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AN IMPROVEMENT IN BUSINESS OUTLOOK

BUSINESS BAROMETER HIGHER WHEN SAP RISES IN THE TREES

Theodore H. Price, says the Star-Telegram editorially, expresses the opinion that "there is every indication that when the sap begins to rise in the trees the business barometer also will be higher." This reflects also the consensus of competent opinion throughout the country. Mr. Price reports one item of especial interest to this section. He says:

"It is reported that Bliss, Fabyan & Co., one of the largest commission houses in the dry goods trade, has received more orders for cotton goods during the first three weeks of 1921 than it sold during the last six months of 1920."

He also observes that "a general revival of moderate activity is to be noted in the textile industry." Reports from other sources show a revival in purchases of domestic wool by Eastern buyers, and there are other signs of improvement. The most favorable events of the past week have been the improvement of foreign exchange, and the definite fixing of the amount of German indemnity. The latter is very largely discounted by the widespread opinion among American, British and Italian economists that the amount is so far beyond Germany's economic ability that it will be necessary to modify it sooner or later. But in this connection it should be noted that the amount to be paid during the next fifteen months is not out of reason and may be complied with without any great derangement of industry and commerce. A payment of two billion marks will be due on May 1, 1921, and another of a like amount will be due May 1, 1922. It is true that in addition to this a tax of 12 per cent will be placed on Germany's exports. But this is not so impossible as the total effect of the whole. It will be possible, therefore, to make a beginning toward rehabilitating Europe's trade under these conditions, for as a matter of fact these payments are lower than were contemplated at the time of the Peace Conference, and constitute a postponement of some of the demands upon Germany. Had the total amount been nearer the capacity of Germany to pay, however, there would have been a much greater improvement of exchange and it would have been of a more permanent character. Particularly there would have been a greater improvement in sterling exchange and this would have been reflected immediately in the price of cotton.

The American public must get used to giving important consideration to the reparations questions for it will continue for a long time to influence business conditions, one way or the other. The fact that some kind of a settlement has been agreed upon by the Allies is that much progress for the present. During the next thirty days there will be much pro and con on the question, however, and the final attitude of Germany remains yet to be seen. If Germany agrees finally to accept agreement for the present, which is likely, we shall have more settled conditions for a while, in any event. It must be kept in mind, in discussing this question, that we are dealing with it as a cold economic factor in the world situation, and not from the standpoint of how much Germany ought to pay or the extent to which she should be punished. For our own part, no limit could be set to those two propositions, morally speaking. But the economic limits in considering the question of how much Germany can pay are very definite, and the economic effects of how much the Allies attempt to collect are bound to be world-wide, one way or the other.

We say all this in passing. The general business situation is brightening though resumption is slow. In Texas and the South generally, we have still to sell a good portion of our cotton crop before improvement is widespread and very great. But we think that Mr. Price's opinion is justified. "There is every indication that when the sap begins to rise in the trees the business barometer also will be higher."

FEBRUARY TERM OF DISTRICT COURT

CONVENES MONDAY MORNING AND FULL VENIRS OF JURORS SUMMONED

With his honor, Judge Chas. Gibbs, on the bench, the February term of district court in Midland County, will convene next Monday morning, February 7th, at 10 o'clock. Sheriff Bradford has completed his work of summoning jurors for the term. The grand jurors will be on hand at the opening of court, the following names composing the personnel thereof:

Grand Jurors
R. J. Beard
M. F. Burns
J. S. Cordill
F. F. Elkin
B. F. Whitefield
W. I. Holmsley
J. O. Reynolds
J. T. Ragsdale
G. H. Butler
J. N. Carson
Millard Eidson
B. C. Girdley
W. S. Hill
Geo. Ratliff
W. M. Wimberly
M. W. Whitmire

Petit Jurors
The petit jurors are not called upon to serve until the second week, which will be February 14th. They will therefore be present on that day at 10 o'clock a. m. Following are the persons who have been summoned to serve:

W. O. Hale
Arthur Judkins
T. W. Parish
K. E. Nutt
O. P. Buchanan
Jax M. Cowden
C. W. Crowley
A. J. Norwood
A. C. Francis
W. P. Nugent
Terry Elkin
R. O. Brooks
Spence Jowell
A. P. Hill
T. J. Brown
W. W. Brunson
Lee Bradshaw
H. M. Horton
Ben Driver
J. F. Barber
B. H. Blakeney
J. A. Nance
J. P. Inman
J. P. Collins
Harry McClintic
Lige Davis
C. C. Foster
J. H. Shepherd
M. D. Johnson
Joe Jay
R. M. Clayton, Jr.
Elliott Barron
T. D. Jones
Elliott F. Cowden
E. N. Snodgrass
W. L. Dean

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Presbyterian church will hold an apron sale on February 26th. The place for the sale has not yet been determined, but it will be soon and you are requested to watch for a later announcement.

C. A. McClintic was called to Sweetwater rather hurriedly last Wednesday, on account of the sudden illness of his wife. She had eaten some canned spinach and suffers of plotmaine poisoning. She was hurried to Temple, perhaps for an operation. Others have been thus poisoned from eating canned spinach lately, two deaths occurring in Abilene. We trust Mrs. McClintic may readily recover.

Mrs. W. L. Holmesly returned yesterday from a visit to Comanche.

SKOVGAARD IS KING OF THE VIOLIN

MASTER VIOLINIST PLAYED TO A LARGE AND DELIGHTED AUDIENCE

In the past Midland has had the privilege of hearing some very fine violinists, some artists, some jugglers and tricksters and some of the slap-stick variety, but never before have we had such an artist as Axel Skovgaard, the Danish violinist who appeared in the Christian church last evening under the auspices of the senior class of Midland College. Mr. Skovgaard's marvelous interpretation is indescribable. From the very first touch of the magic bow upon the Strad the audience was held in breathless suspense wondering where the sweet, mellow, entrancing strains would end, and when after answering repeated encores the master played that beautiful Southern melody, "Old Folks at Home," it was the breaking point; many wept while others seemed to have awakened from a sweet dream. Mr. Skovgaard plays with an ease that is almost supernatural. The great passages that an ordinary violinist would tax their whole strength to perform, the master plays with as much ease as drinking water. This Danish violinist is accompanied by his wife, Alice McClung Skovgaard, and her accompaniments are truly a perfect background for the master, and their ensemble work is marvelous. This lady is also a brilliant soloist and her rendition of "Jeux D'Eau," by M. Ravel, and the Paraphrase on Tchaikovsky's "Flower Waltz" from the "Nutteracker Suite" by Percy Grainger, showed that she was a finished artist in every point of view.

Pearl Witherbee, the vocalist, fairly charmed her audience with her beautiful, liquid and mellow tones. The range of this young woman's voice is wonderful. Her renditions of the different classics were heartily encored, she always responding in a pleasing, modest way. The personality of this young woman is beautiful, and ere her part of the program had hardly begun, she had won her audience.

We wish we could dwell at length upon these artists, but the hour is late and our space limited so we will close by saying that we extend to these artists a cordial welcome to visit our city again at an early date. We also wish to congratulate the senior class upon being able to get Skovgaard and his excellent company to our city.

Sheriff Bradford left on an early train Tuesday morning, for a point in Arizona, where he goes to bring back a prisoner, who is accused of swindling. Details were not reported to us.

PLANS TO CONTINUE BRYANT NO. ONE

CHAMBER OF COMMERCE CALLED UPON TO TAKE THE MATTER UP

Every member of the Chamber of Commerce and every citizen of Midland, men and women, are called upon to meet at the court house tomorrow evening at 7 o'clock when plans to induce the operators of Bryant No. 1 to continue that test will be discussed. This promises to be a momentous occasion for Midland. Mr. Chas. H. Beall, of Wheeling, W. Va., is here today, and will attend the meeting tomorrow night. He will, no doubt, be asked to outline the attitude of the operating company, as he did to members of the Chamber of Commerce this morning.

Mr. Beall is an interesting conversationalist, and we guess he will interest all who hear him tomorrow evening. Above all things he is frank and above board. He answers all questions put to him unreservedly, and as matters now stand it is up to Midland to show some material interest.

The company operating Bryant No. 1, the West Texas Oil Corporation, has already spent more than \$150,000 in this test, and the plans were to complete it thoroughly until the sulphur water stratum was struck, some four weeks ago.

It would be actually tragic for Midland to lose this test now. No need to say why. It is obvious, and while the plans now being made for a resumption of operations will doubtless entail a share of the risks of the company in further procedure, they also embody a promise of liberal reward in case the Bryant test is a commercial success.

It is at the meeting tomorrow night. It is to everybody's interest to be there.

R. D. McANELLY DIED AT TEMPLE SUNDAY

Many Midland friends deeply sympathize with wife and others bereaved by the death of R. D. McAnelly, which occurred at Temple last Sunday morning. The remains were shipped to Midland for burial. Mr. McAnelly was the step-father of Mrs. Claude F. and Mrs. Ben Cowden. He had been in poor health for about two years, and recently, accompanied by his wife, he went to Temple for an operation. He sustained the operation and did nicely for a few days, when complications of pneumonia set in, to which he quickly succumbed. The funeral took place at 3:30 in the afternoon Monday, conducted by his pastor, Rev. O. J. Hull. Many friends attended, and with these The Reporter joins in an expression of deepest sympathy.

OIL DEVELOPMENT BIG SPRING FIELD

THE HERALD TELLS OF CONTINUED ACTIVITIES IN MANY TESTS

As often stated by The Reporter, oil activities at Big Spring and Pecos, to the east and west of us, are almost as important to Midland as are the lesser developments in our immediate locality. Proven fields at these two places would establish Midland in the world of oildom as a spot of much interest, and make our little city the very center of the whole attraction. Last week we published, from the Pecos Enterprise, the enthusiastic oil report that comes weekly from Editor Hibdon's facile pen. Following, only a part of the weekly report of the Big Spring Herald, is a like enthusiasm from Editors Jordan & Hayden:

The contract entered into between the trustees of the Big Spring Production Company of this city and the Federal Service Development System, Inc., of Minneapolis, Minn., for the completion of Quinn well No. 1 of the Big Spring Production Company was finally closed Tuesday.

J. Van Clark, general manager of the Company, and Henry Deutsch, attorney, were here Tuesday to sign up the contracts.

According to the agreement, the Federal Service Development System, Inc., is to pay off the indebtedness against the Big Spring Production Company and to complete the present test to a depth of 4000 feet, if oil in paying quantities is not encountered before that depth is reached.

With propositions from hundreds of small wildcat companies to take over and complete the tests under way, this company chose the Home Company proposition as being the best bet. They are well pleased with the outlook for securing production before the bit reaches 4000 feet. They are convinced that this well is going to be a good producer and are most optimistic over the outlook for the Big Spring field.

The Federal Service Development Company are also operating in the Pecos field, having taken over the Sunshine properties and are having work carried forward on the Laura, Grogan No. 1, Grogan No. 2, Tinally and Victory wells in the Pecos field.

We are unable to state just when the company will begin operations on Quinn No. 1, but when they do start they will make rapid progress for they feel certain that they are going to bring in this well as a producer.

Robt. M. Means and wife and Mesdames D. M. Pinnell and J. M. Speed were visitors yesterday from Andrews, over to do some shopping.

ORCHESTRA PLEASES MIDLAND AUDIENCE

EDWARD BARROW WITH REDPATH CONCERT ORCHESTRA VERY DELIGHTFUL

The Redpath Concert Orchestra, with Edward Barrow, tenor, which was the fourth number of the high school lyceum course for the winter, was perhaps the best lyceum attraction which has ever visited Midland. It is considered the best and strongest attraction sent out by the Redpath-Horner Lyceum Bureau of the United States, and it is the highest-priced attraction both of that bureau and of the high school course for this season. This company was heralded as the greatest musical attraction to visit Midland for eight or ten years, and in the excellent program, lasting one hour and fifty minutes, which it gave in the beautiful auditorium of the Methodist church on Saturday evening, it easily sustained this enviable reputation. Mr. Barrow, while suffering from a cold and from loss of sleep due to long night trips on the train, easily appeared as the most finished singer we have had in years.

