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Postal Service On Coleman Cutoff

Post Service to Be Established on The Coleman-Cutoff From Coleman to Slaton Monday November 6th, 1911

The Postmasters along the Coleman Cutoff from Coleman to Slaton have been notified that beginning with Monday November 6, the trains over the Cutoff would carry the mail from Coleman to Slaton.

This will be a great improvement over the present service, as we will then probably get our Eastern mail a day earlier than we do now.

It has been reported, but not officially confirmed, that the schedule of all mail trains connected with the Cutoff will be changed and that several through trains will be put on.

Making the Map of Maine.

The State of Maine and the United States Geological Survey are together spending thousands of dollars in constructing a great topographic map of the State. This map when finished will be of such dimensions that few, if any, halls in Maine will be big enough to hang it in. It will be about 32 feet high by 20 feet wide. For convenience, therefore, the map is being made piecemeal. Each unit of survey is known as a quadrangle, comprising one-sixteenth of a degree of latitude and longitude—about 215 square miles—and a separate atlas sheet is published for each quadrangle surveyed. Twenty-seven quadrangles have already been surveyed and the maps published. These are located mostly in the southern of the State, extending across it. During the present season a United States Geological Survey party, under Hersey Munroe, a topographic engineer, has been mapping the Bethel quadrangle, the Bryant Pond quadrangle, and the Buckfield quadrangle, in Oxford and Androscoggin counties. These quadrangles are traversed by the Main Central Railroad and the Grand Trunk Railway. Each quadrangle contains 213.72 square miles. Mr. Munroe has been assisted by R. A. Kiger and S. A. Judson, of the Geological Survey, and by field assistants, and has completed the work on the Buckfield and Bryant Pond quadrangles and work on the Bethel quadrangle is well under way.

Almost everyone in Maine knows the value of the Government's topographic surveys. The topographic map shows every physical characteristic of the area surveyed—every hill, slope, valley, and stream, and the altitude of every point. All the works of man are also portrayed by the surveyors in their exact relative position—the roads, the railroads, the bridges, even the houses. Any farmer who buys one of these maps may pick out his home and note its elevation above sea level as readily as the most experienced engineer. The map is useful to the farmer, to the tourist and the huntsman, to the automobilist, and to the private surveyor or engineer—in fact, to everyone. Thousands of these topographic atlas sheets of the quadrangles in Maine have been sold, but the demand is constantly increasing. The maps are indispensable in engineering development of any character. They have been well termed the mother maps of the country.

HALLOWEEN PARTIES.

Mrs. J. S. Wells, in the west part of town, entertained quite a number of jolly young folks Tuesday night. Everyone enjoyed themselves to the utmost.

Mrs. W. S. Swan, also gathered together a merry band of young folks Tuesday night, in her home in East Tahoka, who fully realized their expectations of having a good time.

In North Tahoka, Miss Pauline Ramsey entertained the younger set in a true Halloween manner, which was thoroughly enjoyed by everyone present, in the full spirit of the season.

MONEY to Loan on Real Estate at eight per cent, from three to ten years.

FRED MORRIS,

8-14 Fluvanna, Texas.

PREACHING SUNDAY.

Rev. W. F. Kirby, a Presbyterian preacher will occupy the pulpit at the Tahoka Methodist church Sunday morning and night. Everyone is cordially invited to attend.

In accordance with an act of Congress, the topographic atlas sheets are sold by the Director of the Geological Survey, at Washington, at a nominal rate of 5 cents a copy—the cost of paper and printing—or \$3 a hundred if at least 100 copies of the same map or maps is purchased. They are also sold by dealers in a dozen or more of the larger cities of Maine.

The Geological Survey at Washington also publishes an index map showing the quadrangles which have been mapped in Maine and a copy of this will be sent free to anyone requesting it.

Picture framing that is sure to please, done at McGill's Drug Store. 10-1t

W. M. Kincaid and family, of Kansas, came in on the Tuesday afternoon train, and are stopping at J. R. Honea's.

Deering Binder Twine 9 cents per pound at the Tahoka Hardware Co. 2-tf

Twenty empty cattle cars, five box cars and the baggage and passenger coaches made up the train that came in Monday afternoon from the north. Two box cars were left here and the rest went on down the road.

