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SPEARMAN CITY COUNCIL VISIT POWER PLANT

Mayor H. E. James of Spearman, Alderman W. D. Cooke, Alderman and Supt. of Power Dept. F. C. Samrall, together with E. W. Baker of the Gantt-Baker Co., and Engineer Clyde Coons of the same company, were in McLean the first of the week, looking over our power and ice plants.

Spearman is installing a power, light and water system and the city council is contemplating building an ice plant of the same capacity of the one in McLean. The visit of the councilmen was for the purpose of gathering data on the kind of plant and checking up the work of Gantt-Baker Co., who have the engineering contract at Spearman.

The gentlemen were very favorably impressed with our plant, and especially liked the double unit system and stated that Spearman was only putting in one fifty horse power engine to take care of the water, light and ice plants. However, they do not intend to give twenty-four hour service, as is the case here. In discussing rates, the gentlemen were of the opinion that our rates were too low and the amount of water and electric energy furnished too high. They have in mind to charge a minimum of \$2.00 a month and give 8 or 10 k. w. for lights, and 2000 gallons of water, with excess rates in proportion. They were greatly surprised to learn that our plant was on a paying basis with the rates we are now charging and said that we have the lowest rates they know of.

Mayor James and his councilmen impressed us as being live wires and strictly on the job of furthering and protecting the interests of their city, and they have a standing invitation to visit us again when they are not so pressed for time.

THE LIVE C. OF C.

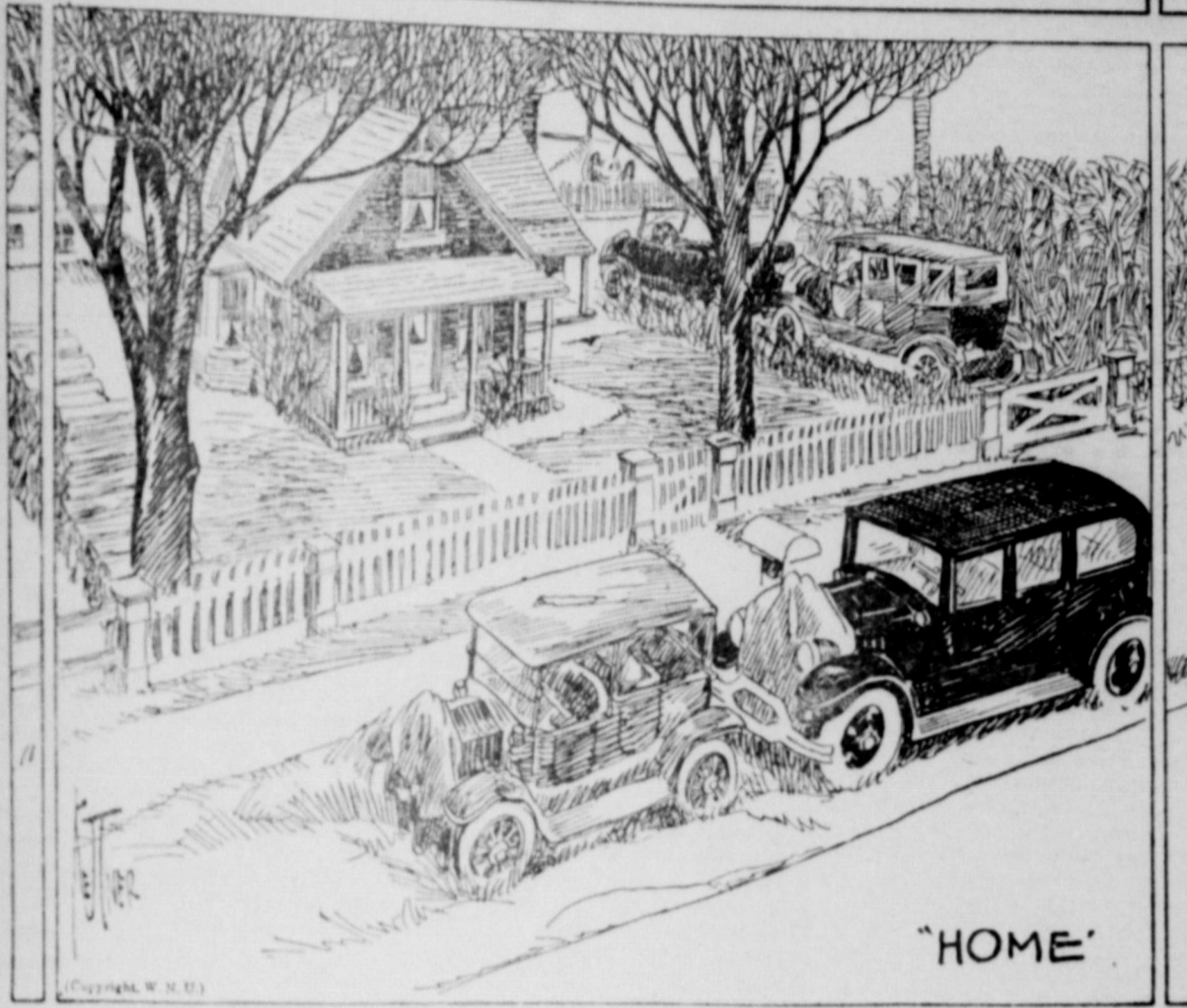
The Plains Journal, published at Lubbock monthly, has merged into a weekly. Curtis Keene is its editor. The paper is for the present connected with the Daily News office in Amarillo. Curtis Keene is

connected with the city of Lubbock as secretary of the Chamber of Commerce. He is an exceedingly live wire, and will make the Journal go. As a monthly farmer paper the Journal enjoyed a rapid and popular growth. As a weekly to represent the importance of Lubbock and the South Plains in general it will have an important place in the journalistic field of the Panhandle-Plains country. There is one thing that can be said of Lubbock, and that is that they support their newspapers. Success abundantly to the Journal.

Out at Las Vega, N. M., the Chamber of Commerce believes in advertising its town in the home paper, with the view of selling the town to its own people. The organization has been carrying full page advertisements in the Daily Optic in which are put forth the importance of the town and why people should invest in real estate. To make a town what it should be, its people must be willing to assist every object that is for the unbuilding of the community. No town can make itself, but must have the full and hearty support of the people. There has to be a leading institution of some kind, and that is the reason for the Chamber of Commerce. Let children get behind the local Chamber of Commerce and they will soon realize that the activities of the city and county will show increased growth.—Children's Index.

It is important that every town be sold to its own citizens. When we were in the race for the Tech we out forward every effort to sell the proposition to the Committee, and it was a success as far as the home people were concerned. Now, the thought is, why can't we sell Snyder to Snyder people all the time? Why can't we keep up the same steam month in and month out like we did during the Tech agitation? Sell Snyder to Snyder people like the Veterans are selling their town to their own people. We need to encourage more home better homes. A level aggressive town spirit all the time. Snyder is a growing center, but there should be more activities along all lines. We should also sell Scurry county thoroughly to the Scurry county people. When every man boasts of his town, he will improve town and county, he will im-

Thanksgiving Day



"HOME"

TIGERS VS. BULL PUPS

The McLean Tigers met the Clarendon College Bull Pups on the local field last Friday and defeated them to the tune of 46 to 3.

The home team had the visitors outclassed in every stage of the game, although the Pups put up a strong fight from the beginning. The Tigers completed some of the most sensational passes ever witnessed on the local field, making as much as forty yards gain on a single pass, although the player was downed immediately after receiving the ball.

The home boys have not allowed a Texas team to cross their goal line in two years, and but for the game with Canyon on an extremely muddy field, would be undefeated thus far this season, with a good showing to win the district championship.

PICKETT LIKES BOLL WEEVIL

T. H. Pickett of Heald was a pleasant caller at the News office Saturday. Mr. Pickett says he came from a cotton country and would walk a mile to keep from stepping on a boll weevil. It is the gentleman's opinion that the boll weevil was the salvation of the cotton farmer in that it forced him to diversify his crops and not depend altogether on any one crop.

Mr. Pickett has a good crop of grain sorghums this year. His yield will average over a ton of heads to the acre.

S. R. Kennedy of Albreed was a McLean visitor Saturday.

John Lively of Liberty was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

press outsiders. The sociological effect is important. One mind affects another. You have to first believe in a proposition before you can sell it to others. We like to see the spirit prevail in a community where every man boasts and believes in and talks his home in community. When we believe in our home community we will impress others. The Chamber of Commerce could follow the example of Las Vegas to advantage. Right here the Times wishes to observe that our Chamber of Commerce is not functioning properly. There are a great many things that are left undone. The fault is with the plan of the work. We have a very capable secretary, but only have him for a part of his time. We need all his time. He cannot divide the time of the city with the time of his own business affairs and do of justice to either. We urge that some arrangements be made to put a man on full time. No private business should interfere with town's affairs from commercial standpoint. We have no criticism to make of our secretary except that we need him for full time. When this arrangement is made then we will begin to sell Snyder to Snyder people.—Scurry County Times.

THE PUBLIC MEMORY IS NO BETTER THAN YOUR OWN

(Courtesy Erwin Drug Co.)

In a suburb of a certain large city, two manufacturers who are warm friends, live side by side. One of them has advertised his product to the public for many years; the other has just begun to advertise a new product.

Not long ago, while they were reading their newspapers on the way to the city in the morning, the man who has advertised for many years turned to his friend and said:

"I have just been reading here about a device which makes it possible for an airplane to write across the sky in letters of smoke. It reminds me of something I wanted to tell you—something that I consider the most important lesson that an advertiser has to learn.

"When you and I have as many as four or five urgent things to do in a day we write them down—we don't trust ourselves to remember them—the human memory is too frail a vessel.

"By the same token, it is hard enough for the public to remember the products that are advertised NOW—advertised regularly, month in and month out—without remembering the ones that appear in the newspapers and magazines for a little while and then step out of the picture.

