

Time To Do Christmas Shopping

Appearance of the Christmas numbers of the magazines upon the news stands reminds us almost with a sudden start that we have scarcely more than three weeks in which to prepare for the greatest holiday of the year.

Already the stores are crowded with their Christmas stocks and it is necessary, if we would have the best, to begin shopping now. The Herald has for several years urged early shopping upon its readers and it renews the suggestion this year. You not only get the pick of the best if you shop early, but you are going to take a burden from yourself and relieve the employees of the stores of still greater burdens.

In a few days more, the stores will have to keep open later to accommodate the rush of shoppers and poor, tired girls—and men and boys, too—will have to pay for your negligence. You will also have trouble getting waited on. As a great many people have "charge accounts" at the different stores, it matters nothing to them whether they trade now or next week or the week after, for the bills will all come at the same time anyhow—January 1. For those who trade for cash, there may be the excuse that they haven't the money now. This should be the only legitimate excuse for not shopping early.

By shopping early, the burden is taken from the clerks and salespeople, to whom, instead of being a joy, Christmas has come to be a burden and a horror, and you get your presents before they have been sorted and picked over, while the best is still on the counters. You can prepare your bundles at leisure instead of in the haste that generally attends Christmas giving, and, if after you have gone over your lists and find you have overlooked anybody, there is still time to buy. Many unfortunate mistakes are avoided by early shoppers, who thus are enabled to buy for the neglected ones and get the remembrance out on time.

A Christmas present that reaches its destination too

late, is never received with the same joy as one that gets there on time. Late shopping is the cause of the late arrival of most Christmas gifts. The mails are crowded—cramped and jammed—just about Christmas, and it is impossible to get everything through on time. Send your packages in ample time, mark them "To Be Opened on Christmas" and you will be certain that they will carry the joy and happiness you intended they should when you bought them.

It is not necessary to wait to do the Christmas shopping, in the hope that you will find something newer, for all the Christmas stocks are in now. The merchants are not as dilatory as their buyers; they lay in their stocks months ahead of the holidays. They have everything in stock now that they will have on December 25 and a great deal more, for their choicest gifts will all have been sold to the early shoppers long before Christmas has arrived.

Be among the early ones, get the best, get them off in time, relieve your mind of the responsibility, and save the poor clerks.

That man who never heard of El Paso hasn't been reading the Mexican war news for five years. And there is considerable other news he hasn't seen.

Reviewing an army of 50,000 and the birth of an heir to the throne culminate the Japanese emperor's coronation. Hand it to the Japanese for stage managing these affairs nicely.

A woman writer says the modern fashionable wedding is a combination of "nervous prostration, bankruptcy and blackmail." She must be getting a good many invitations this winter.

When we accuse foreign nations of violating international law at sea or American law within our own borders, they have a most uncomfortable and embarrassing way of telling us we did the same thing away back at such and such a date. They tell us we furnished the precedent, and usually they make it stick.

Encourage Children To Read

"Safety First" week among the libraries of the country cannot be commended too highly. Throughout the country, this week has been devoted to a "safety first" movement for boys and girls. The librarians have been engaged for weeks sorting their juvenile books and selecting those that are good for the boys and girls. This week, they have given the results of their work to the public and it has been most acceptably received by parents.

Mrs. Edith Graham Coyne, librarian of the El Paso public library, has been supplying daily through the Herald a list of books in the local library that are suitable for juveniles. The list and their preparation show much thought and care on the part of Mrs. Coyne, and parents should all be thankful for such assistance. The lists are well worth preserving for future use, for every book mentioned is a book that any boy or girl can read with perfect safety. They are the healthy, red blooded sort of books that improve the children who peruse them. Mrs. Coyne has grouped her books under adventure, historical, humorous, etc., so that it is easy for the juvenile or the parent to make selections of books of any character from the lists she has been supplying. Several mothers have telephoned their thanks to The Herald for publishing the lists and have at the same time expressed their gratification that the librarian should have been so careful in their compilation.

All the books noted in the different lists may be had at the library, but many parents will take the lists as guides for the purchase of books which they wish to distribute as presents. It is valuable as a hint in this respect as well as a catalog to the library. In this day of so many books, there is too much that is not only of no value educationally to the boy or girl, but which are actually dangerous to the young minds. Any effort that will turn their minds into the proper channels; that will direct them to books that are instructing and elevating as well as entertaining, The Herald con-

siders an effort well directed and is glad to support and encourage it.

