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## CHRISTMAS SHOW WINDOWS

Our merchants have made splendid window displays this year, far surpassing the Christmas decorations of other years, and keeping the Holiday spirit prominently before people in great though tasteful profusion. The Mercantile Company in their Grocery, devotes one window to a display of candies, nuts and other Christmas goodies and necessities of the Christmas dinner menu. The window is very attractive in festoons of red and green. The Sweet shop window, always a center of interest to people who have not yet grown their liking for sweets, features the finest assortment of candy ever brought to Carlshad, in all sorts of containers, from beautifully decorated boxes in pasteboards, to much higher priced creations of mahogany. A Christmas tree brags in its decorations of tinsel and ornaments is also shown.

Star Pharmacy has a fine assortment of Christmas novelties and books, and the Sellers Jewelry window in the same building, has one of the very artistic displays of Christmas goods.

The Mercantile Company, dry-goods has even outdone itself in decorative effects. The beautiful central window with its artistically decorated Christmas tree, is the work of Mrs. Bert Rawlin, and is the delight of all who admire the beautiful.

Piggly Wiggly, the youngest of Carlshad's businesses, has a fine display of fruits and candies, the latter counter, presided over by Mrs. Paul Mahan, the interior being also decorated in Christmas colors, with Santa Claus prominently appearing in the rear.

True to their reputation, the Pratt-Smith Hardware store has a fine window display. While there is nothing especially decorative in the sun and ammunition featured, the window has a snow scene that attracts the eye, perhaps because of the fact that snow is somewhat rare in this beautiful country of the Pecos Valley. The little house which centers the window, surrounded by sparkling snow makes many of us who have been reared among the heavy snows of the north, feel a longing for the old home, that was always so beautiful and homey at holiday season.

Joyce-Pruitt have their windows filled with suggestion for Christmas gifts for the different members of

the family, and a person must be hard to suit who cannot find what he is looking for in some of the goods displayed so charmingly by this firm. The grocery windows reflect the taste of Robert Hamblin, who has arranged everything in them so temptingly. Interior decorations in this store, both in the dry goods and grocery departments, are lavish and beautiful and carry out the idea of the season in lovely effect.

The Gibson store has a beautiful interior decorative scheme, and in combination with the many pretty articles displayed in their show cases and front windows, is proving an attraction to many towns people and others and the hearty welcome one guests from the sales people, gives great pleasure to shoppers. The lighting effect of this store is very attractive being a soft rose color.

The windows of A. G. Shelby store have been made attractive by the liberal use of Christmas colors and candies and other goodies. Miss Elizabeth Ferris is responsible for the fine display.

Among other beautiful store windows, that of the T. C. Horne Dry-Goods, has a prominent place. The south window is a mass of dainty handkerchiefs in many colors and styles, attracting these creations as Christmas presents, and their reasonable price puts them in reach of all.

The interior of the store has also been decorated with numerous tiny Christmas trees.

The three windows of the Roberts-Debarber Hardware store are full of toys that charm the eyes of the little folk and of useful articles that appeal to those of maturer years. In the south window is a magnificent Christmas Tree and in the other windows is a color scheme of red and green, emphasizing the season.

H. M. Gragg, jeweler, and the McAdoo Drug Company, have their windows temptingly arrayed with articles of silver and novelties that appeal to those in search of Christmas presents out of the ordinary. These windows are also showing the red and green of the season.

The Corner Drug Store windows made a fine showing with their china and silverware, the usual red and green in the background. Here are offered a great variety of goods that constitute "Gifts that last" and attractive and artistic windows are the result. The proprietor has always carried a fine line of holiday goods and the stock this year excels that of other seasons.

Ray Davis, photographer, while not attempting any lavish display has a very creditable window, featuring the special make of cameras he recommends, and having Christmas bells and drapery of red and green in profusion.

In the window of the American Express Company, the agent, Ray Soliday, has made an unique plan of decoration. A large wheel in the center of the window runs by electricity, and at night is surrounded by different colored lights, which give us something new in Christmas decorations.

All the windows of the city, without exception, mirror forth the joy of the blessed season, and speak in certain terms of the fellowship and good will which exists at this Christmas tide.

The office window of the Carlshad Light & Power Company, is filled by a magnificent pine tree reaching to the ceiling. This is made beautiful with all colors of electric lights, and other ornaments and is one of the most showy of any of the windows in the entire city.

A Christmas tree in the windows of the Purdy Furniture Company, is attracting much attention because of its beautiful trimming and colored lights, which sparkle with great brilliancy and make even old people, who have supposedly outgrown the liking for such things, stand and admire.

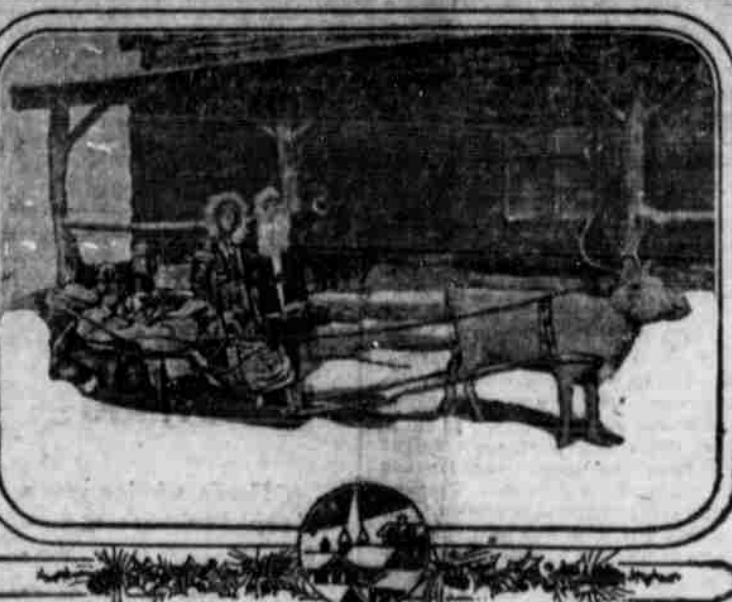
An "electric Christmas" has been featured by the Public Utilities in their window display at the office on Fox Street. The beautiful household appliances to be "run" by electricity, delight the eyes of Carlshad housewives to whom each new article of that sort is a boon. People are giving more of things such as toasters, percolators, vacuum cleaners, etc., as Christmas presents, than for many years.

The Cozy Corner has a nice display of Christmas goods, candy in boxes, etc., and has had the interior of their room refitted for Christmas trade, which promises to be heavy.

At the J. F. Flowers store, the windows are admired by all. This store is filled with customers from early morning until night and the many little folk who stand entranced at the window, looking for their desired toy, amply repays them for their trouble.

The most unique and at the same time artistic windows in the city are those of the Owen-McAdoo company, and H. A. Gragg Jewelry store. The north window pictures a beautiful Christmas scene, with snow on the ground, which sparkles under the light of the electric globe, with a very realistic glow, and reminds one of the snowy field of old Ohio and other northern states at Christmas time.

## Santa's Special Delivery



## Christmas Times of Long Ago

By Will M. Maupin

THIS CHRISTMAS Eve! Turn low the lights; let quivering shadows fall

Althwart the curtained windows there, and play along the wall

Lay work aside! 'Tis time for rest; 'tis time to put away

The cares and trials that beset the weary hours of day.

'Tis Christmas Eve! Quick, stir the fire

And in its ruddy glow

We'll live again those happy hours

Of Christmas times of long ago

We'll walk again the old-time paths; the old-time friends we'll meet;

And to the old-time homes of youth we'll trip with merry feet.

And hand in hand, and heart to heart, we'll tread youth's golden ways.

And live again the joyous hopes we lived in other days.

The clock ticks on; its pendulum

Swings softly to and fro;

And every tick a memory brings

Of Christmas times of long ago.

And so another Christmas comes. We linger in the gloom

While ghostly forms of childhood's friends troop in and fill the room.

No words we speak. To memory's view come visions thick and fast.

And for an hour we live again the dear days of the past.

Old Time the tide of life turns back,

And on its ebbing flow

We glide again through golden hours

Of Christmas times of long ago!

### PROGRAM

Following is the program which will be rendered by members of the Methodist Sunday school, tomorrow night, December 23rd, at their Christmas tree:

Song by School, "Joy to the World"

No. 7.

Prayer.

Song by Beginners, "The Little Lord, Jesus," No. 139.

Recitation by Belva Dixon.

Exercise by Beginners.

Song by Primaries, "Christ Is Born Today," No. 143.

Recitation by Anna Maud King.

Recitation by Bobby Butcher, "Christmas Music."

Song by First Year Juniors, "Ring Out Sweet Bells," No. 98.

Dialogue by Miss Mudgett's class.

Song by Fourth Year Juniors, "Hear Them Gaily Pealing."

Reading by Nannie Little, "The Angel's Visit."

Song by Mrs. Davis' class, "Selfless."

Song by Miss Middleton's class.

Song by Miss Craft's class.

Reading by Elizabeth Thorne.

Treats.

Benediction—Rev. Douglass.

A movement is on to reorganize the First Troop of Scouts, and till the work is complete the boys of any troop are encouraged to attend the meetings of the Second Troop in the chapel of the Presbyterian church Friday evenings at six-thirty.

the blue shades the picture needs to be seen in order to be appreciated. One's mind goes back to a Christmas of long ago, when shepherds watched their flocks by night, all seated on the ground, and the Angel of the Lord appeared announcing the good tidings of great joy which shall be to all people."

R. M. Thorne has a beautiful parlor scene with lighted and decorated Christmas tree and no great effort of the imagination is required to see Santa Claus entering the room and depositing his gifts.

Little Terrence Phair, who gave the only dollar he had so that some other child might have a Merry Christmas, has reaped the reward that the Good Book declares always comes to the true giver of charity. Terrence's dollar has come back increased an hundredfold.

J. R. Linn, manager of the Crawford theater in Carlshad, having read in the Morning Journal of Terrence's generous gift, has sent the Journal a two-dollar bill, asking that it be given to Terrence to do with it just as he pleases.

Master Terrence Phair, will you please inform the Journal where you are, so that you may receive this the first of your Christmas gifts? And please do not refuse it; the giver intended it for you, just as much as some of the gifts that Santa may send you.

Mr. Linn's letter follows.

Carlshad, N. M.,

December 14, 1922.

Albuquerque Journal,

Elks Christmas Tree Department,

Albuquerque, N. M.

Dear Sirs:

I was so pleased with the spirit as expressed by Little Terrence Phair, who so charitably gave his last dollar to the Elks Christmas Tree fund.

I am enclosing \$2 which I would ask you to forward to him, assuring him, if you please that every penny so cheerfully given to charity will always return in blessings two-fold.

May he enjoy a happy Christmas—soon become a well and strong real fellow, and in due time a good Dig Elk.

Yours very truly,

J. R. LINN.

J. H. Gee came in last night from Eureka Springs, Arkansas, where he has been under treatment for some time for neuritis. He is still far from well, and the altitude here is very bad for him. He tells us the country around Eureka Springs is beautiful, but unfortunately, he has not responded to the treatment as he desired.

## DINNER TO DIRECTORS OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

F. E. Hubert was host to a dinner party at the Palace Hotel last night in recognition of the cooperation extended toward him in the two years he has filled the position of president of the Chamber of Commerce. A very delightful menu was served by Mrs. Chaytor, and her assistants, who are always ready for an occasion like that. Delicious grapefruit was the first course, followed by celery, olives, turkey and dressing, cranberry sauce, peas and timbales, and later by brick ice cream and white cake and coffee. The pretty dining room was made more attractive by festoons of red and green, while from the center of the room hung large Christmas bells.

After the dinner had been disposed of by the twenty-eight guests, cigars were lighted and Mr. Hubert spoke from the head of the table, voicing his appreciation of the way the members stood by him during his two years administration, and asking that they extend the same kindness and assistance to his successor.

Replying to him short talks were made by Dr. Lowry, W. F. Melvaine, L. R. Conarty and Frank Tracy, all testifying to the esteem they have for Mr. Hubert as a member of the Chamber of Commerce and also as a citizen and friend. The gentlemen all seemed to feel a pride in a man who had as much civic pride and who has ever been ready to sacrifice, when necessary, for the good of the town.

After all had spoken, Major Bajac arose and in a neat speech, presented the retiring president a silver pitcher, as a token of appreciation of his services.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen:

This is a happy occasion. The delicious feast that has been tendered us by our retiring president, has been enjoyed to the limit. As I say this is a happy occasion in many particulars; yet it is sad in one particular. Mr. Hubert, who has done so much for making this Chamber of Commerce a success, through and by virtue of his hearty co-operation with the City Government, has advanced our town and its best interests to a point where we are envied by many.

It has been said that "each rose has its thorn and every fig its thistle," thus the sweet is always mixed with the bitter, and we are losing Mr. Hubert as our capable president, but we are not losing him from our membership. The great example set by Mr. Hubert prompted by his untiring devotion and patriotism, shall remain the inspiration of this body, and his actions ever a source of encouragement.

Now Mr. President in appreciation of your wonderful services and as an expression of the high esteem in which you are held by this Chamber of Commerce, and each particular member thereof, I have been designated to present to you on this occasion this beautiful gift from the members of the Carlshad Chamber of Commerce, and will want you to accept it and ever know it is given you in an effort to voice our grateful thanks and we trust you will accept it in that spirit. You will observe the gift is a silver pitcher, not "the flowing bowl." The material that composes this present is durable and it can be taken to the well as often as you like without any serious fear of being broken. Furthermore, the silver in the pitcher represents the silver ties of love and affection that shall always bind us to you. Now gentlemen, we have had in our midst many boosters, but Mr. Hubert is in my opinion the leading spirit of them all; so let me say of him:

"He is the noblest booster of them all, and the elements so mixed in him that nature might stand up and say to all the world—he is a man." Thus knowing him and appreciating him, let me further say:

"The friends thou hast, and their adoption tried, grapple to thy soul with hooks of steel, but do not dull their palms with the entertainment of each new hatched, unfledged comrade."

Hence in future, looking back up the shining record of Mr. Hubert, as the president of this Chamber of Commerce, of the co-operation he has always given, let us remain

Hence in future looking back to and carry to completion the work he has so nobly begun; and I present you, sir, this simple gift on the spirit expressed.

EVERING

THINGS UP.

Wife—Somehow there doesn't seem to be much Christmas spirit in the air.

Hubby—Well, make up for it by putting an extra log in the mince pie.

Your best friends are not always the ones with whom you are most intimate.

CHRISTMAS BARGAINS

Some of the Best Business Block Properties, and Residence Properties ever offered. Carlshad is destined to grow and now is the time to make your investment. Bargains in Farms.

W. H. MERCHANT,

James Building.

## "ANN WHAT'S HER NAME"

The Senior Class play given at Crawford Theater last Wednesday night brought out a full house of friends of the class who desired to assist them in their laudible undertaking and at the same time enjoy a pleasant evening.

A deplorable part of the affair was the fact that many persons arrived after the curtain had already risen, and while they were being shown to their seats, the noise prevented many from hearing the first act, and so getting the plot of the play.

Georgiana Galton, the aunt, was perfect in her part, and with her every hair and dignified manner carried out the part of an old maid to perfection.

Tony Wheat (Carl Lovelace) in his difficult part of the young man from Pocatelli, Idaho, "with a yellow ribbon in his buttonhole," played the part of a nervous young man in a peculiar dilemma with skill and ease. Indeed, the absence of nervousness on the part of the young folks was remarked by many in the audience.

Miss Eleanor Flowers in her character of the Irish maid servant, Mooney, who "had been in a fire once and was pretty historical" and "hadn't a well nerve in her body," was superb. Her acting brought out the most vigorous applause of the entire evening, and was the outstanding feature of the play. The part of "Gramma" given to Miss Louisa Alinger, could not have been handled better. The young lady had the very voice of an old lady "upwards of eighty-one," and her every gesture carried out the idea of extreme and querulous old age.

