

THE SPEARMAN REPORTER

Successor to the HANSFORD HEADLIGHT

WELVTH YEAR

Spearman, Hansford County, Texas, January 9, 1920

Number 5

YOUR BANK

The First National Bank is YOUR bank.

As you prosper your bank is strengthened. Your credit grows with our resources.

We are here to serve you.

.. THE ..

First National Bank
of SPEARMAN

Stockholders Notice

The annual stockholders' meeting of the Hansford National Farm Loan Association will be held at the court house in Hansford, Texas, on Tuesday, January 13th, 1920, at 1 o'clock p. m., to elect directors to serve one year, and for such other business as may properly come before the meeting. Each member is expected to attend.
R. L. McCLELLAN,
Secretary Treasurer.

See our ad for some bargains in paint.
Hillhouse Drug Co.

WANTED—Young lady operator at central office, Spearman. Good position for girl or young lady who is willing to learn.

WANTED—Carpenters and cement finishers for work on new mill and elevator at Amarilla. Apply Burrell Engineering Co., Box 135, Amarilla, Texas.

I have pasture for 100 head of cattle. Good grass and water and plenty of good straw. See me if you need winter pasture.
J. C. HANCOCK.

I have a few thoroughbred White Leghorn and Rhode Island Red cockerels for sale worth the money.
W. E. MAUPIN,
Hansford, Texas.

The Weather

A genuine, full-grown blizzard is raging over the north panhandle this week. It reached Spearman early Wednesday morning. The ground is covered with snow to a depth of six inches and the wind has blown steadily from the north for 50 hours. In places the snow has drifted to a depth of several feet and travel by auto is out of the question, except for very short trips. The mail from Guymon failed to arrive yesterday and it is very doubtful if it will get through today. The old, reliable sleds, which did such valiant service last winter, are being dragged from the fence corners, new ones are being built, and the hauling that just won't wait goes merrily on. Thanks to the hustling local dealers, there is an abundance of coal at Spearman. Cattle losses will be light. An abundance of feed and the enormous straw stacks will pull stock through in good shape. This snow practically insures another bumper wheat crop, but it has put building operations decidedly on the blink.

Offer a Bonus

If there is one thing more than another that the people of Amarillo and Potter county would like to see, it is a real oil well somewhere in this territory. It would be worth hundreds of dollars to every property owner and we would offer the suggestion that a good fat purse put up for the first one hundred barrel well might have a tendency to hasten operations somewhat.

The people of this city have raised bonuses for many an enterprise which would not begin to bring the returns, so far as the general public was concerned, as would an oil well. While the companies that are now drilling are making progress all the time, the work goes very slowly and it is quite possible that a bonus might prove an incentive to more haste.

A bonus of ten thousand dollars for a one hundred barrel well; twenty thousand for a two hundred barrel well, and so on, might bring results more quickly and get us all out of our "suspenders"—which would be worth a lot.—Southwest Plainsman.

We are closing out our paint stock. Bargains in paints and stains. Hillhouse Drug Company.

THE BOOSTER

Live wire Jack is a Panhandle man. With a faith in his town that is fine, I won't mention its name, but its at the end of the Santa Fe North Texas line. No labor's to hard; no favor too great. When the good of his town is in view, Our neighboring towns may have big men galore, But, believe me, we have one or two. When Jack makes a deal and drags down the coin, The knockers get busy and fret, "You see how it is; it's all for the jingle— It's nothing but money—you bet. They forget the lean years when nothing was made, Through hard times he gallantly stuck To his guns, and with us he certainly stuck, It's a cheap guy who'd envy his luck.

The booster, the booster, he is a game rooster, I like him, "I'll say that I do." Let's a l stay right with him—catch some of his sparkle, Then we will be live wires, too.

Herbert Kaufman says, "Take a risk or take the count." I say to all prospective investors in Spearman and vicinity, "Take a cinch or you are no account." There is no risk in investing in this town. We believe that the five best assets of a coming city are the following, listed according to their importance:

Harmony.
Good citizens.
Good schools.
Good roads.