WANTED—A man and wife to work in Hotel. Woman must be good cook. Room in house. Good pay to the right parties. Answer at once.

M. MORTON,
10-11 Lamesa, Texas.

SERIOUS MISTAKE.

In setting the full page advertisement for the Tahoka Mercantile Co., last week, the printer made a serious mistake. He made the ad read "Summer Stock" when it should have read "Immense Stock." Now the Mercantile has an immense stock alright, but not of summer goods, for with their low prices, and a judicious use of printers ink, they have very little of their summer stock on hand. But, they have an immense stock of Fall and Winter goods that they are selling cheaper than anyone else, and that was what they wanted their advertisement to say,

TEXAS NEEDS GREAT MEN

X. EDUCATION.

THE Chinese made the first paper and the Germans made the first type and brought education within the reach of every citizen on the globe. These achievements, together with the printing press, were the crowning glory of civilization. The Texas press is a great industrial educator. To read our newspapers makes the farmer want to start another plow, the miner shoulder his pick, the manufacturer enlarge his plant and the banker increase his investments. Our marvelous progress is due largely to our inspired writers who sweetly sing the praises of Texas.



THE FIRST PRINTING PRESS.

The vigor of youth is upon Texas. The dew of prosperity falls upon it by night and the rays of a glorious sun nurture it by day. Our soil—warm from creation—is as fertile as the Valley of the Nile. Our land—the factory site of the Universe—invites the merry hum of industry and our minerals—nature's treasury box—await the prospector's pick. Texas opportunities light the universe like the blaze of a mighty fire, inviting whosoever will to come to a land as beautiful as the shores of Paradise and as full of possibilities as the Garden of Eden. Let everybody come. Texas needs great men.

Red Cross Christmas Seal Campaign

At a meeting of the Executive Committee of the Texas Anti-Tuberculosis Association in Austin Friday, it was decided to establish a hospital-home on the Gulf Coast for children afflicted with tuberculosis of the bones and glands.

It was reported to the committee that there was practically no provision in the State for these children, and, in fact, that little had been done throughout the country in the way of special hospital provision outside of the Sea Breeze Hospital in New York City. This institution was made famous a few years ago by "Smiling Joe's" campaign for funds for a new hospital building.

A medical member of the committee described this form of tuberculosis to lay members as consumption of the bones. It was stated that most of the hunchbacks were cases of tuberculosis of the spine and that most cases of hip disease, resulting in a shortened limb, were tuberculosis of the hip. Enlarged joints were also attributed in many cases to bone tuberculosis. The positive statement was made that this form of the disease was not contagious. Physicians frequently find that the children of consumptives are afflicted with tuberculosis of the bones.

The treatment given at the Sea Breeze Hospital on Coney Island, New York, was described. The little patients spend practically all of their time in the open air and much of their time, when the tem-

perature permits, in the water. as the institution is only a few yards from the beach. Salt water and sea air, combined with skillful surgery, brings wonderful results.

It was pointed out to the committee that the Texas Gulf Coast was because of its milder climate, permitting sea bathing practically all the year round, an ideal location for such an institution and the prediction was made that cures could be effected there as readily as in some of the famed sanatoria of a similar nature on the shores of the Mediterranean Sea. Members of the committee expressed their belief that Gulf Coast towns would vie with each other in offering inducements to secure the location of the Sanitarium.

To secure funds for the erection or purchase of a building and for the maintenance of the institution and for its other work the Association will soon place on sale, in every town in Texas the 1912 Red Cross Christmas Seals and the organization plans to sell 1,000,000 Seals in Texas between now and Christmas.

The Red Cross Christmas Seals are sold every year at one cent each. The Seals are placed on the backs of letters for weeks before Christmas and on Christmas gifts and packages. Business houses buy them in large quantities and use them on their mail, on monthly statements and on pay envelopes. One member of the committee told of an instance where a long overdue bill was paid in December of last year, because his debtor was so pleased to find

DIED AT BIG SPRINGS.

B. F. Black, died at Big Springs, Texas, Wednesday October 25th, of brights disease and was, buried in the cemetery at that place Thursday.

Mr. Black leaves a wife, two children and 12 grandchildren to mourn his departure. His wife and children were present when the end came. He was the father of B. H. Black, of Tahoka, and J. F. Black, who made his home here about a year ago.

