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## NO OIL DEVELOPMENT DURING THE HOLIDAYS

Bryant No. 1 Still Idle on Account of Tools Still Lost in The Well

There is still nothing for The Reporter to say with reference to the proposed drilling proposition that has been rumored for north of town. We still know nothing about it, other than that plans have been and are still under way. The rumor is substantial enough whether anything develops or not.

Some interest was manifested this week in a visit by John Van Horn, contracting driller of Brunson No. 1, 20 miles southeast. He was accompanied by two oil men from Kansas, and they looked the proposition over, were interested, and left with a promise to take the matter up with other associates.

There is still a shut-down at Bryant No. 1, nine miles south. About two weeks ago the tools were lost in the well, and up-to-date they still are. We understand the drillers are waiting for some tool that seems hard to get, yet will probably enable them to fish out the heavy stuff that has stopped the drilling.

Viewed in a general way, there is not at present much encouragement in the oil situation at Midland. However, the West Texas Oil Corporation is a substantial combination, and Bryant No. 1 will no doubt be active again very shortly.

## HOME OF DICK LEE BURNED CHRISTMAS EVE

While most everybody was at the various churches, enjoying the Christmas programs on Christmas eve, the fire alarm was sounded. It was the home of Dick Lee and family. Valiant work on the part of persons early on the scene resulted in the salvage of much of the household effects, their piano, and other things of value, but their loss was considerable, practically all of their clothing being destroyed. They were partially insured. The house was owned by T. M. White, also protected by insurance. The fire seems to have caught from a defective flue.

## THE MERCANTILE PAYS EMPLOYEES A NICE BONUS

On Christmas eve the Midland Mercantile Company made its employees happy by paying them a 10 per cent bonus on their year's salaries. Every employe came in for this happy Christmas surprise who had been on the establishment's pay roll for as long as six months. We congratulate all parties concerned. The Mercantile on account of the fine business that has enabled it to pay thus handsomely and its forthrightness in catering to the contentment of its help. We congratulate the recipients of this bonus upon their worthiness to so receive, and—may they all be happy.

## BETTER PAY YOUR AUTOMOBILE TAXES NOW

Sheriff W. E. Bradford urges that you had better not neglect your automobile taxes any longer. Time is up when you should have already paid, and it is greatly desired that all this shall have been attended to within the next ten days. You had better be careful. You forget this, and some day you will drive into another town, an officer will take you in charge, and you'll have a nice large fine to pay—and you'll have to pay this auto tax, just the same.

## THE REPORTER'S NEW YEAR'S REQUEST

One thing especially The Reporter wishes to impress upon its readers—and especially upon our stockmen friends—at the beginning of this prosperous-looking New Year: We want everybody to feel free to use our columns for any and all good purposes. No. 7 is our phone number. Use it to tell us of your visitors or your visits. See us personally on the streets or call at the office and tell us about your cattle and your cattle deals. We'll always say something good about you and them. Midland and the Midland Country need a lot of publicity, and The Reporter is more than willing to do its very best.

## OIL DEVELOPMENT BY OUR NEIGHBOR

General Company Spuds in Third Well and Expects to Start Another Soon

Though the workers on the various test wells are clamoring for a cessation of work until after the Christmas holidays the General Oil Company managed to spud in the C. D. Read test well number one on Mr. Read's ranch thirteen miles east of this city, Monday. A standard rig is being used on this test. Many are indeed pleased to see work started on this test as they deem it an ideal location. As one interested visitor stated, "The Read location is a beauty. It is on a table land half way between a rough range of hills, seemingly the river bottom of a stream dried up in the process of the ages."

One measly little piece of machinery is all that is needed so that the Sand Hill test can be spudded in. A small sprocket for the engine of the rotary drill. Work on this test cannot be expected to be rushed very much, however, until a water well has been drilled to furnish a supply of water for the boiler. At present the nearest well is one and one-half miles, with bottomless sand to navigate to reach it.

Work on the Neel well has been suspended until after the holidays.

The crew at the McDowell well is remaining on the job pending the arrival of casing. This well is now making a favorable showing and they will continue work until a test has been made to determine the nature and extent of this oil showing.

After the holidays the force of the General Oil Company will be kept on the jump.—Big Spring Herald.

## BACK HOME FROM FAR AWAY SIBERIA

Our townsman, Ben Ethridge, has six big, fine boys, and five of them served Uncle Sam in the late world war. All six of them, besides the four daughters, were home for Christmas, and it was a joyous family reunion. The daughters and William, the youngest son, have been at home all along.

Buster, Dennis, Eli and DeWitt have had their discharges for some time and have been home and gone to various points for work. Buster had been at work near Fort Worth, but has now gone to Phoenix, Ariz.; Dennis works on a ranch near Globe; DeWitt works for Elkin Bros., on a ranch near town, and Eli is in the Eastland oil fields.

Frank, from far-away Siberia, got back just before Christmas. He had wonderful experiences, and was with, or near, Brooks Lee, Jr., when he

## A Statement To Our Readers And a Greeting

The Reporter is going to try not to raise its subscription price. This is a simple statement, but it involves a good deal. It is made in the face of the greatest news print shortage the world has ever known, and corresponding prices that are all but prohibitive. In order, then, that our plans may succeed, we must have the co-operation of our subscribers.

Today, tomorrow, and during the next few succeeding days, just as fast as we can get them out, we are mailing a simple statement to all whose subscriptions are past due, and to those whose subscriptions expired with the first of the year, asking that they pay up all arrearages and for the year 1920 in advance. It is not much to ask. The Reporter is the only thing we know of, which has maintained its standard, that has not been greatly increased in price, and, though every reader should pay promptly in advance, the success of our plans to keep the price at \$1.50 the year will be a burden upon us that may be sustained only by a rigid adherence to the pay-in-advance rule. We must adhere to it, and will.

The Reporter will be issued at least 52 times this year, as it was last. It will sacrifice no feature of interest to the Midland Country. It will maintain its usual size and number of pages. It will expend all energy in keeping pace with our every industry, in noting the progress of our oil development, and in being the one medium of publicity that our community sustains, and in being that as acceptably and as creditably as is humanly possible for it to be. It will be worth the price, and many times over.

Midland and the Midland Country face many possibilities in the ensuing year. There is optimism on every hand. The seasons were never so fair, the promises of universal prosperity never brighter, and in the processes of world reconstruction, the community that falls short of its full quota of progress and development, must of necessity fail to heed the summons, as Opportunity sounds it upon our thresholds.

Midland will not fail to heed. Midland is today arrayed in gladness and good cheer, after the trials, turmoils, and disappointments of drouth, war, and uncounted adversities, and she turns, face about, to prosperity and smiles upon the approach of Dame Fortune no less aluringly, with no less of wifery than did she not bear the scars of the past hard struggle.

The Reporter is light of heart today, as it enters upon the promises of the new-born year. In a gladsome spirit of optimism, we brush aside a thought of trouble and care that may ride upon the crest of the twelve-months that is all to the fore, and cheerily greets its readers in a hope for them of happiness, health, and prosperity throughout all the days that are to come.

was killed by bolsheviks last June. The young man is a wonderfully close observer, has a bright, retentive mind, and conversation with him was a real treat. He is quite modest, but it is not difficult to get from him many thrilling and interesting stories of that country and conditions that exist there now.

## MARRIED RECENTLY AT BONNERS FERRY, IDAHO

The following is clipped from a paper published at Bonners Ferry, Idaho: "Roy Eaton, of Bonners Ferry,

Idaho, and Etta Stratton, of Midland, Texas, were united in marriage at the Casey hotel, on Tuesday. Rev. E. R. Henderson tied the knot."

The bride is the rather buxom granddaughter of "Grandma" Howard, for many years a citizen and highly respected in Midland, and is quite well known to most of our people, at least by sight. The marriage seems to have taken place on Tuesday, December 2nd or 9th. The Reporter wishes him and her much happiness.

Chas. Weinacht, of Toyahvale, was registered at the Yeakel Monday.

## GREAT GOOD ROADS MEETING IN APRIL

Prominent Men and Women to go to Washington This Month as Invitation Committee

United States Senator J. H. Bankhead, president of the United States Good Roads Association, has notified J. A. Rountree, director general of the association, that he will appoint a committee of 25 prominent men and women to go to Washington on Thursday, January 22nd, 1920, to call on President Wilson, Vice President Marshall and members of President Wilson's cabinet, and invite them to attend the eighth annual convention of the United States Good Roads Association and the fourth annual convention of the Bankhead National Highway Association that meets in Hot Springs, April 12th to 17th.

Hon. Charles H. Brough, first vice president of the United States Good Roads Association, and governor of Arkansas, will appoint and head a delegation representing the State of Arkansas, to join the committee.

Hon. Geo. R. Belding, city manager of Hot Springs, will also appoint and head a delegation representing the city of Hot Springs.

Hon. S. M. Nutt, president of the Hot Springs Business Men's League, will likewise head and appoint a committee to represent that organization. These four committees will meet in the parlors of the Raleigh Hotel, in Washington, D. C., on Wednesday, January 21st, at 4 o'clock p. m., for the purpose of organizing and arranging the details to call on President Wilson and Vice President Marshall on Thursday, January 22nd.

Senator Bankhead will arrange with President Wilson and others to receive the committee which will be composed of fifty or more. The committees will also be accompanied by Senators Shepherd, of Texas, Robinson of Arkansas, and members of the congressional delegation from Arkansas and other states.

It is hoped that President Wilson will accept the invitation, as it will be a splendid time for him to come south and spend a few days at the great health resort of Hot Springs.

Director General Rountree will commence at once to arrange the details and notify the various members of the committee as soon as it is announced by Senator Bankhead.

S. B. Carr returned from El Paso the first of the week, after spending the holidays with that new grandson of his, the youngster that recently arrived to make happier the happy home of Mr. and Mrs. Irvin Ellis.

Lee Ligon and Misses Cornelia and Lucy Ligon, and Floyd Thomason stopped off here last Monday enroute to Abilene from their home in Pecos.

## "POLL TAX DAY" TO BE NEXT SATURDAY

Texas Federation of Women's Clubs Urges Members to Protect Their Voting Privileges

Women's Clubs of Midland are in receipt of the following communication for which they request publication in The Reporter: Dear Co-Workers:

The twenty-second annual convention of the Texas Federation of Women's Clubs, held at Port Arthur, November 17-21, demonstrated that the club women realize the difficulties confronting Texas in its efforts to create and maintain the ideals for which our country stands. Plans and pledges made by the delegates show that the federation wants to do its part in the serious work confronting us.

Three resolutions that demand your immediate attention were unanimously passed.

The first resolution pledged the individual and organized aid of the federated clubs in the poll tax campaign now being made. The test of democracy is in the consciousness of individual responsibility in exercising the privilege of suffrage.

The right of suffrage in the primary elections has been granted to the women of Texas and we believe by December, 1920, full suffrage will be granted to the women of the United States.

Our federation women must be ready to exercise this right. To do this each woman must have a poll tax receipt. In the many and urgent duties of today it is easy to postpone this duty until the time limit has expired.

In order that we may not fail to meet our responsibility I am asking that January 6th be made "Poll Tax Day" for the State of Texas federation. Set aside one hour of that day for this purpose. Be not deterred from this duty by anything that is told you. There is every probability that we shall continue to vote in the primary elections. Of the \$1.75 paid for your poll tax, \$1.00 goes for State school funds, \$.50 to the State general fund and, in some counties, \$.25 for the county general fund.

The other resolutions concern the educational situation.

(a) Because inadequate salaries have caused the loss of one-third of the efficient teachers in our schools, we pledged that every federated club would hold "promptly a special meeting" to discuss the situation and take action looking toward a great educational rally for the purpose of finding a legal and constitutional way to save our schools before it is too late.

(b) We endorsed the constitutional amendment, to be voted on November 20th, whereby the present district tax limit would be removed and any district be permitted to vote such tax as it chooses for the support of its schools; and pledged our support in the campaign for this amendment.

The educational crisis confronting our State is acute. It was a dominant theme at the Port Arthur meeting. The federation has always stood for educational progress and we must assume our share of responsibility in the present serious and impending catastrophe.

