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## Coahoma News

Local and Personal News Items Gathered by our Special Correspondent.

Question of the moment: Did we get that road?

J. M. Pyle was transacting business in Coahoma Saturday.

J. T. Johnson is attending court in Colorado this week.

Quite a number from this place attended the singing convention at Center Point Sunday. Big dinner, big crowd and a big time.

Shandra Johnson returned the first of the week from points in north Texas and Oklahoma. He reports crops suffering for rain badly in that section when he left for home.

More open roads are badly needed in Howard county, but how to get them is another question. Other counties seem to have to have no trouble in opening up public highways, why can't we?

It is being rumored that a two-story brick business house will be built in Coahoma some time summer. None of the particulars however, have been made public, but we hope to be able to give a more definite report soon.

G. T. Watson was here Monday from his farm eight miles north. He reports an insect called the "cotton flea" to be at work on crops in his neighborhood. To what extent this new pest will damage the cotton crop of this section remains to be seen. It is said to be very destructive back east.

Mr. and Mrs. A. C. Sullivan of Coahoma were here Monday. Mr. Sullivan is one of the substantial citizens of Howard county. He owns one of the best stock farms in this end of the county and has it well stocked with good cattle and mules. He is having his rye and barley harvested this week. He also has one hundred acres in cotton and quite a lot of feed stuff, all of which he reports doing nicely. Mr. Sullivan is a native of Kansas and came to this county four years ago; says he is well pleased with his present location, but would sell.

It is estimated that there are now on the face of the earth 1,500,000,000 persons of whom 500,000,000 are completely clothed, while 750,000,000 are only partly clothed and 250,000,000 practically do not possess any clothing. It is further estimated that to clothe the whole of humanity would require 42,000,000 bales of cotton each year, instead of about 17,000,000 the last year's production of the world. If these figures be even approximately correct, it is plain to be seen that so long as civilization continues to advance the demand for our great staple will steadily increase. The world's naked millions gives the lie to the cry of over production by the greedy speculators.

## House Burned

A rent house on the farm of C. C. Spencer, three miles northwest of town was burned about seven o'clock Tuesday evening. The house was occupied by G. N. Letlow and family who lost all their household goods besides a quantity of winter millinery stock which was stored in the house. Their loss was about \$1,000 and was not insured. The fire was caused by their little boy playing with matches.

## Cake Baking Contest

Tuesday was a great day for the ladies of Big Springs, and especially those who took part in the Cottlene Company cake baking contest. The contest was held at Pool Brothers store for the benefit of the Cemetery Association and the members of the Association had a very busy day. The contest was arranged by a representative of the Fairbanks Company.

There were 145 entries which was by far the largest number at any contest the Cottlene people have given in Texas. The ladies of Big Springs can be counted upon to do the right thing every time they are called upon. Mesdames J. I. McDowell, J. B. Little, F. L. Stokes and J. R. Cope land, and Messrs J. T. Brooks and R. L. Price were the judges. At 8:30 the prizes were announced after which the cakes were auctioned off. James E. Morris announced the prizes and acted as auctioneer.

The first prize went to Mrs. B. C. Rix; second prize was secured by Mrs. S. C. Lamar; Miss Olive Jones was given the third prize and Mrs. William Menger secured the fourth prize. For the largest number of cakes entered by one lady, Mrs. R. L. McCamant was awarded the Prize, chafing dish given by B. Reagan.

For entering second largest number of cakes, Miss Mattie Helfley, Rochester percolator by Stokes-Hughes Co.

Prettiest decorated cake, Mrs. Lowe, loving cup from R. L. McCamant.

For best cake baked by girl under twenty years of age, Miss Carmen Barclay, one dozen photographs by M. D. Willis.

For best chocolate cake, Miss Maude Smith, hammock from Rix Furniture Co.

For cake of most unique design, Mrs. J. O. Tamsett, hand painted cake plate, given by I. H. Park.

For youngest girl baking cake, Pauline Menger 4 years and 8 months, \$2.50 account by First National Bank.

Oldest lady baking cake, Mrs. S. R. Butts, age 84 years, rocking chair given by J. D. McDonald.

Best chocolate cake, Mrs. R. L. McCamant, parasol given by W. P. Bonner.

For largest cake, Mrs. L. Coffee, jardiner given by Biles & Gentry.

For third largest number of cakes, Mrs. L. V. Thompson, hand painted pitcher given by Western Windmill Co.

For best loaf of bread, Mrs. H. Peters, under skirt given by Berry & Deavenport.

Second best loaf of bread, Mrs. H. Helfley, hat pin form Model Millinery.

Second youngest girl entering contest, Wiggie Abney aged 6 years, two pound box of chocolate candy from S. A. Hathcock.

Boy baking best cake, Harry Wheelon 12 years old, one month's admission to Lyric Theatre.

Man making best cake, C. E. Mercer, Ide Shirt from A. P. McDonald & Co.

Man baking second best cake, L. V. Thompson, pressing account given by Richardson and Brown.

Man baking prettiest cake, J. F. Bellamy, one months shaving at Union Barber Shop.

Most of the cakes were auctioned off and the generous bidding by the men caused the Cemetery Association to add \$60 to funds.

L. L. Stephenson spent several days in Sweetwater this week.

## Graduating Exercises

The graduating exercises of the Big Springs High School were held at the Baptist Church Monday night. There were twelve in the class and some very interesting addresses and essays, each one showing thoroughness in their work. At the conclusion of the exercises, Prof. S. E. Thompson came forward and in a few well chosen and appropriate words presented each of the graduates with a diploma.

Blake Vanleer and Miss Emma Helfrich were awarded scholarships in the State University, Southwestern University, Texas Christian University, and Polytechnic College.

The commencement sermon, which was preached at the Baptist church Sunday morning, by Rev. Fort, pastor of the Methodist church at Abilene, was a strong, logical discourse and a large audience was there to hear it.

## Pastor Called

At a meeting of the officers of the Christian church held last night, it was decided by a unanimous vote to call Rev. E. S. Bledsoe as pastor another year. He will soon close the third year of his pastorate here and he has done splendid work during the time he has been here and much good to the church and town has been accomplished through his labors. In his work among the people of Big Springs Bro. Bledsoe has been ably assisted by his excellent wife, who is a tireless, faithful worker in the cause of the Master.