B. F. Black enlisted in the 3rd Louisiana Regiment, Company B., at the beginning of the Civil War, serving as a private in the same company until the war ended.

Mr. Black had spent 74 eventful and useful years when the summons came that called him home.

C. W. POST, RAIN MAKER

We see by the Post that 3,000 pounds of dynamite was exploded along the cap rock near Post City last week in an effort to produce rain. What success attend the experiment, if any, we have been unable to learn as yet.

Have your pictures nicely framed at McGill's Drug Store, before the Holiday rush. 10-1t

Will Arnett and Arch McPhaul shipped 11 cars of cattle from Tahoka last Saturday for the Kansas City market.

W. R. Duncan was on the sick list Sunday.

FOR SALE.

Good New Mexico, mares in car load lots F. O. B. Roswell, N. M. Dry mares from \$40.00 to \$45.00. Mares and colts \$50.00. Will sell from one to five car lots.

Reference, any Bank or business house in Roswell, N. M., 8-10 HERBERT & POTTEET.

Rev. A. D. Jamison, Methodist pastor at Gomez, spent Tuesday night at the Tahoka Hotel. He was on his way to Annual Conference at Plainview.

Read The News And Patronize Its Advertisers--It Pays.

Prof. J. B. Walker spent three weeks in Southern Texas on a business trip, returning the middle of the week.

FOR SALE—New and Re-built Buggies at half price. If you want a genuine bargain, see W. P. PHENIX, Tahoka, Texas. 10tf

LUBBOCK HAD BIG FIRE.

The Lubbock Mercantile Co.'s large three story building was totally destroyed by fire last Friday night. The building was occupied by about 17 firms and individuals, all of whom lost nearly everything. The losses will total \$150,000, about one-fourth covered with insurance.

FOR SALE—All kinds of farming tools, cheap for cash. Apply to G. C. King or H. M. Larkin, Tahoka, Texas. 10-11

the little message of Christmas cheer and good will attached to his statement.

The Association is organizing committees of ladies in every town in the State to take charge of the sale of Seals. Mail orders have already been received at the Association's office in the State Capitol Building at Austin.

Teachers' Institute Convenes Monday

Lynn County Teachers' Institute To Convene at Court House November 6th, 9 a. m. Good Program Arranged

Monday morning at 9 a. m. the Lynn County Teachers' Institute will be opened by an invocation by Rev. J. R. Balch, the Welcome Address will be delivered by Judge G. W. Perryman, Responce, E. A. White; after which the Institute will proceed to organize and get ready for the weeks work.

The program committee has outlined a good program of and each teacher has prepared the subject assigned them and every one expects a good session.

Prominent Stockmen

Kansas City Drivers Telegram S. H. Windham and W. H. May, prominent young stockmen of Tahoka Texas, arrived at the yards today with a shipment of 150 head of cows. These young stockmen belong out on the Plains in the southwestern part of the Panhandle country, which is still in the hands of the cowmen.

"Very little farming is attempted there," Mr. Windham said. "No attempt has been made to raise small grain, and very few have tried to raise corn. The only attempt a farming is in raising milo maize, kaffir corn and a few other forage crops. The season has been a very favorable one, and our cattle are doing well. But the cattle shipments from there will be light, compared with other seasons. Each year seems to show a falling off in the number of cattle. What cattle we have, however, are good."

You should have your pictures framed at the McGill Drug Store before the Holiday rush begins. Do it now. 10-1t

Ramsey and King with their crew of men resumed work on the job of moving the last half of the McAdams lumber shed from the old location on Main street to the new yard on the corner of Porterfield and Petty streets, Monday. They have been hindered considerably by the wet weather, but are progressing as fast as they can, as there are about eight or nine more buildings to be moved before Main street will begin to take on the look of a business thorough-fare.

Deering Binder Twine, 9 cents per pound at the Tahoka Hardware Co. 2-tf

The roofing is being put on the Ketner building on Main street this week and it will probably be completed on the outside by the end of the week, unless perhaps the front may not be put in yet. Then will come the shelving and moving in and then business will begin to look up on Main street.

For dependable windmill work get E. N. McReynolds. Satisfaction guaranteed. Phone 32. 41-tf

P. B. Hall, proprietor of the Tahoka Likery Stable, went up the road on business last Saturday and Tom Aiggins is chief driver and feeder this week.

