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MODERN NAMES.

A name like thine, Gemima, old fashioned, good, and plain, from Hackensack to Lima is always safe and sane. There is a charm about it, my ear it does not jar. I love to stand and about it, to sound its praise afar. So many fads and fancies in choosing modern names; so many vain romances to lure our lovely dames; they scorn all patronymics of sweet, familiar grace, preferring classic mimics from some dead alien race. This world is full of Mayebelles, of Mearyls and Pearlys and Payes—they sound like tinkling sleight bells, they fill me with amaze; the Gladyses and Mayeries, the Phyllises and Maymes, the Dayzeys and the Sayeries—alas, these classic names. A name like thine, Jerusha, and thine, oh Mandy Ann, from Rocky Ford to Prussia make glad the heart of man. This great and mighty nation, with flags to kiss each breeze, sustains its lofty station because of such as these. There is a charm around them, they speak of love and home—oh let's go out and sound them from Palestine to Nome.

WHEN STOCKS MAY BE BOUGHT.

The investigation now proceeding of Wall street methods may or may not lead to a real clean-up. But if this show-down persuade some people to abstain from a game which they are as well qualified to play as toddling children on a football field, this "quiz" will have been well worth while.

The following is a good general rule: Remember that when a Wall street stock is advancing in price, the chances are better than even that the people who know its real condition are simply playing a skillful advertising game to sell out to suckers.

To all broad rules there are of course exceptions. A man who has capital not usable in his business, may possibly find it profitable to make a study of stock market conditions. The majority who do so would have done better to lock their money up in standard bonds. Still, one may admit that some men are so constituted that they can safely invest in certain classes of stocks.

Here are some good rules for all why buy stocks who have not had at least semi-professional training in the investment business.

1. Never buy a stock that has not paid dividends at least five consecutive years.
2. Never buy a stock without examining an authoritative tabulation of its income account for the past year and unless its income account shows a liberal margin earned above dividend requirements.
3. Never buy a stock unless within a year it has fallen in value at least 10 per cent, without such a fall in its earnings as threatens its ability to pay its regular dividend.

People without business training, particularly women, should buy stocks under no circumstances, except on the advice of some trained investor who is personally interested in their welfare.

If these rules were generally observed, thousands of stores and factories would be employing labor and distributing prosperity, which now have gone under the hammer of the auctioneer, or whose meager bones have been picked by the hungry debtors of the bankruptcy court.

THE HEART OF CHRISTMAS.

Christmas is a birthday celebration. With some people it seems a good deal like their second cousins', to whom they drop a postcard or send a messenger boy with a holly wreath. Similarly they feel that they have done the occasion due honor, if the small boy is sent to the Sunday school Christmas tree entertainment, to receive his bag of candy and popcorn.

Rather it ought to be the anniversary of some one inexpressibly dear, as if your own mother, father, or

child. Under all the jollity of the home Christmas tree, the sparkle of candles and chorus of happy greetings, there is the deep sense of thankfulness that the loved one is here and near and well.

So at the church. It is an occasion for merriment, for sunshiny child faces, and the peal of child laughter. At the same time, forgetting the Lord and Master of us all at this birthday celebration is something like loafing around the street when your father and mother celebrate their golden wedding.

Anyone must indeed be blind to human history, to fall to see what the coming of Jesus has brought to this world. Lofty systems of morality existed before the time of Jesus. But the high priests of this morality left the sick man to burn with fever, and the poor man to go hungry. Jesus healed the sick and preached the gospel to the poor.

It may be said that the greedy world still tramples under feet the sick man and the poor man. In so far as men do it, they are like one who not merely stays away from his parents' golden wedding, but comes in and administers them a kick in the presence of their guests.

In spite of all, our country is full of hospitals, homes for old people, almshouses, kindly shrines where the words of Jesus are translated into Christian deeds. Don't forget the birthday that made all this possible.

BEING A COLLEGE PROFESSOR.

The announcement that President Taft is to become a college professor will cause some commotion among the busy money makers. The estimate has recently been made that an ex-president, by using such business opportunities as naturally come to him, could make \$50,000 a year. Why should Mr. Taft take a position that will pay him but \$5000, and will take a big chunk out of his time?

The position of college professor does not have the social standing as of yore. It does not attract young men as it used to. The professors themselves are the first to admit and deplore it.

Formerly, the professor could wear his rusty tail coat for 20 years. Now he must have his swallowtail, his dinner coat, his Prince Albert, all fresh and frequently revised to the latest college boy taste.

He associates with persons who are wealthy. The plumber, the tailor assess him a bill to correspond. He is asked by the Improvement Society for drives over which he never travelled. He and his family must needs follow that many headed beast, Society, into the lair of all kinds of expensive invitations and costly associations.

His average salary is about \$2,000. To work up to it he must have spent several costly years under the gerund grinders of German universities. He must work for a mechanic's pay for the years of a probationary period. He must renew and add to his European impressions occasionally. And for all this his wife must toil, spin and save the basting threads. He must ride a creaky bicycle of antique pattern, at which even the village archines point with derision.

But there are wise old books in their libraries (even if they may be borrowed copies) that tell them how to deal with these difficulties. They recall what Socrates, who had worldly goods worth but \$100, said to Kritobolus, who had \$10,000: "I am richer than you, for my possessions satisfy my desires, while yours do not."

So the professors seem to get along very cheerfully, even if the brightest boys of their classes look askance at a job that does not provide an automobile the second year. Perhaps President Taft's example may suggest to a few of these fellows that not all the earth's best wages are paid in coin.

