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## SPUDED IN ON THE AARON ESTES RANCH

NEW LOCATION MANY TIMES GEOLOGIZED AND MOST FAVORABLY

The following story of the spudding in of a new test for oil on the Aaron Estes ranch, six miles south of Monahans, has been contributed by one of the spectators of the occasion:

Biggest drilling rig ever installed in West Texas spuds in on the ranch of Aaron Estes, south of Monahans.

Last Saturday at 4 p. m., without any previous announcement, the big 18 inch bit and drill stem weighing 3 1-2 tons commenced pounding its way towards the liquid gold, believed to lie below in a massive oil structure that runs from west of north to east of south down into Pecos County to the vicinity of the Grant Miracle Well that a few short weeks ago startled the oil world by its unprecedented flow at a depth of less than 200 feet. The start was made in the presence of the drilling crew, the lessee, E. L. Stratton, an independent operator in the Pecos field, his wife and son and one of the sons of Mr. Estes, who happened to be riding by at the time.

The well is in charge of M. M. Garvin, an old California driller who brought in the Bell Discovery Well north of Pecos just a year ago and which started a stampede to that city seldom equaled in oil history. Mr. Garvin was assisted by his regular crew and two drillers from the Toyah-Bell No. 2, the well near Pecos that has been in good oil stratas for a month past and which may startle the country any day. These men were "loaned" by Manager Wolf for a few days in order to hurry the getting ready process and to make certainty doubly sure that everything about the rig was in prime condition. All of the employees as well as the numerous visitors to the well since Saturday are loud in their praise of this outfit, which is entirely new, of the heaviest and best manufacture and right up to date. Mr. Estes wears a broad smile, not only because of the installation of the magnificent outfit on his property but for the additional reason that several well known geologists have predicted unusual things will happen before the drill gets down 1000 feet. The history of the location proves interesting reading.

Fourteen years ago a California geologist was visiting Charley Haughton, now a resident of Barstow and one of the best known old-time cattlemen in the Pecos country, and when riding over the Estes range said, if an oil well was drilled at the point where the derrick now stands, that the owner of the land would make more money in 60 days than he would in 60 years in the cattle business. At that time oil was not popular with the cowman, as it spoiled the water for stock drinking purposes.

A little over two years ago when oil development was first talked of in the Pecos country along practical lines, Mr. Stratton employed Mr. Haughton to act as field superintendent in Ward County to secure leased acreage and he signed up over 60,000 acres in eastern Ward County including the Estes ranch of about 20,000 acres of deeded lands.

Dr. R. M. Holden, a New York City scientist and geologist of national reputation, was sent for and made an exhaustive examination of the vicinity and located the well almost on the exact spot selected long before by the Californian. It was Dr. Holden's theory that the oil coming from a northerly direction in the big structure had found an underground depression and filled it making an underground lake of oil having a deeper sand than any heretofore discovered in Texas and capable of being developed into the greatest oil field in America, if not in the world, and that the oil lay 900 feet below the surface. It is a noteworthy fact that Dr. Holden at that time accurately foretold what would happen later at the Grant Wells and his success in that respect gives both Mr. Stratton and Mr. Estes additional confidence that his predictions about the new well will come true.

Six months ago a freak "doodle

bug" oil locator drifted into Pecos and Mr. Haughton and Judge W. W. Hubbard, Mr. Stratton's attorney, took him out to the Estes ranch and to use their expression, "turned him loose." Curiously enough he rapidly located the structure and mapped out the oil pool almost identically as had Dr. Holden and when asked to designate the most favorable spot to drill, drove a stake within 100 yards of Dr. Holden's location. Still later Brooks & Turner, oil operators of Ranger, wishing to acquire considerable acreage in the vicinity, employed Dr. Hugh H. Tucker, of Dallas, locating geologist of the Laura well and consulting geologist for the Bell wells, to investigate these lands, and his findings harmonized with the others. Each of these men worked independently and with no knowledge at the time, or since, that anyone else had geologized the vicinity.

Regardless of geological predictions Mr. Stratton has started work with an outfit capable of going to any desired depths so that if the big 900 foot sand is discovered as predicted he can also develop other sands lying below.

The starting of this well by a man successful in his business and possessed of the necessary qualifications to enable him to finance such a venture is of more than passing interest to the readers of The Reporter as the territory in which the well is located is tributary to Midland trade and an oil field developed there would immediately boom local interests.

Mr. Stratton built an irrigation system on the Pecos river north of the town of Pecos, in 1908, and is well known in that vicinity. He organized the Toyah Valley Oil Company, of Dallas, in 1918, a company that secured over half a million acres of choice leases throughout the field, and acted as its general manager for the first year. When resigning his position he was elected trustee, vice president and fiscal agent, which positions he resigned a few weeks ago in order to devote all of his time to his extensive private interests.

Here's hoping for the new well and its mutual success with ours.

### MIDLAND LAW FIRM ADDS A NEW MEMBER

Garrard & Russell, law firm, adds a new member this week, and the style of the firm is now Garrard, Russell & Fannin, the new member being Oliver W. Fannin, of whom The Reporter has a number of times been pleased to speak of with much favor. Young Mr. Fannin is a gifted lawyer, much talented, besides being a world war veteran of much heroic distinction, more than once having been decorated for distinguished service. We congratulate both him and his firm upon the arrangement, and predict for all concerned a very satisfactory association.

## STUDENT'S BANQUET BRILLIANT AFFAIR

COVERS LAID FOR 62 AND THE OCCASION WAS OF MUCH PLEASURE

An event looked forward to with the keenest anticipation by the upper classmen each year, is the annual banquet given by the juniors to the faculty and seniors of the high school. It was not without a thrill of excitement that the faculty and seniors went to the banquet given last Friday evening at the Yeakey Hotel.

The spacious dining room was artistically decorated in red and white, senior class colors. Red and white ribbons were twined around the pillars; hanging baskets of ferns were suspended from the ceiling and cut flowers were used for table decorations. The places at the well appointed table were marked with daintily hand-painted place cards, skillfully executed in the class colors by some of the talented juniors.

Covers were laid for 62 guests, the largest number to attend this annual function in the history of the school.

The supper was served in four courses between which appropriate toasts were given. Carroll Coyle was toast master and in this capacity he was very efficient, making an appropriate and original introduction for each speaker. Marion Allen toasted the faculty. A response to this was made by Supt. Lackey. Herman Klapproth toasted the seniors. James Harrison, president of the Senior class responded. Also, between the courses, a splendidly prepared program was rendered. The numbers given were: A vocal solo by Freddie Bradford; reading by Leola Bigham; violin duet by Lady Connell and Elsie Wolcott.

The affair was a brilliant success and reflects credit upon the young people, who were responsible. A fitting climax to the occasion was the menu, which was as follows:

Soup, Chicken Dressing  
Potatoes, Peas, Olives, Celery  
Fruit Salad  
Ice Cream

Our friend, S. M. Francis, down town Tuesday buying some harness and other farming looking paraphernalia, remarked to us: "I am going to farm myself this year if I can't find the right man to take charge of my place east of town." He'll do it, too, and make a success of it, we betcher.

Have you seen those pretty new suits and student waists at Whitmeyer's Shop?

Mrs. W. G. Pemberton last Wednesday accompanied her sister, Mrs. J. T. Pemberton, to the latter's home in Fort Worth, for a two-weeks visit.

## HOLT-WOLCOTT WELL SPUDED-IN SATURDAY

The Reporter man promised its readers that he would go out and witness the spudding-in of the Holt-Wolcott well, by S. E. J. Cox, which event took place last Saturday. We didn't do it. The weather was bad, and we are promised a trip out there early in the coming week. The spudding-in, however, took place in due form, and the work of drilling is under way. We shall attempt no details of the matter until after a visit to the place.

Progress is being made in the matter of the abandonment of Bryant No. 1. Some effort was made by Midland citizens to raise a sum sufficient to induce the West Texas Oil Corporation to continue the test, but it failed. Something over \$3000 was subscribed, but it was insufficient.

Chas. H. Beall is again on the ground, to hurry the matter of salvaging the materials there, and in our classified advertising columns may be seen his advertisement offering this material for sale. The 6-inch casing has already been pulled, and the other sizes will be as rapidly as possible.

The abandonment of this test is a serious disappointment to Midland, for the formation the drill was in at the time of striking sulphur water was most promising.

### MASONIC DEGREES AND OYSTER SUPPER

M. F. Burns, Judge E. R. Bryan, R. V. Hyatt, Dr. Clark Liddell, Dr. L. B. Pemberton, W. H. Williams, Terry Elkin, C. S. Karkaitis, Rev. O. J. Hull, Dr. Clifton Carter, and Newnie W. Ellis, all 32nd degree Masons, went over to Big Spring last Tuesday afternoon, and there conferred 43 council degrees. The occasion is said to have been most pleasant, the Big Spring Masons proving royal hosts. After the work was over, a splendid oyster supper was tendered the visitors, and every feature of their visit was such as to be long and pleasantly remembered.

