had them; where the po-  
 lice on the beat probably would  
 arrest the Christmas choirsters if they  
 came around and woke up the neigh-  
 borhood by singing early in the morn-  
 ing.  
 Mollie and I just wake up the kids  
 and let them tumble downstairs to see  
 the tree we trimmed the night before,  
 and then let them litter up the parlor,  
 while she sits quietly on the arm of  
 my chair and I smoke, watching them  
 most of the day afterwards.  
 But, let me tell you, friends, it's  
 Christmas, just the same!

### A CHRISTMAS SUPERSTITION.

In the west of England it was once  
 firmly believed that anyone who vis-  
 ited a cattle shed on Christmas eve  
 would hear the beasts conversing. But  
 such a visit was considered perilous—  
 the treacherous eavesdropper being like-  
 ly to hear words of ill omen, as in the  
 legend of the farmer who heard his  
 oxen comparing mournful notes of a  
 certain hard day's work that lay be-  
 fore them in the future: "It is a long  
 way up the hill to the churchyard, and  
 our master is heavy." Brand speaks  
 of a west country peasant who told  
 him that he had himself seen cattle  
 fall on their knees at the Holy Hour,  
 and heard them utter a groan "like  
 Christian creatures."



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## LOCAL NEWS

Ralph Thayer is in Carlsbad today.

Burford Polk spent Christmas in town with his family.

The Nymeyer brothers have purchased a Fordson tractor.

Dr. Glaser purchased an Essex Monday from R. E. Wilkerson.

Walter and George Stone were in Carlsbad during the Christmas week.

"White Metal" Livingston is driving a Super-Six, recently purchased.

John Coat is a cowman who took in the sights of the City Beautiful this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Garrett of Lovington spent the Christmas holidays in Carlsbad.

Shafter Ward, who has been working for the "D's", is back home for Christmas.

John Oliver Shattuck and Fred Schermeyer were two mountain cowboys seen in town.

Dave and John McCollum, Guadalupe mountain stockmen, were in Carlsbad the first of the week.

Punk Ward, Homer Ward and Percy Carter were mountaineers doing Christmas shopping early this week.

Dr. A. A. Bearup was seen on the streets this week, after several months' illness. His many friends are glad to learn of his convalescence.

Ned Shattuck and family came down from Artesia, Saturday, called by the serious illness of his mother and his aunt.

Mrs. Wilhelmina Eiteljorge, who used to live in Carlsbad and who is now living at 1546 East Tenth street, Indianapolis, Indiana, sends to her friends in Carlsbad, Christmas greetings and a New Year's wish through the Current.

Frank Morris and Tom McLena then returned Saturday from a week's visit at Artesia, doing artistic painting. They refreshed up many of the business fronts which had not received the attention of expert sign-painters for several months. They will go out to Lovington Monday of next week, if the signs are right.

L. A. Perlman is back at his old work with R. E. Dick as pharmacist. Perlman but recently received his discharge from the army, spending much of the time while away from Carlsbad overseas. His many old friends are glad to have him resume his duties at the popular drug emporium.

Mr. and Mrs. N. T. Daugherty entertained Christmas Day at a big turkey dinner, at which Mr. and Mrs. Dwight Stephenson and Mr. and Mrs. Julius Forke and children were present. Several children who were unable to be present were remembered from the generous Daugherty Christmas tree.

Mrs. Frank Joyce is entertaining a large number of guests this afternoon at a musicale given by Miss Johnston, and Miss Elizabeth Pruitt of Roswell. Mrs. Joyce has recently been given a beautiful Steinway Grand, and it is because of the brilliant musical qualities of this instrument that Miss Johnston has consented to play. Miss Pruitt has been studying in New York, but is spending the Christmas holidays at the Pruitt home in Roswell. Her voice is a mezzo-soprano.

Work started this morning on the Stockwell filling station building, on the lower end of the block on which the Current office is located.

J. B. Michener of Lakewood spent Monday night in town, taking in the minstrel show at the Crawford theatre for an added treat.

Miss Henrietta Dilley will entertain to-night at a Christmas dance at Artesia. The holiday motif will be carried out in the decorations at the hall. Fifty guests have been asked.

A favorite delusion of the American people is that John Smith is the most popular name ever bestowed by a father and mother upon her hopeful infant. Government statistics shatter this belief, for the War Risk Bureau says that there are 3,412 William Smiths and only 2,625 John Smiths.

Christmas was a beautiful day. It was celebrated more jovially than in many years, for despite the spirit of unrest prevalent, people were freed of the depressing pall of war weariness that has darkened other Christmas holidays. Merchants report an unusually heavy trade.

The annual election of the Blue Lodge will be held to-night. Besides the election, much other business of importance will come before the lodge. To-morrow night the officers will be installed.

