

The McLean News

NINTH YEAR

McLEAN, GRAY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21,

1913

Our Farms Too Large

"There are too many farms in Texas and the average Texas farmer is trying to do too much," said S. A. Lindsay of Tyler, who, as chairman of the Texas Farm Life Commission, is directing the work of that body.

The Commission will begin an investigation into the causes that maintain this undesirable condition at an early date and Gray county will come within the scope of the inquiry as the Federal census reports show 168 farms in this county that contain more than 500 acres.

The average farm in Gray county is 829.9 acres, which is 600.8 acres over the state's average. We have a total of 417,770.

The average size of a Texas farm is 269 acres, while those of Ohio and Indiana contain 71 and 78 acres, respectively, according to Federal census figures recently compiled. There are 23,956 farms and ranches in this state that contain more than 500 acres and Texas ranks first with other states in the Union in this respect. A large number of these farms are said to be held for speculative purposes, and this is partly true, but on the other hand it should be borne in mind that on the plains portion of the county are numerous wheat farms and to these is largely due the fact that farms show big averages. A wheat farmer that has all fixed for the business can easily handle 500 acres and many instances one man will successfully operate a thousand fifteen hundred acres.

However, it is doubtless true that many farmers who grow wheat and other of the larger crops are cultivating too

much land and a well directed campaign for the elimination of this undesirable condition will rebound to the benefit of the entire state.

The classification of farms by size in this county is shown by the following table which gives the number of farms in each class:

3 to nine acres—3.
10 to 19 acres 3.
20 to 49 acres—4.
50 to 69 acres—24.
100 to 174 acres—68.
175 to 259 acres—44.
260 to 499 acres—110.
500 to 999 acres—115.
1000 and over—53.
Total farms—473.

Praises Panhandle Country.

In the issue of February 5th of the Breeder's Gazette is found an interesting article regarding stock farming in the Panhandle. The Gazette has been one of the most consistent knockers the Panhandle has ever seen, and it is remarkable how this paper has put aside its prejudices and told the truth about the great Plains country. The Gazette points out that the Panhandle country is the only normally stocked part of the U. S. The steer used to be the important factor in this section, but now the cow is the most important and will ever be in the future. More young cattle are in the Panhandle today than ever before.

"Recent developments demonstrate that farming on the Plains of Texas is not a menace to the cattle business; in fact these farmers have actually been a factor in expanding the industry. Experience shows that an acre of kafir corn with an adequate water supply makes four acres of grass so further than 20 acres under the old system when no winter feed was available and the water was not available in

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sufficient quantities for the summer purposes. That cattle raising in the higher altitudes of Texas has barely had a fair start is the opinion of those acquainted with the productive capacity of that region. Heretofore three-fourths of the grass was unavailable owing to the lack of water and the other necessary improvements for maximum utilization, but every acre brought under subjection by the plow and every windmill put in operation increase its carrying capacity. As the industry expands these 66 counties will become the greatest cattle storage area in the world."

Program Tonight.

Everything is in readiness for the Mothers Club program which will be rendered at the school auditorium tonight, for which an admission charge of ten cents will be made.

The new stage has been completed, the new lights installed and the auditorium has been equipped with sliding doors at the entrance, which will not only cut off the noise from the lower floors, but at the same time keep out the cold air that would otherwise make it impossible to keep the room warm.

The program for the entertainment will be about as printed two weeks ago, with the addition of several new numbers, including a repetition of the beautiful drill by the high school girls under the direction of Miss Deen and the Prof. Thos. B. Lee. The proceeds of the entertainment will be used in paying for the lighting system just installed.

Two Legislators Die.

News from Austin is to the effect that that city is in the grip of a terrific wave of meningitis and on account of same the legislature has practically adjourned.

the majority of the members leaving the infected city until the disease has been checked. During the past ten days two members of the lower house have died and several others are stricken, including Hon. J. C. Hunt of Canyon City.

Odd Fellows To Banquet

The local Odd Fellows lodge is promising its families and friends a real celebration that will surpass any effort made in this direction in many years. Just now the members are conducting a far reaching campaign for new recruits and when this number reaches fifteen, which, from present indications, it will do in the very near future, they intend to turn an open handed committee loose on the preparations for a banquet of no mean proportions.

Including on the menu, if present calculations prove successful, will be a dozen real fat possums, cooked after the manner prescribed by our Southern forefathers, and ensconced in liberal bedding of real pumpkin yams.

If possible buffalo meat, bear meat and a dash of deer meat will also adorn the banquet board.

No pains is to be spared in the preparation of the feast and an interesting program will also be provided. It is believed that Col. Dick Gardenhire will address the meeting on the scientific phase of the natural gas question which is now disturbing the minds of local boosters, his theory of the existence of gas in this locality being based on the fact that for many years he and others nearly so efficient

which, bel has been cru like truth, will bless mankind. The program, h not be made up wholl cussion of these stern matters, but will inclu addresses by all the humorists, including a by J. M. Noel on "What n the wild cat wild."

Dissolution Notice.

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF GRAY, KNOW ALL MEN BY THESE PRESENTS:

That the partnership lately subsisting between D. Bassel and G. H. Wise of McLean, Gray County, Texas, under the firm name of Bassel and Wise was dissolved by mutual consent on the 31st, day of January A. D. 1913, the said D. Bassel having sold his interest in said partnership to J. W. Beall and he and the said Wise do assume all the outstanding indebtedness of the said firm, forever releasing the said Bassel, his heirs and assigns from any and all indebtedness of the said firm and all debts owing to the firm of Bassel and Wise have become the assets of the said G. H. Wise and J. W. Beall and all persons, parties and corporations indebted to the firm of Bassel and Wise are hereby authorized to pay the same to the said G. H. Wise and J. W. Beall who are empowered to receive and receipt therefor. And this notice of dissolution is given in the manner and form provided by law in order to protect the said D. Bassel from any further liability and responsibility in any manner in connection with the said firm of Bassel and Wise heretofore existing.

Witness our hands this 14th, day of February, A. D. 1913.
D. Bassel
G. H. Wise

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF GRAY. Before me S. E. Boyett, a Notary Public in and for the County and State aforesaid on this day personally appeared D. Bassel and G. H. Wise known to me as the persons whose names are subscribed to the foregoing instrument and acknowledged to me that they executed the same for the

purposes and consi therein expressed. Given under my hand and seal this the 14th, day of February A. D. 1913.
S. E. B
Notary Public Gray
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For the prom the invitation to my patrons to make settlement counts, I wish to offer cere thanks. Your favors shall be very much appreciated and I shall try to you a service that you w pleased with.

There are a few accounts remaining unsettled and those you who know that you are indebted to me will kindly call and make some disposition of them as we are now on a new year and old balances on the books make it hard for me to continue extending courtesies. Don't put this off—you want to protect your own credit as well as help me to protect mine.

Very truly,
S. O. Cook.

Meeting Planned.

The local brethren of the Holiness faith are planning a big revival meeting to be held at the tabernacle beginning on the fourth Sunday in June, which will be the 22nd. Misses Verda Salee and Lula Dillbeck will be in charge and it is likely that other speakers of ability will be secured.

Misses Salee and Dillbeck are connected with the Oklahoma Holiness College at Bethany Station, Oklahoma City.

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VEAL AND BEEF SHORTAGE.

To remove veal from the hotel menus was advocated at a recent convention of western hotel men in Kansas City as one remedy for the present beef shortage in the United States. A beef steer is but a grownup calf, of course. The latter, dressed and ready for the market, weighs perhaps 80 pounds. Permit it to grow to maturity, thus becoming beef, and it weighs 700 pounds or more when dressed. It is putting the case roughly and perhaps inaccurately, but there is substantial truth in the statement that the slaughter of every calf not only shortens the visible supply of cattle by one, but is a net loss of more than 600 pounds of food. The loss would be the more readily endured, perhaps, were veal a really wholesome article of diet. It is tender and tasteful, to be sure, and much sought after by many, but indigestible and of little food value. There is hardly a question that the health of the people would be distinctly better were this meat absolutely banished from the national dietary. But the main consideration supporting such a step is that a cessation of the demand for veal might definitely stimulate the growing of cattle in every agricultural community. The farmer, encouraged to raise his calves, would provide himself with facilities to do so, just as in the days before the cattle business was monopolized by the western ranchmen, says the Newark News. The cattle raising industry would be distributed throughout the entire country.

