

# THE McLEAN NEWS

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## ELECTION OF OFFICERS FOR C. OF C. MONDAY

The annual election of officers for the McLean Community Chamber of Commerce will be held at the Legion Theatre next Monday evening, January 7th.

Reports from the present officers, including a financial report, will be made at this meeting, and it is hoped that a large representation of the membership will be present.

The Chamber of Commerce is an important organization, and much of the future success of it depends upon the officers who will be selected Monday night.

The meeting will be called to order promptly at 7 o'clock.

## TRAIN SCHEDULE CHANGED

The day train service has been changed and the eastbound train now arrives here at 4:25 p. m., while the westbound arrives at 1:50 p. m. The night trains are running with only a slight change in schedule. The eastbound arrives at 10:15 p. m., and the westbound at 4:13 a. m.

## DR. ROBERTS MOVES

Rev. W. P. Roberts and family left today for their new pastorate at Grand Prairie. The whole community is sorry to lose this good family, and the Presbyterian folks will not soon find a more popular pastor. The Presbyterian church has enjoyed a 104% increase in membership under Dr. Roberts' leadership and about \$1000 worth of improvements have been made to the church property.

## ADVERTISING BRINGS OUT RECORD SUNDAY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

As a result of full page newspaper advertisements and personal work during a campaign covering a period of several weeks, the attendance at the Sunday school of the First Christian church of Eugene, Ore., was 2,244 when the count was taken and a number of persons entered too late for the count, according to Dr. E. V. Stivers, pastor of the church. As this was rally day, an attendance of 1,776 was set. According to church workers, the attendance was by far the largest ever seen at a Sunday school in Oregon and perhaps on the Pacific coast.—Oregonian.

## HORSES ARE BARRED ON CERTAIN STREETS

Terre Haute, Ind., Dec. 29.—Not so many years ago, "horseless carriages," as the first automobiles were called, were ordered off the streets of at least one Indiana city. Now the order has been reversed, for in Terre Haute horse-drawn vehicles are prohibited from using certain streets in the downtown district. Reception is made, however, for horse-drawn delivery wagons. Trucks or wagons cannot use any unheated paved street in Terre Haute except from the nearest intersection to the destination.

M. Roe, who has bought the Johnson dray and transfer business, is a new subscriber to The News. The paper gave him a nice printing order and says he will run a regular "in one" as soon as he has a phone installed.

Miss Frankie Mae Upham visited Miss Ernestine Osborne at Jericho Sunday. Miss Osborne accompanied Miss Upham home and remained here over Monday.

Carl Ashby left Tuesday for Austin after spending the holidays with home folks.

W. D. Rogers has renewed his subscription to The News and Star-Telegram.

Paul C. Hall of Hagerman, N. M., was a pleasant caller at the News office Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. James and children of Jericho visited the News office, Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Francis, last week.

Miss Eunice Stratton returned Monday from a visit with relatives at Baird and Abilene.

Mr. and Mrs. Hal Kennedy of Abilene are visiting in the city.

## Our Pet Peeve



## EVOLUTION TAUGHT AT U. OF T.

Austin, Dec. 31.—Evolution is a popular subject among University of Texas students, according to J. E. Pearce, head of the anthropology department. More than 300 students are taking courses in anthropology, which includes the teaching of the theory of evolution. Racial, environmental and cultural problems also prove of interest to students.

The anthropology department was established in the University in 1916 and has had a rapid growth.

## AUCTION SALE SATURDAY

W. H. Bragg offers his household goods and farm stock at public auction next Saturday, Jan. 5th. The sale will start at 10:30 a. m. Mr. Bragg offers a nice lot of canned fruit in this sale. Read the advertisement on another page of this paper.

## BAILEY-GREEN

Married, last week, Mr. Bill Bailey and Miss Lena Green. Mr. Bailey is of the Heald community and Miss Green is from Wellington.

## WILLIAMS-DOUGHERTY

Mr. Roland Williams of Carpenter and Miss Leola Dougherty of Heald were married last week.

## CAPABLE MEN

It's rather amusing to hear some men roar because he has been assigned on a committee to do some task for community betterment. "They can't expect me to do this. I've got to give my time to my business," is the usual response of such business men. He ought to realize, however, that the town loafers cannot be expected to do these tasks. If you will keep your eyes and ears open you will find that in ninety-nine cases out of one hundred, these too-busy folks are the main ones to kick and howl because our town is not making as much progress as other towns. They are the reason.—Big Springs Herald.

It is the busy man that puts on big things in a community way. The man that has no business—the idle man—is not capable of putting on worth while enterprises. The man that has made a success of his own business is the man that will make a success of public business, whether it be for the community in the way of promoting enterprises of a public nature or in the public official capacity. The man that is capable of putting over business for the community is the man that has business of his own.—Scurry County Times-Signal.

W. H. Floyd of Artesia, N. M., has renewed his subscription to The News and Star-Telegram. The gentleman says he enjoys The News because it reads as if McLean was doing something all the time. He also likes our aerial story.

## NEWS PUBLICATION DATE CHANGED

The News will be published and dated on Thursday of each week from now on. We have been publishing on Thursday for the past two years in order that subscribers on the routes could have their favorite paper on Friday, but the two dates have caused some confusion, so we have decided to date the paper the same day it is published.

We appreciate any items you may want published to be handed in not later than Wednesday noon of each week. All church and school notes, as well as country correspondence, should be in our hands not later than Tuesday evening.

## AUTOISTS MUST PAY TAXES

A notice from Sheriff Graves appears on another page of The News stating that autoists must pay their 1924 license tax or they are subject to arrest and fine for running a car without license.

## HOME ECONOMICS CLUB NOTES

Our next meeting will be Jan. 3, 1924, at the home of Mrs. Rish Phillips. Following is the program: Subject—Making garments. Leader—Demonstration Agent. Cutting and fitting—Mrs. T. A. Landers.

Finishing button holes, pockets, plaquettes and seams—Mrs. C. S. Rice. Decorative stitches—Mrs. L. W. Wilson.

Short cuts in sewing, including machine attachments—Mrs. Carl Overton. We are late getting the program in the paper, but hope every one will remember the time of meeting and come, for we are sure that the program will be one of interest to all.

W. D. Biggers of Knox City has renewed his subscription to The News. Prof. Biggers says we are putting out the best paper he knows of any town near our size. He also praised our editorial column.

## GOOD PICTURE SATURDAY

The management of the Legion Theatre has arranged a picture better than usual for Saturday night. Gloria Swanson and Rodolph Valentino in Elinor Glyn's "Beyond the Rocks"; costs more than the ordinary of pictures and you will be pleased if you pay a visit to the Legion Theatre Saturday night.

Chas. Cousins made a business trip to Clarendon Tuesday.

M. M. Kirby of Searey, Ark., came in last Thursday to visit his son, J. E. Kirby, and family.

Mrs. J. L. Crabtree, Mrs. Orr and Ted Crabtree of Wellington were transacting business in our city Friday.

## A TURKEY DINNER

Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Francis entertained the following at a turkey dinner on Wednesday of last week: Mrs. W. E. James and children of Groom, Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Callahan, Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Collier, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Petty and sons, Mrs. Ethel Hodges and son, Kenneth Mrs. J. W. Mayfield and daughters, Misses Mildred and Doris, and son, Teddy.

## A THEATRE PARTY

Miss Margaret Glass entertained with a theatre party last Saturday evening in honor of Miss Mildred Mayfield, who left Wednesday for Dallas.

## News From Back

By Special Correspondent.

Christmas has come and gone and the time has arrived for New Year resolutions. The most agreeable surprise for Xmas was the McLean News.

Chas. Back and family spent Xmas with relatives in the Liberty community.

Bailey Lakey and family visited in the Gracey community Christmas. Bud Back and family visited in the W. I. Bacon home Christmas Eve.

Geo. Colebank and family were McLean visitors Christmas day.

Mrs. Mesdames Colebank, Louis Morse and Bud Back visited Mrs. Frank Henley Wednesday, carrying with them Christmas greetings of many good things to eat. We are glad to report Mrs. Henley improving and hope to see her to be herself again.

The club ladies met with Mrs. R. H. Corum last Thursday and surprised her with a pot luck Christmas dinner. After noon officers were elected for the year and plans made for the year's work.

Jewel Lyle and little son of Sharrock visited his friend, C. M. Carpenter, Friday of last week.

C. M. Carpenter visited in the D. M. Graham home at McLean Saturday.

Miss Lockie Norman visited friends in Moberlie Christmas.

Miss Agnes Roberts returned Sunday from spending the holidays with home folks at Moberlie.

Chas. Back was a McLean visitor Monday.

