

CHRISTMAS PREPARATIONS.

This is the month of good cheer, of gay merrymakings, of joyful anticipation, and loving thoughts and plans for others' happiness. The Christmas spirit of "loving and giving" is in the air, and hard indeed is the heart that can resist this all-pervading influence.

Many are asking the question, "How can I bring comfort and cheer to those less fortunate than myself?"

This year the churches of the town hope to carry out with some degree of success, plans by which many homes will be brightened, and few, if any children of the several Sunday school classes, left without a bit of joy at Christmas-tide.

If we have the correct grasp of life we cannot but feel that its duties obligate our benevolence at this particular season of the year in the direction of cheering the hearts of those in families where illness or misfortune has robbed them of the means to make a merry Christmas. And how is this to be accomplished? All that is needed to insure that no home in Canyon City should be cheerless and forlorn this Christmas is a little thought and care, perhaps sacrifice, from each householder or housewife. We should bear in mind that "there is no grace in a benefit that sticks to the fingers," so give heartily.

As the news greets us from central and eastern portions of the state to the effect that prosperity reigns supreme in the land that has suffered two years of drouth, some of those who came to the Plains during the period of depression there and when everything here was fairly bubbling over with plenty, are growing faint of heart as the tide changes, and are leaving a land of promise and one that has substantially profited the farmer who was not afraid to work for the past 15 years, all because this year has not been as good here as it was "back east." But the Plains will not be deserted as a consequence. There are those of that part of Texas that has had bounteous crops this year who remember very distinctly the two successive drouths they have had and are taking advantage of the present conditions in the Panhandle to buy homes. They are coming every day and where there is one who goes back there are two who gladly take his place. It was ever thus in the changing epochs of any rapidly developing country.

Abreast With The Times.

The First Nat'l. Bank put up a handsomely engraved certificate yesterday stating they are protected against both burglary and day-light robbery by a policy of insurance in the "Ocean Accident & Guarantee Corporation" of London. This is the largest Casualty Company in the world and has over \$1,200,000 surplus deposited in the United States.

The Bank is to be congratulated upon this wise precaution. Robberies are becoming such a common occurrence now-a-days that the only safe guard is in a good policy, and the Bank that carries one need have no fear. In case of an attack upon the above named Bank, they will be reimbursed for every dollar of loss under their policy.

There is a feeling of security and satisfaction when you keep your money in a Bank, and in the selection of a Bank, that one that carries insurance against all hazards should recommend itself to every conservative man.

Wm. Garner, of Montague county, for several years tax collector of the county, was in town several days this week and may possibly buy land here. He is an old friend of the Slover family and went out to Dimmitt Tuesday to see W. A. Slover, father of M. F. Slover, the liveryman. He will return here before going back home and we hope that his ultimate decision will be to locate with us.

Photos \$1.00 per dozen and up, all on neat cards at Lusby's studio.

J. C. Waller, father of our fellow-citizens Hicks and Higgins Waller, died at his home near Ben Franklin last Sunday, the 13th inst.

E. H. Hamilton, who for a long time was identified with the Banking interest at Plainview, and who now owns a large ranch near the west Texas line, spent several days of this week as the guest of L. T. Lester.

Don't forget that you can always get a good substantial meal at the City Restaurant for 25 cts. Short orders at all hours. Fish, oysters, and anything else you may want to eat.

Mrs. Charlie Thomas returned from Amarillo yesterday where she has been visiting friends for a few days.

Every day except Sunday, during Christmas week the photo gallery will be open for business. Does This Interest YOU?

LOST—In Canyon City, Tuesday, a small gold heart locket with picture of lady and gentleman inside. Finder will confer a special favor on owner and receive reward by returning same to this office.

Potter county went "wet" by a majority of 61 votes last Saturday. It is to be hoped that Amarillo will keep herself quiet for a while, taking it for granted of course, that such a thing is possible.

C. W. Jochen, of High Hill, Fayette county, came in last Friday and has had Surveyor Harrison to establish the metes and bounds of the section he recently purchased near Umbarger. Mr. Jochen contemplates moving out here next summer.