Another difficult part, perfectly handled, was that taken by Miss Ida Pearl Morris, as "Nancy." The part required a change of voice and attitude that was trying, to say the least, but Miss Morris handled it with great skill, and received hearty applause, and many young folk in the audience envied Tony Wheat in the closing scene of the play.

Frances Perry as Judge Bundy, acted as an irascible old gentleman and seemed to have very little in common with the Francis with whom we associate in the various duties of a printing office. Wallace Thorne as Ebenezer Whittle, and Mary Frances Joyce, as his wife had rather minor parts in the program, but did those part well and both came in for liberal applause when they wheeled the little child across the stage. We understand, however, that the little one said she would not take part in their plays any more unless certain demands were met. Mary Antonette Reid (the little flapper) looked charming in her nurse's costume which she wore to the Army and Navy ball, and disposed of her suit, Willie, (Harold Toffelmire) with neatness and dispatch. Our only fear is that other young ladies in Carlshad may try her way of management. The lady was always easy in her manner, as were the others, Miss Caviness and Miss Katherine Simmons who while they had only small parts, had their lines perfect and appeared graceful and easy on the stage.

"Bill" Hardy, as the detective, was fearfully and wonderfully gotten up, and looked like a terror to evildoers, and in Dr. Aked, with paraphernalia, one needs to look twice to recognize our jolly F. E. Little. John Athastong made a typical English butler, with his Burn-sides and his impassive countenance and all in all each member of the cast seemed to have the part best suited to his or her abilities. The Current is pleased to announce a substantial sum was received toward the expense of getting out their annual.

Much of the success of the performance is due the managers, Alvetta Vaughn and Alvin Allinger, who attended to all the details that go to make a finished play.

## NOTICE TO WATER USERS

The local officials of the Reclamation Service give notice to water users under the Carlshad Project that water will be turned into the Main canal Monday, January 1, 1923 for a period of two weeks, and will be turned out promptly Sunday night, January 14. Avalon reservoir will be filled to capacity on January 1, and the overflow will be wasted unless used generally on the farms. Water users should give ample notice to the ditchriders, in case the winter irrigation is required. Water deliveries cannot be made to water users in case the construction and operation and maintenance charges are delinquent.

Miss Jennie Linn has planned an extended visit with relatives and friends in the north and east, and will leave soon after the Holidays. She will go first to Chicago, where she has relatives, and from there to Cincinnati, where she took her course in piano at the Conservatory, and after a stay there will go on east. Her plans are that at the close of school in the spring, she in company with her sister, Miss Nellie, will visit a cousin in the Adirondacks, and thus round out a splendid summer of sightseeing, in that beautiful pleasure ground of America.

Mrs. John Wells returned to her home in Carlshad Wednesday after a long stay with relatives and friends in different parts of Texas and Oklahoma, and also visiting a brother at Kansas City, Missouri, while she was gone.



## WE WISH YOU HEARTILY THE SEASON'S



Prompted by a sense of deep appreciation and an earnest desire to convey to our good friends and patrons our feeling toward them, we send this greeting. As the tide of good wishes flow to you during the Joyous Holiday Season, we assure you that none are more sincere than ours for your prosperity and unlimited happiness.

Yes, we wish you a Merry Christmas and may it be the merriest one the world has ever seen in all the centuries which have passed since that first glorious Christmas Day far off in Bethlehem.

In the Yuletide joy we shall not forget here to say that we deeply appreciate the loyal patronage, the friendship and good will of the many friends of

## MODEL MARKET AND GROCERY

HOBBS BROS., Proprietors

## Uncle Santa Claus

By Christopher G. Hazard

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"TELL us a story, Uncle Peter," said the children, as they climbed over their kindly relative one Christmas eve. "A story!" repeated Uncle Peter, affecting surprise, but willing to draw upon his inexhaustible stock. "Well, have you ever heard of Uncle Santa Claus?" "Oh, you mean Uncle Santa Claus!" exclaimed Jack. "No, I don't," said Uncle Peter. "I mean the old man with the plug hat, the blue swallowtail coat, the striped breeches; the old man with eyes like stars and a smile that never comes off excepting when somebody is treading on somebody else; the old man with the striped flag, whose headquarters is up in Alaska; the biggest Santa Claus there is." "All right, then," answered the children, "tell us about him."

"Well," said Uncle Peter, "he has his hands full just now and is doing all he can to fill the hands of others. The air is so noisy with wireless cries and clamors, there are so many hands reaching out over the seas, that he is almost distracted. Ever since he got back from the great war he has been repairing his damage and renewing the prosperity that it spoiled. And long before that he was in the Christmas business. He surprised China by refusing to accept the great sum of the Boxer indemnity. He let the Cubans have Cuba when he had made them free, and many thought that he had a right to take that fair island for himself. He is working hard at his task of making America truly American, a sober, industrious, enlightened, prosperous, happy, Christ-mas nation."

"I'm glad I'm one of his American children," said Agnes, when Uncle Peter had concluded; with which sentiment all the rest agreed.

A little cloud of doubt had arisen on the Christmas sky, however, as



"I'm Glad I'm One," Said Agnes.

Uncle Peter had spoken of Uncle Santa's lavishness in far countries. Edith voiced it when she wanted to know if it would be of any use for them to expect anything that Christmas, whether or not they were to hang up their stockings. "You'll put your foot in it if you do," said George. "No, she won't," said Uncle Peter. "I have had a special delivery letter from Uncle Santa, saying that he has had his eye on this house for the last twelvemonth, and that this will be one of his stopping places because from it so much of service for others has been going out. He says that you are his gardeners, and that you have planted so many seeds of kindness that a lot of beautiful things will be sure to come up. That is always the way, he says; in fact, it is the way in which he got rich himself."

This was a very pleasant assurance for the children. It made them think of a happy mistake that one of them had made when they were having war gardens all over the town: A certain Mr. Rose had been appointed by the mayor as inspector of gardens for the whole place, and one day Betty pointed him out to a friend with whom she was walking. "There goes Mr. Rose," she said; "he's an expecter of gardens!"

When the children had been reminded of Mr. Rose they also remembered what Betty had done at their last Christmas party; staking heavily and pompously down the room, she had said: "I'm Mr. Atlas, who holds up the world." So one of them stood on tiptoe, threw back her head and threw out her arms and said: "I'm Uncle Santa Claus, who holds up the world." "Well done!" cried Uncle Peter; "that's just it!"

There wasn't any disappointment in the house the next morning. "Did you get all that you wanted?" asked Uncle Peter. "Yes," said Mary. "Were you at all disappointed?" "No," said Mary. When Mary said "Goodness," her mother said, "You shouldn't say 'goodness,' Mary." "Grace!" said Mary. But Mary was too excited to have a care for her expressions. In describing the situation afterwards she said: "I was in a perfect stupor of excitement."

Uncle Peter had a present, too. After all the rest had been made happy Agnes brought out a parcel, and when Uncle Peter opened it there were two big books that told over again the story of all that America had stood for and accomplished. This made him very glad indeed, and he asked them to write his name on the fly leaf and to say that it was from his Young Americans. Then the Christmas party ended with a verse of our national anthem, heartily sung and followed by all the other verses, with a hurrah for Uncle Sam instead of an amen.

## CHRISTMAS OPENS THE HEART

It is the Gladdest Season When the Happiest People Are Those Who Give the Most.

CHRISTMAS is one of the words of the language that convey a suggestion, create a vision, project an atmosphere of glamour, romance and sentiment far greater than themselves.

To say Christmas is to open the eyes of the mind and the doors of the heart to the dearest recollections of our childhood; and these fond and shadowy remembrances mean little unless they create in us the desire to have Christmas mean as much to children today as it meant to us when we were tiny.

For Christmas, the birthday of an immortal child, was, is and must remain especially the festival of the

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

Here's wishing you a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year and as you grow older may each Christmas bring greater cheer and good things to you.

Come to our shop for half-soleing .....\$1.

**W. H. C. SMITH**  
LEATHER SHOP

bright innocence of infancy. That is why we resent it when some over-literal and painfully conscientious person rises up in duty bound to declare there is no Santa Claus. Such joy-killers, robbing the nursery of an illusion cherished, would take away the fairy tales and quell the spirit of adventure and flood every mystery of shadowland with the light of common day.

Let no improving modernist tamper with the old-time, traditional observ-

## MERRY XMAS TO YOU

We hope you will have enough work mixed with your play; enough margin with your sales, and enough collections with your credits to make the year 1923 a Happy and Prosperous one for you.

## The Service Barber Shop

ance of Christmas. We need for the life of our own souls the Christmas tree and the Yule log at the domestic hearth, and the stockings hung a-row, and the joyful clatter of the great morning, and the dinner with the family gathered round in glad reunion.

We need the sweet custom of the interchange of tokens, when into that custom there creeps no accent of compulsion, no hint of a mercenary calculation. For we know that it is of the very essence of Christmas to give, not to receive. The blessing rests on those whose love, "great enough to hold the world," seeks outlet on this day to other lives—cramped and pinched, alone and poor, meager in comfort, facing the day without a smile and the night without the pillow of a hope.

It is a wretched celebration of the time to shut oneself in with a surfeit of a feast and a piled hoard of gifts and exult that we have so much. Those whose Christmas is the merriest, whose coming year is certain to be happiest, are those who give the most away, and in the giving give themselves.—Philadelphia Ledger.

**Nut Bread.**  
One egg, 1 cupful sugar, 3 cupfuls flour, 3 teaspoonfuls baking powder, 1 large cupful nuts, a little salt.  
Use enough water to mix; let stand 20 minutes; bake slowly one hour.



## THE MOST JOYFUL SEASON OF THE YEAR

Now that Christmas is near at hand, the most joyful season of the year, when the spirit of giving is in the hearts of everyone, it is the time to visit this interesting store.

## Purdy's Furniture Store

## SANTA BANNED BY PURITANS

Christmas Was Utterly Denounced as Evil and Ungodly in Early Days.

IN THE early days of America's history Christmas festivities were not generally observed.

In one state the observation of Christmas was utterly denounced as an evil, ungodly and pernicious custom, and any child daring to think of as much as a plum pudding on that day would make himself liable to reproof by the authorities.

All along the stern and rock-bound coast, Geraldine Ames writes in the Churchman, the only Christmas trees in the days of the Puritan domination were those that nature had planted there and had adorned with fleecy snow. The trees burned brightly on the open hearths, but as far as the children knew, Christmas was just like any other day in the calendar. Even after the Puritan reaction against the forms and customs of the old church had spent itself to some extent the children of the seventeenth century still expected no gifts in honor of the birth of Christ.

## ASK FOR CHRISTMAS PEACE

Let All Pray to God for Perfect Rest and Perfect Power and Perfect Love.

CHRISTMAS peace is God's and he must give it himself with his own hand, or we shall never get it. Go then to God himself. Thou art his child, as Christmas Day declares: Be not afraid to go unto the Father. Pray to Him; tell Him what thou wantest; say, "Father, I am not moderate, reasonable, forbearing. I fear I cannot keep Christmas aright for I have not a peaceful Christmas spirit in me; and I know that I shall never get it by thinking, and reading, and understanding, for it passes all that, and lies far away beyond it, does peace, in the very essence of thine undivided, unmoved, absolute, eternal Godhead, which no change nor decay of this created world, nor sin or folly of men or devils, can ever alter; but which abideth forever what it is in perfect rest, and perfect power and perfect love. O, Father, give me Thy Christmas peace."—From Town and Country Sermons.

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## 1922 Christmas Greetings

We extend to you the greetings of the season and may you be blessed throughout a Prosperous New Year with good health, good friends and happiness. We extend thanks, too, for business accorded us in the past.

**W.F. McILVAIN**

## GOOD SCHEME.

Doing your Christmas shopping early, ain't you Jones?

Well, you see I want to get my wife's Christmas present before my creditors get around to buying their wife's presents.



## Christmas Trees and Stockings.

Two Christmas practices, both old and very pretty, that have come down to us are the Christmas tree and the hanging up of children's stockings on Christmas eve. Each provides a way of making gifts, and the way provided by the stockings is especially pleasing to children. Perhaps it is going out, but in homes where it is still followed there are delighted children on Christmas morning when the mysteriously-filled stockings are examined in something like awe blended with great pleasure. The Christmas tree survives, and no Christmas school festival is complete without one, brilliant with lights and loaded with presents, presided over by a merry yet venerable Santa Claus.

Custom never makes right out of wrong, but it causes some convenient lapses of memory.

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## CHRISTMAS 1922 NEW YEAR 1923

We desire to extend to you the compliments of the season and express our sincere wishes for your happiness at this Christmas time and prosperity the Coming Year with continuance of the cordial relations existing between us.

**E. H. Hemenway**

### LOCAL NEWS.

The family of L. E. Foster left Saturday night for Los Angeles, where they will spend the Holidays with Mrs. Foster's parents and other relatives.

Mrs. Kearney with her children, will leave today for Vinita, Oklahoma, where she will remain for some time hoping to receive health benefit from the change of altitude, her health having been quite bad for some weeks.

Ferris Allen leaves Sunday night for Sweetwater, Texas, where he purposes to remain. He is a fine young man and a favorite with the young people who regret his leaving.

Mrs. Wreather, a teacher of the Otis primary school, is anticipating a holiday visit with her brother, who is in school at Alpine, Texas, Charles Simpson. The young man was a visitor to the valley during the summer and will be warmly welcomed on his return.

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No one has yet heard Senator Newberry announce that he is going to seek re-election to the Senate in order to get "vindication." Senator Townsend undertook to have his vote for Newberry "indicated" and now they are both down and out.

Mrs. Bettie Yarbrough, of Abilene, Texas, is visiting her parents in Carlsbad, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Boyd, and will be in town until after the first of the year.

Mrs. Will McLendon, of Clovis, arrived in the city last week, Thursday, and is with her sister, Mrs. Mabel Kincaid, who is very ill at her home on South Halaguano street.

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### LESSON FOR DECEMBER 24

#### A LESSON IN TRUST AND PRE- PAREDNESS

LESSON TEXT—Luke 12:13-40.  
GOLDEN TEXT—The life is more than meat, and the body is more than raiment.  
—Luke 12:23.  
PRIMARY TOPIC—The Story of a Foolish Rich Man.  
JUNIOR TOPIC—A Foolish Rich Man.  
INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOPIC—Rich Toward God.  
YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOPIC—True Riches.

Since on October 8 we had a lesson on the birth and childhood of Jesus, many will doubtless prefer to have this new lesson instead of the Christmas lesson.

I. A Warning Against Covetousness (vv. 13-21).

1. The Occasion (vv. 13-15). One of the company requested Jesus to be umpire in a disputed estate. Two brothers were in trouble over an inheritance. Christ refused to enter the sphere of the civil law and warned against the spirit of avarice. Christ's mission was preeminently spiritual.

2. Enforcement of the Warning (vv. 16-21). The parable of the rich man shows clearly that to be concerned with earthly riches while neglecting God is the height of folly. The Lord's warning is of great importance today; for many are seeking gold and forgetting God. Note (1) his increase in goods (v. 16). His riches were rightly obtained, for the ground brought forth plentifully. This shows that a man may be rich because of the Lord's blessing upon him. (2) His perplexity (v. 17). His land was producing more than his barns would hold. He did not want it to go to waste. If he had possessed the right views of life and a sense of stewardship before God, he would have seen that his barns at least had enough for his personal needs and that he could have distributed his surplus to the needy and for benevolent purposes. (3) The fatal choice (vv. 18, 19). He chose to enlarge his barns and give up his life to ease and luxury. It ought to be a delightful task for men whom God has made rich to devote their time and energy to the distribution of their possessions to benevolent purposes. (4) The awful indictment (vv. 20, 21). God calls him a fool.