The general belief that Friday is a day of ill luck had its origin in the history of Christ, the crucifixion taking place on that day. Friday, however, by many has been held to be a lucky day, as in Scotland it is a favorite day for weddings. Friday has been a peculiarly lucky day in the history of America. It was on Friday, August 3, 1492, that Columbus set sail on his voyage of discovery, and Friday, October 12, that he first sighted land; Friday, November 22, 1493, that he reached Hispanola on his second voyage; Friday, June 13, 1494, that he reached the continent of America. Some other events taking place on that day in America were the battle of Bunker Hill, June 17, 1775; Saratoga surrendered October 17, 1776, and it was also on Friday, October 17, 1776, that the motion was made that the United Colonies of America are and ought to be free and independent.

What attracts money to New York in seasons of general dullness is the fact that local banks pay interest on deposits by the out-of-town institutions, says the New York Herald. Idle money is accumulated here in excess; unwholesome speculation and manipulation of stocks is thereby fostered, and when the crops are to be moved or business revives and the country banks recall their money from New York banks the latter must take it away from the speculators who are using it to "carry" stocks. Thereupon enforced liquidation by the borrowers, depression in Wall street and sometimes panic. The evil of this accumulation of idle money and its sudden withdrawal has been denounced by committees of the clearing house after every panic in the last 50 years, accompanied with a recommendation to stop the payment of interest on the deposits of out-of-town banks.

The Chinese have changed their calendar, to conform with the Gregorian arrangement used by the people of the western world, and hereafter they will celebrate the New Year on the same day as the Americans. It is to be hoped that they will not adopt the custom which has been followed by the large cities during the past few years of spending the eve of the first day of the year in reckless carousing and marking midnight with a din of horns and bells and fireworks. The money that is spent in drinking on New Year's eve would be better given to the poor, says the Milwaukee Wisconsin. Chinamen who are wise will exercise discrimination in copying American customs.

It has been fully and widely demonstrated in the past that to be shot is a painful and deleterious experience. Why then must Europe call out millions of men to continue the experiment? Does anyone hold out the hope that modern progress has made it hurt less?

Because his wife has not spoken to him in eleven years a New York man wants a separation. Some men are hard to suit.

That \$5,000 dog weighing three and a quarter pounds probably never has been fun of running down his own ears.

Side whiskers are fashionable, but use who cannot grow them can get comfortable muffer for \$5 cents.

NATIONAL CAPITAL AFFAIRS

Uncle Sam's Aero Boat Experiments Are Watched



WASHINGTON.—Foreign governments have had their military and naval representatives in Washington watching the experiments that this government has been conducting at the Washington navy yard with the new catapult device for launching aeroplanes. The launching machine is the design of Capt. W. I. Chambers, in charge of aviation in the navy. It practically is a compressed air gun that shoots the aeroplane into the air so that it can be launched from a warship at any time and the catapult then stored below, out of the way.

Several tests of the device have been made, various hydro-aeroplanes being used. What was generally considered the supreme test was made the other day when the new aeroplane that has been built for the navy by Glenn Curtiss was shot into the air for a successful flight with Lieut. Theodore Ellyson, the first of the navy aviators, at the helm.

The new boat is larger and heavier than any other hydro-aeroplane the government has used. It has a body like a light, fast powerboat, and seats

two passengers side by side, with a double-control mechanism, so that either man can act as aviator. The boat is driven by an eighty-horse power motor, and is capable of a speed of fifty miles on the water and sixty miles in the air.

This launching device is the first that has been practical and successful from a navy standpoint. It was proved more than a year ago, when Eugene Ely flew from the scoutship Birmingham and afterward flew and alighted on the battleship Pennsylvania, that the aeroplane could be launched at sea. In both these cases, however, a special platform was built and extensive preparations were made for the flight.

The new catapult can be clamped to the top of a turret and the turret revolved to shoot the aeroplane into the teeth of the wind without even turning the wheel of the vessel. The device takes only half an hour to erect.

Lieutenant Ellyson has been the acrobatic aviator of the navy. He has been willing to try anything, and allowed himself to be shot from the catapult the first time it was used, when it was not known what effect the sudden shock would have on either the aeroplane or the aviator. He has been anxious to develop some practical form of aeroplane launching that could be used on a warship, and some months ago flew an aeroplane at Hammondsport off a steel cable which was stretched for an inclined launching way.

Postmen Cannot Loiter When Mike Is on Duty

CHARLES B. MATTHEWS, superintendent of carriers in the Washington postoffice, and the man who originated what is known as the "block" system of mail delivery, a system that has been copied all over the country, said today:

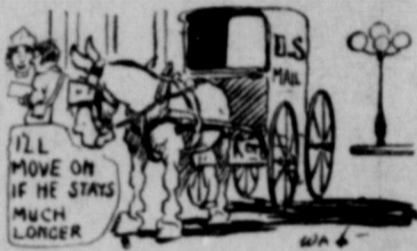
"One of the most intelligent and faithful assistants I have is Mike. Mike is a very humble sort of somebody, so humble, in fact, that he even hasn't any other name.

"Mike is just an old white horse, sound of body, clean of limb and brighter in his intelligence than many human beings that have been sent to me for service.

"He has spent about seven of his twenty-four years helping deliver the mail to the local hotels. He knows his route as well as any man who has ever served it. And, better still, he knows just how long it ought to take the carrier to deliver the mail for a given hotel.

"You can't fool him. When the hour for starting on his route comes and Ernest Miller, the carrier who owns him, in full uniform, gets in his seat, Mike looks first up and then down the street to see if his road is clear, being particularly careful to watch a fiddle longer to see if an electric car is about to start on its way to Alexandria.

"Once started, he takes in each ho-



tel in its turn. He will not permit the carrier who goes with him to stop on his way or loiter. If he tries to do so Mike simply walks on. So when he arrives at the hotel he allows time for the carrier to take the mail in and get back, and if he does not come back within that time Mike simply moves on to his next stop.

"Why, I can send the greenest sub in the office out with Mike and he won't go astray, if he knows how to read the labels on the mail sacks.

"He is never sick and has never lost an hour's time. When we are ready for him in the morning it takes two men to hitch him, he is so eager to get on his job. He never stands in a sleepy way like some horses. His eyes are always wide open and he seems to be always on the alert, but there is a conservatism and a dignity about him that makes me feel proud of him as a member of our delivery force."

Whites on Reservations Are as Dry as Poor Lo



WHITE men are not to be allowed to have "booze" while the Indian goes dry on Indian reservations. There is not to be one law for the red man and another for his white brother where they dwell together on the Indians' lands, the Indian bureau chief declares.

The white man can have readier access to the red ink that is really a writing fluid and which has proved palatable and exhilarating, according to the records, to those who need alcoholic excitement and find other sources dried up. And he may slake his acquired thirst from the mudlodge

bottle with greater facility perhaps. These and other devices have been known to the Indian while seeking ease for a parched throat.

But the white man on an Indian reservation from now on may not have whiskey or other alcoholic beverage, either, for refreshment or to cure his ills or as a precaution against ailments, even on a physician's prescription, as long as the ban is on the Indian. The only intoxicant not under prohibition remains the wine intended solely for sacramental purposes, to be brought into the reservations under church authority.

Circular No. 695, Indian bureau, signed by Acting Commissioner F. H. Abbott and endorsed by the acting secretary of the interior, addressed to the superintendents of Indian schools and agencies, directs observance of the law in strict conformity with its letter. It also calls attention to irregularities in observance of the law that have come to the attention of the bureau.

Much Interest Being Shown in Muskrat Farming

ACCORDING to the annual report of the biological survey recently submitted to Secretary Wilson, the rearing of fur-bearing animals in the United States for their pelts continues to be a subject of much interest.

Skunks, muskrats, minks and foxes are reared in captivity or on preserves under control of breeders. The large prices asked for mature black foxes for breeding purposes have resulted in confining the industry in the hands of a very few. Comparatively few attempts have been made to raise minks in the United States, but experiments are being conducted in co-operation with the National Zoological park with a view to determining the most successful methods of rearing these animals. Muskrat farming has probably reached its highest point of development on the eastern shore of Maryland. Muskrat marshes are worth more, measured by their actual income, than cultivated farms of like



acreage in the same vicinity. Only one other animal in the world, the European rabbit, exceeds the muskrat in the number of skins marketed.