The Methodist church was crowded at an early hour, many coming early in order to secure the most desirable seats, in anticipation of the rare treat in store for those who love and enjoy the best to be had in music.

Some of the company, having been used to central time, and thinking that our program was to begin at 8 o'clock, as their program east of Midland had been doing, were rather late, taxing the patience of the large audience, but this was soon forgotten when once the sweet strains of music began to come from the artists of the company, for each was an artist and a soloist. One of the most competent musical critics of Midland remarked, when he heard Mr. Barrow sing: "Why, he is a finished singer, isn't he?" Mr. Barrow sang two groups of songs, perhaps the most famous being "On the Road to Mandalay," and "The Deathless Army," responding to hearty encores each time. Another of our best musicians remarked that "the violinist was a virtuoso and the cellist was an artist," which perhaps well expresses the enthusiasm of the entire audience over these two members of the company, for they certainly did prove to be two of the greatest ever in Midland. Schubert's "Ave Maria" by the violinist and the famous "Rosary" by the cellist were favorites with the audience. These two artists together with the pianist swept the vast audience into enthusiastic and almost stormy applause, the pianist being regarded as nothing short of a wonder. It is understood that these three will form the nucleus of a company for next season, and the high school is planning to sign them as part of the course for next year. "Carmen" by the entire orchestra was perhaps the high mark of the program, it being the opening number. The high school enjoyed it so much, perhaps for one reason, because the pupils have sung "The Toreador's Song" from "Carmen."

One musician remarked that that was as good a program as he wished to hear anywhere, another saying that it was easily worth five dollars. Many congratulations have been received by our superintendent and the high school upon securing this rare musical treat for Midland, and all of Midland will look forward to a return of the company another season.

G. W. WOLCOTT SEEMS SLOWLY IMPROVING

Inquiring friends will be gratified to learn that our townsman, Geo. W. Wolcott, seems to be gradually improving, almost imperceptibly, perhaps, but surely getting a little stronger, day by day. The attending physician stated that if a complication of pneumonia could be avoided his recovery is now decidedly more hopeful. The more promising symptoms seem to have set in about five days ago, and this morning the improvement continues.

Burton Brown and wife were visitors the first of the week from their Ector County ranch home. Mr. Brown reports that only moisture is needed out that way to complete ideal range conditions.

About Your Grocery Bill Last Month

Did You Notice a Reduction?

If you were reasonably frugal and traded with us, you must have noticed how much less your grocery bill was for the month of January. It is a downward trend in nearly all grocery lines, and our store leads in the march to a lower cost of living.

Quality First, Then Price

Did you know that you can hardly afford to use cheap groceries? It is a dangerous thing to do. You may escape a long time, but some day the dread thing may happen—ptomaine poisoning! Just as in dry goods, we handle only the best groceries. No danger in anything you buy from us for your table, and, quality considered, our prices are the lowest to be had. Try us and you become our regular customer.

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Dry Goods Phone 284

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Avail yourself of our organization by becoming a member of our family of depositors.

First National Bank

TEXAS UNIVERSITY STUDENTS EARN WAY

Records in the office of the Registrar of the University of Texas show that during the past session more than half of the men students of the University worked their way in whole or in part, and that nearly 40 per cent of the entire student body was at least partially self-supporting. Men making all of their expenses numbered 658, and those earning part of their expenses, 682; women students who were entirely self-supporting numbered 144, those making part of their expenses, 146. Thus there was a total of 1630 men and women students who earned all or part of their expenses.

Students employ almost every conceivable honest method of earning money. Included are: House work, waiting on tables, tutoring, typing, clerical work, and work in the drug stores, restaurants and other business houses of the vicinity. A number of students own small business enterprises, such as pressing shops, shine parlors, and confectionery stands. Students frequently hold positions as secretaries to the State officials, or as assistants in the departments of the Capitol. Others are assistants in laboratory and work at the University. During the past session one group of men students maintained a very successful advertising agency, and a number of others were newspaper correspondents.

HUNT'S LIGHTNING OIL
CITY DRUG STORE

Citation by Publication

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

You are hereby commanded to cite all persons interested in the estate of Marie J. Riggs, deceased, to appear at the next regular term of the county court, of Midland County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the second Monday in March, A. D., 1921, the same being the 14th day of March, A. D., 1921, to contest, should they desire to do so, the application of S. R. McKinney, filed in said court on the 30th day of December, A. D., 1920, which will then and there be acted on for probating of the last will and testament of the said Marie J. Riggs, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary. You are further commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same in this, the county of Midland, Texas, if there be none, then in a newspaper which is published nearest the court house of such county, for ten days previous to the first day of the term of this, the county court of Midland County, Texas, to which this citation is returnable, to-wit, the 14th day of March, 1921.

Herein fail not, but have you before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, showing your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness C. B. Dunagan, clerk of the county court of Midland County, Given under my hand and seal of said court, at office in the city of Midland, this, the 13th day of January, A. D., 1921.

C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk, County Court, Midland County, Tex. Issued this, the 13th day of January, A. D., 1921.
C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk, County Court, Midland County, Tex. adv 16-4t

W. C. Warren, who left Midland some months ago, was here this week. He is yet unsettled and claims as home anywhere his hat happens to be.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL

By J. E. Jones

Securities and Investments

Since the whole population became investors when Liberty Bonds and War Stamps were placed on the market to save "democracy" from bankruptcy, there has been universal interest manifested in the nation's biggest enterprises. Liberty Bond investors who have found Uncle Sam's paper depreciated all the way from \$1.80 to 13 on \$100 bonds get a grain of comfort out of the fact that stocks of the great industrial institutions, such as steel, have dropped down to \$88 a share. The U. S. rubber is now about \$67 a share and the queen of non-alcoholic booze, Coca-Cola is hitting the bumps considerably beneath \$25. All these shares have nominal par value of \$100. The history of their "downfall" is identical to that recorded by hundreds of securities sold on and off the stock exchanges. The depression is noted on boards of trade where grains are traded in, and in a lesser degree in the stock yards. It is unnecessary to add that the slump has affected the shelves and profits of merchants and tradesmen, and the employment of more than 2,000,000 American citizens.

Voluntary Advice

In the industrial and economic tragedy, advice is looked upon as a pretty poor substitute for the more substantial necessities which the people of the country demand as their right. Political Washington is not taken over seriously throughout the land. Still, churches revise their list of pew holders because the devout brothers and sisters are unable to pay, even though their spirit of devotion and fidelity may remain unquestioned. And lodges that thrive on brotherly love and fraternalism still continue to suspend their unfortunate members whose only offense against the constitution and laws of the order consists in the inability to pay annual dues.

In the face of these conditions which embitter men and women and cause many of them to inwardly entertain bolshevik ideas, we drift back to the old truism that "it takes money to make the mare go." Therefore, forward men and women are compelled to "look the world in the eye" and to obtain as practical a view as possible in answering the questions surrounding the problems of their future well-being. In such circumstances there is common sense in heeding the opinions of those whose views on the industrial situation were quoted on the first page of the Literary Digest of January 8th. The big advertising campaign in the interest of investments that is carried on by Henry L. Doherty and Company, one of the big concerns of the country, has voiced practically the same opinion as that reviewed by the Literary Digest.

"Our message is this," says the statement: "Perhaps never again will there be such bargains in investment securities as the market now offers and so we say to all, and this means you—scrape together all the money you can get without borrowing, and buy investment securities—and buy them now."

Exception might be taken to the use of this advice because it comes from Wall Street. Nevertheless it epitomizes succinctly what all others such as Mr. McAdoo, Secretary Houston and the governor of the Federal Reserve Board, have said.

The Return of Confidence

The security and investment market is not, as many people seem to think, an institution or enterprise directed from the National Capital, or in physical existence confined to New York, Chicago, Minneapolis, St. Louis, Seattle or San Francisco. Neither does it belong exclusively to affairs of public utilities that are found in most every part of the country. It is an institution, and it spreads out as broadly as the post-office, and like the mail—it goes everywhere. Because some Liberty Bonds are now worth only \$87 no one believes that Uncle Sam will eventually try to liquidate his securities at a discount. Recognizing the fact that the country is in the "dumps," a basic principle governs in all of the optimistic predictions that have been noted in the foregoing. The meaning of it all is that your local bank is safe, and so is your local merchant, and your local publisher, and your local government—all depending in the final analysis upon the supposition that in each of these institutions the element of human honesty sustains its average.

The Basis for Predictions

Those who make predictions that are worth reading, compile inventories of basic conditions. They add their knowledge that the United States is affluent in natural resources. Official statistics show con-

clusively that the country requires vast production, that the wheels of finance, industry, agriculture and society are rich in natural lubricants to produce good times under normal conditions. In other words, human and physical inventories show that our country is not only solvent, but literally rolling in wealth. The further fact is apparent, that the country was thrown entirely out of joint by the war. Those who have been competent to analyze the situation entirely agree that fundamental laws are at work, and that it is only a question of time when the country will again be on a sound and substantial basis.

There is but one outstanding difference in the analysis which they bring to the situation. Some authorities say that general conditions will right themselves next spring. Others set the time a year later. Still others split the difference and say that the country will be back to normal next fall. All of these people agree that humanity does its business on a basis of confidence, and therefore, the period of distrust will have to be wiped out in every community before the country returns to good times, and to what President-elect Hardin is pleased to refer to as "normalcy."

Appointments are Tied Up

The Republicans in Congress have effectually tied up all of President Wilson's appointments. A bare handful of them may get through on account of some special consideration; but the vast majority of post-office and other nominations will remain in pigeon holes until after March 4th, when the Republicans will use their prerogative of "taking care of their friends"—as usual.

Too Much Canadian Wheat

The Senate Finance Committee has agreed upon an emergency tariff of forty cents a bushel upon all imported wheat, in order to stem the stream of Canadian wheat that is pouring over the border, and adding to the distress of American farmers who are already in a serious plight because of the collapse of the grain market.

Packers Kick Against Government

The Federal government has a lot of difficulty in suiting the packers, who have come to the point where they hop on senators, representatives and executive bureaus that oppose them. The Federal Trade Commission is the principal thorn in the side of the meat barons, and the packers find fault because a report of the commission was given wide distribution, particularly in international channels, even having been accompanied by a "form letter." "By this form letter," say the packers: "President Wilson was made to extend the invitation to foreign governments to take the 'fundamental action' which the commission said was necessary to prevent international control of meat products by American packers."

Washington is hardly able to "see the point." Government is generally looked upon as something that does not need to be suppressed, even though it does become energetic to get out a "form letter" in an effort to "prevent international control of meat packers."

As an example of insolence the packers are real bulls, as is evidenced by their most recent complaints against the government.

FISHIN'

"Supposin' fish don't bite at first, What are you goin' to do? Throw down your pole, chuck out your bait And say your fishin's through? You bet you ain't; you're goin' to fish, An' fish, an' fish, an' wait 'Until you've ketched a bucketful, Or used up all your bait. Suppose success don't come at first, What are you goin' to do? Throw up the sponge and kick yourself And growl, and fret, and stew? You bet you ain't; you're goin' to fish, An' bait, and bait ag'in, 'Until success will bite your hook, For grit is sure to win." —Prof. Rankin.

It Beat the Original

Young Brandon was the type of student who could talk whether he knew anything of the subject or not. More than once this gift had stood him in good stead in the class-room. One morning Professor Haynes asked him a question of which he was profoundly ignorant, but unabashed, he rose and spoke glibly for several minutes. When he sat down Professor Haynes, who lisped, remarked with twinkling eyes: "Mithter Brandon, your eluthidation of the point ith more luminoth than the point ith'th'f."

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Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Andrews County—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon J. P. Beckley and D. Hill Jameson, 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 Andrews County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Andrews, Texas, on the third Monday in March, A. D., 1921, the same being the 21st day of March, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 19th day of January, A. D., 1921, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 240, wherein C. H. Jameson is plaintiff, and J. P. Beckley and D. Hill Jameson, trustee are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore on or about the 13th day of March, A. D., 1915, J. P. Beckley executed his certain promissory note for three hundred and thirty dollars bearing interest at the rate of eight per cent per annum from date until due and due in six months which was later extended for three more months by plaintiff, securing said indebtedness by giving to the said plaintiff a deed of trust with D. Hill Jameson as trustee of said deed of trust on the following described land lying in and being situated in Andrews County, Texas, to-wit: The south one hundred acres of the east one-half of section five, block A thirty-five, together with all improvements situated on said land or to be thereafter erected or situated thereon. That the sum of two hundred dollars has been paid on said promissory note and the balance of the principal and interest are still unpaid. Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt, interest, and foreclosure of the deed of trust lien on the above described land and premises.