II. The Certain Cure for Anxiety (vv. 32-34).

Having shown the folly of the rich man who gained gold but lost God, He now urged the disciples to trust God and dismiss all anxious care. He assured them that they need not be anxious even for the necessities of life.

Note:  
1. The Argument (vv. 22, 23). This is summed up in one brief sentence: "The life is more than food, and the body is more than raiment." The God who gave the life and made the body should be trusted to provide food and clothing.

2. The Illustrations (vv. 24-28). (1) God's care for the fowls (vv. 24-26). The ravens do not sow nor reap—they have not storehouse or barn, yet they live, for God feeds them. If God does not forget the fowls, certainly He would do more for His children. (2) God's care for the flowers of the field (vv. 27, 28). If God is so careful of those flowers which appear but for a day, how much more will He clothe His children!

3. The Exhortations (vv. 29-34). (1) Make not the getting of food and clothes your chief concern. Trust God to provide them. (2) Seek the kingdom of God (v. 31). Those who make God's kingdom first shall have all their needs supplied (Phil. 4:19). (3) Be not afraid (v. 32). God's good pleasure is upon His own, and all good things will He give them. (4) Practice self-denial in order to be able to give gifts to those in need (vv. 33, 34). The doing of such deeds will tend to lift the thoughts upward to God—to trust Him.

III. Be Ready for the Coming of the Lord (vv. 35-40).

Having warned the disciples against the acquisition of worldly goods while forgetting God, and shown them the needlessness of anxiety for food and clothes, He shows them the blessedness of being in a state of readiness when the Lord shall come. Conviction as to the certainty of the Lord's coming is the sure cure for worldliness and anxious care. This attitude of heart He made clear by two parables—that of the returning of the Lord and that of the thief. The Lord will be so pleased with those who are waiting for Him that He will take delight in sitting at the banquet with them, and even serve them. The parable of the thief shows that the time of the Lord's coming is not known.

#### Paul's Wish.

I count all things but loss for the excellency of the knowledge of Christ Jesus my Lord; if by any means I might attain unto the resurrection of the dead.—Philippians 3:8-11.

#### So Many Ravens.

The Lord never had so many ravens as he has this morning.—T. De Witt Talmage.

God is Known Everywhere.  
In Judah is God known; His name is great in Israel.—Psalm 76:1.

ODDFELLOWS ELECT OFFICERS  
Eddy Lodge No. 21, I. O. O. F., elected officers last week, as follows: Jacob J. Grubaugh, noble grand. Ray V. Davis, vice grand. Victor L. Minter, secretary. Sam Lusk, treasurer. Member of the board of trustees for term of three years, Victor L. Minter.

Appointive officers will be announced on night of installation, which will be held January 2, 1923.

W. M. Gibbs and wife leave about the first of the month for Tucson, Arizona, where Mr. Gibbs expects to enter the State University, and continue the study begun some years ago in Georgia. His health had given way at that time and it is only recently that he recuperated sufficiently to allow of him continuing his studies. Mr. and Mrs. Gibbs, while not living in Carlsbad for any length of time, have the happy faculty of making friends, and many church and social friends will regret their determination to locate in the Arizona city, at the same time extending every good wish for their future prosperity and welfare.

Stuart Armstrong returned to Carlsbad from Lawrence, Kansas, where he is spending his second year at the State University. He will remain in the city until the second day of the New Year, and friends are seeing to it that he has a good time while here.

## "Well! Strong!"

Mrs. Anna Clover, of R. F. D. 5, Winfield, Kans., says: "I began to suffer some months ago with womanly troubles, and was afraid I was going to get in bed. Each month I suffered with my head, back and sides—a weak, aching, nervous feeling. I began to try medicines as I knew I was getting worse. I did not seem to find the right remedy until someone told me of

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## OUR CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

Here's a dear little Christmas tree,  
Laden down with wishes from me,  
The wish of joy, the wish for cheer,  
The wish for good health through the year,  
All these, and more you do not see,  
I hang upon your  
Christmas tree!

## The Popular Store

Mr. and Mrs. Asa Pendergraft, the lady a sister of Frank Hays, and a cousin of Dick Hays, came in last week and are spending the week with their relatives. Their home is in Cottonwood Falls, Kansas, but they have been visiting in various parts of Kansas and Texas, and may decide to remain here for the winter. They are receiving a cordial welcome from their relatives.

Carl Smith is in Kansas City, where he went the first of last week with a load of cattle belonging to Smith Brothers, on the Downs ranch. The Smith Brothers have already returned, but Carl remained to transact some business of his own, and will be at home in time to spend Christmas with home folk.

Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kellum left Saturday night, for Clovis, where they met their son, Lloyd, a music student in school at New York, and proceeded together to Albuquerque, where they will spend Christmas returning to Carlsbad for a couple of days stay, and then going on to the east. Mrs. Kellum will go to Washington, D. C., to be in attendance at the Labor Council meeting of Women, which has been called for January 15th and 16th, while the son will return at the same time to his studies.

Miss Mollie, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. M. B. Cuiper, who has been a student at State University, at Albuquerque, arrived in Carlsbad Wednesday and will spend the Holidays here.



The spirit of the season prompts us to extend to you our sincere wishes for a Merry Christmas and may the dawn of the New Year light your path to happiness and prosperity.





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## The SWEET SHOP



WISHING YOU A  
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### The Season's Greetings

Gratitude to you, our Customer, for your friendly co-operation is uppermost in our mind at this Holiday Season.

To try to show our appreciation of your Loyalty and Good Will by continuing to think of Your Interests as our interests, and by rendering you increasingly better service, is our aim for the coming year.

Sincerely yours,

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A REAL BARGAIN—Coles Down Draft, Cooking Range; used only 3 months. Must sell at once. Leaving town. Address Box 385, Carlsbad or call Current office. M. W. GIBBS.

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FOR RENT—Unfurnished, warm, cozy brick cottage, two room sleeping porch and bath, electric lights, on Green Heights north of Judge Grantham's residence. Fine location, high splendid view. Telephone 238 J for information. 1tp

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FOR SALE—Frame, four-room plastered house, with two large screened-in porches. It is in first class condition and can be moved in fact. Located in northeast part of Lakewood. Priced right for quick sale. Phone 155 or address Box 418, Artesia, New Mex. 1tp

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### THE CRUEL RODEO

Promoters of a rodeo in Madison Square Garden, New York City, beat the reformers to it by getting out an injunction, keeping them from interfering until the 10-day performance was over.

But now the reformers are up in arms. They announce they are going to have the rodeo folks, managers and cowboys, punished for cruelty to animals, and, furthermore, are going to start a nationwide movement to eliminate rodeos entirely.

They admit that some of the features of dare-devilry required in the handling of cattle out on the range have been eliminated in the rodeo, but say their aim is not only to protect the steers from being bulldozed, but also to protect the cowpunchers from risking their lives.

In fact, the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals takes in a good deal of territory, coming out against all exhibitions in which the performer's life or limb is endangered.

Out here, where the rodeo grew into being, we are not likely to view the exhibit with exactly the same eyes of those in the effete east. But, there, if they are logical they will start by protecting acrobats and tight rope walkers in circuses, who usually wind up by paying a fear-some penalty for their confidence.

Or aeroplanes? One is surprised that a society for the prevention of cruelty to aviators hasn't been organized long before this.

The easterners who shudder at the sight of a heavy young westerner roweling an outlaw horse, which

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is doing its best to pitch him into kingdom come, while short-haired men and long-haired women cheer him on, will probably reform the cattle industry next. We believe there was once a movement to abolish branding. Certainly more gentle methods of handling cattle should be adopted, should there not?

How about those terrible stockyards, where they hit 'em on the head with a hammer.

What we particularly resent is the intimation that cruelty to animals is practiced in the cattle industry.

If the members of the New York Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals knew anything about it, they'd know that the westerner, born and bred on the range, is usually more considerate of his horse than some easterners are of their servants.

The rodeo is typical of the west. It is not gentle, perhaps, but there is such a thing as raising a nation by too much gentility. Forests and plains are not conquered by gentility. Dynamite is more effective than kind words in making gardens out of deserts.

They may put the rodeo out of business in the east, where it is a spectacle, but they won't make much headway against it here, where folks understand.—El Paso Times.

Yards of cloth dyed red, white, or blue, or all of these colors, mean nothing. You may pass them a thousand times without giving them a second thought. But work that cloth into an American flag and it becomes at once the symbol of the greatest heritage of mankind—liberty. The man who loves his country will respect its flag. He will not treat it as yards of cloth. The man who does not respect his flag can not, under any possible stretch of the imagination, be classed as a lover of his country. We have many of the one, and too many of the other.

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##### —THEN THE FARMER

Farmers by the thousands in the Middle West and in the trans-Mississippi region are in debt and distress, in bankruptcy and poverty, and with no prospect of an improvement to their condition unless the prices of agricultural products rise at least to the cost of production or the Government offers them the poor consolation of taking mortgages on their lands for the loans that are needed to tide them through another season of seeding and harvest.

Such is the plight of the most vital industry of the country. Only some fortuity of some prompt and powerful assistance from Government—not by way of gifts, but through advances of funds on the best of all security—can rescue these farmers from the wretchedness which they are now enduring. It may be that even the Government's great resources will prove to be too little for the relief of the agricultural industry, but they ought to be invoked, and that without delay.

There is no epidemic of bankruptcy among the corporations, large and small, engaged in operating ships on the seas. Many of these corporations are more prosperous than they have been in years. They enjoy, in some cases, a practical monopoly. Hardly any other class of business needs the help of the Government less than these shipping companies.

And yet—President Harding called a special session of Congress to legislate bonuses into the coffers of these corporations, and makes no provision at all, and only a vague promise, for the consideration of the farmer's dire necessities. There will be \$75,000,000 a year for the shipping trust—if the President can arrange it so—and not a cent for the agricultural industry upon the productivity and prosperity of which the success of every other business and enterprise depends.

There were 3,500 words in Mr. Harding's address to the special session of Congress. Only 150 words of this address concern the helplessness

### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

TO THE CITIZENS OF  
CARLSBAD

With full appreciation of the many courtesies extended to me during the past three years while acting as City Engineer for the City, I desire to extend my thanks to the prompts entire community, and sincerity prompts the hope that you may continue to prosper, and the wish for the continuation of that pleasant condition for such a length of time as you may desire it emanates from one has only the keenest desire to be of service to mankind.

**F. L. Hancock**  
City Engineer

of the American farmer. The rest of the 3,500 words are a plea for the bestowal of \$750,000,000 of Federal moneys on the vigorous private interests and for the provision of a fund of \$125,000,000 from which they may borrow at an interest rate of 3 per cent a year while the farmer pays six per cent on his loans from the Federal Farm banks and as high as 10 or 12 per cent to individual lenders.

"To this problem (of the farmer's) and such others of pressing importance as reasonably may be dealt within the short session I shall invite attention at an early day," was all the President could say by way of encouragement to American agriculture.

Never be too hasty in treating another person with silent contempt. He might buy up the mortgage on your home.

Have you noticed the unusual brightness of the children of today? It is the natural development and expansion of the human intellect. As the world grows older its people absorb greater knowledge, and that knowledge is transmitted from parent to son and daughter, and the son or daughter absorbs additional knowledge as it traverses the years of infancy and juvenility and in time passes the accumulation on to its own offspring. In the early ages of mankind the world was ruled by ignorance, superstition and idolatry. Before the final eclipse there will be such intelligence and enlightenment as has never been known before. Today we are in a transitory state, living and learning, and progressing as the Creator affords us opportunity and the intelligence to grasp them. The intelligence of your child is not due entirely to you. It is the divine will that knowledge be unfolded by degrees, and you are but the instrument of that will.

West Virginia moonshiners are said to be using skunks to outwit the revenue officers. The scent of the skunk obliterates that of the hootch, and officers are unable to locate the stills. Of course, if an odiferous animal happens to fall into the mash it only serves to increase the flavor of the forbidden beverage.

It is better to do your duty than to explain why you didn't.

#### HARD TO UNDERSTAND

Our chagrin at having supported Senator Bursum constantly increases. We did not think his character had changed but we did credit him with acumen enough to see the handwriting on the wall in New Mexico and thus abandon old methods and play the part of a Moses to lead his party out of the wilderness.

We were wrong. He is the same old Bursum of "penitentiary days," practicing the same old methods and trying to "put across" the same old deals. It is hard to understand.

He was the one man of conspicuous prominence in the republican party in New Mexico whom we hoped would lead a move toward progress and decency. Every activity since his election has led the other way.

His Indian claims bill is rotten in its terms. It is typically "gangster." The method used to get it through the senate was worse.

Bursum is simply impossible for self-respecting people.—Magee's Independent.

## Christmas and the New Year

As we draw near the close of the year, we are conscious of the fact that we owe you a debt of gratitude for your friendship, without which the success of our business would be impossible.

We convey to you a word of thanks and cordial greetings, together with the sincere wish that the year 1923 will bring to you and yours much happiness, prosperity and contentment in plenteous measure



## The Boston Store





## ALSO A MERRY CHRISTMAS

### GOOD WILL

This is the season of good-will—a time when the heart-strings vibrate in unison.

Some confine the expression of their good-will sentiments to this particular period. But this organization is not governed by the seasons. Good will building is a year-round effort with us.

Good-will dominates this company in its relations with its customers. It is reflected in our service, which is provided at the lowest possible rate compatible with the cost of providing that service.

In turn, we want your good-will.

The best way to obtain good-will is to merit it. We are striving to merit yours.

# The Public Utilities Co.

### WE WISH—

That every moment of this Christmas season shall be a happy one and that the New Year will bring you peace, contentment and plenty.

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### The Christmas Fur Coat

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NO ONE could understand the will in the way she left her money. Among the many personal possessions she had mentioned had been that of her beautiful Russian sable fur coat, worth well into the thousands of dollars. This she had left to the old woman who had brought eggs to them from the country. It was to be given to the egg woman on the first Christmas after the old lady's death, and every Christmas after that she was to be given the interest on a sum of money, the principal of which was to be given to her when she reached a certain age, or before if she became ill.  
"It's all very sensible except why in the world did grannie leave that wonderful fur coat to that egg woman?" her grandchildren remarked.

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for CHRISTMAS and the

COMING YEAR

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### KEEP PEACE AND GOOD WILL

Essence of the Spirit of Christmas  
Should Be Retained Throughout the Year.

ANNUALLY, the spirit of Christmas descends upon the world. For a little space the enmities and animosities, the trials and annoyances of worldly life, the sorrows and anxieties are forgotten. Humanity, prosperous, turns its thoughts to humanity in suffering, and seeks to bring to those in want and in distress at least a fragment of the spirit which is abroad throughout the land.

Then memory turns back to old friends, perhaps almost forgotten in the rush of the year's affairs, kindly thoughts and pleasant recollections fill the mind. One turns naturally to the greeting and the gift as a means of expressing the joy of Christmas which is in the heart, and on each of us is impressed anew the thought that it is more blessed to give than to receive, giving not only material gifts, but friendship, kindness and good will.

And then, when the brief holiday season is over, when the Christmas greens have disappeared and the world is again in its drab working clothes, the spirit of Christmas vanishes. Again the suspicions and jealousies and envy show themselves. Again we forget the old friends, and the happy memories of other days are submerged under the pressure of the business of today.

One cannot keep alive always a holiday spirit. If that were attempted, the work of the world would never be done. It is not desirable to attempt to keep with us for more than a few days each year the spirit of Christmas jollity and good cheer. That joyous atmosphere would lose its zest were we to try to live in it for long.