The report also calls attention to the experiments for the extermination of prairie dogs, ground squirrels and gophers that are being conducted by means of poison baits, traps and other methods. It is a surprising fact that the daily forage of 32 adult prairie dogs equal that required for a sheep, and that 250 eat nearly as much as a cow.

Two Criminals

Wrong Doing Is Thing to Heal, Not Punish

By REV. FRANK CRANE

THERE are two classes of criminals—one is criminal and the other is not.

There are honest, good, decent folk, at least as good as you and I, who stumble into crime, not walk into it.

They hate it as much as we do; they condemn themselves much more severely than court or priest can condemn them.

Crime may be divided into two parts—the inner desire and the outward act. Usually we call crime only the latter, while the former we term merely a disposition to crime.

Still, whoever has the criminal wish is perhaps as guilty before the tribunal of his own conscience as the other. And frequently the commission of an open deed of wrong is no more than a matter of circumstances.

You and I, for instance, both have anger in our hearts. I, having more prudence and less courage than you, keep away from the offender. You fearlessly meet him, he attacks you, you defend yourself, and the very first blow you give him happens to kill him.

Very often it is some chance, some peculiar combination of circumstances, that pushes a man from the realm of decent, law-abiding people over the line into the alleged criminal class.

This is particularly true of the more serious offenses. The wardens of the penitentiaries will tell you that the quietest, best behaved inmates are the murderers. The reason is that very few murderers are hardened criminals. Their offense is usually one of sudden passion.

That there are criminal natures there can be no doubt. There are moral perverts, some of them practically incurable. For the good of society they should be confined somewhere away from other people.

All the rascals are not in jail, nor all the straight, square men out of jail.

The administration of justice will always be faulty so long as it is merely a department of law which can look only at the deed done and can do no other than punish the offender or let him go.

Criminology is a science and should be studied by scientific methods. A depraved taste, weak will or distorted moral sense needs a physician as much as does a bad liver or a deranged mind. Crime is a thing to be healed, not punished. Remove crime conditions and cure the criminal. This should be the aim.

Real Manners and Morals Started Well

By L. E. Primrose, St. Louis, Mo.

From time to time I have read comments on the incivility of street-car patrons, in which the men have been criticized as being ungallant and selfish to a degree. Coming from a section of the country where the civilities of life receive more attention than in the practical north, I was surprised at the manners, or lack of manners, of the average street-car patron.

To me it seemed little less than a crime for a man to occupy a seat while a woman was standing. Experience and observation have taught me to modify this view and forced the conclusion that the average man is just as considerate as the average woman, if not more so.

I could name specific instances where women have "hogged it" on the street cars with their bundles and baskets and children and eccentricities of dress that would put to shame the veriest street-car hog of the masculine gender.

And this reminds me that if the good women who are trying to reform the world through the press, at the clubs and by means of the ballot would devote more of their time to the nursery, where real manners and real morals are developed, there would be less need of complaint against the frailties of mere man, for as the twig is bent so shall it grow.

Dreams Remain Fixed In One's Heart

By REV. FRANK CRANE, Chicago

There are dreams one forgets with the head but remembers with the heart. The details of them leave us. It all is confused, blurred in the memory, as if clouds had grouped to form some clear picture and had instantly been blown all a-tangle by the wind.

But the dream stays on in the heart. Perhaps it was sad, all night we waded through heart breaking; and in the morning, though the pictures and words are gone, the aroma of them remains, and at no time of the day are we very far from weeping. Perhaps it was glad, and though we cannot remember the melody we sang in the dream, echoes of it keep falling all through the hours of waking.

It is as though the soul had found, somewhere in the bounds of darkness, a secret pool of emotion, had fallen therein and come to the gates of morning dripping wet with some unknown feeling.

We might make more allowance for what souls do when awake if we knew whether they had fared and what they had suffered in the caverns of sleep. Sometimes one is silent because one is full of these unspeakable memories, and words seem profane. Then he knows what the philosopher Publus Syrus meant: "Keep still or say something better than silence."

Better Training Needed For Youth

By N. Browning, Philadelphia

Interest in vocational education is not confined to any particular part of the country. It is being stimulated, for example, in Philadelphia, where the Public Education association has been making a study of the occupations of youths who have left school to go to work and whose future might be infinitely brightened if they were permitted to continue their schooling part of the time.

At a recent meeting of the board of directors of that body figures were given out showing that 43 per cent. of the children between the ages of fourteen and sixteen years who are at work in Philadelphia are employed in factories; 20 per cent. in stores and 13 per cent. in domestic service; only 3 per cent. of those employed are in skilled trades. Forty-two who are at work get less than \$20 and 710 get \$6 or more a week.

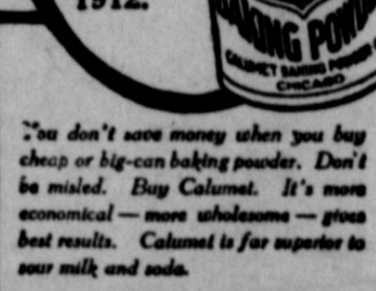


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Demonstration Agents.

Fifty or more Texas counties will be offered the cooperation of the United States Department of Agriculture in maintaining a farm demonstration agent if the efforts of W. F. Proctor, state agent, are successful.

In his report he will show that there are more than five thousand demonstration farms conducted in various sections of Texas during the past year; that the fields of corn under the demonstration methods have run as high as one hundred bushels to the acre and seed cotton three thousand five hundred pounds to the acre.

It is hoped that some provision can be made for this particular section of the Panhandle as it is vaguely known that there are many valuable crops that would yield splendid money turns if they were properly handled and intelligently cultivated.

Another lesson that should be learned and put into use by every owner of farm land in this section is the conversation of the sources of the soil. This soil in the present time is rich in fertility.

that sustain and promote plant growth, but continued ill-use and unthoughted abuse will eventually cause it to deteriorate to an alarming extent, and it will be many times more expensive to bring it back to its normal condition than it will be to keep it there.

A new law on our state statutes confers upon the Commissioners Court in each county the authority to appropriate funds for defraying the expense of conducting an experimental farm and if the proper cooperation of the Federal Department can be secured it is hoped that Gray county will make an effort to do something for her people in this line.

B. Y. P. U. Program.

Subject—Missionary meeting, Brazil.

Opening exercises. Scripture reading, Matt. 28: 18-20 and the continent—Leader.

The country—Luther Petty. Song.

Prayer. Brazil's need for missions—Doyle Foster.

The Southern Baptist response to these needs—Fred Landers.

Brazilian Baptists—Mr. Kibler.

A woman's work in Brazil—Grace Hamilton.

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It is a mistake to take calomel when your liver is lazy and needs toning up. Hundreds of people in this section have discovered that Dodson's Liver Tone is a thousand times better and safer and its action is just as sure.

For attacks of constipation or biliousness one or two spoonfuls of this mild, pleasant tasting vegetable liquid are enough and Arthur Erwin gives a personal guarantee that every bottle will do all that is claimed for it.

Dodson's Liver Tone costs only 50 cents for a large bottle. Remember the name because there are any number of remedies sold in imitation of Dodson's claims. Some of them have names very similar to Dodson's Liver Tone—and are in same color package.

Two Residences Sold.

J. L. Crabtree has closed a deal whereby he becomes owner of the Wilbrite residence in the south part of town. This is a nice piece of residence property and Mr. Crabtree will likely fix it up for rent.

Another deal was closed last week transforming the Lee Guthrie residence in the north part of the city to J. W. Beall, the consideration also being private. This is also one of the prettiest little homes in McLean and will be occupied by Mr. Beall as a home.

Fine Mules.

If you know a good mule when you see it and appreciate top notch specimens of this popular farm animal, just drop over in the P. M. Faulkner pens some day and take a slant at that bunch of twenty-six he recently imported from Oklahoma.

In the two-year-old class Mr. Faulkner pointed out to a reporter five that averaged 1225 pounds each at the time they were loaded on the cars at Hydro, Okla. The largest one in this bunch weighed 1330. These five he has removed to his feeding lot at his residence and will give them the very best of care between now and time to ship them to Fort Worth, where he expects to enter them in the lists at the Fat Stock Show, which will open on the 14th of March in that city.