J. B. Thompson, Dan Cobb, A. L. Duff, and C. E. Rollins were over from Seminole Wednesday, to confer with E. J. Kates, who is here from Washington to investigate the Midland & Northwestern. Details of his visit are given on our last page. The Seminole visitors are encouraged to hope the little railroad may soon resume operations.

There is a beautiful line of kiddie hats at Whitmeyer's Shop. Come and try them.

Fresh shipment of King's bulk candies. City Drug Store.

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

## FASKEN DIVORCE SUIT INTERESTING

MANY PEOPLE IN ATTENDANCE UPON DISTRICT COURT THIS WEEK

The most interesting feature of the present term of district court was the Robert Fasken divorce suit, which took up the first three days this week. Young Mr. Fasken's plea for a divorce was contested by the wife, and the lawyers in the case were B. W. Baker, of Midland, and L. B. Milam, of Thomas, Milam & Touchstone, of Dallas, for the plaintiff, and Judge S. J. Isaacks, of El Paso, and Tom T. Garrad, of Midland for the defendant.

Midland people, of course, know the plaintiff, Robt. Fasken, while the wife is decidedly a prepossessing young woman. The suit developed a specially interesting feature, no special ground, not even incompatibility, for the granting of a divorce, and so very nicely did both plaintiff and defendant speak of each other on the witness stand that some wonder was expressed that a divorce was desired.

The jury could not agree, and Judge Gibbs rendered a tentative decision, the details of which have not been fully set out. He refused a divorce, leaving the child in the custody of the father, but stipulating that the child may visit the mother at intervals and always within the bounds of Midland County.

We understand a notice of appeal will be filed.

The suit of J. L. Heath for divorce was uncontested, and his plea was granted.

Court today, we understand, will be taken up by an injunction case, on change of venue from Barstow.

### YOUNG TOWNSMAN MAY LOCATE IN LOS ANGELES

Earl J. Moran, of the firm, W. J. Moran & Son, left last Sunday morning for Los Angeles, Cal., in which city he may locate permanently, there establishing a connection with the real estate business here. The young man will stay two months, at least. If he likes the outlook and can establish himself with some brokerage there, he will stay. Young Mr. Moran has had careful business training, other than the past four years as a partner with his father, and it is possible that he could become a very valuable connecting link, not only with the business in Midland, but with some like enterprising business establishment in Los Angeles. We wish him much success.

We were pleased to have a call, last Tuesday, from Judge J. W. Irvin, of Andrews County. He was in Midland for the day, on business.

## CAMPAIGN FOR NEW MEMBERS OF LEGION

NEW MOVEMENT HAS STRONG ENDORSEMENT OF GOV. PAT M. NEFF

The membership campaign launched by the department of Texas, American Legion, has attracted the attention of Governor Pat M. Neff, who gave it unqualified endorsement.

The governor of Texas said: "Officials of the Department of Texas, American Legion, the organization which stands as a living perpetuation of the spirit of the American soldiers during the world war, are now making an especial effort to draw more ex-service men into their ranks."

"The record set by the men who form the Department of Texas, American Legion, during that period preceding November 11th, 1918, and the principles advocated by these men since, they have welded themselves into the American Legion lead me to suggest that the public would be serving its own ends, as well as those of the American Legion, by lending active support to the membership campaign the latter has launched. The former service man who has not affiliated with the American Legion should need no one to point out the advantages to be derived by him and his country through his support of this organization; but in the rush of modern life some things are overlooked, and those who have not the privilege of eligibility for the American Legion may aid by calling this to the attention of their acquaintances who have been in the service."

The membership drive, which has been designated the "Membership Game" by Dr. Guy O. Shirey, commander, department of Texas, American Legion, is being conducted through local posts with aid and cooperation from State headquarters. In order to make the game interesting, the department of Texas has provided prizes ranging from a player piano through bookcases, phonographs, etc., to Shetland ponies. These prizes aggregate \$6,000 in value, and points and new readers for the Texas Legionaire, the official publication owned exclusively by the department of Texas, American Legion. In order that each post and individual may compete upon an equal basis for the State and district honors, a sliding scale of credits has been arranged. For example, a Legion membership secured in a town of 5,000 or less population counts 2,000 points; while a membership obtained in a town of 50,000 or more counts 150 points.

In speaking of the membership campaign, Charles W. Scruggs, department adjutant said: "I am firmly convinced it will net us 50,000 new brothers who are attempting to preserve the ideals they fought for for two years. Keep up the good work. Department headquarters is with you 100 per cent strong and pledges all possible support and effort."

### WILL INVITE OBREGON TO FAT STOCK SHOW

Invitations will be extended to President Alvaro Obregon and other high officers of Mexico to attend the Southwestern Exposition and Live Stock Show by the Chamber of Commerce and Roberto Garvia, Mexican Consul at Dallas. Mr. Garcia promised that he will assist in transmitting the invitation.

Mr. Garcia was a guest at an informal luncheon at the Fort Worth Club Wednesday at noon. Prominent business men at the luncheon were Marion Sansom, vice president of the exposition association; Ray McKinley, public manager; W. B. Pyron, acting president of the Chamber of Commerce; Van Zandt Jarvis, Louis J. Wortham, Chester F. Lefrier and Eugene S. Shannon.

Following the luncheon, Mr. Garcia was taken for an inspection trip over the stock yards and the packing plants. He expressed the belief that a number of prominent Mexicans will be sent to the Fort Worth stock show and that in the event President Obregon is unable to attend, a personal representative will be named.

## Stylish Merchandise

All that's new and attractive for Spring wearing we have endeavored to secure for you. As the shoppers of the nation, woman has demanded lower prices, and justly so. Thus they were lowered and the new conditions have made "PRICE" a vital feature of merchandising. We have endeavored to secure some wonderful values, based on the lowest possible market reductions, leaving us free to hand the reductions on to you.

**A visit to our store will convince you**

### MEN'S HABERDASHERY

Shirts, Collars, Ties, Socks, Belts, Etc.

Well-dressed and stylish in attire, a man steps out to meet his opportunities with a sense of pride and satisfaction that more than repays him for his time and money. It's hard to discourage a well-dressed man.

**Buy the best clothes—we have them.**

Come in and let us take your measure for that new Spring Suit—A fit guaranteed.

WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS.

# Midland Mercantile Company

Grocery Phone No. 6      The Appreciative Store      Dry Goods Phone 284



### What Is Courtesy As Applied To Our Bank Service?

Courtesy, next to character and honesty, is one of the first demands this institution makes upon its officers and employees.

To be courteous, to be kind, showing care and consideration in the handling of small accounts as well as the largest deposits this is one of the chief aims of this bank.

## First National Bank

#### INCOME TAX FACTS YOU SHOULD KNOW ABOUT

Salaries paid to State employees, including also employees of a town, county, or hamlet, are exempt from taxation. Thousands of persons engaged in business for themselves or as employees in private business receive such additional compensations. A storekeeper may be elected mayor of his town. The amount paid for such service should be entered on his income tax return, but it is not taxable.

State employees, however, must consider carefully their income from all other sources. If, excluding the amounts paid them by the State, it equals or exceeds \$1,000 or \$2,000, according to their marital status, a return of income must be filed and the tax paid on net income in excess of

those amounts.

The return must be sworn to before a notary or other person authorized to administer an oath. The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return or in four equal installments, due on or before March 15th, June 15th, September 15th, and December 15th, 1921. At least one-fourth of the amount due must accompany the filing of the return.

Salary exemptions allowed State employees do not apply to employees of the federal government, such, for example, as postmasters.

**High Class Dress-Making**—A specialty of tailored skirts. Also expert repairing Ladies' and Misses' garments. Call on me at my home, the old Elliott residence. Mrs. B. P. Harrison. adv 15th

### OIL DEVELOPMENT IN THE BIG SPRING FIELD

From the Big Spring Herald:

The work of cleaning out McDowell well No. 1, is going steadily forward and it is thought that this well will be in shape to be given a shot by next Monday. The work of drilling around the lost fishing tools at about 1490 feet has been necessarily slow because it was necessary to use care in getting the drill past this obstruction.

At Neel well No. 1 progress has also been slow and considerable underreaming necessary. Due to the formation caving below eight inch casing it was necessary to underream and lower this about 150 feet.

At Roberts No. 1 they are fishing for lost tools at about 2500 feet. Inability to catch a hold on the tools is making this quite a difficult fishing job.

At Read No. 1, they are running six and five-eighth inch casing to cut-off the water, so drilling can be resumed at about 3250 feet.