## Heavy Rains West

Heavy rains west of Toyah the early part of this week caused washouts on the T. & P. railroad and delayed traffic several days. Several miles of track between San Martine, and Gomez were under water. The water from the San Martine reached Toyah and there was from 4 to 6 inches of water on some of the streets.

## Fine Oats

W. E. Ragadale, who lives eight miles west of town, left a sample of his oat crop at the office of R. B. Canon and Company this week that would be pronounced good oats anywhere.

Our hustling correspondent at Coahoma sent in the names of 3 new subscribers along with his newsy letter this week. They are Dr. F. H. Godwin, J. T. Trice, and A. C. Sullivan.

Miss Benjamin, of Barstow, Texas was the guest of Rev. and Mrs. D. A. Sanford on Tuesday of this week. She had been in attendance at the Episcopal convocation at Abilene last week. While she was here a special ladies missionary meeting was at the Episcopal rectory.

L. S. McDowell and wife left last night for Upper Alton, Illinois, to attend the graduating exercises of the Western Military Academy at that place. Their son Lorain S. McDowell, who is a student there, is a member of the graduating class.

C. D. Ambrose, who has been at Sweetwater several months, returned yesterday and will make his home here. He says Sweetwater last but in its suit to retain the Orient shops and that the shops will to San Angel. Mr. Ambrose visited several towns during his absence but says none of them equal Big Spring.

## Loraine Won

In a fast, snappy ball game at the ball park Saturday afternoon Loraine and Big Springs crossed bats and Loraine won by the score of 2 to 1.

Loraine scored first in the 4th on a hit batter, base on balls and a hit to left field. Big Springs scored their lone tally in the 6th when Hurt hit one by first that was too hot for the first baseman to handle, Williamson ran for Hurt and promptly stole second and scored when Read hit to left for three bases.

Loraine scored the winning run in the ninth with two men down and a runner on third Deats dropped a short fly to center.

The game was very interesting from start to finish. The feature was the work of the Big Springs battery and the daring baserunning of Williamson.

## Hog and Hominy Day

For the purpose of encouraging both the Hog and Corn Club boys in Collin County, the McKinney Commercial Club has decided to hold monthly meetings for the county, the day to be known as "Hog and Hominy Day." It is estimated that over 500 youthful farmers of Collin County will attend the first meeting. Greased pig races, sack races and other forms of amusement will be provided and in addition a brass band in full uniform will play popular airs on the Court-house lawn and a gala time is expected.

The Boy's Corn Club and Hog movement throughout the state is becoming more prominent every day and the Commercial Clubs are endeavoring to encourage these lines of industry by offering prizes, giving entertainment etc. for the boys of rural districts.

"Land is the most desirable possession, and he is a wise man who procures a tract as his own before it gets beyond his financial reach."

Sidney Davis, one of our progressive farmers living east of town, was here this morning and carried out with him a pair of fine Berkshire pigs which were shipped to him from Missouri.

Mrs. McDowell of Big Spring spent Friday and Saturday the guest of Mrs. J. L. Shepherd. Mrs. McDowell is the new president of the First district T. F. W. C.—Colorado Record.

R. D. Matthews returned Monday from a visit to Alabama and Tennessee and was accompanied home by his daughter, Miss Francis, who has been attending school at Nashville, Tennessee.

Decoration Day was observed here Tuesday by the closing of the banks and the post-office part of the day and over the latter the Stars and Stripes floated. Those who felt inclined visited the cemetery and decorated the grave of loved ones.

J. W. McCutchan and John Leatherwood returned Monday from Arizona where they had been after some horses. They brought in 3 car loads, and Mr. McCutchan left Tuesday afternoon with a car of them for east Texas.

The Thirteenth International Sunday School convention will be held in San Francisco, California, June 20 to 27. The Texas delegation will travel on a special train, leaving Fort Worth Tuesday morning, June 13th, at 9:30 over the Denver road. It will be a great trip and a grand gathering of Sunday school workers.

## Singing Convention

The Howard County Singing Convention was held at Center Point Saturday and Sunday and the attendance on both days was good. On Sunday the audience was estimated at over 1,000 and the music was said to have been the best that has ever been produced at any meeting of the convention which is saying a good deal. Dinner was served on the ground Sunday and such a dinner. It is said that some of those from town that partook of it have not quit licking their chops yet in remembrance of the good things they disposed of on this occasion.

## Good Roads Campaign

The Commercial Secretaries and Business Men's Association is now taking a census of the public highway improvement in the state during 1911 to date and the result will be announced the latter part of the week.

The information will cover every phase of public road improvement including highways, bridges, viaducts, and streets and the data is gathered from Commercial Secretaries, County Judges and Mayors of cities.

The Association began a campaign over a year ago for a \$25,000,000 road bond issue in 1911, and the organization is taking an inventory in order to determine the progress made in road building to date.

## Branon-McDonald

Thursday night at the home of Walter McDonald occurred the marriage of Mr. G. W. Branon and Miss Flora McDonald, Justice of the peace J. W. Ingham officiating. The groom is an operator in the dispatch office here and is a young man that stands well with his associates. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. I. D. McDonald and is a most excellent and worthy young lady and we consider the groom very fortunate in winning her a life partner. Mr. and Mrs. Branon leave tonight for ten days trip to Southeast Texas, after which they will be at home in Big Spring.

## A Cash Offer

The Enterprise has made a special clubbing rate with The Memphis Weekly Commercial Appeal by which we will furnish both papers for one year for the Enterprise regular subscription price, \$1.50. The Commercial Appeal is one of the largest and best papers in the South, and we hope to receive many new subscriptions on this offer; \$1.50.

The farmer who gets all sorts of improved improvements for his own use and forgets to provide labor saving devices for his wife is very short sighted, to say the least. A man works from sun to sun, but a woman's work is never done. So while buying all sorts of new fangled things for out door work, just remember the "old woman" with a fireless cooker.

The Enterprise's subscription list is growing nicely, in spite of the dull times, also the fact that this is the season of the year when most publishers of weekly newspapers do not expect any increase in circulation. The numerous evidences of confidence and appreciation extended The Enterprise are very gratifying, and we shall strive to merit all the patronage given us.