T. F. Henley was trading in McLean Monday.

Miss Lillie Cleor of Haskell orders The News sent to her address. Miss Cleor says that it is her opinion that The News is the best country paper published.

Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Bird returned to their home at Lawton, Okla., Wednesday after a few days' visit with the former's sister, Mrs. J. H. Richey.

Melvin Davis left Saturday for a few days' visit at Wellington before returning to Clarendon College.

## 1400 BALES COTTON GINNED

The McLean gin has tied out 1400 bales of cotton this season and expects to gin 300 more before the season ends.

If there was any doubt as to a gin being a paying proposition here it has been thoroughly dispelled this year.

## A BIRTHDAY DINNER

Some twenty-eight people gathered at the J. M. Noel home last Thursday for a pot luck dinner in honor of Mrs. Noel's birthday. All report a very enjoyable time.

## A PARTY

Miss Lillian Abbott and Mrs. Vigna Stuckey entertained a number of their friends last Friday night in the D. L. Abbott home. The evening was very pleasantly spent in playing old fashioned games. At a late hour refreshments were served to the following: Misses Nona and Jewell Cousins, Frankie Mae Upham, Wilma Grigsby, Floye Landers, Eunice Floyd, Oma Arnold, Agnes, Lillian and Ila Abbott; Mesdames Vigna Stuckey, W. C. Garrett and D. L. Abbott; Messrs. Leman Andrews, Lee Wilson, John, Joudon and Ted Cobb, Fred and LeRoy Landers, H. P. Garrett, Homer Abbott, Rev. W. C. Garrett and D. L. Abbott.

## COOPER-OVERSTREET

Married, Monday, Dec. 24 at Panshandle, Mr. Neal Cooper and Miss Iva Lee Overstreet of White Deer.

## REAL ESTATE CHANGE

I. T. Huckabee has bought lots Nos. 7, 8, 9 and 10 in block 120, Guthrie-Haynes subdivision of Block E of the city of McLean from Rev. J. S. Huckabee. The deal was made some time last week.

## BARNES-HOMMEL

Married, Friday, Dec. 28, at the Methodist parsonage in McLean, Mr. C. A. Barnes and Miss Laura Hommel, both of Alanreed. Rev. J. S. Huckabee officiated.

## HOME TOWN PAPER

People who persistently refuse to appreciate the home paper or those who are so self-conceited that they cannot see any worth to them in the work being sent out from the printing office down the street unless there happens to be a complimentary paragraph about themselves should read what the Shattuck, Okla., Monitor says of the home paper.

The Monitor says: "Every town gets its money's worth through the home newspaper. It's the wagon that carries all your goods to market. It ought to be kept in good repair. It will pay to grease it, paint it and keep its running gear in good shape and shelter it. It is the guardian of every interest, the forerunner of every enterprise, and the pioneer mover of every worthy undertaking and the sturdy advocate of law and order."—Amarillo Daily News.

C. C. Bogan, city water and light department supt., has renewed the following subscriptions: W. E. Bogan, Chattanooga, Okla., Miss Lettie Bogan, Pueblo, Colo., and Mrs. F. C. Grant, Dallas.

Mr. and Mrs. P. D. Krauss and children left Tuesday for California to make their home.

C. H. Holt of Alanreed is a new reader of The News. Mr. Holt takes advantage of one of our club offers.

Mr. and Mrs. F. L. Cooke and children returned Saturday night from Channing, where they spent the holidays.

Earl Amick has renewed his subscription to The News.

E. T. McCleskey is a new reader of The News.

Mrs. S. E. Boyett went to Amarillo Tuesday.

Mrs. Chas. E. Cooke and children are visiting Mrs. Evan Sitter at Enterprise this week.

M. C. Burdine of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

## GAS ESCAPING IN RIVER NEAR WHITTINGTON WELL

It is reported that gas is escaping in the river bed about a mile from the Whittington well in Wheeler county. Residents are at a loss to explain the appearance of gas in the river unless it comes from the well.

Oil men claim that Gray and Wheeler counties are due for a big oil and gas boom this year.

## WILLING WORKERS CLUB

By Special Reporter.

Pampa, Jan. 2.—The Willing Workers Club met at the home of Mrs. Albert Converse on Saturday, Dec. 29. Four members, one visitor and our home demonstration agent, Miss Patterson, were present.

The demonstration given was on the testing of fabrics.

## Wool Test

To one quart of water add one tablespoon of lye. Let come to a boil, remove from fire and drop a piece of the material into the lye water, allowing it to set a few minutes. All the wool will have returned to animal fibre, while the cotton, if any, remains in strings.

## Linen Test

Ravel goods both ways so as to leave a fringe, then soak in glycerin. The linen threads will be transparent, soft and smooth to the touch, while the cotton threads will be opaque and feel hard.

## Silk Test

Hold lighted match under piece of goods to be tested. If all silk, the edges curl up and will not blaze; if there is cotton in the silk it will flash up and burn quickly.

## To Set Colored Cotton

Black, red, pink—1½ cups salt to 4 quarts water.

Green and purple—1 oz. alum dissolved in 1 gallon water.

To prevent red from fading—1 pound borax to 1 gallon water.

Blue, brown, tan, lavender—1 oz. sugar of lead to 1 gallon water.

To freshen any color soak in weak borax solution.

To freshen blues use strong blueing water.

Buff, yellows and tans, add coffee to water.

Dyes dissolved and bottled may be used instead of blueing.

A short business meeting was called. All officers are to remain as last year, with the following exceptions: President, Mrs. Theo Duncan; vice president, Mrs. C. W. Bowers; year book committee, Mesdames Forest Keen and L. C. Holland.

Refreshments consisting of sandwiches, cake and cocoa were served, after which the club adjourned to meet the fourth Wednesday in January with Mrs. R. H. Davis.

## ZERO WEATHER THIS WEEK

Sunday night a norther with spitting snow drove the thermometer down to two degrees below zero, making the coldest weather we have experienced for some time, but the temperature has since been gradually climbing so that we have about normal weather again.

## DR. DURHAM DEAD

Dr. S. C. S. Durham died at the home of his son, F. E. Durham, on the S. B. East place, Thursday, Dec. 27, at the age of 75 years and 10 months. Interment was made at Hillcrest cemetery on Friday.

## 60 BOYS IN SCHOOL: ONLY 4 USE TOBACCO

Hutchinson, Kans., Dec. 29.—In a survey just completed among the boys of the Haven rural high school by George B. Lanning, principal, it developed that only four of the 60 boys enrolled have used tobacco and none are habitual users.

Three of the 60 were found who occasionally smoke, and one who has chewed tobacco. Fifty-six of the 60 do not use tobacco in any form, the survey shows.

"In making the survey the boys were not asked to sign their names and no attempt was made to identify any who might use tobacco," explained Principal Lanning. "I feel that we have a truthful survey."

Rev. W. P. Roberts orders The News sent to his address at Grand Prairie.

Ted Cobb left Tuesday for Dallas to have his eyes treated.

R. N. Ashby made a business trip to Clarendon Tuesday.

# The BROWN MOUSE

By HERBERT QUICK

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## SYNOPSIS

CHAPTER I.—Jennie Woodruff contemptuously refuses to marry Jim Irwin, young farm hand, because of his financial condition and poor prospects. He is intellectually above his station, and has advanced ideas concerning the possibilities of expert school teaching, for which he is ridiculed by many.

CHAPTER II.—More as a joke than otherwise Jim is selected as teacher of the Woodruff district school.

CHAPTER III.—Jim, in his new position, sets out to make staunch friends of his pupils, especially two boys, Newton Bronson and Buddy Simms, the latter the son of a shiftless farmer, Colonel Woodruff, Jennie's father, has little faith in Jim's ideas of improving rural educational methods. He nicknamed him the "Brown Mouse," in illustration of an anecdote.

CHAPTER IV.—Jim's conduct of the school, where he endeavors to teach the children the wonders of nature and some of the scientific methods of farming, as well as "book learning," is condemned.

CHAPTER V.—Jennie Woodruff is nominated for the position of county superintendent of schools. The school board grows bitter in its opposition to Jim and his innovations.

CHAPTER VI.—At a public meeting Jim roundly condemns the methods of teaching in the rural schools, and makes no friends thereby.

CHAPTER VII.—A delegation of prominent women condemn Jim's methods of teaching, but he is stoutly defended by his pupils, especially Newton Bronson.

CHAPTER VIII.—Jim has Christmas dinner at Colonel Woodruff's, and listening to him, Jennie begins to divine something concerning his ability and his prospects.

CHAPTER IX.—In the evening Jim, as well as he knows how, courts Jennie, without, however, making much progress, though she is quickly losing her poor opinion of him.