Cordially yours,  
Florence C. Floore,  
President T. F. W. C.

## FORFEITURES NOT TO BE MADE BEFORE AUGUST

B. C. Girdley has had a recent communication from the general land office at Austin, with reference to land forfeitures. In reply to his inquiry, Commissioner Robison had made the following reply:

"Owing to the crowded condition of the work it will not be possible to declare forfeitures for non-payment of interest before August, 1920. This applies of course to all accounts. However, all past due interest should be paid as soon as possible, and the owners will lighten their burdens very much by making partial payments as soon as the money to meet same is available."

Mr. and Mrs. O. P. Jones left Monday for Dallas, where they will make their future home.

# We Thank You

As we enter in upon the New Year, we desire to thank each and every one, who, in any way, has contributed to the success of our business during the year that has just come to a close. We appreciate the many favors shown us, beyond expression. The year's business has been a most satisfactory one, the volume being far in excess of our expectations. We thank each and every one who have made it so.

During the year 1920, we hope that we shall merit the same confidence that you have shown in us during the year 1919. We expect to spare no effort to increase the efficiency of our business, and we invite friendly criticism from our friends. We expect to make our service unexcelled.

Realizing that our success is dependent upon the success of our patrons, we extend to them our best wishes for the year 1920. May it be one of happiness and prosperity. To those who are not our patrons, but should be, we extend the same sincere wish.

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Mr. and Mrs. Clemmons of Stanton are stopping at the Llano Hotel, Mr. Clemmons here for medical treatment.

**SEVEN YEARS SHORTAGE OF CATTLE PREDICTED**

A shortage of 1,000,000 cattle in the year just closed will cause high prices for beef and beef products for at least the next seven years, it is declared by M. F. Horine, statistician for the Union Stockyards, in his annual report made public in Chicago last Saturday.

Mr. Horine says it will be impossible to make good the shortage of 1919 before 1927 and that the Department of Agriculture's report concerning the number of cattle in the United States is too optimistic.

An increase of 377,000 animals of all kinds received at the Union Stockyards for the year 1919 over 1918 is reported. Cattle receipts, however, decreased 290,000.

Decreases in cattle slaughtered are also reported at the markets in Kansas City, Omaha, St. Joseph, St. Louis and Sioux City.

**Back to Nature in Serbia**

When American Red Cross nurses visited a remote village in the mountains of Serbia to call on the list of sick given them by the authorities, they found 85 of their prospective patients in hiding. Their relatives explained that there was no clothing to be had, and that the patients did not want to appear before the Americans in their present state of undress.

**NEW YEAR PLANS FOR Y. W. C. A.**

**A Personnel of Prominent Women to Carry Out an Elaborate Educational Program**

A world-wide woman movement is the program of the Young Women's Christian Association for 1920 as announced yesterday at Southwest Field headquarters, at Dallas. It is not a movement of "unrest" nor of revolutionary ideas, as explained by well-known women heading the movement, but the purpose is declared to be a democratic, sympathetic interest of the women of all nations, races, and classes in each other. Realizing a fact admitted by all women that women must help "make the world safe for democracy," the Y. W. C. A. is putting forth a plan for "world fellowship" through a "world service" program. To this end an intensive educational campaign is being put on.

Mrs. John D. Rockefeller is chairman of the national Educational Campaign Committee, a fact which, the women say, shows how democratic they are learning to be, since a true democracy includes everybody, the richest and the poorest. Working in the educational campaign and taking prominent women, are business and professional women, industrial girls, both American and foreign.

A personal letter has just been received from Mrs. Rockefeller by women in Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico who attended the recent Y. W. C. A. conference of the Southwestern Field held at Dallas, in which she says:

"The comprehensiveness of the program is certainly impressive. It seems as if every great issue of the day were included—industrial and social problems, Americanization, reconstruction in Europe, better international relationships, opportunities in Latin-America and the Orient. These are so vital and so important that women understand them, that I hope to plan for a few informal meetings when our own board members will have an opportunity of discussing these subjects with experts. If we have anything particularly fine, I shall send you the main points. I should think that similar groups could be arranged in various parts of the country."

Mrs. Hugh E. Prather, of Dallas, has accepted the general chairmanship of the educational campaign in the Southwestern field. Associated with her on the general committee will be Mrs. John M. Hanna, Dallas, finance; Mrs. William Bacon, Dallas, publicity; Mrs. R. E. Burt, Houston, foreign department; Mrs. Hub. Diggs, Fort Worth, city department; Mrs. F. N. Drane, Corsicana, town department; Mrs. Emily McKellar Reagan, Forney, county department; Mrs. Alex W. Spence, Dallas, girls' work; Miss Eunice Aden, Austin, student department; Mrs. E. B. Lawson, Nowater, Oklahoma, Indian work; Mrs. C. S. McKinney, Laredo, foreign community work; Mrs. D. E. Waggoner, Dallas, subscription.

Besides this general committee for the field other well-known women will take an active part in their respective states among whom are Mrs. F. W. Parker, of Santa Fe, who will serve as State chairman of New Mexico; Mrs. George Frederickson, of Oklahoma City, who will be State chairman of Oklahoma, and Mrs. A. B. Weakley, of San Antonio, who will serve as chairman of South Texas. Chairmen for East and West Texas have not yet been named.

Through organized work already established in America, Mexico, South America, Europe, China, Japan, India, Egypt, The Near East and Siberia, the Y. W. C. A. hopes to promote the idea of world fellowship and world service among girls and women everywhere.

Miss Josephine A. Brown of the national staff of the Y. W. C. A. is directing the educational campaign in the Southwestern field. On her special staff are Miss Sada Johnson, headquarters adviser; Mrs. Bleauford A. Sadler publicity; Miss Tillie Kirk, Miss Anita Henkel, Miss Ruth Stuchfield, Miss Grace Hamill, Miss Ruth E. Stocking, Miss Marguerite Tuttle. The purpose is to carry information about the world program of the Y. W. C. A. into every county of Texas, Oklahoma and New Mexico.

**Pajamas as Street Attire**

More than 400,000 suits of pajamas have been distributed among the people of the Balkan States by the American Red Cross. There has been a scarcity of clothing in all these countries since the systematic looting of the Balkans during the war, and while a great many of the pajamas have been put to their intended use as hospital garments, a considerable proportion of them have been turned into actual everyday clothing for children, women and even men.

**100 Head of Registered Hereford Cows and Calves For Sale in Lots to Suit the Purchasers ON EASY TERMS**

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**Wm. E. WALLACE, MIDLAND TEXAS**

**RAILROADS TO BE RETURNED MARCH FIRST**

The railroads must have back their properties in good condition or with adequate reparation to restore them in good condition. They are to be returned to the owners March 1st.

They must have, as a permanent requirement, traffic rates that will enable them to live, to improve and to expand, says the New York Sun.

They must have, as an immediate and imperative need, a lump sum borrowing fund in lieu of the present of their bank and investment credit which the government has utterly and all but irrevocably destroyed.

They must have freedom from ravages of State, local and other petty political authority and regulations inconsistent with the national authority and regulation.

They must have opportunity to consolidate the thousand and one roads into a few great systems, each operating as a well co-ordinated engine and all susceptible of being a closely linked public service.

They must have the license to pool business to the advantage of the public and the carriers alike. They must have the chance to modernize themselves, to keep up with the times, to do big things—and the American transportation system is the biggest thing on earth—in a big way.

The railroads of the United States, under a minimum of wise and necessary regulation, must have the right to do the things which are essential to the welfare, prosperity and security of the American people.

When Congress legislation restores to the railroads the earning capacity and the technical functions of which Congress legislation and Executive act deprived them to their ruin and to the danger of the nation there will be energy enough, brains enough and devotion enough in the transportation field to get the American railway system back where it belongs.

**"SPIRITS RESTORED TO BODIES OF OUR DEAD"**

The second coming of Christ was discussed by Dr. George W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist Church, of Dallas, in his sermon last Sunday morning. He said in part: "We know that Christ is coming to earth in the flesh again, but there is an intentional indistinctiveness in the Bible concerning the date of that

coming. The attitude of Christians should be one of alertness and intense activity. If we knew that the Son of God were to come to earth today we should be busy at our daily tasks. Any attitude of idleness would be displeasing to him.

"There are very few things we know about the next advent of our Lord, but we do know that whereas he came in sin and walked the humble way before, he will come in glory and wear a diadem next time. We ourselves, can hasten or delay his coming. We can hasten it by devout prayer and by making the world ready to receive him. We can delay it by indifferent living and neglect of spiritual obligations.

"When Christ comes he will take up the scepter of universal righteousness and sovereignty. He will bring the dead back to life, restoring the spirits to the bodies of our dead friends. He will banish death as his final victory. He will remove all sorrow and suffering from our lives and make every condition of human existence perfect, just as it is in God's great world of bliss."

**BOY AND GIRL LOVERS NOW MAN AND WIFE**

A romance of years, an old fashioned boy and girl love affair, had its culmination Monday, December 15th, in a quiet home wedding at the residence of the foster father, Richard N. Henderson.

Since away back before the war, William H. Snodgrass, of Midland, and Miss Nina Sylvester had been sweethearts, but when the war came on, the young man paused in his plans for matrimony long enough to go and do his duty by his country.

Only the relatives of the contracting parties and a few intimate friends were present. Rev. John S. Rice, of the Methodist church officiated. Miss Jewel Ratliff played the wedding march while Pruitt Dawson was best man and Miss Hattie Coffee was bridesmaid.

The costume of the bride was a navy blue coat suit with pink and white bouquet with ferns. The brides maid wore a dress of plum colored massalaine with a bouquet of red and white with ferns. After ceremony, the assembly sang, "God be With You 'Till We Meet Again." The bridal party left on the afternoon train for Midland, where they contemplated spending a few days before proceeding to

Abilene, where they will be at home. Few as sweet girls or ones so universally liked as the bride have been raised in this county. The groom, while not so well known about here, is a young man of whom all speak with respect. May they live long and happily together—Odessa Herald. The Reporter commented upon the above joyous event in its issue of December 15th.

**THE DANGEROUS AGES FOR BOYS AND GIRLS**

"Guard closely your girls during their sixteenth year and your boys when they attain fourteen."

This is the message to parents which Chief Probation Officer Ed S. Lauderdale, of Dallas, delivers in the annual report of the Juvenile Court now being prepared. Evidence of the records shows that those ages are the danger points in the great majority of cases, the chances of delinquency being immensely lessened as the youths grow older.

Out of 523 white boys before the court on delinquency charges during the year, 126 were in their fourteenth year, considerably more than came to grief at any other age. The percentage of girls becoming involved during their sixteenth year is even higher, being forty-two out of a total of 108 handled.

The total number of delinquents handled during the year was 800, including negro boys and girls.

Out of this number only 192 were adjudged delinquent by the court. Fifty-five boys were sent to Gatesville, ten girls to Gainesville and 21 to other institutions. During the year there were 714 boys and girls probated.

Running away from home is shown to be youth's most fatal weakness, 375 having been before the court for that offense.

**A BRIEF WORD ABOUT MUNICIPAL ABATTOIRS**

"The municipal abattoir has two sides—the sanitary and the health side, and the economic side. Cities are impelled to construct municipal abattoirs because of the unsanitary conditions usually surrounding the slaughter houses. After they are constructed, they not only correct this evil, but they furnish a local market for live stock and wholesome competition with the meat packing industries."—H. M. Elliot, Texas Agricultural Experiment Station.



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## ARMENIAN GIRLS OUTRAGED BY TURKS

Some Stories of the Cruelties Inflicted and Work of The Near East Relief

Many accounts of the unspeakable degradations to which Armenian girls have been submitted by their Turkish captors have reached this country in the letters of relief workers, according to officials of the Near East Relief, the national organization chartered by Congress to conduct relief work in Armenia and the Near East. But few of these letters, the officials said, have described a case as pitiable as that contained in a letter by S. T. Bartlett, a relief worker, to a friend.