The City Restaurant has an especially fine selection of candies, nuts and fruits for the Holidays. See their display window.

Word was received here Tuesday evening that the dwelling house on the section owned by Rev. W. H. Younger, some 18 miles southeast of town, was consumed about noon of that day by fire. Prof. G. G. Foster, who has been living on the place for some time, was in town at the time the fire occurred and the fact that no one was at the house enabled the flames to make swift work in its destruction. Nothing was saved but the charred remains of some fresh pork.

J. O. Barringer and C. L. Hardwick, both of Decatur, Wise county, were in town this week prospecting. If they do not find anything here to suit them they will make their way on west to Arizona.

J. H. Pipkin and wife, of Paul's Valley, Indian Ter., arrived here Sunday and will in all probability make this their future home. Mr. Pipkin is the oldest son of J. C. Pipkin and has been married only a short time.

Newt. Reeves came in Wednesday from Oklahoma where he has been for some time disposing of a car of horses. He says he sold them at a good profit.

Oscar Hunt was in Amarillo the first of the week on business.

C. B. Wallace found easy access to our heart Saturday by depositing \$1.89 for the two "great" papers, the Canyon City News and the Dallas News. Some writers prefer narcotics as a means of stimulating their brain to brighter thoughts, but there is nothing that causes the News man's pencil to run so smoothly as for a man to come in and plank down a dollar with which to pay our grocery bills, butcher bills, coal bills, etc. We have never said so in that many words, but it would be a clever trick on all delinquent's part to come in and tell us by this token that they wanted to see the only paper in Randall county thrive.

Mrs. J. S. Murphy returned Sunday from Kansas, where she has been for the past month visiting her parents and other relatives. J. S. says Mrs. Murphy brought one of those cold Missouri blizzards back with her but that he was very glad she came home anyway.

R. W. O'Keefe came in Monday from his Lamb and Bailey counties ranch where he has been for the past two weeks looking after his stock interests. He says that cattle are in remarkably fine condition considering the fact that it has been so unusually dry here this year. The dry weather has had a tendency to strengthen the grass in nutrient which is most usually the case where sufficient rainfall is had to give the grass a good growing start. Mr. O'Keefe expressed the belief that stockmen through this section of the country would not have to feed to any great extent this winter, at least the prevailing good weather and fine condition of stock generally would warrant such a prediction. Such lovely days as we have been having the past week, even though the taste of low prices for their marketed stuff is yet in the stockmen's mouth, creates one of those smiles "that won't come off."

Local Nimrods are bringing in the trophies of their sport every day. Monday, George Caze brought in two large buck heads with antlers, and a wolf scalp. The curiosities, (to new-comers only) were exhibited at Redfearn & Co's. store and the sight of such "luck" will no doubt have the effect of filling the minds of lovers of this sport with dreams of how they will gain for themselves enviable reputations during the holidays as crack marksmen. If they take as a standard the number of shots fired by Mr. Caze, which was 14 at one deer alone, they will "get their money's worth" in expenditure of ammunition. We have already heard of several parties who contemplate going and we recommend that they bring something back as evidence of their victory. There is no better place to bring it than the News office and we will gladly tell your friends about it.

Reading Circle Program.

To be held at the home of Miss Tina Thompson, Dec. 25.

1. Prayer.
2. Quotations on Christmas.
3. Music.
4. A Christmas Carol, Mr. Hodges.
5. Reading, Miss Pope.
6. Music.
7. Reading, Miss Brandon.
8. Social Hour.

All interested in literary work are invited.

John Knight came in last Saturday and had his subscription renewed on the Canyon City News, the Dallas News and the St. Louis Republic. Mr. Knight has been having a severe trial in the recent sickness of his family, he having had to do all the cooking, nursing, etc., as all of his family were down at one time except himself. The sick ones are all convalescent though greatly emaciated from the ravages of this dreaded fever.

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It is reported that screens, partitions, etc., are being removed from joints and "blind tigers" in Amarillo and the transformation is exhibiting "tigers" with good eyes, usually called licensed saloons. About 8 or 10 are in course of development from this embryo state.