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PIONEERS OF PROGRESS

There was a time in the early pioneer days of this state when the services of a bank were used only for occasional important transactions. Since then, the ever-increasing demands of modern business have made the various functions of the bank a necessary part of everyday life. Banks are truly pioneers of progress in their relation to the building and advancement of every community.



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P. W. LYCEUM IS ORGANIZED

Different Communities Will Stage Entertainment for Mutual Benefit—All North Plains Interested.

One of the best things that is opening up for making the winter evenings happy and profitable throughout the Plains country is the P. W. Lyceum. This is an organization of local talent from the leading towns and communities of the Panhandle of Texas and Oklahoma. Troops are being formed, and volunteering their services to this great movement, from Guyton, Hooker, Tyrone, Texhoma, Optima, Eureka, Goodwell, Spearman and Lakeside-Grandplains, and others will be announced from time to time. These companies are contributing their time and talent to go out to give entertainments in other communities, the proceeds from admissions to be given, for the present, to help in the building of Panhandle-Century Church, the great institution being built to serve the boys and girls of this entire section who through the coming generations are to gather in Goodwell to attend Panhandle Agricultural and Mechanical College.

At this time dates are being arranged in various school houses for a course of Lyceum numbers. The plan is for two or three entertainments to be given in each place which takes interest in it. They will be of the highest class from the standpoint of fun, music and uplift. Each community that puts the course on in good fashion and raises from admissions the amount of one hundred dollars will have the community name put on a beautiful bronze tablet to be kept through the coming years in the front entrance of Panhandle-Century Church.

In addition to this when the entire northern row of Texas counties has raised by this scheme, or any other the amount of one thousand dollars, one of the very large and beautiful art glass windows of the great student church will be given as a memorial to the counties which have helped.

Already much enthusiasm is being shown in Spearman and other communities over the movement and news of communities that are putting it over will be given from time to time in the Reporter.

SPEARMAN HIGH SCHOOL

Following is the Honor Roll for the second six weeks period.

Reba Barkley
Lois Bailey
Hettie Clason
Lillie Hazelwood
Arlene McClellan
Alice Sheets
Nova Schubert
Mildred Ward
Myrtle Womble.

The High School student body is doing much better work this period than was done the first period. Everyone is striving to make S. H. S. the best in the Panhandle. Watch our Smoke.

CHRISTMAS CANTATA TO BE OFFERED

Mrs. J. A. Wheeler and Miss Thelma Gwinn announce that members of the different Sunday schools of the town will offer a Christmas Cantata on the evening of December 23, at the high school auditorium. The title of the cantata to be given is: "Santa's Christmas Barrel," with orders not to be opened until Christmas. A large number of boys and girls are working in the cantata and it will doubtless be one of the leading entertainments of the Christmas holidays.

"Are you your brother's keeper?" This big, vital, question is answered by the FIFTH HORSEMAN, a stirring dramatic picture which will be shown at the High School Auditorium, December 29 and 30.

Judge C. W. King suffered a very painful injury to his left leg on Tuesday morning of this week, when a horse he was riding slipped and fell, bringing the obese Judge in abrupt connection with the ground. He will be laid up for several days.

10 PER CENT DISCOUNT

Beginning Saturday, December 6, we will give a discount of ten per cent on all cash purchases made at our store, until January 1, 1924. Come to our store for Hardware, Implements, Furniture, Queensware, etc. We are also stocking a splendid line of Christmas Goods. Buy useful presents here and take advantage of this ten per cent discount.

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W. S. BRADFORD,
511f. Manager.

HANSFORD COUNTY SINGING CONVENTION

Met With Kimball Class Last Sunday and Spent an Enjoyable Day—Much Singing and Music in the Air.

The good people of the Kimball community entertained the Hansford County Singing Convention last Sunday, December 7, in a truly hospitable manner. Dinner was served on the ground and the large crowd present enjoyed the day immensely. Grand Plains-Lakeside Orchestra led by Fred R. Kreiger, furnished some excellent music and the Spearman Band, led by E. K. Snider, played several selections. It was a very successful meeting, especially for the mid-winter meeting, and those in charge of this big organization were well pleased with the day's program. The next meeting will be held at Spearman early in the spring.

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN TO BE SHOWN AT SPEARMAN

To tell the story of this picture would be unfair to our readers for here is one picture that every true American should see. Those who are fortunate enough to see it will not only thrill to its intensely dramatic moments but go home with a resolve to be not only better citizens but better Americans as well. We make the distinction advisedly. The story of the picture is inspired by St. John the Divine's vision of the Fifth Horseman of the Apocalypse, symbolizing Righteousness (from which it gets its title) and thereby giving it a religious background or motif. The story itself is strictly a modern one of the life in America today. In fact of the episodes upon which it is built actually occurred.

Seldom has a better balanced cast been seen in any picture that has come along. Those of us who have become somewhat sophisticated will at once recognize that here is a picture where the casting director chose his people, not for "names" but for fitness as to type and ability to act.

Cornelius Keefe, as John Franklin, the Young American in charge of the activities of an organization devoted to social betterment, interprets his role with admirable forcefulness. Una Merkel, as Dorothy, a flower with its roots planted in muck, will give your heart strings some vigorous tugs. Dorothy and John provide romance enough to satisfy the most exacting movie fan.

And Sonny! Who doesn't love a clean wholesome American boy? Joseph Depew as Sonny will make you want to go up and hug the next ragged, shining faced, newsboy you meet.

Alice May as Jane, Dorothy and Sonny's mother has one of those thankless roles but handles it with a skillfulness that not only exacts a full measure of sympathy but compels your admiration.