Thirteen Hundred Dollars for Furs. The Pecos Valley Hide and Fur company bought thirteen hundred dollars worth of furs the first two days of this week, paying seven hundred dollars for one big shipment from Artesia, and taking the rest in on local sales. It also loaded out a carload of junk not including steel, for Kansas City market. Many trappers came in early this week, selling furs and thus fortifying themselves financially for an attack upon the merchant establishments around town.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Pruitt and sister, Miss Elizabeth Pruitt, and Patsy Riddick are week-end guests of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Joyce, coming down to-day from Roswell. Patsy Riddick is remembered as one time resident of Carlsbad, several years ago. His home now is at Hollywood.

Last Friday evening Mrs. M. L. Davis entertained her Sunday school class of girls at dinner and with a social evening. There was a Christmas tree laden with gifts, which the girls drew by number. Three tables of players afterward indulged in rook and other games.

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Mercer entertained numerous friends at the pleasant Mercer home Christmas with a fine turkey dinner. Among the guests were Mr. and Mrs. Allen Mercer, Mrs. Armstrong, Mrs. Whitney of Colorado Springs, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Davis, Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Davis, Mr. and Mrs. L. A. Vaughn and son, and Mr. and Mrs. Gorley.

John Lewis left this morning for Gulf ports to study cotton conditions and the market generally. Messrs. Lewis and Bynum will take a birds-eye view of the industry before returning, so as to be certain regarding the disposal of cotton remaining unsold.

Frey Schermeyer is in town this week from the hills, getting the Xmas spirit.

Francis G. Tracy, executive member of the new water users national organization for New Mexico, has received word that the executive board will meet in Washington on the 14th of January, and that his presence is urgently needed at its sessions.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ross and Miss Ethel Ross and the two Halbert children motored to Roswell Sunday, and spent the night at the Pearl of the Pecos. Mr. and Mrs. Ross returned Monday, the others remaining in Roswell. Miss Ethel will make her home in Roswell until the spring.

Nib Jones, who recently visited the Texas oil fields, also slipped up to Tuttle, Oklahoma, while away, to look up some land owned by Frank Jones. The latter had been receiving offers from numerous speculators asking to lease this snug little farm of seven hundred and fifty-one acres, which came to Frank through the Indian allotments. Nib found that shallow oil had been found within a mile and a half of the land, rich enough in gasoline to drive a Ford, and that a derrick was going up within a mile of the farm. He was given plenty of opportunity to buy a lease on the land at fifty dollars an acre, although no agent thus making the offer had the authority to so lease the land, as Frank still retains his mineral rights, but has been asked to lease it at one dollar per acre. The land is all in cultivation, and is a valuable piece of farming property, without the additional bonus of all rights beneath the surface.

Dr. W. M. Waltz will deliver a New Year's sermon at the Methodist Church, Sunday morning, in connection with the morning worship. Miss Mildred Walters will sing. Also other special music. Sunday school at nine-forty-five. The League service will be led by Claude Wright. Subject, "Church Extension and The House of the Lord."

Miss Mona Heard is spending the Christmas holidays with her sister, Mrs. Miser, who is now living at Mineral Wells. Mrs. A. C. Heard accompanied Miss Mona to the Texas health resort.

Mr. and Mrs. Duncan W. Miller and Miss Dorothy Miller of Denver are guests at the Francis G. Tracy home in La Huerta.

Miss Pattie Witt, of the Carlsbad schools, spent Christmas with her father, Boston Witt, near Lovington.

Ovile Bell, who has been employed on the Grammar ranch, herding goats, came in and spent Xmas in town. Orville has been on the ranch for eight months and deserves a lay-off.

Miss Rebecca Graham, who is a valued member of the Grammar school faculty, spent Christmas at her plain home.

March 1 is the date set by the President for the railroads to go back to private ownership.

John D. Rockefeller gave \$100,000,000 as a Xmas gift to mankind for colleges, medicine, etc.

It is not known just when the tax rolls will be received from Santa Fe, where the Tax Commission is now working on them. It is not thought that they will be back in Eddy County before the first of the year, and possibly not then.

Miss Mildred Walters, who has been teaching at Magdalena, returned to her home in La Huerta, Sunday night of this week. Miss Mildred says that the former Carlsbad lawyer, Ted Butler, is one of the big men of Magdalena now. She expects to return after the holidays.

R. H. Bynum left this morning for Galveston and other Texas cotton centers, to find buyers for the low grade cotton now being frequently found in Carlsbad fields, owing to the recent storms which had a deleterious effect on the grade.

G. C. Mann, one time popular educator in the Carlsbad schools, later a non-com in the recent anti-German-Austrian-Turk and Bulgarian affair, and now special engineer with the Great Western Refining Company of Denver, is spending Christmas holidays with friends in Carlsbad. He will return to his work in Colorado to-morrow.

# Peoples Mercantile Company

As the end of the old year is drawing near we wish to express to our many patrons and friends our appreciation of their patronage and friendship.

It has been our aim during the past year to serve our customers in the most satisfactory manner and furnish the best merchandise at the lowest price possible. Owing to the scarcity of merchandise and labor at times we have not been able to render the service that we wished to, but under the conditions we assure you we have done our best to carry out our aim.