The standard tools to be used on Sand Hill No. 1 are now enroute to this city and work on this test should be underway in the near future.

The Enders-Cushing test on the Cushing ranch 20 miles southeast of Big Spring is now drilling below 1000 feet. Good progress was made the past week and steady deepening of this well at a rapid rate is now expected.

Another oil showing was encountered this week. Quite a few oil and gas showings have been encountered since this well passed the 800 foot mark.

The drill is now encountering alternating strata of lime and sand.

A crowd of Boston, Mass., capitalists are due to arrive Saturday to investigate progress on this test among the number being H. H. Enders, president of the Cushing Ranch Drilling Association, Mr. Southers, vice president, J. H. Mulvey and several other stockholders.

It is believed that the location for a test well on the Sparmen lease, adjoining the Cushing ranch will be selected during Mr. Enders' visit here.

H. Z. Clark, of Pecos, president of the Federal Oil Development Systems, inc., spent Wednesday on a business trip to this city.

Mr. Clark's company has taken over the properties of the Big Spring Production Company, contracting to drill the Quinn well to a depth of 4000 feet if oil in commercial quantities is not encountered at a lesser depth.

Mr. Clark discussed the proposition of starting drilling on this well while here but gave no definite information as to the exact time he expected to start operations. It is generally believed that work will be underway in the course of the next 20 days.

One of the biggest deals consummated in many a day was closed last week wherein Jos. D. Dotson secured a lease on 45,000 acres out of the H. S. ranch, located in Howard, Mitchell and Sterling counties, for the purpose of oil development. This lease was secured from Harry Hyman and associates of San Antonio, Texas, owners of the H. S. ranch.

It is understood that Mr. Dotson represented the S. E. J. Cox Company in this transaction. We are informed that the property will be surveyed at an early date and locations made preparatory to starting drilling operation.

To Mrs. Pessye Gillham, of this city, goes the credit of negotiating this big deal. Mrs. Gillham who has been in the oil game since the beginning of development has been the biggest booster and enthusiast for the oil possibilities of this field.

This big lease is a twin to the 45,000 acre lease of the Cox Realization Company in Martin County, on which Wolcott well No. 1, is to be supped in this week.

#### FRONTIER TOWN AIDS CHILDREN IN BALKANS

It's a far cry from the great plains district in which lies the little Texas community of Van Horn, with a population of 175 persons, to the countries of the Central European Balkan district, but little war orphans living under the shadow of hunger, disease and cold will soon be benefitting from the skill of Van Horn women's fingers, according to Miss Katherine Burlingame, director of Volunteer Service of the Southwestern division American Red Cross, at St. Louis.

Van Horn has a chapter of the Red Cross, although the entire roster of the population is but 175, young and old. Recently a call was made on this chapter to furnish outfits for use of the children of Eastern Europe. The clothes were made and on their way to the Bush docks in New York in a few days after the request was received.

## Beautiful New Spring Skirts

In both plain and pleated models of the New Spring Plaids and White Serges, the inverted box or kick pleat models, are very new and pretty. Lengths are, to say the least, no longer.

These New Spring Models are priced at  
\$8.75 to \$15.00.

## Dresses of Taffeta and Canton Crepe

These two materials have the call as favorites this season and the dresses fashioned of these are beautiful. Browns and Greys, in all shades of these colors with Black and Navy, good as always, are the better shades, with Tomato, Jade, etc. in the briter colors for trimmings, blouses, etc.

The new arrivals are being commented on most favorably and the sales are most gratifying. Prices range from  
\$19.85 to \$67.60

## Early Spring Suits

are mostly of Navy Tricotine and Serges and aside from the New Box Coats, there is not a great deal to call new in styles. Some very unusual features in the way of embroidery in both colors and self. Extra quality of materials and workmanship recommend the numbers we are showing at \$27.50 to \$65.00.

## The Second Lot of Sassy Jane Dresses

have come in and are going fast. These wonderful dresses of the better grade ginghams, crepes, etc., are entirely different and to see them is to want one or more. We shall make an effort to keep a supply of these.

We are always glad to have you see these new arrival and invite you to come in any time.

The Spring dress goods are coming in early this season and it is a pleasure to show you the wonderful new patterns in these.

## New Voiles

all 40 inches wide, are priced at 35c, 40c, 50c and 85c the yard. Silk voiles at \$1.35 and \$1.50.

## New Percales

at 19c and 25c in 32 and 36 inch materials in splendid new patterns for house dresses and aprons.

## Spring Gingham

in fast color plaids; the regular width gingham are priced at 15c, 19c and 25c. The 32 inch zephyrs are by far the most economical on account of the extra width, to say nothing of the better colorings. These are priced at 35c the yard, with some very special imported numbers of D. & J. Anderson's Scotch Zephyrs at 65c and 85c the yard.

## Tissue Gingham

will prove one of the leading fabrics this season and our stock is growing every week and we offer a very special value in a 32 inch, fine yarn tissue, fast colors, at 45c the yard.

## Extra Values This Week

### Very Extra Value in Heavy Ribbed Turkish Towels

The very towel that you have been paying a dollar and twenty-five cents the pair for. We offer ten dozen of these, at the pair, 68c.

A smaller, plain weave, Turkish towel, a very unusual value, at the pair 39c

An extra value, large size, red bordered huck towel a number that has sold as high as 85c the pair. We offer these this week, at the pair 35c

Those who have been able to go through the high prices without buying Sheets, Pillow Cases, etc., have been fortunate, but now there is no need for further waiting, for the low prices have been reached.

## Bleached Pepperell Sheeting

81 inches wide (9-4) special value, at the yard 50c

81x90 Bleached Sheets, made of Pepperell sheeting, torn and hemmed. These sheets sold for as much as \$3.00 no longer than three months ago. We offer them this week at the very low price of \$1.50

40x36 Pillow Cases to match, the pair 75c, each 40c

## Boys' Blouses at \$1.00

Numbers that sold for as much as \$2.25 each, entire stock go into this sale, sizes 6 to 12, each \$1.00

To sell you Better Merchandise For Cash, For Less  
as never before—this little store will save you money this year.

## Wadley-Wilson Company

One Price---The Lowest---For Cash

#### Epworth League

Subject: (an anchor meeting)  
"How to Make Our Lives Steadfast."  
Leader—Miss Laura Johnson.  
Song: "Stand Up for Jesus."  
Sentence prayers.  
Talk on subject—Leader.  
Solo—Rev. Kilgore.  
"Anchored to the Ignite"—Bernice Norwood.  
"Solid Character"—Herman Klap-

proth.

"Steadying Purpose"—Tobe Terry.  
"Watchfulness"—Betty Trammel.  
"Grit"—Thalbert Thomas.  
"Love"—Herbert Patterson.  
"A Worth While Job"—Marion Allen.  
"Standing Together"—Mary Stanley.  
Prayer—Mary Swimme.  
Song and benediction.

We neglected to mention, last week, a visit from our friend and former townsman, J. W. Yeakel. He and his wife took charge of a hotel in Amarillo a few months ago, and Mr. Yeakel says they are much pleased. They like Amarillo and business prospects he thinks very bright. He was in Midland only a day or two.

Fresh shipment of King's bulk candies. City Drug Store. adv

## Buy As You Need

Everything is on the decline

We Hope to See

## Everything to Eat

Cheaper Still

## Smith & Youngblood

## Plumbing

Repaired promptly and repaired Right. Call 19 and ask for the Plumber.

We also are prepared to do any kind of sheet metal work from soldering a pot to building a Tank or roofing a building.

## Jno. P. Howe

The Midland Plumber and Tinner. Sheet Metal and Heating Specialist. PHONE No. 19.

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. Gow, 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. Gow 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 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

Bob Means, the efficient county clerk of Andrews County, was a business visitor to Midland last Tuesday.

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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

Judge A. N. Brown returned the latter part of last week from Lockney, where he spent a few days on business. He thinks that a nice country, but he likes this much better. We very much hope Judge Brown may engage in business in Midland, thereby insuring the permanency of his residence with us.

THE NATIONAL CAPITAL By J. E. Jones

The Women Who Won Suffrage

In the early days of the Woodrow Wilson administration, visiting delegations of women demanding the right to vote, were given scant consideration at the White House. Even Mr. Bryan, then in high favor as premier cabinet officer, expressed little interest, and on one occasion said that "the country is not ready to take up this issue." The persistent women who finally "got in" to see President Wilson were told that "their issue was a matter for the States." Finally the national organization split in two factions, and among the "group of conservatives" who continued to remain patient with the dilatory politicians in administrative circles and in Congress, were the followers of Anna Howard Shaw and her successor, Mrs. Catt. The militant group organized independently, and under the leadership of Miss Alice Paul, took up the challenge of President Wilson to "concentrate public opinion," by picketing the White House one hour later. These women were dragged through the streets of Washington, thrown into prison, went on hunger strikes, and were called all the vile names in the lexicon of unkind words for flaunting their banners in the Capitol and other public places. But through it all they remained—fairly sweet.

