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THURSDAY, DECEMBER 22, 1910.

## WEATHER FORECAST.

For Palestine and vicinity:  
Tonight and Friday unsettled weather; local rain to night of Friday; colder.

## DECEMBER 22 IN HISTORY.

- 1639—Jean Baptiste Racine, the famous dramatic poet, born in La Ferte Milon, France. Died in Paris, April 12, 1699.
- 1699—Gregorian calendar was first used.
- 1715—Chevalier de St. George, son of James II of Scotland, proclaimed king of England.
- 1727—William Ellery, American revolutionary patriot, born. Died Feb. 15, 1820.
- 1807—United States congress passed the second embargo act.
- 1810—British man-of-war "Minotaur" wrecked on the Haak Bank, with loss of 360 lives.
- 1859—Ground broken for the foundations of the Dominion parliament buildings at Ottawa.
- 1864—General Sherman established headquarters in Savannah.
- 1880—Marian Evans ("George Eliot"), famous English novelist, died. Born November 22, 1819.
- 1899—Dwight L. Moody, the noted evangelist, died in East Northfield, Mass. Born there, Feb. 5, 1837.
- 1902—Frederick Temple, Archbishop of Canterbury, died. Born November 30, 1821.

## THAT HOUSE MOVING PROPOSITION.

The contractor engaged in the moving of the two-story house down Avenue A takes some exception to criticism the Herald has made thereon. The contractor may be working clearly in his right; he may have been given permission to cut down trees, block traffic for days, and inconvenience hundreds of people, stopping traffic at this very busy time, and working serious injury and damage to the shop keepers along the avenue. He says he had such permission. It is not with him the Herald is endeavoring to pick a fuss. Fact is, the Herald is not trying to pick a fuss with any one at any time. But it does essay to criticize when criticism is called for, and when the public welfare demands it. Doubtless this contractor was given permission to move the house. And in the granting of this permission is where the harm was done. Those people who have been damaged have a right to kick. Further than that, they have a right to recover any damage they may have been done through the granting of this permission. If the contractor is working in his right; if he has per-

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mission to cut down trees, cut electric and telephone wires; if he has the right to block traffic through three of the busiest days of the year, then those who granted to him this privilege should be made to pay the damage, and the Herald thinks complainants would get recognition in court. This thing of hauling old buildings through the streets to the damage of other people's property, to the injury of business, and to the serious inconvenience of the citizens, should be stopped.

There is still another serious aspect to this proposition. This building has been left nights where, in case of fire, it would have been a serious menace, not only in having a very important and main thoroughfare blocked, but in exposing valuable property to destruction, in case fire had been in its immediate neighborhood.

No, Mr. Contractor, the fight is not on you. It is on those who would grant you such an extraordinary privilege.

## MR. EDISON'S INTERVIEW.

It is rather astonishing the large amount of comment which has been occasioned by a recent interview with Thomas A. Edison, in which he says he believes death ends both the spiritual and physical life of man. He expressed the opinion that the human body is nothing more than a collection of cells.

Mr. Edison has delved into the mysteries of electricity and come out with wonderful products. He knows what composes the odd little storage battery. He knows how to reproduce the human voice. All these things he is able to do by knowledge of material things. Now he reaches the conclusion that everything is material. It is a conclusion which many minds reach at some time in the course of their development, and above which, fortunately, most of them rise, because there is nothing inspiring about the belief that we are little collections of cells.

The statement of Mr. Edison was so entirely natural for a man engaged in his kind of work and one who devotes so many hours of every day to it, that there seemed little reason for the interview to attract a great deal of attention. It was the fact that Edison is a very learned man which drew attention to his remark. With reference to learning and recognition of the existence of spiritual life, Macaulay, in one of his essays, says: "As to the other great question—the question what becomes of man after death—we do not see that a highly educated European, left to his unassisted reason, is more likely to be in the right than a Blackfoot Indian. Not a single one of the many sciences in which we surpass the Blackfoot Indians throws the smallest light on the state of the soul after the animal life is extinct."

Mr. Edison's remark had been answered many, many times before Mr. Edison was born.—San Antonio Express.