The Herald would like to see the boys and girls of El Paso patronize the library to a greater extent than they do. Not enough books are taken out by the juvenile readers. As long as they go to the library for their literature, they are assured of healthy reading, for only books that have been fully approved by parents and educators are carried upon the juvenile shelves of the El Paso library. These include the best, for the stock of juvenile books in the El Paso library is a large one, a well selected one, and a wholesome one. Parents should encourage their children to visit the library oftener and teachers should encourage their pupils to do the same thing.

Good reading assists in an education more than any other one thing, and, while improving the mind, it gives relaxation from studies and at the same time, keeps the boy or girl out of other forms of relaxation and enjoyment that may not be so wholesome and elevating. Reading aids a boy or a girl towards gaining a wide general education, it improves their spelling, their pronunciation, their composition and is also an unconscious aid to improved conversation.

Constant contact with words has an unconscious effect upon the boy or girl that is lasting. Many men today attribute much of their progress in education to the books they read during their school age, and their reading was of no higher order than that to be had in the local library by any boy or girl willing to go for it. Any well written story has its effect in improving the mind of the pupil in the various ways just recited. Reading is worth encouraging, particularly under the supervision of the public library.

The New York American widely advertises that it is a member of the Audit Bureau of Circulations. The El Paso Herald is a member also. All newspapers members of this association have their circulation statements audited and verified once a year and the national advertisers of the country accept the figures in every case as authentic.

Short Snatches From Everywhere

The strongest argument in favor of our preparedness plan is that England and Japan bitterly oppose it.—Austin (Texas) American.

Pay your poll tax if you want to vote in the general election next year—and incidentally your other taxes.—Beaumont (Texas) Journal.

Brand Whitlock was not in any battles, but he is welcomed home as a man of unflinching heroism—a number one Brand.—Kansas City Journal.

The battle fronts of Europe have become so extended in circular form that they may well be termed the "merry go round."—Silver City (N. M.) Independent.

An American novelist has been discovered who is not serving in Europe as a war correspondent, nor writing for the movies.—San Francisco (Calif.) Chronicle.

It will be a relief for proofreaders, at least, when the Italians take Gorr, or Gorr, or Gorr, or Gorr, or Gorr, or whatever it is and turn it into plain Gothic.—Bisbee (Ariz.) Review.

Professor Lowell announces the discovery on Mars of two new canals. Mars is a great digger. On his own planet he is digging canals—in this planet, war trenches.—Kansas City Journal.

The New York woman who married a man who had known her only three hours says he is a lunatic. No doubt about it. Shave his head and lock him up.—New Orleans (La.) Daily States.

The Illinois professor who has discovered that babies may injure their voices by sucking their thumbs is merely seeking to interfere with another one of the joys of childhood.—Austin (Tex.) Statesman.

As the Arizona view it, the constitution of the United States and the United States supreme court are the only obstacles to the complete success of the initiative and referendum.—Roswell (N. M.) Evening News.

If you want to be convinced that Texas has come back and that the state fair of Texas hold its same old place in the hearts of the people, look at the income account of the 1915 fair.—Dallas (Texas) Times-Herald.

Extension Work Brings College To People All Over True's Paintings To Be Shown Here

EXTENSION work of the Texas Agricultural and Mechanical college in the legs of the college, for it brings to the people who can not go to the college," said H. L. McKnight, the field organizer of the extension work. "The extension work of the college has Clarence Dowsley as its director, one of the big men of the state. It is carried on through joint appropriations from the state and federal governments. The latter is provided through the Smith-Lever act, the former through annual appropriations of the legislature. By securing the cooperation of the school board and the interest of the adult members in the populations surrounding the schools in the outlying farming districts we can give them, through the extension corps of experts, valuable help on topics of vital interest to every member of the community. They tell about raising crops to the various kinds of soils, silos and their part in livestock raising, dairying and home economics."

"The coming exhibit of Allen True's paintings which the Women's club is bringing to El Paso, is going to be a rare treat for El Paso," said Mrs. S. H. Sutherland. "El Paso is so far from the art centers of the world that it has the opportunity in art that a city of this size should have, so the opportunity to see the work of a great painter as Mr. True should not be missed by anyone in El Paso. He is an El Paso man and this makes his work of special interest."