CHAPTER X.—Jennie, elected county superintendent of schools, receives so many complaints from people of the district concerning Jim's methods of teaching that she finds herself compelled formally to ask for his resignation. After she has left, Jim is visited by Colonel Woodruff, who strongly urges him to resign, and offers to back him, Jim agrees to stick, for a while at least.

CHAPTER XI.—A meeting of the school board, which had been gathered to "get" Jim, is confronted by Jennie, who upholds him. He conducts an examination of his pupils at the meeting, to prove that he is not neglecting their "book learning," by the introduction of other subjects which he considers of importance. The splendid scoring made by the children converts many, who had doubted, to his views.

CHAPTER XII.—The novel idea which Jim has introduced have been talked about outside the county, and he is visited by Professor Withers, an education lecturer at the state university who invites him to deliver an address at the next annual meeting of the Farmers' Institute.

CHAPTER XIII.—Professor Withers is impressed by many of the innovations made by Jim, and so informs Colonel Woodruff and Jennie, somewhat to the astonishment of both. The colonel suggests to Jim that he (the colonel) seek election to the school board replacing Cornelius Bonner, implacable enemy of Jim Irwin.

CHAPTER XIV.—Feigning sickness Newton Bronson, youngster whom Irwin has redeemed from idleness and folly and set on the right path, and who almost worships the teacher, keeps his father from voting at school board election. Bronson is a friend of Bonner and would have voted for him as it is. Colonel Woodruff chosen for the position, owing to Bronson's shrewdness.

CHAPTER XV.—Jim convinces the farmers of the district of the advantages to be derived from a co-operative creamery, and it is agreed to establish one. His rise to a position of leadership in the community, and high reputeability, has made a distinct difference in Jennie's feelings toward him, which she is forced to acknowledge to herself.

CHAPTER XVI.—In his address at the Farmers' Institute Jim makes a distinctly favorable impression. After the meeting he is offered a position as teacher in another district, with a considerable advance in salary, and agrees to consider it.

CHAPTER XVII.—Jim's friends urge him to remain at his present post, lauding gifts of the district assuring him that they are "proud of him."

## CHAPTER XVIII

### Old Man Simms Speaks.

Young McGeehee Simms was loitering along the snowy way to the schoolhouse bearing a brightly scoured tin pail two-thirds full of water. He had been allowed to act as water superintendent of the Woodruff school as a reward of merit—said merit being an essay on which he received credit in both language and geography on "Harvesting Wheat in the Tennessee Mountains." This had been of vast interest to the school in view of the fact that the Simmses were the only pupils in the school who had ever seen in use that supposedly-obsolete harvesting implement, the cradle. Buddy's essay had been passed over to the class in United States history as the evidence of an eyewitness concerning farming conditions in our grandfathers' times.

The surnameless Pete, Colonel Woodruff's hired man, halted Buddy at the door.

"Mr. Simms, I believe," he said.

"You reckon you must be lookin' for me, Raymond, huh?" said

Buddy. "I am a lookin'," said Pete impressively. "for Mr. McGeehee Simms."

"That's me," said Buddy. "but I hain't been doin' nothin' wrong, huh?"

"I have a message here," said Pete. "for Professor James E. Irwin. He's what-ho within, there, ain't he?"

"He's inside, I reckon," said Buddy. "Then will you be so kind and condescendin' as to stoop so low as to jump so high as to give him this letter?" asked Pete.

Buddy took the letter and was considering of his reply to this remarkable speech, when Pete, gravely saluting, passed on, rather congratulating himself on having staged a very good burlesque of the dignified manners of those queer mountaineers, the Simmses.

The note was from the colonel: "These come to the meeting tonight and when you come, come prepared to hold the district up. If we can't meet the Potawatamie county standard of wages, we ought to lose you. Every body in the district will be there. Come late, so you won't hear yourself talked about—I should recommend nine-thirty and war-paint."

It was a crisis, no doubt of that; and the responsibility of the situation rather sickened Jim of the task of teaching. Only one thing kept him from dreading the whole issue and remaining at home—the colonel's matter-of-fact assumption that Jim had become master of the situation. How could he flee, when this old soldier was fighting so valiantly for him in the trenches? So Jim went to the meeting.

How could he impose conditions on the whole school district? How could he expect such a thing of him? And how could anyone look for anything but scorn for the upstart field and from these men who had for so

many years made him the butt of their good-natured but none the less contemptuous ridicule? Who was he, anyway, to lay down rules for these substantial and successful men—he who had been for all the years of his life at their command, subservient to their demands for labor—their underling?

The season was nearing spring, and it was a mild thawing night. The windows of the schoolhouse were filled with heads, evidencing the presence of a crowd of almost unprecedented size, and the sashes had been thrown up for ventilation and coolness. As Jim climbed the back fence of the schoolyard, he heard a burst of applause, from which he judged that some speaker had just finished his remarks. There was silence when he came alongside the window at the right of the chairman's desk, a silence broken by the voice of Old Man Simms, saying "Mistah Chairman!"

"The chair," said the voice of Ezra Bronson, "recognizes Mr. Simms."

Jim halted in indecision. He was not expected while the debate was in progress. There is no rule of manners or morals, however, forbidding eavesdropping during the proceedings of a public meeting. Therefore he listened to the first and last public speech of Old Man Simms.

"Ah ain't no speaker," said Old Man Simms, "but Ah can't set here and be quiet an' go home an' face my ole woman an' my boys an' gubils without sayin' a word to the best friend any family evah had, Mr. Jim Irwin." (Applause.) Maybe Ah'll be thought farrard to speak hyah, bein' as Ah ain't no leavin' an' some may think Ah don't pay no taxes; but seein' as how we've took the Blanchard farm, a hundred an' sixty acres, for five years, an' move in a week from Sat'day, we pay taxes in our rent, Ah reckon, an' howsoever that may be, Ah've come to feel that you-all won't think hard of me if Ah speak what we-uns feel so strong about Mr. Jim Irwin?"

Old Man Simms finished this exordium with the rising inflection, which denoted a direct question as to his status in the meeting. "Go on!" "You've got as good a right as any one!" "You're all right, old man!" Such exclamations as these came to Jim's ears with scarcely less gratefulness than to those of Old Man Simms—who stammered and went on.

"Ah thank you-all kindly, Gentlemen an' ladies, when Mr. Jim Irwin found us, we was scandalous pore, an' we was wuss'n pore—we was low-down." (Cries of "No—No!")

"Yes, we was, becuz when a man gets in a new place, he's got to lift himself up to what folks does where he's come to, or he'll make a place fer himself lower'n anybody else. In the mountings we was good people, becuz we done the best we could an' the best any one done; but hyah, we was low-down people becuz we hated the people that had mo' leavin', mo' land, mo' money, an' mo' friends than what we had. My little gubils wasn't respectable in their clothes. My children was fergant, an' triffin', but I was the most triffin' of all. Ah'll leave it to Colonel Woodruff if I was good fer a plug of tobacco, or a bukin' of flour at any sto' in the county. Was I, Colonel? Wasn't I perfectly wuthless an' triffin'?"

There was a ripple of laughter, in the midst of which the colonel's voice was heard saying, "I guess you were, Mr. Simms, I guess you were, but—"

"Thankee," said Old Man Simms, as if the colonel had given a really valuable testimonial to his character. "I sho' was! Thankee kindly! An' now, what am I good fer? Cain't I get anything I want at the stores? Cain't I get a little money at the bank, if I got to have it?"

"You're just as good as any man in the district," said the colonel. "You don't ask for more than you can pay, and you can get all you ask."

"Thankee," said Mr. Simms gravely.

"What Ah tell you-all is right, ladies



"We Owe It All to Jim Irwin."

and gentlemen. An' what has made the change in we-uns, ladies and gentlemen? It's the wuk of Mr. Jim Irwin with my boy Raymond, the best boy any man evah had, and my gubil, Chishta, an' Buddy, an' Jennie, an' with me an' my ole woman.

"He showed us how to get a tooth-hill into this new kentry. He teach'd the children what orto be did by a rentin' farmer in loway. He done lifted us up, an' made people of us. He done showed us that you-all is good people an' not what we thought you was. Outen what he learned in school, my boy Raymond an' me made as good crops as we could last summer, an' lone right much wuk outside. We go the name of bein' good farmers an' good wukkers, an' when Mr. Blanchard moved to town, he said he was glad to give us his fine farm for five years."

"Now, see what Mr. Jim Irwin has

done for a pack o' outlaws and outcasts. Instid o' hidin' out from the Holidays, that was laywain' us in the mountings, we'll be livin' in a house with two chimlees an' a swimmin' tub made outen crock-ryware. We'll be in debt a whole lot—an' we owe it to Mr. Jim Irwin that we got the credit to get in debt with, an' the courage to go on and git out agin'!" (Applause.)