These mules came from the same breeders that captured the prizes at Fort Worth last year and Mr. Faulkner believes he will bring back several ribbons. It is sincerely hoped that he will. Mr. Faulkner is an extensive raiser and broker of mules and at the present has here and at his ranch over a hundred head, many of which are broken and ready for the spring market.

Sunday Dinner.

Quite a crowd spent Sunday at the beautiful country home of Mr. and Mrs. Wadley. They all expressed themselves as enjoying the day by partaking of the many good things that they had to eat, also for the hospitality shown while in their home. The following were there: Mr. Geo. Weaver and family, Mr. and Mrs. Beall and family, Mr. and

Mrs. Hess, Mrs. Frances, Miss Grace Francis and Messrs. Roger Francis, Reep and Barto Landers, Frank Stockton, Alvah and Bethel Christian and Sam Erwin.

A GUEST.

Rice for Grand Warden.

Local Odd Fellows are bestirring themselves just now in a far reaching move to place the name of our fellow townsman, C. S. Rice, before the Grand Lodge, which convenes at Houston early in March, as a candidate for the office of Grand Warden. This campaign must of necessity be handled with care as wholesale electioneering for any brother is against the rules of the order, but silent and efficient work if being done, not only here but at other points where Mr. Rice is known for his loyalty to the principals and efficiency in the knowledge of the lodge and the great purposes for which it is maintained.

At the last meeting of the Panhandle Odd Fellows Association at Amarillo Mr. Rice's name was placed before that body for president and he was elected by an overwhelming majority over all other candidates on the first ballot. At the same time this association practically endorsed his candidacy for the office of Grand Warden. While it is hardly hoped that he will get the desired post at the next Grand Lodge meeting, yet if his name can be gotten before the lodge in a substantial way it will practically insure his election in 1914.

The gentleman is thoroughly qualified, both as an Odd Fellow and a citizen, to fill this important station and his friends all over the Panhandle and at other points in the state will recognize in him a man who will bring to the office efficiency and honesty, reflecting credit upon himself and the lodge that has launched him into the race.

Here's hoping.

Junior League Program

Subject—The negro in his native land and in ours.

Bible Lesson—Psalms 24 in concert (each child will please memorize.)

Bible story, "God is No Respector of persons", Acts 10:9-36—James Noel.

The young are called as helpers in God's work, Ec. 12:1—Melvin Davis.

Lam. 3:27—Royal Hearne.

Boys are wanted like Josiah—Truly Carpenter.

Girls are wanted like the little Syrian maid, eager to go and help others, II Kihgs 5:2-3—Zimrude Hext.

Recitation—Julia Foster.

Recitation—Sallie Lou Haynes.

How African children live—Opal Weaver.

A little African Christian—Bettie Lee Christian.

An open door on every side—Lorane Stanfield.

Song, "Jesus Calls Us"—Opal Davis and Lillian Donnell.

Song—The Whole Wide World for Jesus.

Quiz on Africa.

Parents are requested to be present.

Senior League Program

Subject—Missionary study.

The responsibility of the young people for the evangelization of the world—Richard Hodge.

Song. Prayer.

Some of the facts about U. S. missionary work.—Fred Stockton.

The present situation of the world—Mrs. J. C. Carpenter.

The misuse of our powers—Sam Hodges.

The place of missions in the Epworth League—J. C. Carpenter.

Leader—S. R. Jones.

Our Spring Goods HAVE ARRIVED

We are showing the largest and most complete stock of Dry Goods, clothing, Shoes, Hats, Suit Cases, Trunks; Ladies and Gentlemens' Furnishing Goods in Gray County, and are pricing same at very attractive prices to the buying public.

A new department added to our store this season is the

Millinery Department

which shall embrace the latest Spring styles in Ladies Misses and Childrens Head wear.

We shall announce our Millinery opening through this paper in plenty of time for you to purchase for Easter Sunday.

R. A. THOMPSON

Where Quality Tells and Price Sells

We have a CAR of the famous

Albatross Flour

on the road. There is no better on the market, We want your flour trade,

Wise & Beall

A Good Law.

Recently C. E. Anderson of this city circulated a petition, signed by qualified voters and addressed to the state legislative body, asking for the revision of the statute regarding the free school age, extending same from seventeen to twenty-one years.

This is a much needed reform and one that has already been accomplished in many states of the Union. Texa has more free school money than any other state in the union according to her scholastic population and it should not be said of her that she can only advance her boys and girls to that critical age where they just begin to understand what an education means and grasp its importance and then drop them to hustle or not as they see fit.

If a child's education can be fostered by the state until it reaches the age of twenty-one, it will then, in most cases, realize that continued schooling will be worth the effort. On the other hand, if he is cut loose from a free schooling at the age of seventeen when his descretion, to say the least, has not reached the full measure of its strength, the determination to continue will hardly be equal to the struggle necessary to its accomplishment.

While we do not believe in starting a child to school too early and taking the risk of overcrowding its growing mind, yet we do believe that it should be allowed to continue until it reaches age where it can grasp the importance of an education and we sincerely hope this meritorious law will be passed.

When He Weds.

The bachelor editor of Brady Standard writes: At last we are to be married—that is, providing. But one of the truest, grandest and most noble of Nature's noblemen (notice our opinion of him) has offered us his daughter's hand in marriage. You bet! He says he has two daughters, and that one of them is for Hon. Walter Early of Brownwood, our District Attorney, and the other charming, beautiful and accomplished young lady is for none other than ourself. The young lady in question having just celebrated her first birthday about ten days ago, the wedding will, of necessity, have to be postponed for about eighteen years: but years are but months when one's in love (so we are told). Though we may be wrinkled and toothless and the top of our head may have outgrown our hair by the time of the wedding day, we are consoled by the thought that in the eighteen years we may, by dint of rigid economy and studied saving, hoard up enough wealth to buy the bride a gold plated wedding ring with her birthstone in it.

Go ahead and congratulate yourself. That is right. Your friends had no idea you would be able to marry as early as eighteen years from now, and when the promised bride grows up it is quite likely that she will negative her papa's proposition, unless you grow eighteen years handsomer while you are growing eighteen years older. But in that event you will have still some consolation. You will be saved from having a lawyer for a brother-in-law.—State Press.

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- All ten cent pencil boxes 5c
All ten cent water colors 5c
All ten cent composition books 5c

All Box Stationery

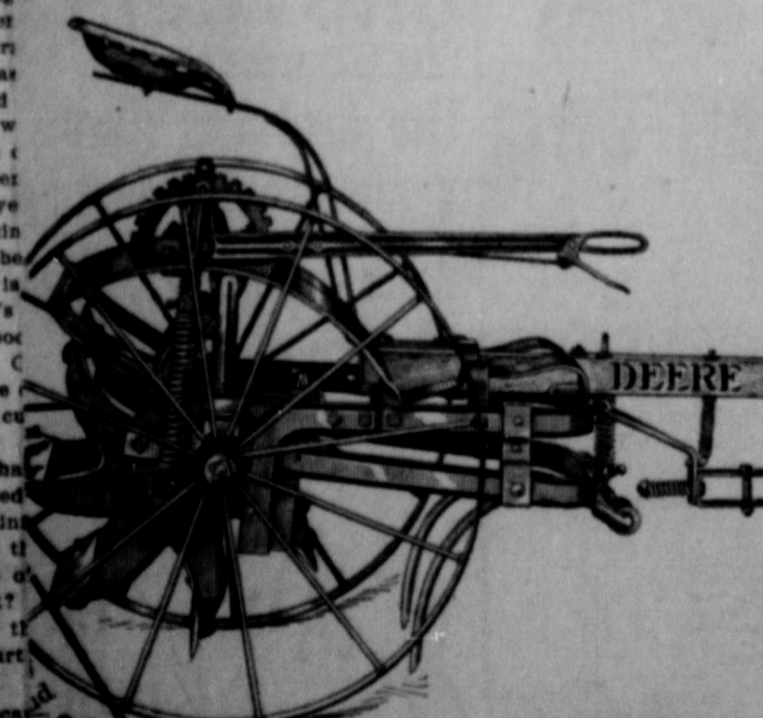
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WE'VE GOT 'EM

Plenty of them—and they are the best which is. Could we have the pleasure of SHOWING you?



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Spring Goods ARRIVED

Best and most complete line of Spring Goods, Hats, Suits and Gentlemen's Furnishings, and are pricing same to the buying public. You through the entire season on anything in above line.

Department

Latest Spring styles in Mens Head wear. Our Millinery opening plenty of time for you to day.