"The first trip I ever made as a traveling salesman was from Chicago to El Paso," said J. A. Rommel, of Albuquerque. "That was 27 years ago. I

made the prediction then that in 25 years El Paso would have 250,000 people. I missed it, but I am ready to make another forecast, and that is that El Paso some day will have 500,000 people, but probably not in my lifetime. The city is bound to grow and grow rapidly, for it has a territory that will make it grow, and when Mexico again opens up there will be a wonderful revival of trade with that country."

"While the attendance at the fair in California is good, there is still some complaint among business men that business is dull," said George E. Wallace. "Just now there is quite a rush of visitors to the exposition, and California is well filled with tourists."

"The budget fund is to be raised this year all right," said H. S. Beach, "and El Paso is going to show the southwest something about how a progressive community can get together and chalk up a prosperity mark high on the big business slate. This city is a metropolitan center, with all the drawing cards a southwestern metropolis can boast. When the eastern fellows get a line on us in earnest down here, with the possibilities at hand for growth and development along multiple lines, there will be something doing, and don't you forget it. Once the big eastern and middle western man is taught what we hold here in opportunity for money invested we shall have our time well filled taking care of genuine inquiries from all quarters."

"When the days are cloudy and a chill is in the air the prisoners all plead guilty," said Judge Paul D. Thomas of the corporation court. "On such days the court goes through the docket with-

out any delays. When the weather is bright and sunny the prisoners set to experiencing the life of things on the outside and want to be in the midst of it all and then they deny everything, even though they are caught at the same old offence seven times. Thursday was a 'plead guilty' day. Wednesday was not."

"Now all this talk about the air being unhealthy because of smoke is absurd," said Dr. R. L. Ramsey. "Smoke in the air does not cause sickness—though it may irritate the lungs. It is the winds in this country that keep the air purified and this is the most healthy city in all the southwest."

Fireman Gets Married and "Arrested" By Police Pals

Lee Roberts, a fireman at the East El Paso fire department was married Tuesday evening at the home of his sister, Mrs. L. A. Jackson on Savannah street, to Miss Nellie Goodwin, formerly of Roy, N. M. Mr. Roberts is the third member of the El Paso fire department to marry during the past two months.

Immediately after the ceremony was finished the police department "arrested" Roberts on a flimsy charge and took him to police headquarters where he was held pending the arrival of the new Mrs. Roberts, who immediately gave her bond.

The wedding was solemnized by Justice Dan M. Jackson and the young people were remembered with gifts from the fire department boys.

ABE MARTIN



What you kin see o' president Carraza seems 't be all right, but his whiskers prevent an intelligent estimate. You don't have 't be in business 't be a cheater.

NATURALLY. Where should a pork barrel be but in the sheltering protection of a kitchen?

JUST A TIMELY TIP. Save enough out of the mileage for the wedding presents boys.

Lightning Is Swift and Terrible To Look At Is Like Another Great Phenomenon, T. Roosevelt

By GEORGE FITCH.

LIGHTNING is a natural phenomenon for which man is not responsible and over which he has little control. It is swift and terrible to look at, like that other great natural phenomenon, T. Roosevelt, and is a fluid which travels from place to place producing terrific disturbances. Mr. Roosevelt is a solid, but otherwise in the resultant business lightning has ever little on him.

Lightning inhabits the sky and, like an aeroplane, is harmless as long as it stays there. It is only when it descends to earth that it becomes fatal to man. A man who takes hold of an adult lightning bolt by the tail may look a trifle better afterwards than the man who tries to fry a stick of dynamite, but he is of no more use to society. The man who can survive the kick of a jagged streak of lightning would be hardy enough to vote the Republican ticket in Mississippi again and again.

Lightning is composed of millions of volts of electricity, complicated with amperes and ohms. It travels 175,000 miles a second, and yet the longest distance a lightning bolt usually travels is about a mile. Thus it has plenty of time on its way to travel down a chimney, rip up the shingles, shuffie the fireplace bricks, rearrange the plumbing, chance the lock on the front door, tie the kitchen poker into a bowknot, hang a pair of shoes on the chandelier, singe the cat, call up central on the telephone, pull a dozen teeth out of the customer's comb and bend the crook's hair. Lightning is very eccentric in its way like this, principally be-



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cause it has so much spare time on its hands.