"Ah could aff'd to pay Mr. Jim Irwin's salary mysef, if Ah could. An' there's enough men hyah tonight that say they've been money-hyped by their teachin' the school to make up mo' than his wages. Let's not let Mr. Jim Irwin go, neighbors! Let's not let him go!"

Jim's heart warmed. "There isn't a man in that meeting," said he to himself, as he walked to the schoolhouse door, "possessed of the greatness of spirit of Old Man Simms. If he's a fair sample of the people of the mountains, they are of the stuff of which great nations are made—if they only are given a chance."

## CHAPTER XIX

### A School District Held Up.

Colonel Woodruff was on his feet as Jim made his way through the crowd about the door.

"Mr. Irwin is here, ladies and gentlemen," said he, "and I move that we hear from him as to what we can do to meet the offer of our friends in Potawatamie county; but before I yield the floor, I want to say that this meeting has been worth while just to have been the occasion of our all becoming better acquainted with our friend and neighbor, Mr. Simms. What-ever may have been the lack of understanding, on our part, of his qualities, they were all cleared up by that speech of his—the best I have ever heard in this neighborhood."

More applause. In the midst of which Old Man Simms, slunk away down in his seat to escape observation. Then the chairman said that if there was no objection they would hear from their well-known citizen, whose growing fame was more remarkable for the fact that it had been gained as a country schoolmaster—he need not add that he referred to Mr. James E. Irwin. (More and louder applause.)

"Friends and neighbors," said Jim, "you ask me to say to you what I want you to do. I want you to do what you want to do—nothing more or less. Last year I was glad to be tolerated here; and the only change in the situation lies in the fact that I have another place offered me—unless there has been a change in your feelings toward me and my work. I hope there has been; for I know my work is good now, whereas I only believed it then."

"Sure it is!" shouted Con Bonner from a front seat, thus signaling that astute wirepuller's definite choice.



"Tell Us What You Want, Jim."

of a place in the bandwagon. "Tell us what you want, Jim?"

"What do I want?" asked Jim. "More than anything else, I want such meetings as this—often—and a place

to hold them. If I stay in the Woodruff District, I want this meeting to effect a permanent organization to work with me. I can't teach this district anything. Nobody can teach any one anything. All any teacher can do is to direct people's activities in teaching themselves. You are gathered here to decide what you'll do about the small matter of keeping me at work as your hired man."

"If I'm to be your hired man, I want a boss in the shape of a civic organization which will take in every man and woman in the district. Here's the place and now's the time to make that organization—an organization the object of which shall be to put the whole district at school, and to boss me in my work for the whole district."

"That sounds good," cried Haakon Peterson. "Vell do dat!"

"Then I want you to work out a building scheme for the school," Jim went on. "We want a place where girls can learn to cook, keep house, take care of babies, sew, and learn to be wives and mothers. There's somebody right in this neighborhood able to teach anything the young people want to learn."

"And I want a physician here once in a while to examine the children as to their health, and a dentist to look after their teeth and teach them how to care for them. Also an oculist to examine their eyes. And when Bettin Hansen comes home from the hospital, a trained nurse. I want her to have a job as visiting nurse right here in the Woodruff District."

"I want a counting room for the keeping of the farm accounts and the record of our observation in farming. I want co-operation in letting us have these accounts."

"I want some manual training equipment for wood-working and metal-

working, and a blacksmith and wagon shop, in which the boys may learn to shoe horses, repair tools, design buildings, and practice the best agricultural engineering. I want to do work in poultry according to the most modern breeding discoveries, and I want your co-operation in that, and a poultry plant somewhere in the district."

"I want a laboratory in which we can work on seeds, pests, soils, feeds and the like. For the education of your children must come out of these things."

"I want these things because they are necessary if we are to get the culture out of life we should get—and nobody gets culture out of any sort of school—they get it out of life, or they don't get it at all."

"So I want you to build as freely for your school as for your cattle and horses and hogs."

"The school will make for you—this new kind of rural school—a social life which will be the social center, because it will be the educational center, and the business center of the countryside."

"I want all these things, and more. But I don't expect them all at once. I know that this district is too small to do all of them, and therefore, I want a bigger district—one that will give us the financial strength to carry out the program I have sketched. This may be a presumptuous thing for me to propose. If you think so, let me go. But if you don't, please keep this meeting together in a permanent organization of grownup members of the Woodruff school, and by pulling together, you can do these things—all of them—and many more—and you'll make the Woodruff District a good place to live in and die in—and I shall be proud to live and die in it at your service, as the neighborhood's hired man."

As Jim sat down there was a hush in the crowded room, as if the people were dazed at his assurance. There was no applause, until Jennie Woodruff, now seen by Jim for the first time over next the blackboard, clapped her gloved hands together and started it; then it swept out through the windows in a storm. The dust rose from stamping feet until the kerosene lamps were dimmed by it. And as the noise subsided, Jim saw standing out in front the stooped form of B. B. Hamm, one of the most prosperous men in the district.

"Mr. Chairman—Ezra Bronson," he roared, "this feller's crazy, an' from the sound of things, you're all as crazy as he is. If this fool scheme of his goes through, my farm's for sale! I'll quit before I'm sold out for taxes!"

"Just a minute, B. B.!" interposed Colonel Woodruff. "This ain't as dangerous as you think. You don't want us to do all this in fifteen minutes, do you, Jim?"

"Oh, as to that," replied Jim, "I just wanted you to have in your minds what I have in my mind—and unless we can agree to work toward these things there's no use in my staying. But time—that's another matter. Believe with me, and I'll work with you."

"Get out of here!" said the colonel to Jim in an undertone, "and leave the rest to your friends."

Jim walked out of the room and took the way toward his home. A horse tied to the hitching-post had his blanket under foot, and Jim replaced it on his back, patting him kindly and talking horse language to him. Then he went up and down the line of teams, readjusting blankets, tying loosened knots, and assuring himself that his neighbors' horses were securely tied and comfortable. He knew horses better than he knew people, he thought. If he could manage people as he could manage horses—but that would be wrong. Horse management was despotism; man-government must be like the government of a society of wild horses, the result of the common work of the members of the herd.

schoolhouse door, and as he turned toward his home after his pastoral calls on the horses, they overtook him. They were the figures of Newton Bronson and the county superintendent of schools.

"Bad wants you back there again," said Newton.

"What for?" inquired Jim.

"You silly boy," said Jennie, "you talked about the good of the schools all of the time, and never said a word about your own salary! What do you want? They want to know?"

"Oh!" exclaimed Jim in the manner of one who suddenly remembers that he has forgotten his umbrella or his pocket-knife. "I forgot all about it. I haven't thought about that at all, Jennie!"

"Jim," said she, "you need a guardian."

"I know it, Jennie," said he, "and I know who I want. I want—"

"Please come back," said Jennie, "and tell papa how much you're going to hold the district up for."

"You run back," said Jim to Newton, "and tell your father that what-ever is right in the way of salary will be satisfactory to me. I leave that to the people."

Newton darted off, leaving the schoolmaster standing in the road with the county superintendent.

"I can't go back there!" said Jim.

"I'm proud of you, Jim," said Jennie. "This community has found its answer. They can't do all you ask now, nor very soon; but finally they'll do just as you want them to do. And, Jim, I want to say that I've been the biggest little fool in the county!"

(Continued Next Week.)

## NOTICE

Dr. J. A. Hall of Shamrock, will be in McLean, Thursday, Friday and Saturday, January 10, 11 and 12.

## SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

The Gospel in a Nutshell, John 3:16.

Introduction and topic 1 by leader

—Lillian Abbott.

Topic 2—Arlie Griesch.

Topic 3—Fred Landers.

Topic 4—Gladys Holloway.

Erle Vandale of Shamrock was a McLean visitor Saturday.

W. J. Chilton of Heald was in the city Saturday.

Frank Bailey and family of Heald visited in the W. L. Haynes home Saturday.

T. F. Phillips of Heald was in the city Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Kinard and children returned to their home at Dalhart Monday.

T. F. Henley of Back was in town Saturday.

Mrs. A. P. Clark returned Sunday from an extended visit at Santa Anna.

Jesse Cobb of Northfork was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Geo. Colebank of Back was in the city on business Saturday.

J. O. Holloway of Liberty was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Joe Willis was in from Peterson Creek Saturday.

Mrs. W. T. Wilson has renewed the subscriptions of Hugh A. Hefner of Denton and H. C. Wilson of Snyder.

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The farmer who refuses to join co-operative movements is usually the one who kicks on the way he is oppressed by combinations.