## Texas Industrial Notes

Ground is being broken for the erection of a plant of the Waco Sash and Door Company at Waco which will cover 7 square blocks.

Texas City is to have a \$50,000 hotel. Work was begun on the structure last week.

Nacogdoches County has voted a bond issue of \$90,000 for the purpose of erecting a new court house.

The Cotton Belt Railway has broken ground for the construction of a new passenger depot at Comanche.

Work has commenced on the stack for the mammoth 1,200 ton per day Sugar Mill at San Benito. The stack will be 140 feet high and 20 feet square at the base, and is built of re-inforced steel and brick.

An election was held at Tahoka for the purpose of voting a special tax to erect a new school building which carried by a large majority. The building will be steam heated and modern in every respect and will cost \$15,000.

Temple is to have a 100 room hotel. The building will be completed and ready for operation by June 20th.

Bell County is preparing to issue bonds to the amount of \$300,000 for the purpose of building good roads.

The Paris & Mt. Pleasant Railroad, whose terminus is now at Bogota, will be constructed on to Mt. Pleasant within a short time.

Seymour will soon launch a campaign for a \$100,000 bond issue for the purpose of improving the roads in Baylor County.

Longview will have a \$50,000 hotel. A local stock company has been formed for the purpose of erecting the hotel, with J. J. Hudson at its head.

The City of Longview recently gave eighty acres of land to be used for terminal shops, etc., right of way, 10 miles to County line and subscribed \$7,500 in cash for an additional railroad. This will be the sixth railroad running into Longview.

## When The Invitation Comes

June, the time of year when weddings prevail is at hand. You are apt to be favored with one or more invitations and the choice of a proper gift must be made. Don't worry one minute about this; you will find a score of things here that will just suit and you can also be suited on the price. What could possibly be better for the bride than such useful, beautiful and enduring articles as:

Sterling and Plated Silverware, Clocks, Jewelry, Cut Glass, Hand Painted China. They possess every element of a perfect gift and will be kept and prized a lifetime. J. L. Ward Jewelry & Drug Company. The Price is the Thing.

A. G. Whittington, the new superintendent of the Rio Grande division, accompanied by J. W. Everman of Dallas and J. A. Hillis, assistant superintendent from Baird to Fort Worth, spent last night here, and Messrs. Whittington and Everman went west this morning on a tour of inspection.

Some boys do not earn \$20 a year, yet they can afford to smoke cigarettes and use tobacco in other forms.



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### Local and Personal

Dr. G. T. Hall was in Dallas Wednesday.

Crude oil shampoo for dandruff at the Hotel Cole barber shop.

Carbon kills the dogs—at Reagan's.

Our soda is as cold as the north pole, 5c. Ward.

Miss Zula Ramsey of Stanton visited friends here this week.

Patronize the Sanitary soda fountain—Reagan's

30 per cent reduction in Wall Paper—at Reagan's

Reagan sells paints, varnishes stains and enanels—the kind that pleases.

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—Prof. Johnson, Yale University.

Read the label.  
Buy no baking powder unless the label shows it to be made from Cream of Tartar.

Toilet articles at Ward's.

Sea salt 25c for the bath. Ward. E. M. Mobley attended court at Colorado Wednesday.

Nyal's corn remover takes them off, 25c at Ward's.

C. W. Cunningham, druggist at Garden City, was here Wednesday

Go to Thomas Brothers shop for your barber work. They are first-class workmen.

Mrs. Henry Bagley of Altus, Oklahoma, came in Wednesday night on a visit to relatives.

For a shave, hair cut, shampoo or bath go to the Hotel Cole barber shop.

Regular services at the Presbyterian Church Sunda morning and evening at the usual hours.

The Sanitary fountain is the popular place for drinks—Reagan's.

Jex Gilbert, who has been attending school at Ft. Worth is at home for vacation.

Phone 325 for clearing, pressing, repairing and alteration. J. O. Gibson.

A. D. Hodge, representing the West-Cullum Paper Co., of Dallas, was here Tuesday.

Mrs. F. M. Poffenbach and children returned Monday night from a visit to Mrs. J. S. Means at Andrews.

Do not envy others their good complexion but go to the Hotel Cole barber shop and get a face Massage.

Mrs. S. D. Bainbridge and two youngest children returned Monday night from a visit to Georgetown.

If you want to spend a pleasant evening and keep cool. Visit the Air Dome.

### Damaged Mirrors

Re-silvered and pictures framed at McDonald's furniture store east of court house. Bring us your work now.

### Notice

All who buy scholarships a beginning of Normal will get the Normal course free.

You will make no mistake by securing your scholarship now. Big Springs Business Academy.

Thomas Brothers union barber shop will appreciate your patronage and guarantee good work.

Mrs. J. D. Birdwell and daughters, Maydell and Johnnie, left Saturday night for Dallas on a visit.

If we please your physician why not you—bring your prescriptions to Reagan's.

E. O. Prichard and family have gone to Asherton on a visit to his parents, Judge A. J. Prichard and wife.

Thomas Brothers shop is the place to go for first-class tonorial work. Try them if you are not already a customer.

Less Whitaker and wife left Tuesday evening for their home at Amorilla after a visit with relatives here.

Toilet water. Ward.

Cliff Hurt, who has been attending school at Columbia, Tennessee, came home Saturday to spend vacation.

It is worse than useless to take any medicines internally for muscular or chronic rheumatism. All that is needed is a free application of Chamberlain's Liniment. For sale by all dealers.

Prof. C. E. Thomas, principal of the Lampasas High School, came in Saturday night on a visit to his brother, Roy Leslie.

Best perfume. Ward.

The uniform success that has attended the use of Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy has made it a favorite everywhere. It can always be depended upon. For sale by all dealers.

LOST—Small tan pocket book with advertisement of an Altus, Oklahoma, bank on flap. It contained \$60. Finder please return to Mrs. Henry Bagley at Mrs. R. B. Zinn's and get reward.