"From what I know of your proposition, you ought to be a highly successful advertiser. In fact, you will probably be so successful—and some day business will seem to come so easily that you may forget the part that advertising plays in making it come easily. You may get the idea, as others have, that you can stop your advertising—or cut it to a shadow of itself—and never miss it.

"But the public memory is no better than your own, or my own. It must be jogged continually. If the time arrives when you think you can forget the public and not be forgotten yourself—put away the temptation. It is the law in advertising, as in everything else, that permanent success requires permanent effort. If you try to dodge the law, as sure as you are here you will find that you will get into trouble."—Meyer Drugist.

Misses Berta and Retha Hoover left Tuesday for their home at Spearman after an extended visit with their grandmother, Mrs. C. E. A. Pollard.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Hess and children were in from the ranch Saturday.

D. M. Graham and C. M. Carpenter were business visitors in Clarendon Saturday.

O. G. Stokley made a business trip to Wellington Monday.

Dwight Upham was a LeFlore visitor Monday.

C. OF C. MEETS MONDAY

By Sec. C. S. Rice
The McLean Community Chamber of Commerce will meet at the Theatre building Monday, Dec. 3rd, at 7:15 p. m.

This is the first meeting that we have had in some time, and every member is urged to be present, as there is some important business to come before the meeting for attention. Come—this means U.

SNOW TUESDAY NIGHT

A snow began falling Tuesday night and continued at intervals most of the day Wednesday, but the sun came out brightly Thursday morning.

It is thought that the snow will be beneficial to the cotton farmers as the freeze will soften the bolls and make it easier gathered.

ALANREED SCHOOL NOTES

The following students in the Alanreed school made the highest average in their respective grades for November:

Low first grade—Mildred Guill.
High first grade—Lula Wratt.
Low second grade—Juandel Street.
Third grade—Anna Lou Darnell.
Fourth grade—Fate Barker.
Fifth grade—Clyde Slavin.
Sixth grade—Lois Harritt.
Seventh grade—Ione Ball.
Eighth grade—Annie Stephens.
Ninth grade—Doris Paxton.
Tenth grade—Ernest Jones.

BANQUET A SUCCESS

The banquet and turkey dinner given by the local football team Thanksgiving day was a success in every way. There was plenty of well cooked food and many people took advantage of the opportunity to eat a real Thanksgiving dinner.

A NEW BEAUTITUDE

Blessed are they who are too meek to advertise, for they make it easier for the rest of us.—Meyer Drugist.

CUNNINGHAM CHILD DIES

Little Sybil Cunningham, 5 year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. R. O. Cunningham, died last Thursday. Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. S. Huckabee at Hillcrest cemetery. Interment immediately followed.

Geo. R. Reneau of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Geo. P. Wilson of Amarillo is visiting relatives here.

"If you cannot win, make the one ahead of you break the record."

F. B. Thomas of Albreed was in the city on business Saturday.

HIGHWAY MEN HERE MONDAY

A committee from the Arkansas City Chamber of Commerce, consisting of J. N. Floyd, Ed Mossbacker and R. W. Oldroyd, were in McLean Monday on a logging trip for the proposed Sunset National Highway. These gentlemen were met by officials of the McLean Chamber of Commerce, the Mayor of McLean and others interested in the highway. The plan of marking the highway was explained by the committee and while it was found that no two towns had agreed on the same route for the highway, the locating committee have practically decided to intersect the Postal Highway in Oklahoma and follow this road into Amarillo.

Enameled markers, mounted on steel posts and set in concrete, will be used for this highway, and McLean's quota of the cost of marking will be \$166. This amount was pledged for the McLean Chamber of Commerce by the president and secretary, conditioned that all of the road is to be marked uniformly and the highway designated.

The route through McLean will follow the old Postal Highway route, coming in from the east on First street, and leaving south on Main.

As no town visited thus far had refused to sign for its quota of the expense of marking the highway, it is thought that the route will be an assured fact.

The gentlemen of the committee were very favorably impressed with our town and praised our street lighting system and general air of progressiveness.

SHAMROCK PAPER SOLD

The Wheeler County Texan published at Shamrock has been sold to T. R. and Percy Bones, who will take charge of the paper, according to T. R. Bones, who was a visitor at the News office Monday. Mr. Bones has been connected with the paper for some time, and he and his brother are capable newspaper men. Mr. Bones states that the paper is to be improved and it will be published and mailed on Thursday of each week, regardless of the press of other work.

While we are sorry to lose Editor Hilburn from this field, we welcome the Bones brothers and hope that they will have the full measure of success they deserve.

BAPTIST PASTOR POUNDED

After the Thanksgiving service at the First Baptist church Thursday, a number of the members gathered at the Baptist parsonage and treated the pastor and his wife to an old fashioned pounding.

ENTERTAINS S. S. CLASS

On last Friday evening Mrs. J. E. Cubine entertained her Sunday school class and a number of their friends with an informal party. Various games were played and delicious refreshments served to a large crowd of youngsters.

THE PISTOL NUISANCE

Over at Dallas last week a reporter of the Dallas News shot and killed the milk man, who had come early in the morning to deliver milk to his kitchen, thinking he was a burglar. Every now and then an innocent person is slain by some over-nervous person armed with a ready pistol, who is on the lookout for burglars. Down at Corsicana several years ago a small boy was shot and killed in the early twilight as he was delivering milk; at Beaumont a husband shot and killed his wife as she had gotten up from bed during the night; at Comanche a father slew his little son who had gone to the toilet in the dark—and these are but a few instances of scores that we have read of in the papers. The nervous person armed with a pistol is a menace to everybody in his neighborhood. It would be better to have the home burglarized than to take the risk of killing a loved one or other innocent person. A pistol is the sorriest piece of property anybody can possess. Throw your pistol away, for it is dangerous.—Plainview News.

J. I. Watson of Albreed was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

Clyde Ware of Mobeetie was trading in our city Saturday.

COMMUNITY THANKSGIVING SERVICE

One of the largest audiences to hear a Thanksgiving sermon in McLean was present Thursday morning at the First Baptist church.

The services began with congregational singing. Prayer was offered by Rev. J. S. Huckabee, pastor of the Methodist church, after which Rev. W. C. Garrett, pastor of the First Baptist church, delivered the Thanksgiving sermon.

Rev. Garrett took for his text the 11th verse of the 4th chapter of Phillipians, and stated that the thankful person was a contented person and that there is no true happiness without contentment. The speaker thinks that the practice of Thanksgiving has been too much neglected of late years in spite of the fact that we have so many more causes for thankfulness than those who originated the day.

At this point in the address Rev. Garrett gave some bits of intimate history of the Pilgrims, the hardships they underwent, and yet they were thankful through it all and were glad to live where they had the privilege of worshipping God in their own way.

It was suggested that people of this age need a treatment of thanksgiving to make them fit to live. And while this is true, the world is not growing worse, but we see only the difficulties which confront us without realizing the fact that God still rules and reigns in the heavens. If we will give God the proper place in our lives the difficulties will disappear. Perhaps our greatest trouble is the fact that we do not have the proper perception of man and God. We are inclined to base our opinions on a superficial view of the world. Those who allow fancied difficulties to trouble them were compared to the man who drowned in shallow water, who, thinking he was drowning, made no effort to save himself, when by standing on the bottom he could have walked to safety.

The World War meant the doom of militarism, and while the war was deplorable, opportunities have come that we may be thankful for. The world is better on account of the war, and Christian America has cause to rejoice in her opportunity to help the world.

Vulgarity and coarseness have cheapened the amusements of the young people, but this may be overcome by the proper example from Christian living.

Bro. Garrett stated that one could be thankful even in distress, and gave many causes for thankfulness, including health, friends, family and church privileges, the blessedness of hope, the realization of duty and for an ever present Heavenly Father. The speaker paid his respects to the pessimist who never sees anything to be thankful for.

Some hindering causes for thankfulness were mentioned. A guilty conscience will not allow its possessor to be happy or thankful. A failure to appreciate true values is a bar to happiness. Those who measure things by money, natural talent, whether mental or physical; scholarship and fame, do not know the meaning of true happiness.

A selfish spirit is always unthankful, but an unselfish one cannot be brought to hopeless sorrow. Chas. M. Sheldon was quoted as saying that he had never yet seen an unthankful heart among the welfare workers of the world.

The speaker closed his address by saying that if one would be happy, go make someone else happy.

After prayer by Rev. W. P. Roberts, pastor of the Presbyterian church, a thank offering was taken for the poor of the town and T. N. Holloway, C. C. Cook and Clay Thompson were appointed as a committee to distribute the funds raised.

The meeting closed with prayer by N. E. Savage.

COTTON REACHES NEW HIGH PRICE THIS WEEK

The cotton market continues to climb at McLean. A bale was sold this week for 36.25. The extremely high prices being paid here are attracting farmers from many nearby communities.

Charles Cousins and Hansel Christian were business visitors in Shamrock Wednesday.

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. His nick-names 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 do some thinking 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.

She smiled at the children, and went about looking at their work—which was not noticeably disturbed, by reason of the fact that visitors were much more frequent now than ever before, and were no rarity. Certainly, Jennie Woodruff was no novelty, since they had known her all their lives. Most of the embarrassment was Jim's. He rose to the occasion, however, went through the routine of the closing day, and dismissed the flock, not omitting making an engagement with a group of boys for that evening to come back and work on the formal treatment for smut in seed grains, and the blue-vitriol treatment for seed potatoes.

"We hadn't time for these things," said he to the county superintendent, "in the regular class work—and it's getting time to take them up if we are to clean out the smut in next year's crop."

They repeated Whittier's Corn Song in concert, and school was out.

Since that Christmas afternoon when Jennie had undertaken to follow Mr. Peterson's advice and line Jim down, Jim had gone through an inward transformation. He had made up his mind that he would marry Jennie Woodruff. He saw her through clouds of rose and pink; but she looked at him as at a foolish man who was making trouble for her, chasing rainbows at her expense, and deeply vexing her. She was in a cold official frame of mind.

"Jim," she said, "I want you to give up this sort of teaching. Can't you see it's all wrong?"

