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MEMBER ASSOCIATE

Hoover Announces New Rail Merger Agreement

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—President Hoover today announced the agreement of eastern railroads on consolidation into four gigantic, independent systems. He asked the rail chiefs to map out the consolidations. Only minor points are reported to be remaining to be worked out.

The roads affected by the mergers are the Nickle Plate system, the Baltimore & Ohio, the New York Central and Pennsylvania systems.

Expedition is Off To Mayan Ruins

(By Associated Press)
BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 30.—Captain William Long, aviator, and Al Hargraves, geologist, left today for Tampico, Mexico, from whence they will fly to the Yucatan peninsula on a treasure hunt, and exploration expedition.

It is planned to explore the hitherto unexplored ruins of the ancient Mayan civilization.

Creager Approves Lucas Party Stand

(By Associated Press)
BROWNSVILLE, Tex., Dec. 30.—Rene B. Creager, national committeeman for the Republican party from Texas, today telegraphed Robert C. Lucas, executive director of the Republican national committee, approving Lucas' regular Republican stand in the controversy against Senator George W. Norris, Republican independent, of Nebraska.

A certain degree of independence is approved, but repudiation of party leaders and principals is not to be condoned, Creager asserted.

Many Friends Call on Joffre

(By Associated Press)
PARIS, Dec. 30.—Death walked close by the bedside of Marshal Jacques Joffre today but the rugged old soldier clung to life with a tenacity that amazed the attending doctors.

Today's bulletin said the aged veteran took some nourishment during the night, the first in many hours, but that he could not live much longer.

Notables continued to visit the marshal's bedside. General Chas. G. Dawes, United States ambassador to England, and wartime friend of Joffre, was among the visitors, and expressed warm admiration for the old warrior's battle against death.

Slackened Market Lets Car Makers Prepare for 1931

(By Associated Press)
DETROIT, Dec. 30.—(AP)—One of the most seriously disorganized units of the American industrial structure, the automobile industry virtually pulled itself through by its bootstraps in 1930.

The disorganization, most keenly felt in the retail division of the industry, manufacturers frankly admit was due to the reckless drive for a new production record in 1929.

Despite a huge surplus of cars and trucks left over from the previous year that necessitated considerable distress selling and in certain classes of cars a complete suspension of production in midsummer for a fortnight or more, the industry came through the year with little or no "mortality" among the manufacturers.

Advantage was taken of the curtailed demands upon its production equipment to swing over to new models.

In the new models the industry has seemingly tried to keep up with the idea that the driving public always will demand better cars. Body lines have been smoothed out generally to give the car a lower appearance.

Scratch Pads, 20c per pad at Ledger office.

"Cold Checking" Is Less," Says County Attorney

According to Roy L. Hill, county attorney, cold check cases have been less for the past several months. Mr. Hill stated that for the past two months he had only filed about 50 per cent of the number of cases which formerly were filed here.

The first of last year the county attorney started a diligent fight against cold checkers and his prosecution of these cases has had much to do with the few cases of recent months. Those in the habit of scattering the worthless checks have learned that they cannot do it and get by prosecution and have stopped to a large extent.

A number of merchants interviewed on the subject stated that they were receiving less cold checks than they had in the past two years. One firm stated that they had not received a bad check this year and considered it very unusual. Practically every check given has gone through the banks and received payment when presented.

Most of the cases reported by firms are people who carelessly keep up with their bank account and overdraw without knowing that their funds are low. Most of these checks are paid off a few days later when money is deposited in the account and without the person being notified by the firms.

Cases are filed in county court by Mr. Hill as fast as checks are turned over to him for collection. He has been very successful with all cases handled and his work is the outstanding reason for the decrease of the practice here of "cold-checking."

There are a number of cases on the docket of the county court at present that have not been disposed of and each week a few new cases are filed for prosecution.

Drowned Body Found in Boat

(By Associated Press)
PALACIOS, Tex., Dec. 30.—The body of L. S. Butler, 50, who went down with his pleasure boat in Oyster Lake, today was found in the sunken boat by a rescue party.