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Matters of Especial Moment to the Progressive Agriculturist

Religion is our attempt to discover the meaning of life. We never think of the value of the gift if we love the giver. A soft snap is frequently more of a glue pot than an elevator. A good feeder is known by the condition of the stock he keeps. Wastes are the parents of want, therefore save the roughage. It begins to look as though the "square deal" is getting rounded off at the corners. Plain living and high thinking is all right if the plain and high are not too far apart. Faith plans for a busy day tomorrow; work gets up and does the chores before breakfast. Queer but true, what you consider your neighbor's weakness he thinks is his strongest point. Faith is the farmer's sheet anchor, without which he would not now be fall-plowing for the next year's crop. Modesty is a virtue, but too much of it may be a vice. It is not right for one to conceal his light under a bushel. Clean money never harms the innocent nor takes advantage of the feeble and frailties of the weak and unfortunate. The well-bred farmer is not content with poorly bred stock, but circumstances may force him to tolerate it for a time. A fool is unable to see his own faults. A wise man, seeing his own faults, is able to keep other people from noticing them.

**HINDI COTTON A BIG BURDEN**

Undesirable Type of Staple, With Short, Weak Fiber, That Injures High-Grade Egyptian.

The requirements of the cotton-goods industry necessitates the importation of approximately 60,000,000 pounds of Egyptian cotton, costing \$16,000,000, is probably unknown to the majority of readers, who read of the enormous crops of cotton produced in our southern states and learn that during the last seven months all records have been broken and practically \$500,000,000 worth of that staple has been exported. But it was the considerable value of this import that induced the United States department of agriculture several years ago to endeavor to develop Egyptian cotton culture in the United States in order to supply our own market with a home-grown product. Although experiments were made at different points from South Carolina to Texas, as well as in western Texas, New Mexico, Arizona and southern California, it was only in the Colorado river region that climatic and other conditions similar to those in the Nile valley and suited to the long staple Egyptian cotton were found. There 600,000 acres of excellent land are, or soon will be, under ditch in the Imperial, Yuma, Salt and Gila valleys, and one-fifth this acreage could produce the amount of Egyptian cotton annually imported for the use of New England mills. For several years studies and experiments with the various Egyptian varieties have been undertaken in southern Arizona, southeastern California and Egypt and several bulletins have been issued giving detailed reports of the progress made and success achieved. Just now the department has issued another pamphlet (Bulletin 210, Bureau of Plant Industry), reporting the results of a visit to the cotton-growing districts of Egypt in June and July, 1910, of the *Wonomist* of the department, in which it is shown that the mixture of Hindi cotton is proving to be a serious burden upon the Egyptian cotton industry. Hindi is the same applied in Egypt to an undesirable type of cotton with a short, weak fiber, that injures the high grade Egyptian varieties by infesting them with hybrids. The introduction of the Egyptian cotton into the United States brings also the problem of the Hindi cotton, and the practicability of establishing a commercial culture of the Egyptian cotton in the United States depends largely upon the elimination of Hindi contamination and other forms of diversity, so that the fiber may be produced in a satisfactory condition of uniformity. Breeding experiments have shown that it is possible to secure a much higher degree of uniformity in Arizona than now exists in most of the cotton fields of Egypt. If reasonable care be used in maintaining the uniformity of these types, it does not seem that the American-grown Egyptian cotton is likely to suffer any commercial disadvantage on the ground of lack of uniformity, even though the Egyptian habit of hand-sorting is not followed. The exclusion of the Hindi cotton by an efficient system of selection will enable white varieties to be grown producing longer and stronger fiber than the brown varieties are likely to afford, and will further the development and preservation of uniform strains of Egyptian cotton in the United States.

**PRES. BARRETT SPEAKS PLAIN**

Issues Warning to Farmers and Bankers Against Entering Wedge of Foreign Ownership.

To the Officers and Members of the Farmers' Union:  
From the first moment that I was entrusted with the presidency of this great organization, it has always been by effort to avoid the note of the alarmist or the sensationalist. But the time is come to speak plainly regarding a matter that is of the first importance not only to the farmers of the south, but as well to the business and the people of the south generally. It has not escaped the attention of the more thoughtful that an English syndicate recently acquired a large acreage of fine cotton lands in one of the central southern states. The central purpose is to produce cotton on these lands for English spinners, thus avoiding dependence upon the southern cotton farmer. If this were just one instance, it need not occasion concern. But it has come to my attention that similar negotiations are on foot in other portions of the cotton belt. What is more significant, I am also informed that foreign spinners generally are contemplating the advisability of buying large tracts in the southern states, and produce their own staple. Of course, in each one of these cases the most scientific methods will be employed, as much cotton will be raised to the acre as the specialist can extort, rotation and fertilization will be used to retain the richness of the soil, and the latest improved farm machinery will be on the program. We cannot censure foreign spinners for projecting this movement. It is simply a business proposition with them. It should also be a business proposition with the south to take cognizance of a movement that may throw the balance of power in our so-called "monopoly" of cotton into the hands of foreigners. And such is the inevitable conclusion of the policy under debate by English and continental spinners. The meaning of such a development is plain. Hundreds upon thousands of southern farmers would be compelled to compete upon the open market with a product raised by the buyers upon our own soil and by the most improved methods. The demand for native-grown cotton would dwindle as these foreign-owned mills came into the fall productiveness. Prices might, probably would, be controlled by mill interests as absolutely as they used to be controlled by cotton exchange operators before the days of the Farmers' union. The penalty would not be confined to the farmer. It would be visited in a greater or less degree upon every business in the southern states, since southern business and cotton are, as yet, inseparable financial factors. The stream of gold now coming into the south each year from Europe would be lessened. Cotton, which is now one of the country's greatest reliances for preserving the international balance, on the right side, would lose much of its vitality in that direction. Conditions under a general invasion of foreign land-buyers would be disastrous. The absentee landlordism that is making life such a struggle in England, and more of a struggle in Ireland, might be reproduced on a proportionate scale in this country. The one way is for southern farmers to acquire their own acres and, what is of equal importance, to use upon them the most scientific of cultural methods. It is a case of fighting the devil with fire. We may as well face the truth now as later. And the truth is that cotton-growing in the south will not reach a genuine business basis until every farmer makes every acre return its maximum, until he reduces the cost of production to a minimum and raises his own food products. You may ask how this is to be done when hundreds of thousands of farmers do not own their own farms, or are under obligations to landlords. We can, first, help ourselves. We can do that by sacrificing, pinching and scraping, until all of us get out of debt and accumulate enough to make first payments upon farms. We can, next, reinforce this policy by utilizing scientific methods, and all the help we can get from the Farmers' union lecturers and government agents and state and federal agricultural departments and experimental stations. Hand in hand with this should go scientific marketing and distribution under co-operative auspices. In this battle with a problem that is going to grow in a geometrical ratio, the aid of the southern business man is needed. Providence has given us what amounts to a world monopoly, or cogwheel of cotton production. To hold the control we must meet world-wide conditions in the proper way. It is equally to the interest of the richest and the poorest man in the south to see that the farmer owns his acres and that he uses upon them the most modern and intensive methods. We shall take this issue up at the next national convention, in the meantime every class of business men in the south should be analyzing the situation and its grave meaning.