In describing the case of Noyemi, an Armenian girl, Mr. Bartlett said in part:

"As I walked past, Noyemi was standing in the doorway of her tent which was in the center of the Near East Relief refugee camp. She was beautiful as she stood there with the sun shining on her glossy hair and lighting up her finely chiseled features. About her played many groups of happy Armenian children. Everything seemed to smile that day except Noyemi. She stood there gazing into the distance with nothing but sorrow and melancholy gleaming out of her brilliant dark eyes.

"Why don't you smile with the rest of the world on this bright day?" I asked her.

"I can never smile any more," she replied.

"But it is all over now. You have been here for six months, have grown strong and well and should be forgetting those things of the past," I said to her.

A shudder went through Noyemi as she bitterly exclaimed, "Forget those horrible four years? Never!"

"Four years ago," she continued, "I lived in Bitlis, Turkey. A happy little girl of fourteen years. I had a kind father and mother and all of the things that money could buy.

"Then came rumors of war. The older people began to shake their heads and whisper among themselves so that the children could not hear. They were Armenians, and remembered the cruelty of the Turks in former days. I was too young to know what fear meant.

"One day I became ill, my head ached and I was sick all over. They said I had that terrible fever called typhus. On the very next day the cry went around, 'The Turks are coming! They will drive us from our homes and kill us all.'

"This was the beginning of all my sorrow, for the Turkish army did come. They told my father that we were to be deported and that we must leave our beautiful home at once. They murdered Zanaadi, my youngest brother and playmate, by the very side of the bed in which I was lying ill. Weak as I was mother made me get up, and with my four other sisters, we were marched away with thousands of other women.

"The fever had made me so weak, that I could not keep up the journey and soon fell by the wayside," Noyemi went on, her dark eyes filling with tears at the remembrance. "Mother was not even allowed to stop and kiss me goodbye," she said with a sob.

"Several of the Turkish soldiers in charge of the deportation stopped long enough to kick me, and say, 'What, not dead yet?' For a long time I lay there, too weak to move. At last, as I was somewhat in the way of the marchers a Turkish officer picked me up and threw me over a wall into a garden. The force of the fall broke my arm and I fainted with the pain of it."

Noyemi held out her left arm, which she had hidden behind her back up to this time. It was bent and crooked and would never be straight again for it had not been set at the time of breaking.

"For forty hours," said Noyemi, "I lay there without food or water and in terrible pain. At last I managed to crawl into the open. Hoping that some passers-by would at least give me a drink of water. Instead of helping, a company of soldiers seized me, threw me down a steep embankment and were about to stab me with their bayonets.

"Just then a band of Arabs came along and one of them ran up to the soldiers, 'She is beautiful. Why do you kill her?' he asked.

"We have our orders," replied the soldiers.

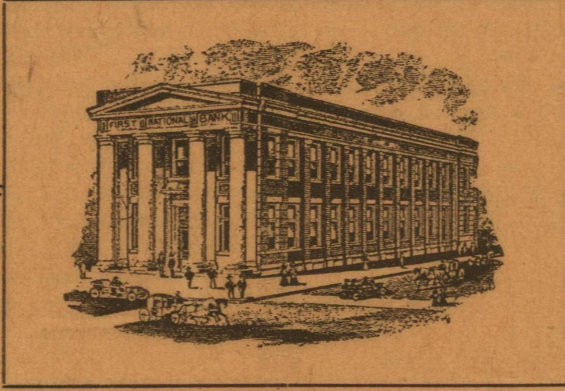
"Give her to us," said the Arabs. "We will take care of her."

"No, we must kill her," replied the soldiers.

"The Arabs then took out some money, the Turks forgot their orders and my life was saved. They bargained for some time but finally I was sold to the Arabs for about thirty-five dollars in your American money. A very high price for an Ar-

# The First National Bank

## The New Year



Thirty years ago there was organized in Midland an institution that has become a great factor in the development of this section of the West. It was and is The First National Bank.

The bankers of the community are the men who are really of the very greatest help—if they are the right kind of bankers. The bank that is to do the most good to all the people in the community must be a bank of service, always ready and willing to help to the utmost that is consistent with good banking.

The stockholders of The First National Bank of Midland appreciate that the institution enjoys its growth, its splendid following, and prestige by reason of having faithfully followed these fine principles of clean commercialism.

The First National Bank was organized in 1890.

Its capital stock is now \$100,000; its surplus is another \$100,000, and the institution, perhaps stronger today than ever in its history, is gladly using its good offices to safe-guard the individual and collective business interests of Midland.

The First National's officers are: W. H. Cowden, president; O. B. Holt, vice president; P. Scharbauer, vice president; W. R. Chancellor, cashier; M. C. Ulmer, assistant cashier. Its directors are: W. H. Cowden, O. B. Holt, P. Scharbauer, E. R. Bryan, W. R. Chancellor, E. P. Cowden, and Jno. M. Cowden. After citing these names, and to note some of them, it is hardly necessary then to reiterate a claim to strength and stability. All of these men have been identified with the institution for long years, Mr. W. H. Cowden having been its president continuously since organization.

Were the individual responsibility of the several stockholders of The First National Bank enumerated, the figures would be astounding, while even in the harrassing periods of the war individual depositors have had in its vaults, from time to time, sums varying to over a million of dollars.

The First National Bank features no particular class of business, one above another. It simply caters to all classes, with the fair promise of safety, courtesy, and appreciation of all who come within its doors or hail within the bounds of its influence. Its liberalities are large and cordial. It is ever awake to Midland's best interests, and it is large enough, not only to sponsor the wealthiest of our community, but to reach out a helping hand to the weakest of its friends.

It is an invaluable asset to the city and county—is The First National Bank.

Officered by such officers, directed by such directors, and championed in the friendliest way by a host of loyal friends, it is an institution to tie to, to advise with, and to be sheltered in in the prosperous days that seem so promising in 1920.

Nineteen Hundred Twenty! The New Year is a magic time. It is the occasion of beautiful hopes and splendid purposes. It is rich in sentiment, and out from the depths of hearts, the high and the low, the rich and the poor, at this time imagination paints its most alluring pictures and we dream our dreams of things greater yet to be. An overflowing fulfillment of all this heart's desire is The New Year Wish of

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## OF MIDLAND

menian girl," she added.

"Oh, how I wished they had killed me," sobbed Noyemi. "They took me away and held me captive at Bagdad without a chance to escape. I was not the slave of only one man, but of many. Look at the scars on my arms and neck. They will show you how I was tortured.

"It was months before I had a chance to escape. They believed that my spirit had been broken, but I seized the first opportunity and got away. Finally I found a hiding place from the Arabs in a Turkish home, but this was as bad as being with the Arabs. My life here was made a constant horror by all kinds of abuse and degradation.

"For a year and a half they kept me captive in this home. Then came the wonderful Allied soldiers. And I was set free with hundreds of other girls who had gone through experiences like mine and we were brought here to safety. How can I smile after I have gone through all this and lost every one that is dear to me?" appealed the poor girl.

Here Noyemi's self control gave away and she broke down completely and disappeared into her tent. I

thought as I walked away, how little we of America know of the sufferings of the peoples of the Near East.

### STOCK RAISERS WANT PACKERS PROSECUTED

Members of twelve Western cattle growers' associations have appealed to President Wilson through former Secretary McAdoo to upset the arrangements made by Attorney General Palmer to compromise the government's anti trust proceedings against the meat packers, John Miller, of Fort Stockton, Texas, president of the Panhandle Cattle Association, announced last Sunday, through an Associated press dispatch from Washington.

The growers, Mr. Miller said, submitted to the president through Mr. McAdoo a series of charges to the effect that the compromise does not give them any redress for their chief grievances, which, they allege, is the control of stock yard markets by the packers to the disadvantage of the producers. They ask that the prose-

cutions be taken out of the hands of the Attorney General and that new suits be brought with Francis J. Henry, of San Francisco, former attorney for the Federal Trade Commission, as a special prosecutor.

According to Miller, the matter was laid before the president last week.

"We adopted the unusual course of getting the matter before President Wilson," Mr. Miller said, "because we thought it unwise to put our evidence at the disposal of the Attorney General in view of his attitude as demonstrated by the settlement with the packers."

Mr. Miller said that in addition to several Texas cattle associations, similar organizations in Colorado, Oklahoma and adjoining States had joined in the presentation. Conferences with McAdoo upon the subject were held by the growers' representatives in New York last week, and then the matter was brought to Washington.

Barnard Bryan was here a few days the first of the week from Abilene, on business.

### ENORMOUS EXCESS OF EXPORTS TO EUROPE

During the war, and since the armistice, we have been sending to Europe an enormous excess of exports. In the ten months preceding the armistice, so far as the published figures go, our exports exceeded our imports by about \$248,000,000 a month.

Since the armistice the figures have risen. In January our export balance was \$409,000,000, in April it was \$442,000,000, and in June it rose to the astonishing figure of \$625,000,000. Exports in that month were \$918,000,000 and imports were \$293,000,000. Our average export balance for the first eight months of 1919 was around \$400,000,000 a month.

All of this excess, and something more, has been in our trade with Europe. Thus, in April we sent Europe \$500,000,000 worth of goods and received back from Europe \$43,000,000 worth of goods, a balance of \$457,000,000, where our balance with the whole world was \$442,000,000.

C. Autman and wife were visitors from El Paso early in the week.

### EXPERT PRONOUNGES GOLDENROD A POISON

Story Comes From Pecos That Tests Have Been Made Proving it Death to Cattle

"For years it has been believed by our stockmen that the great loss of all classes of stock, especially in the fall of the year, was due to the eating of some poisonous weed. The death rate among livestock has at times been astounding, if not equal to an epidemic, and the consequence is that our stockmen at such times were heavy losers.

"During the late years when the drouth has been a sore trial to our stockmen this added death rate—and in many cases the fattest of the herds were the ones to pass in—has been a menace which made our stockraisers despondent indeed.

"Tax Assessor W. W. Camp, who is also a cattle raiser, decided the goldenrod weed, which has been spreading over the ranges rapidly in the past few years, was the cause of the death of so many stock and in the summer took the matter up with Congressman C. B. Hudspeth, who immediately took the matter up with the proper branch of the federal government. As a result in the summer an experiment station was established at Roswell to test out the matter and Mr. G. C. Roe placed in charge to make a thorough test of the goldenrod. Cattle were placed in the stock pens there and fed the goldenrod before the frosts came and since.

"Mr. Roe was in Pecos the latter part of last week and stated to Mr. Camp that in every instance where the goldenrod was fed, before and since the frost, the cattle died. This proves conclusively that Mr. Camp's theory was correct. Mr. Camp took Mr. Roe over the country to show him the patches of goldenrod and also to the bromide lake in Ward County.

"As a result of this discovery it is certain the government will take some steps to eradicate this weed at an early date in order to protect the stock industry."

The Reporter reproduces the above comment from the last issue of the Pecos Enterprise. It is news to us. Heretofore the "loco" weed and "shinnery" have been the great pests of the west, and goldenrod has not before been condemned, to our knowledge. It may be so.

However, "loco," "shinnery," goldenrod, nor anything else has so far bothered the western ranges this year. The country is in a condition that is gratefully satisfying, cattle are fat, and the feed bill this winter is going to be negligible. In view of this, "we should worry" about this new goldenrod poison. It may be well to remember it, however, should the seasons fail us again—which we are hoping they won't.

### NOT A BANK FAILURE IN ALL WEST TEXAS

The drouth loans made to Western Texas people last year have all been paid back. Every loan, the chairman of the Western relief committee says, has been paid in full, with interest. West Texas people were in a very hard way last year. For two years the drouth had been upon their land, parching the ground and withering all vegetation. It looked like starvation, but West Texans were plucky. They believed their land would come back, and many of them remained at their homes to rebuild their fortunes. —Honey Grove Signal.

To the above comment State Press, in the Dallas News, adds:

The Western Texas banks have become able to take over all necessary local financing. These banks have pulled through three distressing years and are now bulging with deposits. A banker at Merkel recently sent State Press a copy of his bank's latest statement and advised S. P. to quit the newspaper business and buy a bank in that country. It was a fair proposition, but State Press couldn't have financed it without first gaining access to the bank's vaults. Considering all that the West Texas banks had to contend with through the long drouth, it is almost marvelous that they stood the pressure so successfully. If there was a single bank failure in that territory State Press doesn't recall it. This indicates that first-class bankers are the rule out there, and that so productive a section is always worth waiting for when it hesitates. It comes back sooner or later. The stockmen were harder hit than any class, perhaps, but their ability to pay off or refinance their heavy drouth loans signifies that they are, as ever, Westernly resilient.