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 Andrews, Texas, this 19th day of January, A. D., 1921.

R. M. MEANS, Clerk, District Court, Andrews County, adv 16-4t

Sheriff's Sale

The State of Texas, County of Martin.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the honorable district court of Martin County, of the 27th day of January, 1921, by Jno. F. Epley, clerk of the said court, for the sum of \$4,363.29 and costs of suit, under a foreclosure of Deed of Trust lien in favor of Mrs. Florence Konz in a certain cause in said court, No. 866, and styled Mrs. Florence Konz vs J. L. McCullough and Gertrude McCullough, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, V. Y. Sadler, sheriff of Martin County, Texas, did on the 27th day of January, 1921, levy on certain real estate, situated in Martin County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: South half (S. 1-2) of Sec. 16, block No. 35, Tsp. 2 North Grantee T. & P. Ry. Co. with all improvements thereon. Said lien being foreclosed as to all defendants in said suit and levied upon as the property of J. L. McCullough and Gertrude McCullough, and that on the first Tuesday in March, 1921, the same being the 1st day of said month at the court house door, of Martin County, in the town of Stanton, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said J. L. McCullough and Gertrude McCullough.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in The Midland Reporter, a newspaper published in Midland County.

Witness my hand, this 27th day of January, 1921.

V. Y. SADLER, Sheriff Martin County, Texas, adv 17-3t



RHODE ISLAND REDS and BLACK MINORCAS.
A limited number of eggs for hatching.
My birds are better this year than ever.
S. M. BASHAM

DAGGETT-KEEN CO.
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E. M. (BUD) DAGGETT
CATTLE SALESMAN
CHAS. DAGGETT
CATTLE SALESMAN
CLARENCE L. KEEN
CATTLE SALESMAN
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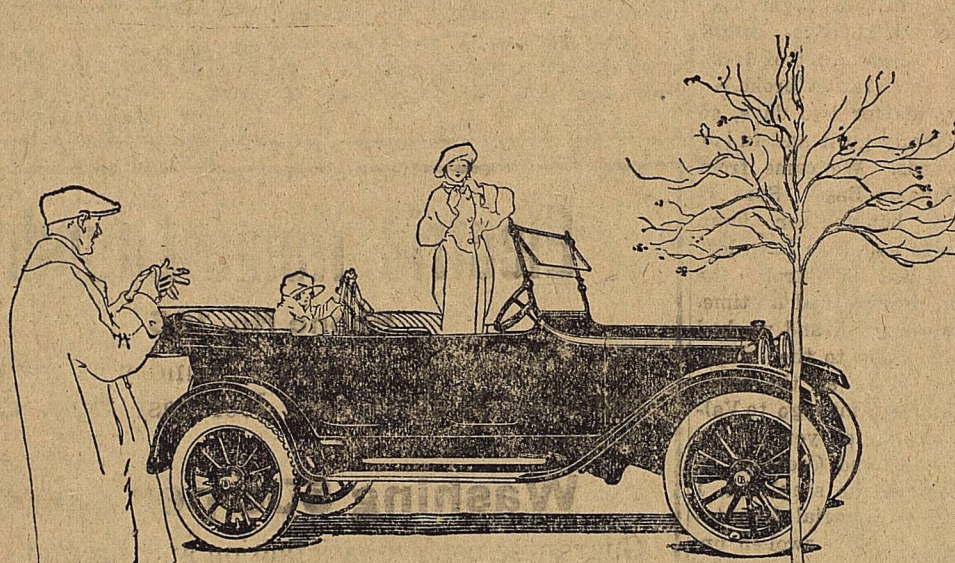
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PROPOSED BY TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Upwards of 20,000 stock hogs and feeder cattle have been offered for sale to West Texas farmers having surplus of feedstuffs, according to letters which have been received by the Texas Chamber of Commerce. There is a surplus of stock hogs and cattle in many portions of the State this year, while the grain growing sections of West Texas and the Panhandle have a surplus of feedstuffs. The Texas Chamber of Commerce has made arrangements with the Ft. Worth stock yards for a movement of cattle to the sections having abundant feedstuffs.

Within three days after the first notice of this arrangement was dispatched, a number of letters had been received from men having cattle and hogs to sell and those wishing to buy stockers and feeders. Live stock will be handled through the Ft. Worth stock yards, and only government fees will be charged for immunizing and dipping operations, according to C. C. French of the stock yards company, who is co-operating in this movement.

The chief difficulty, of course, lies in getting extension of credit to farmers wishing to buy stockers and feeders. Mr. French will make a trip through West Texas and endeavor to complete arrangements for extension of such credit. The Texas Chamber of Commerce has appealed to Eldred McKinnon, of Austin, president of the Texas Bankers' Association, for the assistance of that organization in getting the credit extended to farmers.

THE COWBOY'S PRAYER

O Lord I've never lived where churches grow,
I love creation better as it stood
That day you finished it so long ago,
And looked upon your work and called it good;
That filters down through tinted window panes.
And yet I seem to feel you near to-night
In this dim, quiet, starlight on the plains.
I thank you, Lord, that I am placed so well;
That you have made my freedom so complete,
That I am no slave of whistle clock or bell,
Or weakened prisoner of wall or street.
Just let me live my life as I've begun,
And give me work that's open to the sky;
Make me a partner to wind and sun,
And I won't ask a life that's soft or high.
Let me be easy on the man that's down;
And make me square and generous with all;
I'm careless sometimes, Lord, when I'm in town,
But never let them say I'm mean or small.
Make me as big and open as the plains,
As honest as the horse between my knees,
Clean as the wind that blows behind the rains,
Free as the hawk that circles down the breeze.
Forgive me, Lord, when I sometimes forget.
You understand the reasons that are hid,
You know the little things that gall and threaten,
You know me better than my mother did.
Just keep an eye on all that's done and said,
Just turn me sometimes when I turn aside,
And guide me on the long, dim trail ahead
That stretches upward toward the Great Divide.
Charles B. Clark, Jr.

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon Vern Smith by making publication of this citation once 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, to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Midland County, Texas, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in February, A. D., 1921, the same being the seventh day of February, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the day of January, A. D., 1921, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1605, wherein Ola Beatrice Smith is plaintiff and Vern Smith is defendant, and said petition alleging the lawful marriage of plaintiff and defendant on or about the 11th day of June, 1917, and that on account of abandonment of the plaintiff by the defendant about four years ago, she asks that the bonds of matrimony be dissolved between the plaintiff and defendant, and for such other relief, special and general in law and in equity that she may be entitled to.
Herein fail not, but have 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.
Witness, C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk of the County Court of Midland County, Texas.
Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the city of Midland, Texas, this 13th day of January, A. D., 1921.
C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk,
District Court, Midland Co., Texas.
Issued this 13th day of January, A. D., 1921.
C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk,
District Court, Midland Co., Texas.

Notice

The Commissioners' Court of Midland County, Texas, will, at the regular term of said court, to be held at the court house in the town of Midland, Midland County, Texas, on the second Monday in February, A. D., 1921, same being the 14th day of said month, receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Midland County, Texas, that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county for the ensuing two years as provided by law.
Any such banking corporation, association or individual banker in said county, desiring to bid, shall deliver to the county judge of said county on or before the first day of the said term, a sealed proposal stating the rate of interest that the said banking corporation, association or individual banker offers to pay on the funds of the county for the term between the date of such bid and the next regular time for the selection of a depository. Said bid shall be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year, as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted by the court, he will enter into the bond as required by law.
At said term of the court, such bids as may be presented will be opened and acted upon by the court as prescribed by law.
Given under my hand and official seal of office at Midland, Texas, on this 18th day of January, A. D., 1921.
J. M. DEARMOND,
County Judge, Midland County, Tex.
adv 16-3t

J. E. Witcher and wife were in the first of the week from their Ector County ranch. Mr. Witcher reports the range still in fine shape, though of course rain is needed.

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CARDUI HELPED REGAIN STRENGTH

Alabama Lady Was Sick For Three Years, Suffering Pain, Nervous and Depressed—Read Her Own Story of Recovery.

Paint Rock, Ala.—Mrs. C. M. Stegall, of near here, recently related the following interesting account of her recovery: "I was in a weakened condition. I was sick three years in bed, suffering a great deal of pain, weak, nervous, depressed. I was so weak, I couldn't walk across the floor; just had to lay and my little ones do the work. I was almost dead. I tried every thing I heard of, and a number of doctors. Still I didn't get any relief. I couldn't eat, and slept poorly. I believe if I hadn't heard of and taken Cardui I would have died. I bought six bottles, after a neighbor told me what it did for her.
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Citation by Publication

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Andrews County—Greeting:
You are hereby commanded to summon the Lone Star Farms Company, a corporation, partnership or joint stock association, the stockholders of which or the partners thereof being unknown, and W. E. Bell, 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; to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Andrews County, to be holden at the court house thereof, in Andrews, Texas, on the third Monday in March, A. D., 1921, the same being the 21st day of March, A. D., 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 28th day of October, A. D., 1920, in a suit, numbered on said docket of said court No. 238, wherein J. S. Means is plaintiff, and James V. Gowl, A. A. Horne, Ira J. Bell, the Lone Star Farms Company and W. E. Bell are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore on the 1st day of November, 1915, defendant James V. Gowl made, executed and delivered to A. A. Horne his promissory note in writing in sum of four hundred twenty-six and 80-100 (\$426.80) dollars, due in one year after date and providing for interest from date at rate of 10 per cent per annum and 10 per cent additional as attorney's fees, and simultaneously therewith, executed a deed of trust to secure said note on section 12, block A-34, public school land, Andrews County, Texas, and which note and lien were transferred to plaintiff.
That the Lone Star Farms Company thereafter acquired said land in consideration of the assumption of said note.
Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt, interest and attorney's fees and for foreclosure of the deed of trust 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 Andrews, Texas, this 30th day of January, 1921.
R. M. MEANS, Clerk,
District Court, Andrews County.
adv 15-7t

Notice

The Commissioners' Court of Andrews County, Texas, will, at the regular term of said court, to be held at the court house in the town of Andrews, Andrews County, Texas, on the second Monday in February, A. D., 1921, same being the 14th day of said month, receive proposals from any banking corporation, association or individual banker in Andrews County, Texas, that may desire to be selected as the depository of the funds of said county for the ensuing two years as provided by law.
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At said term of the court, such bids as may be presented will be opened and acted upon by the court as prescribed by law.
Given under my hand and official seal of office at Andrews, Texas, on this 18th day of January, A. D., 1921.
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MANY BUSINESS FAILURES IN DECEMBER

The record of business failures as compiled by R. G. Dunn & Company, New York, shows that December, 1920, was the worst month so far as failures are concerned for any month since January, 1917, writes the research and statistical department of the First National Bank of St. Louis, in weekly financial review. This is true both in regard to failures and total liabilities. Their investigation shows that 1525 business concerns were unable to meet their obligations during the month. This compares with a total of 1050 such concerns for the month of November and 581 in December, 1919, and 683 in December, 1918. The liabilities involved in commercial failures during December, 1920, totaled \$58,371,539 against \$30,758,130 in November, \$8,300,000 in December 1919, and \$12,249,000 in December, 1918.
Failures among manufacturing concerns amounted to 421 last month and involved liabilities of \$27,834,000. This contrasts with 169 failures involving \$1,989,398 for December of last year, and 205 involving \$6,497,000 in the same month two years ago.

Trading concerns showed failures amounting to 1007 during December, the liabilities aggregating \$18,386,000. This compares with 369 such failures involving \$4,945,000 for December of 1919. Failures among agents, brokers, and others numbered 97 and involved \$12,639,000 43 involving \$1,375,000 in December, 1919, and 61 involving \$1,334,000 in December, 1918.