## PUBLICITY AND PROGRESS.

The Atlanta Constitution in a few terse sentences exemplifies the truth that lies back of the recent assertions of Senator Lafayette Young of Iowa, himself an editor, to the effect that the press of the country exercises a greater final influence than congress. The same applies to all other fields of human activity, whether in legislative halls, on the public rostrum, or in the humbler walks of productive endeavor. Says the Atlanta contemporary:

"Publicity is the keynote of the progress of our day, provided it is conducted upon lines of candor and full opportunity for public expression. Arguing from that premise, it is likely that the editor who keeps his news columns responsive to the truth and to the drift of public sentiment, is a greater factor in molding public opinion than the editor of the old days, who thundered personal opinions in his editorial columns and garbled news reports in his news columns."

Personal journalism had its weight in molding public sentiment in the older days; then the public wanted to know what the paper had to say, and the paper, as a distinct entity, had to say it; but when the paper said it,

it was not the individual editor that was talking, but the voice of the paper itself, and it carried with it what ever influence its word commanded in the direction of human thought and human affairs; and, as a rule, modern journalism seeks to conform to the responsibilities which the civilization of the times has imposed upon it. The public, however, continues to look to the editorial page for guidance in all matters that pertain to the public welfare, and it is a fact that gives the press potency in the direction of public affairs.—Austin Statesman.

Can you beat it? We have four dozen fresh eggs for Christmas.

This weather will cause many to regret they did not heed the Herald's advice to shop early.

Oh, you belated shopper, if you had only taken good advice and done it early. But still, it must be done, and later is better than never.

Come on, Good Fellows, and fill up the charity windows. More happiness to the square inch is represented in those windows than anywhere else in town, because the need is greater.

Dr. Wiley pauses to ask: "Will man ultimately freeze or starve?" Answering for the East Texas man, doc, he will go right on eating pork sausage and baked potatoes, and spare ribs and ribbon cane syrup.

These mining disasters come with alarming frequency. Evidently there is something radically wrong in the operating of mines where coal dust is permitted to accumulate to an extent to cause terrific explosions, fires, etc.

The Mexican government is beginning to realize that it must cope with a real revolution. The cutting up of a federal troop train, and the retreat of the federals, is convincing enough that there is real trouble in tamale land.

We have one consolation at this blessed Christmas time; we do not have to worry over how best to dispose of ten million dollars, as did poor old John D. Our problem has been to know how to make our four six-bits go round.

Bear in mind, good people, that this town will close up Monday for a holiday, and that you must buy Saturday to run you over until Tuesday. With the rest of the busy folk, the Herald expects to take the holiday, to give our people time to inspect their many presents.

The same brother who interprets his bible to look with disfavor on the Santa Claus idea is also the one who reads in his bible that salvation is free and refuses to give any financial support to the church or its work. And his heart is about the size of one of the unmeasured microbes.

It is but natural that a man takes a retrospective view of life about Christmas time. Especially is this true if the man is getting along in years. Youth does not take heed of things that impress a man. Youth lives today. The man of years lives largely in the past. And when the time of festivity comes instead of laying all cares aside and taking part in the merriment, he becomes retrospective. He spends his time in taking stock of the past; in thoughts of what he has failed to do, largely. And with most men the review is anything but encouraging, reassuring. We enter a new year with resolution to do certain things, but somehow we fail in our effort. The year has not brought to us the blessings we had hoped for—the things we had strived for. We seem to be no further along than we were this time last year. And, too, one more year has been clipped from our allotted time. But what is the use. We can but do our best, and live in hope. All else should be left to Him who guides our destiny and our lives.

## Funeral of Mrs. Briggs.

Funeral services for the late Mrs. Alpha Briggs were conducted at the family home on Deslepine street yesterday afternoon at 4 o'clock, and a good company of relatives, neighbors and friends were present to pay their respects to the memory of this good woman. The services were conducted by Rev. R. L. Gillon of the Baptist church and Rev. L. D. Anderson of the Christian church. A quartette sang "Nearer My God to Thee" and "Shall We Meet Beyond the River."

The pall-bearers were Messrs. B. F. Rogers, Tim O'Connell, S. Eagle, Robert Carr, Tab Sadler and S. A. Taylor. Following the services at the home the remains were conveyed to the Old Cemetery, where interment took place.

Mrs. Briggs was a good christian woman and her memory will be held in loving memory for time to come by a host of friends.

# Christmas Observance

BY REV. J. C. OEHLER.