For the coming year it will be our endeavor to render a better service and to furnish good dependable merchandise at reasonable prices at all times, and on these principles we solicit a continuance of your patronage.

We hope that the year 1919 has brought each and every one an abundance of happiness and prosperity and that the New Year holds in store for all even better times than the old year did.

# Peoples Mercantile Co.

## SELECT OKLAHOMA VETERAN AS MODEL FOR GREAT ARTIST.

A Choctaw Indian of Calvin, Oklahoma, who was in that company of United States soldiers who fired the first shots at the Germans, and who was near the fighting lines when the last gun was heard, has been chosen by Dewaroux, the French artist, as the model for his painting of the true American fighter. The picture is to hang in the French Federal building at Paris with those of other Allied soldiers.

Otis W. Leader trained with the famous Blue Devils when he first went to France, and was almost continuously under fire while he served overseas. At Chateau Thierry, Metz, St. Mihiel, Verdun and Argonne he made a splendid record of bravery, and was cited for his action at Chateau Thierry when for three days he fought with the infantry after the entire gun crew with which he was fighting had been killed, and the gun destroyed. At this time he captured two machine guns and eighteen prisoners. Today Leader's body is covered with mustard gas burns for which he still has to have medical treatment. He isn't sitting down for the rest of his life telling war stories to his children and friends. Not much!

The man who has chosen as the type of true American fighter is still in action. At Oklahoma City he is taking training under the direction of the Federal board for vocational education in mechanical and electrical engineering. After completing the course there he is to continue in advanced work along the same lines in Kansas City, Missouri.

The new issue of War Savings Stamps and Registered Treasury Certificates will be on sale at all postoffices and banks on January first, according to announcement made by the Postoffice Department and Frank M. Smith, Federal District Director of the Savings Division. The new War Savings Stamps will be very attractive. They will be of carmine color and bear the head of George Washington, the first President of the United States. These Savings securities are issued by the Government primarily to give small savers, as well as persons who desire to invest as much as \$1,000, a safe bond in which to put their money at a good rate of compound interest.

## FARMER-LABORER-PROPRIETOR.

The typical farmer has every reason to be opposed to bolshevik radicalism. Though he works with his hands and is a laborer in the most literal sense, he is also a proprietor—a capitalist, if you please—and an employer of labor. As a consumer, he naturally favors reasonable prices for commodities in general, as a seller of products he inevitably deplores industrial disturbance affecting the prosperity of the market, and as an employer he is out of sympathy with abnormally high wages and unreasonably shortened hours. The agriculturists, who form nearly a third of our population, are and have need to be loyal to established institutions, are and have need to be a conservative force in the country. —St. Joseph (Mo.) Gazette.

Organizations which advise the farmer to adopt radical and socialistic measures as a means to secure special privileges for the farmers as a class, are advocating a policy which if carried to a final conclusion could only mean the wiping out of individual ownership of land and farms in this nation.

## Boycotting the Profiteers.

Tired of so much talk about the H. C. of L., with so little accomplishment, groups of people in some places are trying new lines of action. In San Francisco housewives have had several meetings to discuss plans of attack. They suggest three lines of action: 1. Abstinence from luxuries. 2. Retrenchment in the household. 3. Boycotting profiteers.

The first two projects are sound and must be generally adopted before prices can come down. Also the third might be useful provided it is applied with judgment.

It must be realized that the food producers are not usually getting more than is necessary to make farming attractive. Also that retail merchants are not generally getting rich or asking exorbitant prices. But in this time of inadequate production, there is a tremendous chance for manufacturers and wholesalers to ask any price they feel like exacting. If a boycott could be enforced against some of these fellows, it might bring results.

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May our friendship deepen and association draw us closer in the days to come.

Yours with best wishes for 1920.

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Holiday  
greetings

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### Kidnaped By Santa Claus

BY GOODLOE H. THOMAS

My dad sez once they lived a boy  
'Us bound that he would see  
Old Santa Claus—an' had no joy  
Fer thinkin' how 't 'ud be  
To hide behind a screen an' wait  
Till Santa come around,  
Then watch him waitin' to un-  
crate—  
Without a word or sound.

Well, Christmas Eve, this boy leton  
'At he was sound asleep,  
An' when he knowed the rest had  
gone  
To bed, he went a-creep  
Down stairs—an' gracious!—  
wacha think!  
He run against him—smack!  
Old Santa, yes-sir—'n quick as  
wink  
That boy 'uz in his pack.

An' ever since that boy has been  
Strapped up an' has to go  
With Santa, fer just that one sin,  
Through miles of ice an' snow;  
An' you bet I ain't gonna take  
No chance like that—not quite!  
You'll find 'at I won't be awake  
When Santa comes to-night.

**A** LITTLE book bound in red morocco holds the kernel of the children's celebration the world over of Christmas. To look at it no one would dream its hidden words are even now vibrating in the hearts of countless children, yet the charm its bright covers embrace is perennial. It is the manuscript of the famous children's classic, "A Visit from St. Nicholas," written by Clement C. Moore almost a hundred years ago, and dedicated to his own children in particular, and, as it has since proved, to childhood the world over.

