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TELEPHONE 226.

Just six weeks more of the old year left. Are you ready to turn over a new leaf?

Have you paid your personal tax? After December 1st it will draw ten per cent interest if not paid.

It now appears that Uncle Joe Cannon favors a revision of the tariff. Who said Joe Cannon was a stand patter?

It now appears that the talk of an extra session of the legislature has died a natural death. It will be only about six weeks until the new legislature will convene. Let them pass such laws as they see the public needs require.

Anyone who has observed the immense amount of cider made by the local vinegar plant is impressed with the great saving it has made to the community. Thousands upon thousands of bushels of apples would have gone to waste but for it.

The "crown of thorns" appears to have pierced the noble brow of the demo-pop family in the weed patch, to such a depth that they have forgotten their loyalty to Mr. Bryan and do not display the banner: "For President in 1912, W. J. Bryan."

It has been suggested that the city install an electric light on the summit of our new stand pipe. We endorse the idea. It would be seen for miles around on dark nights and would be a beacon to many a traveler. Put it up by all means. Put it up.

With the light and water plant nearing completion, the most strenuous labors of our mayor and city council are nearing an end. They deserve the thanks of the city for the time and attention which they have given to the supervision of this work.

If the people of Falls City fail to read all the news, it will not be because there are not enough publications in town, for there are four weekly papers. It will either be because they fail to report it, or because the reporter failed to hear it. Send in the news.

It is now estimated that the crop of corn raised in Nebraska this year exceeds the crop of 1917. While in many counties the crop is lighter than last year's crop, in many others it is very much heavier. Nebraska ranks as fourth as a corn state this year. Stand up for Nebraska.

Statistics show that from the first of the year to Nov. 14, the number of immigrants who came to this country was 349,655, while the number of emigrants were 601,288. In other words we lost 261,633 more aliens than we gained. Last year we gained 850,637 more aliens than we lost. These figures are a silent comment on the effect of the panic in the east, which probably, in addition to the oncoming presidential election, and unsettled business conditions, since election the number of alien immigrants have exceeded the number of emigrants.

THE SCAVENGER TAX LAW
While the present Scavenger Tax Law has many commendable features; yet it can be improved. It has cleared up many tracts of land, especially town lots which have not paid their just share of the taxes for many

Bank for Women

Many of the ladies of Falls City and community do not know that the

Falls City State Bank

desires their Bank Account. Many of them do and are making use of our Vault and Burglar Proof Safe for their Savings.

Ladies, this bank solicits your business and will assist you to become money savers by loaning you free a beautiful little Savings Bank, just the thing for your purse or hand bag.

Call at the bank and we will tell you all about it. The safe is a handsome and useful little device and you will be delighted with it.

THE Falls City State Bank

years. Many lots were permitted to become delinquent and to remain delinquent for years. The one especial feature we now have in mind is the defect which permits a property owner to allow the taxes to remain delinquent from year to year, and then when sold bid it in at only a fraction of the amount of the tax due.

It should be so amended that when a property owner seeks to purchase his own property at a scavenger sale, he must pay the full amount of tax due. Otherwise many are encouraged to permit their taxes to become delinquent and then buy it in at the sale for 5 or 10c on the dollar.

All good citizens pay their just share of the public burden, or taxes.

J. C. Ayers, of Verdon, was in the city Wednesday.

A Special Pullman Car

Will be set in on the side track Monday night for the benefit of all parties who will make the trip to Randall county, Texas next Tuesday, Dec. 1 at 3:40 a. m. See Whitaker Bros, for the lowest round trip rate ever offered including free Pullman car service and berths.

Raw Lungs

When the lungs are sore and inflamed, the germs of pneumonia and consumption find lodgment and multiply. Foley's Honey and Tar kills the cold germs, cures the most obstinate hacking cough, heals the lungs, and prevents serious results. The genuine is in the yellow package. Kerr's pharmacy.