But when the day of success and triumph came, the militants were recognized as the head of the suffrage movement and little has been heard of the "conservatives." Alice Paul—who a year or two ago was called "a little slip of a woman," "an agitator," and things lots worse, was recognized by the powers that appointed the inaugural committees and similar important bodies. She seems, very suddenly, to have become, like "the stone which the builders refused, the headstone of the corner."

The other day a suffrage memorial to the three pioneers of the women's movement in the United States—Susan B. Anthony, Lucretia Mott, and Elizabeth Cady Stanton, was unveiled in the rotunda of the Capitol of the United States. It was one of the most impressive ceremonies in the history of the entire women's movement, and it marked what is perhaps the final acceptance of the success of women's suffrage by highest officials of the nation. Alice Paul and her followers, now swelled in numbers by reason of their successes, were the undisputed heads of suffrage representation in that great ceremony.

Washington, which hooted the militants now goes to tea and dinner at their headquarters, and admits that the meals are "fine." Suffragists who held aloof in the old days, have concluded that Miss Paul's group should be "cultivated," and they seek to be included in the affairs of the National Women's Party. On the other hand the magnificent headquarters of the "conservatives" presided over by Mrs. Catt and her friends, has been closed, and the women have left the Capitol. Even the men in Congress who made long-winded speeches about these women "hunting suffrage" are now saying: "You've got to hand it to them, they won."

Halting European Credits The United States Treasury apparently acquired the habit of lending money to European nations during the war, and the Europeans evidently have grown to believe there is a never-failing supply of American cash to be had for the asking. The Senate has told the Secretary of the Treasury that it disapproves of his purpose to add additional billions to the nine billion that has already been supplied to Europe. The same inquisitive Senate has been asking embarrassing questions that have brought out the fact that the Europeans are not paying either interest or principal on their loans; and at least one government has suggested to the United States that all the indebtedness be cancelled—in other words, donated to them. The facts brought out also discloses that the Kerensky regime in Russia was loaned \$646,000,000. Ever since Russia "popped," the Russian Embassy has been kept up, and their minister has been supplied with lots of money, doubtless sent in from the United States Treasury.

Those who accuse the United States with deserting its ideals for which it went into the war are willing to admit that we continue to be over-generous with our dollars, particularly in view of the upset industrial and economic conditions at home. It is suggested that our financial policy with these foreign countries does more credit to the heart than the head of Secretary Houston and those who agree with his policy. Seeking to Extend Rural Credit

Congress has given a lot of attention to means of extending credits to farmers, and one of the methods that it will be sought to pass next session is embodied in similar bills introduced by Representative McFadden in the House and Senator Kenyon in the Senate. These bills provide for the creation of two corporations by federal charters, namely, a rural credit society and a general insurance league.

The credit society would consist of one central bank with \$25,000,000 capital to be furnished by the government without interest, and to be returned from the sinking fund created by the bill. There would be 48 branches, one for each State, with \$50,000 capital each, to be furnished by the insurance company accepting such Federal league charter. This stock would pay 6 per cent cumulative dividend and become a guaranty against the loss of the capital furnished by the government.

Farmers may organize any number of community associations, or "communes," with not less than seven members each. The "commune" stock will be in shares of \$5 each and owned by farmer members only. The members' interests will be represented by this "commune" stock instead of deposits and thus avoid the expensive machinery of deposit banking and broaden the market for productive farm credit paper.

Provision is made for commissioners to negotiate with one of the six largest life insurance companies to induce one of them to accept the federal charter and invest \$7,200,000 in the credit society and elect its auditor and deputy auditors.

Uncle Sam Voices Optimism The Federal Reserve Board in a statement just issued says that "better conditions in business have been manifesting themselves during the past month. They have been most obvious in the field of banking and finance. They have, however, also been of decided significance in industrial lines." The statement observes that while the process of readjustment is not complete, "it has proceeded far enough in a number of branches of business to prepare the way for new constructive work." Another significant paragraph in the resume of affairs says that retailers throughout the country "have undertaken to transfer to their customers some part at least of the benefit arising from reductions in cost at the point of production."

Impeaching Landis A lot of good copy has been furnished the newspapers by reason of the impeachment proceedings initiated in Congress against Federal Judge Kenesaw M. Landis, of Chicago. Landis first came into prominence by his \$29,000,000 fine against the Standard Oil many years ago. Since then he has remained in the limelight. It was his sentence of Victor Berger, the Milwaukee Socialist, and rejected Congressman, that was set aside by the supreme court one month ago. Some people believe that Landis is erratic—anyway he seems the storm center of sensational happenings such as other judges avoid.

His present principal offence is apparently based upon superficial affairs, and there is not much likelihood that the impeachment proceedings will ever get far in Washington.

Party Postmaster's Republican politicians in Congress are looking for "ways and means" to pry loose the hold of Democratic postmasters throughout the country. The talk one hears in the Capitol is to the effect that the Democrats have worked the "merit" system to such an extent that they have perpetuated members of their political faith in charge of the postoffice machinery of the country. But there is a big force in the new administration that desires to distribute plums among the faithful. In consequence postmasters may not be regarded as a wholly "sure thing."

An Appreciation I have sold my market business, the City Meat Market, to J. E. Feeler, who takes charge March 1st, that being next Tuesday. I am deeply grateful to my friends and to the public generally for the patronage I have received and I make this public recognition thereof. Also I bespeak for Mr. Feeler a continuation of this patronage. He will serve you as faithfully and efficiently as I have tried to do, and I trust my friends will extend to him the friendly encouragement that has been so helpful to me. Gratefully yours, C. C. RAU EY.

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RIALTO THEATRE FRIDAY NIGHT Jack London's "The Meeting of the Elsinore" with Mitchell Lewis and Helen Ferguson. Sambo Pollard and Sunshine Sambo Comedy. Pathe Topics of the Day. SATURDAY NIGHT WILLIAM HART in "The Square Deal Man" Prizma Scenic "Buster Keaton" Comedy "The Scarecrow" MONDAY Frank Mayo in "The Marriage Pit" Century Comedy. TUESDAY Harry Carey in "Hearts Up" The LOST CITY Serial. WEDNESDAY Tucker Brothers present "Bitter Fruit" A picture of the South Sea Islands like the "Idol Dancer" "Clair and Berry" in a Vaudeville act. Admission, Adults 33c. Children 17c, War Tax paid.

STOCKMEN GIVE REASONS FOR EXISTENCE OF RUNTS

More than 800 replies have been received from practical stock breeders and owners in response to a questionnaire sent out by the United States Department of Agriculture in an effort to determine the cause and possible means of preventing runts in live stock. The large number of replies, department specialists say, indicates the interest which stock breeders feel in this subject. Some of the questions asked in the questionnaire are: "From your experience, in what classes of live stock do the most runts appear (cattle, hogs, sheep, etc)?" "In what stage of an animal's development does runtiness appear chiefly?" "In your experience what are the most practical methods of preventing runts?" "Does it pay to raise runts to market size?" "To what extent would your financial returns from live stock be increased if you had no runts?"

The replies thus far received show that inferior breeding and poor feeding are jointly responsible for nearly two-thirds of the runts among live stock, and indicate that at least 7 per cent of farm live stock is commonly in the runty class. Detailed data on the times when runtiness appears, financial losses caused by runty stock, methods of prevention, when it pays and when it does not pay to raise runty stock are now being prepared by the department for distribution to the public.

Sheriff's Sale Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the clerk of the county court of Midland County, on the 5th day of February, 1921, in a certain cause wherein S. H. Basham and Jas. H. Shepherd, composing the firm of Basham, Shepherd & Company are plaintiffs, and Wood Taylor is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 11th day of January, 1921 in favor of the said plaintiffs, S. H. Basham and Jas. H. Shepherd, composing the firm of Basham, Shepherd & Company against said defendant, Wood Taylor, for the sum of five hundred twenty-two and 22-100 dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 6 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the 19th day of said month, at the store of said Basham, Shepherd & Company within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of Wood Taylor in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of Wood Taylor, to-wit: One K. C. piano, mahogany finish No. 178652 as described in said judgment and in said order of sale.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for five hundred twenty-two and 22-100 dollars, in favor of S. H. Basham and Jas. H. Shepherd, composing the firm of Basham, Shepherd & Company, together with the costs of said suit, and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

W. E. BRADFORD, Sheriff, Midland County, Texas, Midland, Texas, Feb. 10, 1921. adv 19-2t

Notice of Application for Letters of Guardianship The State of Texas. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the county of Midland, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return day hereof.