We have the harmony, also the good citizens and believe me we will have the schools and roads. Come and see us, Mr. Investor; come and see us, Mr. Working Man; come and see us every red-blooded, clear minded man and woman, and stay with us, that in future years you may point with pride to your pioneer record in the best and most beautiful city in west-Spearman the prince of the Panhandle.

Equity Union Organized

A large and enthusiastic number of Hansford county farmers met at the court house in Hansford on Saturday, January 3, and organized a Farmer's Equity Union. The officers of this organization are: George L. Roland, president; J. H. Cooper, vice president, and Romey Tomlinson, secretary. From out this organization will come later a Farmer's Equity Exchange, which will be affiliated with the National Equity Union Exchange. The local organization intends to put a wheat buyer at Spearman just as soon as arrangements can be made to handle the grain, and it is the intention now to build an elevator here next summer. About \$5,000 was subscribed for this purpose in just a few moments at Hansford last Saturday. The men behind this move mean business, are thorough business men and will make a success of the venture.

Hansford county farmers have complained for years that they were being robbed when they sold their wheat; that buyers, knowing that the wheat was hauled a great distance and that the owner was compelled to sell, would not pay what the market justified. The organization perfected last Saturday is the direct result of this complaint. A good and substantial farmer of the Grand Plains community was a caller at the Reporter office last Saturday and told us that he had lost \$2,000 this year on account of being compelled to sell his wheat where the competition was not keen enough to hold the market up. The farmers are organizing in order that the market at Spearman will always be as good as can be found. There is no complaint on the Spearman market at the present time. Our grain buyers are paying all they can and frequently a little more than is absolutely safe, but it is the intention of the Union to make Spearman a market that will guarantee the farmer a fair and equitable price for his products at all times.

Honest, legitimate competition is the life of business. Without competition business stagnates; grows machine like and monotonous. The Reporter wishes the Union much success.

"Puritan" phonographs and records. Drop in and hear this wonderful machine. Hillhouse Drug Co.

A car of cake was received here Wednesday by Sid Lackey and Barney Rafferty, prominent ranchmen of the Palo Duro valley.

SHOULD HOLD MEETING

A meeting of the Hansford County Chamber of Commerce should be held at an early date for the purpose of securing better mail service for Spearman, and making a start toward having an A No. 1 school in Spearman, beginning next September.

There are many other matters that should and doubtless will come up, but in our opinion the two above mentioned are the paramount issues of the day, and should receive immediate attention.

Cator-Hays

On Wednesday afternoon, the last day of the year 1919, R. B. Hays, our old bachelor friend better known as "Bob," walked into the county clerk's office at Hansford and engaged the clerk in conversation on various business topics, in a manner that threw the other court officials off their guard, while the genial clerk was incidentally issuing a marriage license. Armed with the necessary document carefully concealed, Bob gave Judge Townsend a sort of "knowing wink" and suggested that he had some papers he would like to have the judge look over that evening if he had time. The judge replied that he was busy just then but would take up the matter after supper, and asked B-H to call later. At precisely 6 o'clock friend Bob, accompanied by the lady of his choice, Miss Josie Cator, made their appearance at the back door of the Townsend home, but instead of asking for a hand-out, made the object of their visit known by presenting the judge with a marriage license, with the explanation that they were very desirous of "putting one over" on their friends. The judge and Bob thought the kitchen quite an appropriate place to hold the secret convale but Mrs. Townsend objected and insisted that a couple who honored her home by coming on such an errand, should have the best room in the house in which to start off on their happy wedded life. Accordingly she drew the shades, switched on the electric lights and stood guard to see that no interlopers or eavesdroppers approached while the judge, in a very brief and appropriate ceremony, made them husband and wife. After a half hour's chat on things past, present and future, the very happy pair made their exit at the back door and sought their awaiting car which took them to the dance, having most successfully tricked their companions.