Magnetic Healing

Miss Lizzie Heitland, a graduate of the Weltmer School of Magnetic Healing at Nevada, Mo. I am prepared to treat diseases of all kinds. Phone 279. Located at Mrs. Burris' residence, south of the convent. 44-5t

A BAPTIST ELDER

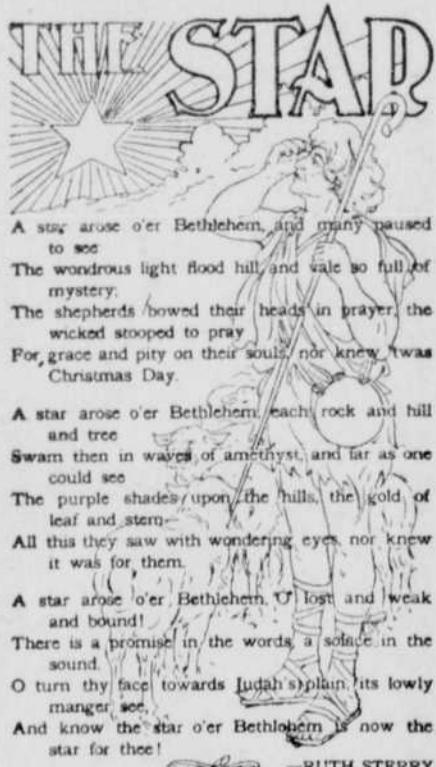
Restored to Health by Vinol

"I was run down and weak from indigestion and general debility, also suffered from vertigo. I saw a cod liver preparation called Vinol advertised and decided to give it a trial, and the results were most gratifying. After taking two bottles I regained my strength and am now feeling unusually well." Henry Cunningham, Elder Baptist Church, Kingston, N. C.

Vinol is not a patent medicine—but a preparation composed of the medicinal elements of cods' livers, combined with a tonic iron and wine. Vinol creates a hearty appetite, tones up the organs of digestion and makes rich, red blood. In this natural manner, Vinol creates strength for the run-down, overworked and debilitated, and for delicate children and old people. For chronic coughs, colds and bronchitis Vinol is unexcelled.

All such persons in this vicinity are asked to try Vinol on our offer to refund their money if it fails to give satisfaction.

A. G. WANNER, Falls City, Neb.



A star arose o'er Bethlehem, and many paused to see
The wondrous light flood hill and vale so full of mystery
The shepherds bowed their heads in prayer, the wicked stooped to pray
For, grace and pity on their souls, nor knew 'twas Christmas Day.

A star arose o'er Bethlehem, each rock and hill and tree
Swam then in waves of amnesty, and far as one could see
The purple shades upon the hills, the gold of leaf and stem
All that they saw with wondering eyes, nor knew it was for them.

A star arose o'er Bethlehem, 'till lost and break and bound!
There is a promise in the words, a solace in the sound.
O turn thy face towards Judah, explain its lowly manger, see
And know the star o'er Bethlehem is now the star for thee!

—RUTH SKERRY

HIS CHRISTMAS SCHEME.

Deep-Laid Plot That Resulted in a Fine Dinner.

"Mrs. Skinem," he timidly began as the landlady of the boarding house came to her door in answer to his knock, "I—I called to see you just a moment regarding the Christmas dinner."

"Well," she asked with a scowl that made him wish he was a thousand miles away.

"You see," he went on, "we were talking it over just now, and we decided that it would be best not to have turkey or plum pudding or ice cream on Christmas, as—"

"Stop right where you are, sir—stop right where you are!" cut in the landlady, angrily. "Who do you think is running this boarding house, anyway?"

"Why, you, of course, ma'am."

"Who provides the meals here at great trouble and expense?"

"You do, my dear Mrs. Skinem."

"Who sees that the people of this house always get what's best for them to eat?"

"You—you do, Mrs. Skinem."

"Am I a woman, do you think, who is capable of running a first-class boarding house as one should be run?" she demanded to know as she looked him up and down in a way that made his hair curl with fear.

"You—you certainly are," he promptly replied.

"Well, then," she said, "you may go down and tell the other boarders that, just as long as I am at the head of this place and pay the rent and buy the provisions I propose to do as I see fit, and I will take no orders, sir, regarding the meals."