CONSIDER THESE ITEMS BEFORE YOU BUY A FARM.

An instructive article entitled "Judicious Farm-Selection" appears in the current issue of Farm and Fireside. Following is an extract:

Having decided on a district that is adapted to the line of farming that he wishes to pursue and having informed himself regarding the quality and resources of the community, the farm-hunter may fittingly begin his search for a farm. If possible, it is preferable to see a place both in the spring and fall before purchasing it. It is well to look over the farm from all viewpoints and to visit it alone if it is possible to "shake" the real estate salesman or the farm-owner. The prospective purchaser should study the drainage conditions, both natural and artificial. He should know the number of live stock the place will support, the crop yields of each field for a series of years, the amounts of feed annually bought and raised for the stock, the distances to town, creameries, grain-elevators and canning-factories.

"A study of the express, freight and passenger rates to marketing and purchasing centers is essential, as well as complete knowledge regarding the local rural delivery, telephone and telegraph service, banking facilities, the presence or absence of co-opera-

tive buying or selling associations, the frequency of severe storms, droughts, frosts and forest fires, and the chief agricultural occupation of the district.

"Whatever you do, Mr. Farm-Hunter don't tie up all your capital in paying for the place and have no reserve for running expenses. At best it will be several years before the farm is returning much of a revenue to you, so apportion off a generous amount of your available funds for working capital and for rainy-day emergencies. Then you will be in tiptop shape to begin operations, and you will not have to worry over where to-morrow's dinner for the family is coming from. Play the game safely and rather buy a smaller farm than to involve your all in the land and equipment and perhaps go hungry for many days and ultimately lose your farm because you 'bit off' too big a chunk."

It is a regrettable circumstance that the people of the country consider banking a matter of mystery which only the elect can understand. Business men often consider banking a matter which they are not obliged to understand, and understanding of which would be useless to them. Ignorance of banking as a factor in the business and economic scheme begets the lack of confidence manifested in panics. A good monetary system is founded on two things—gold and public confidence. There can be no confidence in anything without knowledge of it. England has more confidence than gold. The confidence is born of general understanding of the banking system. The most perfect banking and currency system in this country would be only partly successful if it were not understood. Every business man, every farmer and every wage-earner owes it to himself to study the question of currency reform, to learn the defects of the existing system, and why it is proposed to change it.

It is singular that the United States has been so long in awakening to the tremendous importance of farming as an industry, and to our inadequate provisions for financing the farmer. Agricultural credit societies are now a leading topic of discussion, and occupy page after page of the newspapers and magazines. The organizations abroad are being studied with a view to adapting them to American conditions. And the fact has been brought forcefully home that each of the agricultural credit societies abroad is buttressed by a scientific banking system. Not one could do extensive good without such support. Before we can finance the farmer as he deserves, our unscientific banking system must be reformed.

The swearing off time will soon be here.

After today you can do as you darn please about early Christmas shopping.

There will be no paper issued from this office tomorrow. It is Christmas and we expect to take a holiday.

This is the best town in the world and is full of the best people, yet there are people to whom no committee ever goes to for help.

MISCELLANEOUS ADS.

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DR. F. L. MARNEY
Graduate Veterinarian

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Phone 185 Vinita, Okla

State of Oklahoma, County of Craig, ss. In the County Court.

NOTICE OF SALE OF MINOR LANDS.

In, Minor: Robert L. Chamberlin, Guardian.

Notice is hereby given that the undersigned, Robert L. Chamberlin, as Guardian of the person and estate of Freeda E. Chamberlin, minor, will, pursuant to an order of the County Court of Craig County, Oklahoma, made and entered on December 10, 1912, in Probate Case No. 2206 expose for sale at private sale to the highest and best bidder for cash all of the following described lands situated in Craig County, Oklahoma, to-wit:

N 1-2 SE 1-4 SW 1-4 of Section 21, Township 25 north, Range 20 east, and that portion of the NE 1-4 NE 1-4 SW 1-4 of Section 21, Township 25 north of Range 20 east, which is thus described: Beginning at the southeast corner of

CHRISTMAS EVE

Dec. 24

Merry Christmas!

There, We Beat You to It. Hope Santa Doesn't Forget You, and That You Have Forgotten No One Else.

"God Bless Us Every One!"

Our Big Sale

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BIGGER AND BETTER BARGAINS THAN EVER

FINE SELECTION OF HOLIDAY GOODS ON HAND

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The World's Famous Handcuff King and Jail-Breaker



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- \$450 Crown, Slightly used, Mandolin attachment \$250
- \$400 Richmond Piano \$200
- \$300 Teeples Piano \$150
- \$275 H. P. Nelson Piano \$175
- \$450 Shaninger Piano \$300

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said ten acre tract, thence running west on the south line of said ten acre tract 33 feet, thence northeasterly on the arc of a circle, the radius of which is 33 feet (every point along which said line is 33 feet from said first named beginning point) to the thence south with said east line east line of said ten acre tract; 33 feet to the place of beginning.

Said sale will be made on or after Thursday, December 26, 1912. Bids for said lands should be made in writing, signed by the party and accompanied by a certified check for not less than ten (10) per cent of the amount bid enclosed in a sealed envelope and endorsed "Probate Case No. 2206, Bid on Minor Land." Said bids may be deposited with the Judge of the County Court of Craig County, Oklahoma,

or with the guardian or left at the office of Bebout & Voyles, at Vinita, Oklahoma. The terms of said sale shall be all cash upon the confirmation of such sale by the Court and delivery of deed by the guardian.

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