CHAS. S. BARRETT,  
Union City, Ga.

**Two Shop-Lifters**

BY CARL JENKINS

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Star and Company of the big department store, had a bright detective in each department, but they suffered the loss of thousands of dollars annually through shop-lifters. That is the bane of all department stores. Where one shop-lifter is caught ten escape. It was when Mr. Jewett was made manager that orders went forth for a crusade. The detective force was doubled, and it was published in the papers that no mercy would be shown delinquents. Miss Bessie Merriweather, the daughter of a wealthy manufacturer, was not only a shopper, but a bargain-hunter. It was a sort of craze with her. She would gladly pay out 50 cents for a pair of socks and save ten cents on a purchase. If she found a five-cent kitchen scrubbing brush marked down to three it was hers at once. She even bought men's rubber boots because there was a bargain in them. Her mother criticized this trait in her daughter, but the father rather encouraged it. He said that it showed a good business head. Mr. Hugh Barton was twenty-five years old. Being well-to-do, he had leisure. He had what his friends called a fad. He wasn't a bargain-hunter, but he did like to wander through the stores and see what was going on. Now and then he bought a pair of gloves or a necktie, but was as apt to leave them on the counter as to take them away. Wandering through a great department store was like going to a theater for him. The play was continuous. On two occasions he had seen Miss Merriweather and admired her, but that had nothing special to do with continuing to pursue his fad.

One day Star and Company announced a bargain sale in soaps. There would be soaps from every maker in the United States. The cakes would be included in all kinds of fancy wrappers. There would be all kinds of scents. These soaps re-



"I Won't Give It!"

talled everywhere at ten cents a cake, but on this occasion, and for the purpose of showing what could be done in the soap trade, every cake would go at three cents. Now was the time to lay in a stock to last a lifetime and then some more. Don't miss the greatest event that has taken place in this country since the battle of Bunker Hill. Miss Kittle Merriweather read the big advertisement in an evening paper and was up with the lark next morning. Mr. Hugh Barton didn't read it at all, but wandered into the store next forenoon when the sale was on. He had no intention of taking advantage of Star & Company's liberality. He crowded in close to the soap counter simply to look at the white, green, blue and pink wrappers. It was like a moving picture show. Of course, he was pushed and jammed and elbowed and had his toes stepped on by women, but he was not discouraged. After a bit Mr. Barton found himself beside Miss Merriweather. She was so well dressed that he wondered over her bargain-hunting, and with-out seeming to do so he kept an eye out to see what brand of soap she preferred. She finally settled on three cakes of the Rose of Alabama or some other state, and while waiting for her change was addressed by a strange woman with: "Miss, will you please accompany me to the office?" "But what for?" was asked. "You will know when you get there." "Then I shall not come!" "If you do not there will be a scene here! I am a store detective. You shoplifted an extra cake of soap!" "It is false! How dare you say such a thing!" "If you do not come you will go to the police station!" Mr. Barton had heard every word. He turned upon the girl, whose eyes were flashing and cheeks burning, and whispered:

"Better go and avoid a scene." "But she's wrong!" exclaimed Miss Bessie. "All the more reason why you should go quietly." The girl followed the detective, and Mr. Barton followed the girl, and they soon reached the office on the second floor. There the detective made her statement to a severe-faced man who seemed to be in waiting for victims. "She is mistaken," said Miss Bessie when the statement was finished. "We make no mistakes here," warned the man with a shake of his head. "Your name, please." "I won't give it!" "Then you will be turned over to the police!" "You don't do such a thing! I tell you the girl is mistaken. I bought three cakes of soap. I have no others." "Will you submit to a search?" "No! It would be an insult! You must take my word for it." "You may call a police detective!" said the man to the employee. "She can be searched at the police station."

"Just a moment," said Mr. Barton, who had been standing quietly by. "This young lady is no shop-lifter. Here is the cake of soap that was stolen. You were about to make a bad mistake." "I thought—thought—" faltered the store detective as she turned pale. "I was standing right at the young lady's elbow, and you got things mixed. I am ready to give my name and take the consequences." "Miss Perkins, escort the young lady down stairs," said the severe-faced man. "Star & Company make her a thousand apologies. As for you, I will talk with you later. You evidently have much to learn. Now, sir, who are you?" Mr. Barton gave his name and address. He said he must have pocketed the soap in an absent moment. He was ready for arrest and a cell. He had been stazed up for a young man of wealth and position. Star & Company didn't propose to antagonize such people for a three-cent cake of soap. He was even shaken hands with as he departed. His curiosity about the girl he had lied for was great. He himself believed that he had seen her cover a cake of soap with her handkerchief. When he saw her detected he had stolen a cake himself, hoping to clear her. She wouldn't have lingered in the store, and he doubted if he would ever run across her in any other.

This was in April. Mr. Barton now had an object in life. It was to hunt up a pretty shop-lifter. Day after day he sauntered through shops and stores. He hunted the avenue, and was at some theater every night. He even went so far as to enter the millinery department of the big stores to see if he might not find the object of his search trying on a new hat. All search was in vain. Days and weeks and months passed and in August he went up to the Catskills. Almost the first person he set eyes on as he reached his hotel was the girl shop-lifter. She was with her father and mother and did not see him. After dinner, however, as he walked in the grounds, Miss Bessie Merriweather came right up to him and said: "You are the gentleman who saved me." "Well, I stole the soap!" he laughed. "So did I! True as you live, when I got out of the store I found I had a cake in my hand. But for you they would never have believed it was a case of absent-mindedness. Did they put you in jail?" "Oh, no, I believe I plead temporary insanity." "Well, if the insanity won't come back please come with me and introduce yourself to my father, and then he can introduce us. Father and mother know that we are two shop-lifters, out on bail, as it were, but they won't be afraid of you!" It is said that when the young folks go to housekeeping much of the furnishings will be bought of Star & Co.