The bride, Miss Josie, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Les Cator, is a trained nurse, having graduated from St. Joseph's hospital, Kansas City, and an accepted volunteer for overseas service. She was about to sail when the armistice was signed. Lucky for Bob she did not get away for he would have looked a long while before he could have caught another such a prize. The groom is a popular stock-farmer of the Hansford community. He is an honorable, upright young man who numbers his friends by his acquaintances.

The Reporter joins their many friends in wishing Mr. and Mrs. Hays much happiness and prosperity.

Who Owns the Railroads?

The railroads of this country have more than a million stockholders, the number about equaling the number of employes. Yet the latter are asking congress to take over these properties and turn them over to the employees. Railroad security holders represented by insurance companies and their policyholders, banks and trust companies and their depositors, and charitable institutions, aggregate thirty millions. The great corporations—even the packers—are not owned by a few. They are managed by a few, which is essential if they are to be well managed, but the holders of these securities are to be found in every village and hamlet in the land. Of course there are likewise some in Wall street. It is insidious Bolshevik propaganda that is spread among the railroad employes, who are easily swept off their feet by fiery agitators denouncing a system in which the millionaires are pictured as reaping the benefits of their labor. If the railroads should be taken and turned over to the employees, a few millionaires might suffer, but it would be in the vast part the property representing the saving of the masses, the great well meaning class of Americans that would be confiscated.

W. O. Riggs, representing the Hutchinson Daily News, was in Spearman Monday. Mr. Riggs was the first representative of a daily

Every Man's Reason Says

"SAVE"

But every man does not save. That is where failures are made.

Are you intending to be a failure.

There always lies in front of every man a sure road to success and that is by the saving route. Think of what a fortunate thing it would be if you could walk into our banking institution and find there all the dollars wasted in years past.

That cannot be done now but you may begin saving now and enjoy it later.

Guaranty State Bank

SPEARMAN, TEX.

newspaper to visit Spearman. You can now buy the News at the Hale Drug Company.

C. A. Nash, W. T. Bratton, W. L. Urey and J. A. Shahan came from Guymon Monday to look after business matters. Messrs. Bratton and Urey are putting in the offices of the Big Jo Lumber Company and Mr. Shahan selected a location and will put in a moving picture show here.

M. C. Head returned Monday from Mangum, Oklahoma, where he and Mrs. Head went two weeks ago to visit relatives and for the benefit of the latter's health. Mrs. Head is improving some but it is thought by the physician in charge that an operation will be necessary before she is completely restored to good health. Mr. Head will return to Mangum next week.

Fred W. Hood of the Summers-Hood Lumber Company, was here from Perryton Monday. Mr. Hood says his company will open its yard in Spearman as soon as the weather will permit. Mr. Hood will have charge of lumber yards at both Perryton and Spearman and his many friends in this section would be greatly pleased to see him establish his home in Spearman. Fred is an energetic, wide awake young fellow and would be a valuable acquisition to Spearman business circles.

WEDDING SUPERSTITIONS

It is bad luck to marry in the middle of folding doors or under an archway.

Loud laughter near the time of the ceremony is the premonition of tears.

To see a streak of lightning just before the wedding ceremony is a happy omen.

If it rains on the bride as she goes to be married, she will see pleasure come from all her trials.

To conceal a horseshoe beneath the flowers under which the girl is married brings her good fortune.

For a child to appear in the church aisle while the wedding party is in the church foretells a large family.

If during the marriage ceremony one of the couple trips upon the foot of the other it will prevent sickness.

The Income Tax

The following information relating to an individual's liability in making income tax reports and paying the tax is issued by the collector of internal revenue for the district of Texas: All married persons whose net income during the year 1919 equals or exceeds \$2,000, and all single persons whose net income equals or exceeds \$1,000, are required to make an income tax report. If you were married or head of a family on the 31st day of December, 1919, you are entitled to an exemption of only \$1,000. Persons are also entitled to a further credit, whether single, married or at the head of a family, of \$200 for each person (other than husband or wife) dependent upon and receiving his or her chief support during the year. If such person is under 18 years of age or is incapable of self-support by reason of mental or physical disability.