### Some Difference

While coal miners in the United States were idle, coal miners in Germany voted to return on an eight-hour working day basis, and also to work on Sundays and holidays.



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**Christmas Party**

On Friday evening of last week, Mr. and Mrs. Luther Tidwell entertained in a rather novel as well as in a most delightful manner, as many of their old crowd as were at home for the holidays. The crowd of chums who had been fond friends since the days of auld lang syne, assembled at about 6 o'clock and in a la cafeteria style they were served the following delicious refreshments: Chicken sandwiches, salad, cocoa, coffee, jello, whipped cream and fruit cake. The happy evening closed with a theatre party at the Unique. The following guests enjoyed the pleasant hospitality: Misses Eunice Allen, Lois Prothro, Judith Clark, Mittie Lee Allen, Ruth Terry, Laura Gay Allen, Nannie Terry and Laura Johnson; Messrs. John Graham, Hilliard Guy, Bascom Terry, Alvin Johnson, Marion Allen, Frank Prothro, Stacy Allen, Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Lawrence.

**Lost by Mrs. Elliott**

Many Midland friends will be sincerely sorry to know of a serious loss sustained by Mrs. Geo. D. Elliott, of Fort Worth. It is noted in a recent issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram, an account which follows:

"Mrs. G. D. Elliott, of the Sanguinett Apartments, 515 West Fifth Street, has sought aid from detectives to recover a \$1,500 diamond brooch which she lost Saturday. She has offered a reward.

"The loss occurred either at a Houston Street meat market, or between Ninth and Main Streets and her home, she thinks."

**Enjoyable Bridge Party**

The ladies of the Wednesday Club varied their usual program for the 31st of December by substituting for their annual dinner to their husbands, a bridge and forty-two party. This was given in the lovely home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt, and every member of the club, except Mrs. Joseph Taylor, was present, and all save two of the husbands, were there to enjoy the occasion. Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea were also present as guests.

Progressive bridge and forty-two were the amusements of the evening, until about 10:30, at which time delicious refreshments were served, and while the ladies had informed their husbands that they were not giving them a dinner on this occasion, not one of them could have believed, after the refreshments were served, that he had not been to one of the

most elaborate dinners. Refreshments were served buffet style in the beautifully decorated dining-room, and had it been served as a dinner, would have been five full courses.

After dinner, the gentlemen retired to the smoking room and promptly upon the stroke of twelve, the wives burst in upon them with cries of a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

To those who attend this occasion of such long standing, it is a matter of wonder and surprise how these good ladies can provide such excellent entertainment, which is in no wise duplicated from year to year. One of the most enjoyable features of the entertainment was the limericks describing the ladies of the club, and which afforded the means by which the gentlemen sought their partners for the buffet dinner. These were unique, witty and thoroughly descriptive in each instance, and when read, created much merriment.

May the Wednesday Club continue long in its career of usefulness and continue their time honored custom of watching the old year out and the new year in, with their husbands.

**By a Husband.**

Mr. J. E. Bentley left Wednesday for El Paso, where he has accepted a very flattering business proposition. Mrs. Bentley and attractive little son, J. E., Jr., will remain in Midland a few days more, visiting friends. The going of these estimable people is a very distinct loss to Midland and the good wishes of a host of friends follow them to their new home.

The appended dainty little invitation is being received by a number of Midland friends this week, a card whereby a sweet and pretty secret is being revealed:

"Miss Cordelia Taylor, honoring Miss Susie Graves—Miscellaneous Shower—Friday evening, January 9, 1920. Eight O'clock, Yeakel Hotel."

Miss Pearl McCormick, of the Ladies Store, is still here and will be until market time, at which time she will leave for Mineral Wells where she will join her sister, Miss Maggie, for the eastern markets. The store will not be closed. Miss Mamie Driver will be in charge of the store when Miss Pearl is gone.

Miss Ora Mae Terry, who spent the Christmas vacation in Lovington, N. M., has returned home, accompanied by her friend, Miss Bruce Montgomery, who will spend a week as her guest.

Mr. Joe Caldwell, a student of A. & M., and his sister, Miss Iarolyn, of Sullins College, Bristol, Va., are among our attractive young people who are home for the holidays.

Misses Pearl, Lena May and Tenie Lee Bradshaw returned Monday evening after spending the Christmas holidays with friends in Coahoma and Big Spring.

Miss Leta Heard, who is teaching in Pecos, was a Christmas guest of her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heard.

Mr. Nim Hill, of Duncan, Okla., was a Christmas guest of his mother, Mrs. James Murphy, whom many friends regret to know continues critically ill.

Miss Ethel Weir, who is teaching piano at Quanah, has been spending the Yule holidays with her sister, Mrs. J. K. Durbin.

Mr. and Mrs. Louie Arrington, of Merkel, have been guests of Midland relatives during the holidays.

Mrs. W. P. Nugent and daughter, Miss Reba, returned on the 24th, from an extended visit to Dallas.

Mrs. Marie J. Riggs spent the holidays with her nephew, Mr. Sam McKinney and family at Odessa.

Miss Theresa Klapproth, of the S. M. U., Dallas, has been at home for the holidays.

Miss Leona McCormick, of Coolidge, spent the holidays with relatives.

Miss Eunice Allen, who is teaching music in Texico, has been a holiday guest of her family and friends.

Miss Laura Johnson has been visiting friends in Coahoma this week.

Miss Margaret Curry has been visiting in Big Spring this week.

Miss Alma Kate Philipps is a pleasing young lady visitor from Socorro, N. M., and is a guest of her cousin, Miss Laura Taul.

We have a few cedar chests left that we are going to sell at greatly reduced prices. Now is the time to get one real cheap. Basham, Shepherd & Co. adv13 2t

J. E. Goodall, of Spur, was in the city this week.

Fred S. Sanders, of Abilene, was in town Wednesday.

S. H. Nay, of El Paso, was here on Wednesday.

Dr. L. D. Richards was in from Seminole, Wednesday.

R. E. Dixon, of Morengo, Ala., was in the city this week.

Kenton Boone is spending the holidays with his mother, in California.

Jack Robison, of El Paso, spent Christmas with friends and relatives in Midland.

J. S. Stienbaugh, of Lovington, N. M., was a business visitor to Midland this week.

C. W. Eriksen, of Columbus, Ohio, was a business visitor to our city a few days this week.

Amos Helvey, of Sheridan, Wyo., spent a few days in Midland this week.

H. M. Witlett was a prominent visitor to our city this week from Houston.

Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Garrison were in Midland early in the week from Kansas City.

A. T. Rowden, of Engle, N. M., was among the guests at the Yeakel this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Windham and Geo. Pickett, of Cisco, were here a few days this week.

J. A. Johnson left last Wednesday for a business trip to Dallas and other points east.

Col. Rufus J. Lackland was in the city this week from Ranger, where he is "bucking" the oil game.

Miss Reba Nugent returned home on Christmas Eve, after a visit of several weeks in Dallas.

W. T. Soule and wife, of Silver City, N. M., were stopping at the Yeakel this week.

Mrs. D. O. Meeks, of Eastland, was a holiday guest of her mother, Mrs. Heath, at the Llano Hotel.

T. B. Mims and H. McNeil, of Canyon, were business visitors to Midland last Wednesday.

C. H. Garrison and wife, of Kansas City, Mo., were registered at the Yeakel Hotel this week.

A. P. Bell and wife, of Pecos, were in Midland the first of the week from Pecos enroute to Abilene.

Jno. H. Massey, Jno. M. Gist, Henry Rhodes and W.J. Foster were business visitors from Odessa, Monday.

**DR. BLOSS MARRIED**  
MONDAY AFTERNOON

One of the very joyous events of the Christmas holidays took place at the Wm. Bryant ranch last Monday afternoon at 4:30 o'clock, when Dr. Wm. Bloss, of this city, was married to Miss Clemmie Tullus, of Mississippi. With the dignity commensurate with his position, the marriage service was read by Judge J. M. DeArmond. The bride was given away by R. M. Clayton, Jr., while Lige Davis acted as the groom's best man and general master of ceremonies.

A sumptuous supper was immediately served, and it was the most festive occasion of the Yuletide joys.

The marriage is the culmination of many moons of delightful courtship. The bride is a young woman of many graces and much charm, and Dr. Bloss is greatly to be congratulated. The Doctor is well known to us, and has many friends, especially among our stockmen, whom he has served as veterinary for several years past.

The Reporter joins the friends of the contracting parties in the wish for them of much happiness and prosperity in the New Year, and throughout long years to come.

**HOME OF TOM IRWIN**  
BURNED TUESDAY NIGHT

Fire alarm was sounded again Tuesday night, and the home of Tom Irwin and family was destroyed. The house was the old Jule Driver home, and one of the landmarks of the town, on the southside. Many persons were quickly at the scene of the conflagration and practically all of the contents were saved, though badly damaged.

**BOB HILL HAS HIS**  
SWITCH COMPLETED

For many months past J. E. (Bob) Hill has been negotiating with the T. & P. Railroad for a spur track to connect with his grain store and wood yard. It is at last completed, and Mr. Hill and his employes are greatly enjoying the convenience.

**KILL THE BLUE BUGS**

or any blood-sucking insect, by feeding Martin's wonderful Blue Bug Killer to your chickens. Your money back if not satisfied. Ask the City Drug Store. adv. 31-26t

A. B. Connor of Roswell, N. M., was registered at the Llano this week.

**We Thank You**

Our holiday trade has been most satisfactory, and we want to thank all of those who have shared their business with us. We will strive during the coming year to give you even better service than we have rendered in the past, and in every way endeavor to conduct a business which we hope may be a credit to the community.

May Nineteen Twenty fulfill the hopes and desires of all of us, and the country in which we have unbounded faith, come again into its own.

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**L. S. COMMISSION**  
MAKES INVESTIGATION

The State veterinary department of the Texas Live Stock Sanitary Commission reports that an investigation of an outbreak of some infectious disease among horses and mules is being held at Pearsall and Naples and an outbreak of an infectious disease among sheep near Lampassas. It is also talking up co-operative work with the Federal Bureau of Animal Industry for the eradication of tuberculosis in animals. There is less hog cholera in Texas now than at any time for several years, the bureau reports.

Our old friend, J. J. Westmoreland, writes from Mineral Wells that he has had no Reporter for three weeks. We are sincerely sorry. We have mailed it every week, but it seems the fault of railway clerks. Postmaster Taylor has many complaints registered with him.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Hyatt arrived from Ranger last Saturday, to spend a few days with Mr. Hyatt's parents, Capt. and Mrs. Jno. A. Hyatt, and other relatives.

J. W. Parks and bride, of Breckenridge, were in the city this week. Mr. Parks is one of the big oil men of that place.

**THE NEW WAR SAVINGS**  
STAMPS ARE RED

The 1920 securities will be substantially the same in terms and conditions as those of the 1919 issue, but some alterations have been made in the forms. The 1920 Savings Stamp, for example, will be carmine in color, will bear the head of George Washington, and the size will approximate the larger stamp used in 1918. A change has also been made in the terms of the 1920 Treasury Savings Certificate, as compared with the 1919 issue, in that the 1920 certificates are redeemable at the Treasury, beginning with the second calendar month after the month of purchase, without the ten days demand required by the terms of the 1919 Treasury Savings Certificates. Postoffices are not required, however, to make payment of War Savings Certificates until ten days after receiving written demand for payment.

C. H. Allen, of San Angelo, was here this week to close up a deal with a Mr. Ghezker, of Ballinger, having sold the latter his cattle interests in the Midland Country.

Walter Jerden returned Monday from a brief visit to his family at Mineral Wells. He gives the good news that his wife is much improved in health.

**Greetings**

We want to express our appreciation of the patronage given us by friends far and near during the past year. We are very grateful for it, and promise you our most faithful service during the year that is now but two days old. We wish for our friends and customers only the worth while things during the coming year--- health, prosperity and happiness.