In celebrating the birthday of any mere man, we are accustomed to review his life and call attention to his virtues, his principles and his deeds, the character he bore and the great work of his life on behalf of his fellow-man. And from the point of view of patriotism, it is important that the memory of such benefactors of the race should be kept fresh and green.

So in the observance of the natal day of the Prince of Peace, we should be engaged in devout meditation upon His person and mission, upon what His nativity represents and His mission means to the human race. As the supreme gift of God to the world, Jesus of Nazareth is the highest exhibit of the love of Jehovah for the lost sinner. In the person of Jesus we have the inspiring example of the pure, unselfish life—for He was holy, harmless and undefiled and separate from sinners. Thus we are given the only flawless pattern of the ideal man.

In the glorious mission of the Son of Righteousness, we have the epitome of the scheme of redemption for the family of man. For there is none other name given under heaven among men whereby we must be saved. As He went about doing good we have the great inspiration for the daily life that should be led by every man, woman and child of the race. That life of absolute obedience to the will of God; of complete harmony with Him that sent Him; the wonderful faithfulness in the execution of the smallest details of the purpose of His life; the unexampled self-sacrifice that distinguished every word and action of His earthly career; and above all, the spirit of cheerful submission to the will of His Father in all of His sufferings and poverty, as instanced in the declaration at the well of Jacob: My meat is to do the will of Him that sent me and to accomplish His work. All of this must make an irresistible appeal to us as we contemplate the actual busy life of the world's matchless Teacher and only Liberator. Therefore the only reasonable effect of such a thoughtful consideration of the birth of man's Redeemer is to stimulate the desire to become more indissolubly bound to Him, and to pattern our characters and lives after the supreme model given us in our blessed Lord. It would be great, indeed, if all the world over the observance of the Christmas-tide should produce the profound effect upon the beneficiaries of Him who had His lowly birth in little Bethlehem, of imparting to them the glorious impulse and abiding purpose toward having their lives fashioned after that of their greatest benefactor. And then as the essence of life is giving, the great practical lesson of this happy season is that which is couched in His own inimitable phrase, "It is more blessed to give than to receive." Having yielded our hearts to the control of Him who loved us and gave Himself for us, the only logical course is to render to Him every form and degree of worship and service that is made possible to us by His providence and grace. Now since we serve Him best by loving ministris to His own, out of supreme love to Him, we awake to the highest conceivable honor in

being given the opportunity of doing something toward warming the heart of and bearing Christmas joy and sympathy to some one who may be in sore need of the benediction which no one so well as we can bring. The secret of a blessed Christmas for us all is to cordially lend ourselves to the heavenly task of making as many other people as we can reach and influence know that He and we love them and are intent upon bringing a blessing into their lives. Thus observed, the happiest of all our holiday seasons will be well worth while.

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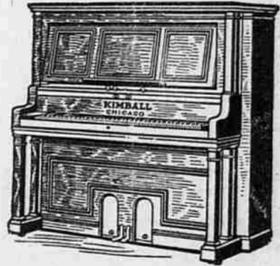
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## Problem Confronts Army Officers Now

(Herald Special.)  
San Antonio, Texas, Dec. 22.—A problem that is causing some worry is confronting army officers at Fort Sam Houston. Within the next six months at least six hundred enlisted men of the Twenty-second Infantry, now stationed here, will have served the term of their enlistment and will be discharged from the army. As a rule, these men enlist again, either in the same regiment and company or in other regiments. Very few of the men now receiving their discharges are re-enlisting in the Twenty-second Infantry, and the reason lies in the fact that in the foreign service the men get double time allowed on their service looking toward retirement. Most of the men now re-enlisting are going to Alaska and the Philippine Islands.

Fifteen years abroad is equal to thirty years' service in the United States. Another reason why the soldiers are flocking to the foreign service is that an increase of twenty per cent in their pay is allowed. They are given the same allowance for clothing as in the states, whereas the actual need for clothes is less. In the foreign service the annual maneuvers are dispensed with, and this is also a feature that pleases the soldier.

Closed Engagement.  
The Gertrude Ewing company closed its Palestine engagement last evening, playing to a small house.

FREE LITERATURE.  
A number of Palestine ladies are sending regularly to the Board of Trade a choice collection of reading matter, consisting of magazines, periodicals, etc. These are for gratuitous distribution to those who appreciate reading such publications as Munsey, Ladies' Home Journal, Harper's Bazaar, Literary Digest, and others.  
C. A. Sterne, Secretary.