This season it has as its companion in the library of the New York County Historical society in Central Park West a photographic copy of the original text enlarged sufficiently to enable it to be easily read, for though the original chirography is quite remarkable for a man of Dr. Moore's years—eighty-two when he indited the poem—it is the old-fashioned, and therefore somewhat difficult to read. The innovation has proved a rare treat to the library patrons, and it is

interesting to note with what reverence it is handled by men and women whose childhood days are long past, yet whose holiday memories are still bright. Two pages and a half are consumed in committing the poem to paper, and the repetition of the old familiar lines brings to mind pleasant thoughts of the season, for no one has ever visualized our American Christmas from the children's viewpoint as has Clement C. Moore in his rare little poem.

The lines were written as a Christmas gift for the author's two young daughters nearly a century ago, but it has since become a progressive gift to countless other girls and boys. Accompanying the original manuscript when it was presented to the society by T. W. Moore, a relative, some fifty years ago, is a letter in which the writer tells how the verses came to be written and how it happened that they were eventually published.

Mr. Moore lived at the time in a handsome house overlooking the Hudson, at Ninth avenue and Twenty-third street. Then Chelsea, like Greenwich village, further south, was quite remote from the city. Each was largely populated by the Dutch settlers from New Amsterdam. Living near his country seat was a portly, ruddy Dutchman, who suggested to him the idea of making St. Nicholas the hero of a Christmas play for his children.

It was, however, with no thought of its ever being published that Mr. Moore wrote the poem, but the lines were copied by a relative of the author in her album. From it another copy was made by a friend of hers from Troy. Some time later, much to the surprise of Dr. Moore, it was for the first time published in a newspaper. By such small chance was this choice little poem saved for posterity.

In those days there was no such celebration of Christmas as is now the case, but Dr. Moore, having absorbed the ancient traditions of his Dutch neighbors, wove them into the poem for his children. He did more than that, for he built up around the central thought an interpretation which has gradually come to be our own. As some one has so aptly said, it has become so much part and parcel of our literature that it seldom occurs to people it ever had an author. Since for nearly a hundred years American children have been fed on it, it has now become theirs in very truth.

### FATHER ARRESTED BY SON.

G. H. Gowan, former ranchman of Lovington living about three miles west of town, was arrested by his son, Garrett Gowan, who claimed that his father had sold more sheep than belonged to him thus infringing on his number. Mr. Hawk Medlin, who bought the sheep, was also arrested for having received stolen property, so a trial before Justice of the Peace, P. S. Eaves was arranged for last Monday, but was dismissed on motion by Sheriff Best, acting attorney for plaintiff. Non-appearance at the trial being the cause given.

The son, Garrett Gowan, was also arrested and placed under a \$500 cash bond for threats made against his father and other parties. —Lovington Leader.

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### Enthusiasm High in Eastern New Mexico.

The second well of the National Exploration Company is now to be drilled near Roswell. Machinery and equipment for the wells are now on the ground and will soon be moved to the drilling site. The second well is to be started on or before December 23, and the other two wells soon after that date. H. E. Hales, the local representative of the company, has announced that his company expects to drill a dozen or more wells in this section within the next few months.

Eastern New Mexico is alive with oil men and enthusiasm is running high. Two wells are to be started immediately south of Roswell and several others are contemplated north of the city. It has been estimated that more than a dozen wells will be started in this immediate section within the next 90 days.

Drilling is now going on at Portales, in Roosevelt county, and a number of holes are being put down in Curry county, near Clovis. A standard rig has just been unloaded at Taiban in DeBaca county and drilling there will start as soon as the machinery can be moved to the drilling site and erected.

South of Roswell, in Chaves county and Eddy county, seven rigs are now in operation and all of them are making good progress. With the new work which is being done in this immediate section by the National Exploration company and the other wells under contract and contemplated it is certain that this section will be given a thorough testing.

A marriage certificate was issued this week for Ruby Mildred Roday and Calvin Preston Dunn of Artesia. The bride is nineteen, and the groom twenty-two.

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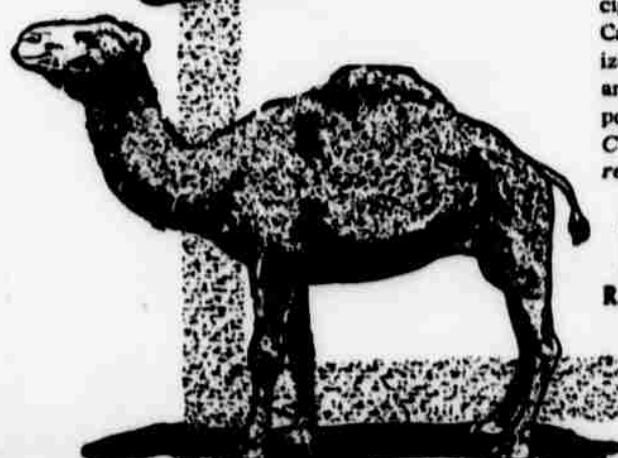
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### LOCAL NEWS

Bill Lusk has purchased one of the new Buicks.