"No," answered Jim, in much the manner of a man who has been stabbed by his sweetheart. "I can't see that it's wrong. It's the only sort I can do. What do you see wrong in it?"

"Oh, I can see some very wonderful things in it," said Jennie, "but it can't be done in the Woodruff district. It may be correct in theory, but it won't work in practice."

"Jennie," said he, "when a thing won't work, it isn't correct in theory. But my theory is correct, and it works."

"But the school board are against it."

"The school board elected me. They stood by and saw the contract signed," said Jim, "and—yes, Jennie, I know I am dealing in sophistry! I got the school by a sort of shell-game, which the board worked on themselves. But that doesn't prove that the district is against me. I believe the people are for me, now, Jennie. I really do!"

Jennie rose and walked to the rear of the room and back, twice. When she spoke, there was decision in her tone—and Jim felt that it was hostile decision.

"As an officer," she said rather grandly, "my relations with the district are with the school board on the one hand, and with your competency as a teacher on the other."

"Has it come to that?" asked Jim.

"Well, I have rather expected it."

His tone was weary. The Lincolnian droop in his great, sad, mournful mouth accentuated the resemblance to the Martyr President. Possibly his

feelings were not entirely different from those experienced by Lincoln at some crisis of doubt, misunderstanding and depression.

"If you can't change your methods," said Jennie, "I suggest that you resign."

"Are you to be called upon to suggest that?" asked Jim.

"A formal complaint against you for incompetency," she replied, "has been lodged in my office, signed by the three directors. I shall be obliged to take notice of it."

"And do you think," queried Jim, "that my abandonment of the things in which I believe in the face of this attack would prove to your mind that I am competent? Or would it show me incompetent?"

Jennie was silent.

"I guess," said Jim, "that we'll have to stand or fall on things as they are."

Jennie had drawn on her gloves and stood ready for departure.

"Unless you resign before the twenty-fifth," said she, "I shall heat



"Unless You Resign I Shall Hear the Petition for Your Removal."

the petition for your removal on that date. I bid you good evening!"

"Incompetency?" The disgraceful word, representing everything he had always despised, rang through Jim's mind as he walked home. He could think of nothing else as he sat at the simple supper which he could scarce

taste, incompetent! He was in a mood. He picked up a pen, and began writing. He wrote, "To the Honorable the Board of Education of the Independent District of ———"

And he heard a tap at the door. He another admitted Colonel Woodruff.

"Good evening, Colonel," said Jim.

"Take a chair, won't you?"

"No," replied the colonel. "I thought I'd see if you and the boys at the schoolhouse can't tell me something about the smut in my wheat. I heard you were going to work on that tonight."

"I had forgotten!" said Jim.

"I wondered if you hadn't," said the colonel, "and so I came by for you. I was waiting on the road. Come on, and ride up with me."

The colonel had always been friendly, but there was a new note in his manner tonight. He was almost deferential. He worked with the class on the problem of smut. He offered to aid the boys in every possible way in their campaign against scab in potatoes. He suggested some tests which would show the real value of the treatment. The boys were in a glow of pride at this co-operation with Colonel Woodruff. This was real work! Jim and the colonel went away together. It had been a great evening.

"Jim," said the colonel, "can these kids spell?"

"I think," said Jim, "that they can outspell any school about here."

"Good," said the colonel. "How are they about arithmetic and the other branches? Have you sort of kept them up to the course of study?"

"I have carried them in a course parallel to the textbooks," said Jim, "and covering the same ground. But it has been vocational work, you know—related to life."

"Well," said the colonel, "if I were you, I'd put them over a rapid review of the textbooks for a few days—say between now and the twenty-fifth."

"What for?"

"Oh, nothing—just to please me. . . . And say, Jim, I glanced over a communication you have started to the more or less Honorable Board of Education."

"Yes?"

"Well, don't finish it. . . . And say, Jim, I think I'll give myself the luxury of being a wild-eyed reformer for once."

"Yes," said Jim, dazed.

"And if you think, Jim, that you've got no friends, just remember that I'm for you."

"Thank you, Colonel."

"And we'll show them they're in a horse race."

"I don't see . . ." said Jim.

"You're not supposed to see," said the colonel, "but you can bet that we'll be with them at the finish; and, by thunder! while they're getting a full meal, we'll get at least a lunch. See?"

"But Jennie says," began Jim.

"Don't tell me what she says," said the colonel. "She's acting according to her judgment, and her rights and other organs of perception, and I don't think it fits that her father should try to influence her official conduct. But you go on and review their common branches, and keep your nerve. I haven't felt so much like a scrap since the day we stormed Lookout mountain. I kinder like being a wild-eyed reformer, Jim."

CHAPTER XI

Fame or Notoriety.

The office of county superintendent was, as a matter of course, the least desirable room of the courthouse. Poor Jennie! She anticipated nothing more than the appearance of Messrs. Bronson, Peterson and Bonner in her office to confront Jim Irwin. But at nine fifty-six the crowd in Jennie's office exceeded its seating capacity, and Jennie was in a flutter as the realization dawned upon her that this promised to be a bigger and more public affair than she had anticipated.

At nine fifty-nine Raymond Simms opened the office door and there filed in enough children, large and small, to fill the room. In addition there remained an overflow meeting in the hall, under the command of that distinguished military gentleman, Colonel Albert Woodruff.

"Say, Bill, come here," said the colonel, crooking his finger at the deputy sheriff.

"What you got here, Al?" said Bill, coming up the stairs, puffing. "Ain't it a little early for Sunday school picnics?"

"This is a school fight in our district," said the colonel. "It's Jennie's baptism of fire, I reckon . . . and say, you're not using the courtroom are you?"

"Nope," said Bill.

"Well, why not just slip around, then," said the colonel, "and tell Jennie she'd better adjourn to the big room."

Which suggestion was acted upon instantly by Deputy Bill.

"But I can't, I can't," said Jennie to the courteous deputy sheriff. "I don't want all this publicity and I don't want to go into the courtroom."

"I hardly see," said Deputy Bill "how you can avoid it. These people seem to have business with you, and they can't get into your office."

Jennie quailed. "All right, all right!" said she. "But shall I have to sit on the bench?"

"You will find it by far the most convenient place," said Deputy Bill.

Was this the life to which public office had brought her? She was perched on the judicial bench, while Deputy Bill had dusted off for her tipping a wink to the assemblage while doing it. And that crowd! To Jennie it was appalling. The school board under the lead of Wilbur Smythe took seats inside the railing. Jim Irwin, who had never been in a courtroom before, herded with the crowd.

She couldn't call the gathering to order. She had no idea as to the proper procedure. She sat there while the people gathered, stood about whispering and talking under their breaths, and finally became silent, all their eyes fixed on her, as she wished that the office of county superintendent had been abolished in the days of her parents' infancy.

"May it please the court," said Wilbur Smythe, standing before the bar. "Or, Madam County Superintendent, I should say . . ."

A titter ran through the room, and a flush of temper tinted Jennie's face. They were laughing at her! She wouldn't be a spectacle any longer! So she rose, and handed down her first and last decision from the bench—a rather good one, I think.

"Mr. Smythe," said she, "I feel very ill at ease up here, and I'm going to

get down among the people. It's the only way I have of getting the truth."

She descended from the bench, shook hands with everybody near her, and sat down by the attorney's table.

"Now," said she, "this is no formal proceeding and we will dispense with red tape. If we don't, I shall get all tangled up in it. Where's Mr. Irwin? Please come in here, Jim. Now, I know there's some feeling in these things—there always seems to be; but I have none. So I'll just hear why Mr. Bronson, Mr. Peterson and Mr. Bonner think that Mr. James E. Irwin isn't competent to hold a certificate."

Jennie was able to smile at them now, and everybody felt more at ease, save Jim Irwin, the members of the board and Wilbur Smythe. That in individual arose, and talked down at Jennie.

"I appear for the proponents here," said he, "and I desire to suggest certain principles of procedure which I take it belong indisputably to the conduct of this hearing."

"Have you a lawyer?" asked the county superintendent of the respondent.

"A what?" exclaimed Jim. "No body here has a lawyer!"

"Well, what do you call Wilbur Smythe?" queried Newton Bronson from the midst of the crowd.

"He ain't lawyer enough to hurt," said the thing which the dramatists call a voice.

There was a little tempest of laughter at Wilbur Smythe's expense, which was quelled by Jennie's rapping on the table. She was beginning to feel the mouth of the situation.

"There is nothing in the school laws, as I remember them," said Jennie, "giving the parties any right to be represented by counsel. You may advise your clients all you please, but I'm not going to waste time in listening to speeches, or having a lot of lawyers examine witnesses."

"I protest," said Mr. Smythe. "Well, you may file your protest in writing," said Jennie. "I'm going to talk this matter over with these old friends and neighbors of mine. I don't want you dipping into it, I say!"

Jennie's voice was rising toward the scream-line, and Mr. Smythe recognized the hand of fate. There was a little wrangling, and a little protest from Con Bonner, but Jennie ruled with a rod of iron, and adhered to her ruling. When the hearing was resumed after the noon recess, the crowd was larger than ever, but the proceedings consisted mainly in a conference of the principals grouped about Jennie at the big lawyers' table. They were talking about the methods adopted by Jim in his conduct of the Woodruff school—just talking. The only new thing was the presence of a couple of newspaper men, who had queried Chicago papers on the story, and been given orders for a certain number of words on the case of the farm-hand schoolmaster on trial before his old sweetheart.

By the time at which gathering darkness made it necessary for the hall to light the lamps, the parties had agreed on the facts. Jim admitted most of the allegations. He had practically ignored the textbooks. He had burned the district fuel and worn out the district furniture early and late, and on Saturdays. He had introduced domestic economy and manual training, to some extent, by sending the boys to the workshops and the girls to the kitchens and sewing rooms of the farmers who allowed those privileges.

He had used up a great deal of time in studying farm conditions. He had induced the boys to test the cows of the district for butterfat yield. He was studying the matter of a cooperative creamery.