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Contrariness. "Why did Miggles and his wife see, arate?" "Incompatibility." "Why, I thought both were baseball fans." "That's just it. When Miggles would root for the home team Mrs. Miggles would root for the visitors."

**WHY SHE DID NOT SEND HER PICTURE**

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## CRUST UNDER MULCH

### Does Not Form Upon Land That is Summer Followed.

The Hard Layer Can Be Rendered Partially Harmless by Right Kind of Plowing and Soil Treatment.

Farmers in dry regions have become familiar with the fact that a crust often forms beneath the soil mulch. It is very difficult to prevent this formation if the dry period lasts for any considerable time. It also causes a great deal of trouble in that it does not permit the growth of plants. The soil becomes so hard that it is almost impossible for the roots to penetrate it. This mulch does not form upon land that is summer followed just upon that which is growing a crop. The crust begins to form on the soil underneath the loose surface and becomes thicker each succeeding year. If there is no crop upon the land the hard layer can be easily removed but it is impossible to break up the crust without destroying the crop.

However, this hard layer can be rendered partially harmless by the right kind of plowing and soil treatment. The formation depends upon two factors—the drouth above and the moisture conditions below. The moisture in dry soils falls upon the surface and is carried to the lower strata by gravity and by capillary attraction. Upon very dry soils this moisture does not go to any considerable depth because there is not a sufficient quantity to thoroughly saturate all of the particles. For this reason we oftentimes find a dry layer beneath the moist stratum. By keeping a dust mulch on the surface we are able to prevent the rapid evaporation of this moisture.

Some people believe that after the moisture has gone down to a considerable depth it is with difficulty that the plants obtain the use of it. This is all moisture does not rise to the surface at a very rapid rate and if the best results are obtained we must plant crops that go down after the moisture or handle the soil in such a way that the moisture is brought to the surface. Good results will be obtained by plowing deeply, not only six or seven inches, but eight or nine, ten or twelve inches and only the other day we saw a man who was cutting eleven inches and it was indeed a charming sight to see. If we plow six or seven inches deep and then keep a three inch mulch over the surface and then if a two inch crust forms but little space left in which the roots could develop.

Land handled in this way can not produce a profitable crop. It is sure to dry out before the season is over. On the other hand, if we plow from ten to twelve inches deep we will have at least six inches of the soil left for the crop before we come to the hard layer below. Rolling the soil increases the conductivity but reduces the moisture holding capacity of the land and promotes the formation of a crust in heavy clay or gumbo soils. However, these heavy compact soils dry out slowly and it sometimes requires five or six months to dry out six or seven inches. Therefore, soils have plowed ten or twelve inches deep the roots can obtain sufficient moisture from the lower part of the plowed land.

### The Stark Apple.

Among the apples that are doing well Stark is one of the most satisfactory thus far. Just where Stark originated cannot be said with certainty. We have not been able to trace it beyond Delaware county, Ohio.

The tree is a vigorous grower, with deep green leaves of good substance; a reliable bearer of fruit above medium to large size, and though not as highly colored as Rome Beauty and some other varieties, the quality is rather in advance, and it keeps well. A buyer in the open market who does not understand much about apples would be apt to take Ben Davis in preference, on account of its lighter red, but Stark is superior in quality.

### Best Table Fowl.

The best table fowl is one that has the heaviest weight of meat on those portions of the body which are favorable cuts. The breast and thighs must be heavy in a good table fowl in proportion to the remainder of the body. In order to have thick breast meat and big thighs, these muscles must be used by the fowl. In other words, the liver and scratcher will prove to be the best table fowl, for their lively habits give the muscles of the legs and breast work that renders them firm and fine, instead of leaving them flabby and full of loose tissue in the shape of fat.

### The Wheel Hoe.

The grower should attempt to produce vegetables without a hand wheel hoe. The single wheel-hoes are adapted to hilly and rough lands, while more work can be accomplished on level smooth land with the double wheel-hoes. It would also pay a great many home vegetable gardeners and farmers to buy seed drills. The price of drills varies from \$4 to \$12.

### Sweet Peas.

Sweet peas do best when sown very early. It is best to plant thickly and thin out the seedlings. The soil you have is good enough as a basis. Enrich it with fertilizer and it will do better.

## MAKING DRY FARM PLEASANT

Companionship of Animals Is Great Factor in Developing Spirit of Country Life in Youth.

In visiting the average dry farm many things are lacking that are necessary to make this home a pleasant place in which to live. No farm can be truly a home without live stock. Milk, cream, butter, cheese, eggs and various kinds of meats are necessary. These contribute to the comfort and happiness of the family. The companionship of animals is a great factor in developing the spirit of country life in young people. Writes R. W. Clark in the Orange Judd Farmer. The lamb, colt, calf, pig, chick, all help to make the country pleasant and attractive.

Grain is the main dry crop. The farmer's eggs are all in one basket. Grain is his only source of income. If storms and insects take it the expenditures and efforts of the whole year are lost. I believe a few milk cows are a source of income all the time. Butter fat is sold to the creamery each day, a few calves can be vealed and disposed of to the butcher. A few hens will pick up a great deal of waste grain that would be lost. The revenue is sufficient to provide the family with groceries.

A few sheep will furnish meat for the table and cash at various times during the year when there is no wheat to sell. The same is true when there are horses, beef cattle and hogs to sell. These all provide an income when it is most needed, and the farmer can pay cash and thereby secure many advantages that cannot be secured by credit.

## FIND VALUE IN COAL ASHES

Rhode Island Farmer Uses Them to Advantage Behind Cattle—Possess Valuable Properties.

A Rhode Island correspondent of the Rural New Yorker says: I observe in your paper some inquiries about the value of coal ashes, with remarks upon their low analyses of fertilizing materials. After 40 years of farming I have learned to doubt the value of many of these so-called scientific dicta—such as analyses of soils, balanced rations, liming all soils, etc.

I use sifted ashes behind cattle and believe I find value in them, not only as absorbents, but as possessing other valuable properties. I use my eyesight in farming, and I notice that where coal ashes are scattered on walks the edges are always lush and dark green. There is a difference in coal ashes, whether bituminous or anthracite, and even between the products of different mines.