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PROFESSIONAL

Dr. INNON & TURRENTINE
Physicians & Surgeons

Local and Long
Distance Phones

Tahoka, Texas.

DR. J. H. MCCOY

Physician and Surgeon
Office at Thomas Bros. & Co.

Tahoka, Texas.

G. E. LOCKHART

Attorney-At-Law
Office South of Square

Tahoka, Texas.

Dr. J. B. HALL, DENTIST

of Plainview Texas

Will be in Tahoka the second
Monday in each month and
will remain a week

Dr. A. W. THOMPSON

Physician and Surgeon

Office in Geo. Riley's Drug Store

O'Donnell, Texas

Tahoka, Grove
CIRCLE, No. 714

Meet the 1st and 3rd
Saturday afternoon at three o'clock.
Mrs. T. J. Blankenship, Guardian,
Mrs. Fannie N. Henderson, Clerk.

Tahoka Lodge No. 420
Knights of Pythias

Meet 2nd and 4th Monday
nights in each month.
S. W. Joplin, C. C.
F. E. McDaniel, K. of R.S.

Tahoka Lodge
No. 653 I. O. O. F.

Meet Tuesday Nights
D. T. Rogers, N. G., O. T. Bryant, Sec.

Tahoka Rebekah Lodge
No. 150

Meet 2nd Tuesday after-
noon, 4th Friday night.
Mrs. W. A. Stedum, N. G.
Mrs. F. E. Redwine, Secretary.

Tahoka, Camp
No. 1603

Meet every Saturday
night at W.O.W. Hall.
D. T. Rogers, C. C. H. M. Larkin, Clerk.

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Is now in Full Blast
at the Mercantile

Extra High Pat- ent Flour.....	\$2.90
Magnolia Flour Ex- tra High Patent.....	2.70
Cottolene 10 lb bucket.....	1.15
Lard Compound 10 lb bucket.....	1.00
Snow White Syrup per gal.....	40c
Sparkle Syrup per gal.....	40c
New South Syrup per gal.....	65c
Oatmeal 3 pkgs.....	25c
Oatmeal 5 lb pkg.....	20c
Best Corn per can.....	10c
Tomatoes 3 lb can.....	10c
Best Matches 12 boxes.....	40c
Calico per yd.....	5c
Best Outing per yd.....	10c
Best Cotton Flannel per yd.....	10c

We have had
good business
every day since
the sale commen-
ced. Don't put
your fall buying
off to late. When
in town stop at
our store whether
you want to buy
or not.

Tahoka Mercantile Company

THE HOUSE OF LOW PRICES

They are again talking railroad
at Lockney, Silverton and other
points along the proposed Altus
railroad. It seems that Ed. Ken-
nedy, the promoter of the road,
is visiting all the towns enroute,
telling them that if the committee
will guarantee the bonus notes
construction will be started up
right away.

Dr. McCoy accompanied by
Mrs. McCoy and the children
made a 22 mile drive Sunday to
attend Mrs. Cathey who was
suffering from a severe attack of
neuralgia.

For a clean, comfortable Shave
or a smooth, artistic Hair-Cut

Come to the

West Side Barber Shop

IRA DOAK, PROP.

Up-to-date

Baths always on tap: Try one

Laundry basket in connection

TAHOKA, TEXAS

A city board of trade or com-
mercial club helps to develop
unity of aim and acts as an im-
petus to civic growth along healthy
growth.

We see by the Beacon that
Lockney has already shipped 142
cars of grain this year. The
Lockney country is in the 160
acre class. While of course there
larger farms and ranches, still the
majority are from 320 acre down
and it has been settled for quite a
number of years and the country
is about the thickest settled of any
on the Plains, so that in a season-
able year such as they have just
had, there is bound to be a large
surplus of grain and feed stuff to
be shipped out every fall. If they
had the large ranches of the South
Plains to consume their feed they
would not have so much to ship
out of the country. In the South
Plains counties where the ranches
are still more numerous than the
farms, we ship in more feed stuff
than we ship out. However this
condition of things is rapidly
changing for it is becoming very
well established that the South
Plains, of which Lynn county is
the center, is the place for profit-
able diversified farming.