FAIR OPTIMISM OUTLOOK OF PUBLIC UTILITY FIELD

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The public utility field, as a whole, having weathered the period of business depression better than many other industries, looks forward to 1931 with a fair degree of optimism.

Electric light and power production, gas, electric railways and the electrical manufacturing line during the year failed to keep pace with the figures set in 1929, but with the possible exception of the railways, executives look forward to an early resumption of the growth in business that has marked recent years.

A sharp curtailment in manufacturing lines was held principally responsible for the decline in sales of electricity. Gas companies also suffered from this inactivity, although manufactured gas companies, with their business founded largely upon a domestic demand, were not as badly affected as the natural gas distributors.

Mrs. Walter Robertson left for her home at Dallas Monday after spending a few days here with her father, M. D. Chastain, and other relatives.

Fire Destroys Estate Building

(By Associated Press)
FRANKSTON, Tex., Dec. 30.—Fire today destroyed the Dabbs estate building here, which housed a number of business establishments and professional offices.

The loss was placed at \$46,700.

Hypnotism May Jar "George Mason's" Amnesia

(By Associated Press)
BATON ROUGE, La., Dec. 30.—Hypnotism may yet solve the riddle of "Mr. George Mason"—who he is and how he lost his memory.

Psychologists at Louisiana State University have begun a series of tests in efforts to cure Mason's case of amnesia—a mystery for the past 18 months.

Mason, who woke up in a small New Orleans hotel in May, 1929, without any recollection of his past, has been under observation at a state hospital here for nearly a year.

Before entering the institution he travelled all over the country in efforts to establish his identity. He took the name of George Mason—because he could not recall his own.

Recently he accepted a suggestion by Dr. Paul C. Young, psychologist at Louisiana State, that he submit to hypnotic treatments.

These Dr. Young believed will prove fruitful, for under hypnosis the amnesia victim has established a tentative connection with the past, revealing that he once lived in the far west and that he has considerable familiarity with Australia.

When it was suggested to him that he was a child, he recalled a "Sacred Heart school," a "Sister Mary" and said he sold papers on the streets of San Francisco where his companions called him "Chuck."

On another occasion he discussed mathematics and engineering expertly and spoke of working in an automobile assembling plant, but failed to give the plant's name or location.

Hypnotic treatments are being continued at weekly intervals.



GEORGE MASON

Following publication of Mason's first responses, scores of persons have written Dr. Young, suggesting leads and seeking descriptions and details of the case.

Mason's case previously had attracted wide attention. When he woke up in the New Orleans hotel, where he had registered as "H. Williams," without giving his home city, he had several hundred dollars in his pocket.

His suit bore a New York tailor's label and his linen a Memphis, Tenn., laundry mark. There were no other clues.

Mason bought a car and traveled from one large city to another, examining police, detective, army, navy and similar records in an attempt to "find himself." He had no success.

Discouraged, he returned to New Orleans, and on the invitation of the East Louisiana Hospital authorities he entered that institution for observation. Hypnotic treatments were undertaken after Mason failed to improve there.

Mason appears as a distinguished man of culture, perhaps 45 years old, about five feet nine, and weighs 125 pounds. He has light brown hair, greying, grey-green eyes and wears "pince-nez" glasses.

Man, 86, Follows Wife, 78, in Death

(By Associated Press)
LORAIN, Tex., Dec. 30.—A double funeral was held here today for J. P. Hutchins, 86, and his wife, 78. The couple had been married sixty-one years.

Mrs. Hutchins died of pneumonia late Sunday evening. The husband, suffering from the same ailment, learned of his wife's death, and died himself early Monday.

Payment of Taxes Called Good Here

K. V. Northington, city secretary, stated Monday afternoon that city taxes were coming to that office fine and so far this year was ahead of 1929 in taxes paid and he expected Jan. 1 to show at least \$3,000 more paid than at the same time last year.

A. F. Brock stated that school taxes are coming in fine and W. L. Brown stated that county and state taxes for December were as good as last year with October and November some less than the year before.