John Eakin was in from his ranch this week.

John Lusk was in the first of the week getting the Christmas idea.

Miss Josie Queen, who has been studying at Silver City, is back home for the holidays.

Green Usery came in early in the week from his ranch to spend the Christmas holidays at home.

Miss Helen McIlvain and Miss Nettie Smith are University students who came in Sunday night to spend the holidays at home.

Lester Nelson is back from his work at Clovis to spend the holidays at home. Nelson is working in the round house at the big Santa Fe town.

Ballard and Willis were two trappers who sold fifty coyote hides to Sam Moskin this week. The furs with their bounty equal ten dollars apiece.

Miss Ruth Duncan is back home for the Christmas holidays. Miss Ruth is teaching near Silver City, and will return later to her work.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Leftwich left for Texas points Sunday in their big new Nash. The cotton buyer will attend the conference of cotton men at Dallas while away. They are expected back in Carlsbad by the New Year.

Fred Rohmer, Sr., and his sons, Fred and Milo, are back in Carlsbad for the Christmas holidays. They are working at Ranger in the building trade. With them, came Emil Riley, also a toiler in the big Texas boom town.

The Rev. T. C. Mahan, of Roswell, has been given a call to the Carlsbad Baptist Church. During the absence of the minister of the Roswell church, on duty as secretary of the big Baptist drive, the Rev. McManis supplied the Roswell congregation. He was expected in Carlsbad last week, but was unable to make connections, but will preach his Sunday morning at the usual time.

Mrs. Effie Shotwell and her small daughter arrived in town Tuesday night from Abilene, and will spend the holidays at the home of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. William Lock. Her daughter, Effie May Cowden, is attending school in Carlsbad.

Mr. and Mrs. Sellmeyer of Lakewood were visitors in Carlsbad Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Barney Hopkins, Roy Murrah and Jim Wilcox came in Tuesday from the Box Canyon country to do their Christmas shopping. Hopkins says that his range is in good shape and that his cattle are fat.

Joe Wertheim is in receipt of a letter from friends in Germany, who write that the democratic government seems bound to stay, although it is not yet running smoothly. The same people write that the American soldiers in the occupied districts seemed very friendly with the people in whose country they were stationed, and that the business men in those occupied towns were rapidly growing rich, owing to the proverbial liberality of the American soldier on pay day. A bit of home grown arithmetic shows that with the present rate of the mark in comparison with the dollar, the American soldier is getting something over three hundred dollars a month on a thirty dollar salary, and prices in the occupied territory, although they have advanced tremendously, have not advanced as fast as the mark has appreciated, which gives the doughboy considerable "velvet" on pay days.

### NOTICE.

No. 308.  
In the Matter of the Estate of  
John F. Ball, Deceased.  
Notice.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, was on the 14th day of October, 1919 appointed executor of the estate of John F. Ball, Deceased, by Honorable William B. Robinson, Probate Judge of Eddy County, New Mexico.

Therefore, all persons having claims against said estate are hereby notified to file the same with the County Clerk of Eddy County within one year from date of said appointment as provided by law, or the same will be barred.  
FRANCIS BETHEA BALL,  
19Dec9Jan  
Executrix.

### NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

The State of New Mexico, To:  
James D. Ludlam, C. L. Higday, and Unknown Claimants of Interest in and to the E $\frac{1}{4}$  of SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section 33, Township 23 South, Range 28 East, N. M. P. M. adverse to plaintiff.

You and each of you are hereby notified that a suit is now pending in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, No. 3113 on the Civil Docket thereof, wherein C. W. Beeman is plaintiff and you and each of you are named as defendants.

That the general objects of said suit are to establish the plaintiff's estate against the adverse claims of you the defendants, and each of you, in and to the following described land and appurtenances thereunto belonging situated in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit: E $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ , and the NW $\frac{1}{4}$  of the SE $\frac{1}{4}$  of Section thirty three (33), Township twenty three (23) South, Range twenty eight (28) East, N. M. P. M.

and to bar and forever estop you and each of you from having or claiming any right or title in and to said premises adverse to plaintiff, and to forever quiet, and set at rest the plaintiff's title in and to said premises.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 17th day of January, 1920, judgment will be rendered against you by default; that Dover Phillips is attorney for plaintiff and his business and post-office address is Carlsbad, New Mexico.

Witness my hand as Clerk of said court and the seal of said court on this the 5 day of December, 1919.

D. M. JACKSON,  
County Clerk.  
By THELMA TOFFELMIRE,  
5Dec26Dec  
Deputy.

### NEW BAPTIST CHURCH AT LOVING.

Ground is being broken and foundations laid, this week, for a new five thousand dollar church building at Loving. It is being erected by the Baptist congregation of the lower valley. The building will be of concrete, and will contain a main auditorium and two smaller ante rooms, and baptistry. Toftelmire and Whitehead are contractors for the work, and they hope to have the building done by the first of February. T. O. Wyman, Frank Ross, C. V. Rosson, and C. W. Beeman are on the building committee.