For the calendar year 1920 business failures numbered 8,881 as compared with 6,451 for 1919 and 9,982 for 1918. The total liabilities involved in the 1920 failures were, however, \$295,121,000 as compared with \$113,291,000 for 1919 and \$163,019,000 for 1918. To equal the total liabilities involved in the last year's failures it is necessary to go back to 1914 and 1915. The 1914 failures totaled \$357,908,000 and those for 1915 \$302,286,148.

O. P. Buchanan left the first of the week for Austin, there to spend a few days visiting his distinguished brother, Senator Buchanan.

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FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 1921

CITY ELECTION

First Tuesday in April, 1921

For City Marshal:

- RALEIGH D. LEE
- JOHN WINBORNE
- BEN ETHRIDGE
- S. B. CARR

MIDLAND SOCIETY

MISS LYDIE G. WATSON
Editor
Phone No. 38

Mrs. D. W. Branson Hostess

A group of congenial friends enjoyed a most delightful spend-the-day party in the suburban home of Mrs. D. W. Branson last Tuesday the occasion being a celebration of the hostess' birthday. The ladies carried their fancy work and their flying needles made a shining accompaniment to their bright, merry chatter. The dinner was indeed a "thing of beauty" and a joy to each one who sat around the festive board. Turkey and all the good "fixings" were there in great abundance. Just one thought saddened the heart of this dear mother, wife and friend, and that was that none of the absent children, so tenderly loved and cherished, could be in the home nest upon this joyous day. Her own mother and sister, Mesdames Veal and H. C. Casey, of Ft. Worth, however, were present and their sweet presence was an added source of happiness. The other guests who enjoyed the lovely festivity were: Rev. O. J. Hull and family; Mesdames J. H. Barron, Brooks Pemberton, Ida Mimms, Marvin Ulmer, Frank Norwood, N. W. Bigham, J. M. Gilmore and Lenton Brunson.

The Wednesday Club had a pleasant meeting this week at the Llano Hotel with Mrs. Chas. Gibbs as hostess, at which time the election of officers for the next club year was held, and with the following result: President, Mrs. W. M. Chancellor; vice president, Mrs. Homer Rowe; recording secretary and treasurer, Mrs. Frank Elkin; corresponding secretary, Mrs. Jax Cowden; parliamentarian, Mrs. E. R. Thomas; critic, Mrs. W. L. Holmesly.

The following program was then much enjoyed:
Roll call: Response, A Woman Lawyer—when and where did or does she live?
Paper: Women of America in the Legal Profession—Mrs. Scharbauer.

Some personal experiences of the club members relative to Texas laws for married women—The Club.
Some Texas laws a woman should know in managing home and the home budget—Mrs. Thomas.

The meeting then had an open session at which time Mr. Caldwell gave a most interesting address on Texas laws for married women, after which Mr. Kilgore favored the ladies with some special music.

An Enjoyable Dinner Party

A dinner party of lovely appointment and unusual charm was given on last Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. George Gray. All of the requirements of success were there, a genial host, a charming hostess, congenial guests, a lovely home and a perfectly cooked dinner, served on a table which seemed to have each required "finishing touch" to an exquisite service.

The guest list included Misses Fannie Bess Taylor, Lydie G. Watson, Messrs. M. F. Burns and Billie Sparks, and after dinner the evening was happily and informally spent by these friends of many years standing, in conversation—the anecdotes frequently taking a reminiscent trend:

There is no friend like the old friend who has shared our morning days, No greeting like his welcome, No homage like his praise. Fame is the scentless sunflower With gaudy crown of gold, But friendship is the breathing rose With sweets in every fold.

SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Christian Church
Sunday is the day to spend with the above named church. The music both instrumental and vocal will be of a high order, emphasizing the spirit of piety and worship. The Sunday morning sermon on the Lord's Prayer, will be given following the Lord's supper at 11 a. m.

The evening service will be in the hands of the ladies of the church who have prepared a splendid program emphasizing the pure heart, great heart and practical help to the less fortunate of mankind. This will be highly interesting, entertaining and instructive.

Junior Christian Endeavor at 2:30 p. m.

Intermediate Endeavor at 3 p. m.

Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 6:45.

I. H. TEEL, Pastor.

Baptist Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. In beginning the month of February let's resolve we will make a better record than we did in January. Individual record is made of each one attending. Two hundred and forty-nine present last Sunday. We are trying for 275 the coming Sunday.

Preaching hours 11 a. m. and 6:30 p. m. Music at both hours furnished by a choir and orchestra that make preparation. Congregational singing a feature of the evening service led by a choir of fifty voices. Fifty-three sang in the choir the past Sunday evening. These services are not long drawn out, but are concluded within the hour. No doubt but that you will enjoy worshipping at this church.

B. Y. P. U. at 5:30 p. m. Interesting and helpful program rendered by the young people. Mr. Arrant, pres.

Ladies Auxiliary Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mid-week prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 6:30 o'clock.

OWEN J. HULL, Pastor.

Methodist Church

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.

Preaching service at 11 a. m.

Junior Epworth League 2:30 p. m.

Senior Epworth League 5:30 p. m.

Song service begins at 6:30 p. m.

Offertory and announcements.

Solo: "The Miserere," from "Il Trovatore"—L. C. Kilgore.

Preaching by the junior preacher at 7 p. m.

Come and hear the music for the orchestra will play for us both morning and evening.

L. C. KILGORE, J. P.

B. Y. P. U.

Subject: "That Life of Yours."

Leader—Leola Bigham.

Songs 182 and 169.

Invocation.

Scripture reading—Willie Preston.

Introduction—Minta Ayeock.

Vocal solo—James Harrison.

"The Qualitative Test"—Curtis Nance.

Piano solo—Margaret Caldwell.

"The Quantitative Test"—Ben Wall.

Songs 170 and 122.

Benediction.

Woman's Missionary Society

The following program will be rendered at the regular meeting of the society at the Methodist church on Monday, February 7th, at 2:30 p. m.

All members are expected to be present. All visitors will be heartily welcomed:

Subject: "Establishing a City in Righteousness."

Hymn No. 195.

Bible lesson: "The Ideal and the Real Jerusalem." Isa. 2: 2-4, 5-9; 3: 1-7, 5: 1-7.

Hymn No. 176.

Prayer—Mrs. W. L. Clark.

Topic: "New Orleans; its Romantic History; Its Need of Redemption; Establishing Righteousness Within its Gates."—Mrs. O. W. Ligon.

Circle of prayer by members.

Business.

Missionary News—Miss Effie Rankin.

Story: "Margaret of New Orleans"—Miss Lillian Bryan.

Dismissal.

Mrs. Bryan—Leader.

Mrs. Eidson Loses Father

The sympathy of many friends is with Mrs. Millard Eidson, who, together with her brother, Mr. Andy Williams, of Seminole, returned last Tuesday from Beeville, where they had been to attend the funeral of their father, Mr. J. A. Williams. The deceased had not been ill, nor even suffered, but tired, after life's long journey like a weary child he peacefully and gently fell asleep to awaken upon thee, "Evergreen Shore." The Reporter extends condolence to all sorrowing loved ones.

Mrs. John Budworth returned on Tuesday from a visit to relatives in Platonla.

METHODIST PASTOR SOON TO BE HOME

STILL IN MINNESOTA BUT EXPECTS TO LEAVE THERE ABOUT THE 12th

Midland friends will be pleased to hear from the Methodist pastor and his wife, who have been in Rochester, Minn., for almost a month. Bro. Swimme took his wife to the Mayo sanitarium at Rochester, leaving Midland about the middle of January. Their present address is 312 3rd Ave. S. W., Rochester, Minn., and following is a letter received from him only yesterday:

Dear Midland Reporter:

(And friends and folks generally; for it would be entirely too much of an undertaking to write to all to whom I would wish to write; and all whom I flatter myself would be glad to hear from us:)

Wife and I left Muskogee, Okla., on the night of January 19th at 11 o'clock, arrived at Kansas City at 8 the next morning. From that city we started on the same day at 1:35 in the afternoon; arriving in this far northern city of Rochester at 6 o'clock on the morning of Friday, January 20th.

The weather here has been mild (for this latitude) ever since we came. Never very cold, but all the time the temperature below freezing (except on two or three days in the afternoon, when there was a little thawing in the afternoon). We have not been out over the city any, so can not give you any idea about the beauties of the place. Our pace has been in the Mayo building most of the time.

Wife is now being treated in the Curie Radium Institute, and the doctor who has charge of her cause says that she will not need to remain more than about two weeks longer; which will enable us to leave here about the 12th or 14th of February. Wife will most likely stop at her son's home in Oklahoma for a few weeks, but I will "hit the trail" for Midland and my church and my people just as fast as I can go. I am certainly "a-honin'" for my home folks.

I am anxious to get back to the work and the dear friends of Midland; although I am sure that the work is going along as well under the care of Brother Kilgore as it would if I were there personally and "on the job." But I miss the warm hand-clasps and the hearty greeting of the dear friends to whom—while I have known them so short a time—my heart "is knit, like the heart of David unto that of Jonathan."

May God bless and keep you all, and speed the day when I shall be with you again.

Your brother, most truly,
S. X. SWIMME.

P. S.—I have been having a general examination; do not know yet what the doctors are going to say—other than the doctor told me last Saturday afternoon that I have catarrh of the larynx and bronchials; that there is nothing the matter with my lungs. That is comforting in one sense of the word, though I would be glad had they have added that what I had could be cured.

R. E. CROWLEY HEARS FROM HIS SON, CLYDE

Clyde Crowley, son of our townsman, Judge R. E. Crowley, in his naval service is aboard the United States Steamship Aroostock, which is now at Balboa, Panama. Judge Crowley has just had a letter from the young man, which will be of interest to his friends here. He writes: Dear Father:

Will drop you a few lines tonight to let you know that I am well and doing fine. How is every one in the States now? We are having a fine time here now. When we left I never had a chance to mail a letter until we came into Panama Bay, Mexico, then we stopped at Banderas Bay, then across the gulf to Salina Cruze, Mexico. In Salina Cruze went ashore and two were drowned and one chief was shot by a Mexican. Sea Plane N. C. 6 killed one man when it landed it pulled him into a propeller. We left there. The next stop was off Costa Rica, then a couple of the seaplanes stopped and we stopped at Banderas Bay. Then a whale came up under a motor dory and almost upset it. Then one seaplane, N. C. 5, was wrecked then we made the bay of Honda. It is a pretty bay, the most beautiful ferns and palm trees all around the bay, coconuts and bananas by the millions. Right near the shore some of the boys caught some monkeys. We gave out of fresh water and the evaporation broke. We drank boiler water for two days, so hot you could hardly go it and full of oil and compounds. We came from there into Panama Bay. Sure is some fine place but you can jump across the streets and they have left hand traffic. I was on patrol the first night in. I sure had a time. All the boys were drunk and we had a time getting them to the ships. Balboa is a nice place; all the white people live there. We may go to Valparaiso, Chili. Can't tell yet, but we are going to Colon and Cocosola to put new engines in the seaplanes. I was vaccinated for malarial fever today. My arm is all swollen up. Don't worry about me for I can take care of myself and there is no danger whatever here. I am going to send some things home in a few days if I can get them off. Must close. Oceans of love, your son,

CLYDE CROWLEY.

Epworth League

Leader—Lillie B. Williams.

Subject: "Fellow Leaguers; What They are Doing for Each Other."

Song service.

Scripture reading, Ps. xxxiv: 11-22; Luke xxii: 32; 2 Peter I: 5-7.

Song and prayer.

Responsive reading, Ps. cxi.

Recitation—Minnie Rita Hutchison.

"What We are Learning"—Mary Allen.

Introduction of topic—Leader.

Solo—Freddie Bradford.

"What are the Younger Members Doing for the Older"—Stacey Allen.

"What the Older Leaguers are doing for the Younger"—Chas. Klapproth.

Announcements and benediction.