Too Many Lawyers.

Too many lawyers in a commu-
nity is worse than a pestilence. When
the profession is overcrowded, it
forces the weak ones to developing
business and the result is ambu-
lance chasers, trouble mongers, etc.,
and they can learn to smell blood
with the instinct of a savage beast.

The legal profession is a high
calling. It adjusts the machinery of
human society and when confined to
its true sphere of usefulness, is an
indispensable servant to civilization,
but when the skill and ability of the
lawyer is directed to creating dis-
turbances, he becomes a menace to
the public welfare.

Man with Money.

The man with money probably re-
ceives more advice and abuse than
any other individual and he is one
of the most indispensable individ-
uals in the community. We are will-
ing to tell him how to invest his
money and after making the invest-
ment, we frequently insist on show-
ing him how to manage his busi-
ness. Our interest in the matter is
commendable but we should not for-
get that the man with money is the
prime factor in our development and
by no known process of economics
can we eliminate him from a trans-
action. We can propose, but he dis-
poses. We can submit our financial
propositions for his consideration,
but the man with money passes final
judgment and from his decision
there is no appeal. He is the final
judge. This may be unfortunate
and humiliating but it is neverthe-
less true and if we are going to de-
velop Texas, we must first have a
heart-to-heart talk with the man
with money.

Tahoka Saddle Shop

G. R. MILLIKEN Prop.

Saddles, Harness,

Fancy Belts Made

Repairing Done



Steamship Lines.

In describing the greatness of
Texas, we invariably recount our
railroad mileage, our public high-
ways, our agricultural area and our
industrial opportunities, but to gain
a clear conception of our power and
our possibilities, one needs to nav-
igate our rivers and sail our seas.

A new steamship line opening up
commerce is almost as valuable to
our prosperity as a new railroad.
We now have forty-six steamships
plying out of Galveston and the flag
of every nation on the globe can be
seen floating from this harbor. In
tonnage it ranks second to New
York.

We have 1,210 miles of perman-
ently navigable rivers which we
have practically deserted and consid-
ering that freight can be transport-
ed by water for two mills per ton
mile against one cent by rail and
forty-three cents by public highways,
we gain a conception of what wat-
erways mean to our commerce.

Preventable Accidents.

Our Boards of Health are per-
forming a splendid service to man-
kind by directing attention to pre-
ventable diseases and teaching us
to remove their causes, but one of
the most timely suggestions received
from these custodians of human wel-
fare is contained in a few rules
which, if followed, will greatly re-
duce the list of injuries and deaths,
as well as destruction of property
traceable to explosions of oil, gaso-
line, etc. The rules follow:
First—Keep oil, gasoline or
naptha cans in the shade.
Second—Never pour oil from a
can directly into the stove or grate,
but pour the oil into a cup or other
open top vessel, and from this to the
fire.

Third—Never, under any circum-
stances, use gasoline or naptha for
starting fires.

Fourth—See that cans used for
gasoline or naptha are plainly
marked or labeled to avoid possi-
bility of mixing with kerosene.

Note—Lamp oil may ignite, but
cannot explode when contained in
an open cup.

The bad weather did not hold
cotton back as much as we expect-
ed would be the case. Up to Fri-
day the number of bales ginned in
Dawson county was as follows:

Lamesa Gin Co.	646
Willis Gin	316
Lou	190
Sparenburg	183

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Just how much Dawson county
cotton was ginned at the Riley
gin, across the line in Lynn coun-
ty, we are not prepared to state,
but it is considerable.

A Home Institution

This bank is a home institution. Our loans are made
right here at home to our good farmers, ranchmen and
business men. It is a home institution for our home people.
Make a deposit and then pay your bills with your personal
check. It is very simple, convenient and safe. Call and
we will gladly explain the many advantages of a checking
account. You will always have a receipt which cannot be
disputed. The endorsed check, which will be returned to
you is incontestible proof of the payment of the bill. Your
money is safe only when deposited in the bank to your
credit. If you carry it in your pocket or leave it at home
it may be lost or stolen. Come in and see us, in our new,
fireproof brick building, and let us talk these matters over
with you, and show and explain to you how safe and handy
your money is when deposited with us.