He hoped to open to the boys and girls the wonders of the universe which are touched by the work on the farm. He hoped to make good and contented farmers of them, able to get the most out of the soil, to sell what they produced to the best advantage and at the same time to keep up the fertility of the soil itself. And

he hoped to teach the girls in such a way that they would be good and contented farmers' wives.

"An' I say," interposed Con Bonner. "That we can rest our case right here. If that ain't the limit, I don't know what is!"

Jennie turned to Jim.

"Now, Mr. Irwin," said she, "while you have been following out these very interesting and original methods, what have you done in the way of teaching the things called for by the course of study?"

"I'm willing," said Jim, "to stand or fall on an examination of these children in the very textbooks we are accused of neglecting."

Jennie looked steadily at Jim for a full minute.

"How many pupils of the Woodruff school are here?" she asked. "All rise, please!"

A mass of the audience, in the midst of which sat Jennie's father, rose at the request.

"Why," said Jennie, "I should say we had a quorum, anyhow! We'll have school here. And Mr. Irwin, please remember that you state that you'll stand or fall on the mastery by these pupils of the textbooks they are supposed to have neglected."

"Not the mastery of the text," said Jim. "But their ability to do the work the text is supposed to fit them for."

"Well," said Jennie, "I don't know but that's fair."

"But," said Mrs. Hanken Peterson, "we don't want our children brought up to be just farmers. Suppose we move to town—where does the culture come in?"

Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Cash of McClellan Creek were trading with McLean merchants Saturday.

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Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bailey of Heald were shopping in the city Saturday.
John Lowe came in Friday from Alanreed to make this place his home.
C. G. Nicholson of Enterprise was a business visitor in our city Saturday.
Earl Evans was in from the farm Saturday.
J. W. Mars of McClellan Creek was in town Saturday.
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R. S. Thompson was in from the ranch Saturday.

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News From Alanreed

By Special Correspondent.

J. A. Roselius has returned from McCamb, Okla., where he has been looking after the interests of his farm.

Earl Ream visited with his family in Erick, Okla., Sunday.

Mesdames W. H. Blakney and Ogletree were shopping in McLean Friday.

John Roselius and Walter Brown visited home folks here Sunday.

Mesdames S. R. Loftin and J. W. Sherrod and Miss Alta Sherrod went to Clarendon Saturday.

Frank Paxton left Saturday for El Paso.

Miss Ida Maye Dunwoody visited in McLean Sunday.

J. D. Cunningham, better known as "Mac," left Sunday for Sedan, Kans., for a visit with relatives.

Mrs. Hugh Guill returned Sunday from Clarendon, where she has been visiting her daughter, Mrs. Floyd Oiler.

Mr. and Mrs. McCochran of Jericho were in town last Thursday.

A number of Alanreed people attended the show and wrestling match at McLean Saturday night.

E. S. Graves, Gray county sheriff, was in town Monday.

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Troy Hinton was in town Tuesday.

CARD OF THANKS

We take this means of expressing our deep appreciation for the many tokens of kindness shown us by our neighbors and friends during the sickness and death of our dear little girl. May the blessings of our Heavenly Father be upon you in our prayer.

Mr. and Mrs. E. O. Cunningham.

AT THE BAPTIST CHURCH

W. C. Garrett, Pastor

Sunday morning subject, "Ox-Carts and Airplanes," scripture, Ezekiel 1. Evening subject, "Jesus Wept." Regular monthly conference next Wednesday evening. The B. Y. P. U.'s meet at 6 p. m. Sunday evening; preaching at 7. The general public is invited to attend all our services.

Van Webb of Miami was a McLean visitor Wednesday.

John B. Vannoy made a business trip to Lefors Saturday.

FUTURE FOOTBALL

A mother of one of the men whom Bill McCluney tossed about playfully in one of the games of this year sent to the Trinitonian this passage which she says must be somewhat of the nature of the ideals of the game Big Ed and our coach instill into the minds of our men. We feel flattered that anyone should consider the playful intentions of our men as arising from such a serious intent.

"In the first place we shall abolish the ball. It detracts at-

tention of both players and spectators from the main object of the game and slows up the play. When the referee blows his whistle, each side shall single out a player on the other side, throw him down and then all pile on top of him. If, when the referee has counted to one hundred, he has not arisen, it shall count a point for the opposing side. If his arm or leg is broken, it shall count two points; and if he is dead, five points. The game should be called as soon as either side is exterminated."—The Trinitonian.

AT THE METHODIST CHURCH

J. S. Huckabee, Pastor

Rev. J. T. Griswold, Presiding Elder of the Clarendon district, will preach at the Methodist church next Sunday morning and evening. The first session of the quarterly conference will be held at Heald Sunday afternoon at 3:30. Rev. Griswold will preach at Heald at the same hour.

If it is face creams, powders, perfumes, or toilet waters, you will find the kind you need at Shell's Pharmacy. 1c

G. W. Henshaw of Heald was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Lem Parker of Alanreed was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

A. L. Morgan of Liberty was in town Monday.

Chas. Back of Back community was in town Thursday of last week.

Remain Pugh of Gracey was a McLean visitor last Thursday.

W. N. Clayton of Peterson Creek was in town Saturday.

Chas. E. Cooke is a new reader of The News.

M. H. Kinard of Gracey was a McLean visitor Friday.

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WILLING TO DO HER SHARE

A large and dark bride was being married to an equally dark but several sizes smaller bridegroom.

"Clarissa," asked the preacher following the usual formula, "do you

take this man to be your wedded husband, for better or worse—"

"Jes' as he is, pahson, jes' as he is," interrupted Clarissa. "Ef he gets any better de good Lawd's gwine take 'im, an' ef he gets any wuss I reckon i kin tend to 'im."

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Estimating on Foolishness

There is a wheeze that has gone the rounds of the printers so long that it has lost both author and origin, but it hasn't lost its point. You must have heard it, but it will do you good to hear it again.

"A certain printer has notified the merchants of his town that he will shortly be in need of a shirt, a pair of shoes and a hat. He asks that each merchant furnish estimates as follows:

"One shirt, with and without collar; also in one, two and three colors. Estimate each way.

"One pair of shoes. Estimate for two colors, black and brown. Also give prices, whether high or Oxford, and laced or buttoned.

"One hat, soft or derby (estimate for black, brown, green, and grey, with and without band, size to be determined later.)

"This printer adds that he is about to place a large order in the near future, and will give special consideration to the merchant who makes him a reasonable price on this small initial order. Etc., etc."

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If there ever were any good roads in our community, they are a thing of the past.

The person who feels that he is too big for his home town should move at once—for the sake of the town.

A former president of Amherst College states that ninety-five per cent of college professors have third-rate minds. Outside of the day in the class room, they are useless. The professor says that modern colleges are lacking in the duty of "determining" leadership for the people.

The new governor of Kentucky, W. J. Fields, refuses to attend an inaugural ball planned in his honor and states that there will be no functions of any kind where dancing is allowed during his term of office. The people of Kentucky are to be congratulated on a governor who stands for right and has the courage to do what he thinks is right, regardless of precedent.

Many schemes have been proposed to the Chamber of Commerce toward adequately marking the Postal Highway, but the proposal of the committee of the Sunset National Highway is better than anything yet offered. If the proposed plans are successfully carried out, we will be on one of the most popular highways in the United States. That this will mean much to our town goes without saying.

Every year folks are urged to do their Christmas shopping early, but there are always enough who wait until the last minute to spoil the holiday season for the busy salespeople, who must spend long hours in the stores and are too tired in mind and body Christmas morning to enjoy the day. Christmas is only a little over three weeks away, and most of your buying could be done within the next two weeks.

It is very gratifying to notice that very few people are allowing their chickens to run at large during the months that the chicken ordinance does not apply. When the stock law was proposed, there was opposition to it from some quarters, but now no one would be willing to see stock run at large; yet in some cases stock would be easier to herd from one's premises than chickens. Most people are willing to do the right thing when the matter is brought to their attention, and that chickens are a nuisance to nearby neighbors when allowed to roam at will, no one denies.

St. Louis put on a "Safety Week" last week, in an effort to awaken people to the necessity of being more careful in driving cars, with the result that they had nine deaths from automobile accidents, more than any other one week this year, and bringing the year's total of deaths from such causes up to 134. "Man's inhumanity to man makes countless thousands mourn" was never truer than today, and it is due mainly to careless disregard of the rights of others. The careless car driver is seldom a murderer at heart, but the results he attains are just as fatal as those of the man who deliberately takes human lives.

Five deaths, scores of persons picked up unconscious and 283 arrests for drunkenness, is one day's record in Philadelphia, due to pre-holiday celebrations by bootleggers' patrons. More cases of illness due to bad liquor were treated by Philadelphia hospitals on that day than ever before. Most of the whiskey used had been sold to the victims as "imported" stuff, brought over especially for the holidays. It seems strange to sensible men that one would place such implicit faith in a bootlegger's statement. At any time a man drinks whiskey nowadays, regardless of the label of the bottle, he is taking his life in his own hands.

There seems to be quite a shakour in the newspaper fraternity this

fall. The Panhandle Press Association will not be the same without Braswell of the Clarendon Record, and Loomis of the Canadian Record. Haynes of the Tahoka News has accepted a position with the Slaton Slatonite and will probably keep himself identified with the Association. The only reason we ever forgave Ben Smith for selling the Lockney Beacon was that he put us on the list of the Scurry County Times. There is no reason why an editor should not sell his paper, provided he can profit by the deal, and even if he makes no monetary profit from the transaction, his credit might be enhanced in a new location.

Thanksgiving Day means much to us this year. After an unusual drouth followed by an unheated rainy season, we are harvesting one of the best crops of feed and cotton ever raised here and prices are better than for several years. Only a month ago we were feeling pretty blue over the rather gloomy crop outlook, but now all is changed. In the final accounting of things, we usually come out all right, but we like to see the result beforehand and are inclined to be pessimistic at the slightest provocation. However, we can gladly forget all thoughts of this nature at this Thanksgiving season and rejoice in the general good fortune of our community.

