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Italians Now Advancing in Albania

Runnels County May Lose County Farm Agent

R. W. Person, district farm agent, was here last Friday, checking up the work of local agent Eaton. Mr. Person was well pleased with the work being done here by Mr. Eaton, but stated that he would not recommend the maintenance of an agent here at the expense of the federal government and business men, and that unless the county commissioners took hold of the work and co-operated, it was probable that Mr. Eaton would be transferred to some other county where there is a demand for this class of work and where the county is willing to stand its part of the expense.

The commissioners court of this county has repeatedly declined to pay its prorate of the salary for a farm agent and the federal government appropriation for that purpose has been met by the local Business League. Mr. Person says this is not right, and that he will not recommend that an agent be kept here on such basis.

Just why the commissioners court declines to co-operate with the federal government in this work is more than we can understand. A statement from any member of the court why they are refusing to do so would be gladly received by the public, and such statement should be forthcoming.

The farm agent work has been established here on a basis which will cause great loss if the agent is removed, and the government realizes this and has been slow in transferring the agent to some other place.

Without a farm agent the farmers and stockmen of this county would be deprived of the half freight rate on feed. They would be deprived of the advantages offered by the government in loans on seed wheat for planting. They would be deprived of the benefit of the farm agent in handling the agricultural claims in connection

with the local draft board, and many other benefits that must come through the farm agent or not come at all, as the law governing these matters provide that the farm agent must handle the work.

No cheap rate on feed can be had without certificate from the farm agent. No wheat loans can be had without application through the farm agent, and the county without a farm agent are experiencing great loss and delay.

Farm agent Eaton has issued freight certificates for half rate on 125 cars of feed. The saving to the farmers and stockmen in this one item alone is sufficient to pay the county's part of the farm agent's salary for several years.

Mr. Eaton has sent in 100 applications for seed wheat loans and is busy taking others every day, and he has secured work for 149 laborers during the last two or three weeks, being instrumental in advancing transportation and co-operating with the government employment service.

On account of the drought there has been little demonstration work during the last few months, but Mr. Eaton has devoted such time to terracing and surveying for irrigation projects. The entire county is profiting by his services, and the Business League and federal government is putting up the money.

The farmers should get behind the commissioners court and make it possible to see that Mr. Eaton, or some other agent remains on the job. The proposition should be handled as a war measure.

Mrs. A. E. Freel and little son, "Capt. Jerome," returned to their home at Dallas Tuesday, after a visit to Mrs. Freel's sister Mrs. Wm. Doose.

Shipping Tags and wires at The Ballinger Printing Co.

Allies Capture 40,000 Prisoners And 260 Guns

ANNOUNCEMENT PARTY

On Tuesday afternoon at 4:00 o'clock the beautiful home of Judge and Mrs. J. W. Powell was thrown open to a number of guests who upon their arrival were greeted in a most gracious manner by Mrs. Powell and her daughter, Miss Lucile, and ushered into the reception suit, which was beautifully decorated in Queens wreaths Clematis and Ferns.

Seven tables were arranged for the ever popular game of "42" and after several games were enjoyed, the guests were served a most delicious refreshment plate of ice cream, molded in beautiful pink roses and angle food cake.

A state of expectancy existed throughout the entire afternoon, as it had been rumored that a secret was to be disclosed on this occasion. As the guests were about to depart in disappointment Mrs. Lynn and Miss Williedelle Schawe approached with trays, upon which were miniature trunks. These were distributed among the guests and when opened disclosed the announcement of the marriage of Miss Lucile Powell to Mr. James Wear, October 8th, 1918.