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WANTED—A second hand bath tub. Must be in good condition. J. L. Jones, phone 201. 17-2f

BIG JACK SALE AT AUCTION—At Baird, Callahan County, Texas, by W. T. Wheeler on Tuesday, Feb. 22nd, 1921, in barn two blocks from shiner 25 head of registered jacks and 50 head of jennets. There will be no by-bidding. You are invited to come and buy them at your own price. Don't forget the date. 17-4f

HENS WANTED—A good price paid for any breed of setting hens. H. H. Meeks, phone 320. 18f

LOST—Watch fob, size of a quarter, pure gold. Locket with picture of girl in it. Name "Louis" on back, and monogram "L. E. S." on front. Suitable reward. May have lost same in Midland, or between Midland and the J. W. Driver ranch. L. E. Spencer, 1005 Elm St., Dallas, Texas; or deliver to J. W. Driver, Midland, Texas.

FOR SALE—A 1917 Ford roadster, with 4-foot truck body on back. Good over-sized tires all around. \$275 cash. See it at Llano Tailor Shop. 19f

W. L. DICKSON SHOT AND INSTALLY KILLED

W. L. Dickson used to live near Midland, on a ranch southeast. He was killed in Ranger on Tuesday of last week. Following is a part of the story as told by the Eastland Chronicle:

W. L. Dickson, alleged "home wrecker," was shot and instantly killed yesterday morning on one of the prominent street corners in Ranger.

Ed G. Bigby, Ranger real estate dealer, was taken into custody shortly after the killing and is now under bond in the sum of \$5,000.

The following is the story as taken from the Ranger Times and verified from other sources:

"I have killed him, boys. I had to—he broke up my home."

This statement came from the lips of Ed G. Bigby, prominent real estate dealer and property holder, on Tuesday after he had shot W. L. Dickson, service car and transfer man, five times, killing him instantly. As the statement was made Mr. Bigby handed his gun, a 41-caliber Colt's, to Dick Rusk, city detective.

The shooting occurred in the middle of the street at Austin and Main. It is said that the two men have been friends for years and during the past two years in Ranger, Dickson has lived in the Bigby home.

Y. W. A.

Y. W. A. of the Baptist church will meet with Miss Halie Rhea Jewell on Tuesday, February 8th, at 3:30 p. m.

The Epworth League was pleasantly entertained on last Friday evening at the home of Mrs. W. L. Clark, and many pleasant diversions were planned for the entertainment of the young people. In a contest Mr. Kilgore won the prize. At a late hour suitable refreshments were served.

A fresh shipment of cut flowers just received, roses, carnations, and Shasta daisies. See them at the Elite Confectionery. adv

Mesdames B. P. Harrison and Clarence Hale have fitted up beautiful quarters in one of the Garrett & Brown buildings on Main street, and are open for all sorts of high class dress-making, men's and women's repair work, etc. Tailored skirts for women and shirts for men are among their specialties.

EUROPEAN RELIEF PROGRAM LAST SUNDAY

The benefit program staged at the Rialto Theatre last Sunday under the direction of Mr. Ekman, was in every way a grand success. As stated in our last edition, this program was in response to a pledge made by the motion picture theatre owners of America to Herbert Hoover to raise \$2,500,000 with which to save 250,000 starving European children and Sunday was selected as the day throughout the United States in which to give this benefit performance.

The lobby of the Rialto Theatre was appropriately decorated for this occasion; a child's high chair containing a contribution box being the representative of the "invisible guests" and a vase of carnations and ferns was a nice tribute to the occasion.

The vocal selections by Miss Melson and Messrs. Mims, Kilgore and Robert Barrows, (the latter of the Redpath Concert Orchestra) and the cello solo by Mr. Ned Watson accompanied by his sister, Miss Lydie G. Watson, were a delightful treat. These numbers were followed by a Prizma Scenic on "Alligators" and a story of Alsace Lorraine, "Daring Hearts," featuring Francis Bushman and Beverly Bayne, made a very appropriate program. A contribution was taken up at the theatre and together with contributions which have since come in, now total \$177.50. As there are no deductions made for war tax or any expenses, this amount will be forwarded to the committee at Dallas, who in turn, will forward all donations to Herbert Hoover, chairman of the European Relief Committee. Next week we will publish some of the results of these benefits in the various towns and cities in Texas.

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The Reporter joins other friends in congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Meeks, upon the arrival of a baby boy in their home early last Monday morning. Our best wishes are extended.

LITTLE IMPROVEMENT IN LIVESTOCK MARKET

Dating at Kansas City, January 31st, Chas. L. Pipkin, our market correspondent, writes:

Feeders continue to send heavy supplies of cattle, hogs, and sheep to Chicago and while more western markets show moderate supplies they are forced into a weak position because of the decline at the Lake market. Prices for cattle here today were steady to slightly lower than a week ago, and about the same as last week's close. Hogs were steady to 10 cents lower, top \$9.50. Sheep and lambs were 25 to 35 cents lower.

Receipts today were 11,500 cattle, 12,000 hogs, and 8,500 sheep, compared with 11,000 cattle, 8,000 hogs, and 9,500 sheep a week ago, and 13,250 cattle, 17,100 hogs, and 4,850 sheep a year ago.

Receipts of fat cattle were about normal for this season of the year, but with Chicago prices lower and a slow demand for beef in the East, killers held small orders. Trade opened slowly. Prices were about the same as late last week, and slightly lower than last Tuesday. Best demand today was for handy weight steers and choice light weight heifers and mixed grades. Rough heavy steers and cows sold slowly. Most of the fat steers brought \$7.50 to \$8.50, and bulk of cows \$5 to \$5.75. Veal calves were steady to 25 cents lower, top \$12.

Trade in stockers and feeders was quiet. The failure of fat cattle to show stronger tendencies is keeping down demand for thin cattle. It will be only a short time until the pre-spring demand for grazing cattle will increase demand for stock grades. Few cattle are going on feed and it now looks as though the April run of fat cattle will be small.

Hog prices were steady to 10 cents lower, mostly steady. The top price was \$9.50 and bulk of sales \$9.15 to \$9.40. Pigs sold up to \$10. Feeders are making a good profit on hogs fattened on 50 cent corn. Indications are that receipts in the next 60 days will remain short of the same period last year. Average weight of hogs is holding around 235 pounds or 20 pounds heavier than a year ago. The choice 160 to 210 pound grades are bringing a good premium over other weights.

Sheep and lamb prices were down 25 cents. Trade was extremely dull until the decline was established and then a fairly good clearance was made. Lower prices elsewhere caused the decline here. Lambs sold at \$9 to \$9.75, ewes \$4 to \$4.50, wethers \$4.75 to \$5.50 and yearlings \$7.25 to \$8.25.

About 300 horses and mules are in sight for this week's auctions. Early trade was quiet with prices steady with last week's decline.

S. B. CARR IS OUT FOR CITY MARSHAL

Our townsman, S. B. Carr, this week authorizes The Reporter to announce him as a candidate for the office of city marshal, the contest for which office is to be decided in the city election to be held the first Tuesday in April. Mr. Carr has filled this office before, and feels that he is altogether competent to do so again, acceptably to all parties concerned. In the event of his election he promises his best efforts always to serve the people impartially, and to the end that the general interest of the community may be promoted. Mr. Carr has been a citizen of Midland a good many years, and the people know him and his ability to make good on the promises he makes in promoting the interests of his candidacy. His interests are all in Midland, as they have ever been, and it affords The Reporter pleasure to commend him to the consideration of the voters.

MRS. CARL UNDERWOOD DIED MONDAY EVENING

About three weeks ago Carl Underwood, a young stockman from near Shafter Lake, brought his young wife to Midland for medical attention. She was desperately ill and for many days had been unable to retain any nourishment. The physician was in constant and attentive attendance, so was the husband, and a number of anxious Midland friends. Nothing availed and the tired soul passed on to rest about 5:30 o'clock last Monday afternoon. The funeral services took place Tuesday afternoon at 3 o'clock, conducted by Rev. O. J. Hull, of the Baptist church. John Underwood and wife, parents of the husband, were the only near relatives present, the others living too far away to come, but Midland friends sympathized, ministered, and offered such consolation as sad hearts could, and with these The Reporter joins with an expression, deep and heartfelt.

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At the evening service Sunday in the Methodist church Rev. L. C. Kilgore, the junior preacher, will sing a solo, "Miserere," from the opera "Il Trovatore," a prime favorite of Tetrizini. You are invited to hear him.

New suits and skirts just arrived from New York; there's a color style and size for you. Come and get it NOW, at Whitmeyer's Shop for Midland. adv

Do you know that you can get the prettiest hats, suits, skirts, dresses and blouses for the least money at Whitmeyer's Shop for Midland? adv

W. S. Hill has a number of nice homes in Midland, also some very desirable building locations, close in. You may see him to your advantage. adv 18f

W. A. Dawson, buyer for Midland Mercantile Company, left yesterday for the markets north and east. He expects to be gone about three weeks.




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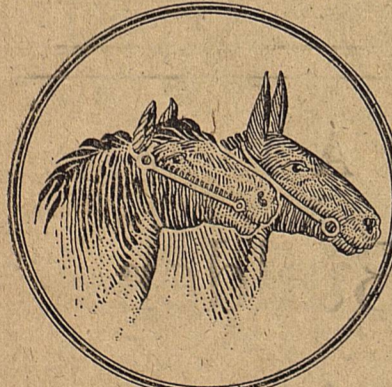
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SQUARE DEAL FOR TEXAS AGRICULTURE

EDITORIAL FROM RECENT ISSUE OF RICE JOURNAL AND So. FARMER

Texas is the richest agricultural State in the Union but all agricultural interests will agree that regardless of how commendable or necessary it is at this time to retrench on expenditures and appropriations, the proposal of the State Board of Control to curtail the appropriations for the operation of the agricultural experiment stations is a short-sighted policy of false economy.

As an example of the policy of the board toward the thirteen experiment stations, the recommendations reducing the appropriation for the Rice Experiment Station at Beaumont may be cited. The management of this station asked for an appropriation of \$10,125.00 to carry on work already started and take up other important research work. The Board of Control cut this figure to \$4,640.00 for 1922 and \$4,590.00 for 1923. These figures are approximately \$1,400.00 less than the appropriation for the past season, when the work was so curtailed that it was impossible to carry on many valuable experiments relating to rice. Though \$3,500.00 was requested for labor only \$1,500.00 was allowed. An item of \$200.00 for insurance on the farm buildings was stricken out entirely. The State prefers to run the risk of a loss by fire rather than carry the ordinary protection that any good business man or farmer would hold a necessity. The magnificent sum of \$150 is allowed for machinery, though just what machine used on a rice farm could be purchased with that amount is not set forth.

The work carried on at the agricultural experiment stations is of the highest importance, and a few thousand dollars expended by the State for this purpose will be returned many times over by increased value of agricultural products and taxes paid by citizens who profit thereby. In no other branch of agriculture is research work more important than in the rice industry. Research work on practically all other crops has been going on for years in all parts of the country but very little has yet been done with rice, which may properly be considered one of the State's main crops though one of the most uncertain.

The completion of one series of experiments alone may result in hundreds of thousands of dollars more profit to the rice farmers. Experiments in irrigation, fertilizing, cultural methods, etc., are not all that are now being carried on. These experiments must be extended over a period of from six to ten years so that results may be certain, for different conditions prevail each season. The propagation of new and improved varieties of rice is of the highest importance. Men trained in this work and who can be depended on cannot be secured for a couple of dollars a day, and a superintendent with a few negroes to help out occasionally is entirely inadequate to get results from the money spent, no matter how small the appropriation. Agricultural interests should see that pressure is brought to bear on the Board of Control so that enough money will be appropriated to really accomplish something, or forever hold their peace when results are not forthcoming.

As conducted now without sufficient money for either supplies or labor the experiment stations represent a waste of money. Common sense business methods will correct this situation. In their zeal to reduce expenditures the Board of Control merely recommends a policy which will mean a further waste without accomplishing anything, as far as the experiment stations are concerned. Give the farmers some co-operation and assistance and the State of Texas will retain her place as first agricultural State. Without these she will go backward.

Some of Us Haven't Any

On Johnny's first day at school he was given a registration card on which his mother was to write his birth record. The following day he arrived late and without the registration slip.