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**Mrs. Ellis Cowden**

Thus the drawing for the beautiful doll, given away by this store on Christmas Eve, came to a close, and with the first number drawn.

**A Happy, Prosperous New Year**

This is our wish for everybody. We want to thank you again for the splendid business we have enjoyed, and you may depend upon us throughout 1920 to serve you efficiently and faithfully and with the utmost economy.

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JNO. P. HOWE, Proprietor



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**FOR SALE**—Flowerdale 90, registered Shropshire ram lambed March 20, 1917. Will weigh over 200 lbs., for \$100.00. Henry M. Halff, Box 307, Midland, Texas. 6tf

**FOR SALE**—Oil lease on 40 acres 5 miles from the Bryant No. 1 well, now drilling at 1100 feet. Annual rental \$1.00 per acre. Price \$200.00. Henry M. Halff, Box 307, Midland, Texas. 6tf

**FOR SALE OR EXCHANGE**—My Pyote ranch, of about 25 sections, 2780 acres deeded land. Would take a smaller ranch further east on the deal. Who at Midland would like to trade a small ranch for a larger one? A. S. Hawkins, Pyote, Texas. 6tf

**FOR SALE**—Rosedale Farm, 160 acres, \$16,000.00; located on good county road only 3 miles east of the good town of Midland, where they have good schools, good churches and good market for everything you raise. Finest stock country in America. Water inexhaustible and good quality. 80 acres under irrigation. 30 acres in oats, n-w growing, 10 acres in alfalfa. Well improved with house, windmill, corrals, sheds and complete pumping plant with capacity of 500 gallons per minute. Henry M. Halff, Box 307, Midland, Texas. 7-tf

**FOR SALE**—Bryan Farm, 160 acres at \$16,000. Immediately north and adjoining the city of Midland. Large, 2-story residence, electric motor irrigation tank; 15 acres under irrigation, all growing in oats and alfalfa. One of the best improved farms in West Texas. The improvements on this farm could not be replaced for the price of the farm, 160 acres, \$16,000. Henry M. Halff, Box 307, Midland Texas. 8tf

**FOR SALE**—Some second hand household goods and 2 big sets of single hack harness. All the time buy hides, furs, and chickens. C. M. J. Stringer, phone 123 11tf

**FOR SALE**—Some good horses, mules, milch cows, chickens, turkeys, all kinds of feed, and farm tools, including two good wagons. E. N. Snodgrass. Phone 146. 11tf

**FOR SALE**—One buffet, two dressers, one wash stand, three rockers, one library table, and two dining tables. Terry Elkin, phone 128. 11tf

**FOR SALE**—Liberty Farm, 1160 acres at \$30 an acre, \$34,800. This farm is bounded on the north by the Texas & Pacific Railroad and well graded public highway, and on the south by a good graded county road; 5 miles east of Midland. Fenced and cross-fenced, 240 acres in cultivation, balance in pastures. Three improved farms with houses, corrals, windmills and good water. Will sub-divide at same price. Mineral rights included. Henry M. Halff, Box 307, Midland, Texas. 12 tf

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTS**

**PASTURAGE**—I have pasture for 500 head of cattle for 3 or 5 months. Good grass and weeds and plenty of water. Will take cattle from railroad at a reasonable charge. See or write to Robert Currie, Midland, Texas 13-4t-pd.

**ROOMS**—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc. only 1-2 block east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jamison, phone 224. 41-tf

**WANTED WORK**—Back to my old trade, carpentering. Will appreciate your patronage, and can please you. J. H. Wilhite, phone 271. 11tf

**BUSINESS NOTICES**

Mary A. Eriksen, Suggesto Therapist. Safe and sane methods used successfully in treatment of all diseases. Consultation and examination free. Phone 256. 13-tf

**LOST AND FOUND**

**FOUND**—Some money. Call on Ralph Barron at the Midland National Bank, describe the loss, and pay 25 cents for this notice.

**WANTED**—A maid. Apply to Mrs. Heath, at Llano Hotel.

**Notice to Creditors**

To Creditors of Estate of J. R. Dublin, Deceased:  
Notice is hereby given that original letters of Administration upon the estate of J. R. Dublin, deceased, were issued to me, the undersigned, on the 13th day of October, 1919, by the County Court in and for Midland County, Texas.  
All persons having claims against said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time required by law. My residence and post office address is Midland, County of Midland, State of Texas.  
John Dublin, Admr'. Estate of J. R. Dublin, Dec'd.

S. H. Gwyn returned Wednesday from Cleburne, where he spent Christmas with his aged mother, his brothers, sisters and other relatives. It was a very joyous occasion for him and them, the only cloud being the death of his sister-in-law's father.

County Clerk Graham and wife and little son left for their home Tuesday at Odessa. They had been here for several days on account of their little son being treated for a dislocated arm.

**RETURNS SHOW ALL AMENDMENTS LOST**

The State Canvassing Board at Austin last Monday made final tabulation of amendments election held on November 4. Last week the result shows that all of the six proposed amendments, together with the proposition of a constitutional convention, were defeated. Governor Hobby on Tuesday issued his proclamation declaring the result. It was said at the office of the Secretary of State that returns had been received from all counties which had an election.

The Galveston bond amendment was lost by 1,311 votes, according to final figures. The vote was: "For 55,600; against, 56,911." The vote on the other amendments was as follows: Issuance of \$75,000,000 of good roads bonds. For, 29,844; against 84,518; majority against amendment, 54,674.

To increase Confederate pension tax from 5c to 7c: For, 56,886; against, 59,701; majority against amendment, 2,815.

Division of proceeds of the prison system with convicts. For, 42,358; against, 70,911; majority against amendment, 28,553.

Tax levy for roads, streets and bridges for the erection of public buildings, etc.: For, 30,214; against, 83,285; majority against amendment, 53,071.

Divorcement of University and A. & M. College: For, 37,560; against, 76,422; majority against amendment, 38,862.

For constitutional convention: For, 23,549; against, 71,376; majority against holding convention, 47,829.

Miss Nettie Mae Ward spent a few days with friends in Big Spring the latter part of last week.

**CHRISTMAS GIFTS TO DOUGHBOYS ABROAD**

Red Cross preparations for the Christmas entertainment of the men of the army at home and abroad were reported a success. The War Department announced that enough turkey and chicken was provided for the Christmas dinners for the entire force in France and Germany. In addition, the Red Cross filled the "stocking" of every American soldier in France and Germany. Every doughboy received a telescoped pair of socks, containing chocolate, cigarettes, chewing gum, tobacco, post cards, tooth brush, tooth paste, comb and a trinket carrying a tag with the inscription: "Merry Christmas from the American Red Cross." Similar provisions are expected for the men in Siberia.

**ANNUAL MEETING OF M. & N. W. STOCKHOLDERS**

Notice of regular annual meeting of stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Co.

Notice is hereby given to the stockholders and directors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company that the regular annual meeting of stockholders and directors of said company will be held at the offices of the company in Midland, Texas, at 2 p. m. on the 21st day of January, 1920.

Dated this 21st day of December, 1919, at Midland, Texas.  
B. C. Girdley, Secretary.  
adv. 13-3t

**Colds**

should be "nipped in the bud", for if allowed to run unchecked, serious results may follow. Numerous cases of consumption, pneumonia, and other fatal diseases, can be traced back to a cold. At the first sign of a cold, protect yourself by thoroughly cleansing your system with a few doses of

**THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT**

the old reliable, vegetable liver powder.

Mr. Chas. A. Ragland, of Madison Heights, Va., says: "I have been using Thedford's Black-Draught for stomach troubles, indigestion, and colds, and find it to be the very best medicine I ever used. It makes an old man feel like a young one." Insist on Thedford's, the original and genuine. E-67

# New Year's Greeting

WE wish to thank our customers and friends for the splendid business given us during 1919. We appreciate it profoundly, and want you to be sure of it.

## 1920

Promises much prosperity to all of us and we wish for all our friends nothing but the good things of the whole year through.

### Let Us Serve You

We believe we can serve you to your advantage, to our mutual profit, and we wish to be closer to you than ever before. Command us at any and all times and we are at your service.

# SMITH BROTHERS

## The Cash Grocers

**RAZZLE-DAZZLE SCRAP IN TEXAS IS PREDICTED**

L. C. Williams, of Miami, writes, as a special to the Dallas News: "Newspaper reports inform us that Joe Bailey has again entered the political arena in Texas. Many of us have indulged the hope that since prohibition was no longer an issue we might for a time have a rest from the bitter feelings engendered by partisan politics. However, this hope has been dispelled by the re-entrance of Mr. Bailey into the ring, for it is well known that while he is a conservative in his political beliefs, he is ultra radical in debate.

Many of us remember how, not many years ago, with a toss of his raven locks and with mellifluous voice he threatened to drive his enemies into the sea, but was instead, driven out of politics himself. I know he claims he retired voluntarily which I do not deny, but I think he did so from the viewpoint of the old proverb which says, "there are times when discretion is the better part of valor."

In a recent speech he said: "I do not like to live in a house with rats, but would first clean out the rats and then occupy the house." This rat killing I suppose, judging from the connection in which he used it, means the progressive Democrats, the preachers, the women and the Socialists. A good big job this, but go to it Joe, and if you find that you have bitten off more than you can chew you can gracefully retire as you did before.

And so the people of Texas may just as well make up their minds to endure an old-time, razzle-dazzle Joe Bailey scrap.

Friends are congratulating Mr. and Mrs. C. Holzgraf upon the arrival, during the holidays, of a nine and a half-pound baby boy. The youngster is already well established in this happy home, and the New Year dawns for all concerned in the brightest hues.

We have a few cedar chests left that we are going to sell at greatly reduced prices. Now is the time to get one real cheap. Basham, Shepherd & Co. adv 13 2t

Frank Bell, a former Midland boy, but now of El Paso, spent the holidays with friends and relatives here.

J. L. Glass and S. M. King were in Midland for a few days early in the week from Sterling City.

Roy Knight, a cattleman from Lethbridge, Canada, is here this week, having brought 4000 head of cattle to the Midland Country for grass.

We are glad to welcome W. A. White and family as new citizens of Midland, having come from Oklahoma.

Miss Sallie Kyle, after six months as a guest of Mrs. Geo. T. McClintic, left last week for her home in Virginia.

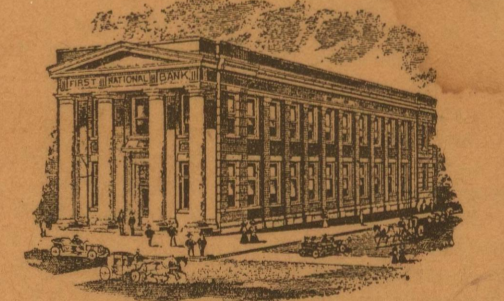
Miss Leta Heard, a teacher in the public schools of Pecos, spent the holidays with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Lee Heard.

H. L. McClintic left on the early morning train yesterday to spend New Year's with his brother, C. A. McClintic, at Sweetwater.

Our telephone is No. 7. The Reporter would like to mention every news item that happens in Midland, the name of every visitor, details of every cattle deal, and the thousands of events of live interest. Won't you telephone us about those things you hear?

**Disgusted**

Said Senator John Sharp Williams: "I am disgusted with the whole political situation, especially with the treatment of international affairs as if they were questions of party politics, and I would 'rather be a dog and bay at the moon' than to spend one day in the United States senate after the expiration of my term."