Charles Brooke in the role of Tom, Dorothy and Sonny's father is finished actor of many years stage and picture experience. At first, you will be undecided as to whether to hate him or to look upon him with contempt—later—well, "all's well that ends well."

As for the others in the cast—well as we said it is a splendid picture from every angle; one everyone, young and old should see.

WILLING WORKERS CLUB

Mr. Martin visited the Lakeside school last Thursday afternoon, November 20, and organized the Lakeside Willing Workers Club with ten members. The following officers were elected:

Robert Spivey ----- President
Rex McRee ----- Vice President
Era Dozier ----- Secretary
J. C. Harris ----- Treasurer
Lois Wells ----- Reporter

Program Committee: Rex McRee, Era Dozier and Lois Wells.
Finance Committee: Ray Mudgett, Vera Payne and Willis Wells.
Arrangement Committee: J. C. Harris, Davis Wells and Era Dozier.
Our adult leader is W. W. Grooms. The club will meet the second Friday in each month. The next meeting will be held December 12, at which time Mr. Holland from Amarillo will speak.

REPORTER

Man capable of handling any make of tractor; well work on farm by month. Married; no children.
GEO. O. METHENY,
at Probst Elevator, Spearman

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P. M. MAIZE & COMPANY.

Dr. Powell, the eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be at Hale Drug store in Spearman on Wednesday afternoon and evening December 24. Glasses fitted; tonsils and adenoids removed. I will be here every two weeks. 142f

THE FIFTH HORSEMAN, like a "Cloud by Day and a pillar of Fire by Night," leads the Crusade against the FOUR HORSEMEN of the APOCALYPSE, who stalk their tragic way no less in time of Peace than War. See the Fifth Horseman at the High School auditorium, Dec. 29 and 30.

THE FARMER'S RELATION TO THIS BANK--

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B/D CONCERT A BIG SUCCESS

Despite the Snow Storm a Large Crowd Was Out to Hear Local Musicians—Glee Club Assisted.

The concert given by the Spearman band on Tuesday night, December 9, was highly enjoyed by a large crowd, who came despite the bad weather. The band played a number of selections and the Glee Club always ready to assist with any worthy undertaking, sang a few songs which were greatly appreciated and enjoyed. Miss Pauline Endicott gave two readings which delighted the audience. The band boys were well pleased with the manner in which Spearman folks patronized the entertainment, and plan to give another concert in a few weeks.

GEO. W. FAUS AGAIN SELLING MEAT

Geo. W. Faus could not long remain out of the meat business. He recently bought a half interest in the Star Market, his old shop, of Dick Kiker, and the two will conduct this business in the future.

LAKESIDE W. W. CLUB

The second meeting of the Lakeside Willing Workers Club was held on December 4. The following new members were added to the roll: Opal McClellan, Agnes Wilmeth, Juanita Wilmeth, Chester Hughes, Harvey Shapley, Eldon Cluck and Gene Cluck. Mr. Martin gave us an interesting talk on grain judging. The next meeting will be held on December 12.

LOIS WELLS, Reporter.

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BIG POULTRY SHOW DECEMBER 18, 19, 20

The big Panhandle Poultry and Pet stock show will be held in Guyton in the free fair building on December 18, 19 and 20, with J. T. Hughes as superintendent in charge. L. W. Shields will have charge of the sales and exchange department, with County Agent Markham active in all plans for arrangements and management of the show. F. Hiner Dale is president of the organization and is always active in forwarding the interests of this growing enterprise in Texas county. It will be the biggest event of the kind in northwestern Oklahoma this fall and probably no better or larger showing of poultry will be made in the state. This has been an annual event for several years last past and it is not unusual for 1,000 or more birds to be exhibited. New coops are being made and the management has everything well in hand for the biggest and best show ever held under the auspices of the Oklahoma Panhandle Association. The premium list is out and will be obtained by applying to any of the men as above named.—Guyton Tribune.

Rev. S. Walsh Franklin of Goodwell, was visiting with old-time friends in Spearman Monday.

LADY, to do general housework, wanted. See or write J. R. Collard, Spearman, Texas. 5211p

Mr. and Mrs. H. E. James and baby Willard, went to Guyton, Wednesday to visit friends and look after business affairs.

A ladies' black coat was found in Spearman and left at the Reporter office. The owner may recover same by calling at this office.

Mr. and Mrs. M. W. McCloy are happy over the arrival at their home in Spearman, on Sunday morning, December 7, of a bouncing baby boy.

LOST, hub cap of a Davenport wagon, between Spearman and the J. H. Cotter farm. Finder please leave at Reporter office or return to Jim Edwards, 11 miles southwest of Spearman. 5212p



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sider them luxuries, not necessities. While paint and varnish are beautifiers of great importance, they save more than they cost in preventing repairs and in safe guarding health. They also do even more. They reduce house cleaning labor. Freshly painted surfaces—walls, floors, woodwork—are easily cleaned. They show that they have been cleaned and are a source of satisfaction to the housewife.

Farm women are finding how much easier it is to clean painted or varnished floors than carpets. Only a comparatively small portion of farms are equipped with electricity, so that electric vacuum cleaners are of no use. Hand-vacuum cleaners and the good old carpet sweeper are helpful, but not so thorough, and they are very tiring to use. A mop slides quickly and easily over a painted or varnished floor, leaving a clean surface behind it, whereas a rough floor requires the hardest kind of scrubbing and never shows the effort expended on it.

Shabby spots the outcome of time and wear, creep unnoticed into the house. Their presence means extra labor. They make cleaning harder. A housewife feels irritation when after cleaning she sees the scratchy spots in the doorway, or the marks on the window sill where the potted plants have stood. Such things reflect on her zeal and ability as a housekeeper. The cure for these marring spots may be found in a paint can. Furthermore, in well painted surroundings there is not the tendency to allow cast-offs and rubbish to collect. Fresh paint is an incentive to keep surroundings clean.