This issue of The News will probably be borrowed by non-subscribers on account of the city's financial report. Non-progressives and progressives alike are interested in how the city's finances are handled. The City Council has gone to considerable expense and trouble to have the books audited and a report prepared, but taxpayers are entitled to know just how the finances are handled. There would be less dissatisfaction among taxpayers if the law requiring publication of stated reports was followed by cities, county commissioners and school boards. In every case the public is entitled to know what is being done with its money. Carrying out the idea further, there are many semi-public institutions, such as lodges, Chambers of Commerce, etc., who could keep down dissatisfaction by making such reports to their members. Most people are reasonable in such matters if they think they are getting a square deal, but as long as they are kept in ignorance they are at a loss to understand just how things are running, and it leaves room for the busybody to get in his deadly work. Let's have the fullest publicity in the public's interest.

WICKED RIGHT PUNCHES VS. HIGH EDUCATION

Two bull-necked sluggers met and pounded one another's hardene carcasses for two or three minutes. One of them knocked the other clear out of the ring. The other knocked the one down six or eight times, and the one that was knocked down oftener than the other, finally was unable to get up.

The slugger that was able to stand up while the other lay down and blinked idiotically at the ceiling lights walked away with a bloody mouth and about half a million dollars.

The slugger that was knocked down and couldn't get up until after someone had counted 10, went away with blood all over him and \$100,000.

Some of the greatest savants in Europe, who have spent their lives in the service of science and man, are living on approximately \$1 a week. Sometimes a professor of philosophy can get a loaf of black bread and sometimes he can eat a



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few potatoes. His children, who are rich in their inheritance of brains and the capacity to learn, have not enough to eat to develop their bodies properly.

The entire faculty of the most honored graduate school in the United States will not draw a combined salary this year equal to the money won by Jack Dempsey during three or four minutes of slugging. That faculty will train useful citizens to serve a million human beings, doctors to save a million lives, juries to dispense justice in a million cases, chemists to solve the riddles of the physical universe, and astronomers to bring the stars within the reach of men.

But Mr. Jack Dempsey, who drives rivets and bargains and wicked right punches, has more money in his bruised fist than all the wise and faithful men who make up that distinguished faculty, working together, can make in a year.

Oh, yes, there's something wrong with the world, all right. And something wrong with the world's sense of values.

YES, WE CAN SPARE YOU

This isn't cynicism. It is one of the sweetest and most reassuring laws of the universe—no man is doing a work that can't be taken up right where he left off and greater

heights reached. Conditions in the United States continued to improve. Steinmetz died. The business of making the electron the servant of man will go right on, and new discoveries will be made. Bonar Law died. The English will not miss him.

So it is with you and me. Some of these days—and we are as essential in our sphere as either of the three just mentioned was in his—and we shall pass on and shall not be missed. Another will not take up our septor nor wear our toga, for the savage had the correct idea about that when he buried with the brave his tomahawk, dog and pony, but he will carry on the work that humanity needs.

That's our philosophy and our job. It isn't our job after all. It is humanity's task and we are substituting for a while here. We shall not do justice to humanity's task if we do not so perform it that we may suddenly fail to report any morning and the task will move on without confusion or lost motion.

That's the good manager. That's the good laborer. Not the one who makes himself indispensable, but the one who so does his task that its simple order and routine may be picked up by another on a moment's notice without loss, is true service. To myself I am the center of the

universe and the most important unit of humanity; in the universe I am just one of the million of parts, each doing its task, hoping a while, rejoicing in season, then passing on to that bourne from whence no traveler, they say, has ever returned.—Texas Commercial News.

POOR THING

Proud Father (showing baby)—"And do you think he looks like me?"
Visitor—"Why—er—I'm afraid he does."

ALL ARRANGED

She—"Oh, I wish the Lord had made me a man!"
He (bashfully)—"He did. I'm the man."

Mrs. A. J. Worley returned Friday from Amarillo.

Donald Beall and Roy Campbell were Lefors visitors Friday.

O. D. Parsley of Shamrock was in the city on business Saturday.

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BACKWARD CHILDREN COSTLY TO STATE

Recent Survey Shows One State Paid \$25,000 a Year for "Repeaters."

Retarded school children in one mid-western state last year cost that state \$25,000, according to figures given out at the headquarters of the Southwestern Division American Red Cross, in St. Louis, after an investigation of the health of the school children in that state. These children were what are known as "repeaters," that is, children who failed to pass their examinations and had to be sent back to be over again the work that had not been successfully done.

Only 3 per cent of these children were backward because of mental defects. The rest had physical defects, easily corrected, but which acted on their mental capacity and their bodily strength to do the school work. Of those who underwent some treatment for the correction of their physical difficulties every one without an exception caught up in his or her class and kept up with the rest of the children from that time.

The defects consisted of tonsils and adenoids sufficiently diseased to cause irregular attendance at school; defective teeth which were responsible for a considerable amount of malnutrition and physical weakness; a few cases of defective hearing, and still fewer cases of defective vision, the latter of which was easily correctible by properly adjusted glasses.

This survey was made in an effort to determine the value of a public health nursing service in the schools. The conclusion was that with a public health nurse installed in connection with county school systems, a considerable saving in expense to the state would result.

According to the Director of Nursing Service in the Southwestern Division, one public health nurse should be supplied for every 1,000 children. For reasons of economy, however, the nurses frequently have many more than this number and they also have to look after the health and welfare of the adult community.

"Supposing in a given community," said this director, "200 children should have to repeat their school work because their physical condition made them slow in their studies and frequently absent. This would cost the state \$12,500 a year. A public health nurse for the same period, whose duty it would be to see that the children were kept well and therefore would not have to repeat, would cost \$3,000. The public health nurse in the school inspects the children at regular intervals. If they are found to be subnormal, they are examined by a physician. If the subnormality is due to any physical trouble the physician or the nurse, if working alone, recommends to the parents that the child be sent at once to its family physician for treatment so that, although the ailment is slight, it may be corrected in time and thus prevent serious trouble later on as well as to put the child into better physical condition for its school work. That is one phase of the public health nurse's work.

The next phase is a step beyond, that of educating parents to the point of requiring physical examinations of their children before they reach school age so that they are ready for their school work. Some difficulties of childhood might be eliminated by care of the mother during pregnancy and expert attention during the time of confinement. Infants, apparently well, will benefit by careful inspection at regular intervals. Experiments where these inspections are made with the advice of skilled physicians and nurses, has been eminently successful.

A third feature of the public health nursing work which should be considered in the question of educating these backward children is that of the delay caused by ill health in bringing these children to the point of economic independence, that is, fitness for life and its responsibilities. Thinking people, educators and welfare workers are being greatly attracted by the usefulness of school instruction in Home Hygiene and Care of the Sick for mothers or families, for high school girls and even for younger students. In my opinion there is no better way to teach prevention of illness, good health habits through sanitation in the home, and personal cleanliness than by giving thorough intelligent knowledge of care at the time of illness for the protection of others as well as for the comfort of the patient."

This work is being constantly emphasized in the Southwestern Division and is growing greatly in public interest throughout the division.

VETERANS' HOSPITAL TO HAVE NEWSPAPER

Fort Lyon, Colorado, Veterans' Hospital has acquired a print shop. The newspaper has not been started yet but the first issue will appear shortly. A small hand press has been donated to the hospital by friends and the print shop has been opened in the Red Cross Headquarters. Patients in the hospital who are printers by trade have volunteered to set the type and make up and print the paper and other patients who have been newspaper writers and advertising copy writers will edit it. It is believed this is the first print shop to be run by the patients in any of the veterans' hospitals, and much enthusiasm already is manifested in the forthcoming initial issue of the paper.

CITIZENS AID IN CHILD WELFARE AND FLOOD RELIEF

Red Cross Rendered Much Volunteer Assistance in Southwestern Division.

Volunteer work in the Southwestern Division, American Red Cross has been unusually active during the last year, according to reports which have come into the division office in St. Louis recently. The volunteer committee of the Port Arthur, Texas, chapter is regarded as one of the most active of the service which the chapter at Port Arthur renders the community. Through this committee garments are collected, sorted and kept in order to be used whenever needed.

In Independence, Kansas, the volunteer committee of the Red Cross chapter has conducted better baby contests and children's clinics with marked success.

Volunteers in the six towns of Texas County, Oklahoma, also have been holding child welfare clinics and conferences and have been able to accomplish much good towards the better health of the community by calling the parents' attention to slight physical defects of their children, which corrected now amount to nothing but which if permitted to run on might become serious for the child.

In Little Rock, Arkansas, dancers have been able to play an important part in reconstructing the impaired brains and nerves of the patients in the U. S. Veterans' Hospital No. 78 in that city, by teaching men to dance and thus assisting the other occupational therapy work in stimulating the dormant mental faculties of the veterans.

Volunteer members of three chapters in the Southwestern Division also have had great opportunity to demonstrate their enthusiasm in the administering of flood relief during the last summer and fall. Thirty-four hundred dollars was raised by the Winfield, Kansas, chapter to take care of the recent victims of the floods of the Walnut and Arkansas rivers. At Ft. Smith, Arkansas, the Sebastian County chapter handled the acute needs of the refugees of the floods of last June in the district between the Arkansas and Potomac rivers, and at Tulsa, Oklahoma, volunteer Red Cross workers conducted relief headquarters where 148 persons were fed, clothed and furnished with sleeping quarters for six days until the water subsided sufficiently for them to return to their homes.

JELLYBEANS AND FLAPPERS

A jellybean is a boy in the middle of the worthless period of his career or purpose in life. His backbone is composed of jellyfish and his brain is as clear as mud. He sucks cigarettes and has a breath as foul as the sewage from a packing plant. He goes to bed at eleven o'clock and thinks that he is conferring an honor on his maw to ask her to bring his breakfast to him in his bed at nine the next morning. The jellybean can spend the dollar that he worked so hard for the day before like he was a million-dollar movie actor and it was a disgrace for him to keep coin out of circulation. With all, the jellybean has his virtues. He may be the homeliest, most repulsive creature in the whole community, and yet he is so infatuated with his own personality that he thinks the girls will follow him when he walks down the street. He can never be depended on to do anything right nor to think consecutively because it is too much strain on his brain, which is only a malignant growth at the top of his backbone. He never passes a mirror without complimenting it by admiring his own reflection. However, he may have some real manhood in him, and if he can be guided over the shoals of the jellybean period and kept from going crazy by being so sweet on himself, he will come out of it and grade up with the average at his first voting period.