COMPSON

City Tells and Sells

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Local Happenings

Items of Interest About Town and County

Meeting and grass at Bundy-Hodges. adv

Tom Harris and wife of Ramsdell were here Sunday for a visit with the A. A. Callahan family.

We build anything you need in tin or galvanized iron. McLean Hardware Co. adv

Geo. Loyd returned the first of the week from a short business trip to Clarendon.

Buy a Sure Hatch Incubator from Cal and Bill.

Bill Allen left the first of the week for British Columbia, where he expects to make his home in the future.

A bargain in a foot lift Gang plow at McLean Hdw. Co. adv

A. B. Gardenhire was quite sick the first of the week with an attack of grip.

Our car of implemen's are in, when you need a plow—we have the stuff. Cal and Bill.

Buck Cook and Frank Gardenhire made a short trip to Groom the first of the week.

Now is when you should raise the chickens, lots of feed going to waste. Cal and Bill. adv

S. W. Rice left yesterday for a six weeks visit to Hot Springs, Ark. and Columbia, Kentucky.

Buy a Disc Gang plow from McLean Hardware Co. and get your land plowed wet or dry.

Mrs. W. R. Wise is enjoying a visit from her sister, Mrs. Morgan, of Oklahoma, this week.

Those ladies desiring a Spirella corset will find me at the Wise & Hest store where I will be glad to take their order. Mrs. J. B. Hest. adv

F. W. Petty has paid for the New to be sent to D. W. Petty at Collinsville, Ala., for which he has our thanks.

Dr. J. A. Hall, Dentist, will be in McLean the first Monday, March 3rd, and remain one week to do dental work.

Amtrillo is making great preparations for entertaining the members of the Panhandle Stockmen's Association early in March.

Large stock of rugs, all sizes, in beautiful designs, will be here next week. Low prices will astonish you. Bundy-Hodges. adv

G. R. Scott and family left the first of the week for New Mexico, where they will make their home in the future.

Saturday being Washington's birthday anniversary, will be observed by this institution. American State Bank.

W. P. Vermillion and family have moved to the John Bogan place, northwest of town, where they will make their home for the present.

Mrs. J. H. Horton and children left Tuesday morning for an extended visit with relatives and friends in Eastland county.

80 Pair Shoes to close out at a bargain. C. C. Cook. adv

Mr. Fox of Foard county, was here this week visiting with the J. C. Trapp family and prospecting. It is hoped he will decide to locate in our midst.

Mrs. Eva Brookshire, who has been spending a couple of weeks here the guest of her uncle, F. M. Faulkner, and family, left Tuesday morning for her home at Plainview.

John Everett has recently purchased the W. P. Vermillion place adjoining the town section on the east. This place was improved by F. M. Littleton and is one of the best fruit farms in this section.

Mrs. J. B. Paschall left the first of the week for Dallas, where she goes to buy her spring stock of millinery. She will have her opening at the Wise and Beall store, the date to be announced later.

Clayburn Cash and wife left on the noon train Tuesday for Fort Worth, where the latter goes for a visit with relatives. Mr. Cash will go from there to St. Louis where he expects to buy the spring stock of dry goods for the C. A. Cash & Son firm. They will be away a week or ten days.

Worth

Feeders and March 8th., to me very low will be in effect soon. Tickets to, to 13th, in extremely low. Also low to Washington, inauguration Wilson.

See local...
Worth

CLASSIFIED ADS

For Sale—Cotton seed cake and meal for milk cows. See G. W. Sitter or A. W. Haynes.

Lost—Bunch of keys on ring. Finder will please return to the News office.

For Sale—Sow and pigs, John Deer Lister and a small quantity of alfalfa seed. J. W. Skidmore.

A Bargain—Business house and lot for sale cheap for cash. Apply at News office.

For Sale—Complete furnishings for four room house—cheap. See or phone Lewis Cooke.

Found—check rein. Owner can get same at the News office by paying for this ad.

For Sale—A few Duroc Jersey sows, two mares, two horses broke to ride or work, two or three mules, two bulls. For further particulars see or phone R. S. Thompson.

Lost—Gold mounted Waterman fountain pen. Finder will please return to Thos. B. Lee and receive reward.

For Sale—Three pair of good young mules. See them before you buy. Joe Clark

Farm For Rent—Want to rent my place to reliable man, who can furnish his own teams, tools, feed, etc. Plenty of wood on place. Address Box 36, McLean, Texas.

Money To Loan

Quick loans on farms, ranches and raw land. If you want a loan write, phone or come to see me.

R. B. BONNER

Shamrock, Texas.

We are requested to announce that there will be a union meeting at the tabernacle, commencing the third Sunday in July and continuing over the first Sunday in August. Rev. W. A. Erwin will have charge of the preaching.

Don't fail to see our display of cheap shoes, we are going to sell them. C. C. Cook.

County Court was in session at the capital this week and it is said one of the biggest dockets in the history of the county was called. Many people from here were in attendance during the week.

Car of Albatross four coming. C. C. Cook.

E. E. Barker left the latter part of last week for a short vacation and a visit with friends at San Antonio and other Texas cities. Dolph Barrows is manning the railroad pumping station during his absence.

Sheriff Sale.

The State of Texas County of Gray Whereas, by virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the 7th Judicial District of Tarrant County, Texas, on the 15th day of October, 1912, in cause No. 30861, in said Court, styled Boatman's 3111, Plaintiff, and Sidney P. Allen, William A. Rule, C. H. Kohler, Charles P. Williams, J. D. Oliver, C. A. Shaffer, W. L. Rush, G. M. Smith, R. B. Pyron, John N. Thies, Joe Thies, W. I. Smith, Chas. J. Bradford and C. A. Ballamore. Defendants, and placed in my hands for service I, J. S. Denson, as Sheriff of Gray County, Texas, did on the 21st day of January, A. D. 1913 at 3 o'clock and 30 minutes, P. M. levy on certain real estate situated in Gray County, Texas, described as follows to wit:

1st.—That certain tract or parcel and premises containing 640 acres, known as Survey No. 22, in Block 25, surveyed for the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company by virtue of Certificate No. 12 2515, issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and situated in Gray County, Texas. 2nd.—Also, all that certain tract or parcel of land and premises containing 64 acres known as Survey No. 24, in Block No. 25, surveyed for the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company, by virtue of Certificate No. 12 2516, issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and situated in Gray County, Texas. 3rd.—Also, all that certain tract or parcel of land and premises

LET'S DIVIDE THE PROFIT

In order to try out the cash system for one week we will give 5 per cent off on anything in the store, except sugar, for the cash.

We want to clean up on shoes to make room for the big spring stock our buyer is now in the market selecting and will give you a discount of 15 per cent on any pair in the house, for the cash.

Bulk pickles and kraut, mighty good and mighty cheap, for the cash.

And say—we claim to have the best flour ever sold on the local market—White Lilac, Panhandle and Dictator. We not only claim, but we guarantee it to be the best.

C. A. CASH & SON

General Merchants

containing 640 acres known as Survey No. 42 in Block No. 25, surveyed for the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company, by virtue of Certificate No. 12 2525, issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office, and situated in Gray County, Texas.

4th.—Also, all that certain tract or parcel of land and premises containing 640 acres, known as Survey No. 118 in Block No. 23, surveyed for the Houston and Great Northern Railroad Company, by virtue of Certificate No. 12 2463, issued by the Commissioner of the General Land Office and situated in Gray County, Texas, levied upon as the property of said defendants.

And on Tuesday the 4th, day of March, 1913, at the Court house door, of Gray County, Texas, in the town of LeFors, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M., I will sell said land and premises, at public vendue for cash to the highest bidder, as the property of said Sidney P. Allen, William A. Rule, C. H. Kohler, Charles P. Williams, J. D. Oliver, C. A. Shaffer, W. L. Rush, G. M. Smith, R. B. Pyron, John N. Thies, Joe Thies, W. I. Smith, Charles J. Bradford and C. A. Ballamore, by virtue of said levy and said order of sale.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice, by publication in the English language once a week for three consecutive weeks, immediately preceeding said day of sale, in the McLean News, a Newspaper, published in Gray County, Texas.

This sale is to be made to satisfy a judgment in favor of the plaintiff and against the defendants, in the sum of \$140,016.93, with interest thereon from the date of said judgment at the rate of six per cent per annum and the further sum of \$1.50 cost of suit, and the sum of executing this notice and sale.