Painted ceilings and walls are clean because they are washable. They can be quickly wiped down with a moist cloth. Painted or varnished woodwork and furniture can be kept glistening with a dustcloth. A pot of paint transforms a shabby hard-to-keep house into a bright and cheerful one.

CUSTOM

Custom is a jolly rouser and undoubtedly gets many hearty laughs up his sleeve over the things he makes us mortal do.

Back in yester days, the town was small and folks assembled around the little court house, where court was due to hold forth. The loll in the warm sunshine, swapped gossip, traded horses and killed time until his honor was ready to ascend the bench. Then, one of his honor's orderlies stuck his head out the window and shouted that court was now about to open. Whereupon all the folks in the yard rushed in to get seats to hear the proceedings.

The little village has passed on and the big city has come, and men no longer congregate in the court yard, and, if they did, would be unable to hear what was said from an third story window, and if they did hear, would be unable to understand what was said. But, when his honor climbs the bench, one of his orderlies sticks his head out the window and scares the little birds from the limbs of the trees by shouting something about Oyez, Oyez—whatever that is.

In yester days a president was elected in November, and is the custom now, and look his office on March 4th, as still is the custom. The reason for the long interim in those days was that it took the president so long to go from his home to the capital that they had to give him plenty of time. Now, with modern transportation, the man elected could appear for the job bright and early the following morning, or the following latest, and bring along all his belongings, but he still waits four months because that is the custom.

Back in yester days, a certain wise judge had long, white, curly hair. He was much loved by the people of old England. He died, and a younger judge succeeded him. In order to fill the office with dignity he had a white wig made. Now all the judges must have these wigs otherwise they don't look like judges. Back in the "Old States," people used to take corn to mill on horse back, and the corn was put in one end of the sack and a rock in the other. Along came a wise boy and balanced the corn by putting half in one end and half in the other, and throwing it across the saddle. A great many people refused to change. They liked the old way better.

It's custom, and if some of us do things that are old-time, or crazy-like, don't blame us. We are victims of custom. We all can profit by studying the methods of science. When science finds a better way, it forgets the old, cumbersome way as quickly as possible. Look yourself over. Are you a slave to wasteful custom—Southwestern Machinery.

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The farm homestead is the monument to a life's labor. A home is something more than a house. So many bricks, so many planks and beams, and so much plaster will make a house but the home takes something of the lives that create it. The nomadic city dweller wanders from house to house, from one apartment to another, leaving no touch of his personality on his living quarters. But in many agricultural districts, homes are the summing up of the associations of many generations, heritages from father to son. The value of building such as these must be measured in terms of the heart rather than of the purse. They are beloved possessions which money can neither buy nor replace. These shrines of sentiment become more precious to each generation. If you are fortunate enough to have inherited a home, or to have one, cherish it. Make it home-like, permanent. Conserve it, keep it in repair, keep it painted.

Rot and rust borne of the relentless elements are trying every hour of every day to take it away from you. Nature does not discriminate between houses and homes. Neglect is costly. Once a coating of rust is formed, destruction follows rapidly. Once the minute fungi finds lodgment beneath the paint, they multiply and attack the structure of the wood. Rot, aided by moisture quickly spread and destroy. Thus, under your very eyes, your home is being stolen from you.

There are many examples in the United States of fine old buildings which have been preserved in perfect repair, by the frequent use of paint and varnish. Independence Hall in Philadelphia and Faneuil Hall in Boston are two notable instances. Mount Vernon, Mansion the buildings of George Washington, built in 1743, is still perfectly preserved through surface protecting. Hilton Mansie, Newfields, New Hampshire, the family homestead of the white settlers in that state, was built about 1703—224 years ago. It is still in perfect repair and preservation due to the use of paint and varnish. There is a growing tendency among farmers to name the homestead and paint the name on buildings or on signboards. The farmer who displays the name of his farm takes greater pride in the appearance of his building, knowing that this will attract more attention. This use of farm names is one of the indications of the attachment country people form for their homes. A farmer builds not only for himself and his immediate family but for future generations. In the country there are not such changes as are constantly being made in the cities. In towns and cities landmarks are obliterated, old residences are torn down to clear sites for business purposes. The farmer may reasonably hope that his descendants a century hence will be enjoying the buildings which he has constructed, the orchard and shade trees planted by his own hands and all other improvements he is constantly making. This leads to a desire for permanency in construction, greater care in the upkeep and paint preservation on all surfaces.

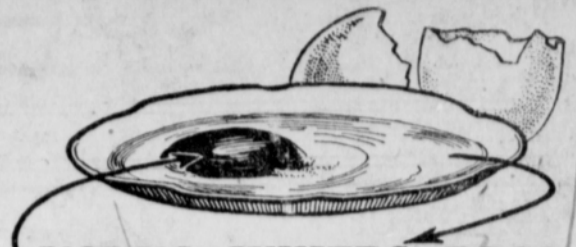
There are, at the present count 6,532,734 farm houses in the United States in which white farmers and their families live. The total value of the houses is estimated to be in the neighborhood of \$1,500,000,000. It has been shown that these dwellings depreciate 7.26 per cent yearly through lack of paint, making an annual loss to farmers of over \$326,000,000. This would be enough to pay many times over the bill for proper painting.