The flappers—bless your soul, they are nothing but harmless foolish girls who think that the more attractive they are the more ambition the jellybean will have to become a real man some day. If it wasn't for the flappers, the jellybeans would all go jump into the Gulf of Mexico. The flappers are the load star of hope, the inspiration of the jellybean. As the flapper grows into something to be worshipped at a respectful distance, the jellybean realizes his hopeless condition and the muddying of the waters of his brain is but an indication that the leavening is beginning to work, and that he will be worth something, after all.

The flapper confers on dad the honor of spending every last dime he has in keeping up-to-date. But she's worth it. She may be foolish at times and want to do things

that are unwise because she is innocent of the ways of the world, but given even a small chance she will grow into a useful woman.

As a magnet to draw the jellybean out of his muddled, self-hypnotized condition, she is worth her weight in gold. — Canadian Record.

HYGEIA

I am Hygeia,
Daughter of Aesculapius and Epione,
And child of the full-fruited hills
of Greece.

I am Hygeia, Goddess of Health;
Come, follow me up the mountain-
side

From the valley of sediment to the
summits of purity.

I will put the breath of the lilac in
your nostrils;

I will make your eyes like the win-
dows to a cloudless morning;

I will pour the fresh roses of dawn
in your blood.

I am Hygeia,

And I come wherever men call me,
I walk in the gutters and give them
the beauty of meadows and
Flaming with flowers. I knock at
the hovel

And turn all the windows to case-
ments,

Its doors into portals. I hang on
its walls in the sunlight

NO GOOD CITIZEN CAN
QUARREL WITH THIS CODE

An organization known as the
American Society of Newspaper Ed-
itors was formed last month. The
society announced a code of ethics
for the newspaper profession that
sets forth its high aims and recog-
nizes the quasi-public character of
the press.

Some of the items in the code
may be summarized as follows:
The right of a newspaper to
attract and hold readers is restrict-
ed by nothing but consideration of
the public welfare.

The use which a newspaper makes
of the share of public attention it
gains serves to determine its sense
of responsibility.

Freedom of the press is to be
guarded as a vital right of man-
kind.

Freedom from all obligations ex-
cept that of fidelity to the public
interest is vital.

News communications from private

sources should not be published
without notice of their source, or
else substantiation of their claims
as news both in form and substance.

Partisanship in editorial comment
which knowingly departs from the
truth does violence to the best
spirit of American journalism.

Good faith with the reader is the
foundation of all journalism worthy
of the name.

Sound practice makes clear dis-
tinction between news reports and
expressions of opinion.

Critics of the arts should have
knowledge, understanding, independ-
ence of judgment and complete free-
dom.

J. U. Pendleton was an Amarillo
visitor Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Gatlin were

McLean visitors Saturday.

F. E. Robinson was in from the
ranch Saturday.

Chas. Roach of Gracey was in
McLean Saturday.

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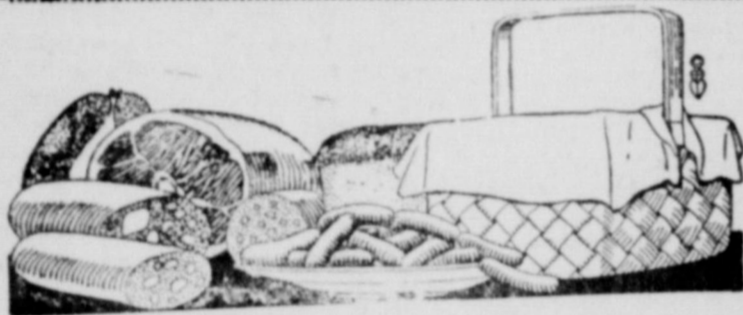
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Goods

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McLean, Texas

Dry
Goods

110 DISASTERS IN YEAR ENLIST RED CROSS AID

Nearly \$400,000 Spent in United States—Greek Refugee Work Completed.

For its preparedness to render relief through effective and generous aid to the sufferers from disaster the American Red Cross is universally regarded as the one organization from which response to appeal for help is immediate.

The disasters in the United States during the past year reported 240 persons killed, 991 injured, 12,591 rendered homeless.

Relief of suffering caused by disasters of such magnitude as to overwhelm the resources of the communities in which they occur is fundamental to the charter of the American Red Cross.

Since 1881 the Red Cross has administered more than \$20,000,000 for the single purpose of disaster relief.

Life Saving Work Of Red Cross Corps Wars on Drownings

The insignia of the American Red Cross Life Saving Corps on the bathing apparel of men, women and youths is seen everywhere at favorite bathing places along the coasts, rivers, lakes and ponds.

Red Cross Field Of Action Covers All the World

Represented by 93,563 members, the American Red Cross penetrates to nearly every part of the world. The insular and foreign roll call statistics for the past year are a most conclusive manifestation of the Red Cross spirit carried into the most remote lands.

"I want to; therefore I can!" is the spirit that spurs the Red Cross workers in well-doing.

JUNIOR RED CROSS BROADENS SCOPE OF SCHOOL WORK

School Children of America Establish Correspondence With Schools in Other Countries.

An opportunity to greatly broaden and enlarge the scope of work of the school children of America which was opened by the action of the last annual convention of the National Educational Association in San Francisco, is being developed by the Junior Red Cross of America.

A number of schools in America on their own initiative already have organized chapters of the Junior Red Cross and established correspondence with schools in Albania, Austria, Belgium, Bulgaria, Czechoslovakia, France, Holland, Hungary, Italy, Jugoslavia, Poland, Rumania, Scotland, Switzerland, South Africa and New Zealand.

Portfolios are a good part of the correspondence and such portfolios give motive for study and description of America and American life on the part of the senders while they stimulate the recipients to a like interest in the affairs and happenings in their own country.

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BABIES GET \$2.00 PRIZE WHILE PIGS BRING \$40

Babies amount to little in some parts of the United States according to the following report of a Red Cross public health nurse which has been presented to the Director of Nursing Service of the Southwestern Division:

"I was invited to be a judge at a baby show held at one of the county fairs. My chairman went with me and I think we both got the surprise of our lives, something I shall never forget. We arrived at noon. After dinner we were taken to the fair grounds, and eventually introduced to an elderly gentleman (probation officer) who directed us to what was called Floral Hall. Then we discovered that our booth was in an annex. We were invited into a room, which was dusty and full of cobwebs, had a broken window, one long bench with its legs directed east and west, an old scale with the glass broken off, a shopping basket about a foot and a half long which caught every baby in the nap of the neck, and one tiny teddy bear blanket. That was the equipment for the baby show. I sent in a burry call to a doctor's office for some sheets, which helped a little. We weighed 38 children and awarded ribbons, and after looking through the catalogue, discovered that \$2.00 was to be the first prize for the babies, while \$40.00 was the first prize for the pigs."

Victor Told Mussolini a Joke



Ordinarily the lens catches Premier Mussolini "on parade," looking as stern and "old Roman" as he possibly can, but this time King Victor Emmanuel, his mustache uplifted by a broad and most unregal grin, must have told a good one just as the camera snapped, for the apostle of Fascism is smiling most humanly.

SUPERSTITIONS

Among the excess baggage of mankind are superstitions. They are playthings which few lack and many are influenced by. They are chiefly the affections of the idle and the ignorant, and make for influence to the degree that these qualities predominate in one.

Walking under a ladder; breaking a mirror; Friday, the thirteenth; eating the last piece of cake—such are typical happenings in life around which are entwined fables of superstition. College degrees bow before them; persons in any walk of life will hesitate when confronted by them. Yet they are but fables that have traveled up through the ages, and most people know it. However, superstitions are not as deep as many people like to pretend. They are bounded, for instance, by necessity, which knows no law, not even of chance.

Still people are superstitious. They read fortunes out of tea-cups, hunt for four-leaf clovers, and pick up pins—under the belief that there is some charm attached to such things.

Superstitions are but the voices of the children within us. We speak of being grown-up, but the reference is more to our appearance and years than to our mental make-up. Childhood is the source of all life, and superstitions cling to us mainly for the reason that, no matter how far the years may take us, they

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were required. And all the results of a little ad. Yes, of course it pays to advertise.—Hot Springs Maverick.

A REGULAR PRAYER

Lord, let me live like a Regular Man, With Regular friends and true; Let me play the game on a Regular plan And play that way all through. Let me win or lose with a Regular smile And never be known to whine, For that is a "Regular Fellow's" style, And I want to make it mine!

Oh, give me a Regular chance in life, Be same as the rest, I pray; And give me a Regular girl for wife To help me along the way. Let us know the lot of humanity, Regular woes and joys, And raise a Regular family Of Regular girls and boys!

Let me live to a Regular good old age, With Regular snow-white hair, Having done my labor and earned my wage, And played my game for fair. And so at last when the people scan My face on its piteous bier, They'll say, "Well, he was a Regular Man!" And drop a Regular tear! —Author Unknown.

HIS FATAL MISTAKE

"What are you looking so glum about?" asked a man as he dropped into a friend's office one day recently.

"Same old fool break of putting a letter in the wrong envelope, and I'm afraid to go home. My wife sent me down a note by the hired man an hour ago, telling me to send her ten dollars, and asking me to meet her here at the office at 3 o'clock and go shopping with her. At the same time I got a bill for ten dollars from a merchant I owe, asking me to remit. I scribbled off a note to the merchant saying: "Can't possibly do it. I've got to meet another little thing today that won't be put off." I made the usual mistake and sent the merchant the ten dollars and my wife the note.