But perhaps the underlying spirit of Christmas could be kept alive more constantly in our hearts. Perhaps the love and friendliness, and the tendency to forget injuries and rise above the pettiness of life which manifest themselves at Yuletide, could be retained beyond Twelfth Night and made a part of our daily lives until next Christmas.

We need not exchange gifts or greetings. We need not go about with holiday jollity in our countenances. But we can keep and cherish and augment by daily use the ideal of peace and good will toward men, which is the essence of the Christmas spirit, and by so doing make the world a better place in which to live.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

When the Mistletoe Hangs High. While the mistletoe hangs high, it is useless to urge the lurking possibilities of the osculation germ.

## Yuletide Greetings



To you and to those whose happiness is yours—

Permit us here to thank you for the most excellent business accorded our store.

### A MERRY CHRISTMAS



**R. M. THORNE**  
Furniture Store

### HOLIDAY GREETINGS

To our friends, loyal and true; to our valued new friends and to those friendships we strive to deserve; we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming year.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good will, which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aim to serve you helpfully in the future.

**THE CARLSBAD LIGHT & POWER  
COMPANY**

"Why, she won't know what to do with it. She's perfectly happy with an old ulster and a good warm sweater."

But they did not fail to carry out what their grandmother had wished, even though they could not understand.

Never was such a Christmas present received, and never was there such joy, for fairy tales had come true in a great and mighty swop, and she, who had fancied never throughout her entire life to wear anything on her back that was luxurious, now glided in her coat. And every week she went about selling eggs, so happy in wearing the superb coat. For old grannie had understood more than any of them knew!

### Marshmallow Fudge.

If your marshmallows get a little stale before using up, try making marshmallow fudge. Put two cups granulated sugar and one cup milk in a saucepan and let the mixture come to a boil. Add one square and a half chocolate, grated, and two tablespoons butter. Cook about ten minutes, then remove from the fire and beat until the fudge gets rather stiff, but not so stiff that it will not pour easily. Break marshmallows into several pieces, place in the bottom of a dish and pour the fudge over them.

This is an age when the office does not seek the man. It doesn't have an opportunity.



## "And Santa, Be Sure and Don't Forget—"

Dear Santa Claus:

I am seven years old, and I want a knife, and a tool box with some tools in it and a play rabbit and a pop gun and a box of candy and some nuts and an orange, and I'll be a good boy.

From your friend,  
JIMMIE ZIMMERMAN.

Dear Santa Claus:

I hope that you can bring me what I want. I want some toys and I want a coaster wagon and a little car with a brake and a bb gun and two or three boxes of bb's. If you can't bring all of those toys, why bring the bb gun. I am six years old.

Your friend,  
KENNETH WORLEY.

Lakewood, N. M. Dec. 2.

Dear Santa Claus:  
I have been good, and I have made good grades in school and please bring me a doll for Christmas. I have two little brothers, and Lewis wants a horn and my older sister wants a wrist watch and my sister, Roma, wants a doll, please remember my daddy and mother and oh, yes, don't forget my baby brother. I am eight years old.

With love,  
FAY M. CASS.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a doll and some dishes and a trunk and a bed and some new shoes and some presents and some new shoes and a dress and a tooth brush too wash my teeth and a glass to look in an see if they are cleaned. I want a cradle to rock my doll in and get her to sleep. My sister wants too dolls and I want some tooth paste and I guess that's all.

(NO NAME)

Dear Santa Claus:

Please send me a pair of boots, a musical top and two story books. Santa, please send all the other little children something nice, and my cat a milk saucer.

MARY GLOVER.

Dear Santa Claus:

I came from Iowa and heard that you come here so I thought I would write you a letter and tell you what I want for Christmas. I would like a little car what runs on the floor and a pocket knife. Hoping to see you Christmas, I am,

Your little friend,  
ELGIN GUNDERSON.

P. S.—I forgot to tell you how old I am. I am seven years old and the reason I write is because I thought you did not know that I had moved so you would know where I was.

428 S. Templeton St. Los Angeles.

Dear Santa Claus:

Evelyn is writing this letter to you in care of my Grandma. I tell her what to say. I would like to have a mattress for my doll bed, some doll clothes and a drum and a book. I would like to have a tricycle, too. Evelyn wants a mattress for her doll's bed and a red chair so we can play teaparties. She wants a book, too. She is a big girl ten years old and I am not much past five. We are good girls, mother says so.

EVELYN and  
MARY KATHRYN KIRCHER.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a white doll buggy with pretty blankets and a doll with sleepy eyes. Bring some doll dishes, a stove, and table and some doll clothes.

Bring little brother a ball, a rubber dolly and some blocks and a sheep and a little horse pulling a little wagon.

I will be good until Christmas. Don't forget little brother—we will hang up his stocking by mine. I love you, Santa Claus, and when you come I may be up and see you and show you my dog.

From,  
MARY HELEN GERRELLS.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want a pair of skates, a wagon a belt and a gun.

RICHARD HAYS.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a box of paints, an incense burner, and a hair barett. I already have a ring from Grandfather in El Paso. I will be good and put my clothes on every morning without crying.

DOROTHY CAMILLE SMITH.

LOVING, N. M.

Dear Santa Claus:

Please bring me a ball bearing coaster, a little tennis set, a Sambo musical player, a canary songster and some balloons. Bring my brother Howard, a Kick-in-bank, ferris wheel, and merry-go-round. Sister wants a doll that cries and a doll buggy. And don't forget our baby brother, Santa. Well here's hoping you will bring all the things.

Your little friend,  
WALTER SMITH, JR.

Dear Santa Claus:

I want 8 piece wooden furniture set, 42 cents; and a metal bed for Dolly, mahogany finish, 92 cent; Leaping Peter Rabbit, 73 cents; Mrs. Peter Rabbit and family in a cart, 75 cents.

From,  
MARY ELLEN THORNE.

The secret is out as to why little dogs never attack some people. They don't like tough meat.

### "CARLSBAD IS MARCHING ON"

New Mexico is a country

Where the biggest hearted men Are working out the problems Of a great and mighty land. Our door should ever be open And the hand of welcome here— For Carlsbad is marching on.

There are not many ways to reach us By the highway and the rail, But the auto is a blessing And our steam cars never fail. The wagon hosts are coming While others come afoot— But Carlsbad is marching on.

Hard times have bidden us adieu The day of joy is here, Let's all rejoice together In the promise of the year. The winds of March will blow the clouds,

And clear the atmosphere— Carlsbad will go marching on. Carlsbad Chamber of Commerce Will be bigger than ever before. The money of plenty will empty With a mighty rushing roar. The people round about us Will be here as ne'er before To see Carlsbad marching on.

The soil is ever ready And the rains will meet the need. Mother earth will then be calling For the planting of the seed. The blossoms and the fruitage Will rejoice the heart of man— Carlsbad is marching on.

When water fills out lakes Then the future is assured. Business men and bankers Will get every cent we make— But our city is the footstool Of this great irrigated land— Carlsbad is marching on!

—Ira Harrison.

C. W. Bartlett and son, who have a poultry farm five miles south of Hagerman, were Carlsbad visitors the latter part of last week. Both gentlemen are musicians and play for dances, on the side, in order to advertise themselves and their business. They have a Candee Mammoth incubator and will make a specialty of selling day-old chicks. This incubator is the latest thing in incubators and there is only one other like it in the state. The gentlemen will be here at Christmas time to play for the dance which is scheduled for the night of the 26th.

## OUR SINCERE AND BEST CHRISTMAS WISHES

May this humble token in part express our sincerest and best wishes for a Merry and Happy Christmas. We cannot count the many blessings that we hope will be yours during the year to come.

W. G. Brown

Why doesn't Harry Daugherty obtain a writ of injunction to prevent his fellow Republicans from impeaching him?

Mrs. Fred Rohmer moved to Fort Bayard, this state, Monday, where Mr. Rohmer is at work and where they plan to reside for the future.

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The hospitable country home of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Watson, in the Otis neighborhood, was the scene of a very happy party of friends who were invited to spend the day there Sunday being taken out to the home after church. A sumptuous dinner having been disposed of, music and cheerful conversation passed the hours. The guests of the home were Misses Mary Lee and Lucille Pond, Gladys, Velma and Irene Regnier, Sina, Faye and Pauline McCull, Vera and Viola Thurman, Mr. and Mrs. Wratler, Mrs. A. Moore, and Messrs Ira Taylor, Hamlin, and others, the three grown Watson boys also being present and assisting very materially in entertaining the guests. At a late hour in the afternoon the young folk and old folk as well, expressed their pleasure at their reception, and reluctantly motored to their homes in the city.

The W. C. T. U. will give a Christmas tree to the Spanish-American people in the new church in South Carlsbad. The exercises will occur the Saturday before Christmas.

The schools at Otis are planning for a community Christmas tree and program to be given at the school house tonight.



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## THE SEASON'S GREETINGS

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#### CHRISTMAS GREETINGS

We wish to extend to our friends and customers a hearty Christmas greeting and assure you one and all of our sincerest wishes for a most happy and prosperous New Year.

At the same time we want to express to you our appreciation of the hearty co-operation and good will with which we have been favored the past year, thereby proving that you recognize and appreciate what the Piggly Wiggly has meant in actual saving to the households of this community.

During the coming year and in the years to follow, with your co-operation we will continue to serve you and earnestly endeavor to maintain that confidence you have reposed in us and afford you that same protection against exorbitant prices.

PIGGLY WIGGLY.

Miss Boswick, with headquarters at Albuquerque, addressed a meeting at the Baptist church Wednesday night instead of the usual prayer meeting. The lady is corresponding secretary of B. M. U. work of the state and is visiting the societies in the interest of that work.

#### Candidate for Justice of the Peace

I wish to inform the voters of Precinct No. 1, which includes the City of Carlsbad, that I am a candidate for the office of Justice of the Peace of Precinct No. 1, subject to the will of the people as expressed in the justice of the peace election to be held Monday, January 8th, 1923.

A. S. McCORD.

Fulton, Mo., Dec. 20.—Miss Elizabeth Hoag, of Carlsbad, New Mexico, who is a pupil of Mr. Wm. H. Meldrum, head of the Jameson Conservatory of Music at William Woods College, took an important part in a student recital held recently at the College when she played a piano solo, "Fantasie-Improvisation," by Chopin. Miss Hoag gave a very effective rendition of this piece, and it was much enjoyed by all present.

Ladies, who have used Je-Nee-Wa Almond brick invisible face powder, Disappearing rouge and Tissue builder, for sale by MRS. LEE MIDDLETON.

#### A BRIDGE PARTY

One of the most delightful occasions of the season was the evening at Bridge with Miss Ovo Butcher and her mother at their attractive bungalow home on Canal street Friday, December 15th. The affair was in honor of Miss Olive Burns, who has just returned from a three months stay in El Paso. The rooms were tastefully decorated in Christmas colors and holly and mistletoe were used in abundance. Those invited to meet Miss Burns were Misses Kremer, Patty and Martin Witt, Willie Lovett, Inez Jones, Frances Etter, Lorene Powell, Matsie Gibson, Marie Unsay, Frankie Howell, Elsie Taylor, Helen McVain, Agnes Standifer, Ruth Willard, Quick Mesdames Hugh Hall, J. F. Joyce, W. C. Reed, Babe Campbell, Dan Lowenbruck, Robert Toffelmire and Aud Lusk.

The hostesses were assisted in serving a midnight lunch by Misses Pearl Butcher, Mary Frances Joyce, and Ruth Farrell, which was constituted of sandwiches, coffee and cake.

Little Mary Idelle Glover came in from their ranch Wednesday for the express purpose of seeing Santa Claus. She was accompanied by her parents and the young lady who is teaching at Frijoles, and Johnny Clark. They spent the day in town and Mary left for her home satisfied that the good Saint would attend to her wants.

Miss Marionette Reed entertained the members of the cast of "Anne What's Her Name" at her home in West Carlsbad after the show Wednesday night. A few other friends shared the pleasures of the evening which was devoted to dancing.

The Santa Fe railroad has made a rate of one and one-third fare for the round trip to Santa Fe, for the inauguration, from all points in New Mexico. Tickets will be on sale December 30 and 31, and January 1, with a return limit of January 3. The fare for the round trip will be \$34.56, from Carlsbad.

W. E. Rose, at Loving, New Mexico, will have one of the largest auction sales, January 6th, 1923, that has ever been pulled off in the lower valley. Be sure and be there.

Mr. and Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Thomas Pickens, were in from Last Chance Wednesday, shopping and looking for Santa Claus.

## THE CHRISTMAS PICNIC

By Mary Graham Bonner

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THE young people were going to give a Christmas picnic on the day after Christmas. They had all decided that it would be no end of fun to take their skates and have a long day of skating, and to have their dinner out of doors.

They felt it would be particularly good for them, too, to get away from the sweets and holiday food they would constantly be nibbling at if they were home.

So on the day after Christmas they went on the Christmas picnic and skating party.

They all had so much enthusiasm. Everyone was going to take part. Everyone was going to help and assist and work.



But when it came time for dinner everyone seemed hungry but helpless, and somehow the cold seemed to have glowed in their cheeks and hearts as they skated, but to have numbed them as the work of the picnic loomed in view.

The gay and debonair young man who called himself the life of the party and who had come garbed in knickerbockers and sport sweater was suddenly quiet. He said he was not much good at making a fire. Instead, he seemed to admire himself and his handsome legs and to ignore the opening of the baskets. To be sure, he looked well and his attitude said quite plainly:

"The man who invented knickerbockers, without a doubt had good looking legs himself, and perhaps an enemy with particularly ugly ones, but he certainly didn't get the better of me."

But Jerry, who was always a good fire builder and upon whom the work always rested, despite previous protests that it would not this time, was the one now who built the fire.

And the rest of the typical picnic people did the usual things. There was the man who talked about building the fire so as to keep the smoke from blowing in the faces of everyone present.

There was the girl who spoke from time to time in alarmed, sudden sentences, wondering in turn if the salt, pepper, bacon, sugar, milk or coffee pot had been forgotten.

There was the girl who was obviously helpless.

There was the girl who kept asking what she could do to help, who would have received any suggestions with a very bad grace.

And there was Milly, who really undid the packages and cooked the bacon and saw that everyone had enough to eat.

The man who said most about not being hungry inquired with more than an academic interest as to what the filling of the sandwiches might be.

And there was the man present who spoke from time to time of the good things that could have been brought if only he had thought of them sooner.

But Jerry and Milly saw that the picnic was a real picnic, while the others gave their eating services.

And after the picnic was over and Jerry was helping Milly as she washed off the dishes in the boiling water Jerry had saved in the old big kettle, he said:

"Milly, you're the most unselfish girl I've ever known. Different from everyone. I've always thought so. And don't you think we'd make a good team—not only on a picnic but through life?"

And Milly answered:

"That's very much the way I've thought about you, Jerry."

So that you see, Milly and Jerry weren't so much cheated at that picnic as you might have thought. In fact, they had a very merry Christmas picnic!

At the Christmas Party.

The wise hostess wishes to prevent her young guests from pairing off and remaining with their escorts the entire evening. To change partners in a novel and entertaining way in the course of the evening, have ready a circle of green cardboard divided into as many sections as there are girls present. Write a girl's name in each division. Now cut out a large red pasteboard star, with a white arrow pointed on one of the points, and fasten this star to the center of the cardboard circle by means of a large pin. Each boy in turn comes up and spins the star, and the maiden whose name is indicated when the white arrow comes to rest is accorded him as partner. Of course, if a girl's name has already been chosen the boy must spin again. This spinning star will result in much merriment for the young people.

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#### EDDY LODGE TO ENTERTAIN

Invitations have been issued by Eddy Lodge No. 21, A. F. & A. M., during the week to Masons and their families to be present at the annual installation of officers which will be held the anniversary of St. John, the Evangelist, December 27, at eight o'clock.