There is probably no one other thing that the average farmer neglects more than the judicious use of paint. The idea seems to be prevalent that paint is used primarily to beautify. Its use is regarded as a luxury rather than a necessity. Paint does, of course, improve the looks of farm buildings but it is far more useful as a means of protection. Paint and varnish, while beautifying the home will at the same time lengthen the life of a valuable piece of property. Paint is an economic necessity. It has been said that the life of a frame building will be lengthened from two to four times by constant painting. An inherited property whose worth is beyond valuation, or a house that has cost much to build may be preserved indefinitely, if it is properly painted. It may easily get beyond the painter's ability to save. Plasterers, carpenters, and laborers will cost nine times the price of the first "stitch" and in the end the painter will have to follow them. Paint is the best medium for the preservation of homes if used at the right time.

ON SMALL TOWNS

"I would rather be the first in the smallest village of Etruria than second in Rome," said Julius Caesar, world conqueror and Roman Emperor of more than 2,000 years ago. And to this day most active and vigorous men hold the same attitude toward life in small towns. Nowadays people say: "I would rather be a big toad in a little puddle than a little toad in a big puddle."

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OUR DOCTOR

Sleet and a cold Spring rain combine to make it one of the most disagreeable nights of the year. It is near midnight and the storm has been raging until the roads resemble lead canals of mud. All the world seems buried under a sea of slush.

Everyone with any respect for his comfort is well protected between blankets and quilts, and our country doctor after a trying afternoon and evening is about ready to call it a day and retire.

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LABOR SAVING IN THE FARMHOUSE

If the average farm kitchen is fifteen by eighteen feet square it contains a surface of 270 square feet, which requires about thirty minutes scrubbing every week. This means that one woman spends 26 hours a year scrubbing the floor. There are over 6,000,000 women in the United States doing house work on farms, which brings the total number of hours spent scrubbing kitchen floors well over 156,000,000. It has been estimated that the saving in time alone cleaning floors which have been painted or varnished, and over which a mop slides easily, is 25 per cent. This would mean a saving in hours alone of 39,000,000 for more important matters.

The hours of drudgery thus saved give no hint of the improvement would mean. And further, there is sanitary conditions, which paint and varnish bring, to be taken into account.

Considering the fact that every housewife must take into account the cleaning of walls and ceilings as well as floors, and that there is a total inside surface of 39,659,940,492 square feet in farm houses in the United States, a fair idea may be gained of the house wasted in the cleaning of rough, badly finished surfaces.

Paint and varnish are among the foremost in the ranks of man's labor-saving inventions. A great many people think of paint and varnish solely in terms of beauty. They con-

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and her secret. Ferdy in search of a wife
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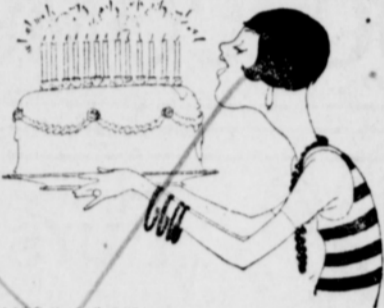
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SPEARMAN TEXAS

HUTCHINSON COUNTY BOY IN UNIVERSITY MINNESOTA

Minneapolis, Dec. 12.—Dyrel Kirk of Plemmons, Texas, a senior in the Academic College is a member of the University band of Minnesota.

A graduate of West High School, Minneapolis, Mr. Kirk has continued his music in the University and is playing bass his second season in the concert band having been a member of the Military band for two seasons. He has been elected to membership in Phi Sigma Phi, honorary band fraternity and will soon be presented with a gold key, a token of four years membership in the band.

The maximum number of members in the band is limited to about one hundred and twenty men, so that only about 50 per cent of those trying out each year are accepted. The band is composed of two divisions, the Concert band and the Military band, but on most occasions the two appear jointly. Special uniforms have been worn by the bandsmen the past two seasons.

The University band is a very important factor in maintaining and developing college spirit. It appears on the average of three times a week in parades, pep fests, convocations, athletic contests and the like. Dedications of all new buildings on the campus call for the band. Commencement exercises, the Senior reception, the R. O. T. C. official review in the spring, Cap and Gown Day, and many other special occasions require the presence of the band.

A trip to Wisconsin accompanying the foot ball team, a week end concert at St. Olaf College, a weeks engagement each at the Capitol Theatre in St. Paul and the State Theatre in Minneapolis, and entertainment of visiting bands are some of the special things the band has done. It plans to make a concert trip to the Iron Ranges in northern Minnesota in the near future.

At foot ball, base ball, and hockey games, and at its weekly noon concerts in the men's Union and its twilight concerts in the spring, the band probably gains its greatest popularity with the student body.

A SERIOUS MATTER— COMPRESSION

(By Erwin Greer, President Greer College of Automotive Engineering, Chicago.)

During our apprenticeship in the auto school, garage, or breaking in our first car, each day one of us has been commanded to go out and buy a can of compression. After a conscientious search and being passed from one mechanic to another, someone suddenly spilled the beans. I was then that we discovered that a can of compression is similar to a left-hand monkey wrench. We laughed about it and then took on the next automobile boob.

And since the coming of the self starter, engine compression might as well be in a can for all the average motor car owner knows or cares. But the secret of a sweet running engine is—compression.

Try the compression of each cylinder by turning the engine over with the hand crank. If it is weak or if it varies in different cylinders, have the trouble repaired at once. Compression may leak past the piston rings; it may escape through a leaky valve, or ooze past a spark plug. There possibly may be a cracked cylinder in which case you are totally "out of luck."

The piston rings may have turned so that the openings are all in line or you may be using such a light oil that the engine does not get a tight compression seal. Oil when heated is very thin. In small cases patented piston rings will help eliminate the leakage. If the cylinder is worn oval there is no remedy except that of replacing it. Kerosene will help free the rings of carbon, but it is best to use it when you are ready to drain off the old crank case oil.

Make sure that the spark plug fit tightly and that they are provided with good asbestos gaskets. A cracked porcelain will allow compression to escape.