W. H. Cook, Clarendon, Texas, representing the Hargraves Printing Company of Dallas, was a Spearman visitor Monday.

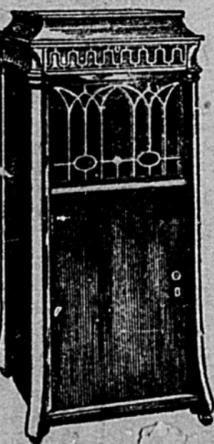
Paints and Stains

We are closing out our stock of paints and stains and offer you some wonderful bargains:

\$4 Gal. Buckets paint at \$2.50
\$1 Qts. Stain at .65
50c Pints Stain at .35
35c one-half Pints Stain at .20

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The People With the Goods
SPEARMAN, - TEXAS



The New "EDISON" Diamond Disc.

The only machine that stands direct comparison with the living artist.

"There's a Reason."

Hale Drug Company

SPEARMAN
The Store with the Up-Town Service

SPEARMAN, TEXAS

Hansford County

See or write me if you want to buy lots in this coming city of the southwest.

Also have some choice buys in small tracts, 2-12 to 30 acres, near town.

I am in the market for a few OIL LEASES.

Farm and Ranch Lands

for sale on easy terms. Any size tracts. I have what you want, the way you want it.

MONEY TO LOAN ON REAL ESTATE

.. **J. R. COLLARD** ..
Write for information **HANSFORD, TEXAS**

A Public Servant

A BANK is more than a private business enterprise. Its relations with its customers make it a Public Servant. As such it must deserve the Public Confidence.

This bank as a STATE BANK is subject to the most exacting regulations and inspections, and it shares in the unity and strength of the Depositors' Guaranty Law. DEPOSITS GUARANTEED.

The strength of the Farmer's State Bank and its impeccable connections are supplemented by an organization and an equipment which render it exceptionally successful in the intelligent stimulation of business building.

The Farmers State Bank
New Bank---Live Town TEXHOMA

GUY W. SLACK, President C. A. TILGHMAN, Vice Pres.
C. L. SWAN, Cashier
ROY HOFFMAN and I. M. SLACK, Directors

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Everything Good
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John L. Hays Mercantile Co.
Spearman and Hansford

JOE'S CAFE

Regular Meals at Noon
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Popular Prices.

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To Paint your houses, barns, etc. I can save you money on Paint, Wall Paper, etc., and also do the work in a first-class manner.

Painter
Paper Hanger
Sign Writer

J. B. TOWER
SPEARMAN, TEXAS

"RESULTS MORE THAN CLAIMED"

So testified Mr. J. F. ARENDT,
Box 44, Rosalia, Texas

PERU-NA
THE REMEDY FOR EVERYDAY ILLS



"I have used Peru-na for years in cases of colds and catarrh. The results have been good, in fact, more than you claimed. Have also taken Lacupia and can easily say it is one of the best blood purifiers I have ever used."

Mr. J. F. Arendt

For Catarrh and Catarrhal Conditions

The evidence of one man like Mr. Arendt is more convincing proof to you of the merits of Peru-na than any written words of ours. For fifty years Peru-na has been the standby of the American family for diseases due to catarrhal inflammation of the mucous membranes lining the organs of the body. Thousands, like Mr. Arendt, have proved the effectiveness of Peru-na for coughs, colds, nasal catarrh, stomach, bowel and liver disorders or any disease characterized by a catarrhal condition. If your suffering is the result of a catarrhal disorder try Peru-na. It is a true, tried medicine.

Sold Everywhere

Tablets or Liquid

Ninety-Seven per cent. of the people have catarrh in some form.

The Spearman Reporter

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ORAN KELLY, EDITOR-MANAGER

Application has been made for transmission through the mails as second class matter.

\$1.50 Per Year in Advance

PRODIGES PROVE A PUZZLE

Psychological Experts Unable to Account for Their Amazing Prevalence in England.

Infant prodigies are being discovered in England almost daily. Some connect this with the psychology of war. One of the youthful marvels is Pamela Bianco, a thirteen-year-old girl artist, whose drawings were given the place of honor in an exhibition at one of the principal London galleries.