And instead of the beef stew and bread pudding that Mrs. Skinem had planned for the Christmas dinner she provided a 20-pound turkey and a mammoth plum pudding and a gallon of ice cream, and she went around all day with a chip on her shoulder, just wishing that some one would make a complaint about it.

But there were no complaints. There were only chuckles and smiles and whispers over the little game that had been played so neatly on Mrs. Skinem, and sometimes a shiver as some of the more timid thought of what would happen if the husky landlady ever learned of it.

LEGEND OF SANTA CLAUS.

Stockings Hung on Door of Mother Abbess in French Convents.

There grew up a custom in Christian countries of giving presents in secret on the Vigil of St. Nicholas.

In Italy it was called the Zopasta, which means in Spanish a shoe, because the gifts were put into shoes to surprise people when they should put them on in the morning.

In many French convents the boarders used to place each her silk stockings at the door of the room of the Mother Abbess, recommending themselves at the same time to St. Nicholas. And in Germany a boy dressed as a bishop would go round in vestments and mitre and fill the stockings hung up.

This solemnity of the boy bishop came to be kept here with much care and ceremony on the feast of St. Nicholas to commemorate his youth and his patronage of children. In Salisbury cathedral there is, or was, a monument to one of these boy bishops who died during his term of office. The same custom was observed in Spain, and in Switzerland until the end of the eighteenth century. At one place in England, the convent of Godstowe, in Oxfordshire, public prayers were said by a little girl dressed as an abbess.

The custom, stopped here first by Henry VIII. and afterward by Queen Elizabeth, was in a different form carried on by the Dutch in America and became in the end the secularized ceremony we still use here of Santa Claus, a person dressed in Dutch or German winter clothes of the sixteenth century.

Suspicion, Not Surprise.
Mrs. Gramery—She must have been surprised when her husband gave such an expensive present for Christmas.
Mrs. Park—Not surprised, my dear, but suspicious.

THE LOCAL LORE

Crowded off the regular Local Page.

Parties wanting tankage call on Heck & Harlow.

Bert Whitaker was numbered among the sick this week.

Miss Nell Weaver of Verdon was shopping in this city Wednesday.

Anna Mason, one of our rural school teachers was home for Thanksgiving.

Charles Hargrave and family ate turkey with relatives in Wymore, Thanksgiving.

Mrs. John Putnam and little son have returned from an eight weeks visit in Louisville, Ky.

FOR RENT—Nice furnished rooms. Apply to Mrs. Hattie Branum, first door south of Harlan street school school. It

Gus Ruegge, who has been in Hastings for several months, came home Tuesday evening to fill up on turkey with home folks.

Heck & Harlow have just received a car of oil meal also rock salt. Parties wanting same in 500 or 1000 lb. lots please call on them.

Mrs. Anna Beachley of Beatrice and her son Eugene, of Kansas City, are in the city guests at the home of the former's sister, Mrs. Norman Musselman.

Abe Moore of Ainsworth, Neb., made it possible for The Tribune to eat turkey by sending us a good sized check to be applied on his subscription.

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas, of Lincoln, came down Wednesday evening to spend a few days with relatives. Mrs. Thomas is known to our people as Miss Daisy Gantt.

Miss Maud Jones of Superior, Neb., but who is employed as a teacher in the Burchard schools is spending her Thanksgiving vacation in this city with John Hutchings and sisters.

Rev. R. Cooper Bailey left Monday for Nemaha county, where he will spend a couple of weeks in evangelistic work. He was accompanied by Miss Cornford, who will lead the chorus.

We received word this week that Mrs. Tom McLane of Kansas City, who has been quite ill for some time is now a little better, which will be welcome news to her many friends in this city. It is sincerely hoped she will soon be herself again.

The Tribune has received a postal from S. M. Philpot and wife from Long Beach, Cal., where they are nicely located for the winter. Their many friends here will be pleased to learn that they are enjoying the best of health and having a fine time.