## FIRST NATIONAL BANK

OF MIDLAND, TEXAS

Organized Eighteen Hundred and Ninety

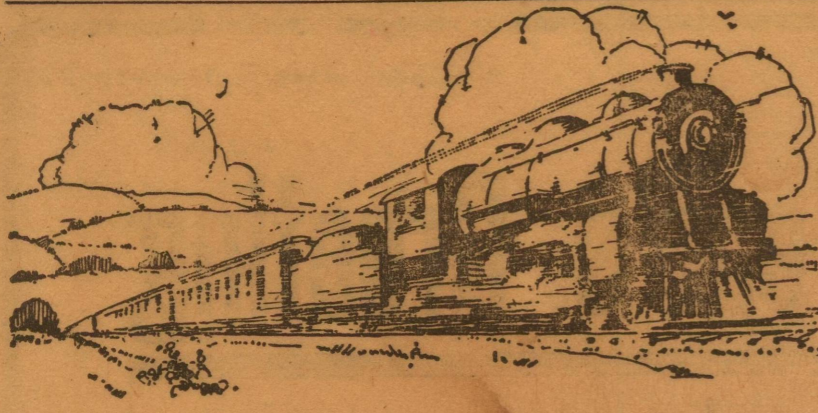
CAPITAL ----- \$100,000  
SURPLUS ----- \$100,000

The service rendered to clients by this bank involves the most modern methods, founded on old-school conservative banking practice. It is the bank's aim to keep pace with the rapidly changing phases of business and at the same time pursue a course which is above criticism by even the most conservative customer.

Your banking business will be handled by this bank in a modernly efficient, yet conservative and safe manner.

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A vast amount of work now remains to be done which the intervention of war has necessarily delayed and accumulated, and the result is that very large capital expenditures ought to be made to make up for the interruptions inevitably due to the war, and to prepare the railroads to serve adequately the increased traffic throughout the country.

Work more—  
Produce more—  
Save more—

But we can't continue increasing our production unless we continue increasing our railroad facilities.

The farms, mines and factories cannot increase their output beyond the capacity of the railroads to haul their products.

Railroads are now near the peak of their carrying capacity.

Without railroad expansion—more engines, more cars, more tracks, more terminals—there can be little increase in production.

But this country of ours is going to keep right on growing—and the railroads must grow with it.

To command in the investment markets the flow of new capital to expand railroad facilities—and so increase production—there must be public confidence in the future earning power of railroads.

The nation's business can grow only as fast as the railroads grow.

*This advertisement is published by the Association of Railway Executives.*

Those desiring information concerning the railroad situation may obtain literature by writing to the Association of Railway Executives, 61 Broadway, New York.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL  
By J. E. Jones

Senate Passes Cummins Bill  
The Cummins railroad bill had a hard tussle, but finally got through the Senate before the holiday recess. The House having passed the Esch bill, the two measures are now being considered in conference, by a committee representing the two legislative bodies, and there is strong hopes that an agreement may be arrived at so that the railroads may be back to private management on a safe and sane basis. The debate on the return of the roads was eventful in congressional proceedings, since the discussions were rich in unfolding every feature of the industrial situation, and the controversial points were thoroughly threshed out. When it looked as though the legislation might go over till 1920, Senator Cummins caustically reminded the Senate that it was "the known habit of Congress to delay everything until the necessity becomes obvious to even the most indifferent mind." He warned his colleagues that if the railroads were turned back without prospective legislation, that chaos would follow, and said that "if the roads should be returned without effective legislation they could exist about a month, and then they would fall into hopeless confusion, and two-thirds of them would be in the hands of receivers." Senator Kellogg, of Minnesota, furnished some illuminating figures on the railroad situation, and he told the Senate that he had learned from Interstate Commerce Commission sources that out of 265 Class One railroads 108 failed during the first three quarters of 1919 to earn their fixed charges for that period. In other words, instead of earning a surplus for the payment of dividends to stockholders, they have not even earned their interest charges and the

stockholders would thus be left with a deficit instead of a surplus. The balance over fixed charges earned by the remaining 157 roads is not sufficient by \$56,000,000 to overcome the deficits of the other 108.  
"These tables show that practically two-thirds of the railroads of the United States must inevitably go into the hands of a receiver unless their conditions are improved—and these are not the poor railroads," said Senator Kellogg, "they are such lines as the Pennsylvania, the Baltimore and Ohio, the Great Northern, the Southern Pacific, and many others. The government took over these railroads in a solvent condition, and while, of course, it has paid, during its operation, a fair rental for the properties, it has increased the operating expenses so greatly that when they are turned back they will be bankrupt and can not from their earnings pay their operating expenses and fixed charges, without one dollar for dividends. A railroad is worth what it will earn.  
"We have no right to take over a public-service corporation and use it for government purposes, increase its operating expenses so as to render the property valueless, and turn it back without any remedy. Furthermore, should this be done, a financial collapse in this country is bound to follow, and as the bonds of these railroads are held in savings banks, insurance companies, and by millions of individuals, and are a large basis of credit, the greatest care should be taken to preserve their integrity.  
"I wish to save the railroad systems of this country from utter bankruptcy, because railroad efficiency is needed on every farm and in every village and in every single industry that exists in the country; and I doubt if senators realize the serious condition confronting the country. I do not care what basis of value you take; I will take the valuation fixed by any board in the world that is fair. The railroads today are not earning

anywhere near 4 per cent upon their value. Everyone knows, of course, that the bonded indebtedness of the roads is far below, six or seven billions below, any valuation which will be placed upon them."

Senator Kellogg pointed out examples of large unnecessary expenditures under government operation of the railroads and made a vigorous plea for a return to private operation without delay, but with legislation which would make possible the gradual overcoming of the handicap under which roads would have to labor upon their return to their owners.

Rejecting Ingrates

Emma Goldman, Alexander Berkman and 247 more "revolutionists" have been put aboard-ship and they are now on their way back to Europe. The entire group is composed of anarchists who never became citizens of the United States.

The United States government has long hesitated to take the step that has led to the deportation of these people who are complimented when they are referred to as "political prisoners." The melting pot had to be skimmed of its scum to protect its contents from constant pollution; and the "bon voyage" to these unwashed foreigners can well be changed to hearty wishes for "good riddance to bad rubbish."

The deportation should be construed as a part of the practical work of Americanization, for just as the dillard is finally rejected from the public school grades and sent among the "defectives," or consigned to an institution for the feeble-minded, so should the policy be continued of rejecting foreigners who show no indication of adapting themselves to our ideals and institutions.

Anarchists who talk glibly of the "revolution," should learn the truth of Vice President Marshall's statement that "we had our revolution in this country a good many years ago, and have passed that stage in our history." Foreigners who find it difficult to assimilate American ideals should be speedily deported, just as was done with Goldman, Berkman, and their fellow loud-voiced creatures who have been tolerated year after year, while in return they fail to contribute a single iota of constructive work for the betterment of conditions in a free country.

Free Thought and Free Speech

Attempts to make martyrs of Goldman, Berkman and the others, by the means that they have been deported because they advocated a new doctrine, will not go down. They have been rejected because they were still foreigners, pure and simple—hopelessly types that it was a folly to bother with, or tolerate any longer.

Free thought and free speech are American heritages. The progress of the nation has been built upon these privileges, and under the full exercise of this principle minorities become either majorities, or drop into the discard. It is all entirely separate and apart from the infection of anarchy, which seeks to destroy a good government which these foreigners have never been capable of understanding.

With this distinction understood it is clear that the "holier than thou" Americans who haven't many brains to think with, and who turn scornfully upon the men and women of the country who are bringing their thought and their speech, oftentimes rich with an understanding of basic principles too deep for prompt comprehension of the masses; and below "bolshhevists" at their betters, constitute an element in society that should have lived in the days of the early Salemites when "witches" were tortured.

The victories of a little over half a century with three great wars in which the country has been engaged, are nothing compared with the victories of peace in that same period. Lincoln wrote with a quill and wouldn't have known what a telephone was for if he had seen one. McKinley, of another war, never had a real motor ride in his life or saw an air ship, and the financial plans of his time would have precipitated a panic at least once a day if applied to present day problems. Even within a few weeks a scientist has convincingly disclosed the fact that the rays of the sun start out and get so badly twisted that they finally turn back, with the result that the direct rays of our old friend Sol never did get to earth at all.

Free thought and free speech are the parent sources which have made America the greatest country in the world. And it is for these things that we acknowledge to ourselves that we are richly deserving of the Merry Christmas of 1919 and the Happy New Year of 1920.

Coal and Sugar

Wouldn't it be splendid if the coal operators could only be confined to the sugar refiners as customers, and vice versa? How glorious it would be to have them rationing one another!

D. A. Pitzer, was in from Eastland a few days the first of the week.

# The Western Auto Supply Co.

Wishes for all it's customers and friends a very prosperous and happy New Year

## "Dependable Service"

### Citation by Publication

The State of Texas.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon S. M. Hunter and wife, Winnie E. Hunter; Kirby Nutt; Phil Scharbauer and John Scharbauer, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the first Monday in February, A. D., 1920, the same being the 2nd day of February 1920, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 17th day of December, A. D., 1919, in a suit, numbered S. M. Hunter et al. vs. Kirby Nutt et al., bearing date and year aforesaid numbered one, two, and three respectively, and due one, two, and three years after date respectively, and each payable to the order of A. M. Thorpe, bearing interest at the rate of 8 per centum per annum and stipulating an extra 10 per centum on the principal and interest then due for attorney's fees in case the same was placed in the hands of an attorney for collection, or after maturity, or in case suit was brought on the same. That said notes were given as part of the purchase money for the following described real estate and premises, to-wit: Located in Midland County, Texas, and being all the northwest one-fourth (N. W. 1-4) of Section No. 12, in block 41, township 1 South, Texas & Pacific Railway lands sold and awarded by the commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas to M. E. Martin, and containing 160 acres of land as shown in deed executed by plaintiff to the defendant S. M. Hunter, dated June 19th, 1915, and recorded in Volume 23, page 540 of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, Note No. 1 has been paid in full and notes Nos. 2 and 3 are long past due and unpaid and defendants, though often requested, have failed and refused and still refuse to pay them or any part of them.

Plaintiff's petition prays for judgment in the sum of the second and third notes, together with all interest and attorney's fees and for costs of suit and that he have judgment against defendants foreclosing his vendor's lien.

Herein fail not, but have before said court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 17th day of December, A. D., 1919.  
C. B. Dunagan, Clerk,  
District Court, Midland County, adv 12-4t

Notice of Application for Probate of Will  
The State of Texas.  
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the county of Midland, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for a period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof.  
To all persons interested in the estate of Henry Rohlfing, deceased, Margaret Rohlfing has filed in the county court of Midland County, an application for the Probate of the last will and testament of said Henry Rohlfing, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the second Monday in January, A. D., 1920, the same being the 12th day of January, A. D., 1920, at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, at which

time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application, should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

The State of Texas,  
Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 16th day of December, A. D., 1919.  
C. B. Dunagan, Clerk,  
County Court, Midland County, Texas, adv 11-3t

### THE CONTROVERSY THAT MAY NEVER END

It is not likely that farmers and the labor unions will ever fuse on the question of shorter hours, says Leslie's Weekly. Organized labor has, always stood for a short day. At this time the miners are demanding a six-hour day and a thirty-hour week. Farmers stand at the other extreme, and in a resolution adopted by the Executive Board of the Illinois Agricultural Association ask for a basic ten-hour day. "We condemn," says the report, "the demands for shorter hours, which reduce production and increase the cost of living, and recommend a basic ten-hour day for all productive industries in order that farm labor may be on a par with other forms of labor." Farms are suffering because of a shortage of labor.

Daylight saving embarrassed farmers, because the farm hand wanted to quit work the same time the carpenter or bricklayer quit. A short day on the farm means decreased production and high prices. The impression seems to prevail among workingmen that a short day will usher in the millennium. If the farmers can check the extreme demands of labor in this regard, it will help all the people by the lowering of prices through increase of production.

### PRICES THAT WOULD BE VERY ACCEPTABLE

Says an Associated Press dispatch from Chicago: "Twenty-four dollars and a half is a 'fair price' for a man's suit or overcoat, the federal price regulating commission, working under direction of District Attorney Clyne, announced. A fair price of women's suits was fixed at \$25, women's dresses \$15.25, men's shoes \$5.95, and women's shoes \$4.95. Officials of five of Chicago's biggest retail stores prepared the price list." Such prices are ancient history. The Reporter man scarcely expects ever to see the price of another overcoat again.

Marvin Shope, of Mertzon, was in Midland Monday.

The largest electric sign in the world advertises

# WRIGLEY'S

on Times Square, New York City: it is 250 feet long, 70 feet high. Made up of 17,286 electric lamps.

The fountains play, the trade mark changes, reading alternately WRIGLEY'S SPEARMINT, DOUBLEMINT, and JUICY FRUIT, and the Spearmen "do a turn."