"Can't you go home and explain the mistake to your wife?" "You don't know her. I've done all I can. I've taken out an accident policy for \$10,000 good for two hours, and I expect her here in fifteen minutes. Tell all the boys goodbye for me, and if you meet a lady on the stairs as you go down keep close to the wall."—Exchange.

Dr. J. A. Hall of Shamrock will fill his regular monthly appointment at McLean next week. 1c

T. B. Hines and son of Skillet were trading in McLean Friday.

Geo. Colebank of Northfork was in town Saturday.

Snell's Cash Store sells groceries for less money. 1c

Penslar laxative cold tablets are guaranteed to cure that cold. Sold by Shell's Pharmacy. 1c

HE WAS RIGHT!

First Patrol Leader—"Hallo, Sam, I've got a question to ask you." Second Ditto—"Well, out with it." First P. L.—"What is it that gets wet with drying?" Second P. L.—"Why, nothing does that I know of." First P. L.—"What about a towel?"

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Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lankfork and baby of Magdalena, N. M., are visiting the lady's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Hinton.

H. Logan of Ramodell was a McLean visitor Tuesday.

D. M. Davis was in town on business Tuesday.

Earl Wilmoth of Groom visited friends in this city Sunday.

Richard W. Lindsey, manager of the United Electric Company of Oklahoma City, was in McLean on business Monday.

Miss Ida Maye Dunwoody of Alanreed visited Miss Gertrude Wingo Sunday.

Miss Grace McKnight of Alanreed attended the show at McLean Saturday night.

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AUDITOR'S REPORT

FINANCIAL STATEMENT OF THE CITY OF McLEAN, TEX.
as of the date of September 15, A. D. 1923

RESOURCES

Current	
Cash	\$ 435.53
Delinquent Taxes	798.32
Accounts receivable	
Fuel and Tractor	177.00
House Wiring	302.59
Mfgs. Freight Bills due for freight paid by City	220.46
Fuel on hand	362.50
	\$ 2,196.40
Improvements	
Ice Plant	14,000.00
Streets	4,872.73
Waterworks	45,902.30
Light and Power	22,508.47
Jail	75.00
	97,167.05
Tractor	133.09
Dump Ground	183.53
	321.62
	\$99,685.07

LIABILITIES

Current	
Warrants	16,230.00
Accounts payable	5,331.75
Sinking Fund	1,839.76
Street Fund	347.96
	\$22,392.47
Meter Deposits	730.00
Bonded	
Waterworks	39,000.00
Light and Power	30,000.00
Street Improvement	5,000.00
	74,000.00
	\$97,122.47
Surplus	2,562.60
	\$99,685.07

TAX COLLECTIONS

Taxes assessed, as per roll	\$ 7,899.23
Delinquent Taxes, as per roll	739.90
Waterworks	3,059.54
Light and Power	2,223.82
General	1,223.82
Street Improvement	428.34
	\$ 7,159.33
	7,899.23

GENERAL FUND
Receipts—9-1-22 to 8-31-23

Tax Collections	
Delinquent Taxes and Penalties	\$ 123.43
Waterworks Apportionment	3,059.54
Light and Power	2,447.63
General Fund	1,223.82
Street Improvement	428.34
	\$ 7,281.76
Total Collections	40.00
Corporation Court	1,667.15
Receipts from House Wiring	
Receipts from Plant:	
Ice	1,386.22
Light and Water Earnings	1,032.96
Light and Water Meter Deposits	800.00
	3,218.18
Sale of Old Culvert	35.00
Sale of Old Tower and Tank	101.00
Sale of Light Poles	413.70
	549.70
Transfers:	
Waterworks Fund	136.43
Street Improvement	400.00
Petty Cash Fund	98.06
	634.49
T. A. Landers for Sidewalk	49.50
Fire License	10.00
Miscellaneous Income:	
Peddler's Tax, Rodoo License, etc.	219.74
	288.24
Vouchers from Waterworks Fund for Freight, etc., paid from General Fund	498.28
Scavenger's Fees	94.94
Taxes	
	14,289.73
Total Receipts	

Disbursements

General Maintenance:	
Legal Expenses—Attorney's Fees	\$ 290.00
Mayor's Salary—3 months	75.00
T. W. Henry—Fees Tax Collections	300.11
	36.25
Equalization Board	
City Marshal—Special Officers	113.00
Dog Killing Fees	195.25
Labor Streets and Park	70.38
Freight and Drayage	150.00
Secretary's Salary—3 months	33.99
Telephone and Telegraph	90.15
Gas, Oil and Storage on Tractors	32.50
Office Rent—3 months	30.00
Holding Elections	372.55
Printing and Stationery	
	1,829.18
Miscellaneous:	
Corporation Court Docket	25.00
Checks Returned by Bank	7.00
Freight on Fire Carts	63.40
	95.99
Meter Deposits returned	40.00
Freight, Materials, etc. for Waterworks Fund	498.28
Capital Expenditures:	
W. M. Spangler—20-year lease on Dump Ground	188.53
Materials and Labor—Phone Booth	12.80
Fordson Tractor—Inter sold	75.00

Fordson Tractor—Repairs	133.09
Materials and Labor at Jail	55.60
	465.02
Labor and Materials:	
House Wiring	
Maintenance	1,013.92
Plant	
Advance to Other Funds:	2,248.70
Waterworks:	
Cash	2,000.00
Extension to Pipe Line	195.97
Materials, Freight, Telegrams, Printing, etc.	511.77
	2,707.74
Light and Power:	
Materials, Freight, Telegrams, Printing, etc.	393.67
Labor	195.05
To Cover Overdraft	10.23
Meters, Examination Engines, Equipment	368.16
	291.00
	1,168.11
Street Improvement Fund:	
Materials, Freight, Telegrams, Printing, etc.	65.61
Labor	50.90
	116.51
Cemetery Fund:	
Labor	
	5.00
Ice Plant:	
Scales	8.50
Express	14.00
Labor Special Engineer	105.00
	127.50
Sinking Fund:	
Interest	2,220.00
Exchange Charges	5.75
	2,225.75
Salaries—Plant	310.00
Commissions—Tax Collections	29.05
Telegrams	3.50
Killing Dogs	4.00
Labor Streets	36.55
Interest on Bonds	1,000.00
	1,383.10
Total Disbursements	13,925.40
Balance	364.33

RECEIPTS FROM THE SALE OF BONDS TO BE ACCOUNTED FOR

Issue City Waterworks Bonds \$39,000.00	
Interest from 9-25-22 to 12-16-22	591.50
	39,591.50
Less pro rata of 296.00 Commission	156.00
	39,435.50
Issue Light and Power Bonds	30,000.00
Interest from 9-25-22 to 12-16-22	455.00
	30,455.00
Less pro rata of Commission	120.00
	30,335.00
Issue Street Improvement Bonds	5,000.00
Interest from 9-25-22 to 12-16-22	75.83
	5,075.83
Less pro rata of Commission	20.00
	5,055.83
Total Amount to be accounted for	74,826.33
Total Interest Received:	
City Waterworks	591.50
Light and Power	455.00
Street Improvement	75.83
	1,122.33
Commission paid for sale of Bonds	296.00
Net Amount actually available	74,530.33

WATERWORKS FUND

Proceeds from sale of Bonds	39,435.50
Borrowed from General Fund	2,000.00
Taxes deposited in error	102.88
	41,538.33
DISBURSEMENTS	
Ross Biggers—Petty Cash Fund	1,500.00
Labor	3,464.48
Equipment and Materials	27,851.90
Freight and Express	605.71
Miscellaneous—including payments to Gantt-Baker	8,475.07
	41,397.16
Transferred to General Fund	136.42
	136.42

DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS

General Fund:	
Materials for House Wiring	240.00
Money transferred	136.42
Money transferred	213.18
Light and Power—rec. fee, etc.	26.19
	646.71
Street Improvement Fund:	
Recording Fee	4.37
Labor	4.80
Gravel	21.75
	30.92
	646.71

DUE TO OTHER FUNDS

General Fund:	
Interest received	591.50
Tax Collections	102.88
Advance	2,000.00
Extensions to Pipe Line	195.97
Materials, Freight, Telegrams, Printing	511.77
	3,402.12

DISBURSEMENT

Light and Power Fund—Petty Cash	117.07
Street Improvement—W. P. Dumas fee	18.44
	3,537.53

Corrected Balance	2,890.92
Liability for Meters	1,473.00
	4,363.92

LIGHT AND POWER FUND

Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	30,335.00
Poles sold to Shamrock, Tex.	256.50
Tax Collections—deposited in error	7.20
Total to be accounted for	30,598.70

DISBURSEMENTS

Labor	1,471.36
Equipment and Materials	24,450.69
Miscellaneous	1,436.05
Street Improvement—Check paid in error	87.40
	29,108.03
Paid Ross Biggers for petty Cash	1,500.00
Labor—Check Street Improv.	.90
	1,500.90
Overdraft as per bank statement	10.23
Covered by transfer from General Fund	10.23

DUE FROM OTHER FUNDS

General Fund:	
Material for wiring Houses	75.33
Petty Cash Disbursements	104.16
Fuel Oil	484.86
	634.35
Waterworks—Petty Cash Fund	117.07
Street Improvement Fund:	
Check No. 173—credited back at bank	87.40
Petty Cash Disbursements	148.11
Labor	.90
	236.41
	987.83

DUE TO OTHER FUNDS

General Fund:	
Interest received	455.00
Materials, Frt., Telegrams, etc.	393.67
Advance	195.05
Meters and Trip to Factory	10.23
Equipment	368.16
Tax Collections	201.00
	1,630.31
Waterworks Recording Fee, etc.	26.19
Street Improvement Fund:	
W. P. Dumas fee	14.19
Gravel	75.00
	89.19
	1,745.69
Balance	757.86