Witness my hand, this 21st day of January, A. D. 1913
J. S. Denson
Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.

TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME: KNOW YE:

That Whereas on the 18th day of October, 1912, Wesley Knorrp, as plaintiff, recovered a judgment in the District Court of Donley County, Texas, against C. C. Bearden, J. M. Hughes, O. B. Hoover, in the sum of \$2,458.77 together with all costs, amounting to \$56.80, with eight per cent interest thereon from date of said judgment, together with the disclosure of Vendor's Lien, on all of Section No. 2, in Block, C2, in Gray County, Texas, being about seventeen miles Southwest from the Courthouse of LeFors, in said County, against C. C. Bearden, J. M. Hughes, O. B. Hoover, and John W.

Whereas an Alias Order of Sale issued out of said Court in said Cause on the 27th, day of January, 1913, directed to me as Sheriff of Gray County, Texas, requiring me to seize and sell said premises in satisfaction of said judgment; Now therefore, by virtue of said order of sale, I did on the 3rd, day of February, 1913, levy upon said premises and shall hereafter to wit; on the first Tuesday in March, 1913, to wit; the fourth day of said month between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M. at the Court house door at LeFors, in Gray County at public vendue sell said premises to the highest bidder for cash, in satisfaction of said judgment and order of sale as under execution.

Witness my hand at LeFors, Texas, this 3rd day of February, A. D. 1913.
J. S. Denson
Sheriff of Gray County, Texas.

Sheriff Sale.

The State of Texas County of Gray No. 154. In the Justice Court of Precinct No. 5, of Gray County, Texas, J. D. Voyles, plaintiff against J. E. Flanagan, defendant.

Whereas by virtue of a writ of attachment issued out of the Justice Court of Precinct No. 5, Gray County, Texas, in the above styled case I levied on the real estate herein after set forth on the 12th day of June 1912, at four o'clock P. M. and whereas by virtue of an execution issued out of the above named court on a judgment rendered in

said court on the 8th, day of November A. D. 1912, in favor of the said J. D. Voyles against J. E. Flanagan in cause No. 154, on the docket of said court, I did on the 3rd, day of February A. D. 1913, at ten o'clock A. M. levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situated in the County of Gray and State of Texas, as the property of J. E. Flanagan, to wit; Three acres off the East side of Block Twenty one in the McLaughlin addition to the town site of McLean, according to the duly recorded map or plat of said addition to said town site which is duly recorded in the Deed Records of Gray County, Texas. Being all of said Block Twenty-one save and except two acres out of the West part of said block which belongs to one Lee, the same being situated about twenty two miles South East from the Court House of Gray County, and generally known as the Flanagan property. And on the 4th, day of March A. D. 1913 being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of ten o'clock A. M. and four o'clock P. M. on said day, at the court house door of said County, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash all the right title and interest of the said J. E. Flanagan in and to said property on the date of the levy of the attachment above mentioned.

Dated at LeFors, Texas, this 3rd, day of February A. D. 1913.
J. S. Denson
Sheriff of Gray County Texas.

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LIFE'S STRUGGLE WITH ILLNESS

Mrs. Stewart Tells How She Suffered from 16 to 45 years old—How Finally Cured.

Eupheria, Ohio.—"Because of total ignorance of how to care for myself when verging into womanhood, and from taking cold when going to school, I suffered from a displacement, and each month I had severe pains and nausea which always meant a lay-off from work for two to four days from the time I was 16 years old.

"I went to Kansas to live with my sister and while there a doctor told me of the Pinkham remedies but I did not use them then as my faith in patent medicines was limited. After my sister died I came home to Ohio to live and that has been my home for the last 18 years.

"The Change of Life came when I was 47 years old and about this time I saw my physical condition plainly described in one of your advertisements. Then I began using Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound and I cannot tell you or any one else the relief it gave me in the first three months. It put me right where I need not lay off every month and during the last 18 years I have not paid out two dollars to a doctor, and have been blessed with excellent health for a woman of my age and I can thank Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound for it.

"Since the Change of Life is over I have been a maternity nurse and being wholly self-supporting I cannot over estimate the value of good health. I have now earned a comfortable little home just by sewing and nursing since I was 62 years old. I have recommended the Compound to many with good results, as it is excellent to take before and after childbirth."—Miss EVELYN ADELIA STEWART, Eupheria, Ohio.

If you want special advice write to Lydia E. Pinkham Medicine Co. (confidential) Lynn, Mass. Your letter will be opened, read and answered by a woman and held in strict confidence.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Keeps the hair soft, moist and healthy. Prevents hair falling out. Cleanses the scalp. Makes the hair grow thick and luxuriant.

THOMPSON'S EYE WATER
Quickly relieves eye irritation caused by dust, gas, or wind. Cleanses the eye. Prevents eye trouble. For general use.



"That howwid Miss Giggles really laughed at me last evening, doncher know?"
"Well, never mind her—she often laughs at nothing."

Showing the Goods.
A novel mode of advertising for a wife has been adopted by an inhabitant of a provincial town in England. A photograph of the gentleman is placed in the window of a shop-keeper, and underneath is the following notice: "Wanted; a female companion to the above. Apply at this office."

TO DRIVE OUT MALARIA
A NEW BLOOD PURIFYING SYSTEM
This is the only medicine that drives out malaria, fever, and all other blood poisons. It is a powerful purifier of the blood, and the most effective remedy for malaria, fever, and all other blood poisons. For general use.

The Reason.
"Why is consistency considered such a jewel?"
"Because it is rare."

Since October 16.
"How's things in Boston?"
"I hear they have added a frieze of baseball bats to the public library."

Dr. Pierce's Pellets, small, sugar-coated, easy to take as candy, regulate and invigorate stomach, liver and bowels. Do not gripe. Adv.

A man may worship the woman beautiful, but he usually marries the woman dutiful.

Rev. Window's Soothing Syrup for Children
teething, softens the gums, reduces inflammation, allays pain, cures wind colic. 25c a bottle. Adv.

It's easy for a man to resist temptation—if he has something better in sight.

ITCH Relieved in 30 Minutes.
Woodford's Sanitary Lotion for all kinds of contagious itch. At Druggists. Adv.

Many a girl fails to select the right husband because she's afraid of being left.

TAKE FOLEY KIDNEY PILLS
For Backache Rheumatism Kidneys and Bladder
Foley's Kidney Pills are a powerful purifier of the blood, and the most effective remedy for backache, rheumatism, kidney and bladder troubles. For general use.

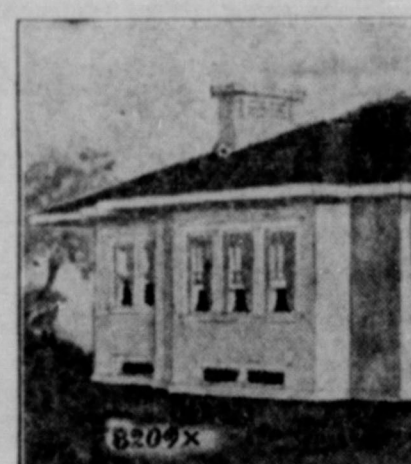
IDEAS for HOME BUILDERS

By WM. A. RADFORD
Mr. William A. Radford will answer questions and give advice FREE OF COST on all subjects pertaining to the subject of building, for the readers of this paper. On account of his wide experience as Editor, Author and Manufacturer, he is, without doubt, the highest authority on all these subjects. Address all inquiries to William A. Radford, No. 178 West Jackson boulevard, Chicago, Ill., and only enclose two-cent stamp for reply.

A four-room cement bungalow is an interesting proposition. The bungalow style of house has been very popular in California for a good many years and it has steadily worked its way east. During the past five years these interesting little dwellings have grown in popularity until it seems that the more bungalows we have the more we want.

The introduction of modern conveniences into bungalows has altered the whole house building problem. The first bungalows in the east were not called by that name. They were known as summer cottages and they were built usually on the bank of a river or near the shore of the ocean or some pretty lake. They were mere shells of houses without any attempt to protect the family against cold weather, but improvements have followed until we now have not only very artistic bungalow designs but many of them are very convenient and very comfortable houses to live in winter as well as summer.