Notice of Application for Letters—Guardianship: The State of Texas. To all persons interested in the welfare of Jasper F. Everett, Floyd J. Everett, and Ova Alice Everett, minors, Savanna Everett King has filed in the county court of Midland County, an application for letters of guardianship upon the persons and estate of said minors, which said application will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the second Monday in March, A. D., 1921, the same being the 14th day of March, A. D., 1921, at the court house thereof, in Midland, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said minors may appear and contest said application, if they see proper to do so.

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

Given under my hand and the seal of said court, at office in Midland this 11th day of February, A. D., 1921. C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk, County Court Midland County, Texas, adv 20-3t.

WAR TO THE LAST RAT HOLE UNDER FEDERAL AGENT'S AID

According to reports to the United States Department of Agriculture, rat extermination work throughout the country is being carried forward vigorously under the combined efforts of the county agricultural demonstrators sent out by the States Relations Service and the rodent control experts representing the Bureau of Biological Survey.

At Blackstone, Va., the home demonstration agent and the biological survey representative joined in a rat campaign which promised to send 12,000 rodents into the rat hereafter. When the final count of rat tails was taken it was found that 30,000 of the pests had been killed in the one town.

At Fargo, N. D., the citizens were annoyed by a heavy infestation of rats. A bureau representative enlisted the co-operation of the city commission, the commercial club, the health department, the boy scouts, women's clubs, and other organizations, and conducted a very successful campaign against the pest. In this instance the poison, barium carbonate, was purchased in quantities and used as a destructive agent with excellent results.

A State-wide rat eradication campaign in Texas will soon be launched against rats. The bureau of biological survey has been asked to detail a specialist to direct the operation.

Even now Midland people are greatly annoyed by these rats. They kill chickens and their destructiveness in stores is very great. We feel sure, therefore, that Midland will join enthusiastically in the general campaign to rid the town of rats.

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**CITY ELECTION**

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**MIDLAND SOCIETY**

MISS LYDIE G. WATSON  
Editor  
Phone No. 88

**Concert Was Good**

The following is taken from the Toyah Basin News:

The concert given in the auditorium of the high school building, Saturday night by Misses Mary Melson, Leona McCormick and Margaret Caldwell, of the Midland Glee Club, furnished delightful entertainment for an appreciative audience that was large when the untoward weather is taken into consideration. That such a small number of entertainers could afford so much entertainment was a revelation to those who heard them and speaks volumes in commendation of the capability and versatility of the members of the little band. Miss Melson, the vocalist of the trio, possesses a rich soprano voice with a wide range and of the coloratura type, which was heard to advantage in Cadman's "Sky Blue Water," in "Oh! Heart of Mine," in the lullaby, "Sing Me to Sleep" and in the series of old time songs, which included such favorites as "Genevieve," "Annie Laurie" and "When Song is Sweet." Miss McCormick played the gamut of human emotions and moved her audience from laughter to tears with her renditions of stories which ranged from a school boy's composition on "the horse" to the pathetic story of "Frans," the little violinist who was the "foot-ball of fate." She also gave a number of "pianologs" which were amusing and highly entertaining. Miss Caldwell presided at the piano and in addition to her as an accompanist rendered a number of pleasing solos.

**Recital by Pupils of Misses Mamie Moran and Leona McCormick, Beautiful Success**

A capacity house greeted the piano expression pupils of Misses Moran and McCormick on Monday evening in the beautiful auditorium of the Christian church, when they were presented in a mid-term recital. The audience was not only large, but was also deeply appreciative and entertained by the versatile fine arts program so cleverly and artistically rendered. The students all acquitted themselves well and their performances reflected much credit upon themselves and the instruction which they are receiving from their teachers. Many of the numbers were quaintly and appropriately costumed, thus adding much to their effectiveness. Many of the pupils were also encored and each one graciously responded. Misses Annie Wall and Lillie B. Williams, Messrs James Harrison and Ray Moran, dressed in colonial costumes, acted as ushers and also assisted on the program, their rendition of "Old Fashioned Garden" eliciting much applause. The young ladies and their pupils are receiving many congratulations upon the success of this, their initial program. This program was too elaborate for reproduction, in as much as it was published in our last issue. sumptuous feast of sandwiches, pick-

**Rex and Mrs. I. H. Teel Pounded**

Since Bro. and Sister Teel have become citizens of Midland and cast their lot with the good folk of the Christian church, they have been the recipients of many expressions of appreciation and many a welcoming hand has been cordially extended them in love and good fellowship, not only by the people of this congregation, but by all of our citizens, for Rev. and Mrs. Teel are indeed acceptable and they are already closely attuned to the real heart interests of our little town. The Christian parsonage has been almost made over, newly papered and all made invitingly attractive for the comfort of the new pastor and his wife, so last Wednesday night, under the leadership of the Ladies Aid Society, almost the entire membership called after prayer meeting, carrying with them almost an overgrown grocery store. Fancy and staple groceries of every nature were bountifully showered and after the deluge had somewhat abated, this consecrated rain of God and his faithful helpmate, earnestly, fervently thanked these friends to whom they had come to minister—sweeten their cares, to dispel their sorrow and counsel them in their extremities and both by example and precept, sweeten their affections towards God.

Miss Boyce gave her Sunday School class a picnic Tuesday evening and the crowd of girls, 15 in number, report a "perfectly darling time." The chaperons, besides Miss Boyce, were Misses Tally, Pickrell and Campbell. They motored out to a tank not far from town and had a sumptuous feast of sandwiches, pickles, n' everything that is dear to a girly girl's heart. A jolly time was then spent in telling ghost stories until they all felt so eerie that it seemed in the pale moonlight, it must be the hour when graves yawn and ghosts walk, so they did not tarry very late, but—it was all a happy event and the class was deeply appreciative of the good time tendered them by their teacher.

On Friday afternoon of last week, the missionary societies of the Christian, Baptist, Presbyterian and Methodist churches held a united prayer service for "world wide missions," in the Methodist church. Each society had a part on the program which was efficiently rendered. We were glad, as Christian women of Midland, to have the privilege of all Christian women of America on that day in the world wide prayer service for missions, that the gospel might be spread "to all nations, even unto the uttermost parts of the earth."

Miss Iris Estes, an alumnus of Midland College and T. C. U., returned this week from California, where she has taken a post graduate course in oratory and a course in interior decorating at the Southern University of California. Miss Estes is the accomplished daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Estes, and many friends join the family in cordially welcoming her home.

Mr. and Mrs. G. H. Coyle returned this week from a trip to Dallas and Mineral Wells, bringing with them their mother, Mrs. N. J. Coyle and niece, Miss Olivia Bayne, of Dallas, who will visit here for a while.

Mrs. J. H. Barron, who has been quite ill during the past week is somewhat improved now and friends hope for her an early recovery.

Call at Whitmeyer's Shop on Main Street, in the old post office building and see how you like the change. 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 18tf



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**SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES**

**Presbyterian Church**  
In the absence of the pastor, services will be conducted by A. P. Willis, both morning and evening.

Text for the morning service, Matt. 1:18—Upon this rock I will build my church, and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

The world is facing a crisis, but the church is to abide until the Lord shall come again. Following up the Progressive Program of the Presbyterian church, this is the day of prayer for the pupils in the schools, especially those in the colleges, and the unconverted, that the Lord would call them into the ministry or some line of Christian service. There is an unprecedented need in both fields of work.

**Baptist Church**

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Classes for all ages. Organized classes for men and women. Individual record kept of all who attend. 246 present last Sunday, in spite of the bad weather. Help us reach the goal, which is 300. W. A. Dawson, Supt. Preaching hours 11 a. m. and 6:45 p. m. Subject for morning hour, "How May We Succeed as a church." The evening message will be preceded by a twenty minute song service. The congregation will be led by an orchestra and a choir of more than fifty voices. This is an enjoyable feature of the evening worship. Be on time and have a part in same. OWEN J. HULL, Pastor.

**Methodist Church**

The pastor, Rev. S. X. Swimme, expects to return home the latter part of this week, and asks us to announce that he will preach in the Methodist church on Sunday, February 27th, both morning and evening. Morning subject, "Walking Uprightly." Evening subject "The Wedding Feast for the King's Son and the Invited Guests." The pastor hopes to meet a large congregation at both these services.

**B. Y. P. U.**

Subject, "Q. T. Tichenor." Leader—Jessie Hale. Invocation—Mr. Arrant. Hymns Nos. 106 and 122. Introduction—Jessie Hale. "Birth and Early Years"—Willie Preston. "Conversion and First Sermon"—Lady Connell. Solo—Annie Wall. "Missionary for the Tadicus"—Miss Sadie Snyder. "Pastor and Teacher"—Mr. Laney. "Home Missionary Secretary"—Margaret Caldwell. "Fields of Work"—Eleanor Meyerich. "Dr. Tichenor's Crowning"—Minnie Foster. Conclusion—Leader. Hymn No. 136. Benediction—Curtis Nance.