No one has ever succeeded in training lightning to do anything useful. Benjamin Franklin once caught a bolt of lightning with a kite, wire and a key, but owing to the poor carrying facilities of the times was unable to preserve it. Enough electricity is wasted in an ordinary storm to wipe out the gas bills of the world for six months, but all some means of turning it on and off with a button can be invented. It will continue to be an uncovered resource.

Lightning kills about one person out

of 10,000,000 each year. A good many people worry a great deal about it on this account, though lightning does not kill as many people as bath tubs do. Still, a great many people are terribly afraid of bath tubs, too.—Protected by the Adams Newspaper Service.

LUBBOCK MAN IS BADLY CUT ON BARBED WIRE

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 3.—H. W. Scroggins, a prominent farmer living three miles south of the city, was seriously hurt while hauling a load of milo maul heads. The load slipped and Mr. Scroggins fell between the mauls. The mauls ran and Mr. Scroggins, preferring to be dragged to being run over by the heavy wagon, caught one of the traces. The team ran 400 yards, dragging the man four-wire fence before breaking away from the wagon.

Mr. Scroggins was severely cut about the chest, especially around the right eye. His right leg was also cut quite badly and he was bruised over his entire body.

ADJ. GEN. HERRING VISITS ROSWELL MILITARY INSTITUTE

Roswell, N. M., Dec. 3.—Adj. Gen. Harry T. Herring has been here on national guard matters. Because of the absence of Col. James W. Willson, adj. of the 10th Cavalry, Herring attended a meeting of the superintendents of military schools of the United States. Capt. E. W. Thompson, quartermaster of the Military Institute, entertained Gen. Herring.

14 YEARS Ago Today

From The Herald of This Date, 1901.

El Paso is getting there. The school board has granted permission to superintendent G. P. Putnam to move into the new high school building, and the city is assured of a new high school with architect Whitley working on the designs. (This is the present Angeles hotel).

NEW REALTY FIRM FORMED; CAPT. CAZIARE BUYS HOME

Chas. M. Kaufmann, of Jacksonville, Fla., and H. E. Stone, of Muskogee, Okla., have purchased the lease of the El Paso Valley Land exchange, 291-2 Mesa avenue, and are preparing to do a general real estate insurance and loan business. They have W. G. Zedick, contractor and builder, connected with their office, who will have charge of the drafting department.

PALOMAS-RINCON ROAD IS TORN UP BY ROAD GANGS

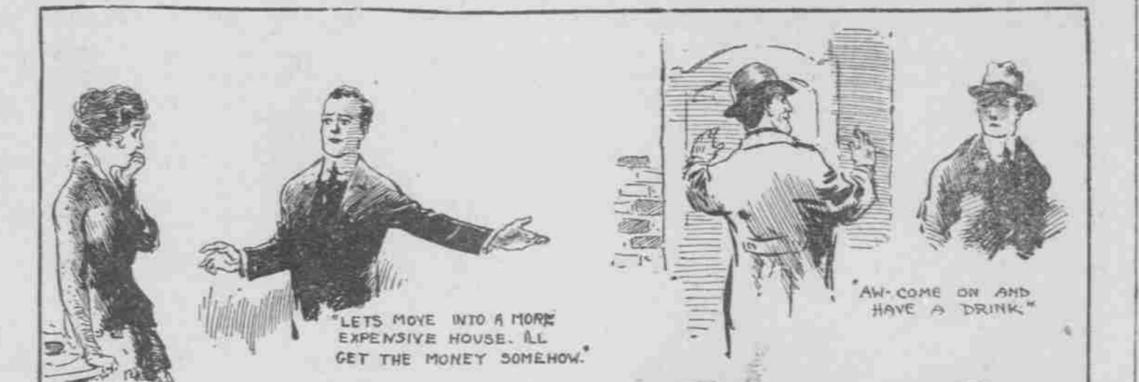
Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 3.—State engineer James A. French has given the following road instructions: "At present in going north from Las Cruces to San Marcial, tourists should be routed by way of Fort Selden, out off and Engle to Elephant Butte and by way of Cuchillo to San Marcial, and not from El Paso to Palomas and Cuchillo. On the road between Palomas and Rincon the state has a number of construction camps and the road is badly torn up and almost impassable."