Lock over the priming cups and see that they all fit tightly and stay closed.

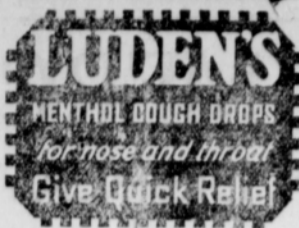
During compression the valves should be tightly closed. A broken spring or faulty adjustment will prevent their closing and this will result in no compression at all, or in the case of incorrect timing, the trouble will be noticeable as a lack of power in all cylinders. Carbon under the valves will prevent them from seating tightly. The remedy here is to keep the engine free from carbon, the valve clean and be sure that the timing of the valves and the tappet adjustment are set down in your instruction book.

When an engine that is clean properly lubricated, and has its valves ground regularly, shows a serious loss of power, the lack of proper compression, may safely be ascribed to the piston rings having worked into line, or the cylinder having worn to a point where the pistons are unduly loose. With the modern type rings, the former is a rare fault nowadays, so that the cause is narrowed down to plain wear.

These are the chief causes of loss of compression. Watch the compression—it will save you money that otherwise you would give to the repairman.

NATURE TEACHES CO-OPERATION

Ages ago, scientists tell us, the sabre tooth tiger roamed ruthlessly through prehistoric forests. Fossils of other creatures more terrible than lion or leopard and more predatory than Bengal tiger or jaguar hunted



and killed everything that crossed their paths.

And a few million years before that the swamps and planes of the mesozoic era were ruled by the most horrible race of monsters this old world ever saw. Nothing with one tenth the fierceness, the armor, or the natural equipment to prey and defend itself has since appeared.

But all of these monsters roamed, hunted, and fought alone; and therein lies the explanation for their disappearance. Gradually, species by species they vanished, and in their places came the gregarious animals—the creatures that learned in union there is strength.

The animals that traveled in herds, in packs, in swarms and in flocks gradually took over the dominion of the world; and then man, the most gregarious of all, commenced his few thousand years of reign.

All doctrines, all creeds, and all utilitarian philosophies have elaborated on this need for co-operation. Dependence upon one another and co-operation with one another is the lesson taught by the combined experience of the ages.

TEXAS RANCHES DISAPPEAR AS FARMERS INVADE THE PLAINS

(By S. J. K. Hughes, I. N. S.)

Fort Worth, Texas, Dec. 12.—The birth of a new dawn—the breath of a new day sweeping before it the mighty horde of dreaming homeseekers, trampling beneath feet and wheels the vast spaces of Western Texas tender in the memories of cattlemen—transplanting the romance of the Southern plains country into the cold calculation of commercialism.

Passing is another land—a paradise of facts and fiction—and with it the shattered hopes of hundreds of pioneer cattlemen.

The surrender of the majestic range steer to the milk-pen calf, and the sacrifice of the noble, white-faced Hereford, bowing before the prize-winning Jerseys and the Holsteins—the hated breeds of the old time cowman—have ushered in this new day.

And the great ranches of the Plains, where once a man, not 20 long ago, might wander for days in solitude, are rapidly falling beneath the onslaught of the real estate expert and the pitiful resignation of the cattleman.

"A thousand acres a day will drive the cattleman away," chant the promoters of these gigantic land sales who, in a period of thirty days, have thrown 2,000,000 acres of range land open to homeseekers in small farming plots, adding to the 4,000,000 acres that had already been cast on the market.

Within ten days during the past month sixty thousand acres, a portion of the famous Spade ranch, went upon the block, subdivided and offered to the investor for a mere pittance "down and so much a year."

It was only a small portion of the millions of acres that are being prepared for the newcomer and his family.

Ranches—not only in the historic Panhandle, but throughout Texas—that in other days prospered under the grazing of thousands of the almost extinct angular Texas steer and the more popular bald-faced Hereford, have also "gone under the knife."

Range lands stretching forth into millions of acres—ranches where great cities of the nation could be subplanted and lost in the seemingly endless miles of gramma grass and mesquite—are fast disappearing, giving way to the planter and his cotton, the farmer and his grain, and the breeder, with his choice blooded livestock and dairy equipment.

Only a meagre few of the great ranches of the past remain—and they, too, are slated for the city realtor and his investment program.

From throughout the nation and the far corner of the earth the homeseekers pour over the plains, taking up their farming tracts of not less than 160 acres, erecting serviceable shacks, settling back apparently to stay.

During the year subsequent to the Western Texas Chamber of Commerce's extensive advertising campaign more than half a million letters of inquiry from prospective settlers have been answered, and it is estimated half of this number have found satisfaction in leaving their homes of the North and East for this new venture.

Huge reclamation projects are daily in the mould, transforming once arid stretches of wild wastelands into fertile farming lands—a veritable mecca of agriculture.

In all modes of travel the newcomers arrive, from the landbreaker in his private Pullman, to the settler in his rattling automobile, piled high with his worldly possessions. Even a few of the far famed "covered wagons," reminiscent of another day, appear.

New towns are springing up over night; and counties, where but a few short months ago there would not have been sufficient inhabitants to empanel a jury, are loudly flaunting their facilities to the world through their Chamber of Commerce and enthusiastic civic organizations.

There is no oil or other promise of riches with staggering promptness; simply the pledge of home to the homeseeker.

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A FARCE COMEDY IN THR.