**Christian Endeavor**

The Lord's day returns. Do not neglect to worship God! "Neglect not the assembling of yourselves together." Gospel songs and gospel sermons at the church Sunday. Sunday School at 9:45 a. m. Preaching and Lord's supper at 10:50 a. m. Evening services at 7:45. Junior and intermediate Christian Endeavors at usual hours on Sunday afternoon. Mid-week prayer meeting on Wednesday evening at 6:45. You are cordially invited to these meetings. I. H. TEEL, Pastor.

**Intermediate Endeavor**

Subject: "How Can We Make Our Lives Useful." Leader—Lora Medlin. Scripture, Eph. 6:5-8—Leader. Devotions. Round table talk. Special music. Practical thoughts by the members. Songs. Reading—Lora Medlin. Business and benediction.

**C. W. B. M.**

The C. W. B. M. will meet with Mrs. Dyer Thursday, March 3rd at 3 p. m. Translating the Bible into Lou Kundo—Mrs. I. H. Teel. Teaching the Bible in the Congo—Mrs. B. F. Whitefield. Prayer—I. H. Teel. Leader—Mrs. J. M. Jemison.

It was with much pleasure that we welcomed a visit this week from our distinguished and highly esteemed friend and former townsman, Judge S. J. Isaacks, of El Paso. He was professionally attendant upon district court. Judge Isaacks, with the law firm, Jackson, Isaacks & Pryor, is a prominent figure in professional circles of El Paso, and the fact affords the writer a great deal of pleasure indeed.

**MIDLAND COLLEGE NOTES**  
By D. O. W.

President McKissick went to El Paso last Saturday, in the interest of the college.

Dean Wooten preached at Odessa last Sunday. He reports good attendance to the services.

The College Christian Endeavor had a very interesting meeting last Sunday. A number of committees were appointed by the president of the society, and their duties were stressed by Thurman Morgan.

The college quintet kept its slate clean by defeating Big Spring high school basket ball team to the tune of 23-12 on the local court. Our boys were the superiors in every respect to the neighboring town team, and gave them a clean cut walloping.

George Washington's 189th birthday was celebrated at the college by a whole holiday. The two literary societies held a joint session and several visiting guests were seen in the auditorium. In the evening open house was held, and many of the town folk came out to see what they could see. The college orchestra played several good numbers in their splendid way. During the evening several vocal numbers were rendered by Mrs. Francis, Miss Wilhite and Mr. Kilgore, which were much enjoyed.

The booth, kept in the hall by some of the basket ball boys, did a thriving business throughout the evening, and netted them a handsome profit for the team. Here is hoping that "open house" can be observed at the college more often. The negro minstrel that is to be staged soon is well under way now. Announcement of the minstrel will follow soon.

Mr. A. Johnston and family and Mrs. Hugh Boren and daughter, of Snyder, were guests at the college for several days the first of last week.

The Johnsonian club went on a hike Tuesday afternoon. There were a few young men in the crowd who did not belong to the club, but they seemed to be heartily in sympathy with everything Johnsonian. After taking a great many pictures, walking rails, and having a good time in general, they hiked back in time for supper.

On account of the recital at the Christian church Monday evening, the College orchestra will rehearse tonight. (Friday.) Announcement

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chestra will be made soon. of the concert to be given by the orchestra.

**A DISCUSSION OF THREE OLD PROVERBS**

"A rolling stone gathers no moss." Do you remember how often your wise advisers have quoted it as an unanswerable argument against any new move on your part. The statement is true, but the application is utterly deceptive, says the Printer's Exchange, and continues: Who wants moss, anyhow? Do you want to be a moss-back? The dictionary says a moss-back is "a person so sluggish in his way of life or thought that he may be likened to a stone or old tree covered with moss." Even assuming "moss" to mean wealth, the proverb is misapplied. The people who have taken root and refused to budge from one place or one way of life are not the people who have achieved the greatest success. The most successful men are those of wide and varied interests.

Then there is that old story about "sticking to your bush." It is not true that the boy who stuck to his bush after the berries were hard to find carried home the largest bucket full. The boy who moved often enough to be where the berries were thickest had the best chance to come out ahead.

We are told, too, that "perseverance conquers all things." Don't believe it. True, a certain amount of perseverance is essential to a successful career. But the man who embarks upon a new and untried enterprise with the unalterable determination to stick to it to the bitter end, is liable to find the end in his grave without having accomplished his purpose. We are all liable to make mistakes in forecasting the outcome of a new venture. When you have put forth every effort and tried every turn possible and still the trend is inexorably against you; when your path is blocked by a stone wall too high to climb and too strong to butt it down, it is better to take some other path than to butt your brains out with no effect upon the wall. Many a man has been ruined for life because he was too persevering to quit while there was enough of him left to achieve success elsewhere.

When the old proverb contradicts common sense and universal experience, forget the proverb.

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The Big Spring Herald reports, last week, a general rain all over West Texas. Sorry it was in error so far as Midland is concerned. We are beginning to need a good rain badly.

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**LARGE DECREASE IN BUILDING OPERATIONS**

Reviewing building operations of the country in its weekly financial report, the research and statistical department of the First National Bank of St. Louis says:  
"Bradstreet's," New York, in its report covering building in the United States during December and for the year 1920 reports a slight falling off in building operations in the principal cities, which is in accord with the tendency that has been manifest throughout the last half of the year. The returns from 150 cities for the month of December show 13,382 permits issued, against 22,012 in December of last year—a decline of 16.4 per cent. The value carried with the December permits of 1920 was \$59,859,437, which compared with \$140,640,514 for the month of December, 1919—a decline in value of 17.4 per cent. The decrease in the number of permits appeared in every section of the country, and the value of building operations decreased in every section except the far western. In New England, the decrease during November in the number of permits was 20 per cent from November of last year—value showed a decline of 64.8 per cent. The Southwest showed a decline in permits of almost 17 per cent. Southern cities showed a decline of 15.6 per cent in permits and a decline of 56.1 per cent in value. In the far western cities the decline in permits was only 1.1 per cent, whereas the values showed an increase of 14.7 per cent. As a result of the severe falling off in the number and value of building permits during the last half of 1920, the year's total, which at first appeared would far outstrip the 1919 record, ends by being only moderately larger. For the entire year, according to "Bradstreet's" figures, the aggregate value carried by the permits issued, was \$1,386,000,000, as compared with \$1,301,000,000 for the same cities in 1919—a gain for last year of 6.5 per cent over the previous year. The 1920 total was the largest ever recorded for any single year.

**Probate Notice**

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 G. W. Wolcott, deceased, to appear at the next regular term of the county court of Midland County, to be held at the court house thereof, in Midland, on the second Monday in March, A. D. 1921, same being the 14th day of March, A. D., 1921, to contest, should they desire to do so, the application of Ida Wolcott, and filed in said court on the twelfth day of February, A. D., 1921, which will then and there be acted on for the probate of the last will and testament of said G. W. Wolcott, deceased, filed with said application.  
You are hereby commanded to serve this citation by publishing the same in a newspaper published in this, the county of Midland, the State of Texas, if there be such newspaper, and if there be none, then in the newspaper which is published nearest to 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 with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Witness, C. B. DUNAGAN, clerk of the county court of Midland, Texas. Given under my hand and seal of said court at office in the city of Midland, this 12th day of February, A. D., 1921.  
C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk  
County Court, Midland Co., Texas.  
Issued this, the 12th day of February, A. D., 1921.  
C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk  
County Court, Midland Co., Texas.  
adv. 20 3t

**SOME INTERESTING FACTS ABOUT COTTON**

Marlboro County, South Carolina, claims the distinction of averaging production of more cotton to the acre than any other county in the United States.  
Ellis County, Texas, in total number of bales produced is the banner cotton growing county of the United States.  
The per acre yield, average for the United States, has varied from 145 pounds of lint in 1871 to 224 pounds in 1914. The 10 year average is 182 pounds.  
Egyptian yield of cotton averages 390 pounds, about to the acre. Cotton production in Egypt is limited to irrigated acres along the Nile.  
The area under cotton in India, about 25,000,000 acres covers such a wide climatic range that at many seasons of the year planting and picking are going on in different parts of the country at the same time.  
Cotton is grown in Asia as far north as the latitude of Chicago.  
There is now enough cotton in the world, unspun, to last nearly two years.  
The Civil War was fought in the cotton fields of the South, destroying temporarily, the means of supply. The recent world war was fought in the great factory districts of the world.  
There is now more cotton in the stocks of any one of half a dozen cotton markets in the South than was produced in all of the United States a hundred years ago.  
More than three bales of cotton, averaging 500 pounds in weight, have been grown on a single acre in South Carolina.  
The estimated number of working cotton spindles in the United States is about 35,000,000 of which 15,000,000 are in cotton growing states.  
The largest cotton crop ever planted in the United States was 37,458,000 acres in 1913, which yielded 14,156,486 bales, 500 pound equivalents, of lint.  
America's greatest crop of cotton, 16,134,930 bales, was grown on 36,832,000 acres.  
The knowledge of cotton growing wild in islands of the West Indies is as old as the history of their discovery by the Spaniards in 1492.  
Arkwright, Hargreaves and Crompton, are the great names connected with invention of cotton spinning machinery. They were Englishmen.  
Eli Whitney, an American, invented the saw-gin. The original patent was March 14, 1794.  
On account of the labor involved in separating the lint from the seed by hand, cotton was of unknown commercial importance prior to the invention of the Whitney gin.