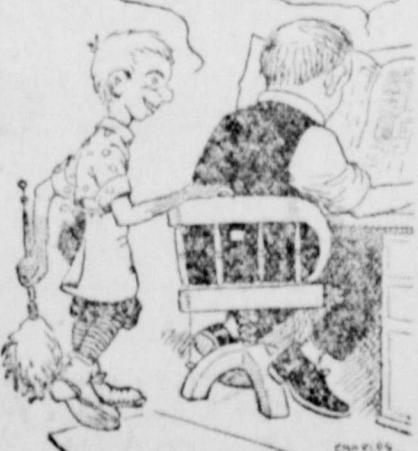
The following guests were present: Madames, Scott Mack, Elmer Shepperd, Leslie Baker, Chas Northington, Harry Lynn, Harper McFarland, Alfred Luckett of Miles, Lynn and Townsend of Winters, Oscar Ruidale, Oscar Pearson, Oscar Routh A. McGregor, Sim Cotelle Emil James Maude Vaneil, Sam Behringer, Misses Ona Hartman, Bertha Van Pelt, Lois Crews, Winnie Trail, Myrtle Whitaker, Williedell Schawe Olga Schawe, Fannie Wilmeth, Mamie Gregory, Margaret Futch, Hattie Miller, Zelma Miller, Cora Whitlow, Anna Jean Sharp, Maryatte Smith, and Ethal Evans and hostess Mrs. Powell and Lucile Powell.

Basil Smith went to Galveston, Tuesday to resume his duties in the State Medical School. This is his second year and he goes back to enter the military branch.

MICKIE SAYS

THE BIG CITY PAPERS
KIN POKE FUN AT US PER
TELLIN' 'BOUT PAUL JONES'
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BUT, BY HEK! WE NEVER
FALL FER NO GUFF 'BOUT
MRS. ALGERNON MORGAN-
SILTS POMPERANIAN PUP,
"PIFFLE", HAVIN' THE PIP
AND A LOTTA OTHER
ITEMS LIKE THAT, WITCH
THEM CITY PAPERS
PRINT, DO WE, BOSS?

NOPE!



London, Sept 25.—An official report on the allied drive in Palestine was made today. According to the official report more than 40,000 prisoners and 260 guns have been taken.

This report came a day or two ago, but not until today was it officially confirmed and it is added that the domination of the holy land by the Turks has been ended for all time to come and the Christian people are in complete control of the country.

SHORT DELAY AT ROWENA OIL WELL

The breaking of a bit in the well of the Runnels County Oil & Gas Co., near Rowena, caused a short delay Wednesday. The broken bit was soon fished out and a new one replaced it in the stem and drilling will be resumed. The well is nearing a depth of 1200 feet, and in the language of the promoters, "things are looking better all the time."

There has been no new developments in the Russell well, further than steady work in sinking the drill deeper daily, and gas continues to ooze out the top of the well. It is claimed that there is sufficient gas coming from the well now to operate the drill if it was placed under control and utilized for fuel.

MAN FIT FOR CARRIER PIGEON WITH MARINES

Omaha, Neb., Sept 24—He blew in from Gas, Kansas, did John T. Swanson. The recruiting sergeant looked twice, decided his eyesight was true and that there was a man before him. The stranger's middle initial must have stood for "thin." For he was. Here was Hooverism to the Nth degree.

"I want to fight and I want to join the Marines," said Swanson. "What do you weigh?" asked Sergeant Lee Carpenter. "Ninety two pounds, but ***" "No chance here. Suppose you go to the Signal Corps. They might attach fethers and use you as a carrier pigeon."

One Day's Grist of Questions

Here are specimen questions asked at the American Library Association's library at Camp Beauregard in one day:

"Who is the Sultan of Turkey?"
"What is the population of Philadelphia?"

"How many months in the year is the Baltic navigatable?"

"Is there such a place as hell—and is there princess of hell?"

"Is Alan Seeger American or English?"

"How much space in a line of march is required by motorcycles?"

"What day of the week was July 4, 1915?"

"What people of ancient times were destroyed because they had six senses in stead of five?"

"Where was Atlantis, the island described by Plato, where people were perfectly happy and contented?"

D. M. Hillvard and Guy McDonald, of Winters, were here Wednesday, serving on the legal advisory board, assisting registrants in filling out their questionnaires.

London, Sept., 25.—The Italians have launched a new drive, according to unofficial press reports received here via Paris. The press reports come through reliable sources and state that the Italians army was advancing in Albania.

While there are no indications yet of the reported advance having definitely linked with the hundred mile allied offensive in Macedonia, but it is believed in official circles that the entire three hundred mile front from the Adriatic to the Aegean sea may soon be ablaze with activity.