"Johnny," said the teacher, "you must bring an excuse for being late, and don't forget the slip about when you were born."

All out of breath next day Johnny rushed in holding a note from his mother. "Teacher," he gasped, "I brought the one for being late, but I forgot my excuse for being born."

SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT COTTON

About 60 per cent of the world's supply of cotton is grown in America.

Cotton is indigenous to all tropical and semi-tropical countries. Sea Islands, grown off the Atlantic coast of the United States are the finest cottons in the world.

Boll weevil has about destroyed the Sea Island cotton industry.

Boll weevil first appeared in the United States at Brownsville, Texas, in 1892.

A single pound of cotton has been spun into a single thread more than 1,000 miles in length.

The prospect is that there will be an unspun supply of American cotton at August 1st, of 9,607,000 bales. Before the war the average amount of cotton on hand at that date was about 1,200,000 bales.

The "visible supply" of cotton, and the total supply on any given date are two entirely different things. Manufacture of cotton goods is the very foundation of British wealth.

There is now enough unspun cotton in the world to last about two years.

The average price of middling cotton at 10 leading cotton markets in the South Saturday was 14.03 cents.

The statistical year for cotton runs from August 1st to July 31st.

U. S. Census Bureau reports 12,016,000 bales ginned to Jan. 16th. The next ginning report will be published March 20th.

THE WORTH WHILE "THREES" OF LIFE

Three things to love: Courage, Gentleness, and Affection

Three things to admire: Intellectual Power, Dignity, and Gracefulness.

Three things to hate: Cruelty, Arrogance, and Ingratitude.

Three things to delight in: Beauty, Frankness, and Freedom.

Three things to wish for: Health, Friendship, and Cheerfulness.

Three things to pray for: Faith, Peace, and Purity of Mind.

Three things to like: Cordiality, Sincerity and Mirth.

Three things to avoid: Idleness, Loquacity, and Flippancy.

Three things to govern: Temper, Tongue, and Conduct.

Three things to cultivate: Good Books, Good Friends and Good Humor.

Three things to contend for: Honor, Country, and Friends. —Texico Star.

RAILROADS FALL SHORT IN EARNINGS

In a weekly financial review, submitted to The Reporter for publication, the First National Bank of St. Louis, department of research and statistics, submits the following for this week:

The Association of Railway Executives, New York, issued a statement on January 12th, reviewing the net railway operating income for November, 1920, of the Class 1 railroads in the United States.

According to this compilation, based on the reports made by the railroads to the Interstate Commerce Commission, the net railway operating income for the month was \$57,741,739 which is \$41,544,063 or 41.8 per cent below the amount which it was estimated would be earned under the increased rates fixed in August by the commission in accordance with the Transportation Act.

This tabulation was made up from reports received from 200 railroads having a total mileage of 229,754 miles. Based on this operating income, the carriers would earn annually approximately 3 1-2 per cent on the value of their property as tentatively fixed for rate making purposes by the commission. This is 1.1 per cent below that estimated of October earnings. The railroads should have earned \$99,286,000 during November in order to have realized a return of 6 per cent on their valuation as provided by the Transportation Act.

Operating revenues during November totaled \$568,697,000, an increase of 34.6 per cent over those for the same month of last year. Total operating expenses were \$485,466,000, an increase of 29.2 per cent above the same month of last year.

The net railway operating income shows an increase of 170.8 per cent above that of November, 1919. The smaller showing of last year is due to the coal miners strike that existed at that time, which greatly reduced the freight tonnage.

During the three months period of September, October and November, since the expiration of the guaranty period, the net operating income of the carriers indicate earnings at the rate of 41.1 per cent annually. Their net operating income for this period falling short approximately one hundred million dollars of the amount necessary to pay a return of 6 per cent.

Judge E. R. Bryan returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to points east.

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Only single persons whose net income for 1920 was less than \$1,000 and married persons living with husband or wife whose net income was less than \$2,000 are exempt from the requirement to file an income tax return.

The obligation to consider his own case and to file an income tax return on time, if one is due, is landed squarely on the shoulders of every resident of the United States. Guesswork is barred. The returns are sworn statements, and accuracy is essential. Salaried persons and wage earners must ascertain the actual compensation received. Bonuses, shares in the profits of a business, values of quarters and board furnished by an employer, and other items of compensation for services must be included.

Returns must show both gross and net income. Gross income includes practically every dollar received by the taxpayer during the year 1920. The net income is determined by subtracting from gross income certain deductions specified by the revenue law, and fully explained in instructions on forms 1040-A and 1040 for filing returns.

Business expenses are the principal allowable deductions in computing net income. The law specially prohibits the deduction of household and living expenses. Typical deductible business expenses are for salaries, labor, cost of merchandise, raw materials and supplies, rent, repairs, light, power, delivery, selling cost, advertising, and insurance. Doctors, lawyers, and like professional men may deduct from their gross income dues paid to professional societies and subscriptions to professional journals, rent paid for offices, amounts paid for light, fuel, water, and telephone used in such offices, and the wages paid to office assistants.

This year, as last, the tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return, on or before March 15th, 1921, or in four installments, the first of which is due on or before June 15th, the third on or before December 15.

The return must be filed with the collector of internal revenue for the district in which the taxpayer lives. Heavy penalties are provided for failure or willful refusal to make a return and pay the tax when due.

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Hot Supper—Even on Sunday
Jackson and Lige had just returned from a sojourn in France with the A. E. F. They were much impressed with the manner in which their race was treated in that country and were discussing the matter between themselves.

"Do you know what I see gwine ter do?" Jackson asked Lige.
"No, boy; what you gwine ter do?"
"When I gets back home in Mississippi I see gwine to de Brown House some Sunday and take dinmah. Gwine set at de same table wid white folks and smoke cigahs jest as big as any ob 'em."

"G'way, niggah," scoffed Lige. "Ef you evah tempts to eat dinmah at de Brown House Ah bets you eats sup-pah in hell!"

Mrs. J. K. Durbin writes from Memphis, Tenn., that she will be home about the 8th. Many friends will cordially receive her after her visit back to her native heath.

Citation by Publication

The State of Texas, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Andrews County—Greeting.

You are hereby commanded to summon the Lone Star Farms Company, a corporation, partnership or joint stock association, the stockholders of which or the partners thereof being unknown, and W. E. Bell, 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; to appear at the next regular term of the district court of Andrews County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Andrews County, Texas, on the third Monday in March, A. D., 1921, the same being the 21st day of March, 1921, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 28th day of October, A. D., 1920, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said court No. 239, wherein J. S. Means is plaintiff, and James V. Gowl, A. A. Horne, Ira J. Bell, W. E. Bell and Lone Star Farms Company are defendants, and said petition alleging that heretofore on the 1st day of November, 1915, defendant James V. Gowl, made, executed and delivered to A. A. Horne his promissory note in writing in sum of twelve hundred dollars, due in one year, after date and providing for interest from date at rate of 10 per cent per annum and 10 per cent additional as attorney's fees, and simultaneously therewith executed a deed of trust to secure said note on section No. 18, blk. A-34, public school land, Andrews County, Texas, and which note and lien were transferred to plaintiff.

That the Lone Star Farms Company thereafter acquired said land in consideration of the assumption of said note.

Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt, interest and attorney's fees and for foreclosure of the deed of trust 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 Andrews, Texas, this 30th day of January, 1921.

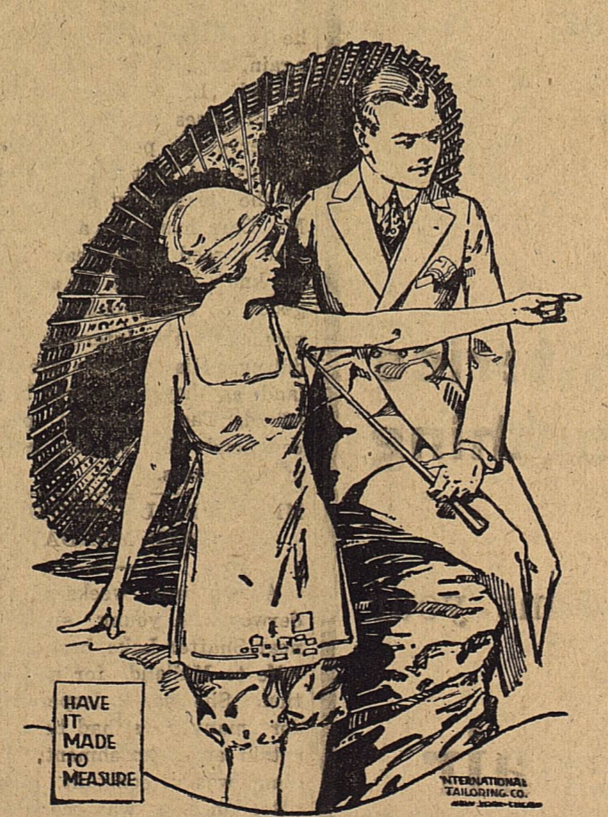
R. M. MEANS, Clerk, District Court, Andrews County. adv 15-7t

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TOGO EXPLAINS "LOVE POPPAGANDA" IN SUNSET

Hashimura Togo (Wallace Irwin) relates, in the February Sunset: "Fellow Thinkers, (both sexes) many brickbats have arisen between white and yellow colors residing on Pacific Coast, both in America and New Zealand. American people cannot look at Japanese without behaving Sinn Fein. Vice versa often occurs. Result of this is riot-call, jail-wagon, Secretary Colby and other calamities. These two great powers across the Pacific make gentlemen's disagreement, Viscount Chinda think up bright diplomacy. All time those international relations gets cemented, but Hon. Cement refuse to get stuck on itself. When Japanese see American he say, 'Banzai!' When American see Japanese he say 'Rats!'"

"This could not go on forever, because forever is too long. What then shall we use to stick those different colors together into eternal union of mankind?"

All that Japanese Thinking Society was disabled to tell.

"I shall inform you," renounce Hon. Soda with genteel expression. "Answer to all that, is Love Poppaganda!!!"

Sensations everywhere.

"Love kicks in where angels cannot sleep," say Hon Shakspeare, famous book-maker. And how plain this shows that Japanese, intense managers in everything, have neglected one (1) important detail. They have forgot to make Americans love them! Yet they shall do so now.

"They must study this knowledge carefully. All our brains must swell up with effort to compel loving thoughts. We must study works of Romeo, celebrated lover, and combine this with Ella Willer Wheelcox poetry. We must go in training to be affectionate so that when we meet American clergymen, congressmen, grocerymen, etc., they will walk away, with their hearts quite liquid."

Reuben Collins was in from Toyah Tuesday, paying a visit to his parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Collins. The young man at present works in a drug store out there, and he says even that little town is more alive than Midland. Says further he is glad he left Midland.

Beware of Rosy Financial Promises

Do not invest in anything unless fully convinced of the wisdom of the undertaking. This conviction can come from only one of two sources: (1) your own knowledge; (2) the word of some one else. As to the first, have you really the knowledge, or is it but opinion or guess work? As to the second, whose word is it that you are taking? Always stop and ask yourself these questions before coming to a final decision. If this were done there wouldn't be so much money lost in unwise investments. The old saying, "A bird in the hand is worth two in the bush" is peculiarly applicable to investments. Isn't a small return with safety of principal better than rosy promises that can not be made good? What advantage is it to have an investment that promises an enormous yield, if you never get the yield, and in the end you lose the principal too? Greed is one thing you should leave behind when you approach an investment; to carry cupidity with you is fatal.

Taxes and interest payments are the bane of existence for many people. Thrift and a rigorous rule of saving will banish the nightmare of being in debt.

Look with a suspicious eye upon everything that promises a rate of return out of keeping with going investment yields. He who promises overmuch usually intends performance not at all.

These are some of the things to be kept in mind. Successful investors do keep them in mind, and act accordingly. At this time, when real investment opportunities are so varied and in such abundant supply, it is well to ring the changes on the fundamentals.—February Sunset.

She Didn't Know Sumacs Either
A woman was discussing the English language with Ruyard Kipling. "Don't you think it strange Mr. Kipling," she said with superior wisdom, "that sugar is the only word in the English language where an 's' and a 'u' come together and are pronounced 'sh'?"
Mr. Kipling's eyes twinkled as he answered: "Sure."