### MASS MEETING OF CITIZENS OF EDDY COUNTY.

There will be a mass meeting of the citizens of Eddy county Monday, December 29th, 1919, at 3 p. m., at Commercial Club rooms at Carlsbad, for the purpose of electing members of the board of directors for Eddy County Hospital. As this hospital is a county institution and receives aid from the state, citizens of the entire county are interested and eligible to vote at this election. At present the hospital has several patients who do not pay, and it is hoped that citizens from all over the county will attend and help name these directors.

MRS. E. S. KIRKPATRICK,  
Sec. Eddy County Hospital Association.

### NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with a final decree of foreclosure sale entered October 17, 1919, in case Number 2972, District Court of Eddy County, wherein C. R. Brice, Trustee, and Theodore D. Conover, are plaintiffs and C. C. Lewis, Grace E. Lewis and the Public Utilities Company are defendants, all and singular the hereinafter described property was ordered sold at public sale to the highest bidder for cash by the undersigned trustee, to-wit:

Commencing at the point on the west side of the Pecos Valley and Northeastern Railway where the line which separates township 21 and township 22 intersects the west boundary line of said railway; thence along the west boundary line of said railway for a distance of one hundred and thirty-four feet; thence at right angles with said west boundary line and in a westerly direction for a distance of ninety feet; thence in a southerly direction and parallel with the west boundary line of said railway and at a distance of ninety feet therefrom for a distance of two hundred and forty-two feet and at a point on Church Street of the town of Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico; thence along the north side of said Church Street in an easterly direction for a distance of ninety feet to the west boundary line of said railway; thence along said boundary line in a northerly direction for a distance of one hundred and eight feet to the point of beginning, making a tract of land ninety feet wide by two hundred and forty-two feet long, and being the same land upon which is located the Carlsbad Ice Factory in Carlsbad.

The amounts to be realized from the sale of said property upon foreclosure are as follows:  
Principal debt.....\$4090.00  
Interest thereon at 8 per cent per annum from June 9, 1918, to date of sale.....516.45  
Cash advanced by plaintiff for taxes.....125.09  
Interest on same from April 25, 1919, at 8 per cent per annum to date of sale.....6.83  
Trustee's fee.....100.00  
Attorney's fee.....400.00  
Cash advanced for suit data.....5.50  
Total.....\$5153.78

together with all costs of suit and sale.

Notice is hereby further given that the undersigned trustee, as aforesaid, will sell all and singular the above described property to the highest bidder for cash, at the front door of the court house in Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, at ten o'clock, A. M. January 20, 1920, to satisfy said sums of money. The terms of the sale are that the purchaser shall pay cash at the time the property is struck off to him.

CHAS. B. BRICE,  
Trustee.

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### NOTICE OF SUMMONS.

The State of New Mexico, to:  
Frederick W. Stevens, Alice Caroline Stevens, Alice Caroline, wife of Frederick W. Stevens, Fred W. Stevens, J. D. Rackley, and Unknown claimants of interest in and to Lots 11 and 13 in Block 45 of the Stevens Addition to the town of Eddy, now called Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico, adverse to plaintiffs.  
You and each of you are hereby notified that a suit is now pending in the District Court of Eddy County, New Mexico, No. 3111 on the Civil Docket thereof, wherein L. A. Swigart and Howard Prater are plaintiffs, and you and each of you are named as defendants.

That the general objects of said suit are to establish the plaintiff's estate against the adverse claims of you the defendants, and each of you, in and to the following described land and appurtenances thereunto belonging situated in Eddy County, New Mexico, to-wit: Lots 11 and 13 in Block 45 of the Stevens Addition to the town of Eddy, now called Carlsbad, Eddy County, New Mexico;

and to bar and forever estop you and each of you from having or claiming any right or title in and to said premises adverse to plaintiffs, and to forever quiet, and set at rest the plaintiff's title in and to said premises.

You are further notified that unless you enter your appearance in said cause on or before the 17th day of January, 1920, judgment will be rendered against you by default; that Dover Phillips is attorney for plaintiffs, and his business address and post-office address is Carlsbad, New Mexico.  
Witness my hand as Clerk of said court and the seal of said court on this the 28 day of November, 1919.

D. M. JACKSON,  
County Clerk.

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D. M. JACKSON,  
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## OTIS SCHOOL.

The L. Bates home, one mile south of Otis, is progressing rapidly. C. L. Shultz and family left the first of the week for Oklahoma City, where they will visit friends and relatives. Emmett, Tebbetts, Randolph, Pippin and Lawrence Becker went to get a Christmas tree for us Tuesday. We had a short program and a tree on Wednesday afternoon. R. B. Sleese and family and Terry Basham and family took Christmas dinner with the Ellsworths. W. W. Galton and two daughters attended a Christmas program at Carlsbad Wednesday afternoon after ours was over.