The Bulgarian army which has been opposing the allied center, is now rapidly retiring upon Velles, thirty miles northeast of Prilip, it was announced today in Serbian official messages received here.

At the same time the allied advance is continuing north of Prelip and Gradsko road, says the official report.

Gen. Haig, the British field marshal, reports that German raids in the vicinity of Sauchy Cauchy were partially successful, the enemy capturing the British outpost in that vicinity. Another raid in this region was repulsed, however, and the British successfully raided the enemy in the Wulverghem sector, capturing prisoners and guns.

In both Macedonia and Palestine the entente allied forces are giving the already badly beaten Bulgarians, Germans and Turks no rest, while in France the British and French are continuing to draw their net more closely about St. Quentin, and the remaining elements of the Hindenburg line in this immediate region.

In Macedonia the situation of the Bulgarians and Germans daily grows more critical for the allied forces steadily maintaining their pressure against them. In Turkey the latest operations of the British and Arab tribesmen friendly to the allied cause seemingly forecast the complete destruction or capture of the Ottoman troops in Palestine on both sides of the river Jordan.

St. Quentin, though the latest advances of the British and the French is all but enveloped and to the north the strong enemy line protecting Cambrai has been further encroached upon by Field Marshal Haig's men.

All along the 100 mile front in Macedonia from the region north of Monastid to Lake Doiran the entire entente armies have pressed further forward against the demoralized Bulgarians and Germans whose reinforcements have not been able to stiffen the line for a face about.

North of Monastid the important strategic position of Peilep has been occupied thus giving control of the numerous roads radiating from it to the French cavalry; in the center the Serbians have pushed their wedge further in between the enemy's western and eastern armies, while on the extreme eastern flank, the British and Greeks have advanced along both sides of

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A. W. Sledge Editor

Liberty Bonds or German bondage. "Come across" or the kaiser will.

It is good to help the Belgians, but we should not forget the poor at our own door.

The federal government thinks that the farm agent is worth more to this county than some other officers, hence pays part of the salary.

The civil engineers are busy drawing highways for this county on paper. When the plans and specifications are completed, there will be some road building.

A few loads of gravel to fill up the chug holes around the auto turn posts would help a little on Ballinger streets.

Congressman Blanton is fighting for 35 cent cotton. The following telegram shows where he stands on this question:

"The president's action in appointing committees undoubtedly means fixing the price of cotton. Our only hope now to save the South from financial disaster is to get price fixed at adequate prices, which we hope will not be less than 35 cents."

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LOCAL FOOT BALL SEASON OPENS

The local foot ball team will open the season Friday, October 4th when they go to San Angelo to wallopp the "Chalk Eaters."

Other games will follow in short order, several having already been scheduled with high school teams in this district.

The San Angelo high school team got away with the majority of the games in the contest with the locals last season, and an effort will be made to get even with the "Chalk Eaters" this season.

The local team will compare favorably with the 1917 team, several of the old players still being in high school and entitled to play on the team. They will average in weight about 150 pounds, although several of them are young and have had no experience. Local fans are ready for the farces and are banking on success for their favorites this season.

THE EFFICIENT WOMAN

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C. P. Shepherd, Business Mgr.
Sworn to and subscribed before me this 23, day of Sept., 1918.

(Seal) E. Sheppherd,
(My commission expires June 1919.)

INTALIAS NOW ADVANCING IN ALDANIA

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the Vardar to a depth average about ten miles over a front of twenty miles. Nowhere are the entente commanders permitting Bulgarians and Germans to lose contact with the advancing troops who are harrassing them vigorously.

WEAK, RUN DOWN WOMEN

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GREAT PILES OF CLOTHING READY

The Committee appointed to collect up clothing for the Belgium relief committee did their work well Wednesday, and the people contributed liberally. If every town in the United States contributes clothing at the same ratio that the Ballinger people contributed, there will be enough clothing brought together to keep all of the sufferers of France and Belgium warm for two winters. Great piles of clothing of every description was brought together at the Library, and this city alone will put Runnels county over the top in its quota. The Red Cross relief committee is busy packing the clothing and getting it ready to ship.