MID-TERM EXAMS SHOW HIGH GRADES

SIXTY EXEMPTIONS IN HIGH SCHOOL AND DISTINCTION LIST OF 205

Reports from the mid-term examinations, which were held January 19-21, 1921, are perhaps the best in the history of our schools. They show that sixty were exempt in the high school where exemptions are allowed, that of the 509 in the entire system who either were exempt or took the examinations 466 passed in all subjects, which gives a total passing average of 91.55 per cent, and that of those who did take the examination 205 were on the distinction list. This is a very gratifying record when we remember that the percent that pass in most schools is about 70. Our unusually high record is perhaps due to the fact that we have an unusually strong faculty, that the pupils are ambitious and have ability, and that we have no crowded rooms, except in the high school, where two of the rooms are running over with pupils. In the high school, the number who were exempt together with those who took the examination was 152. Of this number 135 passed in all subjects, an average of 88.81 per cent. In the grammar school at central ward, 165 were examined and 152 passed in all subjects, an average of 92.12 per cent. In the grammar school at south ward, 192 were examined and 179 passed in all subjects, an average of 93.22 per cent.

Pupils in the high school, in order to be exempt, must have an average 95 in department, 90 or more in scholarship, and 85 in monthly quizzes, for the term. Where they had not made the required average on all subjects, but had made in department and on individual subjects, they were allowed exemptions on those particular subjects.

Below are given the names of those pupils in the high school who were exempt in one, two, three, or all subjects, and also the names of those who won distinction in the mid-term examinations:

High School Exempt in All Subjects
Mae Bryans 4.

- Margaret Caldwell, 5
Fayette Clark, 4
Lady Connell, 5
Quinnie Cordill, 5
H. B. Dunagan, 5
Kathleen Eiland, 5
Evelyn Estes, 5
Jessie Hale, 5
Clifford Heath, 4
Oriell Horton, 5
Bryan Hull, 5
Louise Karkalits, 5
Florence Manning, 5
Bernice Norwood, 5
Johnnie Preston, 4
Johnnie Roberts, 4
Winnie Runyan, 4
Evelyn Scarborough, 4
Thomas Schrock, 4
Laura Smith, 4
J. Wiley Taylor, 5
Quintie Thomas, 4
Bettie V. Trammell, 5
Annie Wall, 4
Lenore Whitmire, 5
Myrtle Whitmire, 5
Louelle Williams, 5
Elsie Wolcott, 5

- Exempt in Three Subjects**
Thelma Anderson, 3
Izetta Lee, 3
- Exempt in Two Subjects**
Annie Lee Brunson, 2
Winnie Carlisle, 2
Jewell Collins, 2
Margaret Currie, 2
Thord Dockray, 2
Minnie Foster, 2
Alice Haley, 2
Lyman Hyatt, 2
Thomas Inman, 2
Lillie Kelton, 2
Herman Klapproth, 2
Ruth Lewis, 2
Cecile Peyton, 2
Maude Price, 2
Rebecca Underwood, 2
Lillie B. Williams, 2

- Exempt in One Subject**
Olive Allen, 1
Leola Bigham, 1
Gladys Buchanan, 1
Edith Daniels, 1
Frances Daniels, 1
Benjamin Fleenor, 1
Clyde Guinn, 1
Mabel Holt, 1
Ruth Inman, 1
Ulalia Jones, 1
Nellie Midkiff, 1
Geneva Shaw, 1
Ernest Smith, 1

- High School Summa Cum Laude (90 or more)**
Maude Price 2—90 1-2
Herman Klapproth 3—90 1-3
Geneva Shaw 3—90 1-3
Magna Cum Laude (85 to 89)
Annie Lee Brunson 3—88 2-3
Marion Allen 5—87 3-4
Lyman Hyatt 2—87
Rebecca Underwood 3—86 2-3
Thord Dockray 2—86 1-2
Thomas Inman 5—86 1-3
A. J. Florey 4—86 1-4
Izetta Lee 2—86
Benjamin Fleenor 4—85 1-4
Rufus Parks 4—85 1-4
Olive Allen 4—85

- Grammar School Department Central Ward Summa Cum Laude (90 or more)**
Bush Elkin (Low First)—98 1-2
Forrest Biard—98 1-4
Martha Nobles—98
Wright Cowden (L. F.)—97 1-4
Georgia Kirk Davis—97
Frances Ratliff—96 4-5
Laudie Mae Wilmoth—96 1-2
Alma Lee Norwood—96
Thalbert Thomas—95 4-5
M. D. Johnson—95 3-4
Ethel Railey—95 1-4
Nancy Rankin—95 1-4
Revice Brumley—95
Jessie Mae Estes—95
Bush Elkin (High First)—94 3-4
Donovan Gwyn—94 3-4
Aubrey Brown—94 2-5
Ike Ethridge—94 2-5
Annie Julia Aycock—94 1-4
Jane Jones—94 1-4
Lonnie Smith—94 1-4
Helen Margaret Ulmer—94 1-4
Frankie Long—93 3-4
Allene Terry—93 1-2
Marian Wadley—93 1-2
Rita Merle Young—93 1-2
Othell Wilmoth—93 2-5
Ila Brown—93 1-4
Ben Smith—93 1-4
Ellen Potter—93
Billie Potter Mathena—92 3-4
Wright Cowden (H. F.)—92 1-2
Rosie Pliska—92 1-2
David Allen—92 1-4
O'ivia McKissick—92 1-4
Grace Bradshaw—92
Valta Covington—92
Winston Elkin—92
Lillie Mae Norwood—92
Dorothy Weinstein—92
Margaret Bradford—91 1-2
Ray Gwyn—91 1-2
Gladys Inman—91
Georgia O'Brien—91
Velma Winborne—90 4-5
Willie Ramsay—90 3-5
June Tucker—90 2-5
Louis Thomas—90 1-5
Kitta Belle Wolcott—90 1-5
Ted Dozier—90
E. B. Estes—90
Dora Wall—90
Magna Cum Laude (85 to 89)

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THE MIDLAND NATIONAL BANK
Midland, Texas

- Opal Rutherford—89 3-4.
Clinton Dunagan—89 3-5.
Minnie Rieta Hutchison—89 3-5.
Frankie Fernandes—89 1-2.
Eddie Long—89 1-2.
Bernetta Ray—89 2-5.
Ethel Long—89 1-4.
Elizabeth McKissick—89 1-5.
Virgie Locklar—88 4-5.
R. B. Covington—88 3-4.
Virginia Hale—88 3-4.
Henry Young—88 3-4.
Hazel Foster—88 3-5.
Allen Cowden—87 4-5.
Hazel Hill—87 3-4.
J. R. Smith—87 1-2.
Upton Hammett—87 2-5.
Jackson Parker—87 2-5.
Joe Bailey Rount—87 2-5.
Helen Manning—87.
Anna May Mathena—87.
Howard McKinney—87.
Author Greenhill—86 4-5.
Cassie Lee Potter—86 4-5.
Mary Elizabeth Randolph—86 3-4.
Wallace Wimberly—86 2-5.
V. R. Dockray—86 1-4.
Annie Laurie Hix—86 1-4.
Cecil Long—86.
Joe Underwood—86.
Mabel Elkin—85 3-4.
John Philip Inman—85 1-4.
Stella Woody—85 1-5.
Walter Estes—85.

- South Ward Summa Cum Laude (90 or more)**
Maurine Tigner—98 3-4.
Jimmie Sims Brown—97 3-4.
Dorothy Manning—97 1-2.
Mabel Phillips—96 3-4.
Mattie Elkin Biard—96 3-4.
Marie Hill—96 1-2.
Tommie Smith 96 1-4.
Robert Fleenor—96 1-4.
Ruth Shaw—96.
Juanita Johnson—95 3-4.
Scharbauer Eidson—95 1-2.
Elizabeth Hale—95.
Margaret Francis—95.
Richard Ramsay—95.
Jeanette Waddell—95.
Tola Lee—94 3-4.
Eloise Goode—94 1-2.
Josephine Skeen—94 1-2.
Louise Hill—94 1-4
Barron Wadley—94.
Katie R. Anderson—94.
C. C. Foster, Jr.—93 3-4.
Lottie Fay Wright—93 3-4.
Tom Pottor—93 1-2.
Ruth Norwood—93 1-2.
Bennie Sue Ratliff—93 1-4.
Dorothy Ratliff—93 1-4.
Lyndo Hollingsworth—93 1-4.
Wayne Hill—93 1-4.
Marvin Pritchett—93 1-5.
Leah Edwards—92 4-5.
Sidney House—92 3-5.
Ida Mae McKinney—92 3-5.
Jennie Elkin—92 3-4.
Dorothy Cowden—92 1-2.
Jewell Midkiff—92 1-2.
Harwell Whitmire—92 1-2.
Mary Fleenor—92 2-5.
Addlesee Haag—92 1-4.
Witzel Whitmire—92 1-4.
Frank Truex—92 1-4.
Margaret Crooks—92.
Lillie Filler—91 3-4.
Roy Bryant—91 3-4.
Hope Woody—91 1-2.
J. L. Jones—91 1-2.
Charles Brown—91 1-4.
Maggie Wisdom—91 1-5.
John Wisdom—91.
Frank Midkiff—91.
Bernice Hill—91.
J. H. Fine—91.
Tommie Flood—90 3-4.
Marjorie Wright—90 3-4.
Clarice Hull—90 3-4.
Emily Flanagan—90 3-4.
Susan Cowden—90 3-4.
Earl Klebold—90 1-2.

- Jax Cowden—90 1-4.
Eulalah Beauchamp—90 1-4.
Ida Mae Houston—90.
J. C. Roberts—90.
Magna Cum Laude (85 to 89)
D. W. Brunson—89 3-4.
Velva Neeb—89 3-4.
Ethel Rayburn—89 3-4.
John W. Crowley—89 1-4.
Alma Ray Sale—89 1-2.
Carroll Tigner—89 2-5.
Otho Moore—89 1-4.
Louise Greenhill—89 1-4.
Lela F. Irwin—89 1-4.
Ainslee Estes—89.
Lynch King—88 3-4.
Alice Buchanan—88 1-2.
Earl Ray—88 1-4.
Stantoh Brunson—88 1-4.
Ruby Moore—88 1-5.
Marvin Hedges—88.
Elva Smith—88.
Mary Allen—87 4-5.
Agnes Allen 87 3-4.
Vance Hyatt—87 3-4.
Sadie Bradshaw—87 1-2.
Robert Lee—87 1-4.
Robert Caldwell—87 1-4.
Ford Schrock—87 1-4.
Rowena Daniel—87 1-4.
Joe Henry Ratliff—87 1-4.
Kenneth Johnson—87.
Charles Hedges—87.
Nettie Mae Wilson—86 4-5.
Johnnie D. Underwood—86 3-4.
Beatrice Rogers—86 3-4.
Felicé Dockray—86 1-2.
Sarah Weinstein—86.
Lucile Stewart—86.
Geraldine Brooks—85 3-4.
Lucile Thomas—85 3-4.
Elma Collins—85 3-4.
James Shepherd—85 1-2.
Marvin Beauchamp—85 2-5.
Robert McKissick—85 1-4.
D. H. Haley—85 1-5.
T. J. Stokes—85 1-5.
Rubie Wilson—85.

GENERAL REPORT OF RANGE CONDITIONS

The U. S. Department of Agriculture, station at Amarillo, under date, January 19th, sends out the following general report of range conditions:

Amarillo District: The precipitation noted in the reports of our observers as occurring during the early part of the week was beneficial to the ranges in general, and averages much in excess of the moisture reported during the corresponding week in January 1920. Condition of livestock is noted as fair to good. A comparison of the night temperatures for the current week with those of the corresponding week in January 1920 indicates a much lower average. The report from the Utah district indicates mild weather favorable to livestock and the conservation of feed supplies. Moisture still ample, except needed in southern portion of range. Feed and stock generally good. In the Wyoming district the observer reports week as moderate and favorable for livestock which are in fair to excellent condition, winter range open or partly open, and fair to good. Feeding local, and supply generally plentiful. Over the Arizona district of the cattle range region the observer reports the weather during the week as generally favorable, but stock water becoming scarce.