Critics dealt with them quite seriously and said that the work was suggestive of Botticelli and some of the other old masters. Pamela is an Italian girl who was born in England and never had taken any drawing lessons.

Ronnie Routledge, four, little more than a baby, whose parents know nothing of music, has enjoyed six months of tuition on the violin. At the Grimsby College of Violinists recently he outranked 43 competitors, most of them in the twenties, and scored 119 points in a possible 120. Professor Danton describes him as a miracle.

Little Robbie Day, aged seven, of Brighton, son of a motor mechanic, has wonderful powers of clairvoyance, according to the Weekly Dispatch. Blindfolded, he described a number of articles. These included a treasury note (giving its color, numbers and writing on the back), the color and texture of a piece of fabric he had never seen, the correct answer to a complicated sum in mental arithmetic and figures written down at random.

After five minutes' test he complained of feeling icy cold. "I just see little pictures and I just say them," is Bobbie's explanation.

AMERICANS WILL BE THERE

Opportunities Offered in Abyssinia Are by No Means Likely to Be Long Overlooked.

After his visit to the United States one of the Abyssinian visitors admitted that he knew now why there were no Americans in Abyssinia. As he had seen him at home, the American, so the stranger from Abyssinia decided, is not given to slow and tedious traveling. He wants to get about quickly, and Abyssinia, with nothing faster than a pack mule, offers no inducements of rapid transportation. "That, it seems," said the Abyssinian, "has kept the American man out of our country. It is too bad. We need bridges like yours, we need streets like yours, and we need men like yours to direct the building of them." Commercially and industrially, however, the truth probably is that Abyssinia has not been "discovered," and when that happens the American man will come and build his own rapid transportation. The mere statement that the capital, Addis Ababa, is a city of some 40,000 inhabitants and no railway connection with the outside world is a temptation.—Christian Science Monitor.

Birds Have Right of Way.

Fowl have the right of way in air, warns the director of military aeronautics. This is justice indeed, since birds flew first.

But this is not all. Recently many towns along the Atlantic coast have been visited with dead bird showers. Aviators flying by a town would see a flock of wild fowl coming their way. They would set their machine guns and let the bullets fly.

Presently a prominent citizen walking below would be hit with a large, bloody bird. He complained to the town, and the town complained to the department of agriculture. Then the federal migratory bird law between the United States and Great Britain was referred to, and it was found that shooting birds from airplanes is unlawful.

The Wrong Man.

When I was an eighteen-year-old girl I was keeping house in my mother's absence and received word from an old friend of the family, of whom I was very fond, that he was to be our guest for a day or two. Toward evening when the doorbell rang I told our little colored maid to answer it and show Mr. Blank into the living room.

I rushed into the room which was half dark, some minutes later and threw my arms around the gentleman who rose to greet me and kissed him soundly only to hear a strange voice say, "I called to see if I could interest you in a wonderful set of books I am showing today."

I backed to the light and turned it on to view a perfect stranger—a book agent. But Mr. Blank's timely arrival just then saved a little of my embarrassing explanation.—Chicago Tribune.

Notice

The practice by certain parties of driving ears through my gates without opening, tearing down and leaving same open, must be discontinued. This notice is final. This pernicious practice will no longer be tolerated. I will pay a reward of \$50 for information leading to the arrest and conviction of the guilty party.
ALVINO RICHARDSON.

NOW IS THE

time to make those improvements you planned long ago---the barns, sheds, etc. need overhauling and enlarging.

We will take pleasure in assisting you with plans and estimates.

Let's talk it over.

Plenty of Good Coal on Hand Now

CALL at our office and let us help you plan that new residence. That is our business. Our aim is to help improve the Panhandle. We are anxious to meet every citizen of the Spearman trade territory. Make our yard your headquarters.