This sign is seen nightly by about 500,000 people from all over the world.

Sealed Tight      Kept Right

WRIGLEY'S JUICY FRUIT CHEWING GUM  
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WRIGLEY'S DOUBLEMINT CHEWING GUM



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## Testing Your Battery

It is very important and should be done at regular intervals, also to see that the Generator on your car is producing enough current to keep battery charged, also to ascertain if too much current is being drawn from your battery for the amount that is being put in by the Generator. The specific gravity of a storage battery when fully charged is normally between 1.275 and 1.300. If the gravity is found below 1.250 the battery should be charged until every cell is up to normal. We guarantee all repair work for six months. Free testing and filling. Give us a trial. We guarantee satisfaction.

Our motto: COURTESY and SERVICE.

**Midland Battery Co.**

### OF THE MANY WOULD BE STANDARD-BEARERS

Herbert Hoover and some of his associates have bought one of the Washington daily newspapers, and the curious wonder why? An inquisitive reporter asked Mr. Hoover if he would be a candidate for the Presidency, and the deponent answered nay. Nevertheless, there is a suspicion that the former food administrator has a bee in his bonnet. There are swarms of presidential bees flying about, and their tail-stingers have stuck in many spots. Mr. Gerard, former ambassador to Germany, has filed his intentions in South Dakota. Mr. McAdoo doubtless has his weather vane up. Champ Clark has an idea that Mr. Wilson has been keeping his seat warm for eight years, and he feels that it is time he occupied the cushions. General Leonard Wood—he who never opened his mouth without putting his foot in it, has his hat in the ring, and wants to be nominated because he was "Roosevelt's friend." Senator Hiram Johnson says: "I saw him first," and because he was for the Colonel, and peppery about the treaty, and for various other reasons of his own, wants the Republican nomination for President. Senator Harding, of Ohio, and Senator Poindexter, of Washington, are willing to be standard bearers, and there are some 80 or 90 other senators who are wondering whether Jupiter will completely miss their lightning rods. Senators Cummins and LaFollette have evidently passed from the proud places of "favorite sons," and in Iowa the talk of presidential succession is about Senator Kenyon, while Wisconsin lifts a timid voice for Senator Lenroot. And then there is the poll of governors, with Mr. Lowden, of Illinois, conspicuously in the race, and Governor Coolidge being features, from Massachusetts. Of such as these Shakespeare wrote, before any

of them were born: "Some are born great, some achieve greatness, and some have greatness thrust upon them."

### POINTS FOR THE FARMER TO CONSIDER

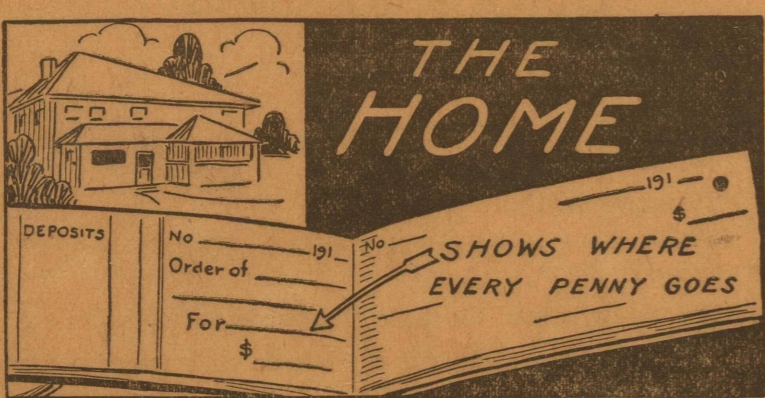
The following is an excerpt from the address of Dr. W. B. Bizzell, before the Agricultural Conference, meeting recently at Waco.

While there has been an increased production of food products it is apparent on every hand that the supply is inadequate to meet the needs of the people. About one-eighth of the people of the United States are producing the food and clothing for the entire population. There are fewer people on the farm today than there were in the spring of 1918, when we have mobilized our greatest strength in the war. But the farmer is in danger of believing that his prosperity is more real than actual facts can justify. He is in danger of thinking that the volume of business is the measure of his prosperity. He must not forget, as he contemplates an agricultural program of 1920, that there is an element of inflation in his agricultural income this year. In the first place, the net agricultural income is not as great as some have thought it to be. The American farmer has never produced a crop that involved so great an outlay of cost of production. In the second place the element of exchange that enters into the commercial life of the farmer, as well as those engaged in other pursuits, must be considered.

### MONEY TO LOAN

Money to loan on patented land, and also on school land without having it patented. No red tape or delay.

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OF MIDLAND

## INCOMPREHENSIBLE COST OF THE WAR

Estimates Differ But All Figures are so Vast as to be Almost Incredible

Let it be said at the start that the losses of the war are incalculable, says the Youth's Companion. We can of course discover how much money was raised and spent by the belligerent governments, but that is only a part and not so large a part as might be assumed, of the real expense. The loss enters through a thousand crevices that we do not at first perceive. All of us have today many wants that go unsatisfied because of those terrible four years.

Many persons have tried to put into statistical form the losses that can be reckoned with a fair degree of accuracy. Although the estimates differ, they are not so far from agreeing as to be without value. The most comprehensive and carefully prepared figures we have seen are those of Prof. Ernest L. Bogard of the University of Illinois, issued under the authority of the Carnegie Endowment for International Peace. They are of course not final and are to be taken only as approximate. The document forms a pamphlet of more than 300 closely printed quarto pages.

Here we can give only the barest summary of the conclusions that Prof. Bogard has reached after a detailed study of the debts and other losses of each country engaged in the war, and of the indirect losses suffered by neutral countries. The first and greatest item is the increase in the debts of the countries at war, which, with the increased taxation due to the war, amount to 186 1-3 billion dollars. The increase for Germany is the largest—almost 38 billions; the increase for Great Britain is next—35 billions; the increases for the United States, France and Russia follow—from 22 billions each. The weight of the burden now resting on Great Britain alone can be judged from the fact that the debt amounts to almost a thousand dollars for every inhabitant of the British Isles.

Of indirect losses the one most interesting for the student is the economic loss caused by the destruction of human life. How much is a human life worth in dollars and cents—what is its "capitalized" value? At best no answer that approaches exactness can be given. Not all lives in the same country are equally valuable; the average value varies in different countries; and in discussing that value economists disagree at every point. Prof. Bogard adopts a different average for each belligerent country; the average of all is about \$2,550. The total number of men killed in action and of those presumed to be dead, because they have not been heard from, is almost exactly 13 billions. The economic loss that results from their deaths is set at 33 1-2 billions. Some economists set the amount as low as 18 billions, but one economist places it at 81 billions.

To that item of the loss of lives in battle must be added another 33 billions for the lives of civilians killed directly or indirectly as a result of the war.

Next comes the value of property destroyed,—lands devastated and ships sunk,—almost 37 billions. Then follows the loss of production; that is, production that would have taken place if men had not been withdrawn from productive work, and if the world had been at peace—a loss that is estimated at 45 billions. Add a billion given to war-relief work and losses of 2 billions by neutrals, and the grand aggregate is brought up to the vast sum of 338 billion dollars.

Furthermore, the direct losses are still continuing. No country has yet begun to decrease its debt; all are increasing their debts. The estimates given above are for the date of the armistice. The cost of reconstruction after the war closed is in a most real sense a part of the cost of the war.

Are the figures disheartening? They should not be. Of course they are tremendous and indicate what a gigantic task is before us and our children. But the task will be undertaken and performed. Nowhere except in chaotic Russia do we hear even a whisper that debts may be repudiated. Nowhere is it beyond human capacity to make the repairs that are needed to restore property losses and to rebuild the desolate places. But the task calls for unremitting toil, and the idea must be banished that the world can be restored to growth and prosperity without speeding up every man's work. When every one gets to work the world machine will respond to the driving power and move faster.

Mr. and Mrs. Weeling, prominent oil people of our city, spent the holidays in Dallas.

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### ONCE OF PREVENTION WORTH POUND OF CURE

"Health Insurance" is a good name for prevention of disease among children, declares Miss Pearl N. Hyer, public health nurse of the Texas Public Health Association, which has been for the past eight years waging war on tuberculosis in Texas.

"This health insurance is payable in good health when the 'kiddies' have grown into strong, healthy men and women," said Miss Hyer. "If mothers were taught how to care for their children properly—many of them do not know how—it would be a form of health insurance. There would be a smaller number of defectives among the little ones."

Miss Hyer is doing school and community nursing through the State for the Texas Public Health Association, and is advocating a public health nurse for every city, county and large school. She declares that the greatest value of school nursing is in teaching the children how to keep their bodies strong and healthy. She lectures in school and shows the children how to keep in good physical condition and remain in perfect health as well as how to develop good habits. Within 12 months she has examined 2,482 school children, besides carrying on community nursing work, lecturing to nurses, and other valuable health work.

"Every child should have his eyes examined once a year in order to correct any chance for defective sight," said Miss Hyer. "In my examination of 2,482 school children I found that 384 needed glasses to correct their vision. I also advocate a thorough physical examination of all school children at least once a year, and I am a firm believer in the old saying: 'An ounce of prevention is worth a pound of cure.'"

### ABILITY TO SERVE AND THEN ADVERTISING

"The best asset of business," says an advertising expert, "is the ability to serve the public. The next is the ability to advertise the fact."

This latter qualification, or asset, is sadly lacking—or neglected—by some of the business establishments of Midland.

Frank Heard was a visitor in El Paso during the holidays.

### FEEDING CHICKENS FOR EGG PRODUCTION

In feeding for egg production it is well to remember that one of the most important essentials is a certain amount of animal food in the shape of skimmed milk, meat scraps, green cut bone, rabbit meat, bugs, insects, or other forms of animal life, advises F. W. Kazmeier, Poultry Husbandman, Extension Service, A. and M. College of Texas.

It may be interesting to know that of the two popular variety of chickens—the single comb white leghorns and the barred Plymouth Rocks—the leghorn will produce a dozen eggs for the least cost. The small breeds consumes approximately sixty pounds of feed in a year, while the large and medium weight breeds consume about ninety pounds of feed in a year.

November is the hardest month in the year to get egg production. Chickens must rest at least once a year, and at this time of the year the best egg producers have just passed the molt. They are just laying up a surplus supply of fat in their body in preparation for egg production soon to follow, and for this reason it is a good plan to feed very liberally at this time of the year.

### BUSINESS OUTLOOK FOR 1920 PLEASING

The business outlook for the ranchmen of this section is the best that John Rae, of Schleicher County has ever seen, he says, and he has lived in this locality for 32 years, says an associated press report from San Angelo. Prosperity is certain to continue throughout next year even if little more rain falls, in his opinion. Weeds and grass were never so abundant in Schleicher County as they are at present, and large numbers of sheep are being brought in from other sections.

### CONCLUSIONS THAT DO NOT NEED DEFINING

There were 945,000 saddles in the war, and 104,000 cavalry horses; 146,000 artillery horses; 123,000 draft mules and 18,000 pack mules. In addition there were 100,000,000 sets of harness for horses. Seventy-five per cent of all the hides in the country were contracted for use in the army. Of course these figures have a bearing on shoes, but conclusions apparently do not need defining.

### DIRIGIBLE PROSPECTS IN U. S. AND ENGLAND

In view of the fact that the navy has put in an order for a 2,000,000 cubic foot rigid dirigible to be constructed by England, a few facts relative to the present status and prospects of rigid dirigibles in the United States and England are pertinent. English dirigibles patterned after the approximate plan of the German zeppelin, have been constructed to a size of 2,700,000 cubic feet. The speed of ships of this size is about 75 miles per hour and their endurance about 175 hours. This gives a possibility of a cruising radius of over 13,500 miles, more than half the distance around the earth.

Ships of still greater size and capacity are already being constructed in England, keels have been laid for ships of 5,000,000 cubic feet, and all new hangers in England are being constructed to accommodate ships up to that size.

While the total lift of the gas in a 2,000,000 cubic foot capacity ship is over 60 tons, that of a 5,000,000 capacity ship is nearly 152 tons. Thus an increase in size of dirigibles gives an added increase in total, as well as useful, lift.