We regret to lose J. A. Nance and family. They left the latter part of last week for their new home at Clyde.



Too Many Pure-Breds?

Grandpap had his chance to go in for pure-breds. "No," he said, "too many already." Again opportunity knocked at father's door. "The breeding business is being overdone," father declared. Today the same chance is presented to you. Many persons will still tell you there are too many pure-breds. Don't believe them. It is the same old bogey—the scarecrow with a heart of straw that fooled grandpap and father. **LESS THAN TWO PER CENT OF OUR CATTLE ARE PURE-BREDS.** These are the facts—the 98% are scrubs or grades!

It is too late for Grandpap; and for father—his chance may be gone; but the road is open to YOU. Join those who have become independent by breeding good cattle. Thousands of men in the United States who went in for pure-breds ten years ago are now independent. Tens of thousands who go in now will become independent during the ensuing decade. Our hope is that you will be one of them. Now is the time to buy, when all prices are low. Get ready to share in future high prices.

For instances showing what pure-breds have done for farmers in average circumstances we refer you to the week-by-week articles in THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN. It combs the country for every sort of news of interest and profit to farmers, and this very ad is due to its desire to be of service. It is really hard to contrive more pleasure and profit than \$1.00 spent for a year's subscription (52 issues) to THE COUNTRY GENTLEMAN will bring you. You'll want it eventually—why not order it TODAY?

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FT. STOCKTON PAPER AGAIN IS JUBILANT

OLD REPUBLIC WELL BLOWS IN WITH FINE OIL AND GAS SHOWINGS

The following enthusiastic story of more oil excitement at Fort Stockton, is taken from the last issue of the Fort Stockton Pioneer:

No little excitement was created on the streets of Fort Stockton, Saturday, when the report became current that another well had blown itself in the preceding night and, was making a flow of oil and gas, equal to, if not surpassing, that which was made by the Miracle well three weeks ago.

Expedition investigation elicited the information that a ranchman, J. T. Baker, had come into town with the news that in passing the Perry ranch, east of Fort Stockton, on the Sheffield road, he noted gas and oil flowing from an old well drilled by the Republic Production Company, three years ago.

Just what the phrasing of Baker's version may have been is not known, but it is quite certain that it lost nothing in color by repetition, and when the news story had been sufficiently exaggerated and elaborated to make it sound worth while investigating, several cars filled with oil men, out of town potential investors, and newspaper men, repaired to the location, hoping to see that which would fully confirm the pleasing rumors.

Arriving upon the scene most of the visitors suffered some small measure of disappointment in that they failed to see oil gushing into the air; but they were, to a man, pleased to note that the well had blown some oil and was still making gas. That which had once been the cellar, over which stood an oil derrick, but which has now resolved itself into nothing more than a shallow pit below the earth's surface about four feet deep, was partially filled with water which had welled up through the debris clogging the well, carrying with it, under gas pressure, a quantity of oil, apparently of a density like unto that contained in the Turney old wells, which made an impenetrable film over about one-half of the surface of the pool, which was in the throes of intermittent agitation caused by the expulsion of gas from the depths of the old well.

The presence of the oil and gas was enough to justify one arriving at the conclusion that if the old well were thoroughly cleaned out and shot, oil in commercial quantities might be expected to flow, almost beyond a doubt.

This morning a report supplementary to the news already obtained was to the effect that both oil and gas in greater volumes were flowing from the well, the report having emanated from a nearby ranchman, J. T. Baker.

For the purpose of securing confirmation of the news, and eliciting added information, telephone communication was held with the Baker ranch, and Mrs. Baker stated that the gas was breaking through the surface of the water voluminously, intermittently carrying oil with it in no small quantities.

The location of the well is in what is known as Four Mile Canyon, on the Perry ranch, section 6 block

Z, about four miles south of the Texas-Top Oil Company well, ten miles north and east of the Menzie deep test, and about 11 miles east of the Bordner-Shannon Company's location, on which drilling will start this week.

The well was drilled by the Republic Company, a Houston, Texas, organization, and work was abandoned in the fall of 1917, at a time when the drill was working in limestone at a depth of 2,365 feet, having drilled in the lime from the 1,255 foot level. The company experienced both gas and oil showings at different levels and from the depth of 1,210 feet on down to 1,255 feet the drill worked its way through a 45-foot stratum of brown sand, with showings of oil in every screw.

The kept log of the well reads as follows:

From surface to 640 feet, red-beds and blue shale.
640 feet to 1,000, rock salt.
1,000 feet to 1,210, limestone.
1,210 to 1,255, brown sand showing oil in every screw.

1,255 feet to 2,365, limestone.
In the course of the drilling of the well a tool-dresser named Barnes, while working in the cellar, was overcome by the fumes of noxious gas, and ere a co-worker could give the alarm and secure relief, Barnes succumbed; and his companion, who had attempted to return to his rescue and fell from the pit ladder, unconscious, was dragged out just in time to save his life.

It cannot be, with any degree of certainty, foretold just what may result from this unexpected eruption of oil and gas from the long abandoned well of the Republic Production Company, but it is a surety that the showings it is making are a demonstration that will encourage experienced oil men and conservative investors to view with no little favor that particular section of country, as it tends to support the judgment of the operators who have persistently maintained that a drilling rig will, in the course of time, vindicate them by entering into a pool of oil that will spout forth in a veritable torrent of liquid gold, startle the oil world with its amazing volume, and cause a rush to the fields that will surpass that of anything of a similar nature that ever before has been witnessed.

The acreage surrounding the well is under lease to E. A. Reilly, more widely known as "Trapshooter" Reilly—the man who brought in the famous "Trapshooter" well in Kansas some time ago—and it is quite reliably stated that Reilly, with ample financial backing, is going to drill out that area.

At any rate, the Bordner-Shannon, the Blackshere-Texas, and the Menzie people, are quite jubilant over the blowing-in of the old Republic Production Company well as it removes from the minds of the various operators any lingering doubts they may have entertained as to the existence of a large body of oil underlying the territory in which they are drilling.

ROOMS—Two rooms for light housekeeping. The kitchen room newly papered with oil paper. Nice sink, fireplace, electric lights, phone, bath, and toilet in the house. A pleasant place to spend the summer. Close in. Phone 71, or write P. O. Box 523, Midland, Texas. 18tf

W. S. Hill this week sold his grain and feed business to his competitor, J. E. Hill. An announcement of the transaction may be seen in another column.

RIALTO THEATRE
By a Moviephan

Friday, matinee and night, is your chance to again see the mighty Elmo Lincoln in a Super-Attraction, "Under Crimson Skies." After seeing Elmo Lincoln in "Tarzan of the Apes" and "Romance of Tarzan," you cannot afford to miss seeing him in this exciting romance on the high seas. Also the last episode of "The Moonriders."

Saturday the Rialto offers the king of comedians, Harold Lloyd, the boy with the tortois rimmed glasses, in "Bumping into Broadway." In this comedy he is supported by Sunshine Sambo. Also Bill Russell in a comedy drama, "A Live Wire Hick."

Monday Norma Talmage in "The Way of a Woman," an emotional drama of absorbing interest. Also a country comedy. A hundred laughs.

Tuesday Katherine McDonald, the American beauty, appears in a First National Attraction, "The Turning Point." Also the seventh episode of "The Lost City."

Wednesday, Roy Stewart, the popular Western star, appears in "The Lone Hand;" a picture with very clever gun play. Also Snub Pollard and Sunshine Sambo comedy.

Thursday a Metro Special, "Old Lady 31," heads the bill. This picture is similar to the big picture of the year, "Over the Hill to the Poorhouse," and has a number of pathetic and amusing situations that will cause you to laugh and cry by turns.

Card of Thanks

I have sold my grain and feed business to Mr. J. E. Hill, and I take this method of thanking my friends and customers for the liberal patronage that I have always enjoyed. Also I wish to commend Mr. Hill to my former patrons. He is much better prepared, thus combining the two businesses, to take care of your needs than the two of us as it was looked after before. He will accommodate you in all reasonable ways, and I ask my friends to give him their patronage.

W. S. HILL.

Would you like to buy a nice home in Midland or a desirable building location close in? See W. S. Hill. adv 18tf

PAYMENT OF TAXES EXTENDED TO OCTOBER

Provisions included in the first general bill signed by Governor Neff, relating to postponement of taxes until Oct. 15 are as follows:

It is a House bill and provides for taxes and publication of tax delinquents shall not be made before April 15, 1921; it also reduces the penalty from 10 to 5 per cent, which, with the interest of 6 per cent, makes the extra obligation 11 per cent if the taxes are paid after January 31 and before Oct. 15.

The bill failed to receive the necessary two-thirds vote in the Senate to vitalize the emergency clause, hence it will not become effective until ninety days after this session adjourns. If the present session expires about March 15 the law will go into effect on June 15. It is sure to become operative before Oct. 15.

A strenuous effort was made by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce to pass the bill, and it succeeded, but the failure to receive 21 votes in the senate creates an unexpected situation and one which the lawyers and courts may have to solve.

I have a number of nice residences for sale, well located and in desirable neighborhoods. Also some good building locations. W. S. Hill. adv 18tf.

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that in compliance with Art. 2440 et seq., Vernon's Civil Statutes, the Commissioners' Court of Martin County, Texas, will at the February term of said court, to be held at the county court house in Stanton, Texas, on February 14th, 1921, at 10 o'clock a. m., receive from any banking corporation, association or individual banker, sealed bids or proposals as the depository for the funds of said county for the next succeeding two years thereafter.

All such bids to be sealed and delivered to the undersigned not later than 10 o'clock a. m. on February 14, 1921, and to be accompanied by a certified check for not less than one-half of one per cent of the revenue of said county for the year 1920. Said court reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

Witness my hand at Stanton, Texas, this 20th day of January, A. D., 1921. A. G. ODOM, County Judge, Martin Co., Texas. adv 16-4t

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Rev. L. W. Matthews, Presbyterian pastor, who is at Mt. Pleasant, Texas, recuperating his health, writes that he is improving and expects to be with his charge again at the end of the three months period designated upon his leaving. Friends will be glad to hear this good news.

Our esteemed friend, Burd Hollaway, was reported very ill the first of this week. He is out at his ranch in Northwest Andrews County. Later report was that his illness was not serious, and he was getting along all right.

Holly Roberts is producing a fine quality of meat with his gristmill recently installed in the iron building just to the rear of The Reporter office. He grinds on Wednesdays and Saturdays.

METHODIST CHURCH WEEKLY REPORT

Rev. Clarence Davis of the Northwest Texas Conference preached both morning and evening to a large audience. Subject Sunday morning, "The Christian Warfare." Subject Sunday evening, "Prayer." Rev. Davis is very evangelistic in his preaching. He closed both hours with a beautiful consecration service. No one could listen to such sermons, so filled with the Spirit's power and not be moved to a better life. Rev. Kilgore sang a beautiful solo at each service. The choir director greatly desires that all members of the choir be present on Friday night at 6:30 as he has some new special music to work on.

—Reporter.

Expressing Our Appreciation

The first days of our Fire Sale, which started last Saturday, have proven our assertion that it would establish an epoch in the merchandising history of Midland. The wonderful bargains we are offering appeal to the people, despite the present money stringency, and our store has been crowded daily with eager shoppers. We are appreciative, very, and are going to show our appreciation by extending this unprecedented bargain event

Throughout February

No need to quote prices. Thousands of lines would be needed to enumerate the startling bargains we are offering. There are yet thousands of dollars worth of fine merchandise to be had at a price you could not ask to be lower, and you are the loser if you do not share in this event of such money-saving proportions.

Off to Market Next Week

Our Mr. Patterson and Mrs. Norma Youngblood leave next week for the markets. May we not serve you in some way while in the market centers? We'll be glad to.

Depend Upon Us

We shall study the markets with the utmost care. We know, as a rule, the requirements of our trade, and we shall buy for Spring and Summer, not extravagantly, but with a view to fully supplying the demands of our discriminating trade.

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