Will be Presented by Pupils of the
School, under the direction of Allen

Wednesday December

CAST OF CHARACTERS

Capt. Obadiah Skinner, A retired Sea Captain	Robert Fuller
Lieut. George Richmond, His Nephew	Paul Thompson
Richard Hamilton, A Country Gentleman	Omar Hays
Ferdinand Lighthouse, A Neighbor	Pope Gibner
Nellie Richmond, George's Wife	Pauline Endicott
Nellie Huntington, A Friend	Elise Jones
Cornelia (Nellie) Skinner, Obadiah's Sister	Olivette Hancock
Nellie McIntyre, A Servant	Myrtle Balentine

TIME—The Present.
PLACE—House and Grounds of Capt. Obadiah Skinner, Otherwise Known as "Oak Farm," Westchester, and Adjoining the State Insane Asylum.

SYNOPSIS FOR PROGRAM

ACT I.—The arrival of George and his bride. The dilemma. A friend in need. The plot against the Captain and its disastrous effect. The old maid and her secret. Ferdny in search of a wife. George's jealousy. The sudden appearance of a most undesirable party. George's quick wit prevents discovery.

ACT II.—The plot thickens. Cornelia in search of "Romeo." Nell gets a letter, which adds to the mystery. downfall of Ferdny. Richard attempts to try the "soothing system" on a lunatic. George has a scheme connected with a fire in furnace and some pitch tar. Richard runs amuck amid confusion.

ACT III.—The Captain arms himself with a butcher knife plans revenge. Richard attempts to escape. Nellie hopes for a sane. The comedy duel. "Romeo" at last. "Only one Nell the world." The unraveling of a skein of mystery, and the of an exciting day, to find it was "All A Mistake."

This will be one of the most laughable plays ever pr in Spearman. It is being given for the benefit of the Library. Everyone should see it.

ADMISSION—SCHOOL CHILDREN, 25c; ADULTS, 35c

DON'T FAIL TO SEE "All A Mistake"

IT COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR

We are glad of it. Two Christmases a year would rob it of more than half the joy that is bound up with the anticipation of its coming and the gladness of its arrival. If any of us have been slowly through the years drifting into the company of "Old Scrooge," the sooner we read the "Christmas Carol," the better. The difference between Scrooge before and after he looked Christmas in the face and heard his merry voice was the difference between a crabbed, selfish, miserly old man and a happy, radiant boy. This is among the best of the Christmas blessings, it restores us for a few brief hours to childhood days. It awakens a thousand tender memories. It opens long-closed doors of the heart and lets us see again the pictures that still hang there and which, though too often forgotten, are among our sacredst possessions. To forget one's childhood is to forget much of the best that life has brought us. Age has not been an un-mixed good. Some things are still revealed to little children that the years have hidden from the wise and prudent. We come nearer renewing our youth at Christmas than at any other time of the year. Alas for us if we miss its chance for this!

Much as Christmas has meant to humanity, it has meant no less to those lowlier fellow-creatures who share with man life's joys and sorrows. Whatever the burden of suffering that rests upon the animal world today, it is less by many fold than it was before that night when a little child was born in the stable of a Bethlehem inn. The spirit of Christmas is the eternal foe of cruelty. No man who yields to its sway can look with other than kindly eyes upon the least of those living things that have capacity for pain. Christmas is a day of hope. It brings the promise of a better future. It denies the despairing charge of the pessimist. It witnesses to something that lives behind the shadows that darken the present, and the evil that threatens the future—of that invisible but eternal presence whence it came and "whose dwelling is the light of setting suns and the round ocean and the living air."—Our Dumb Animals.

WANTED—Good, clean, cotton rags at the Reporter office. We will pay 6 cents per pound.
Read the Reporter.

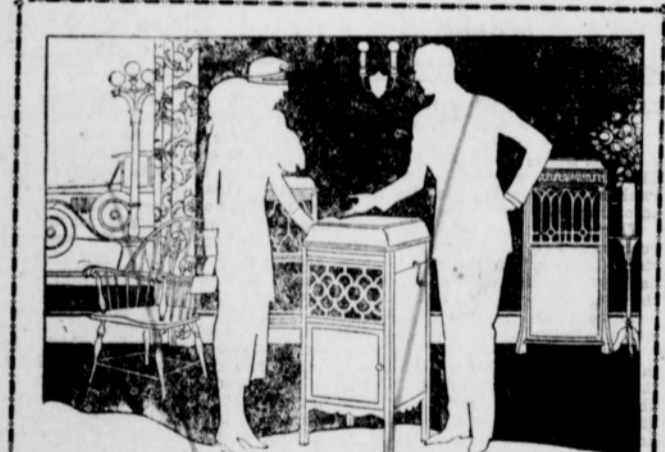
HOW'S THIS?
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE will do what we claim for it—rid your system of Catarrh or Deafness caused by Catarrh.
HALL'S CATARRH MEDICINE consists of an Ointment which Quickly Relieves the catarrhal inflammation, and the internal Medicine, A Tonic, which acts through the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces, thus assisting to restore normal conditions.
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JOHN O' LONDON WRITES

I shall not pass this way again, So it's no matter what I do; I'll mess the pasture, spoil the track, I do not care a hang for you. With broken bottles, empty tins, I'll strew the road you've got to take; I shall not pass this way again, I do not care what mess I make.
Read the Reporter.

PANTEX MAY GET POSTOFFICE SOON

Pantex may get a post office before long, according to a message received here from B. N. Timmons, Washington correspondent of The Daily News. The post office department is making an investigation with a view of appointing a postmaster. Pantex is in Hutchinson county and was started a short time ago as the result of oil development.—The White Deer Review.



Let's Have No Last Minute Shopping This Year

Instead of the wild rush to select Christmas gifts, let's have a little careful planning, with plenty of time to select just the right things. You can give the family a Christmas surprise that will be a continuous delight for years to come—the one phonograph that dares comparison with the performance of the living artist. For an absurdly small payment each week until Christmas, we can reserve the model of your choice, and have it delivered on Christmas Eve—and the periodic payments are so small you'll hardly notice them.