Catarrhal Deafness Cannot Be Cured

by local applications, as they cannot reach the portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure catarrhal deafness, and that is by a constitutional remedy. Catarrhal deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed, deafness is the result. Unless the inflammation can be reduced and this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever. Many cases of deafness are caused by catarrh, which is an inflamed condition of the mucous surface. Hall's Catarrh Medicine acts thru the blood on the mucus surface of the system.

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Argentina is in bad shape for want of ocean bottoms to transport its products to market, according to a letter from Coker Smith, written at Bahia Blanca, Argentina, on July 22, and addressed to The Standard.

"We had a large crop of wheat as well as corn," he says. "What was sold only brought twelve pesos the 100 kilos, but there are tons of it yet unsold. Corn sold for five pesos the 100 kilos, but now as wood and coal are so dear the electric and gas plants in Buenos Aires are burning it for fuel, and now I see they intend to start burning flour."

He encloses a clipping in which the following information on livestock prices is given:

"At Wednesday's sales steers for killing sold at \$141 each, others for fattening and criollos \$40 to \$60, cows for fattening fetched \$60 and calves \$21. Rambouillet wethers \$9.90 to \$14.60, for fattening \$8.80 to \$12.60, ewes \$9.40 to \$16, lambs \$6.80 to \$9.70.

The quotations are based upon the Argentine peso, which is worth at present about forty-five cents in American money.—San Angelo Standard.

NOTICE

The Sergical Dressing Rooms will not be open for work this week on account of packing the boxes for the Belgians. They will be open as usual next week.

SUGAR AFFIDAVITS.

Mr. Merchant, we are prepared to furnish you sugar certificates to be used in selling sugar for preserving purposes. We have the blanks printed and can supply you in any size quantity. The food rules require that you use these in selling sugar for canning and preserving purposes.

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NO MORE CREDIT OR FREE PAPERS

The War Industries Board is endeavoring to conserve blank paper because it takes coal, labor, and chemicals needed in the war to make paper. Therefore the board has made a ruling calculated to save more paper, without injuring the newspaper business, because newspapers have been classed as "industries essential to the carrying on of the war." The new order, effective the first of the coming month, instructs newspaper publishers to "discontinue sending paper after expiration unless subscription is renewed and paid for." The War Industries Board wants every citizen to get and read a newspaper, provided they are sufficiently interested in the world events to BUY AND PAY FOR A NEWSPAPER. But no paper is to be wasted—it must all be paid for.

The board's rule also governs the distribution of free copies, and after the first of October, please bear in mind that all papers must be paid for.

It would not bankrupt us to give away a few hundred copies of the paper during the month, and we have been doing that very thing, but it would put us out of business if the war industries board caught us violating the rule and penalize us by cutting off our supply of blank paper.

Somebody's subscription to The Ledger expires every day, and we will keep a collector after you with the receipt book. If you want the paper pay him for it. If you don't want it, or if you have not the cash, so indicate and the paper will be stopped. It will be stopped any way unless paid for. We have no choice in the matter; it is Uncle Sam we are trying to please.

POVERTY STALKING AT OUR FRONT DOOR

One of the most pitiful cases, and we might say unworthy objects of charity, ever thrown upon this community was called to the attention of the officers this week.

Two women, known among the county authorities as the Martin women, and the little six year old son of one of the women who have been in and out of Ballinger for the past two years, returned here Tuesday evening. They claim they have been staying at Eldorado for some time, and were drifting east, going they knew not where, driving the skeleton of a donkey to an old rattletrap buggy.

The women halted for the night between the stock pens and the creek just east of the city, and it was reported the next morning that there was a crazy woman on the creek. The writer accompanied the officers to the scene, and what we saw is hard to make believe in a civilized community.

The camp outfit consisted of one frying pan, two tin buckets, a piece of an old wagon sheet and an old dirty quilt. The unfortunates did not have a bite to eat, and the mother of the boy claimed that she was sick. The donkey could not carry them further, and such things as cash would have been a curiosity. Dirt and filth was plentiful, and soap was the first thing put down on an emergency order for groceries.

Aside from their unclean appearance, the women appeared to be able to work, and when there is such a demand for hands, they seemingly have no one to blame for their condition but themselves unless it is a lack of common sense and lack of energy.