The evening's program consists of music and readings and the ceremony of installation. The program follows:

"Welcome"—Brother Joseph Wertheim, Worshipful Master, Eddy Lodge No. 21.

Masonic Male Quartette. (Selected)—Brothers John W. Wells, Frank A. Kindel, William N. Hudgins, and Jewel S. Oliver.

Installation of Officers—Brother Richard M. Thorne, Past Grand Master, assisted by Brother C. D. Rickman, as Marshal.

Reading—Mrs. John T. Barber.

Vocal Solo—Mrs. Harry McKim.

Reading—Miss Dorothy Swigart.

Masonic Male Quartette.

Refreshments and social hour.

Since the last entertainment complimentary to the families and friends of Masons, the lodge hall has been redecorated and a new lighting system installed.

The installation ceremony will afford opportunity of inspection of the many improvements and the program will be in the nature of a "housewarming." Visiting Masons are invited to be present. Robert L. Halley, James D. Hudgins and W. Frank McVain comprise the committee in charge of the evening's entertainment.

The little Bond boys, Paul and Damon, celebrated their joint birthday anniversaries Tuesday afternoon at the close of school. The boys are aged respectively seven and nine years and had often expressed their desire for a party, saying that girls had parties frequently and boys but seldom. So in view of that fact, their mother gave them permission to ask whom they wished to their party; the result was about thirty boys and a few neighbor girls, were present on the happy occasion. Two big birthday cakes, one having seven candles and the other having nine, graced the table and delighted the boys; a large dishpan of popcorn was also provided and hot cocoa gave the finishing touches to the afternoon pleasures. The yard was full of happy youngsters and at the close of the day Damon and Paul felt that they had enjoyed a real birthday party. May many more be theirs.

A wire received by Rev. A. C. Douglas Wednesday announced the death of a well known minister, of the New Mexico conference, Rev. J. H. Messer, who departed this life Tuesday of this week at Tucuman, from heart failure. He was about fifty-nine years old and was serving the Clayton District as presiding elder at the time of his death. Truly a good man has gone to rest.

#### BASKET BALL GAMES

Those were good, snappy basketball games that were played in the Armory Friday night, the first being between the teachers of the High School and the High School team of girls, and the latter between Hope and Carlsbad. The High School team came out ahead of the Faculty team by a heavy score.

In the games between Hope and Carlsbad, the first game resulted in a tie, the score at the close of the second half being 13 to 13. In the play off of the tie, Hope was victorious by a score of 17 to 14.

The game was well played, and the rooting very enthusiastic. Carlsbad boys had invented several new yells for the occasion and they were given with a will, the boys utilizing the stage in the Armory, and making their first appearance in their uniforms of white trousers and blue coats.

Fifty dollars was taken in as door receipts.

#### CHRISTMAS EPISCOPAL SERVICES IN THE PECOS VALLEY

December 23rd, Christmas tree, St. Paul's, Artesia, 7:30 p. m. Christmas Eve, Choral Eucharist, St. Paul's, Artesia, 10:30 a. m. Church school Christmas tree, Grace Church, Carlsbad, 4:00 p. m. Choral Eucharist, Grace Church, midnight. St. Mark's, Pecos, evening service, December 28, 7:30 p. m. St. Mark's, Pecos, Holy Communion, December 29, 9:00 a. m. St. Stephen's, Toyah, evening service, December 29, 7:30 p. m. St. Stephen's, Toyah, Holy Communion, December 30, 8:00 a. m. Best wishes to you and yours. REV. F. A. THOROLD-ELLER.

Alfred M. Mueller and bride arrived in the city, last Sunday from Chicago, where they were married the Friday previous. Mrs. Mueller was a Miss Lauda Wagner, and is a graduate of the American Conservatory of Music, of Chicago, and is a most charming and accomplished young lady. The Current extends best wishes to Mr. and Mrs. Mueller, and hopes that their home among us may be filled with happiness and prosperity. They are now at home to their friends in the Morrison Apartments, on Canal street.

William F. Murphy, receiver of the Carlsbad Light & Power Company, came in Monday from a business visit to Chicago.

Carlsbad Encampment, I. O. O. F. No. 16, had visitors last Monday night from Alfalfa Encampment, No. 9, of Artesia. Eight candidates received degrees, and afterward enjoyed the supper provided by Carlsbad brethren.

It is no longer necessary to hook your watch. A chunk of coal will do just as well.

# Our Greeting

In the Spirit of Christmas

CHRISTMAS DAY brings us the consciousness that whatever our personal animosities may be, whatever the strife between nations—merely neighborhood quarrels greatly magnified—there is this sublime occasion devoted to peace and good will. Its spirit is the lamp which lights to higher life; its influence largely supports civilization and prevents a lapse into barbarity.

Christmas spirit means Christian spirit. In testing its effect, one has only to reflect upon the positions of races, the most advanced being those of Christendom. China, the oldest entity among peoples, has an admirable occasion upon which the citizens strive to liquidate all their debts. It is a national pay-up day, and in spirit somewhat resembles our Christmas. In Japan they have an annual event somewhat like our New Year's celebration, during which the people go about expressing good will and promoting good cheer. But Christmas has a more elevating effect than either, in that it not only typifies peace and good will, but carries the essence of unselfishness and pure love, the most common expression being the bestowal of gifts. When the Christmas influence gains to the point that its spirit shall permeate the affairs of every day in the year, the millennium will have arrived.

We have this day, and if we mar not its ideal its heaven will produce other days of the kind. In the making of a newspaper we have an opportunity to view the many forces operating upon the character of humanity. We see the good and bad, the sincere and insincere, the selfish and unselfish. We believe the heaven of good is more active than that of the opposed forces. If we have been able to assist the right, much has been due to your co-operation and we earnestly solicit a continuation of the same. Our Christmas greeting to you is one of optimism, good cheer and hearty good wishes.

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## THE SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

The spirit of Christmas is one of cheerfulness and one of rejoicing. Closing our books for the year without thanking you for your patronage during the past months would leave one of our principal debts unpaid. Merry Christmas and a Bright and Prosperous New Year to all.

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### LOCAL NEWS.

Mr. and Mrs. Ellsworth James are in from their ranch on the Cap rock and will spend Christmas in town with relatives.

Emil Riley came down from Roswell where he is employed, and will be at home until after Christmas.

Frank W. Smith, son of Mr. and Mrs. Elbert Smith, who is attending school at Waco, Texas, will be in tonight for the holidays.

Among others of our young folk coming home to spend Christmas, is Miss Elizabeth Hogue, who is at school in Missouri, and makes the long trip to be with her mother and other friends at the joyous Christmas.

Mrs. W. A. Moore entertained the Ladies Aid of the Presbyterian church Thursday afternoon of last week. Twenty-four ladies were present and a profitable meeting was held. The hostess served cake and chocolate as refreshments at the close of the business session.

Christmas guests at the Marvin Livingston home in LaHuerta, are Professor Stanley Dresher, and wife and Miss Barbara Jones. The ladies are sisters of Mrs. Livingston and their presence at this time gives great pleasure to a number of Carlsbad friends, they living here for some years. They came across the country in a car, coming from Globe, Arizona. Mr. Dresher was formerly principal in Carlsbad schools.

Mrs. Ben. J. Williams and brother, Henry Pendleton, arrived in Carlsbad last Monday driving through from El Paso that day. They tell us the roads are good from the Pass City to Pecos, but rough this side of that city. Mr. Williams will spend the holidays at San Francisco, his company giving him a trip to the factory as a Christmas present.

Virgil McCollum came down from school at Roswell and will spend the holidays at home. Virgil tells us that everything is moving along splendidly at N. M. M. I., and from his appearance it must be so. He takes high rank in scholarship at that institution.

Carlsbad visitors to Roswell the first of the week, according to the News, were Joe Chemall, J. F. Joyce and W. R. Helger, who spent a few days in that city on business of various kinds.

Mrs. Sam Moskia left for Roswell yesterday, where she will visit at the home of her parents until after Christmas. Mr. Moskia will join her Sunday. They will bring their little daughter, Jane, back with them on their return.

Mr. and Mrs. Coley Jones and Mrs. Sadie Cheatem will spend Christmas in Roswell, Mr. and Mrs. Jones visiting Mrs. Camp, the mother of Mrs. Jones, and Mrs. Cheatem spending the day with Mrs. Wallace Kling, a sister of Miss Nell Atkins, a friend of hers. Miss Atkins, who is an employee of the Santa Fe at Amarillo, will also spend the day in Roswell at her sister's home.

John R. Joyce is expected home from school in the east next Sunday for a short visit, and an invitation dance is being planned by his parents, to be given at the Armory, the night of the 26th.

J. C. D'Arcy, of Artesia, was in town yesterday, and tells us that Mrs. D'Arcy has been ill for some weeks and is only now convalescing from a spell of pneumonia.

Aunt Sallie Slaughter spent the day Wednesday in Roswell, a guest at the home of Governor-elect Hinkle.

Mrs. Ross Partridge, of Detroit, Michigan, is expected to arrive in Carlsbad tomorrow, and will be a guest at the home of her relatives, Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Cawley.

Miss Gertrude Lowenbruck, daughter of John Lowenbruck, came in from Phoenix, Arizona, where she has been living with her aunt, since the death of her mother, and will spend the Christmas holidays with relatives in and near Carlsbad.

At the District Conference held the latter part of last week and the first of this, R. B. Slease, of this city was elected delegate to the annual conference of the church, which will be held in Marfa, Texas, during the month of October, 1923. A worthy honor worthily bestowed.

## The Flute Player

By Christopher G. Hazard

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OF ALL the Christmas gifts of past years but one remained. It seemed surrounded by a charm that was all its own and that was as unaffected by the atmosphere of the bare and dingy room as a light in a dark place. The old schoolmaster took it up, looked lovingly upon it and replaced it upon the shelf. Then, advancing to the window, he looked out upon the lighted star in the church steeple that was proclaiming Christ's birthday and listened to the shouts of the merry-makers in the streets as they rose upon the snowy wind.

The old man's mind was busy with happier days. In the picture gallery of his memory visions of home cheer and gladness were upon the walls. Faces looked out from their frames with old glances of love, and figures passed before him full of the beauty of young life. Again he was in the midst of joyous and successful activities, companionship and enthusiasm. Then, as memory's mirage faded away and left but two receding images before him, he looked once more upon one who had gone to some unknown land, the son who had so mysteriously disappeared from the home fellowship and ken, and he saw again the form of her who had set out for the land that is beyond the stars, but not before she had placed in his hand the precious vase with the pictured flute player upon its side.

At the time he had not fully noted the significance of the happy urchin in the red robe as he held his flute to his lips. Pleasures and pursuits pressed upon him and left the musician unmotivated through the days and nights. But the boy had never ceased his playing, and now with some remembered melody, then with some new adventure in the world of harmony, he seemed to be waiting for the recognition and appreciation that he knew would come. A steadfast and inveterate optimist, he played on; to weariness and loneliness he played a hopeful song; forbidding dejection and despair, he became a prophet of better days to come. In solitude and uselessness he was as an only but unchanged friend. To him the old man turned as to an oracle. Poverty had taken one after the other of his possessions, but had never been able to separate him from this merry genius, this incorrigibly persistent promiser.

If the prelude does not get discouraged fortune is likely to admire it and introduce the performance, and this turned out to be the reward of the industrious hope of the flute player. He did not hear the step upon the stair or the knock upon the door, and he did not see the amazement with which the schoolmaster listened to the tale of his lost son, as he embraced him and tried to realize that he had indeed come back and brought good fortune with him, but even more merrily and madly he played in the dance with which these two were to go down the future.

Habits are strange things. One can get so far into a habit of gladness as to be unable to get out of it. A face can get so used to smiling as to have no night there. A boy can become so committed to fluting as to be unable to stop. It was so with the flute player; to this day he plays and does nothing else. He sits upon another and a better shelf, but not idly. He is among happy people, but busy sending joy out into all the neighborhood. He has played the old schoolmaster young again and fixed his thought upon a life that never grows old.

Indeed, the flute player has even encouraged the schoolmaster to begin teaching again. The scholars are his grandchildren. They are not having a hard time, for they sing on their way to lessons. They are not unhappy scholars, for one of them threw a kiss to the last Christmas moon. Last summer another of them became a poetess and composed the following appreciation of nature:

Above the Argonne Forest  
A Star is shining fair;  
Its gentle beams awaken  
The young men sleeping there.

Again in songs of angels  
The birth of Christ is told;  
The young men go to greet him  
With richer gifts than gold.

The flute player is setting this to music. This scholar has already learned to write. She has proved that by producing an invitation to one of the school sessions in this form:

Dear Aunt Fanny:  
Please come Friday, if you can; and if you can't come, don't come.

She is not a flatterer, however, when she said one day, "Grandpa, you don't look a bit over twenty."



## To Our Friends and Patrons

'Tis Christmas Time—the season of good cheer and Santa Claus. May we say a word of thanks for the business you have so kindly turned our way during 1922? This business has been sincerely appreciated and we trust it has been so handled as to justify a continuance of our past pleasant relations.

And now, at this Yuletide Season, we wish you and yours a wonderfully Happy Christmas, and a 1923 filled with joy, prosperity and plenty.

Cordially yours,

## J. F. FLOWERS

### CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Over nineteen hundred years ago there was born in Bethlehem a sweet little baby. This child, as heaven was no longer silent, was announced to this world as the Savior of it.

There being three world's ideas at this time, the Greeks, Romans and Jewish, other ideas spring forth from He who was wrapped in swaddling clothes, and laid in the manger by his mother. In this manger was the beginning of deeper and loftier ideas. They were so extensive that the entire world is looming and full of them. The reason for this is ascribed to wisdom from above—from our Father.

Sunday morning, at the Church of Christ, the birth day of Jesus will be held in the mind of the people. His body and blood will be commemorated by partaking of the communion, "This do in remembrance of me." The ancient disciples did it on the first day of the week (Acts, 20:7). There will be no preaching, but at the usual hour for preaching there will be a Christmas tree program rendered and White Gifts for the King. Preaching at 7:30 p. m. "His Advent."

We are going to have a great sweet time in worship to our Lord and master. You are cordially invited to share a part of this heavenly enjoyment. Folk remember your dear mother on this occasion.

D. MCARROLL, Pastor.

### NOTICE—MASS MEETING

A mass meeting of citizens of Carlsbad and the county is called for the 28th of December, at 3:00 p. m. in the rooms of the Chamber of Commerce. This meeting is called for the purpose of electing directors of the Eddy County Hospital. A full attendance of citizens is desired and urgently requested.

Next week JOY WEEK at Crawford Theatre.

Mr. Cavanaugh is clerking at the Roberts-Deaborne Hardware Company during the Christmas rush, coming from the ranch the first of the week and entering on his duties immediately.

Mr. and Mrs. R. F. Madera and their governess came in from the Madera ranch Tuesday and remained in the city until Wednesday afternoon, doing Christmas shopping and visiting with friends.

Watch for the W. E. Rose sale bills. Sale to be January 6th, 1923. This will be the time to buy all the necessities for the coming season.

S. B. Wetmore, L. L. Ochempaur and C. L. Doyle, a trio of business men from Roswell, were in town Monday night leaving for their homes Tuesday morning. They were guests at the Palace while in town.

Don't forget the big auction sale at the W. E. Rose farm at Lovins, January 6, 1923.

Ed Mata left Thursday morning on a short trip to El Paso, expecting to return after Christmas.

Most people are considered intelligent until they begin to tell others what they know.

Next week JOY WEEK at Crawford Theatre.

Nellis, Mary and little Jennie Mata left this morning for Artesia to attend a Junior Christmas party to be given by their little cousins, Cuca and Lella Mata, Mrs. Elvira Chavez acting as chaperon.