Give her an Edison Christmas morning.

E. E. FINKLEA,

The Jewelry Store of the Panhandle
410 Polk Street. Amarillo, Texas
Our salesman, O. J. Bridgeman, will gladly leave an Edison at your home if you are interested

HOLIDAY MERCHANDISE

.. NOW ON DISPLAY ..

You will find everything in tune with the Spirit of Christmas. Stocks conveniently arranged so that you can do your Christmas shopping with the least expenditure of time, effort and money. You will receive the even greater than usual care with which we will help you find just the items you have in mind for your gift list. It is our desire that your choice never be hurried by us, but we are equally anxious to do everything we can to aid in making your visit here an enjoyable and profitable one. The following shopping list may prove of assistance in making a list of the gifts you desire to give, but please do not forget to get a complete list of the gift items ready for your choice here. There are many others.



LADIES
Stationery
Pencils
Fountain Pens
Music Rolls
Candy
Perfume
Vanity Sets
Compacts
Electric Wavers
Deltah Pearls
Wrist Watches
Rings
Comb and Brush Sets
Toilet Sets
Manicure Sets

FOR MEN
Brief Cases
Fountain Pens
Pencils
Stationery
Bill Folders
Military Brushes
Belts
Watch Chains
Watches
Emblem Pins
Emblem Rings
Cigarette Cases
Pipes
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THE SPEARMAN REPORTER
BY ORANKELLY.

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about time the Farmers and Commercial Club should have an annual get-together and meeting?

The 1925 program should be a sidewalk from the Santa on to the lower end of Main thence west a couple of blocks to the school house.

The bad weather is interfering considerably with Spearman's building program, but a few sun-shiny days will cause the snow to disappear and the bricklayers will be back on the job.

The fine snow which fell over the entire Spearman country the past week goes a long way towards insuring another bountiful wheat harvest. The wheat is looking fine now, and the recent snows will carry it until the spring rains set in.

New men are coming to the Spearman country every day, looking for homes. Give these men the glad hand and make them feel like they were coming among friends and among folks who will make good neighbors. A knocker and a checker game make very little business for a town. What we need is pep.

METHODIST LADIES BAZAAR

Looking for something for a Christmas present visit this Bazaar at the News Store. It begins Saturday will continue the following week early for the best selection. The Methodist Ladies will be there to see you. Remember the bazaar, December 13.

the Reporter.

COUNTY AGENT COLUMN

The county agent visited the Grand Plains, McBryde, Oslo, Doyle, Lakeide and Woodrow Schools Wednesday. These schools are interested in Club Work.

The Willing Workers Agricultural Club met Thursday afternoon at Lakeside school house and a good program was rendered. Five new members were taken in to the club. The next meeting will be Friday afternoon at three o'clock, December 12, 1924. The membership was one hundred per cent.

The Live Wire Workers Agricultural club met at McBryde Friday afternoon. All members were present, and a good meeting was held. A call meeting will be held Thursday afternoon, December 11. Mr. Holland and another prominent speaker will be present.

The county agent was visiting the projects of Rex McRee, Robert Spivey, Lois Wills and Dorris Wells, Saturday.

The county agent organized the Cold Water Agricultural Club Monday, December 8, 1924. The following officers were elected: President, James Stedje; vice president, Gordon Stedje; secretary treasurer, Marie Stedje; reporter, Severt Satrum. The first regular meeting will be held January 19, 1925.

There will be two good speakers at Lakeside Friday night December 12 with the county agent. These men will speak at McBryde Thursday night December 11.

This meeting will be worth your time and every one is urged to attend.

HAVE YOU MADE A WILL

"Have you made a will? This is a question that most people overlook, and some seem to think that a will is not necessary except for the man of riches. Every man or woman who has property or who is about to acquire property should make a will under the guidance of some competent lawyer or banker. It saves much time and expense to the heirs and you owe them that consideration, even if you are confident that your desires will be carried out when you are gone. Make a will. It is well for every person to think about death and what would be the results for his property. Many a man has fully intended to remember worthwhile organizations in his will. He possibly has sufficient money to take care of surviving relatives and still make a provision for a church, orphans' home, lodge or some other splendid organization. If a man intends to make provision he should not delay making a will.—Clarendon News.

.. **Letters to Santa Claus** ..

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a train that runs on a track. If you haven't a train a Tinker Toy will do.
Goodby Santa Claus.
BILLY JOHNSON

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a wrist watch, a compact, and also a box of Stationery for my Teacher.
DURA HANKLA

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like to have you bring me a Slide Trombone, a train and track and a black board. Bring Yvonne a big mama doll, a rubber doll, a black teddy bear and an iron. Bring baby Carrol a doll, a pretty sand bucket and bell wagon.
SIDNEY, YVONNE and CARROL POWERS.

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a great, great big doll and a little iron and ironing board so I can keep dollies clothes nice, and please bring baby Ruth a little bear and a ball. I love you a whole lot, Santa Claus, and I am trying to be so good.
KATHRYN ANN WOMBLE

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some Tinker-toys, a train and track, carpenter set, horn, top with string, dominoes, house shoes and a violin.
ORAN ROSS KELLY

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a saddle, some oranges, nuts, candy and coconuts.
VERNON BRYAN

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring us a cowboy suit, a ball, drum and please bring little sister a doll and a little chair and all the candy and fruit all of us can eat. We will have a warm fire for you to warm by and a big white cake setting on the table for you to eat.
From two little brothers,
JULIAN and AARON SCHAUB