The over production of turkeys has meant a hardship to the turkey raisers everywhere, yet the Hale County Turkey Raisers Association refused to take 11c per pound after driving 4000 turkeys to market, and as a result they were offered 22c per pound for a carload to be shipped to Kansas City. Organization helps, and then the consumer might be taught that turkey meat is just as good any day of the year as at Thanksgiving and Christmas.

Our Chamber of Commerce has made splendid progress the past two years, and the members should see that progressive men are kept at the head of it for the next twelve months. While it is true that all public offices that carry no monetary remuneration mean a loss of money, time and friends to the holders, yet we cannot afford to have anything but the most efficient leadership in the things that are vital to the community's welfare. Men who are successful in their private affairs can usually be depended upon to make a success of the community's affairs with the proper co-operation. And they must depend for their reward on the satisfaction of a clear conscience in a duty well done. We must depend upon the good will and patriotism of the best men of the community to lead us to better things.

Every community in the Panhandle seems to be planning on planting more cotton for 1924. This will be a good thing if the growers will use "a little discretion" and not plant the whole crop to cotton. The fact that the cotton price is away out of line with other farm products this year does not necessarily mean that the same condition will obtain next year. There is no question but that a small acreage of cotton will pay good dividends most any year, but no one crop plan will succeed for long. It is a good idea to plan some cotton in every community where it can be grown, but not over a third of the total amount in cultivation should be planted. Most of us can recall ruinous prices for cotton crops that cost a year's time and money to raise, and no one would like to see it happen again. The farmer who makes money one year after another is the man who plays safe and does not put his work into any one crop, be it cotton or anything else.

## EPWORTH LEAGUE

Subject—Prayer.  
Leader—Lena Sparks.  
Song No. 41.  
Prayer.  
Song No. 174.  
To Get Ready—Faytelle Bell  
Copeland.  
The Prayer Life of Jesus—Lula Peters.  
Our Bibles and Prayer—Norman Johnston.  
Meditation—Marie Copeland.  
What It Means to Pray—Gaylord Hodges.  
Prayer as Fellowship—Audra Wilson.  
When to Pray—Vera Wilson.  
Our Personal Experiences—Beatrice Cash.

## THE SOLUTION IS INTELLIGENT ADVERTISING

The purpose of advertising is to get the buying public into a state of mind that will lead it to patronize the man that is doing the advertising. If you are an advertiser, what you are after is to make people feel that your store is the one where they should trade.

We have shown how the local men's problem is not one that can be solved by pleading "Buy at Home." We have shown that if the merchant is a real merchandiser he will get the business anyway, because he earns it.

The real merchandiser studies the market and the tastes of his buying public, so that he always has on hand the goods that will sell, priced at a price that the public feels is

reasonable. What he is after is to regulate demand.

In order to reach the people of his town and show them how he is trying to serve them, he must use the advertising columns of the local paper. If he stocks good merchandise, he has done only half his job. He must move it out of his store to make a place for more new merchandise.

Advertising is the greatest stimulator of sales that has ever been devised. By intelligent, consistent advertising, the merchant presents his offerings to the public. People perhaps will not respond at first in any large numbers, because they may doubt his sincerity. They may say, "Old stuff." If the merchant advertises good merchandise and fair prices and then fails to deliver what he claims, his advertising has done more harm than good.

Yet if the advertising is kept up, the public always responds. The merchant can then stock new goods and sell them rapidly, because people respond to his advertising. As his prosperity increases he can carry a still better stock and selection.

Then people need not go out of town for their needs. They realize that they have live merchants in their own town, and the local merchants offer the advantage of convenience and good credit arrangements.

The merchant that sits down and waits for the public to hunt him up will be obliged to sweep cobwebs off his stock shelves, because the goods will not move. Recourse to the plea "Buy at Home" brings only reproach.

The merchant that studies demand and regulates it by regular advertising (which is only a method of

inviting the public to his store) need never worry about cobwebs. His store will be so busy that cobwebs will not have time to form.

The merchandising aggressiveness and advertising policy of a merchant are as inseparable as the Siamese twins. He first must be a live merchant, offering the right kind of goods and service. Then he must present his wares to the public by advertising because the public will not come to him in a large number unless he invites it.—Arthur Hoffman in the "Sooner State Press."

## WEATHER BUREAU SAYS NO EQUINOCTIAL STORMS

In both Europe and America there is an old belief that a severe storm—the so-called "equinoctial storm" or "equinoctial gale"—is due about the date of either equinox, that is, March 21 or September 22; or more particularly, about the date of the autumnal or vernal equinox. The fallacy of this idea consists in identifying any storm that occurs within

a week, or several weeks, of the equinox as THE equinoctial storm. Statistics show that there is no maximum of storm frequency, either in this country or in Europe, close to the date of either equinox. Of course in the long run storms do occur about these dates, just as they occur at all other times of the year. No reason why storms should be especially frequent at the equinoxes is known to meteorologists.

In the United States the belief in the equinoctial storm as an event of regular recurrence has perhaps been fostered by the fact that West Indian hurricanes are most common during the late summer and early autumn. Occasionally a severe storm of this character sweeps up our Atlantic seaboard, doing a great deal of damage and attracting general attention. If it happens anywhere near September 22, the event is sure to be heralded as "the equinoctial storm."

Homer Cash of Amarillo came in last Thursday for a visit with friends.

## OUR COMPLETE DEBT

Teacher—"We borrowed our numerals from the Arabs, our calendar from the Romans, and our banking from the Italians. Can anyone think of any other examples?" Willie Willis—"Our lawn mower from the Smiths, our snow-shovel from the Jones and our baby carriage from the Bumps."—Judge.

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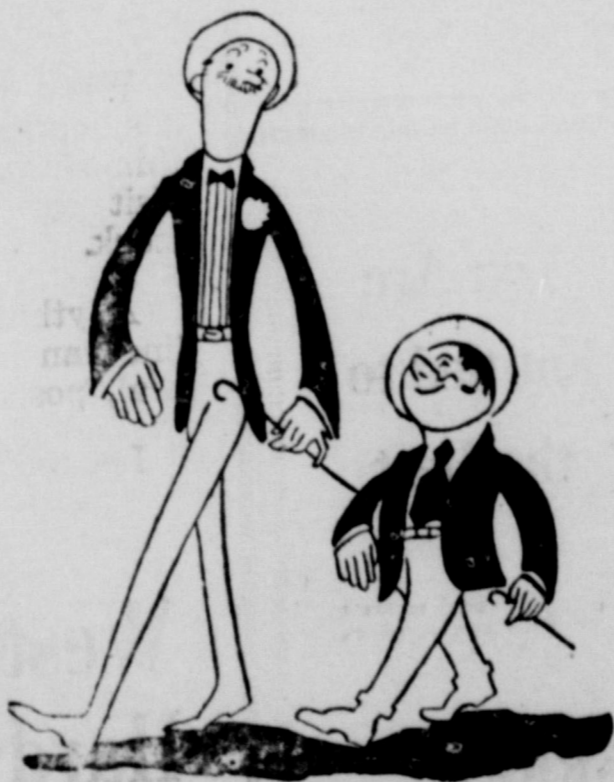
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### WRESTLING MATCH TONIGHT

A wrestling match will be staged at the Legion Theatre tonight between Elmer Renner of Erick, Okla., and Chas. Deabenderfer of Dalhart. These athletes have good reputations as wrestlers and should put up a good exhibition. Excellent preliminaries are arranged for and a reasonable admission price is asked.

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### ONE WITHOUT REFLECTION

Sunday School Superintendent—"I am sorry to see all these shining eyes before me this morning." (Sud-aplication of 27 powder puffs.) Boston Transcript.

F. Phillips, head merchant, was his subscription to The News Star-Telegram this week.

Mrs. Bethel Christian and son returned to their home at Amarillo Wednesday.

Misses Jewell Cousins and Lucile Patton returned to Clarendon Saturday.

J. S. Howard has our thanks for subscription renewal this week.

Walter and Earl Evans visited at J. E. Kirby home Monday.

R. S. Jordan has renewed his subscription to The News.

R. O. Dunkle left Sunday for Denton on business.

Ercy Cubine left Wednesday for Plainview to enter Wayland College.

H. P. Garrett left Monday for Plainview after spending Christmas with home folks.

Groceries are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store.

Jim Bird left Monday for Holdrege.

John Cobb left Wednesday for Plainview after spending the holidays with home folks.

Mrs. O. G. Stokley and daughter, Miss Martha, left Tuesday for Dallas.

Al Vaughan of Shamrock was a business visitor in the city Saturday.

Floyd Johnson of Alameda was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Sherman Deatherage of Hall's Okla., visited friends here Wednesday.