As illustrating my well-founded incredulity of analyses I can recall that when Nicholas Longworth, the founder of commercial viticulture in the west, began planting vines at Cincinnati, he hired a lot of boys to pick up and cut in small pieces all the leather boots and shoes they could find with which to fertilize his vines. By analysis he was justified, but the process of decay was so slow that he soon abandoned it. The fertilizer manufacturers know the value of ground leather in increasing the statement of phosphate.

## Sixty-Five Pigs in Four Litters.

I give herewith a record of what I call a remarkable brood sow. This sow has had her fourth litter of pigs. In August, 1909, she gave birth to 13 living pigs, her first litter. The following March, 1910, she farrowed 17 living pigs. In August, the same year, she farrowed 16 living pigs. This last March, 1911, she broke the record by presenting me with 19 pigs, 4 of them dead, making a total of 65 pigs in four litters, with a credit of 61 living pigs. This has never been known to be equaled in this community, says a writer in an exchange. I usually reduce her litters to 12 and 14 pigs, which she nurses carefully. This sow is of the Poland-China breed, crossed with Chester White, and I bred her to a well-bred boar of the Poland-China breed if I can find one in the community. There has always been a good demand for her offspring, which has yielded me a nice income.

## Likes Wild Turkey Cross.

I claim that the wild turkey crossed with the Mammoth Bronze makes a bird with the quickest growth, the plumpest carcass, the finest and juiciest flesh of any breed. It is well known that the wild turkey is superior to the tame in every way. It has yellowish skin, which is in its favor in the general market. In the same way the Plymouth Rock is superior to common white-skinned chickens, says a writer in an exchange. The wild turkey has also more flesh on the breast than the domestic and is harder. The cross-bred wild turkey is tamer than the pure Bronze if handled properly. I have a wild gobbler seven years old that has more vitality than a two-year-old Bronze, and I have a wild hen over 12 years old strong and vigorous yet.

## Small Fruit Suckers.

Surplus suckers in blackberry or red raspberry patches should be treated just like weeds; don't let the rows get too wide nor too thick. But do not hoe up all the new shoots coming up in the row; remember that the young berry crop next year will be borne on the canes which are grown this season. Many fruit-growers advise that the new growth of raspberry and blackberry canes which is to furnish the fruit next year should be pinched off when about 18 inches high.

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Edith—Well, get ready then, I'm going to attempt it.

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—Peoria Star, January 16, 1909.

## Baseball Anecdote.

"Curious episode, this. Seems a young fellow got excited at the ball game and hugged the young lady next to him, a perfect stranger. She had him arrested, but he told the judge that any man might do the same thing, and his claim was upheld by expert testimony."  
"What was the sequel?"  
"Well, the sequel is rather interesting. The next day there were 5,000 girls at the ball game."

## The Tragic Difference.

William was lying on his bed, face downward, sobbing desolately. His mother took him in her arms, and the whole eight years of him. In a few minutes she learned all. It was a girl, and she had sent him a note.

It read:  
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## A Prudent Program.

"I make it a rule never to lend anybody an umbrella," said Mr. Growcher.  
"Good idea," replied Mr. Grump. "If you keep lending an umbrella about there's no telling when it may drift into the hands of the original owner."

Some men are anxious to get money because they think it will enable them to get more.

## HADN'T MUCH BRAIN.



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She—That so?  
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At an assize court, according to the London Times, a juror claimed exemption from serving on the ground that he was deaf. The judge held a conversation with the clerk of arraigns on the subject, and then, turning to the man, at whom he looked intently, he asked in a whisper: "Are you very deaf?" "Very," was the unguarded reply. "So I perceive," was the rejoinder of the judge, "but not whisper deaf. You had better go into the box. The witness shall speak low."—Case and Comment.

## Very Like.

"Did Hawkins like his punishment like a man?" asked Loderby.  
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## 6080 Acres

The G. C. Cauble ranch, adjoins the town, more than 1200 acres in fine state of cultivation, \$20,000 worth of improvements, 90 per cent smooth, first class firm red and black sandy soil, abundance of fine water, mesquite wood, school on the ranch, land is worth \$30 per acre but it can be bought at the present time for \$20 per acre, for terms apply to G. C. Cauble or R. B. Canon & Co.

320 acres 10 miles south from Big Springs, on public road, 250 acres good smooth valley land, bal. on smooth hill, half fenced, water all around land, valley is prairie. Price, \$10.50 per acre, half cash, bal. on reasonable time.

291 640 acres northeast part of Upton Co. about 30 miles south of Midland, all smooth fine sandy mesquite and prairie land, a little brushy in the southeast corner, no rocks, all good farming land, \$2.50 per acre to state. Price, \$5 00 bonus, half cash, bal. 1, 2 and 3 years.

391b 640 acres in Yoakum Co 10 miles N. E. from Plains the county seat, 2 small houses, well 160 ft, lots of good water, corrals, \$5.87 to the state. Price, \$2,000 bonus, \$740 cash, balance to suit purchaser.

Would trade the last two or either one for good Fort Worth residence.

279b 160 acres 20 miles south from Big Springs, Texas, in the North Concho valley, 2-3 good agricultural land, no improvements. Price, \$900.

Two lots 100x212 feet in Cole & Strayhorn addition close to good well. Price \$150 for one or \$250 for both.

Wanted to exchange \$45000 worth of business and residence property in Big Springs, and farms for irrigated farm in the Roswell country. Will place a cash value on the property. What have you?

11 acres in Cole & Strayhorn subdivision, \$1,250.

We have any size farm from 13 acres up to 1300 acres that we can sell now at a very low price.

## Some Exchange Propositions No. 2.

No. 1, 907 acres 9 m st. from Graham, Young county, Texas, on public road, close to school and church, and a mile from gin and postoffice and store. One-half good tillable land, the other half good grass land; abundance of good water, has about 1500 pecan trees. One 5 room house and one 3 room house, on this tract of land. One field of 75 acres and one of 50 acres, both in good state of cultivation; this land is mixed mesquite and post oak land. This land can be traded clear of debt, but there is \$1700 that can be assumed. Will trade for good land here. Price \$20 per acre.