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
We are little boys, five and seven years old. I go to school but Joe is too small. Please bring Joe an automobile, B. B. gun and a Saxophone. I would like a bicycle and a Saxophone and Oh! don't forget girlie; bring her some music and a wrist watch and all of us some candy, nuts and popcorn.
Two good boys,
HEN Jr., and JOE V. ANDREWS

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a drum, wagon, candy, fruits and nuts.
HARRY BARKLEY

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a wagon, a drum and a big doll.
ROY LEE WILMETH

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a gun and a wagon. We will have a warm fire and a big cake sitting on the table for you to eat. Come soon.
WILFRED HANKLA

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to please bring me a nice baby doll that can say "Mama" and a big doll buggy that is all white, and Santa, I want a tiny little fountain pen.
Anxiously waiting,
BERNICE SHAPLEY

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a great big pretty doll and I want some candy, nuts and fruits.
Please don't forget little brother.
Anxiously waiting,
ROSE HIGGS

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me a little wagon, a drum and all the candy, fruits and nuts all of us can eat.
Your little friend,
HERMAN BARKLEY

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Please bring me some colors and a little book.
We will have some candy for you.
RALPH McCLELLAN

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
I will write you a few lines to tell you how I am getting along. Santa, I guess you will not forget me. I want some candy, apples, nuts and a big doll. Santa I am not asking for much this time so I will close.
Your truly,
ELLEN SINCLAIR

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
I guess you are very busy, so I will not write a very long letter. I want you to bring me a mama doll, a roller chime, a picture book and candy, nuts, and apples. My mama will have cake and pop corn ready for you so you can eat while you warm.
Love to you, from
PAULINE BLODGETT

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
Here I am writing to you again this year. I have some more news for you this time, Pauline and I have a little baby cousin, Kathleen Kenney, please fill her stockings. I want you to bring me a story book, a wiggling dog, a top, a big box of chocolates and some building blocks. This will be all this time. Look on the table and get what I have for you.
Love and best wishes to you,
RALPH BLODGETT Jr.

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
I want you to bring me a little wagon, a little ball, tricycle, some candy, gum, oranges, peanuts, apples, walnuts, nigger-toes and a basket full of popcorn balls, and I guess that will fill my stomach this time.
F. A. SHAPLEY Jr.

Spearman, Texas
December 8, 1924

Dear Santa Claus,
I would like a doll and doll buggy and lots and lots of candy, oranges and apples for Christmas.
HELEN IRENE ROPER

BARRED PLYMOUTH ROCKS

A few choice cockrels of rare breeding, for sale. Dark or Cockrell line, of even space bars \$2.50 to \$5.00 each. 52tf

W. L. DAVIS.

Read the Reporter.



Furs

Ladies, we have made arrangements to carry a wonderful line of the latest styles in furs. Get your Christmas Furs at our store in Spearman—your first opportunity to do this. This is a rare opportunity to deal direct with a dependable Fur man.

Come see the Coats, Jaquetts, and other Furs

Every Fur Is Guaranteed

Our Furs will give the wearer great comfort and long service, coupled with that exclusive feeling of luxurious price. Tell your neighbor; phone your friends.

THESE FURS WILL BE HERE UNTIL AFTER THE HOLIDAYS.

MRS. R. K. STANHOPE

MILLINERY-READY-TO-WEAR

SPEARMAN

TEXAS

CATLEMEN REPORT HEAVY TRADING LAST FEW DAYS

Cattle trades involving more than \$1,000,000 have been made in the Panhandle within the past few days, according to local cattlemen.

Thirty thousand head of calves, yearlings, two and three year old steers and stock cattle have changed hands in the Dalhart country within the past thirty days, according to local men who returned from that city this morning.

Cattlemen report that cattle are in excellent condition throughout the Panhandle and that there is an abundance of well-cured grass, in addition to a great amount of sorghum and other forage crops.

"This has been the greatest fall I can remember," said a pioneer cowboy this morning. "The weather has been ideal, our cattle are in excellent condition for the winter and most of them are fat. There is a great amount of wheat pasturage available in some sections and this will make it sure that cattle in this country will go through the winter in excellent condition."

Tom Coble, of Amarillo, owner of the famous Turkey Track ranch, northeast of the city, has sold 1,200

steer calves to Kansas parties at \$25 a head, for immediate delivery.

Mr. Coble has also sold 1,000 head of steer yearlings to Coffey and Shafer, of White Deer, at \$36 a head. These cattle are being driven to the Coffey and Shafer ranch from the Turkey Track ranch.

Claude Brummett, of Amarillo, has recently sold 200 head of steer calves to Kansas parties at private terms.

Linn Boyce, of Amarillo and Dalhart, has recently received 1,000 head of steer yearlings, which he purchased in Arizona at \$22 a head.

Andy James, of Dalhart, has received 2,500 head of steer yearlings, which he bought from Arizona parties at prices ranging from \$20 to \$22.50 a head.

A number of other sales are pending and are expected to be closed within the next few days. Cattlemen are pleased with the outlook for the industry, and declare that the business should show a steady improvement from now on.—Amarillo Globe.

Clyde Gather had the misfortune to break his wrist cranking a jitney at his home, six miles southeast of town, on Wednesday of this week.

NEW MEAT MARKET



We are opening a new meat market in Spearman. The new location is the Boland old Carpenter shop, near the I. O. O. F. Hall.

We expect to carry in stock at all times the choicest Fresh and Cured meats, Fish, Oysters, and everything usually found in a first class meat market.

Come to see us. You will find our shop a clean, inviting place to trade

R. & B. MEAT MARKET

SPEARMAN



Hand Him These ...

You will be rewarded with a broad grin of pleasure if you hand him one or more pairs of our extra quality Hosiery for a Christmas gift.

He knows they will give him plenty of satisfactory service.

You will find presents for every member of the family at our store.

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