S. O. Cook of Dallas has renewed his subscription to The News.

Fred Patchine was in from the ranch Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. John Sullivan of Lela visited in the G. W. Sullivan home Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. M. L. Smith and baby returned to their home at Holdrege Monday after spending the holidays with home folks.

Henry Mathis of Enterprise was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. O. E. Cleorman and family of Carter, Okla., left Sunday after a visit with Mr. and Mrs. Troy West.

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Clayton left Wednesday for Jericho to make their home.

Homer Wilson has renewed his subscription to The News.

H. E. Funks of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Thursday.

### CHARGING FOR NEWS

If the local newspapers would charge our city and school and county officials advertising rates for all of the publicity given to these bodies, and for all of the free information given regarding these institutions, the papers would keep even for the amount of printing sent away by these officials.—Randall County News.

Although it is improbable that papers will ever charge for news of schools, courthouse and city hall there is justification for the complaint that officials should support the home town newspapers and job shops. If pressure is brought upon these officials it is almost assured that they can be shown that they are gaining nothing by not supporting local enterprises. Sometimes an editor can become provoked because the school sends its annual away, or the school board has work done out of the city. Usually, it is a matter of not being taught the importance of supporting home institutions.

Paul Fink and John Cadra of Slavonia were McLean visitors Wednesday.

Miss Ann Richey returned Wednesday night from Ft. Worth and Hedley.

C. W. Henthaw of Hield was a McLean visitor Thursday.

### I AM STILL YOUNG

By tokens three now I may know I am not growing old—no matter what the number of my years; Three signs that never fail—and so I pass them on to you who may have hopes—or fears.

I have ambition yet—to be and do and dare.

Achieve, accomplish, prove unto the world that I in some peculiar way—no one to share.

The honor—can excel and merit high And worthily the world's acclaim—

And still I can initiate— It may be as others, any others, yet In my own sphere I can originate.

Create new ideas, things I may beget In my own individuality of effort— still in me

Is energy of authorship—to act as well as be.

Enthusiasm still possesses me; I can Be partisan, whole-hearted, aye, inspired

With vital breath that sees in plan And vision, schedule, scheme the glow that's fired

By life that is yet young and warm and known, in fine, Nothing but purpose, hope, adventure by design.

—Author Unknown.

### MOON'S INFLUENCE DOES NOT AFFECT WEATHER MUCH

Modern science is unable to find any evidence that the moon affects the weather to an appreciable extent, and unable to conceive of any reason why it should. The movements of the atmosphere that give different kinds of weather all involve the expenditure of an immense amount of energy in the form of heat. Such energy comes to us from the sun, and its carrying portions of the earth as it revolves around the sun and rotates on its axis. The moon has no heat of its own. It merely gives off into space that which it receives from the sun, and a small fraction of this reaches the earth. The amount of heat we receive from the moon has been measured with very delicate instruments. It is so excessively minute that whatever effect it may have upon our atmosphere must be completely swamped and obliterated by the enormously greater amounts of solar energy.

It is true that the pull of the moon and the sun upon the atmosphere produces a tide in the atmosphere much like a tide in the ocean. But this, too, has been measured, and it is found to be insignificant

compared to the alternate expanding and shrinking of the atmosphere due to heating by day and cooling by night—the heat tide so to speak. Hence, it is of no practical interest.

The belief in "dry" and "wet" moons, indicated by the position of the lunar crescent in the sky, and a host of other notions associating the moon with the weather, are merely idle superstitions. Moonlight is sometimes said to be conducive to frost. The fact is that the moonlight nights are also clear nights and it is the absence of clouds, not the presence of the moon, that favors the occurrence of frosts by permitting a rapid loss of heat from the earth.

### THE COW, THE SOW AND THE HEN

The farmer smiled as he passed them by.

The cow, and the sow and the hen. For the price of wheat had gone sky high.

And the cow and the sow and the hen Ate up the grain he could sell at the mill;

They needed his care when nights were chill. He swore of them all he'd had his fill—

The cow, and the sow and the hen.

These barnyard critters had had their day.

The cow, and the sow and the hen He could get thirty bones for a ton of hay—

No need for the cow or the hen. He would never milk another cow, He hated the sight of a grunting sow,

And raising chickens was work for the frau; Good-bye to the cow and hen.

They gave no heed to his jeer or frown,

The cow, and the sow and the hen. Whatever goes up, they said, comes down,

The wise old cow and hen. The hen laid eggs the winter through

The cow gave milk, and the piglets grew, But hay dropped down from thirty to two—

Oh, the cow, the sow and the hen. Now he sits and sighs, as he counts his cost

For the cow, and the sow and the hen. He almost cries for the milk he's lost,

Oh, the cow, the sow and the hen. He'd tend them gladly in mud and rain,

And lessen his acres of hay and grain, If he only could buy them back again—

The cow, and the sow and the hen. —Dr. A. H. U. in Idaho Agricultural College.

### TO TAXPAYERS

Your taxes start with the sound of your alarm clock in the morning. Your shaving and bathing materials

are taxed, so are your linen and suit of clothes. Go to the breakfast table and you swallow a tax with every bite you eat. The gas that cooked your eggs, the electricity which browned your toast, the cream and sugar in your coffee, and even the glass of water you drink has its tax—the last named through the swarm of little taxes that went into the hundreds of materials in the water plant. The rug beneath your feet is taxed and so is your morning newspaper. Your auto at the door, or the trolley car, whichever you prefer, is taxed. Your fuel has carried a goods tax right back into the mine, and so on through the day you bump into a tax at every turn. Your pay envelope is taxed and the railroad which carries to you scores

of daily wants has been taxed, and, being no philanthropist, generally passes the taxes along to you, Mr. Consumer. Death and taxes are said to be the two sure things, but death comes only once, whereas a tax comes with every tick of the watch.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

Miss Stella Roby returned to Amarillo Monday.

### REVERSE SAFETY RULES

An exchange gives the following excellent suggestions for getting into trouble:

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2. Don't waste any time with a safety man or his warnings. He's crazy.
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LOST.—Platform scales. Notify Geo. W. Sitter. 1p

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FOR SALE.—One 5 room house in north part of town. This is good property and must be sold. J. S. Howard. 1c

LOST.—Between the postoffice and Vannoy's, a pair of white metal framed spectacles. Return to A. F. Hansen. 1p

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We wish to thank those of you who have been so prompt in taking care of your obligations with us. We have quite a few yet, however, that still owe us large amounts. We want to ask that you please arrange to handle these for us just as soon as possible, as we must collect to pay our bills.

### BUNDY-HODGES MERCANTILE COMPANY

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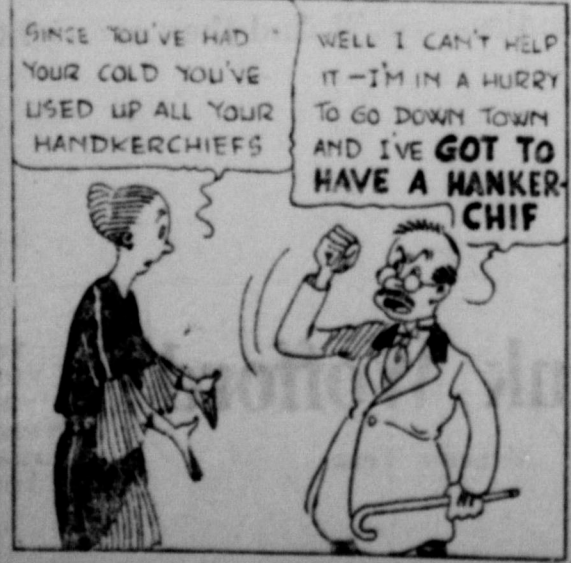
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Let us figure on your bill.