The women claimed to be sisters. The husband of one of the women so the story goes, formerly worked on the railroad, being a section hand on the Ballinger section at one time. He died leaving his wife \$1,000 insurance and a baby about one year old. The other woman is single. They expressed no desire to remain here, but desired to drift on, stating that if they had food for themselves and their donkey they could make eight or ten miles per day. The county furnished the desired articles, together with a good supply of soap, and instructions how to use it. The county had rendered aid several times before, the objects of charity drifting away and returning with the winter months.

The court had under consideration the question of taking charge of the little boy, as it was an evident fact that the mother was not capable of taking care of the little fellow, but when this was mentioned pitiful wails from both the mother and child showed that only the strong arm of the law and drastic steps could separate them.

The child was thin and in filth, so were both the women, the three having upon their back all the clothing they possessed, and these were hanging in rags and almost ready to drop from their bodies. The mother of the child begged mercifully that her child be not taken away from her, saying that she would leave here at once if she could only keep her boy. Before the necessary legal steps could be taken to take charge of the child, the trio of unfortunates were on their way, drifting without an objective.

This county needs a poor farm.

Diarrhoea in Children

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COURT ADJOURNES TO HELP DRAFT BOARD

District Attorney Walter U. Early returned last night from Brady, district court having adjourned after a short session, through orders of the adjutant general who has instructed all attorneys to be subject to the call of the draft boards in assisting registrants to fill out their questionnaires. Mr. Early said that the civil docket was finished and the grand jury empaneled, but the criminal docket was carried over to next term. He reports that Brady got only a slight shower Thursday.—Brownwood Bulletin.

Lieut. A. J. Thorp, left Sunday afternoon for Leon Springs, where he goes into training for duty in the cavalry service.

W. H. Arnold, of the Winters country, was trading in Ballinger Monday.

SWEEPSTAKES CONTEST.

Boys' and Girls' Club Work Given Great Recognition.

In recognition of the work of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs, as organized and directed by the United States Department of Agriculture and the Extension Divisions of the various State Agricultural Colleges, the International Farm Congress is this year offering through its Soil-products Exposition, a list of premiums and trophies designed to attract the attention and engage the active effort of every red-blooded Club Member.

Premiums totaling over \$1,500 are offered in various classes, comprising Corn, Grain-Sorghum, Garden, Canning and Sewing Club Exhibits. Entries in these contests will be confined to one collective exhibit in each classification from each state. The Club Members cannot make individual entry, but must first compete at their local and state fairs, at which events winners will qualify for representation in the state collective exhibit. It is provided, however, that the best samples in each exhibit will be judged against similar samples from all other states and additional prizes awarded on an individual basis.

Visitors to the big Exposition will see in this Department the very best that can be produced by the big army of Boys' and Girls' Club Members in a dozen or more states. The Exposition will be held at Kansas City, Mo., October 16-26.

Good for Billiousness

"Two years ago I suffered from frequent attacks of stomach troubles and biliousness. Seeing Chamberlain's Tablets advertised I concluded to try them. I improved rapidly."—Miss Emma Verbyrke, Lima, Ohio.

Alexander Saunders came in from the West Wednesday morning and is back on the job at the post office, after a short vacation.

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"UNCLE JOHNNY'S" LAST LETTER

The Dallas Semi-Weekly News, published Friday, Sept. 20, contained the following letter from John Ballew. The News came out Friday, and on Saturday morning following Mr. Ballew ended his life by placing a pistol in his mouth and pulling the trigger. The tone of the letter is proof conclusive that despondency was responsible for the taking of his own life.

Mr. Ballew had used more space in news papers throughout the country and in agricultural magazines, in boasting the advantages and resources of this country than any other individual, and when the reverse came he worried his life to a tragic end. His last letter in picturing the condition of this country may seem to some to be a little overdrawn, but with a few exceptions it is facts frankly expressed:

Editor The News:
I have seen it stated that rain had fallen over West Texas and that the drought is broken. This statement is so far misleading that a denial from some source should be made public. Local showers have sloshed out in small spots,

but, as a whole, 144 counties are suffering as never before in the history of the country. The cattle and hog industry is wiped off the map. Jersey milk cows are being sold for 4 cents a pound, and pigs and chickens are sacrificed for what they will bring. There is no grass, no feed and no available money at any rate of interest.