## TRICKY ATROCITIES ALLOW ONLY ONE GIRL OF 500,000 TO ESCAPE TO RELATE STORY.

**Pretty Aurora Mardiganian, 18 Year Old Armenian Girl, Is Only Survivor—Her Sensational Experiences Visualized in "Auction of Souls."**

To be the sole survivor of 500,000 Christians sacrificed in the months which followed a fateful day in 1915 is the experience of Aurora Mardiganian, the leading character in "Auction of Souls," to be presented at the Crawford Theatre, Wednesday, Dec. 24. Miss Mardiganian is an Armenian girl not yet arrived at the age of womanhood, who was the daughter of a prosperous Armenian, living in a fertile valley not far from Mt. Ararat at the time the Turks decided to steal the lands and property of the Armenians by using the pretext that they were under Russian protection.

Miss Mardiganian, a very pretty girl, had been used for some time by a Turk who wished to marry her. This man offered protection to her family if her father would turn her over to him. The father refused and was killed before the eyes of his daughter. Her mother and sisters also were killed, and Miss Mardiganian was driven from the city with thousands of wretched, terrified refugees who

were forced into the desert unprepared for the long tortuous trip which followed.

## Eighteen Months of Terror.

In the course of the next eighteen months every sort of indignity and cruelty was visited upon the Armenian girl and her faithful friend, Miss Graham, a young English mission teacher who tried to save the Mardiganian family and who lost her fortunes with them when unable to do so.

How the Armenians died of thirst in the desert, were struck down by brutal officers, were forced to swim rivers, and to throw away their children to lighten boats how the girls were hunted of nights by the drunken Turks, how they were sold in the slave market and forced into the harems of Turkish chiefs, all is shown in the picture, which is a realistic and astonishing expose of Turkish brutality.

Every detail of it is true. It pictures the story of Miss Mardiganian, and upon the report which was made to the allied governments by Viscount James Bryce, the Englishman who was placed at the head of the commission to investigate Miss Mardiganian's charges of Armenian atrocities.

Never has it been the fortune of a girl to serve her own people as Aurora Mardiganian has done. For once she told her story here to influential people its great lesson was seen, and she was asked to do everything in her power to impress the American mind with its seriousness.

So, in addition to writing about her experiences, and speaking of them, she went before the motion picture camera and acted them once again, that the sympathy of the one hundred million people in America might go out to the greatest sufferers in human history.

Many Christmas trees were trimmed and laden with Christmas gifts in various parts of town, three in close proximity being those of the Cooke, Linn and Little homes. A new and delightful feature of these celebrations is that they have been community affairs, at which the little tots of the neighborhood have been invited to meet Santa Claus.



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## LAKEWOOD LOCALS.

**A Merry Christmas!**  
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There was a Christmas tree at the school house Wednesday night, loaded with nice presents for the young folks, and some of the older ones were not forgotten by Old Santa who distributed his presents in person with a lavish hand. While waiting for his arrival, however, a splendid program was rendered by the school children which was much enjoyed by all present.

Mrs. Emily Hollimon and little daughter, Lorena, of Grant County, New Mexico, are visiting relatives and old friends here. Mrs. Hollimon is a sister to Mrs. R. G. Adams and Mrs. B. L. McAleer, neither one of whom she has seen since she left Lakewood seventeen years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Angel and children were over from their ranch to spend Christmas with relatives and friends.

J. F. McClure and wife, of Carlsbad, were visiting friends here Christmas day.

The ranch house of W. G. Cass with all of its contents was destroyed by fire of unknown origin, a few days ago. Mr. Cass is in Louisiana with a car of horses.

Jim Wilcox, Roy Murrah and Will Trull were in from their ranches to spend Christmas.

Miles Choate, of Arizona, is visiting here. He is a son of Gabe Choate, and a brother to Mrs. Lewis Howell.

Murle Bales, helper at the depot, has been transferred to some point on the main line, and Byron Butler is now holding the job of helper.

J. H. Baker, who has been working at Inspiration, Arizona, for more than two years, came in Saturday night for a visit with his family and old friends.

Grant Knepple, of the Eddy County Oil & Gas company, is spending the holidays with relatives and friends at Wichita, Kansas.

Miss Julia Bolt departed Monday night for El Paso, Texas, where she will spend some time visiting with friends.

"Bowser" Cook, who is now based at El Paso, came in Wednesday night to spend the holidays with relatives and friends.

Verne DeAutremont, who has been working at Lawton, Oklahoma, for some time, returned to his home here Tuesday night.

Raymond Shaffer, of Rocky Arroyo, came over Saturday and spent Sunday with friends here.

George Wilcox came down from Bowser Wednesday night to spend Christmas in the old, home town.

W. G. Howell and family, and Sam Howell came over from the TX ranch to spend Christmas with relatives and old friends.

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## THE LOGICAL RESULT.

The United States is now getting the consistent result of the policy of the Senate majority in obstructing the peace treaty. Germany is hindering in every possible way the fulfillment of the peace terms. It seems quite likely that before the usually settles down to accepting the inevitable, the allied forces must advance into the conquered territory and actually take possession of the German centers.