## Western Lumber & Hardware Company

### AW, WHAT'S THE USE



By L. F. Van Zelm Western Newspaper Union

### Poor Felix

News From Enterprise

Special Correspondent.  
School started Monday after a week's vacation.  
There was a musical at the Broad-home Friday night. Everyone enjoyed an enjoyable time.  
G. Nicholson took a bale of cotton to the gin Friday.  
Has. Cooke and M. L. Bush are making progress on the stockpile.  
L. Sitter went to Shamrock Tuesday night.  
H. H. Mathis took a bale of cotton to the gin Friday.  
Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hess visited the Geo. W. Sitter home at McLean Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Jack Dorsey visited and Mrs. Loney Dorsey at Sandell Wednesday.  
The young folks of Enterprise had a very enjoyable time at the party Sunday night at the Ed Sublett home at Abba.  
Mrs. Leona Sitter visited home at McLean Saturday and Sunday.  
Mr. and Mrs. Nicholson visited Mr. Mrs. Breeding Sunday.  
Miss Lillie Branan of Wellington our new primary teacher.  
G. Nicholson moved Monday to his house on the Stockley farm where Smith did live.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

J. S. Huchabee, Pastor.  
Well, let's start the new year right by all going to church next Sunday and attending to those things which are of the greatest importance to us. We have every reason to be grateful to God for His abundant mercy to us in the past. Let us prove our gratitude to Him by more efficient and faithful service to Him this year.  
Next Sunday morning we want to discuss our plans for 1924. We think every member of the church should want to know these plans and offer any amendment to them which would make them better. God wants you to help do this work. So be present Sunday morning. We feel this is of the greatest importance to our church, to the community at large and to you. So let us see your face in the congregation Sunday morning.  
The evening theme will be selected later.  
With faith in God and men, I am yours for service.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

W. C. Garrett, Pastor.  
Sunday is the Lord's day. He will be pleased if you spend it at the Baptist church.  
Sunday school begins at 10 a. m. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m. All B. Y. P. U's, at 6 p. m.  
If you want to know the Bible teachings, as the Baptists see them, on the question of the Lord's Supper, be at the Baptist church for the 11 o'clock service Sunday.  
You want to start the new year in a way to get the best for self and get the right example for others. Come in time for Sunday school.  
We will keep fires going throughout the day and try to have the church home comfortably warm for the night service. Come and be with us, it will help you. Evening service will be evangelistic.

INTERMEDIATE B. Y. P. U.

Subject—Peter.  
Leader—Mildred Landers.  
Scripture reading, John 21:15-17—Percie Savage.  
An Example of Christian Growth—Wilma Grigsby.  
Peter Before Pentecost—Chester Savage.  
Peter on the Day of Pentecost—Naomi Hunt.  
Peter After the Day of Pentecost—Leader.  
Sword drill.

THEY WERE ORGANIZED

Sam, the colored driver of a mule team, saw a lizard crawling on a tree. He flourished his long whip and very deftly snapped off the lizard's head. Further along the road, with skillful precaution, he picked a horsefly off the fence with the same weapon.  
Later his white companion said, "Sam, take a crack at that hornet's nest."  
Sam grinned and replied "No sah, no sah, boss; them fellows is awgonized."

STUNG!

Sweet Young Thing (driving through suburb)—"Would you like to see where I was vaccinated?"  
He (with enthusiasm)—"Sure."  
S. Y. T. (pointing toward house they had just passed)—"Well, right in there."

ON FORGIVENESS

It would be a hard hearted individual, indeed, who could harbor ill will at Christmas time.—McLean News.  
It is a hard hearted man who can harbor ill will against his neighbor at Christmas or any other time. The man that harbors hatred in his heart is barring the doors of eternity against himself. There is nothing taught more plainly in God's Holy Book than the doctrine of forgiveness. One time the question was propounded to the Master Christian about the number of times man must forgive his neighbor and he was told to forgive him seven times seven or as often as occasion arose. A heaven is described as a place where harmony and good will prevail, a place where love abounds and is the light that proceeds from the Throne of God. No man can go into the presence of God with hatred in his heart. If a man should be allowed an inhabitation with the redeemed of earth who possessed hatred he would cause a revolution among those who are dwelling in peace. The central thought we wish to convey in this comment is that a man will be raised with the same character he has here on earth. There will be no change of character. The character built here will be carried into eternity. All thimbery, confusion, wars and rumors of wars, murders, and crime generally is traced back to the violation of the law against hatred. When the Redeemer of the race hung upon the cross between heaven and earth in one of the most tragic deaths in the history of the world; when He had been persecuted by His own people and was about to die by the Gentiles; when He had been buffeted and scourged and a crown of thorns placed on His head. He forgave the authors and perpetrators of this colossal, shameful outrage. He taught man the great lesson of forgiveness and gave the race of Adam a truer conception of God and His dealings with humanity. While God is the embodiment of love, and forgiveness animates from His Throne, yet He is a stern God and will punish as surely as He will bless mankind. He has said that the man of hatred cannot come into His presence and live with His people who come up before Him with a heart steeped in hatred. If we forgive not those who trespass against us neither will our Heavenly Father forgive those who trespass against Him in violation of His Holy Laws. This is taught in the parable of the New Testament of the man whom his lord had forgiven his debts, and in return the forgiven debtor took the man by the collar that owed him and demanded his money with the threat of being thrown in jail. The lord heard of his servant's treatment of his debtor and he called him before him and said that he must pay in full and in as much as he had refused to forgive his debtor he would impute unto him all his forgiven transgressions. So if we go out into the hereafter failing and refusing to forgive those who have transgressed against us we will have imputed unto us all our transgressions. Verily, man must forgive his debtors, not only Christmas times, but at all other times.—Scurry County Times-Signal.

COSMETICAL

A male writer takes a shot at women because they spend more than a billion dollars a year on hair nets, soaps, cosmetics and toilet preparations—and it's easy money well spent. We don't know how many billions men spend on moonshine and poison booze, but what-

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ever it is, it is not well spent—Santa Anna News.

If the women of America spend any such sum as a billion dollars a year for cosmetics, they are laying it on too thick. Cosmetics are fine in small quantity, but in great quantity, individually applied, they cheapen that which they are intended to enhance. A hint of pink may be lovely, while a red smear is repulsive. Still, if the billion dollars were saved, and the ladies bought no hair nets, soaps, paints, powders and perfums—if the billion of money were saved at the expense of the ladies' effeminacy, it would be a bad saving. Who wants the women of America to look hard-boiled and rough-dried all the time? Why should the joy be taken out of mankind's life by reducing woman to the biological level? The cave man's wife was a cave woman, which is to say she wore her hair wild and smelled of fish. Naturally the cave man saved money by having the king of a wife, but of what use was it to him? Wouldn't he, had he the chance, have given his whole store of sea shells—the only money he knew of—for a jazzakin with earline lips and sashet glamour? There is such a thing as saving money at too great cost. The cave man might have not known it, but any man whose outlook is superior to the cave man's will tell you so.—State Press in Dallas News.

LET'S HOPE SO

Many of the country papers of Texas are now printing articles which are not at all complimentary to the members of the late Legislature. It is to be hoped that the agitation at this time will result in sending more successful business men to the Legislature instead of

immature young men, or older men who have made a failure.—Childress Index.

THE MAKER'S TOUCH

Silent and still—for no one cared—Unnoticed in the hall,  
A harp had hung for many a year Neglected on the wall.

The passerby ne'er understood Their thoughts on other things,  
What wondrous depth of music sweet Lay dormant in those strings.

A stranger entering in one day From far-off distant lands,  
Paused—then said smiling, "Here's a harp  
Once fashioned by my hands."

His skillful fingers touched the strings,  
Brought out the sweetness there. Entranced the passerby drew near.  
For music filled the air.

The hidden power had lain unused, For no one held the clue,  
Until the Maker's touch revealed The instrument he knew.

Dear Father, who hast made each life Thy purpose to fulfill,  
For Thine own glory let me live, Teach me to do Thy will.

Each yielded life will bring Thee praise,  
Be full of melody.

So now in Jesus' name I pray:  
"Bring out Thy best in me."  
—Mary Wilson in Baptist Standard.

R. L. Grigsby has renewed his subscription to The News.

Mrs. Anna Glass and daughter returned one day last week from Elkhart, Kans.

READ THE ADS

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ADVICE TO JELLYBEANS

If you can't sleep at night and your head aches bad,  
And one minute you're happy and the next you're sad,  
And you wander around in a sort of trance,  
And you feel sort of glum and then want to prance,  
If you keep counting your money and gaze into space  
And see, when you do, just a certain face,  
If your mind seems dull, then goes in a whirl,  
For the love of Mike, go marry the girl.

—The Prairie.

Geo. Thutt of Lefors was in the city last Thursday on business.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. McLarty returned to their home at Lubbock last Thursday after a visit with relatives at this place.

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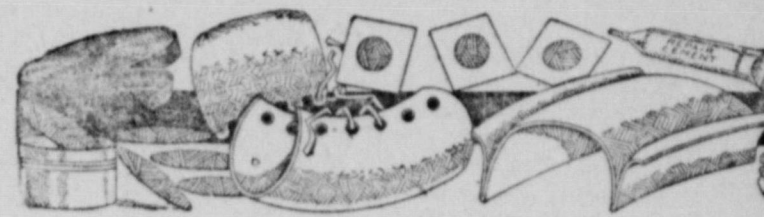
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Without doubt it would be a very spectacular thing to cross a creek in an airplane. It could hardly be employed, however, by the every day person.

Most of us are obliged to step across on the well worn stones. There is no royal road. The way across is like the road to prosperity, usually accomplished by slow and sure methods—by stepping securely on each successive stone until the goal is reached.