Airships of still greater size are contemplated and plans for a 10,000,000 cubic foot dirigible ship have been completed in England. The figures for this ship are extremely interesting. Its length would be about 1100 feet, slightly less than 1-4 of a mile, while the total lift of the gas would be more than 300 tons, and the useful lift would be approximately 200 tons. This useful lift could be used for transportation of troops and equipment, or for a cruising radius of over 20,000 miles, if such were desirable.

### TO SUCCEED YOU MUST KNOW YOUR BUSINESS

Any man may invest in purebred livestock, but it requires knowledge of business to make a success of breeding, feeding, marketing, etc. Most failures may be traced to lack of knowledge. The successful stockman or farmer of today must be a student. Know your business.

Never again will there be a return of the hap-hazard methods of stock-raising of the past. More and more will the future demand the application of knowledge and scientific methods.



# LISTEN!

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## WE HAVE A LETTER FROM R. B. PRESTON

Our esteemed young friend, R. B. Preston, who has been at Pearl, Texas, a long time, writes us this week to change his paper to Ireland, Texas, which is his present address. He writes further:

"This year closes with decided prosperity throughout this section of Central Texas.

"We are just beginning to finish one of the greatest harvests this country has ever known, while a great deal of cotton remains unpicked, with the fancy prices of from \$3 to \$5 per hundred, we hope to finish by February 1st.

"Thousands upon thousands of bushels of wheat and oats were forced to be left in the shock and rot, on account of excessive rains during the threshing season.

"Watson, I wish you could come down and spend a few days with me, in the Gatesville country. Would love to show you a real, old-fashioned corn field that will pull right around 90 bushels per acre. Of course you saw that done when you were a kid back in Arkansas.

"Wishing The Reporter continued success," etc.

## KENYON AND KENDRICK BILLS TO BE EXPLAINED

Framers of the Kenyon and Kendrick bills for regulation of the meat packers and representatives of the big packers will be invited to the next convention of the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's Association, in Tucson, Ariz., March 2nd to 4th, if tentative plans are carried out. They will be given an opportunity to give their views on packer regulation.

## BROTHER OF TOWNSMAN DIED LAST WEDNESDAY

Our townsman, S. H. Basham, last Wednesday afternoon received a message from a relative at Carbon, Eastland County, that his brother, W. O. Basham, had died at noon on that date. No particulars were given in the message. He was the eldest of several brothers. Mr. Basham left on the evening train Wednesday to attend the funeral.

## AFTER TWENTY-ONE MONTHS IN FRANCE

Roger Q. Mills Johnston—"Baldy"—arrived home last week, in time to spend the holidays with his father, C. C. Johnston, and family. "Baldy" had been away from home for over two years, 21 months of the time being spent in France, in the service of Uncle Sam. He has had rich experiences, his stay in France including long stops in Paris, Brest, Bordeaux, and many other important cities. He was about the last of the Midland boys to get his discharge. After a brief stay with home folk he has gone to the oil districts for work.

### Card of Thanks

We wish we had words to express our thanks to the many who assisted in saving our effects on Christmas eve night when our home burned. A bunch of boys were especially heroic, and a great many of our things were saved. Other kindnesses have been rendered, all that could be, and we are deeply grateful.

Dick Lee and family.

### Stable Is Orphanage

A three-story, red brick building, once used by bolsheviks as a stable, has undergone renovation at the hands of field workers of the American Red Cross and is now an orphanage accommodating 300 children.

## MIDLAND COLLEGE RESUMES WORK MONDAY

The college will resume work next Monday. Several new pupils are expected. Classes will begin at eight in the morning and close at three in the afternoon. Several needed improvements have been made during the holidays and others are contemplated.

Miss Clara Shipp writes from Ranger that she will bring another young lady back with her.

Word comes that Charles Coombes, of Stamford, will be with us and his father, Judge Coombes, is expected to come over with him. They are relatives of the Bedford and Ratliff families here.

We hear that one or two other students are to come from Paint Rock; already four are attending from that little city.

We invite special attention to our special departments. The orchestra offers splendid work for sight reading and practice. Mr. Wiley writes that a new student may be expected from his section.

R. E. Porter.

## HE HIMSELF BEING LAZIEST OF THE LAZY

The high cost of living is not the only problem before America, according to Vice President Thomas B. Marshall. The high cost of leisure is also a menace. "One of the old ideas of the republic was that the limit of striving for success was the limit of capacity and endurance," declared the vice president recently. "The real evil we are confronting today is the high cost of leisure. I speak in a censorious way because I am myself the laziest of the lazy."

"I only beg the thoughtful consideration of younger men who have the good of the republic at heart seriously to consider the problem as to whether the only way in which to meet the increasing difficulties of American life is not by additional striving to produce more, to earn more, to economize more and to save more."

Each American citizen has it well within his power to follow the vice president's advice, no matter what his condition. No matter what he is able to earn, whether small sum or great, the securities of the government, thrift stamps, War Savings Stamps, Treasury Savings Certificates, Certificates of Indebtedness and Liberty Bonds give opportunity to save at least a part of his reward of labor.

### "Reparation"

The government must make some provision to relieve the railroads from the plight in which government control has involved them. Unless there is relief, unless some reparation is made, there will confront the country a situation, which for gravity, has few parallels in our history, for upon railroads' credit and condition depend in large measure the credit and condition of the business of the country.

### Prepared For It

Throughout the christening ceremony the baby smiled up beautifully into the clergyman's face.

"Well, madam," said he to the young wife, "I must congratulate you on your little one's behavior. I have christened more than 2,000 babies, but I never before christened one that behaved so well as yours."

The young mother smiled demurely, and said:

"His father and I, with a pail of water, have been practising on him for the last ten days."—Farm and Ranch.

American jam tins are a popular substitute for china-ware among the people of Serbia. They are saved from Red Cross food distribution, the ragged edges pounded smooth and a handle of wire or tin attached.

## SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

### Methodist Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m., M. C. Ulmer, supt.

Preaching by the pastor at 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m.

The morning sermon will be the second on "The Relations that Exist Between Pastor and People and the Obligations They are Under to Each Other." Last Sunday we discussed the pastor's side of the subject. Next Sunday we will take up the membership's side of the subject. Two passages will be used as a text, Gal. 6: 6, "Let him that is taught in the word communicate unto him that teacheth in all good things." 1 Thes. 5:12-13, "We beseech you brethren to know them which labor among you and are over you in the Lord and admonish you; and to esteem them very highly in love for their work's sake." Some of the questions to be answered are: Should the members be as religious as the pastor?

Is there a double standard of piety—one for the preacher and the other for the members?

Should the members be as prompt and faithful in meeting their obligations to the church and pastor as they demand that he be?

Should the members criticize the pastor?

Should they complain of his neglect without knowing there are just grounds for complaint?

Should the members talk to the preacher about his faults or talk to others about them to his back?

Should the members be loyal and true to their own church, or be weak-kneed in their devotion to it and attend other churches as much as they go to their own?

Is it right for the members to expect the pastor to serve them at an expense greater than the salary they are paying?

Is it right for the members to criticize the pastor for taking a stand that condemns them, when he is right?

Would it not be better to acknowledge their inconsistencies and get right themselves?

These and other questions will come up for consideration. The subject of the evening sermon will be, "A New Year Meditation."

The Epworth Leagues will meet at the usual hours.

All members are urged to attend these services, and all others not attending church elsewhere are cordially invited.

D. Scharbauer, Pastor.

### Christian Church

Bible school rally at 9:30 a. m. The services have been moved up fifteen minutes to make room for the reports from all departments of the church and the roll call of the membership. Every member is urged to attend this important service. Preaching at the evening hour by the regular minister.

The Junior Endeavor will meet at 2:30 p. m. and the Intermediate at an hour later. The College Endeavor will meet with the church at 6 p. m. Special music. A cordial welcome is extended to all and the best wishes for the New Year. Our stay on earth is short and soon gone. It should be spent in doing good.

"There are lonely hearts to cherish, While the days are going by; There are dying souls who perish, While the days are going by; If a smile we can renew, As our journey we pursue, O the good we all may do, As the days are going by."

J. T. McKissick, Minister.

### Presbyterian Church

Rev. L. Matthews, of Lagrange, will preach in the Presbyterian church next Sunday, he having been called to the pastorate of the Midland and Pecos churches. He will divide his time between these two churches.

### Epworth League

Subject: "The House of God." Leader—Charles Klapproth. Song.

Scripture reading. Prayer.

Talk: "The Board of Church Extension of the Methodist Episcopal Church South"—Leader.

"The House of God"—Reba Nugent. "Respect for the Church"—Julia Scarborough.

Piano duet—Lillie B. Williams and Mabel Holt.

"The Pillar and the Ground of the Truth"—Laura Gay Allen.

"God's Dwelling Place"—Mary Lou Tucker.

Song, announcements benediction.

### Woman's Missionary Society

The Woman's Missionary Society of the Methodist church, will meet in regular session on Monday at 2:30 p. m., at which time the officers will be elected for the New Year. All mem-

bers are urged to be present, as plans for the year's work will be discussed. Meeting to be held in the church.

Ethel Moore, Secy.

### C. W. B. M.

The C. W. B. M. will meet with Mrs. Frank Ingham on January 8th, the subject being "Healing of India." Invocation—Mrs. F. F. Elkin. Sun-set Song—Miss Florence McKissick.

Bible study, "A Busy Sabbath Day" Mark 1:21-34—Mrs. J. V. Stokes

Reading, "Sundri"—Mrs. J. M. Jemison.

"Sanitorium at Pendra Road"—Mrs. W. K. Curtis.

"Experiences in India by Dr. Gordon"—Mrs. Geo. Ratliff.

"Medical Missionaries by Dr. Rothermel"—Mrs. J. T. McKissick.

"Dr. Crozier"—Mrs. W. L. Graves. Dr. Thomason—Mrs. Frank Ingham.

"Dr. Mary T. McGavran"—Mrs. T. T. Garrard.

Mrs. J. D. Shaw will give the first chapter on the intervention in old Mexico.

Intermission and benediction. Let each and every member be present, for we need you.

### Card of Thanks

Our friends were more thoughtful and kind than we have words to express, during the recent illness and death of Mr. Wein. We are very grateful. Their expressions of sympathy and unselfish attentiveness were very comforting, and we pray that the richest blessings of the Good Father may be showered upon all of them.

Mrs. Geo. Wein, wife, Mrs. L. E. Klebold, daughter, George Wein, son, Mrs. H. Rohlfing, sister.

### Intermediate Endeavor

Subject: "Why I Believe in God." Leader—Ruth Lewis.

Song—I. C. E. song.

Scripture lesson—John 14:1-8-10.

Prayer—Superintendent.

Reasons for Believing in God.

1. "Nature as a Proof of God's Existence"—Elsie Wolcott.

2. "Impossible for the Creation to Have Been By Chance"—Ina Beth Whitefield.

Reading—Leola Bigham. Describe a life lived without be-

# YES

## Here's Another Year At Hand

To the old the passing of another year may bring a touch of sadness---to the young, memories and future usually hold only happiness.

But every one might as well be happy about it, especially when 1920 gives such great promise for all things good.

For our part one fact remains a happy truth---we want to be first on your shopping list for the year 1920.

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### CHISTIAN CHURCH FUND OVERSUBSCRIBED

An associated press news item from St. Louis, dated December 29th, says that the Men and Millions Movement of the Christian church, inaugurated six years ago, to raise \$6,300,000 for education, missions and benevolence, has been oversubscribed by more than \$700,000, it was reported here today at a meeting of the board of directors. The Rev. Dr. Archibald McLeon, of Cincinnati, chairman, and all officers were re-elected.

Edgar Kuykendall, of Big Spring, spent a few days here this week on business.

We have a few cedar chests left that we are going to sell at greatly reduced prices. Now is the time to get one real cheap. Basham, Shepherd & Co. adv 13 2t

Harry McClintic, on the ranch southeast, was host to his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. McClintic, and to Misses Josephine and Mackie Skeen, during the holidays.

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We want to thank you for past business, and ask some more for this year. You will not regret doing this.

We wish you a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

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