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AS EVER, "Necessity is the mother of invention," and many different ways, more or less adequate, are being resorted to in the fuel crisis confronting the country. The most generally used of the expedients are the utilization of fuel gas, fuel oil and electricity—and numerous experiments are being made with other means of substitution.

All great cataclysms, all community troubles, all civic strife, in the end bring a measure of recompense through the benefits of newly discovered methods of doing old things, of substitutes either in foods or systems which in many instances are better than the ones we once knew and considered beyond improvement.

As surely as the sun sets new ways of heating are hatching, perhaps now in embryo, which will be equally as efficacious as with coal. We may not yet have come to the "parting of the ways," but we have most certainly arrived at side-tracks which will let us get by; and another coal strike will have just about as much effect on the country at large in an industrial way as a walkout of coalheavers would affect an oil-burning vessel.

This is as it should be; Nature provides, if we will go after its provisions. And we believe the fuel needs of the country will be amply taken care of from other sources than coal within another decade at the longest.

Waterpower will come into its own for the creation of electricity; improved means of handling fuel gas and fuel oil will be devised and the cost cheapened—and the "bowels of the earth" at no distant date will be delved in chiefly for the wherewithal to buy these modern comforts and man's independence of the whims of both coal miners and coal operators. Either or both of them may be conscientious and right in their contentions, but that will not change the march of events.

All hail the day When we can say From fruitful tests and learnin': "Ole King Coal, Got dern' your soul, In hell you'll do your burnin'."

AN ARKANSAS paper says "Hykin Flinger of Turkey Trot is in town taking dancing lessons from

Miss Iona Waltz." All of which prepares us to maintain our balance should we read in a future issue that "Terpsichore Hare of Bunny Hug Hollow is mixing his feet under the instruction of Miss Jazz Musick."

JUST WHY Senator Arthur Capper, a man intelligent enough to give the people credit for some understanding of public affairs and comprehensive English, should seek to perpetuate the misstatement that the British Empire will have six votes to America's one in the League, seems to us inexplicable. In the light of the best reasoning, there can be but one excuse for him, and that is politics—blind political politics with the usual end in view. We used to think better of Arthur.

FROM ACHILLE

Mesdames D. P. Vardrey and J. W. Smithson were in Denison.

Born, to Mr. and Mrs. William Spriggs, the 27th, a fine boy.

Mrs. W. E. Holland and Miss Priscilla Glass were in Denison.

Rev. Darrow, the new minister, filled his appointment at the M. E. Church Sunday, and will be here on each third Sunday in the month.

B. W. Bussell attended the teachers' meeting at Durant last week.

Misses Nannie Simms and Ora Morrison spent Thanksgiving at home.

County Sup't Cunningham and the High School Inspector, Mr. Nash visited the school Tuesday.

Miss Bebe Elrod left Monday to enroll in the Durant Normal.

Miss Nettie McPherson, of the S. E. Normal was here for Thanksgiving.

Cy Hargis died Monday from the effect of blood poison.

Misses Alyce and Byrd Holland spent Thanksgiving at home.

FROM ELM VIEW

Rev. W. A. Vinson filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Mrs. Madge Beal and Mrs. Gayleen Graham of Blue were visiting their mother, Mrs. J. W. C. Smith Sunday.

Miss Fay Harris and Mabel Murphy visited Mrs. Maud Tomlin in Durant Tuesday.

Homer Stanford, Willie Tomlin, and Grady and Carlos Murphy were in town Wednesday night.

Everything at Mr. Beal's sale was sold Wednesday, and he and his wife will move to town.

Cotton picking and boll pulling is about over here.

MIDWAY SCHOOL

The Sunday school here is good, but we would like to see more men interested.

The box supper on Thanksgiving night was a success.

Midway school teachers want to see the school full. Parents, please send your children.

Pulling "bollies" is getting to be the amusement in this community.

Mr. Byers intends to move out of this district.

O. T. Hunt has bought a home in an adjoining district and will move.

LADY ASTOR ELECTED TO HOUSE OF COMMONS

Lady Astor, American-born wife of Viscount Astor, was elected to Parliament from the Sutton Division of Plymouth, England, in the election of November 15. She beat her next highest opponent by more than five thousand votes. Lady Astor's devotion to philanthropic activities for the last ten years and her anti-liquor agitation brought her the votes of a majority of the women voters. Lady Astor's husband, who formerly held the seat, had to withdraw because of the fact of his succeeding to a title. The new and first lady member of the English Parliament to be seated was formerly Miss Nannie Langhorne of Virginia. Her husband, now a viscount, was Major Waldorf Astor.

FIRST BOKCHITO WEDDING IN LAST SEVEN YEARS

It is passing strange if true, but a correspondent of the NEWS alleges that Bokchito had its first wedding in seven years last Wednesday, Nov. 26. On that date, at eight o'clock in the evening Edmond Ward, aged 26 and Miss Clara F. Colbert, 18, were united in marriage by Rev. H. Y. Boknight who explained the "Mackronia." The wedding was at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. P. Colbert, four and one-half miles northwest of Bokchito. The young folks are spending their honeymoon at Stringtown and other points.