Farmers and stockmen have borrowed to the limit. The credit stores have long since closed their books, and many industrious land owners are in a predicament that is not only embarrassing but distressing in the extreme. Thousands have gone east to work for bread to feed their loved ones, but some are situated so they can not leave and others have no working force. These will suffer unless relief comes from some source and that immediately. They have killed their last calf and sold their last hog to procure food from the stores, for their families. Some have accepted help from kinsmen in other counties, and this is exhausted. Only about four inches of rain have fallen this year and the situation is beyond description. We have read of starvation in foreign countries, but the most pessimistic never dreamed that such a calamity would overtake the rich western prairies of Texas.

We are not exaggerating the awfulness of it all, and have hesitated for reasons obvious to all thinking men to even frankly and

honestly confess the real truth. Our local pride has held us back too long. Suffering and distress is so acute as to make it criminal to conceal the awful facts.

Unless some measure for relief is forthcoming and that immediately the suffering will be such as has never been known. To be conservative, conditions are abnormally distressing, and no man has lived long enough to remember anything to compare with it.

Refined, godly, christian women wringing their hands, and strong men consult each other in whispered tones. Not a grain of feed not a boll of cotton, and no seed to sow for winter grazing. The fields are being grazed to keep work stock from starving, and this grazing will soon be exhausted. This is no time for mining words or concealing facts. A calamity is on us.

Why some organized effort has not been made is one of our mysteries. But this may be accounted for by the fact that this is no time to be calling on the Government for help, but a time to help. And our people have helped. They have helped ten times more than they were able to help. They are patriotic, but unless help comes from some source thousands of acres of rich West Texas prairie land will lie idle next year. Under these awful conditions the homestead law is against us. The Federal Farm loan act has helped some, but many home-builders owe more on their land than the local appraisers are willing to advance.

To conceal these facts on account of being afraid of giving the country a black eye, and to allow innocent women and children to suffer, I repeat, is criminal.—John Ballew, Wingate, Runnels County, Texas.

P. S.—Within a radius of two miles from where I write I can count fifteen vacant houses, including a church, high school building and tabernacle. In the same territory there are only seven houses occupied, and two of them only by women and children. There is not a better farming section in Texas. One year I made 34 bales of cotton. This year on 200 acres I will not make 134 pounds. How these vacant houses are to be filled again is a problem but not as serious as how those here shall be fed.

ALL THE FARMERS ARE INVITED

Farm Congress Sessions at Kansas City to be Open Forum For Practical Men.

"A great agricultural school" is the verdict of those who have attended the annual sessions of the International Farm Congress. This organization, which also stages the great International Soil Products Exposition, will be held at Kansas City, Missouri, October 17-18-19, the Exposition dates being October 16-26. The Exposition will be held in and adjacent to the great Kansas City Convention Hall, which will also ac-

hibit carrying its lesson in better agriculture, and all planned to secure the highest possible educational value. The United States government and the various states have spent many millions of dollars in the last few years by way of experiments in agriculture and allied pursuits. The results of these experiments are assembled for this Exposition at large expense, and arranged in most convenient and striking form for the bene-

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commodate the sessions of the Congress.

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fit of all who attend. At no other time or place in the history of the world has such a wealth of valuable and interesting information relating to agriculture ever been collected, or made so easy of access and understanding. The samples, models, charts and other object lessons built and shown by the Department of Agriculture and the various federal and state experiment stations constitute within themselves an exhibition which it will pay any progressive farmer to travel far to see and study.

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Under the amended swindling law this is a violation of the law and a very severe penalty affixed therefor. One merchant has been the victim of this practice on several occasions lately and by the same person twice. And while a business man dislikes to proceed against a citizen for this offense, yet it will be necessary to do some thing to stop this practice.

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Mr. Piratt is a brother of Mrs. J. B. Curry, of this city. Mrs. Curry has been at Santa Anna visiting while her brother was there.

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