**ENCOURAGEMENT FOR THE COUNTRY WEEKLY**

Those country editors who point with pride to the length of time which their papers have been established should take off their hats—and slippers—and kow-tow to the King-Pau, or Capital Sheet, published in Peking, China, says the Western Publisher. This venerable journal began its struggle for existence early in the spring of 911, and owing to lack of interest and the bad roads in the rural districts it was issued only at irregular intervals. Along about 1351, however, the newspaper situation must have improved, as the paper was then issued weekly. From that time on prosperity shed her beneficent beams on the King-Pau, so that now it publishes three editions daily. This slow but sure growth of the King-Pau should serve as an incentive to editors of the country weeklies, and they may hope that in the course of a few hundred years their papers may become dailies. The newspaper business may be slow sometimes, but it is always sure.

**OLD AMERICAN SHOES REMADE FOR ORPHANS**

Cast off shoes that once served their owners in hundreds of towns and cities in America have taken a new lease on life and are now doing duty in far away Poland to protect the feet of youthful war orphans. The American Red Cross has set up second hand shoe shops and is altering thousands of American shoes to fit the children. In the cobbler shops the shoes are completely torn down and portions of the leather that can be utilized are made into new shoes for orphans up to 15 years of age. Scarcely any leather is wasted in the process.

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**Notice in Probate**  
The State of Texas.  
To the Sheriff of any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:  
You are hereby commanded to be published once each week for a period of ten days before the return day hereof, in a newspaper of general circulation, which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year in said Midland County, a copy of the following notice:  
To all persons interested in the estate of J. E. Crosssett, deceased, J. Wiley Taylor, administrator, has filed an application in the county court of Midland County, on the 15th day of February, 1921, for an order authorizing the administrator to execute a quit claim deed to E. M. Carter of all the interest that said estate acquired in and to the north part of Section No. 1, block No. 40, 1st 2-south, containing 221 acres of land, situated in Midland County, Texas, by reason of a deed from J. D. Payton to J. E. Crosssett, and which deed is recorded in Book 28, page 76, of the Deed Records of Midland County, Texas, which said application will be heard by said court

on the 14th day of March, 1921, at the court house of said county, in Midland, at which time all persons interested in said estate are required to appear and answer said application, should they desire to do so.  
Herein fail not, but have you before said court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.  
Witness my hand and official seal, at Midland, Texas, this 11th day of February, 1921.  
C. B. DUNAGAN, Clerk,  
County Court, Midland Co., Texas.  
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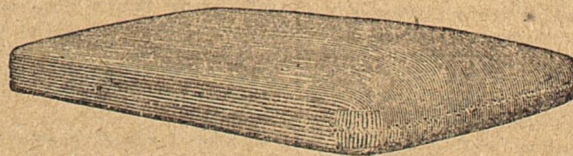
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**PROMISE OF M.&N.  
W. REHABILITATION**

**INSPECTOR HERE THIS WEEK  
FROM INTER STATE COM-  
MERCE COMMISSION**

Midland people and others along the line of the Midland & Northwestern Railway have speculated greatly during past months with reference to the possible rehabilitation and a resumption of operation of the road. The Reporter, in the past, has had little to give out, practically nothing, but we are very glad, at this time, to have pretty much all the facts concerning the matter, in a voluminous communication recently received from Mr. W. A. Colson, director of the Interstate Commerce Commission, Washington, D. C. Mr. E. J. Kates, representing the commission, is now in Midland, and during the past few days has inspected the road and its possibilities. A report from him is not at this time available, but the resume of the road's affairs, as set out by Mr. Colson, is an interesting document, dealing at length all the facts to date that pertain to the road's suspension of operations and the possibilities of rehabilitation. It is worth while to publish this document, voluminous as it is, that persons interested, materially or otherwise, in the road may have full knowledge of matters pertaining thereto. The document, therefore, follows:

Mr. J. L. Lancaster, Receiver, Texas & Pacific Railway Company, Dallas, Texas;  
Mr. B. C. Girdley, Receiver, Midland & Northwestern Ry. Co., Midland, Texas, Messrs. Thomas, Milam & Touchstone, Attorneys for Receiver of Midland & Northwestern Ry. Co., Praetorian Building, Dallas, Texas;  
Mr. David Fasken, Midland, Texas;  
Gentlemen:  
Mr. E. J. Kates, engineer examiner, Bureau of Finance, Interstate Commerce Commission, will be in Midland, Texas, on February 22nd, to make an examination of the Midland & Northwestern Railway.

The three principal objects of Mr. Kates' mission will be the following:  
(1) The determination of the repairs and improvements necessary to enable efficient operation of the Midland & Northwestern Railway.  
(2) The best and most economical method of securing the operation of the Midland & Northwestern Railway, giving consideration to operation by the officers and employees of the Texas & Pacific Railway under contract with the Midland & Northwestern Railway as opposed to operation of the Midland & Northwestern Railway solely by its own officers and employees.  
(3) The possibility of securing the necessary co-operation and support of the citizens of Midland and of other communities served by the Midland & Northwestern Railway in behalf of the financial plan tentatively agreed upon between the principal creditors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway as hereinafter indicated.

This trip of Mr. Kates will be made in completion of an investigation undertaken by me with a view toward securing the continued operation of the Midland & Northwestern Railway which proceeded to the extent of a tentative agreement for the financing of the railroad between the principal creditors, but which because of my necessary recall to Washington before a visit to Midland did not proceed far enough to include the questions of the habilitation and operation nor to the extent of securing the co-operation of the citizens of Midland and of towns along the line of the Midland & Northwestern in the proposed plans. For the information of all concerned the following resume is given of the negotiations thus far had in the matter:

After considerable correspondence with citizens along the line of the Midland & Northwestern Railway and with members of Congress touching the dis-

continuation of operation of the railway and after an interchange of letters in the same connection with the receiver of the connecting trunk line, the Texas & Pacific Railway, and with Messrs. Thomas, Milam and Touchstone, attorneys for the receiver of the Midland & Northwestern Railway, as well as with said last-mentioned receiver in the same regard, it appeared that the discontinuance of operation was not due to the desire of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company to cease running its trains but was due to a physical inability to operate because of lack of credit and income. It further appeared that receivership had been effected at the instance of Mr. D. Fasken, one of the principal creditors, but that the most formidable claim against the company was one of the receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway for the price of the rail used in the construction of the road for which the receivers of the Texas & Pacific held a vendor's lien. It was suggested in some of the correspondence that the receivers of the Texas & Pacific were or would be unwilling to release this lien but would be disposed to enforce their lien because of the great increase in the value of rail and because by such action they would be protected in their claim regardless of the welfare of the Midland & Northwestern Railway. The first matter to be covered, therefore, appeared to be an agreement between the principal creditors looking toward a discharge of the receivership and particularly an agreement on the part of the receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway not to enforce their vendor's lien for the rail but to accept instead new underlying securities either of the existing Midland & Northwestern Railway Company or of a new company formed to take over and operate the properties of the Midland & Northwestern Railway. Conferences were held in this regard at Dallas, Texas, on January 4th and January 7th with Mr. J. L. Lancaster, receiver, Texas & Pacific Railway, Messrs. Thomas, Milam and Touchstone, attorneys for receiver of Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, and Mr. D. Fasken, one of the principal creditors of the Midland & Northwestern Railway, its principal stockholder and the person at whose instance the receivership was instituted. As a result of these conferences it appeared that the receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway will not insist upon the enforcement of their vendor's lien and will not take up the rail if there is any reasonable prospect of the successful operation of the road, and instead of being desirous of preventing the operation and of the enforcement of their lien upon the rail the receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway would prefer that the Midland & Northwestern Railway be operated, provided the company is so financed and managed as to insure its success. The accounts of the Midland & Northwestern as reflected in reports to the Interstate Commerce Commission have been kept in a very unsatisfactory manner. From these reports and from the best information available up to the close of December, 1920, it appeared that the indebtedness of the Midland & Northwestern might be summarized about as follows:

Owing to Mr. Fasken for construction	\$ 20,000
Owing to Texas & Pacific for steel and equipment	213,665
Owing to Texas & Pacific for advances	60,654
Owing to U. S. R. R. Administration for advances and rentals	29,869
Owing to various firms for supplies	30,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$354,188</b>

Mr. Fasken did not know the amount of the judgment which he holds against the company but was of the opinion that it might be in the neighborhood of \$200,000. It will be noted that this judgment is not reflected in the above list of indebtedness. From records furnished by Mr. Lancaster, receiver, Texas & Pacific Railway, at the close of the conference with him on January 7th it appears that the amount of this judgment is \$222,152.94, with 6 per cent interest from date of entry, February 19, 1919. It also appears from records furnished by Mr. Lancaster that the balance sheets and accounts of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company do not reflect the full amounts due for the reason that certain bills rendered by the U. S. Railroad Administration and by the receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway for engine rental, repairs to locomotives, labor and material, etc., were not taken up in the accounts. It also appears from the same source that in

addition to the judgment in favor of Mr. Fasken there are judgments in favor of J. H. Garrison & Sons in the amount of \$5,000, in favor of the Midland Mercantile Co., in the amount of \$1,150.42, in favor of J. K. Howell in the amount of \$1,500, in favor of W. D. Ellis in the amount of \$5,000; that suits are pending covering claims of the Midland Hardware Company, the Texas & Pacific Coal and Oil Company and T. H. and R. E. Eastman in the total amount of \$4,896.47; and that on December 17, 1919, W. J. Klassen, employed as conductor, was killed in performance of his duties, but that no entry has been made in the accounts representing claim against the company in this regard.

It further appeared that probably the greatest difficulty experienced in the operation of the road was in the treatment of water and in the cleaning of engines and that adequate facilities for these services were not available at Midland or at any place on the Midland & Northwestern Railway so that engines had to be sent to a division point on the Texas & Pacific for care and overhauling. It also appeared that the Midland & Northwestern Railway had been laid with ties of insufficient size or at least of very small dimensions, which were not adequate for the economical operation of a railroad. It also appeared that the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company owed large amounts for current expenses and was without funds and that to insure its successful operation a very considerable cash working fund must be provided. It was therefore suggested by me that the necessary results might be obtained as follows, to-wit:

The receivers of the Texas & Pacific to take for their first lien on the steel and for operating advances, which under the law would have preference over other claims and which amount to about \$274,000, \$250,000 in first mortgage bonds of the present or reorganized company, and to take stock of the company for the remainder of this indebtedness which might be proved; Mr. Fasken to undertake the purchase or disposition of \$150,000 of the first mortgage bonds at par and the United States to loan \$100,000 upon the security of \$100,000 of the first mortgage bonds at par with endorsement or guaranty of the receiver of the Texas & Pacific and others interested in the maintaining of operation of the road; all other indebtedness to be met by the issue at par of common stock of the present or re-organized company.

At Mr. Fasken's suggestion, tentatively agreed to by Mr. Lancaster for the receivers of the Texas & Pacific, the arrangement was modified as follows: \$500,000 of first mortgage bonds to be issued either by the present or a re-organized company which would take the properties free of debt or encumbrance except such mortgage bonds, the \$500,000 of first mortgage bonds to be disposed of as follows:

To receivers of Texas & Pacific Railway in payment at par on account for steel, equipment and advances	\$250,000
To Mr. D. Fasken to be applied at par on judgment and advances for construction and other indebtedness to Fasken	50,000
To be underwritten and disposed of at par by Mr. Fasken, the cash proceeds to be paid into the treasury of the company as a working fund	100,000
To be used as security for loan for additions and betterments under section 210 of the Transportation Act, 1920, which loan would be further secured by the endorsement and guaranty of Mr. Fasken and other citizens of Midland or of other communities along the line of the Midland & Northwestern Railway	100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$500,000</b>

The receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway and Mr. Fasken and other creditors to take common stock of the new reorganized company at par in payment of other claims or balance on claims which might be proved; the first mortgage bonds to run for 15 years and to bear 6 per cent interest per annum, the interest, however, for the first five years to be deferred until and to be paid over the remaining 10-year period. Mr. Fasken was of the opinion that in view of his undertaking to dispose of \$100,000 of the bonds at par or to take these bonds himself he should not be asked to endorse or guarantee the government loan. There may be some force in this suggestion if as part of the operation of the preferential treatment involved in the issue to him of \$50,000 of bonds Mr. Fasken should undertake to satisfy and secure the agreement of other creditors in respect of taking stock for their claims. When a complete agreement in regard to these matters is reached the receivership to be discharged by consent of all parties, the necessary steps in this regard to be taken by the attorneys for the receiver of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company, the attorneys for the receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway and by Mr. Fasken.

It was thought by Mr. Fasken that in addition to deferring for a number of years the interest on the bonds the rate of interest should be lower. If it could be agreed that this rate of interest should be lower, say 4 per cent, and that the bonds were to draw no interest at all for the first 5 years, the arrangement would, of course, be of more financial soundness. There appears considerable doubt of the ability of the road even at the end of 5 years to pay 9 per cent on \$500,000, or \$45,000 per year, as fixed charges, while it might be able to pay after 5 years 4 per cent, or \$20,000 per year, fixed charges and allow some return to the stockholders.

It appeared that there is some dispute in respect of the title to right of way of the railway through Mr. Fasken's lands. Any arrangements for the refinancing of the company and for its future operations must necessarily be contingent upon the settlement of this question and upon the conveyance of an unencumbered title to the railway company for this right of way as well as for all other rights of way and railroad properties of the Midland & Northwestern Railway. The tentative arrangement to apportion \$50,000 of the first mortgage bonds to Mr. Fasken contemplated the convey-

ance of title to the right of way without additional charge therefor in the settlement.

There was very considerable difference of opinion between Mr. Fasken and Mr. Lancaster:

- (1) as to the necessities in the way of additions and betterments to enable the successful operation of the road, and
- (2) as to the forces and means including working capital required to operate the road.

As to the additions and betterments or improvements necessary to operate the road Mr. Fasken thought the \$100,000 set aside in the tentative arrangement and to be realized from the government loan was excessive. And Mr. Lancaster thought that this amount would reasonably be required for improvements and that in addition probably \$70,000 would be required for new ties and for other deferred maintenance charges. Of course, the government loan can be made only in respect of additions and betterments and any deferred maintenance charges will have to be made up out of the funds realized from the sale of the \$100,000 of first mortgage bonds at par which Mr. Fasken has tentatively undertaken.

As to the funds required to operate the road it seems clear that if out of the \$100,000 to be realized from the sale of additional bonds undertaken by Mr. Fasken \$70,000 must be spent for ties and for rehabilitation of the road on account of deferred maintenance, the \$30,000 remaining will not afford a sufficient working capital in view of the loan earnings to be expected for the first two or three years of operation. And as to the personnel for the operation of the road it seems that supervision of maintenance and other work by the conductors of trains as was contemplated by Mr. Fasken is impracticable, and that the best results can be obtained by a contract with the receivers of the Texas & Pacific Railway under which the supervision and operation of the division offices of the Texas & Pacific will be extended over the Midland & Northwestern under a reasonable contract for the distribution of expenses. This contract might contemplate the distribution of common or overhead expenses on a revenue basis and of the allocation of expenses which can be so charged. The investigation of this question and the making of report thereon is one of the principal matters to be covered by Mr. Kates.

At the close of my last conference with Mr. Fasken just before leaving Dallas it was understood that he would see Mr. Lancaster in respect of this question of operation. It appears, however, from correspondence since had, that no satisfactory agreement in this regard was reached between Mr. Lancaster and Mr. Fasken. The United States would not be willing to make the loan contemplated in the above tentative arrangements unless the successful operation of the road or at least its operation under competent management is assured.

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of the Midland Chamber of Commerce that the receivers of the Texas & Pacific take long-time bonds with 4 per cent interest beginning 5 years from date "thus giving the Santa Fe liberal time within which to rehabilitate the road without being burdened with interest items or any principal until their business is fully established and their efficiency well known to people along the road" seems hardly feasible. While the receivers of the Texas & Pacific might be persuaded to and are apparently willing to waive their underlying lien for the purpose of the operation of the Midland & Northwestern as a feeder to their line it is quite doubtful that they would be willing to forego the advantages of position which they have for the benefit of a competitor.

While the principal purposes of Mr. Kates' trip have been hereinabove set forth he will hear, consider and report upon any other suggestions, facts or circumstances which may be brought or come to his attention with a view to-

ward securing for the people of the communities served the continuance of the operation of the Midland & Northwestern Railway. And he will particularly endeavor to reconcile and report upon the construction and other accounts of the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company as related to his investigation. Very truly yours,  
(Signed) W. A. COLSON,  
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