As to the statement that this was the "first" wedding in seven years, this paper professes ignorance. Perhaps it is meant that the ceremony was an Indian one, and the first in that period.

Government officials warn the public that any measures adopted by the Government to produce coal are not to be taken as inimical or in opposition to union labor organizations, the right to organize or the principle of collective bargaining, which latter principle officials favor and will do their utmost to uphold, as a just measure for all peoples.

Mr. and Mrs. Joshua Jones, and John Wesley, all well known young Choctaws of the Boswell community, were here Thursday and paid the office of the News a pleasant call.

Despite the declaration by union heads that the strike was illegal, 1,500 yard men and train men of the Kansas City terminal quit work Sunday night. A redical element among the men is responsible for the unauthorized walkout, said to be due to local grievances.

The Young Men's Democratic Club of Muskogee has canceled Senator Gore's speaking date under their auspices on the ground that Gore had been voting with Republicans. He was to have spoken Dec. 5, and his friends say he will come anyway.

TOO LATE TO CLASSIFY

WANT TO BUY or lease good building in business section, Durant, or will buy a well located business lot. Am in position to pay cash. Call Mr. Stricklin, Phone 884. 14ws2



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—AND PLEASE HIM

Each year that goes by, more women see the practicability of buying Man's Store Gifts for their men folks. Men appreciate gifts of this character because of their practicability.

Man is more cold-blooded and can't appreciate the dainty flaps and frills that a woman would go wild over.

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Gifts of course, should be of good quality and quality merchandise is no where in greater abundance than at this store.

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—SHIRTS

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A MAN'S STORE FOR A MAN'S GARMENT

Suitable and Useful--- Christmas Gifts

It has been the people's habit to give useless folderol and trash for Christmas resulting in no credit to the recipient, and in many case a detriment—especially among membes of the family.

Why not make this Christmas one in keeping with the times and in accordance with the National spirit of thrift and waste-elimination? Don't give your children trinkets but give them clothes, or articles for every-day use.

In our large stock are hundreds of things that will make acceptable and useful gifts.

We suggest any of the following

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- Box of Handkerchiefs, Muffler, Box of Silk Sox, Silk Shirt, Bath Robe, Fur Cap, New Suit Case, Pair of Gloves, Pair Fancy Suspenders, Belt, New Tie, Overcoat, Pair of Shoes, New Suit

FOR WOMEN:

- Suit, Skirt, Coat or Scarf, New Dress, Box of Handkerchiefs, Silk Hose, Bath Robe, Fancy Towels, Kid Gloves, Silk Gloves, New Hand Bag, New Set Furs, New Umbrella

And dozens of other useful gifts, put up in Christmas Boxes, if you wish. Make our store headquarters during your Christmas shopping.

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NOTICE OF GUARDIAN'S SALE

State of Oklahoma, County of Bryan.

Notice is hereby given that between the hours of ten o'clock in the forenoon and two o'clock in the afternoon on December 20, 1919, the undersigned guardian of Perry Anderson and Tandy Lee Anderson, minors, will, at the East entrance of the Bryan County Court House in Durant, Oklahoma, sell to the highest and best bidder for cash, at public outcry, all the right, title, interest and estate of said minors in and to the following lands:

- NE4 of SW4 of NE4 of Section 33; NE4 of SW1 of Section 18, Township 7 South, Range 11 East; NE4 of SE4 of NE4 of Section 23; S2 of NE4; SE4 of NE4 of NE4 of Section 13, Township 7 South, Range 10 East; NW4 of NE4; W2 of SW4 of SE4 of Section 24; NE4 of NE4 of Section 23, Township 7 South, Range 10 East of the Indian Base and Meridian; Lot 2 of Section 4, Township 6 South Range 11 East of the Indian Base and Meridian, Bryan County, Oklahoma.

Said lands being sold pursuant to an order of the County Court of Bryan County, Oklahoma made on November 26, 1919. The successful bidder for said lands will be required to deposit 10 per cent of the amount bid as evidence of good faith. Bids and offers will be received for said lands in separate tracts and subdivisions.

FRANK ANDERSON Guardian of Perry Anderson and Tandy Lee Anderson, Minors. HATCHETT & FERGUSON, Attorneys.

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One glance at our splendid line of useful articles will convince you that more money should be spent on gifts that are of every-day use around the house; gifts that will be more than appreciated by the recipients. See the Community Silver in the latest patterns, Pyrex Cover Ware, Aluminum Ware and dishes that will attract your admiration. Besides these, look at our Safety Razors, Pocket Knives, Oil Cook Stoves, Percolators, Air Rifles, Shot Guns of all makes, Rifles—are here for your inspection and selection.

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