Miss Dorothea White, a State University student came down Wednesday evening for a short visit with home folks. She was accompanied by little Mary Harman and Miss Florence Allum, the latter stopping here for a day on her way to her home in Hiawatha.

Dr. J. A. Beattie will speak Sunday morning and evening at the Christian church. The theme in the morning "The Co-operation of God and Man" and in the evening "The Eighteen Things in the New Testament by which we are said to be saved." All are invited. All are glad to see the increase in attendance, and growth in the Sunday school and the encouraging results from the life and activity of the Y. P. S. C. E.

D. M. Fansen of Chicago, who purchased the drainage bonds has had his attorneys, Oakley & Co., pass on the legal points and they pronounced them most carefully executed. As is always the case there were a few slight errors crept in which have now been adjusted and ere many days the drainage company will have resources to push their work as rapidly as possible. They are now unloading machinery and material at Salem and intend to work both ways from that point.

Our people were greeted on Wednesday morning by the class flag of the seniors floating from the flag staff of the court house, planted there by members of the class after much difficulty. But on Thursday morning every member of the junior class were "thankful" as their colors were the only ones floating. They placed their flag on the staff at the Richardson County bank.

Chas. Stanton of Omaha is in the city on a combined business and pleasure trip, a guest at the home of Geo. Abbott and wife. He is here for the purpose of testing our new light plant, and reports that so far everything seems perfectly satisfactory.

The ladies of the Episcopal church will conduct their food exchange at the Electric theater Saturday afternoon. Remember the change in place and supply your Sunday wants in home cooking.

B. F. Wiser orders the address of his Tribune changed from Sabetha, Kas., to Phoenix, Ariz., where he goes to spend the winter.

Mr. and Mrs. Ephraim Withee of Stella are rejoicing over the arrival of a baby boy at their home Wednesday.

Dennis McCarthy and Sheriff Fenton were among the K. P.'s in Omaha this week.

Mrs. John Hossack went to Stella yesterday to visit her daughter, Mrs. Ephraim Withee.

Henry Zorn is one of the faithful who remembered The Tribune during the week.

F. A. Hummel of Humboldt sent us cash on subscription this week.

R. E. Grinstead was down from Salem Wednesday.

Hal Sowles and wife of St. Joe were in the city yesterday.

Elizabeth Culp of St. Joe is in the city the guest of her sister, Mrs. G. L. Windle.

Special for Saturday—Chocolate nut fudge, 10 cents per lb. at the Candy Kitchen.

Mrs. Richard Bochstein returned the first of the week to her home at Falls City, having been the guest a short time of her friends Jos. Lepick and wife—Pumboldt Standard.

Word has been received in this city that Mrs. Earnest Vincent is not improving as rapidly as was hoped for, and is now in a hospital at Denver. This will be sad news to her friends here.



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A HOWARD watch—the only American watch that is always made, finished, and adjusted as a fine watch—can be had from \$35.00 to \$150.00.

Every HOWARD is adjusted in its case, and price-ticketed at the factory—and the price is never cut.

We are distributors for this distinctive watch.

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North Window of Kerr's Pharmacy



SUPPOSE you were cast up on an uninhabited tropical shore with nothing but a penknife and a magnifying glass? How would you go about getting a living? How would you manage to defend yourself from the wild beasts and the wilder elements? These are problems that Tom Blake and the beautiful Miss Leslie and Winthrop had to solve. How they did solve them is told in

INTO THE PRIMITIVE

BY ROBERT AMES BENNET ILLUSTRATIONS BY RAY WALTERS

The beginning was at Capetown, when Blake and Winthrop boarded the steamer as fellow-passengers with Lady Bayrose and her party—which included the beautiful Miss Leslie. Three days later the ship went to pieces in a cyclone on a wild and isolated coast, and these three—the American engineer, the Englishman, and the heiress—were the only survivors. And when highly cultivated civilization was brought face to face with the primitive, what law could prevail but the survival of the fittest? It is a story full of vigorous strength and unusual charm.

It will be printed serially in these columns. The opening chapters to appear in the near future. You will not want to miss it.