The bungalow plan has made the large living room in a small house possible. Usually bungalow bedrooms are small. In the best designs space is economized in many ways very much to the advantage of small families. In this plan the living room is 14 feet 6 inches in width by 20 feet in length and it has a splendid fireplace in one end with a bookcase at the side in the corner. Then, to make the room still larger, the casement window is built out from the side in such a way as to provide a long, wide, comfortable window seat. The windows are double for winter and are carefully fitted to keep out the cold.



While window seats with an abundance of glass look nice, many of them are uncomfortable in cold weather for the reason that they are not well built. Even in cement houses there are cracks between the window frames and the cement work. Some contractors are careless about joints so long as the work looks well. The only way to get a window seat properly built is to either superintend it yourself or hire some man who not only understands how to build it properly but is honest enough and painstaking enough to do it right. I don't know anything more comfortable than a window seat like this properly protected from the cold and fitted with a good thick cushion, upholstered at the back and at the ends and filled in with plenty of sofa pillows.

Original Invertebrate Smoker.
The commercial traveler leaned back in the corner of the Pullman smoking compartment.

"You've all heard me say, 'Yes, I'm an inveterate smoker; smoke all the time except when I'm asleep.' Well, I ran across a man last summer that's got them all beaten; he smoked even when he was asleep."

"He was an Italian workman and he was riding on the trolley that runs from Saratoga to Glens Falls. He had a pipe in his mouth and his eyes were shut. At regular intervals a puff of smoke would come from between his lips."

"I began to watch him, wondering if he really was smoking in his sleep. A few minutes and my answer came in the shape of a good, heavy snore."

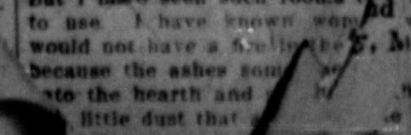
"After that it was—puff, snore; puff, snore; puff, snore—until his pipe went out. Then he woke up, filled his pipe, lighted it, and once more—puff, snore; puff, snore—until the conductor woke him up at Glens Falls."

Toothache.
A man in London killed himself and his son because he had the toothache. The English are exercised about it. They say the curse is spreading all over the earth. They have or have had, such strange notions about teeth! The indifference of many otherwise intelligent and refined people on the other side of their teeth is something astonishing. So it's well that the country has at last realized that toothache is a thing to be taken in time. They need not, however, include us in their sweeping statements in the subject. A dentist tells me that there probably never was a time or a country in the world when and where so many people took the proper care of their teeth as in America today. Which seems to me a self-evident fact.—New York Press

Fitting.
Manager—So you call your play The Muzzle?
Author—Yes, sir.
Manager—All right. We'll try it or the dog.

Then, if you have a good book and a fire in the grate you can enjoy life if you have a clear conscience.

A living room like this will appeal to every housewife who has ambition to make home really comfortable and attractive. It will appeal to any man when he comes home at night from a hard day's work and will keep him at home if the wife is of the right sort. But I have seen such rooms and nice to use. I have known women who would not have a \$5000 house because the ashes from the fire would get on their little dust that...



I don't blame a woman for preventing unnecessary work so far as possible, but a cheerful fire in a fireplace, properly built and taken care of as it should be, sheds more brightness and dispenses more comfort than the cost of taking care of a dozen fireplaces.

One feature about this house that should attract special notice is the placing of the bedrooms on one side of the house and the living rooms on the other side with a hall between, and the bathroom is so arranged that it is not necessary to go through the living room to get to it. It is difficult to plan such a division of space when the rooms are all on one floor, but it is a very satisfactory arrangement in this case. In this little bungalow there are many cupboards and conveniences to aid in easy housekeeping.

The plan of putting a sink in the pantry is a good one if the pantry is large enough. In this case the dining room and kitchen are one room. By getting rid of the sink there is nothing left in the kitchen that could be considered objectionable or out of place in a dining room, especially when gas is used for cooking. The dining room kitchen is in such close communication with the pantry that the work may be done with the fewest possible steps, which is another point of value to credit up to this pretty little cement bungalow.

This arrangement also works well in putting in the plumbing. The bathroom and kitchen sink being so close together, the pipes both for hot and cold water may be short and the sewer connections are all close together. It is a fact that the plumbing in some houses costs twice as much as the plumbing in other houses that are no better served when the job is done.

There is a grade entrance door at the back, four steps below the kitchen



door, with steps down to the cellar at the left and up to the kitchen at the right. And there is a good vestibule entrance to the dining kitchen with a place for the ice box under a window which is designed for both light and ventilation.

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METHOD EMPLOYED IN EGYPT

Pulverization of Soil Enables Moisture of Lower Levels to Rise Toward the Surface.

(By G. C. DUDGON, Director General, Department of Agriculture of Egypt.)

Dry farming, considered in the wide sense, is preeminently associated with the agriculture of Egypt from the earliest recorded times. During the centuries while the country has been without a significant rainfall and has been dependent upon the annual flood supply from the River Nile, the valley of the same has been under continuous cultivation, and has always been looked upon as extremely productive in comparison even with those regions where frequent rain has rendered cultivation more easy and less precarious.

It is interesting to note that just previous to the adoption of a system of controlling and regulating the river supply, that by careful treatment of the land, most of the crops, for which frequent waterings are now considered necessary during the whole period of their growth, were successfully produced, while only receiving a heavy soil saturation for two months previous to sowing and no more water subsequently. According to this method the cotton fields were not watered for from 127 to 137 days. It may be remarked in passing that the yield per fadden under these conditions is said to have been considerably higher than the average of that obtained under the present perennial system.

The essential principles which are recommended for dry farming at the present time are practically identical with those which were employed for cotton in the early days of the introduction of commercial cotton growing in Egypt. The soil in the first instance was thoroughly plowed and aerated, and was then tilled so that the particles were finely and loosely separated. The pulverization of the soil enables the water of the lower levels to rise towards the surface by capillarity at a much slower rate than it would do were the particles more closely compressed. The slower the progress of the soil water towards the surface, the slower also becomes the evaporation.

It was, without doubt, owing to the careful system of cultivation followed that cotton was enabled to subsist for the very long period mentioned above without the application of water. The basin system of cultivation is still largely practiced in Upper Egypt, but cotton is not grown as a basin crop. The system is doubtless of the great est antiquity, and has only been improved recently by the adjustment of the water supply by the irrigation department to insure that as little as possible of the basin land should be left unwatered.

The "red water" of the Nile is run into the basins, which vary in size and the silt is permitted to be deposited upon the land, while the water it self drains away. The short flood years the water which has drained through one basin is now permitted to reach the Nile before being used to flood another, and it is better to give water without silt to these lands than to give no water at all.

By recently adopted methods the basins are filled as early as possible and are permitted to drain away in from 30 to 40 days, so that the cultivator may have plenty of time to plant his winter crops. As the water recedes the seed is usually broadcasted on the wet soil; if sown later upon a drier surface, the plow or the hoe is used to cover the seed. No further attention is given to the crops until the harvesting season, and the land dries up to a considerable extent, often cracking to a depth of two meters. The effect upon the crop is usually shown by the shriveled state of the grain in the case of wheat and barley, although on account of the richness of the silt deposited upon the land, the yield is generally fair. The modern basin cultivation in Egypt is in opposition to the principles recommended for land in similar conditions.

Start Seeds in Eggshells.
Cucumber, squash and melon seeds, and in fact many others, may be started in the house in any one of a dozen ways. Try this one: Save the shells of eggs by breaking off the small end and removing the contents without destroying the shell; fill the empty shells with rich soil, and plant in each shell two or three seeds. Keep them in a warm and sunny place in the house, until ready to plant in the garden, by which time the little plants will be well started. Then break the shell off, leaving intact the ball of earth; set this in the place designated for the plants, and the plants will start growing without any check whatever. Empty strawberry boxes serve a similar purpose in the case of tomato and cabbage plants; set box and all into the ground, and the plant undisturbed and firmly established.

Mixture of Feeds Best.
It has been demonstrated that it is best to feed layers both scratch feed and mash, the former being a mixture of whole and cracked grains and the latter a mixture of ground grains and their by-products. Neither alone gives the results which may be obtained from the combination. As a general rule the greatest egg production is obtained when the mixtures are used in the proportion of two pounds of scratch feed to one pound of mash. It is not possible always to regulate this exactly, but as the birds eat the scratch feed more readily the desired result may be had by varying the quantity of scratch feed according to the amount of mash consumed. When the amount of scratch feed given is reduced the quantity of mash eaten will be increased correspondingly.