This will increase the stubborn rebellion of the German people, and quite likely may result in new outbreaks and sacrifice of life. Gen. Foch has issued solemn warning against the great secret armies now forming in Germany.

The thing that encourages this new display of resistance is the belief that the allies have split, and will no longer act together. That belief is founded on the action of the Senate in rejecting the peace treaty.

If Senator Lodge and his Republican followers had shown a decent spirit of compromise, the treaty would have been ratified long before this. But they demanded the letter of their reservations, most of which simply redefined principles already existing in the treaty. Compromises are not built on any such one-sided basis.

Furthermore a large part of the Senate Republicans have made it clear that they are either directly opposed to a League of Nations, or else are very indifferent about forming one. That naturally encourages Germany in her stubborn course, and makes her feel she can defy the allied combination, now weakened by the apparent defection of the United States.

# CARLSBAD IRRIGATION PROJECT TO BE INCREASED

**Second Unit of 20,000 Acres To Be Added to Great Water System—Water Users to Take Up Matter of Third Reservoir with Reclamation Service—New Dam Expected to Impound 110,000 Acres—E.T.**

A second unit of 20,000 acres will be added to the Carlsbad project in Eddy County, New Mexico, according to recent announcement. The matter of enlarging the project has been contemplated for many years. The water supply and available land, conveniently located, warrant a material increase in the area of the project. But until the lands under the present unit were brought under cultivation, no one seemed to be willing to take the lead in urging further construction of irrigation works.

The time has now come for pushing expansion. The board of directors of the Pecos Water Users Association, the official organization of the land owners on the project directed its officers in September to obtain from the reclamation service information as to the feasibility of building a third reservoir and if funds were available for its construction.

The reclamation service has investigated the feasibility of building a third reservoir and the building of a high line canal years ago. In fact, plans were prepared, estimates made of the cost, and the possible land area examined. As to funds for construction, Arthur P. Davis, director of the reclamation service, informed the water users that no money is at hand for this work and will not be for years to come. He advises that an irrigation district be organized under the laws of New Mexico for the purpose of financing the contemplated extension.

The board of directors of the water users association met and took further action, recommending that the landowners in the proposed new unit organize an irrigation district and proceed to get ready for carrying out plans for the contemplated extension. The directors find that the water supply is large enough to justify a second unit of the project.

## Present Works.

The present irrigation works include a storage reservoir at McMillan about seventeen miles north of Carlsbad with a capacity of 51,000 acre-feet and a diversion reservoir at Avalon six miles north of Carlsbad with a capacity of about 6,000 acre-feet. The canal is taken out at this point on the east side of the river. About four miles down the canal divides. One branch, the east side canal, irrigates lands for some distance on the east side of the Pecos river, including the orchard district two miles north of Carlsbad and known as La Huerta. The main or southern canal is carried over the Pecos river in 500 foot aqueduct or flume and continues to Black river some distance west of Malaga. The Black river ditch is a continuation on the south side of the river, some water being also diverted from Black river.

Between the present reservoirs lies much land directly west of Carlsbad.

Another plan is to use the main or southern canal and establish a big pumping plant at the south end of the siphon under Dark Canyon about a mile south of Carlsbad. The power could be cheaply developed at the various dams to run the pumps by electricity. This plan would exclude some of the lands at the upper end. It has also been proposed to include a fine body of land above the high line canal through a second pumping plant.

## Where Lands Lie.

The lands to be included in the second unit lie west of the present main or southern canal, the district beginning just west of Carlsbad and extending southward. Below Malaga lies a fine body of land that may also be included if present plans materialize. Much of this land was included in the original irrigation plans for the valley and some canal actually built. At that time the lands were open to entry. The state now owns a large block of this section, and will, no doubt, be asked to join in the movement for the larger Carlsbad project.

It is high time that action is taken to put all waters to beneficial use. The Texas part of the Pecos valley is very active planning extensive irrigation development from the New Mexico state line to some distance below where the Orient railroad crosses the Pecos river. Texas will want every drop of Pecos water not actually used in New Mexico.

## Now on Sound Basis.

It is also well to bear in mind that development in the Pecos valley generally is now on a sound basis. In the first place the valley has come nearer to civilization as the plains country has become settled up. It is no longer a nook to be reached by a long journey over open plains. The matter of production has been settled. The standard crops have been found and the best methods for the valley developed.

There will therefore be a more acute demand for lands in the future and the time is therefore at hand to expand the irrigated area to meet this demand.

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Many retired for all time from that scene of great development. J. J. Hagerman stuck. His railroad must be extended from Roswell to Amarillo to give the valley an upper outlet. Before the end of the nineties the road was built. It is said that J. J. Hagerman was the first to obtain money for railroad construction after the panic.

There have been many up and downs in the progress of the Carlsbad project. It has had to struggle with the unit and the unprepared that came to get rich over night. The prospectors, like al-

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