First National Bank

Of Tahoka, Texas

Waco Cotton Palace Exposition

Waco November 4th to 19th 1911
Dates of Sale 3rd to 16th Inclusive
Final Limit Nov. 20th, Fare \$13.70
via The G. C. & S. F. New Way

Howell's Wagon Yard And Feed Store

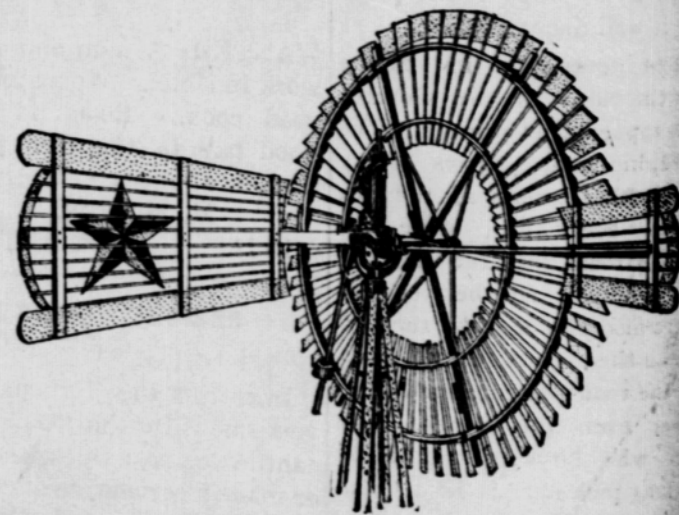
We are now ready to serve you
with the best accommodations that
can be had, when in town put up at
our yard, we'll treat you right.

We have a large stock of grain
and hay. If you want your stock to
look well, buy your feed from us.

S. W. Corner Square, Tahoka

A CAR OF STARS

Just received a car of
the famous Star Wind
Mills, also received a
car of piping and well
casing. Get our cash
prices before you buy.
We also carry a line of
net wire and barb wire.
Lowest prices on every
thing.



For Best Prices and Best Lumber you will
save money by letting us
figure your bill.

A. G. McAdams Lbr. Co.,

Yard Samples for Suits
and Overcoats
"Let Taylor Tailor You"

Tahoka Tailor Shop

"Hy-Style Tailors"

Ladies Made to Measure
Clothes a Specialty
Let us do Your Pressing

HIGGINBOTHAM---HARRIS CO.

Want to figure your bill for
Lumber, Sash, Doors, Shingles, moulding, Eclipse Wind-
mills, Stock Tower, Piping and Fittings o all kinds,
Lime, Brick, Cement, Posts and Wire.

Geo. Small, Manager

TWO BLOCKS EAST OF SQUARE

TAHOKA, Lynn County, TEXAS

P. B. HALL



Tahoka Livery, Feed and Sale Stable

P. B. HALL, Proprietor. PHONE No. 9.

We have good teams, good rigs, and our prices are reason-
able. We sell all kinds of feed and will deliver anywhere.

North of the square, Tahoka, Texas.

"Tin Tanks"

Of the very highest quality made to
order at the very lowest price.

Plumbing Of All Kinds Done.

Complete Line Of

Shelf and heavy hardware
Buzzard-wing sweeps, Enamel ware

Tahoka Hardware Co.

**We Want Your Hides
And Country Produce**

Palace Meat Market

Choice Cuts of Fresh Meat

Weathers & King, Props.

"Take Our Advice"

Have your tanks and
guttering put up now.
The Fall rains
are what you
want to save.

Stove Pipe, Rain Proof,
Flues, Ventilator, Etc.

All kinds of Tin and
Repair Work Done Well.

W. B. Bishop

The Tinner

South Sweet St.

Tahoka, Texas

Weed Losses

No other weed known to man is
of such pernicious character as
that commonly called Russian
thistle. It was first introduced
into Canada during the early 70's
Since then it has spread with
wonderful rapidity over practically
the whole of the Dakotas, Nebras-
ka, Minnesota, Montana, Idaho,
Colorado, Utah, New Mexico and
California. In many of these
states, losses due to this weed
have assumed enormous propor-
tions. In the case of wheat alone
the annual loss was placed in 1894
at more than \$1,600,000 and this
has probably doubled since then.
Some of the states named have
been forced to render state aid in
an endeavor to check the spread
of this scourge. Almost all of
these attempts have been unavail-
ing, chiefly because of the astound-
ing inertia of those most vitally
interested in the matter, the farm-
ers themselves.