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Important Point.
"I intend," said the candidate, "to give this city a business administration. I have, as you all know, been engaged in business here for twenty years. I have been successful, if I may be permitted to say so, and I think you will agree with me when I say that a man who has been able to build up an important business of his own ought to be able to administer the public's affairs as they should be administered."

"Yes," replied a man in the audience, "your theory is absolutely sound, but I'd like to ask you one thing. Are you going to be willing to quit giving us a business administration when we get tired of it?"

Begins to Be Different, Though.
"I believe the law holds that a man is innocent until it has been proved that he is guilty, doesn't it?"
"Yes, except in the cases of very great magistrates. There it holds that they are innocent until they have been proved guilty so often and by so many courts that the public loses interest in them."

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THE BANKS OF C

The closing of the year brought out the usual bank accompanied by the address Presidents and General these institutions. They interesting as they show manner the prosperity of and deal with economic first hand way. Those thing of Canadian bank know the stability of tions, and the high cha men who are placed in discussing the land situat ident of the Union Bank whose branches are to be parts of the Canadian W.

"A good deal has been speculation in land. The land values has added the assets of Western has to some extent forme extended credit, but this be a drawback when the and convertible. We co business standing which ened and enhanced by r ings is entitled to a r largement of credit for ness operations."

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Worldly—and Apropos of Miss "billion-dollar, debu Claude H. Wetmore, "The marvelous gro ty of our city is all holds the eye of all such wealth as ours u,arily of the world "There are other world besides money— buy them all!"

"You never thank you a seat in a street more," replied Miss O until I noticed that bly he was going to next corner anyhow."

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Citation By Publication.

In the District Court March 1913 Term, A. D. To the Sheriff or any constable of Gray County, Greeting:

YOU ARE HEREBY COMMANDED, That by making Publication of this Citation in some newspaper published in the County of Gray, if there be a newspaper in said County (but if not, then in the nearest County where a newspaper is published), for four weeks previous to the return day hereof, you summon S. A. Meeks, W. H. Jarrett, J. B. Sikes, Sidney Ayers and W. S. Pearson, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the District Court, to be held in and for the County of Gray, at the Court House thereof, in LeFors, on the 31st day of March, 1913, the same being the 5th Monday in said month. File Number being 150, then and there to answer the petition of Frederic De P. Foster filed in said Court on the 14th day of Sept. 1912, and the first amended original answer and cross action of the defendants A. J. Williams and Henry Williams filed in said Court, on the 20th day of January 1913 A. D., against the said S. A. Meeks, W. H. Jarrett, J. B. Sikes, Sidney Ayers and W. S. Pearson, and alleging in substance as follows, to-wit:

Now come the defendants A. J. Williams and Henry Williams, and with permission of the court first had and obtained, files this their first

amended original answer and cross action herein, in lieu of their first original answer and cross action herein filed on the 24th day of September 1912 answering plaintiff's original petition filed herein on the 14th day of September 1912, and admit all the facts and allegations in plaintiff's petition in so far as the same states any cause of action against these defendants, and by way of cross action against the defendants, S. A. Meeks, W. H. Jarrett, J. B. Sikes, Sidney Ayers, and W. S. Pearson, say:

That each and all of the last above named parties are made defendants in plaintiff's said original petition, and these defendants here and now file this their cross action against them as cross defendants and for cause of action say: that the residence of each and all of said cross defendants are unknown to these defendants A. J. & Henry Williams.

And further, that on the 1st day of October 1907, the plaintiff Foster, and one Cornelius Culler, owned all of section No. 149 in block B-2 in Gray County, Texas, containing 320 acres of land; that on last said day and date the plaintiff and the said Culler by warranty deed in which the vendor's lien was expressly retained to secure the payment of the herein after described notes, conveyed said premises to these defendants A. J. Williams and Henry Williams.

These defendants further say that as a part of the purchase price of

said premises they executed five promissory vendor lien notes of even date with said deed, each in the sum of \$150.00, said notes being numbered, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 respectively and being due and payable at Pampa, Texas, to the order of the said Foster and Culler, 1, 2, 3, 4, & 5 years after date respectively, each bearing interest from date until paid at the rate of 6 per cent per annum, interest payable annually as it accrued and further providing that all past due interest should bear interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and further providing that if default should be made in the payment of said notes, or any of them or any part thereof at maturity, that the owner or holder of them might declare all of said notes due, and that thereafter the unpaid portion of said notes should bear interest at the rate of ten per cent per annum, and further providing that in the event these defendants Williams should fail to pay the taxes upon said premises as they became due, that the owner of said notes might pay the same, and that such amount paid should be treated as principal in addition to said notes; and further providing that if said notes should be placed in the hands of an attorney for collection after maturity that ten per cent of the whole amount due should be collected as attorney's fees.

These defendants further say that after the execution of said deed and notes and before the maturity of said notes, or any of them, the said Culler assigned said notes and all his interest therein to the plaintiff Foster and by deed conveyed to the plaintiff Foster all his interest in said lands.

These defendants further say that they caused said Note No. 1 to be paid to the plaintiff Foster according to its term and tenor, and all interest accruing on said notes Nos. 2, 3, 4, & 5 up to the first day of October 1908; but that the remaining amounts of said notes are wholly unpaid and that they have been declared due and were declared due by the action of the plaintiff in filing his petition herein on the 14th day of September 1912, wherein he sought to recover of these plaintiffs all the sums provided in said notes, including taxes, for the year 1910, in the amount of \$4.96 cts, and taxes for the year 1911 in the amount of \$8.03 and also for ten per cent attorney's fees upon the whole thereof, which plaintiff alleges to be a reasonable fee and which these defendants admit and declare to be reasonable, and further asking for the foreclosure of the vendor's lien against all of said premises, but in said petition notifying these defendants that in the event they should fail to procure service of process upon all the parties herein as cross defendants that then and in that event the plaintiff Foster would dismiss his suit for the foreclosure of the vendor's lien and seek to recover personal judgment against these defendants only.

The defendants further say that on or about the 3rd day of August 1909, by deed duly executed and delivered, they conveyed to the defendant Meeks the above described premises, in which deed it was stated that as a part of the consideration of said conveyance that the said Meeks assumed the payments in satisfaction of said notes 2, 3, 4, & 5 according to their terms and tenor, that said Meeks accepted said deed and caused the same to be placed of record in the deed records of Gray County, Texas, and that thereafter the said Meeks exercised and attempted to exercise the rights of ownership of said premises under said deed, by reason of all which the said Meeks and all persons claiming under him, promise to pay and became bound to pay all of said notes according to their terms and tenor, including principal, interest, attorney's fees and taxes.

These defendants further say that the defendant Jarrett claims to have purchased said premises from the said Meeks; that the defendant Sikes claims to have purchased a one half interest in said premises from the defendant Jarrett; that the defendant Ayers claims to have purchased a one half interest in the same from the defendant Sikes; and that the defendant Pearson claims to have purchased a one half interest in same from the defendant Jarrett.

Defendants further say that it would be inequitable to permit the plaintiff to dismiss his action to foreclose the vendor's lien upon said premises and to take personal judgment against these defendants and thereby require of them that they should either lose the entire sum of money provided in said notes, or compel them to institute a new cause of action against these defendants and the plaintiff to secure title and foreclosure of title upon the premises aforesaid, in behalf of the payment of said notes.

Wherefore, premises considered, these defendants pray the court that citation by publication issue hereon in terms of law requiring the defendants Meeks, Jarrett, Sikes, Ayers and Pearson to answer this petition at the March term of the District Court of Gray County, Texas, and that upon final hearing of plaintiff's said peti-

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and this cross action, the vendor's lien be foreclosed against all parties named defendant herein upon said premises, for the payment of all sums mentioned in said notes and provided for therein, and that these defendants upon paying the amount which the plaintiff is entitled to receive be subrogated to all the rights of the plaintiff, and for such other and further relief both from the demands of the plaintiff and as against the cross defendants as they may show themselves entitled to receive, as in duty bound they will ever pray.
Herein fail not, but have you then and there before said Court this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.
Witness, C. L. Upham, Clerk of the District Court of Gray County.
Given under my hand and seal of said Court, in LeFors, Texas, this 24 day of January A. D. 1913.
C. L. UPHAM
Clerk of Gray County, Texas.

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