STREET IMPROVEMENT FUND

Proceeds from Sale of Bonds	5,055.83
Refund from McLean Hdw. Co.—Overcharge	5.00
Total to be accounted for	5,060.83
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Labor	1,353.97
Materials	2,099.59
Labor—Team Hire	675.21
Miscellaneous	496.97
	4,625.74
Transferred to General Fund	435.09
Balance available as per Bank Statement	490.00
Due from Other Funds:	
General Fund:	
Purchase Fire Carts	300.00
Money transferred	400.00
	700.00
Waterworks Fund:	
W. P. Dumas fee	18.44
	18.44
Light and Power Fund:	
W. P. Dumas fee	14.19
Gravel	75.00
	89.19
	907.63
Due to Other Funds:	
General Fund:	
Interest received on Bonds	75.83
Materials, Frt., Tele. & Print.	65.61
Labor	50.90
	192.34
Waterworks Fund:	
Labor	9.17
Gravel	21.75
	30.92
Light and Power Fund:	
Labor	.90
Petty Cash Disbursements	148.11
Hauling	87.40
	236.41
	459.67
Corrected Balance	383.05

ROSS BIGGERS PETTY CASH FUND: RECEIPTS

From Light & Power Fund	1,500.00
From Waterworks Fund	1,500.00
	3,000.00
For:	
Street Improvement Fund	148.11
Waterworks Fund	1,17.07
Light and Power Fund	1,130.66
General Fund	104.16
Total Disbursements	3,000.00

CEMETERY FUND

From Committee	612.16
DISBURSEMENTS:	
Labor	71.75
Pipe	12.80
Haynes Gro. Co.—Materials	252.27
McLean Hdw. Co.—Materials	118.70
	455.53
Due to General Fund:	
Labor	5.60
Corrected Balance	151.04

NOTICE TELEPHONE SUBSCRIBERS

I want to thank you for the patronage. I sincerely thank those that have paid their bills promptly. Those owing bills see me at once as I have some bills to meet and need the money.

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By Jno. W. Kibler.

Dr. J. A. Hall, dentist, of Shamrock, will be in McLean next Thursday, Friday and Saturday to do dental work. 1c

Uncle Bill Cobb of Gracey was a McLean visitor Saturday.

Josh Chilton and family of Gracey were in McLean Saturday.

Sheriff E. S. Graves of LeFors was in town on business Saturday.

TADPOLE TAILS

The reason the tadpole loses his tail when he becomes a frog is because he does not use it. He develops great, powerful legs and feet and the tiny tail is overshadowed.

The tadpole's tail, however, has its charm, and the frog might be better looking if he had not lost it.

There are all sorts of tadpole tails that we had in youth and that we have seen disappear with considerable regret.

You wouldn't think it, but that dignified banker once played the u. c. and our leading grocer was the best dancer in the Third Ward High School, and the Honorable Lucius Junius Peckinpaw was, when he was about twenty, considered to be the finest tenor in the county.

Many a woman has dropped her piano playing and her singing because the demands of the children, and of society, like strong frog legs, have caused the unused accomplishments to wither.

Success is a hard master and drives a ruthless bargain with us.

How much pleasanter adult people would be if they had not dropped the tadpole tails.—Fort Worth Record.

ZERO ADVERTISING

Our idea of zero in advertising is the so-called "country store" when prizes donated by the local merchants are donated by the local merchants. For the sack of flour the "advertiser" often donates, he has the pleasure of hearing his name called out, and often times incorrectly pronounced at that. It's an advertisement for the show, but that is all that can be said of it.—Pampa News.

WILL INTOLERANCE BECOME NATIONAL MENACE?

For some time the nation has been suffering to an incalculable degree through the influence of compulsory medical laws. The business organization of the American Medical Association is protecting the business interests of its practitioners in every possible way. The Government has given the allopathic school of medicine a monopoly of the healing business. The allopaths are organized politically. That's the answer!

Under the guise of nurturing the public health, these doctor organizations have been able to pass all sorts of laws that worked out to their financial advantage by interfering with the practice of physicians who

followed the precepts of competitive schools.

Compulsory medicine is obnoxious. It is an outrage upon American citizenship. If one cannot have the right to treat his own body or the bodies of those who depend upon him in accordance with the dictates of his conscience and intelligence, then, indeed, we are encouraging persecution that has but few parallels in history.

Compulsory medicine is a dangerous infringement of the rights of a free people. If the Government were to select some particular corporation dealing in groceries and give that corporation a monopoly of the grocery business, and hampered all others who endeavored to go into the grocery business, it would be an exact parallel case.

The allopathic school of medicine is in the healing business. They are looking out for their interests with the same view of the importance of the almighty dollar as do the officials of any corporation.—Physical Culture, by Bernarr MacFadden, editor.

GOOD CHEER NUGGETS

Every day is a little life; and our whole life is but a day repeated.—Bishop Hall.

"A death-blow is a life-blow to some, Who, till they died, did not alive become; Who, had they lived, had died, but when

They died, vitality began."

Be Lord of thy own mind; The dread of evil is the worst of ills; Half of the ills we heard within our hearts

Are ills because we heard them. —Procter.

The secret of happiness is—something to do.—John Burroughs.

Sow thou sorrow and thou shalt reap it.

—Richard Watson Gilder.

Sow thou joy and thou shalt keep it. Just to fill the hour—that is happiness. Fill my hour, ye gods, so that I shall not say, whilst I have done this, "Behold also an hour of my life is gone"—but rather, "I have lived an hour."—Emerson.

The first step toward happiness is to determine to be happy.—George Hodges.

I cannot think but that the world would be better and brighter if our teachers would dwell on the Duty of Happiness as well as the Happiness of Duty.—Avebury.

"He who goes down into the battle of life giving a smile for every frown, a cheery word for every cross one, and lending a helping hand to the unfortunate, is after all, the best of missionaries."

GEM FROM LIVINGSTONE

"It is pleasant to recognize our Father's hand in all things. His good Providence has helped me hitherto, and I surely trust Him for all time to come."

"And so I go on, not knowing, I would not, if I might, I would rather walk in the dark with God Than walk alone in the light. I would rather walk with God by faith Than walk alone by sight."

Percy Kinard of Gracey was a McLean visitor Friday.

TRADE AT HOME

UNIFORM TRAFFIC LAWS ON NATIONAL HIGHWAYS

Present Chaos Must End When Nation Builds Roads

Traffic laws which differ in different states and different towns in the same state, are a cause of confusion, accident, loss of property, and loss of life. Uniform traffic laws, the same the country over, will promote safety.

The objection urged against uniform traffic laws that traffic conditions are different in different localities, does not hold in the face of the obvious power of the locality to modify or add to the uniform law for special conditions. There are many observances which, made uniform, would make for safety, such as the system of signalling for a stop, slow up and a turn, a uniform rule as to right of way at crossings, safety procedure at grade crossings, a heavy penalty for such dangerous practices as passing another car when coming to a curve or top of a hill, etc.

With forty-eight states and thousands of municipalities, all making their own traffic rules, the motorist is more or less at sea as to what he can and cannot, should and should not do. But when the National Government builds roads for the Nation, a national traffic law will be inevitable as a national police force for the national highways.

"A paved United States in our day" is not only devoutly to be wished for, because of the material benefits it will bring, but because of the safety the uniformity of traffic rules will provide when the Congress authorizes a system of national highways which will serve all the states as a good state highway system now serves all the counties in that state.

Oscar Sullivan of Electra visited home folks here Saturday.

THE FEARLESS EDITOR

Someone has accused Editor Sigler of the Farwell Tribune of being a "bellyacher," and he was so peeved over it that he took two-thirds of a column of his editorial space to prove that the accusation was untrue. He says he stands for progress and morality and is against wrong of all kinds, and that in discussing these things and urging that people progress and do right he is not "bellyaching." That is very true, but what is the use of worrying over the matter? Say, in the right spirit, what you think is right: Bro. Sigler, and then leave the rest to Providence. When you have been in the newspaper business as long as has the editor of the News, you will have become hard-boiled and thick-skinned, and the bickerings of people will have as much effect upon you as pouring water on a duck's back. Life is too short to worry over the knocking of other folk, and you can always depend upon it that there are enough people in a sizable community who will stick to an honest and fearless editor to give him sufficient support to keep the paper going, and whenever one subscriber gets mad and stops his subscription because you have said something he didn't like, there is always one or two others who will subscribe for your paper because you did say it.—Plainview News.

BUTCHERING TEACHES VALUE OF PUREBREDS

A county agent in Colorado reported to the United States Department of Agriculture a convincing

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method he has used in furthering the better-sires work in his county. A butchering and meat-cutting demonstration was given with two market hogs, one a purebred Duroc Jersey and the other a scrub red hog. The hogs were weighed, then slaughtered and dressed, and weighed again. The live weight of each hog was practically the same. The dressing percentage of the purebred was about 7% more than that of the scrub. The good hog figured to be worth \$2.10 more than the other. This was but a fraction of the difference in value between the two hogs, however, as the purebred was but half as old as the scrub hog, and had consumed much less

The meat-cutting demonstration was held in the auditorium of the county school, and more than 500 men and women were present. The two carcasses were cut into the various cuts of meat, showing the superior quality of the meat of the purebred hog.

Claude Hinton of Heald was a McLean visitor Friday.

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I am cutting my ranch in the northwest corner of Collinsworth county into one-half section tracts, \$18.00 to \$26.00 per acre. On rail road, close to school. Good soft water. No cash payment. Purchaser required to put one-fifth of purchase price in improvements. Thirty years' time on one-half at 6%. Balance on easy payment plan at 8%. You can't afford to rent when you can buy good farm land on these terms. Also have some choice stock farms for sale, three to five sections.

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The following lots placed on sale without reservation:

1 Lot Outing, regular width, heavy grade, light and dark colors, regular price 25c; our price 19 1-2c.

1 Lot 25c Gingham, our price 18 1-2c.

Our entire stock of blankets going at 25 per cent discount.

We haven't space to quote prices on our entire bargain list, but remember we sell for less.

Men's Leather Coats

1 lot of regular \$10 coats going at \$8.45.
1 lot of regular \$15 coats going at \$12.95.
Boys' fleece lined union suits, regular \$1 seller; our price 75c.

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