Rev. L. L. Thurston, of Pecos, returning to his home from Fortales, stopped over Monday night in the city, a guest of the Palace Hotel.

If time is money a lot of people do a credit business.

### HAY TRADE CONDITIONS OF THE WEEK

Hay markets this week have been steady to slightly lower. Receipts have not been burdensome but the demand at this time of year is always light as consumers do not buy heavily as they do not want to carry over into the new year. Prices at the principal markets show little change but little improvement can be expected before the holidays. Country loadings are reported to be of small volume, so heavy accumulations are not anticipated at the terminal markets.—Hay Trade Journal, journal.

R. M. Watson received news of the death of his father, which occurred the first of the week at his home in Walnut Tree, Arkansas. The deceased, J. H. Watson, was about eighty-one years old at the time of his death. Mr. Watson had endeavored to make his father a visit this winter, but sickness in the family prevented. Many friends here are sympathizing with him in his bereavement.

### PECOS VALLEY OIL WELL IS PRODUCING 20 BARRELS DAILY

Artesia, Dec. 20.—The Hawkins oil well, located south of Artesia, near Dayton, on section 10-19-28, has been producing twenty barrels of oil daily during the past few days. This well, drilled by the New Mexico, Kansas and Texas Oil company, is about 1,100 feet deep and indications are favorable for an excellent producer. The well was pumped a few hours on Monday and twenty barrels were produced. A like amount was produced in a few hours pumping yesterday. The well was pumped today and the flow was not diminished.

Much excitement prevails in the valley. Another well will be drilled by the company in a short time near this well, according to Mr. Hawkins, who is in charge of the operations. The gas flow is sufficient from this well to supply fuel for additional rigs. A third well will be started soon as equipment can be had.

Next week JOY WEEK at Crawford Theatre.

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

TO OUR FAITHFUL OLD FRIENDS AND CHERISHED NEW FRIENDS: And to those whose friendship we strive to deserve, we tender this—

### GREETING

We hope that the New Year will be a happy one for you and that great prosperity will be yours. We strive to please you with the best of service and therefore we ask for your hearty co-operation.

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## THE WONDERFUL SPIRIT OF CHRISTMAS

Because of Christmas, gifts are given, kind words are spoken, hurt hearts are healed, simple, human beauty of song and color are heard and seen on every hand.

It has been so for Twenty Centuries. The motive power producing this impels us to send you the Greeting—

## U. S. MARKET

DAN LOWENBRUCK, Prop.



## Our Thanks and Our Greetings

With the season's compliments we acknowledge our appreciation of the assistance of our friends in the development and growth of our business the present year, and extend sincere wishes for

A MERRY CHRISTMAS

The Sellers Jewelry Store

The approach of Christmas and New Year lends added force to our ever present wishes for you. We hope the Yuletide will be Merry and that the New Year will herald a twelvemonth of happiness; bringing to you the fulfillment of your every wish.

## The Sweet Shop

M'KIM & KINDEL

Between four and five hundred Mexicans were in town Saturday afternoon, members of the gang who are working repairing the track on the railroad. For a time the city looked like a portion of Old Mexico. A strange thing about the men is that nine out of ten of them can speak and understand the English language and are proud of the fact. The stores and banks were full of them Saturday getting their checks cashed and making their Christmas purchases, and the postoffice force was kept busy for about three hours making out money orders and forwarding registered letters and packages. So far as we know there was not a particle of trouble, the men all seeming to be in good humor. They are working this side of Lakewood putting in heavier rails and replacing the old ties and otherwise putting the track in first class condition.

## TO OUR MANY CUSTOMERS—

The year 1922 is nearing its close. Tho we all make many mistakes thru life, we wish one and all a merry Christmas and happy New Year. We wish all a more successful life in the future, both health and spiritual. Both of these will bring about prosperity.

Have your clothes cleaned and pressed at the Carlsbad C. & P. Shop. That will keep you sanitary, which means health to you.

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Unless You Are"

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## APPOINTMENT IS COMMENDED

Las Vegas, Dec. 17.—Wide commendation has followed the appointment of W. M. Atkinson, of Roswell, as deputy land commissioner.

Democratic State Headquarters here announced today that many expressions of praise for Commissioner Baca's choice had been received. The new land commissioner will take his assistant into office with him the first of January.

One of the many things the new land office force will have to carry out is the pledge to do away with anything resembling favoritism. After the new administration takes command in the office, anyone will be able to obtain land leases as long as the law is followed. It will not be necessary for ranchers to seek men "with a pull" to get grazing lands, Commissioner Baca announced.

The land money received in his office will not be kept in idleness when it could be earning interest.

The assistant commissioner selected by Mr. Baca has had wide experience in administrative fields. One of the outstanding achievements of Mr. Atkinson is the erection of the Chaves County Court House, which was built through his efforts while a commissioner in that county. The building represents the finest of its kind in the State.

## A MESSAGE FOR THE HOLIDAY SEASON

Ira Harrison

As we come again to the glad some Christmas and New Year days, when one's thoughts go out to his friends, let me send you a gift—not a gift material—not a gift of silver and gold, but a gift of the heart, even the fervent wish that the highest meaning of both days may be yours in joyful and abundant measure.

At this happy holiday season may you be constrained to sing anew the most grateful song—for home and loved ones of the hearth-side, and for friends both old and new, and for all the tender links of sympathy and hope by which life is made so inspiring.

If some memories of wrong choice in the past give you some pain, may you turn to the future with clarified vision, with loftier views of duty, with renewed power for the acquisition of the things that are right, and for the reprehension of the things that are wrong; and may all your future be illumined with the radiant colors of hope.

Whatever may be the complexion of your circumstances, whether sorrow shall sometimes becloud your way, or temptation lay its attractive coils, may you ever turn faithfully to the Friend that sticketh closer than a brother. May your trust in Him be sure, and then may you rejoice that He who through the pathless sky doth guide the bird to its distant nest, will keep you in the circuit of His unforgetting love. And when your day's work is done, may He bring you to the land where all sorrow is brought to a final end and all joy to a perfect consummation.

About thirty young people, boys and girls, who mostly are members of the Christian Endeavor, of the local Christian church, met last Saturday night at the W. A. W. A. Forehand home in West Carlsbad, to do honor to one of their number, who leaves tonight for Sweetwater, Texas, Ferris Allen, a cousin of Mrs. Bruce Hays, who has been living here for several months. The young folks played games, had music, both vocal and instrumental, and at the close of the evening's pleasures, were served delicious ice cream and cake. Mr. and Mrs. F. G. Snow chaperoned the young people.

## IN THE DISTRICT COURT OF EDDY COUNTY, NEW MEXICO

In the Matter of the )  
Estate of C. F. Reynolds, )  
Deceased. No. 3389. )

## Notice of Sale of Real Property

Notice is hereby given that in pursuance of an order of the above-entitled court on the 29th day of November, 1922, the undersigned will, as Administratrix of the estate of C. F. Reynolds, deceased, sell the Real Estate and Premises hereinafter described, at public auction for cash on the 3rd day of January, 1923, beginning at the hour of 10:00 o'clock a. m., of said day and before the setting of the sun of the same day, on the property itself and on each particular piece of property beginning said sale with the property named in paragraph "a" hereto by selling same and following said sale by selling the property as same appears in paragraphs (b), (c), (d), and (e) hereto.

(a) Lots 15, 16, 17, 18, 19 and 20 of Block 2 Tylers Addition to the Town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(b) Lots 3 to 12, inclusive, of Block 3 of Tylers Addition to the Town of Artesia, Eddy County, New Mexico.

(c) Lots 9 and 11 of block 41 of Improvements Cos. Addition, and 84 of Lot 10 Block 16 Original, with improvements thereon.

(d) SE 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 17 S., Range 26 E., and improvements thereon with the water rights appurtenant thereto.

(e) SW 1/4 of the SW 1/4 of Section 26, Township 17 S., Range 26 E., and improvements thereon with the water rights appurtenant thereto.

This Notice given this December 8th, 1922.  
ESSIE L. REYNOLDS,  
MABEL A. MILLER,  
Administratrixes of the Estate of C. F. Reynolds, deceased.

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Albert, the eleven year-old-son of Mrs. Jay, of Portland, was operated on at Sisters' Hospital Monday, by a local surgeon, and a portion of the bone in one of his legs was removed. The bone had become badly diseased, but the lad is now in a fair way to recover.

## NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS

Sewer Tax of the City of Carlsbad for the year 1922 became delinquent November 1, 1922. According to the ordinances of the City of Carlsbad, this sewer tax must be paid or lien will be filed. Kindly call at the office of the City Clerk and pay your sewer tax.

R. A. TOFFELMIRE,  
City Clerk.

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Office Phone 82 E.

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Week Day Services.  
On all school days, mass at 8:15 A. M., Saturdays at 6:00 A. M.  
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## MERRY CHRISTMAS

to all

OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS

We hope you have lots of  
Joy and Happiness

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## 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 A. M. and 3:00 o'clock P. M., on Tuesday, January 16, A. D., 1923.

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 J. A. Hardy, term expired; one Director in the Loving 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 L. B. James, W. L. Mageridge and J. R. Stockwell.

The Clerks of said election, as appointed by the President of the

Board, are: Roy B. Worley and Harry Walker.

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.  
PECOS WATER USERS' ASSOCIATION.

15Dec25

Congress has made it legal for women to vote, but it hasn't the nerve to try to make them do it.

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Dentist

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## TOMORROW

The man who thinks of tomorrow—of his future comfort—of the protection of his family—INSURES HIS PROPERTY TODAY. If it burns it will not break him. The insurance company pays the damage.

## TODAY

The one who thinks only of today—who considers only the slight expense of the moment—who forgets the future security of his family—DOES NOT INSURE. When the property burns it cripples him or wipes him out completely.

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THERE IS A LOT OF SKIN  
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## Our Christmas GREETING.....



To all our old friends who have been loyal, who have helped us and whom we have helped as best we knew, and to the newer friends whom we will cherish through the years until they become old friends, and to YOU whose friendship we want and will ever strive earnestly to deserve, we tender this

## GREETING



**Pratt - Smith Hardware co.**

A bunch of high-brows have been invited to Washington to discuss and divine what is the matter with the youth of this country. Huh, anybody ought to know what is the biggest trouble. Mainly parents that spoil them, too much money, laying out at night and in bed late in the morning, not made to work and earn what they eat and wear, not made to obey what their elders tell them, both daddy and mammy interfering with teachers when they discipline them, and paying fines assessed against them instead of being made to work the streets and reap what they sow. In plain words, no boy is worth a darn until he is made to smell the patching, to root hog or go hungry. That is what is wrong with the average boy. Doing mammas make a dunce out of them as a final touch of foolery.—Rainbridge (Ga.) Post-Searchlight.

Mr. and Mrs. F. H. Ryan returned to El Paso Friday of last week.

Among other Carlsbad young men who have returned from school for the holidays, is Dick Culppepper, who came from Lawrence, Kansas, and is at the home of his parents in Rio Vista.

Rev. A. C. Douglas and wife and little daughter, Margaret, Mr. and Mrs. R. B. Slease, returned from their trip to Portales, getting in Monday night at about six o'clock. They report a very good attendance at the conference of the district, between fifty and sixty ministers and lay delegates being present, and a very interesting and profitable session being conducted. The next session will be held at Hagerman.

Worship at the Presbyterian church Sunday will observe the Christmas festival. The music will be appropriate, and at the morning hour the choir of women's voices will sing Shelley's "Angels from the realms of Glory." The sermon will have to do with "A Baby Prince." In the evening at seven o'clock there will be celebration by the Sabbath school. A printed program will be followed, and the children will be largely used.

Miss Dorothy Swigart will return from school at Kansas City, to spend the holidays with home folks, arriving today and remaining eleven days.

"Good fellows" should have good habits, but many of them don't.

## MERRY CHRISTMAS

We extend Christmas greetings to our many friends. May our friendship grow stronger as time goes on. May you enjoy what you have, accomplish what you attempt and find nothing to regret is our sincere wish.

**H. A. BOCK**  
THE PLUMBER

### LEGEND OF THE MISTLETOE

Yuletide Bough Was Responsible for Death of Balder, Son of Odin, an Old Story.

THE mistletoe bough, according to an old Scandinavian legend, was responsible for the death of Balder, the son of Odin, and the God of Eloquence and Poetry. Having informed his mother, Friga, that a dream had warned him of his imminent death she invoked all the powers of earth—fire, air, earth and water (including all animals and plants)—to come to his rescue. In the combats of the gods, therefore, he found himself uninjured.

But Louke, his deadly enemy, was determined to discover the secret of his invulnerability, and by judiciously flattery Friga, and praising the progress of her son, obtained from her the reason. But, she foolishly told him, there was one feeble little shoot she had not thought it necessary to invoke—the mistletoe.

The treacherous Louke immediately procured a branch of the mistletoe, and entering the assembly of gods presented an arrow made from it to blind Heda, with the words—"Balder is before thee. Shoot!" He shot and Balder fell, pierced and slain.

And countless thousands have since been "slain" and will be slain for ages to come with "darts" from the "mistletoe bough."

### MYTHS OF CHRISTMAS SEASON

Among Some of Peasantry of France is Belief That Bread Remains Fresh Ten Years.

LEGENDS and myths without number have become associated with the celebration of Christmas. Among some of the peasantry of France is a strong belief that loaves of bread baked at Christmas will remain fresh for ten years. It is also believed by some of the simple folk that during the whole of the Christmas holidays a portion of bread should be left on the table day and night because the Holy Mother may come to share it. For some reason not to be explained, there is a superstition among some French peasant wives that no bread must be baked between Christmas day and the Feast of the Circumcision, because an infraction of this rule will bring disaster on the household.

There is a peasant belief of age-long standing that if the cattle on the farm be given drink immediately after the midnight mass of Christmas, their health will continue good throughout the year. Another belief is that if seed of wheat be wrapped in a tablecloth, which has been used for Christmas dinner, a profitable harvest will be insured. Another strange belief is that a cold bath taken on Christmas day will protect the bather against fevers and toothache throughout the year.

### CHRISTMAS RIBBONS

IF CHRISTMAS ribbons could express themselves they would say that people were thrifty, for some ribbons claim to have been doing business every Christmas for many, many years. They are often pressed and made to look their best, but they're the same ones used again and again. However, if they could philosophize they would rejoice that they were the means of adding gaiety, color and cheer to Christmas packages year after year!

### THE WILD BOAR'S HEAD FEAST

Animal of Woods in Early Days Provided One of the Most Popular Christmas Dishes.

IN MEDIEVAL England it was customary to commence all grand Christmas feasts by the solemn ceremony of bringing in the boar's head as the initial dish. The master cook, preceded by trumpeters and other men with bear spears and drawn falchions and pages carrying mustard, bore the smoking head aloft on a silver platter, which he deposited at the head of the table. The head was garlanded and garlanded with rosemary and laurel, and a lemon, symbol of plenty, was placed between its grinning chops.

To the end of her life, Queen Victoria retained the ancient custom; also in many of the public schools and universities the boar's head is still the great dish of the Christmas banquet. On such occasions every diner rises and joins in the "Boar's Song," which has been sung for centuries. The words are set to the common chant of the prose version in cathedrals.

### IT'S DIFFERENT NOW.

Lady: I suppose you wish Christmas came several times a year.

Willie: I used to till I got engaged to Millie. Next door, but it's different now.



### The Merry Christmas.

Jud Tuckins says that wishin' a man a merry Christmas and takin' pains to provide him with a merry Christmas are two different things.

### THE TRUE CHRISTMAS SPIRIT

Period of Good Will and Kindly Thought for Others, Most Important on Calendar.