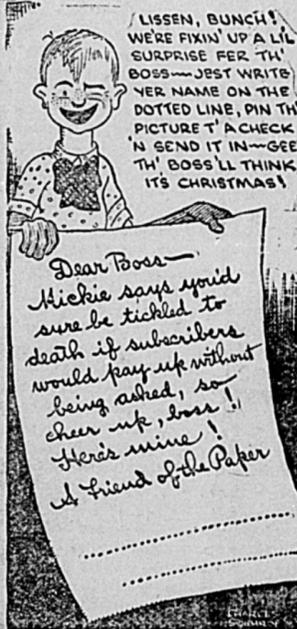
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Panhandle Lumber Co.

ABE GREEN, Local Manager

SPEARMAN, : : : : TEXAS

MICKIE SAYS



Are you a booster. Join the Hansford County Chamber of Commerce. Get in the game.

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In the New
Shop

we invite you to call and see our new shop at Spearman. New furniture and fixtures have been installed and we are prepared to attend to your wants in our line.

Lamm & Company

J. L. Taylor & Co.

National Tailoring Co.

are companies I represent and there is good looks and quality in the clothes I sell.

SID CLARK

Tailoring

..Barber..

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Spearman, Texas

Our Store is "Chock" Full of
High Class

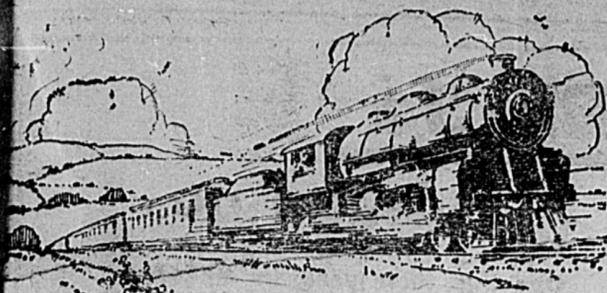
Dry GOODS and GROCERIES

and Our Prices are the Lowest.

J. G. McLARTY

Everything in
Groceries and Clothing

GUYMON



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

WALKER D. HINES,
Director General of Railroads.

*Work more—
Produce more—
Save more—*

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

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

Railroads are now near the peak of their carrying capacity.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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Guaranteed Tire Repair Co.
REBUILDERS and REPAIRERS

Save 40 to 50 per cent on your tires by having them repaired.

We have the largest shop in the Southwest, equipped with the latest tire rebuilding machinery. Our re-treading is guaranteed for 3,500 miles, and all blowouts for life of tire.

USED TIRES FOR SALE

Guaranteed Tire Repair Co.

L. J. ALLEN, Manager
Two Doors North of Herald office
GUYMON

Ladies

**COATS
and
SUITS**

Big line of the very latest styles just received.

We invite our Hansford county friends to make our store headquarters when in GUYMON.

**LATHAM
Dry Goods Co.**

IN NO DANGER.



Wife—The fact there are germs on money doesn't worry me!
Hub—No, my dear. It would take a pretty active germ to hop from the money to you during the brief time you have it.

Triple Tone Electric Bell.

Three separate and distinct sounds are given by an electric bell which operates on ordinary lighting current by means of a transformer. In the home the bell can be connected with push-buttons installed at three different doors—front, kitchen and side, for example. When one button is pressed a clear ring results, when the second is operated a buzz is produced, and when the third button is pushed a combination buzz and ring results. In the office or shop this bell will prove most useful, since it can be used to call three different persons without necessitating them to count the number of rings, as must often be done when the customary signaling is employed. This bell has no contact points to burn out and no batteries to replace.

For Sale

Bundle and threshed; maize also red top cane seed, at my farm one-half mile west and one mile north from Spearman.

J. M. GLOVER.

Wanted

A good milk cow and one dozen young hens, Rhode Island Reds preferred.

MRS. J. H. BUCHANAN,
Hansford Texas.

No Fishing or Hunting

Fishing and hunting is positively forbidden on the lands controlled by the undersigned, located in Hansford and Ochiltree counties, and known as the O'Loughlin ranch, the Simmons ranch and the Lindsay ranch. Trespassers will be dealt with as the law directs.

HUDSON & SNYDER.