Just as most epidemics of human
and other diseases are due to the
neglect and carelessness of those
whose interests are most affected
by their inroads, so in the spread
of weed pests, the farmer himself
is responsible for the trouble that
comes upon him from such causes.
Were he to use ordinary diligence
in examining the seeds that he
sows he would easily discover that
many foreign seeds are to be
found. Some of these are harm-
less, others are of such pernicious
character that even one seed to the
pound would mean trouble or possi-
bly disaster. No man would
have small pox or typhoid fever if
he could avoid them. Nor should
he want Russian Thistle, Cana-
dian Thistle, Charlock or Dodder
in his fields. Typhoid fever and
small pox are penalties we pay for
lack of interest, forethought and
care in our personal habits. Weed
pests are the penalties of careles-
ness in farming habits. The pity
of it is that all such penalties
could be avoided if we only took
the trouble.

Warnings without number have
been given the farmers of Texas
by the Agricultural and Mechan-
ical College concerning the danger
of introducing weed pests in their
field through carelessness in buy-
ing seeds. This is especially true
in Russian Thistle. This weed
was first reported eight years ago
from one or two localities in the
northern part of the state. Inves-

tigation then started by Dr. O. M.
Ball, of the department of Biology
of the Agricultural and Mechan-
ical College of Texas, brought to
light the fact that in every case
reported, the weed had made its
appearance in fields of alfalfa, the
seed of which had come from re-
gions infested by this weed. These
investigations lead to the further
discovery, that many other highly
undersirable weeds were at times
introduced in this way, and also
in other agricultural seeds. Let-
ters are on file in the office of the
department of Biology showing
that severe losses have resulted
in many cases to farmers who
have been unfortunate in purchas-
ing seeds for sowing. These let-
ters also show that the spread of
Russian Thistle, Charloc, Dodder
and other weeds of like character,
has been alarmingly rapid, especi-
ally during the last three or four
years. Instances have been re-
ported of total losses of crops of
alfalfa, wheat, etc, through the
presence of one or the other of
these weeds, and there can be no
doubt that weed pests that are
avoidable are rapidly increasing.
Dr. Ball does not hesitate to pre-
dict that within five years the
legislature of the state, will be
asked to make large appropri-
ations to aid in the eradication of
Russian Thistle alone.

After two or three years of ex-
perience in examining agricultural
seeds offered for sale in the state,
Dr. Ball at the solicitation and
with the aid of certain members of
the legislature drew up a pure
seed bill which was introduced in-
to the 31st legislature. This bill
was moderate and was based on
laws regulating the sale of seeds
that had been adopted in a num-
ber of other states. This bill met
the opposition of practically every
seedsman in the state. It was
unanimously reported out of the
committee on agriculture of the
legislature, but met the fate of
many other bills in that session.
Two years later, a similar bill,
modified to meet the objections
raised by the seedsmen, was intro-
duced into the 32nd legislature,
after having been unanimously re-
ported out of committee. This
bill met the fate of the former.
During the past four years nearly
half of the states have enacted
laws governing the purity of seeds.
Texas, one of the leading agricul-
tural states of the Union, is wholly
without protection in this respect.
The inevitable result will be, if
the seedsmen themselves do not
regulate the matter, that this state
will become the dumping ground
of all seed found unsaleable in
those states having seed laws.

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ment of botany of the A & M Col-
lege has inspected samples of seeds
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chants. No charge is made for
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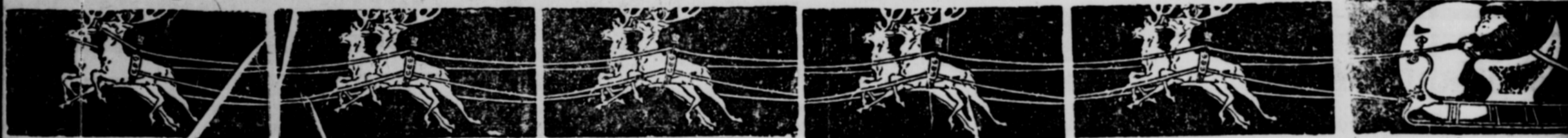
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