WHAT if, as a Scrooge-like cynic intimates, the Christmas spirit comes to us but once a year, not even he will attempt to assert that we are not the better for it. Think what it would mean if that period of good will and kindly thought for others were dropped from our calendar. No blessed interruption to our too generally self-centered lives; no yearly oasis of brotherly sentiment to purge us, however temporarily, of selfishness and cause us, if only for a few days to think of making others happy.

Pre-eminently the children's festival, as of right it should be since it commemorates the nativity of the

### If Your Christmas

Is as Merry, as Joyous and Happy as I wish it to be it will be the

### Merriest of All

you have ever known. And I also wish for you a New Year that will be crowded with prosperity, contentment, good health and true happiness. I thank you one and all for patronage of the past year.

### JOHNNY BOEGLIN

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Christ Child, it transforms us all, whatever our years, into children of larger growth. We experience anew the glad expectancy of childhood, the thrill that far surpasses any realization, and find our greatest pleasure in the simple childish emotions of love and joy.

And this is the noblest Christmas gift, the gift of the true Christmas spirit that captures and takes possession of each one of us, "Except ye be converted and become as little chil-

## CHRISTMAS AND 1923

MAY THE SUNSHINE OF THE CHRISTMAS CHEER ENTER INTO YOUR HEART AND DWELL THEREIN ALL THE DAYS OF THE NEW YEAR.

**J. E. WALLACE**  
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may ye shall not enter into the kingdom of heaven."—Pittsburgh Dispatch.

### PEACOCK PIE FOR CHRISTMAS

Gaily Plumed Bird Formerly One of the Principal Delicacies at Yuletide Feasts.

HICKEN pie, beefsteak pie, and pumpkin pie, not forgetting apple pie and cheese, the great American institution—all of these have a familiar ring to our ears, but who of us has ever tasted the famous English dainty of dainties, peacock pie? Yet at one time, this was a favorite Christmas dish which was brought in with a great deal of ceremony by the lady, most distinguished in all the company for beauty and high position. Many times this dish was garlanded with the head and tail of the peacock in such a way as to appear that the bird was alive. Knights made vows over it to break spear in defense of beauty and distress. It was this ceremony which gave rise to the once popular oath "by cock and pie."

Probably the use of the peacock pie as a Christmas dish arose from the old belief that the flesh of the peacock is incorruptible which of course would make it a symbol of immortality and new life.

To the people of today the peacock is a symbol of vanity.

## TO OUR GOOD FRIENDS AND PATRONS

To you whose friendship and good will have helped to make the past year a satisfactory one to us we send our cordial appreciation, and our sincere wishes for

## A MERRY CHRISTMAS

May you enjoy a full measure of pleasure during the season and may the coming year bring you the greatest happiness and prosperity you have ever known

## STAR PHARMACY

### SOME OLD YULETIDE BELIEFS

Season Supposed to Control the Destiny of Children Born at Gladsome Time.

AN OLD superstition says that it is lucky to be born on Christmas Day.

French peasants believe that in addition to being lucky Christmas Day babies have the gift of prophecy; while in Silesia there is a belief that a boy born on Christmas Day will become either a lawyer or a thief.

Among Voeges peasants, children born on Christmas Eve are supposed to be endowed with what is vulgarly termed "a good gift of the gab," while those born on Christmas Day are supposed to have less tongue and better reasoning powers. A daughter born on Christmas Day will grow up to be wise, witty, and virtuous.

A curious bequest for the benefit of Christmas Day babies was left by a man who died in 1915. By the terms of his will each child born in the testator's native town on December 25th receives five pounds as a birthday gift.

### THE Y. P. M. S. Meets.

The Young People's Missionary Society, met Tuesday evening, December 12th at the parsonage for a business meeting. It was time for the annual election of officers. Games were played until the crowd arrived. Rev. Hatfield took the chair and the business meeting then commenced. The new officers elected were: Hazel Bell, president; Richard Rienecke, vice president; Leola Porter, secretary, and Mildred Stanley was elected treasurer.

The various committees will not be appointed until the next meeting, when the new officers are installed. After the business meeting had been adjourned, games were again played. Light refreshments of chocolate and wafers were served.

Study your neighbors, and your friends, but let that study be in a spirit of fairness and impartiality. They all have their faults, which are more often upon the surface and open to criticism. But they also have their good qualities, which are generally under the surface, felt only by the few and unknown to the many. Most men have more good qualities than bad ones. But the bad ones, like the skunk, command instant attention, while the good ones are passed by without notice.

## A CHRISTMAS FOR YOU

As the year wanes, and we stand on the threshold of a new one, with gratitude we remember that you have been our patron.

And our thoughts go out to you winged with wishes that health and happiness may ever be yours and that success in full measure may attend your future days.

**Stephenson Sanitary Dairy**



## Attractions at Crawford Theatre NEXT WEEK

MON.—

Paramount Cosmopolitan Production  
"THE FACE IN THE FOG"  
And Comedy  
"Caesar's Ghost"

TUES.—

ANITA STEWART  
In  
"Her Mad Bargain"  
COMEDIES  
"SHARKY FAMILY TREE" and  
"UNFERMENTED BRICKS"

WED.—

A Zane Gray Story  
"GOLDEN DREAMS"  
Comedy  
LOOSE NUTS

THUR.—

FRI.—

"Robinson Crusoe No. 6"  
"GIANTS OF THE OPEN"  
Comedy  
SHORT WEIGHT

SAT.—

Gloria Swanson in  
"HER GILDED CAGE"  
Comedy  
"OFF THE EARTH"

### LOCAL NEWS

Miss Graham, of Lovington, a sister of Miss Rebecca Graham, principal of Carlsbad High School, was in the city the first of the week.

D. N. and Harry Huston, prominent business men of Lea County, were in from their homes at Lovington, this week, transacting business.

The Episcopal Women's Guild met with Mrs. Frank Joyce yesterday afternoon, for their regular meeting.

Next week JOY WEEK at Crawford Theatre.

Cleora Stewart spent Wednesday in Roswell on business.

A dance will be given Christmas night by the boys of Troop "B" and they and other dancers are anticipating a good time. This will be followed by a masquerade ball on New Year's night.

Fred Sproul, the oil man, is in Carlsbad, coming yesterday, and stopping at the Palace. We expect some definite oil news in the very near future, according to those in a position to know.

The Presbyterian church will hold a Christmas tree and program at 7:30 Sunday night. Lack of space and time prevents our giving this excellent program more detailed publicity.

A "bunch" of Miss Thelma Nevenger's school friends went out to her home south of town last Saturday night and had a fine time with their schoolmate. Games were played, songs were sung, and at the close of the evening cake and cocoa added their charms and all went to their homes in a happy mood, expressing thanks for a lovely evening.

Boston Witt was in town several days from Lovington, his home, leaving on the return trip this evening, accompanied by his daughter Miss Pattie, who will spend Christmas with homefolks.

Miss Jeannette Henderson, who is teaching in the schools of El Paso, is expected to return to the home of her mother, near Malaga, for the Christmas vacation.

Fred Leck has been in town this week from his ranch and will return to the ranch tomorrow accompanied by his wife and children who will spend Christmas there.

Fred Nymeyer came in Tuesday from his ranch near Eunice, and will spend the holidays with his family.

J. D. Jernigan, an old settler of the Hope community, was a business visitor to the city the middle of the week.

The strongest of hands are without value unless there is a brain capable of directing their movements.

Merry Christmas

# GREETINGS

As the Holiday Season, with its spirit of Good Will returns, we wish to convey to each and everyone our Hearty Greetings. May Christmas bring you all the good things you would have it bring, is our sincere wish.

## PEOPLES MERCANTILE COMPANY

## To Our Friends and Customers—

Not because it is an honored custom, but  
Because of the sincerity of our appreciation  
of your good will towards us,  
Our most earnest wish is  
That this CHRISTMAS may be your MERRIEST

# JOYCE-PRUIT CO.

### CHRISTMAS DINNER

EVERY Christmas they invited one or two to have Christmas dinner with them who would otherwise have been alone. It gave them so much pleasure that they never felt they were being "kindly" nor that they were "doing a real charity." So that their guests always had a real Christmas with real Christmas cheer. For they never felt that they had been invited, out of kindness, nor out of charity!

### SANTA FOR ITALIAN KIDDIES

Befana, Good Fairy, is supposed to fill Stockings With Toys on Twelfth Night.

THE character in Italian childhood lore corresponding to our Santa Claus is Befana, a good fairy who is supposed to fill the children's stockings with toys on Twelfth Night. She does not, however, come down the chimney, and the stockings are hung in the child's bedroom. When someone enters to fill the stocking, the child, according to a very ancient practice, cries out "Ecco la Befana." The legend concerning this lady is that the Magi, while on their way to Bethlehem, stopped at her home, but found her too busy with household affairs to entertain them. She told them that she would see them on their return, but they went back by another route, and therefore Befana comes out in search of them every Twelfth Night. Her name is a corruption of Epiphany, which is Jan. 6, the twelfth night after Christmas, according to the church calendar.

### FINEST EVER.

Does Jack send you good Christmas presents?  
The finest I ever exchanged.



Christmas Cake Decorations.  
To make attractive Christmas cake decorations, lightly butter the under side of perfect holly leaves, then coat with icing and let dry. When dry the icing will come off shaped and veined like the leaf. Make into a wreath by joining with icing stems.

### NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that a mass meeting is called for 7:30 p. m. at the Chamber of Commerce rooms in the Armory building, on December 25th, 1922. Said meeting being called to elect an entire executive committee and Home Service secretary of the American Red Cross, Eddy County Chapter, for the year 1923.  
F. E. HUBERT,  
Executive Chairman.

### RING COTTON IS THE REDEMPTION OF HOPE

It goes without saying that we have been hit hard with the great drouth, the bank wreck, the slump in livestock, and the financial distress of the stockman.

The Hope country has been tested and tried as never before and be it said to the praise and honor of the country and its people, we are still in the ring—are in our corner—and still have both mits on.

There came a proposition from the good people of Carlsbad for us to plant five hundred acres of cotton and they would built a gin to prepare the product for the market. These business men are not experimenters, for at Carlsbad they have tried out the cotton question for several years and it has proven the staple crop for the cash.

Immediately Hope got busy and commissioned John Grant, a practical cotton grower, to see the farmers and secure the acreage needed to insure the gin, and it is needless to say the cotton will be planted and the gin will be running full time when the crop is ready.

A little experiment was made the past year. W. A. Moore made a bale on three acres of dry land, 1350 pounds of seed cotton making 530 pounds of lint, which sold for twenty-five and one half cents per pound. The seed brought \$12.50, at the rate of \$32.00 per ton. The cotton brought Mr. Moore the neat sum of \$138.58.

If such results may be obtained with such little preparation of the soil—and in the driest year we have ever had—what may not be done with land well prepared and good seasons?

John Grant grew three bales. The seed alone brought \$48.00 and the cotton \$356.36, a total of \$404.36. All the above cotton brought top price of the market, as it was De-Rango Long Staple.

By noon Wednesday John Grant secured pledges for 550 acres and thought before the end of the week he could easily get one thousand—Penasco Valley Press.

The dinner who openly swears like a pirate may still be about as good as the deacon who rips them out of the privacy of his own wood shed.



Season's Greetings



## A CHRISTMAS SENTIMENT

To our old friends, loyal and true; to our valued new friends; and to those whose friendship we strive to deserve; we heartily wish unmeasured happiness and good fortune throughout the coming years.

With grateful appreciation for all the favors received by us from you, and for that priceless though intangible asset, your good will which we prize beyond measure, we seek to merit your continued confidence, and aim to serve you helpfully in the future.

# National Bank of Carlsbad

### LOCAL NEWS.

Misses Barber, Neil Thomas and Miss Pearl Burns, students at the State University, will arrive in the city this afternoon for the holidays.

Dover Phillips went to El Paso the 21st, on a business and pleasure trip combined, and will return the first of the week.

Torelli Calvani returned to Carlsbad Saturday afternoon from a two weeks stay in Kansas City, where he went on business.

Richard Westaway left for Kansas City last Saturday, in charge of some stock, which was being shipped to market at that time.

G. W. Shepherd, county clerk elect, spent Sunday in the vicinity of Dayton, with friends.

Miss Adelle Bujac returned home from the El Paso School for Girls, getting in Saturday night, and will be at the home of her parents for the holidays.

Montague Harlan, who has been in the lower valley for some weeks at work left for his home at Plainview, Arkansas, last Sunday night. A fine young man, we regret to lose him from among us but wish him well wherever he goes.

Signet Chapter No. 9, Royal Arch Masons, held its annual election of officers the 14th inst. at the Masonic temple, resulting as follows: High priest, C. D. Rickman; king, H. A. Gragg; scribe, H. H. Dilley; treasurer, Sam J. Lusk; secretary, John T. Bolton. Appointive officers will be named on the night of installation, the date of which will be announced later.

### MERRY CHRISTMAS Happy New Year

Among our assets we like to count your good will, which money cannot buy. So we extend to you at this Holiday Season as a customer and friend the best wishes for the coming year and invite you to visit us often for the best meals obtainable at a price within the reach of all.

### DINTY MOORE'S Filling Station

Mrs. B. A. Carder left Friday of last week for Rustin, Louisiana, where the family will make its future home, she having disposed of her household goods and residence while in town.

The Home and School Association meeting was well attended last Friday and an interesting meeting resulted. Papers were read and talks made and other numbers given. There will be no more sessions of the Association until the regular one the last of January.

### BAPTIST CHURCH

Ira Harrison, Pastor  
The pastor will speak Sunday morning on "The Tragedy of Christmas." His subject for Sunday night will be "Home," followed by a Baptismal Service. Don't fail to be on hand. We especially invite the fathers and mothers to come.

Christmas tree Saturday night—program begins at 7:00 o'clock. We cordially invite the community. Those who have presents for their friends and loved ones, and who care to do so, may bring them to the church any time Saturday afternoon and will be responsible for them. Remember this tree is not for the church, but for everybody who will take part in it.

Christmas Program.

Song, "All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name."

Prayer—Pastor.

Welcome address—Sunday School Superintendent.

Merry Christmas—Primary Department.

Christmas Stars—Six Primary Girls.

Greetings—Margaret Minter.

Recitation—Gladys Harkley.

Christmas is a Happy Time—Ten Junior Girls.

Story of Jesus—Seven Junior Boys.

Song, "Silent Night, Holy Night."

Duet—Harrison and McCord.

Which? Giving or Getting?

Song, "Joy to the World."

Bringing of the gifts.

Secretary Denby is clamoring for a "navy next to none," and Secretary Weeks cries for a bigger army. Have they no confidence in the "new sense of security in the righteous pursuits of peace" which President Harding declared was one of the fruits of the disarmament conference?

President Harding's proclamation on "economy" leaves the impression that we ought to be more saving in expenditures for Government that we can be more generous in gifts to the Shipping Trust.

Sunday was regular Missionary Day at the local Methodist church, at the Sunday school hour, the exercises being in charge of Mrs. A. Moore, who prepared the program which was as follows: Song, "Help Somebody Today;" reading, by Miss Flowers, "When They Had Prayed;" selection, "The Unreached Ones," Miss Heilig; vocal solo, Miss Hiler, with Mrs. Ray Davis at the piano; reading by Mr. Collings, "The Church of the Lighted Cross;" prayer for missionaries and other work, by Edwin Stephenson. The exercises were quite interesting and enjoyed by the entire school.

The family of Elmer James has moved back from the oil fields where they have been living or the where they have been living for the the Mrs. Ance Stewart place southwest of town at present.

Miss Elma Tuell, a niece of Postmaster John Wells, returned with him from Bennington, Oklahoma, on the occasion of his recent visit there and will start to school immediately after the holidays, she being a senior.