Notice to the Public

I will sell wood for \$5.00 per four-horse load. It will be necessary to either phone or come to headquarters before getting the wood, otherwise you will be treated as trespassers. Positively no hunting allowed.

W. T. COBLE,
Owner of the Turkey Track ranch.

Notice

No hunting or fishing will be allowed in the Diamond C pastures, on the headwaters of the Palo Duro. These lands are posted and trespassers will be prosecuted.

JAMES H. CATOR & SON.

Watch Spearman grow.



Brands: Diamond C on left side slash on left hip.
Ear Marks: Crop on left & under halfcrop on right.
Range on headwaters of the Palo Duro.

J. H. Cator & Son, Hansford

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ALL KINDS OF BUILDING MATERIAL

WE can supply your every want in the building material line. Come to our yard in Spearman for Lumber, Shingles, Sash, Doors, Brick, Lime Cement and in fact anything in the way of building material. We have it in stock or can get it for you on short notice.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD

Material will not be cheaper soon. You have been planning a new home—

BUILD IT NOW

**Car Load of Yellow Pine Creosote
.. Fence Posts Just Received ..**

COAL—Better come and get your coal before we have another blizzard. We have a good supply now on hand.

Call and Get a 1920 Calander

**White House Lumber
Company.**

W. E. CALAWAY, Manager

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Plans and specifications furnished on application.

I employ good mechanics and all work is guaranteed.

Let me figure with you if you contemplate building. No job too large or too small for me to give due consideration.

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Any kind of
Team Work

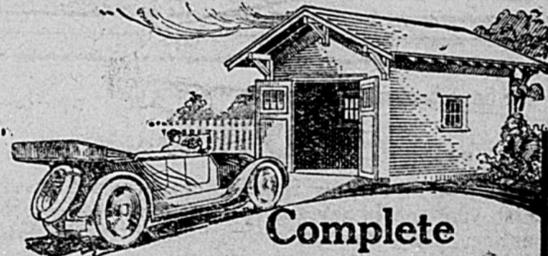
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Meet all trains for freight and baggage.

Prices reasonable.

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the Joy of Motoring**

Have a convenient place for housing your car and making the small repairs.

One of the first requirements of a complete garage is the work bench—you need a place for the tools and accessories. This bench may be built along the side or in the rear, according to choice. Of course, you'll arrange for the windows. Good lighting is first-aid to handy repair work.

A concrete floor provides good drainage and you can wash the automobile in all kinds of weather.

Build a garage now. It's a year 'round necessity.

COMLEY LUMBER COMPANY

S. W. HOPPER
Manager

GUYMON, OKLA.

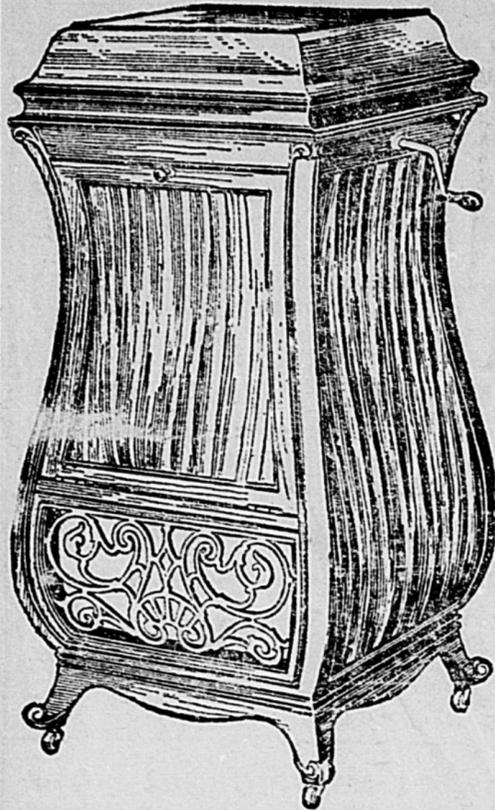
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**DODGE BROTHERS
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Place Your Order With Us for Cars.