ROSWELL WOMAN APPLIES FOR STATE WATER RIGHTS

Santa Fe, N. M., Dec. 2.—State engineer James A. French has received the following applications for water rights: Mrs. T. E. Giet, Roswell, 6.28 second feet of flood water from the Macho to irrigate 410 acres; H. W. Goodner, Dexter, Chaves county, 2.28 second feet, from Zuba Hollow arroyo, a tributary of the Pecos, to irrigate 160 acres; Mary L. Harringer, Columbus, Luna county, 2.2 second feet from Three C. draw to irrigate 160 acres; Fred Walter, Lake Arthur, 1.3 of a second foot to irrigate 53 acres.

SHORT AND HARD TO SAY! BY COFFMAN

Three-quarters of character is bound up in the ability to say "No" at the right time.



LET'S MOVE INTO A MORE EXPENSIVE HOUSE. ALL GET THE MONEY SOMEHOW.



WANT TO SIT IN FOR A COUPLE OF HANDS? COME ON WE CAN GET AWAY WITH IT.

MORE Truth Than Poetry

Wasteful and Ridiculous Excess. The idea of investigators complaining about Mr. Osborne's boys going to the "Coke Palace" in Havana, the state can afford to send a man with every convict who wants to do a little Christmas shopping?

Referring Back to Above Paragraph. Still it would be embarrassing if one went to call on a friend in Sing Sing and found him not in.

Too Late, Now. Jack Johnson's advice to the Britons to fight is good advice, and he ought to have acted on it in Havana.

Let J. Daniels Take Notice. The army was prepared last Saturday.

CHILDREN COUNTY FAIR INCREASES ITS CAPITAL

Childress, Texas, Dec. 3.—The Childress County fair, which began today, the stock fair will operate next year with a capital of \$5000, the stock of the association having been increased from \$500 to \$5000 to provide for large exhibitions hereafter. The Childrens fair has become a pronounced success.

TUCSON AWARDS CONTRACT FOR MUCH STREET PAVING

Tucson, Ariz., Dec. 3.—The city council has awarded the Warren Pavine company a contract for the paving of South Stone and South Sixth avenues, and Central, McDermick, Jackson and Superior streets. This will add several miles to Tucson's street paving.

The Daily Noellette GREAT NEWS.

Nine little birdlets, sitting on a plat, in case the boarders, then they were ate.

IT was during the dog days, and the Daily Noellette had a line of really hot news for weeks. At precisely seven o'clock in the morning, the star reporter, had a brilliant idea.

"By Jove!" he cried, "I can find out what becomes of all the hot chestnut sellers when chestnut season is over. I will satisfy a worldwide curiosity and give the Noellette the biggest scoop ever known in the annals of newspaperdom."

And with his cane on his head and his hat in his hand in his excitement, he dashed forth and secured the chestnut sellers the last of his chestnuts and crying "Last chestnut of the season!"

"Just in time!" panted the star reporter. And after purchasing the last nickel's worth, he followed the man through many mysterious windings and passages until a little, sinister looking court was reached. He followed the chestnut seller up a long crooked flight to a dark attic. In the dark he slipped on a pile of banana skins and slid all the way down stairs, landing violently on his copy paper.

"Kureka!" he shouted. "They must sell bananas till next chestnut season!"

A dollar saved by buying goods produced elsewhere is a dollar thrown at your neighbor's birds.

Sunshine

O H, LET us wear the cheerful grin, and mugs that shine like new made tin when we are paying taxes; 'tis customary then to scowl, and lean against a fence and howl, and brandish battle-axes. But all our howling doesn't help, nor does our protest, groan or yelp, we must dig up the roubles; the treasurer rakes in the dust, and doesn't notice our disgust, or care about our troubles. And since it doesn't pay to roar, what is the use of acting sore, as though bereft of senses? Why not produce our little rolls, and say it warms our hearts and souls, to help pay expenses? 'Twere better far to sing and smile, as we cough up our mangle pile, to keep the wheels a-turning; 'twill help us on a future day, when, in this good old-fashioned way, for Public Justice we're yearning. Some day, to make your store increase, you'll turn for justice of the peace, or something of that nature, or you may higher yet aspire, and through the press voice your desire to join the legislature. Then, if you always raised a howl, when paying taxes in the fall, the story will confound you; you'll see true patriots arise to dot you one between the eyes, and flash their knives around you.

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