No. 13, One-half section of all good lever red mesquite sandy loam land, 18 miles northeast from Big Springs, 120 acres in cultivation, house well, etc. \$2800 against n. price \$20 per acre. Would trade his equity as first payment on small Dallas county farm and give back notes against the land bought.

No. 15, good section of land in El Paso county to trade for auto. This is school land bought \$1 per acre, proved up. Would make an even trade.

No. 16, 114 acres Ellis county, 100 acres in cultivation, 5-room house, etc. \$4500, mortgage; price \$75 per acre.

No. 3, 75 lots in the College Addition to Floydada all nice smooth lots, and close in to trade for land or Big Springs property. This is good property and adjoins one of the best schools in the state and the terminus of the railroad and county seat.

No. 6, N. E. 1-4 sec. 11, blk. 34, tsp. 1, N. Howard county 12 miles northwest Big Springs, Texas, 60 acres in cultivation, 2 room house, fenced, big stock cistern, 150 bbl. cistern at house, all smooth red sandy land \$900 against land 3 years at 8 per interest. Price \$15 per acre. Also one house, two big rooms and two side rooms, corner lot in Earls Addition to Big Springs, handy for shop men, price \$600, clear. Also one 2 room house and two lots in Jones Valley Addition on Stanton road, high ground, across street from the Shumway property. Price \$800, clear. Want to trade part or all of this property for small farm near Coahoma.

No. 9, 1330 acres Kaufman county, well improved, 8 sets houses, 700 acres in cultivation, balance open prairie, to trade for western land. Price \$50 per

acre; clear. Also 735 acres Ellis county, all agricultural land, part heavy timber, 325 acres in cultivation, houses, etc. Price \$50 per acre; clear. What have you to offer?

6 sections in solid block, 35 miles east from El Paso city and about 20 miles north from Clint, nearly all smooth tillable land; house, corrals and tanks, \$1.25 due the state, proved up. Price \$2.50 bonus; will trade for land farther east or good city property worth the money.

22 1/2 A. T. 640 acres of all good land in Hunt Co., ten miles southwest from Greenville, 130 acres in cultivation, small house, well, all fenced, farm is fenced from the rest of the land; it is black sandy land. Price \$20 per acre; will trade for western land.

No. 19, 6 sections in solid body school land in El Paso county, 35 miles east from El Paso, and 15 miles from the railroad, all smooth but about 200 acres

P Nice fram 7-room house, 2 porches and hall, sheds, lot 75x140 feet on corner, nice home to trade for smaller place and take the difference. Call and see us for terms.

proved up. \$1.25 to state 3 per cent interest. 2 room house and two tanks, and in the watered district where water can be had by drilling. \$2.50 bonus; will trade for farm, no incumbrance except state debt.

No. 17, who wants to trade for fine Fort Worth property, modern 8 room residence, close in, all modern conveniences, \$6500. Also 6-room house, nearly half acre, \$1800. 4 room house and 4 lots in Glenwood Addition, \$2250. 51 feet north Main street, \$1500. New 4-room house, \$750. 84 acres heavy timber land, Tarrant county, \$20 per acre, 154 acres Cherokee county, 60 acres in cultivation, no house, \$15. Will trade all or part.

No. 20, 640 acres 6 miles west from Big Springs, Texas, on railroad, three-fourths agricultural land, balance good grass land, shallow water, mesquite timber, no improvements. \$4.00 against the land on long time at 6 per cent, and 8 per cent on part. Price \$12.50 per acre trade for anything worth the money. One year ago this land sold for \$15 per acre.

No. 25, 17850 acres fine agricultural land in Bailey county, good improvements, well and mills, two artesian wells only 80 feet deep, price \$16.50 per acre, one half in trade or cash, balance on or before 40 years, 5 per cent interest. Each 174 acres will carry its own in-

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No. 26, Who wants trade for a nice home in Clifton, Texas? Nice 5 room house nicely located; \$1000; trade for land.

No. 28, 1280 acres adjoining the station of Iatan on T. & P. railroad, 100 acres in cultivation, 5-room house, two porches, arranged for 4 rooms up stairs and stairs put in, new house, fenced and cross fenced, tanks for water and cistern at house, \$6000 against this land in loan company, runs 10 years from Jan. 1, 1912, at 8 per cent interest. Price \$12.50 per acre. Will trade for eastern farm or city property and assume some difference.

No. 293a, 4480 acres 6 miles west of Siera Blanca, \$2 bonus, has good spring on one section, all join up; bought from the state at \$1.50 per acre except one section that is \$2.43 to state as watered land. This is good grass land but would not be considered farming land; will trade for other land.

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1280 acres 6 miles west of Soash, good house, barn, well and windmill, good farm and otherwise improved. For exchange or for sale at a very low price.

220 acres of land 7 miles northwest of town, all good sandy land 186 acres in cultivation, 5 acres in bearing fruit trees, good 4 room house and barn, watered with tank and 2 cisterns. Exchange for other property.

12 acres in Jones Valley Addition, good 5-room house and improvements, large cistern—improvements cost \$1,600, price \$2,000. Terms 300 to 500 cash, balance one to five years 8 per cent interest. Z. R. STEPHENS.

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290a 160 acres 10 miles northwest from Big Springs, 104 acres in cultivation, small house and barn, well and windmill, good stock water, cistern at house. Price, \$15 per acre.

285a The best section of land in Howard Co. 6 miles north from Big Springs, 275 acres in cultivation, good 6-room house, good barn and two 3-room houses and barns, with each a large tank for stock water and good large cisterns for house use. Every foot level valley land, no rock or poor land on this section. Price, \$20 per acre.

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320 acres 5 miles from town, all smooth farming land, 200 acres

in cultivation, good well and windmill, dirt tank, cistern at the house, barn, good 6-room house nicely finished. Price, \$25 per acre; small cash payment, balance long time 8 per cent interest. School house in 1-4 mile.

160 acres 2 1-2 miles from Big Springs, good residence, barns, 120 acres in cultivation, 3 acre nice bearing fruit trees, plenty of water, fine home. Price, \$30 per acre.

320 acres 5 miles northwest at Moore school house, 200 acres in cultivation, good orchard, 2 sets of houses and barns, plenty of water. Price, \$25 per acre, part cash, balance can run 15 years.

263a 540 acres 20 miles N. W. from Big Springs, all good and well improved at a bargain.

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