Perryton, - - Texas



"Puritan"

YOU HAVE heard many different phonographs--scores of them--but until you have heard the Puritan you haven't heard the best.

The Puritan represents a new phase in the development of sound-reproducing instruments and is the one phonograph that has charmed music-lovers away from the belief that it was impossible to preserve the individual tone quality of voice and instrument and reproduce them unmarred by mechanical sound or imperfections.

Several different styles to select from.

See them--hear them.

Hillhouse Drug Company

Terms. **SPEARMAN**

VETERINARY SURGEON

WILL BE IN
SPEARMAN

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By GARRET SMITH.

Lifting the ban of war secrecy has just now brought to light for the first time one of the most stupendous feats of construction in history--the planning and building in less than one year of the largest ammonium nitrate plant in the world and of a city around it for the housing of its 25,000 workmen and their families. At the same time is revealed one of the chief reasons why Germany suddenly surrendered a year ago. The German high command knew that the United States was ready at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, to manufacture 13 per cent of all the high explosives needed by all the Allied armies on all fronts in the expected drive of the following spring.

The first person on construction work reached Muscle Shoals on November 26, 1917. On February 16, 1918, ground was first broken for a permanent plant building. On October 26, 1918, eight months and eight days later, the manufacturing plant had begun the production of ammonium nitrate.

When America entered the world war in April, 1917, she had no means of producing the enormous quantities of high explosives necessary to provide the huge army she planned to raise. The very fact that our industries were already worked to capacity providing ammunition to the allies seemed to make further production for our own use impossible.

Fertilizer Process Turned to War Use.

At this juncture the Ordnance Department turned to cyanamid, a commercial fertilizer, which had for some years been produced successfully at Niagara Falls, by a process the American rights of which were obtained in 1907 from Germany by Frank Sherman Washburn, head of the American Cyanamid Company.

By this process cyanamid was produced by extracting nitrogen from the air and combining it with calcium obtained from limestone rock and carbon from coke. By putting cyanamid through three more processes both ammonia and nitric acid can be extracted from it and combined into the explosive, ammonium nitrate. Mr. Washburn was invited to present plans and estimates for the construction in the shortest possible time of an ammonium nitrate plant at Muscle Shoals, Alabama, and a contract between his company and the United States was entered into under date of November 16, 1917.

To have general supervision of planning and carrying out the work an organization known as the Air Nitrates Corporation was formed to act as agent of the Ordnance Department. This corporation provided the general designs, supervised all the work and operated the camp, the town and the plant. It also installed all equipment in the chemical plant. The various other sections of the work were subject to organizations that were specialists in the directions in which they were asked to help.

New City Built From the Ground.

It was necessary to build a new town to house the laborers. For this job Westinghouse Church Kerr Company was called in as contractor. This company also built the buildings of the chemical plant. Within four months 12,000 workmen had been assembled and a city capable of accommodating 25,000 inhabitants had been completed, with lodging, restaurants, stores, offices, police headquarters, schools, fire departments, hospitals, motion picture theaters, electric light and sewerage systems.

The construction of the plant proper was begun on February 16, 1918. Just eight months and eight days later the big plant began a steady output of ammonium nitrate. The plant contains 113 permanent buildings, with a roof area of over 28 acres.

To provide the electric current it was necessary to build a steam power electric plant, for it would have taken three years or more to complete the dam and hydro-electric station now under way. This plant, built by the J. G. White Corporation, is one of the largest steam plants for developing electrical energy in the world.

The output of the plant is 300 tons of ammonium nitrate a day, and this can be produced at Muscle Shoals at a cost less than one-half the standard fixed price paid by the Government for ammonium nitrate produced by other methods and one-fourth to one-fifth the cost of other high explosives of equal strength. Compared with the older process of making ammonium nitrate, the savings made by this plant would have paid the \$60,000,000 cost of the entire plant in about one and one-half years of operation.

As a military weapon it is one of the wisest and most economical expenditures that the Ordnance Department has undertaken. As an agent in stopping the war and as a future protection to the country its value is incalculable.

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