Not a stone should be missed. Regular and systematic savings are these homely old stepping stones. Acquiring the habit of spending a little less than the amount earned and creating a stepping stone with the difference, makes each step easier and creates a feeling of faith and confidence which grows stronger with each successive step.

We have watched many take the first timid step—watched many finish the journey full of confidence. Will you let us help put your feet on the first stones?

The American National Bank

# NOTICE TO CAR OWNERS

Please do not try to run cars after the first of January without your license tag for 1924. You are subject to arrest and fine if you do so. E. S. GRAVES, Sheriff. 12

Groceries are cheaper at Snell's Cash Store. 15

Food Lankford of Magdalena, N. M., has renewed his subscription to The News. 16

## POSTED

hunting allowed on lands of the McLean, in Gray or Wheeler counties. Mark Hazenly. 43-12c

## MEN NOWADAYS BUY AUTOS RATHER THAN SUNDAY SUITS

Chicago, Dec. 31.—"Men and young men," as they are classed in clothing ads, are not buying clothing as they formerly did. Instead they are buying automobiles, paying cash or part cash, while clothing merchants find themselves overstocked.

A survey just completed by the National Association of Retail Clothiers shows that men no longer boast a "Sunday suit." This condition obtains in every State, but particularly in Texas, Iowa and New York.

In one Texas district, where there was a big cotton crop and resultant prosperity, clothing merchants stock up for the expected rush. They still have the clothing, but a thousand automobiles were sold in that district.

In an Iowa district where former soldiers received a lot of bonus money, the clothiers who prepared for heavy sales received an awful lot for the money went into 850 new and second hand cars and the buyers continued wearing old suits.

In one New York district that normally sells 150 suits, the total sales were 17 suits, while just across the street a dealer sold 2 automobiles.

In Denver, with a population of about 300,000, there are registered 50,000 automobiles, nearly one for every family.

## A WOMAN'S VIEWPOINT TOLD BY A WOMAN

Is woman unreasonable? Of course she is unreasonable. She should be like a man, and not a woman with a reason whatever?

If he loves her, it is because she is cute and capricious and unreasonable.

If he marries her, it is not because he thinks he can get along with her.

Not because he thinks he can get along without her.

Not because he positively needs her.

Not because some other man obviously wants her.

Not because she has the quality to make him happy.

Nor because she has the power to make him miserable.

If she commits a crime, anything from speeding to murder.

He will forgive, exonerate and acquit her.

Because she appeals to his chivalry.

Or because she looks alluring in a black veil.

Or because he likes the shape of her ankles, or the way her eye looks out.

Nor because she is spoiled or pitiable.

or if she commits a faux pas, a folly, or a blunder.

He can never forgive her.

He asks her to be his cook, nurse, housekeeper and valet for life.

Not because her hands look good and capable.

or because they are tiny, white and dainty.

He calls on her, not particularly because he wants to.

Nor because he cannot think of anything else that he particularly wants to do.

He makes love to her, not because he wants to win her.

But in order to please her.

Or to amuse himself?

He proposes to her, not when he thinks she is expecting it, and will be in his arms.

But when he thinks she is not expecting it and will topple over from surprise.

He thinks he wants to marry her with no discussion, that's so too. Then she has another shock.

He insists on having elaborate dinners and parties on having to eat.

And afterwards, admonishes her if she gets fat.

He carefully finds out all the things she wants for her birthday.

And then gives her something else just to show his "originality."

He sighs for harmony in the house.

But he always discovers what side

of a question she is on and then takes the other side just to balance things.

He chooses her because she is different from all other women to know.

And then goes out and flirts with other women just for a change.

He spends half his life trying to get her.

And the other half trying to get away from her—evenings.

He wants her to defy him and put him on a pedestal.

And then begins thinking up excuses for slipping off and being human.

He begs her to try to understand him.

And then gets wild when he discovers that she can see right through him.

And WOMAN, looking at him, listening to him, and loving him all the while.

Just smiles and admits that she is UNREASONABLE!!!

And lets it go at that.

## A PRINTER'S WEEK

There are so many "weeks" being started that it looks as if the 52 weeks allotted us will hardly prove sufficient for the world's needs. Before the entire list is spoken for, we would advocate a "No-Fair-With-Your-Printer Week." We are sure it is badly needed in almost every community.

In consideration of such a week we would advocate the following principles:

Your printer—make him your partner, not your victim.

Don't get prices from one printer and then submit same to another, hoping for a cut in prices, unless you would like to have the printer do the same with you when they are in the market for some article of merchandise which you carry in stock.

Give your home printer a chance before you buy your printing out of town.

In general, treat him with the same respect that characterizes your other business dealings, and keep in mind the golden rule of business, to do unto others as you would be done by.

Having properly observed this week, the spirit of it may stay with you during the remaining 51.

Such, we believe, is the big idea in all these special weeks.—Sewanee Review, Independent Democrat.

## WOMAN AND ELECTRICITY

When she is sulky and will not talk to you—waiter.

When she gets excited—waiter.

If her way of thinking is not your way—waiter.

If she is willing to come halfway—waiter.

If she will come all the way—waiter.

If she wants to go farther—waiter.

If she wants to go still farther—waiter.

If she goes up in the air—waiter.

If she is hungry—waiter.

H. E. Franks of Ramsdell was a McLean visitor Saturday.

J. A. Haynes of Heald has renewed his subscription to The News.

Judge Jno. B. Ayres of Pampa has renewed his subscription to The News.

## News From Heald

By Special Correspondent.  
Mr. Roland Williams and Mrs. Leola Dougherty were married Monday.

Tom and Miss Lucile Harlan spent Christmas day with Everett and Misses Ada and Beulah Parker.

Miss Clara Reneau spent Christmas day with Miss Texola Harlan.

Misses Winnie and Willie Bailey of McLean spent the week with Moslem's George Saye and Josh Chilton.

The young folks enjoyed a party every night last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Josh Chilton and children returned Tuesday from Holbrook, Okla., where they spent Christmas.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippey, Mrs. Nida Green, A. P. Rippey and Mrs. Hubert Beach and children went to Wheeler one day last week to visit Mr. and Mrs. Wiley.

Mr. and Mrs. Harold Rippey spent Sunday in the A. P. Rippey home.

## LEARN MORE AND MORE

It is possible to learn something every day that will help you to increase the desire within you for more knowledge.

After we have seen the delicate formations of a flower under the microscope, we take added interest in all flowers, and our imagination is set to work in all the various flowers and formations in nature.

When you read one book by a writer, you are stimulated to read other books by him, if that first book helps and interests you.

Somehow there seems to have been born in every healthy human being the hunger for something better, something that might increase the capacity for more knowledge.

Learn more and more.

The more you learn, the better are you fortified to meet every emergency in life. The knowledge that you gain today, from some part of the way source may not come into its own for years—and you may never know the value of this accumulation until the right opportunity for its use arrives.

I read the other day that "the higher the level of innate capacity the more is it improved by education."

It is your privilege to discover something about that "innate capacity" of yours, and you may do so by learning more and more.

A real thrill comes to one when, on opening a new line of reading, or in some form of healthful entertainment, or in extended travel, new things are discovered and the mind is aroused to its fullest vigor.

You learn more and more as you look for more, as you listen more, and as you add and build from the knowledge which you already have.

—George Matthew Adams.

## ABOUT GETTING THINGS DONE

"We're looking for an admonitory sentence of a few words to use as a slogan during the coming year," said a newly-appointed chairman of a directing body to a friend. "Can you make a suggestion?"

The slogan that was suggested was, "Get things done."

Get things done now, and if not now, as soon after now as energetic, concentrated effort will permit.

Procrastination has been spoken of as the thief of time. Tardy performance is probably responsible for more actual loss than error in performance.

Hours a day of thousands of em-

ployees are wasted by those who wait upon the action of a few who do not get things done.

These wasted hours melted into the cost of production so raise price of product that those who do get things done have an enormous advantage in competition.

The more important a man's position, the more important it is that he "get things done." And any and all will, I think, admit that it is a good slogan to hang in any office, factory or print-shop. It might not be a bad slogan to hang up in the home.—The Ambassador.

## STILL EQUAL TO IT

The school attendance officer went

to a house in the east end and interviewed a woman landing over the wash tub.

"How many children have you altogether?"

"Well, there's Lucy, and Alice, and Olive, and Charlie, and Willie, and Nell, and Grace, and Tom, and Leonard, and Joan, and Brian, and Leonard, and Elsie, and Bessie, and—"

"Er—madam, it will be sufficient if you will just give the number."

"Number, indeed!" replied the proud mother, wiping her dripping hands on her apron; "we have not got to numbering them yet. We haven't it, out of names by a long way."—London Tit-Bits.

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