Stanley Blocker came in Monday night from Fort Bliss, Texas, where he has been an enlisted man in the Hospital Corps, and will spend Christmas with his mother and brother in this city. Mrs. Blocker being expected in from her visit to the north in a day or so.

Mrs. Belle De Autremont, of Lakewood, was in town from there the first of the week. She was recently surprised by a visit from three of her sons, Ray, Hugh and Lee, who came from Powers, Oregon, to make a Holiday visit with their mother.

## Oxy-Acetylene Welding

I HAVE INSTALLED MY WELDING EQUIPMENT IN RENICKS GARAGE AND CAN NOW DO YOUR WELDING AT A REASONABLE PRICE. I WILL APPRECIATE ANY JOB YOU MAY BRING TO ME EITHER LARGE OR SMALL.

REMEMBER MY WELDING HOLDS

**H. J. HALL**

### FALL CLOTHING

All Wool Fabrics, guaranteed not to fade or shrink. Guaranteed to give lasting Satisfaction and Service. Tailored to fit your own individual desires. They out-wear two or three cheaply put together suits; not lowest in price in the beginning, but they are lowest priced in the end. Priced lower than any other Quality line.

Let us take your measure for a fine Suit or Overcoat. We also make Men Tailored Coats for Women, of same materials and designs as men's coats.

Clothes Renovated at Lowest Prices for Good Work  
Altering, Repairing, Cleaning and Pressing  
at Reasonable Charges.

**Jacob J. Smith**

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Service That Pleases

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On Any Make of Machine.

Work called for and delivered  
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**GENERAL HARDWARE**





This bank of the Christmas spirit sends hearty Yuletide greetings to its depositors and friends. May the "backlog" in the fireplace keep life's fire burning brightly on that sacred holiday. The steady progress we have scored is, we think, good cause for our gratitude towards those who have not found their confidence in us misplaced. To them greetings.

\*To those, whose acquaintance we have yet to make, greetings also, and a cordial invitation to come in and enroll their names upon our books—books that stand for safety, service and a sincere desire to please.

THINK OF YOUR FUTURE HAPPINESS. START A SAVINGS ACCOUNT FOR OLD AGE AHEAD.

# The First National Bank

## The King of the Hill

By Christopher G. Hazard

THE long hill glistened in the winter moonlight like a frosted cake. The road that ran down it like a silver ribbon, reaching across the railroad track and on through the valley, lost itself in a shimmering haze of snowy whiteness. The wind, as if afraid of awakening the sleeping town, had hushed itself into stillness, waiting along the way and under the shadows of the quiet trees for the signal of dawn. The scene was an invitation to a sport now largely displaced by rushing motor cars, but then one of the chief delights of the Christmas season. The bobbed of those days and nights was the pride of owners and the prize winner of competitions. The annals of the Slater Hill race course registered triumphs as real and momentous as those of any race track. The moon had watched with an expectant eye until ten of the clock and was about to retire under a passing cloud in disappointment, when the clamor and shouting of an approach-

ing crowd renewed its spirit. From a side street they came, merry lads and lasses, with those of later years who had not forgotten how to be young. Soon the head of the hill was crowded with competitors and the air rang with the bustling preparations for the first race.



Competing Sleds Dashed Away.

steep and icy road they were swift

## CHRISTMAS CHEER AND A PROSPEROUS NEW YEAR!

As the Days go by  
may they bring  
you increasing  
happiness.

SAM MOSKIN

Phone 64

## When We Say MERRY CHRISTMAS To You

We say it from the heart. Few business concerns have greater cause to feel a "Peace on earth, good will to men" than ours. Your kind words and generous patronage have, been, a source of thanksgiving to us and this cheery Christmas spirit is with us.

Pete's Transfer

has new toys, and the glorious fun of Slater's Hill is but a memory. A pleasant memory it is, though, and that is a brave, bright spot in it that registers the night when Tom Atkins got a double score in beating both the racers and the train on his "King of the Hill."

### Christmas Neckties.

Some individual with leisure and curious mind has figured out that 90 out of every 100 men receive a necktie as a Christmas gift. The estimate is conservative, but how many of the neckties so bestowed are worn by their recipients? The giving of neckties is a perilous proceeding always, for a necktie is essentially a matter of individual taste. Many a man gets neckwear at Christmas that he could readily enough admire as part of a curtain or a drape, but that he would wear only under the compulsion of a gun leveled at his head.

### To Remove Chewing Gum.

Wet the material well around the gum with kerosene and rub lightly. This will promptly remove the gum. Then wash as usual.

## REMEMBER YOUR OWN INTERESTS

Another Christmas is near at hand, and already many of our people are scanning the list of possible gifts. As is our custom each year, we again ask you to consider the claims of the home merchant and the advantages to be derived from trading with him. Consider the plight of Germany in this connection. That country is prostrate because it no longer has wealth. Its gold is being sent to other countries to satisfy claims that must be met. If we follow the course that is being forced upon Germany, and spend our money outside of our own community, we will be taking a long step in the direction of local prostration. We are in fairly good condition now but we will remain so only as long as we keep our money in circulation at home. You will find the home merchant's wares advertised in the home paper, and they are worth the prices asked. Consider your own interests, as well as his, by keeping your money at home where you may see it again.

Man is a wonderful creature, after all. The Lord having failed to provide him with wings, he now manufactures them for himself.

## With All Good Wishes

For a Very Merry Christmas  
and Wonderfully Prosperous and  
Happy New Year

RELIABLE GARMENT  
AND HAT CLEANERS

H.A. Bock J. Meyer

enough to distance the wind, and, uncontrolled by bit and bridle, they could not be stopped before reaching the foot of the incline. There was thus enough of adventure in their trips to furnish the tingling excitement that kept out the winter cold. The good-natured rivalry, too, gave interest to the sport.

This year there was a special reason for the gathering, for Tom Atkins, having received a Christmas present of a sled of the latest style and named "The King of the Hill," had been boasting that the title was a just one and arousing all the determination that the others had to prove him wrong. The "Dart," the "Racer," the "Dauntless," the "Peerless," and others as glorious were eager to beat the untried and vaunting newcomer.

The first race was inconclusive, for Atkins got a false start and tipped his load over into a snow bank. The second and the third races gave the laurels to the "Dart" and the "Peerless," respectively, and left Atkins' heart in his boots; but the fourth attempt ended with "The King of the Hill" a rod ahead and with its owner's chin protruding and uplifted. Then time went by with varying fortunes until the concluding and deciding contest. It was agreed that the winner of this final should be crowned the king of the hill indeed, with none to dispute his right.

Amid the hubbub of these last ar-

rangements no one had heard the distant whistle of "The Flyer," as the night express for Boston was called, and the competing sleds dashed away down the long descent without a thought of danger, nor, until half way down, did any danger appear, but then the locomotive's headlight flashed around the curve and upon the crossing, now but a short distance away, with a baleful and threatening glare. The other sleds, somewhat in the rear, were gleered into the roadside snow or left to take care of themselves as their riders rolled off, but "The King of the Hill" kept on, in seeming ignorance of the imminent collision. Not until the warning blasts of the engine whistle seemed to startle him into action did Atkins move to save himself and his load. Then, with a wrench of his steering gear and a sturdy leg-sweep, he brought his sled about, throwing it over upon its side and upon its frightened load as the train swept by, almost brushing them on its way.

It was what the barber called "a close shave," and what Atkins called "as good as a mile," but the boys called it a victory and rode Atkins home on "The King of the Hill" with their full endorsement of the title.

The old hill is still there. It glitters yet in Christmas moonlight. But the boys and girls of the bobbed time have grown old, the later generation

## Christmas 1922

# Greetings

## New Year 1923

As we reach again the greatest of all Holidays, may we express the sincere hope that it brings to you and yours every blessing desired. May the New Year find you with a broader vision of usefulness and unselfish service to humanity and its evening be one of contentment.

SWIGART & PRATER





## Our Friends and Patrons:

'Tis Christmas Time—the season of good cheer and Santa Claus; and we want to take this opportunity of extending our heartiest greetings and to wish you a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

And, too, may we say a word of thanks for the business you have so kindly turned our way during 1922? This business has been sincerely appreciated, and we trust it has been so handled as to justify a continuance of our past pleasant relations.

But now—at this Yuletide Season—we wish you and yours a wonderfully Happy Christmas and a 1923 filled with joy, prosperity and plenty.

Cordially yours,

# T. C. Horne

# 5% DISCOUNT --- 5%



## Saturday, December 23rd.

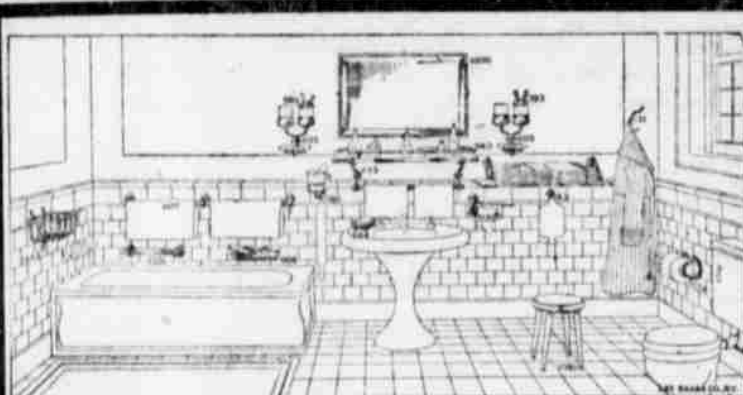
**Piggly Wiggly is going to give a five per cent discount on all merchandise bought that day on purchases of one dollar or more.**

Remember the usual Piggly Wiggly prices, less the 5 per cent discount.

Everything for your Christmas functions can be found at Piggly Wiggly, also fresh shipment of fruits and vegetables—Apples, Lemons, Tangerines, Cocoanuts, Oranges, Grapes, Pomegranates, Pears, Bananas, Grapefruit, Persimmons, Celery, Lettuce, Cauliflower, Green Beans, Wax Beans, Spinach, Peppers, Beets, Carrots, Turnips, Green Onions, Radishes, Parsley, New Potatoes, Fresh Tomatoes.

# PIGGLY WIGGLY

ALL OVER THE WORLD



## In Every Happy Day of Life A San-o-la Bath Room Plays its Part

Remember back in childhood days when every Saturday night was bath night and how Mother used to have to make you take your bath? And how you would hate to take that bath!

Bathing in those days was no pleasure. The bath room consisted of a tin tub and a wooden wash stand, with a tin wash bowl. Towels were hung on unsanitary wooden rings or pegs, but the towels usually dropped off on to the floor and there really was no convenient place to properly hang clothing.

That was not a very long time ago, but you have grown and changed since and so has the bath room. Goodness yes! The old bath tub and wash stand have passed away. In their place has come the modern snow-white porcelain tub and lavatory.

But a bath tub and lavatory do not make a complete bath room. It is the other little accessories that add to the comfort and convenience of the modern bath room that really make it complete.

A real bath room is to-day the center of home health and comfort. No other part of the home possesses that charm of immaculate cleanliness so peculiar to the completely equipped bath room.

SAN-O-LA Bath Room Accessories are the little necessities that go a long way toward making your daily bath a real pleasure. Money cannot be invested to a better advantage than in this sure source of health and convenience to the entire household.

SAN-O-LA Bath Room Accessories are not expensive. Years of experience have enabled us to produce fixtures that will give lasting service and satisfaction.

We can't begin to describe all these attractive little health helps, so won't you let us show you? Drop in any time and see for yourself how really pleasant you can make your bath room.

The Durability of San-o-la Ware Makes it the Most Economical to Own.

WE CUT ANY PIPE OR CASING UP TO FIVE INCHES

# RILEY & SON

## DATE OF BIRTH OF CHRIST

Nothing Certain is Known as to Actual Time of Arrival of Child of the Manger.

IT IS a remarkable fact that nothing certain is known as to the actual date of the birth of Christ, Dec. 25 being only a tradition, adopted by the church about the middle of the Fourth century. Lupi, a learned Jesuit of the Eighteenth century, says:

"There is not a single month in the year to which the Nativity has not been assigned by some writer or other."

The earliest celebration of Christmas on Dec. 25 appears to have been held in Rome in the Fourth century, being first mentioned in a Roman document, the Philocalian calendar, dating from the year 354, but containing an older record, referring to the year 336. Christmas was brought to England by St. Augustine, and kept in 598, but it would appear that it was not established in Germany until 813, and in Norway about the middle of the Tenth century, by King Hakon the Good.

The Romans of the empire used to celebrate the birth of the Unconquered Sun on Dec. 25, according to the

Julian calendar, the winter solstice, when the sun began to rise in new vigor, after his autumnal decline. Therefore, the reason for the choice of Dec. 25 for Christmas would seem to have been symbolical.

## CHRISTMAS AND GHOST TALES

Festival is Naturally Associated With Stories of Haunted Halls and Things Supernatural.

CHRISTMAS being celebrated in the depth of winter, when "lang's the neet frae e'en to morn," the festival is naturally associated with tales of haunted halls and "things" that are supernatural. Thus Dickens in his "Christmas Carol," gave us the Spirits of the Past, the Present, and the Future, but Christmas in mind, clothed each of them in a fascinating mantle of kindness, and sent them out on a message of mercy that made itself felt over all the earth. Over many a stony Scrooge have they cast their mellowing shades, teaching them to say:

"I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year. I will live in the Past, the Present, and the Future. The spirits of all three shall strive within me. I will not shut out the lessons that they teach."

Scrooge, concluded Dickens, "had no further intercourse with Spirits, but it was always said of him that he knew how to keep Christmas well, if any man alive possessed the knowledge. May that be truly said of us, and all of us! And so, as Tiny Tim observed, 'God bless us, every one.'"



Very few people walk in the valley of the shadow of death. They hot foot it until they get out.

## WE ARE AT YOUR SERVICE

Mr. Ranchman—

You can't afford to junk that engine or windmill when I can make it as good as new. Neither can you take the chances on losing your well by inexperienced men working on them. I have the tools and the knowledge necessary to use them.

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J. E. D'ARCY  
or Phone 122J

It was a tremendous slaughter of the ambitious, but fortunately our political corpses are beginning to revive.

Many a husband makes a mistake in keeping secrets from his wife. She suspects them of being worse than they are.

## MEASURES FOR LEGISLATION

Las Vegas, Dec. 11.—Administration measures for the Legislature to consider are being prepared.

One of the first steps toward the meeting of pledges contained in the Democratic Platform this year will be the presentation of a direct primary bill. State-wide in scope, this measure will meet the demand the citizens of New Mexico have been voicing for years. Thus far, their demand has been evaded. However, the new administration is giving considerable thought to the preparation of the primary bill for New Mexico.

Various acts from other states are being studied with the view of getting the help of the best features of each in determining a measure for submission to the legislature. Another thing in connection with state elections is a corrupt practice act with enforcing teeth in it.

It is known that the new administration will dwell on this subject in the governor's message to the legislature. New Mexico has complained of election abuses in the past, but hereafter it will be dangerous to disregard election laws, according to plans of the administration leaders.

Governor-elect Hinkle is an ardent proponent of a stiff corrupt practice act and his message will deal at length with this subject. In preparing his message, he is expected to treat extensively the election law feature of the Democratic platform.

Because of the wide endorsement given to party's platform, the administration measures meeting the pledges are expected to go through the lower house without any difficulty. However, what will be their fate in the senate, which has a Republican majority is a thing no one can determine. Because of the nature of the bills fulfilling party pledges, it is believed there will be slight opposition to them in the Republican senate.

This belief is born of the fact that the voters of New Mexico so emphatically expressed themselves in favor of the acts pledged by the Democrats. It is held in political circles that the senate would be guilty of political suicide if it refused to approve the measures overwhelmingly endorsed by the people.