People have the entire month of January in which to pay taxes both personal and poll and the payment of automobile license tax payment has been extended until the last day of January. Collectors earlier in the year did not expect the early payment of taxes to come up to that of preceding years but in most cases it will be better and as good in practically all cases.

There is little difference in the taxes for this year and last and where the valuation is the same, tax payers can expect about the same amount to be due. City taxes are slightly less than last year as the rate was decreased 5 cents on the \$100 here. The old rate was \$1.50 and commission after making up their budget for the coming year, set the new rate at \$1.45.

A number of new car number plates are appearing on the streets and many people are seen coming from the courthouse with the plates and will have them on their cars by the first day of January.

EXECUTIVE ASKS LET-UP ON BUSINESS COMMENTS

(By Associated Press)
NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The head of a leading steel company suggests a "moratorium on business comments."

Requested for a statement at the end of the year on business conditions and prospects, he said he felt that the unusual amount of discussion has tended to undermine confidence rather than help.

He felt that executives should say less and concentrate in preparing to handle good business when it returns.

Deferred Buying to Bring Better Times, Reynolds Says

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The year 1931 will be characterized as a year of business recovery.

Stabilization of commodity prices will lead to buying, and the release of deferred purchases, as always, before, will make for business revival.

The money market, to be conservative may continue easy through part of 1931, but improvement in business should result in somewhat firmer rates, at no time, however, giving prospect of hampering business.

All told, the new year can be faced with new confidence, with third from the 1929 total.

Court to Pass on Bonds Filed by County Officers

County Judge Paul Trimmer has called a special meeting of the commissioners court to be held at the court house tomorrow for the purpose of attending to all business of that body that needs attention. There will be only one change on the court next year, T. J. Parrish taking the place of R. J. Deens and a few minor details will be attended to by the old court.

In addition to the business of the court, the meeting will also take up the bonds and oaths filed by the incoming officers and approve or reject them. Almost all the incoming officials have already filed their bonds with the county clerk and they will be ready for inspection by the commissioners court.

Those approved will be ready to take office the next day and in case any fail to file their bonds or they are rejected for some cause the next meeting of the court will be held on January 3 at which time they will be taken up again. Anyone not filing a bond by the last day of the month will cause that office to be open for three days if he is a newly elected official, or until an approved bond has been filed.

All regular county officers have their bonds on file at the present time and in good shape and will be ready to take office on the morning of Jan. 1. Drury Hathaway, first assistant of W. A. Forney, county tax collector, has been working in the tax collector's office recently getting ready for work on the first and becoming familiar with the status of the tax rolls for this year. This office will be one change where the incoming officer will have to take hold during the big rush season of the year. W. L. Brown, retiring officer, stated Tuesday that December collections this year were up to those of any other year but that October and November collections were somewhat below those of last year. Mr. Brown stated that he had no announcement ready as to what he would do but expected to have a statement soon after Jan. 1.

The new commissioners court will be called here again in a special meeting on Jan. 3 to hold a hearing on the proposed road bond issue asked for in commissioner's precinct No. 2. A large number of people are expected to attend this session and if the court so decrees, a bond issue election for the issuance of \$160,000 by that precinct will be ordered. A petition was filed several weeks ago asking for an election and the court in its last meeting ordered the hearing.

BALLINGER PARTY ENJOYS TRIP TO NEW MEXICO

Misses Winnie Polk and Olene Cathey, Rufus and George Cathey and Mrs. Ed Dean returned Monday night from a week's stay in New Mexico. The party visited the Carlsbad caverns, Cloudcroft, the white sands desert and the Mesalero Indian reservation. They enjoyed many skiing parties at Cloudcroft and a trip to the mountain summit. They also visited Mr. and Mrs. Jim Johnson on their ranch near Tularosa.

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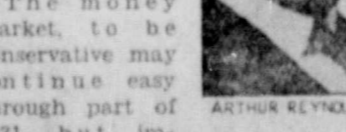
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ARTHUR REYNOLDS

Veterans Can Borrow \$25,000,000 Jan. 1s

Shepard's Counsel Seeks New Trial

(By Associated Press)
TOPEKA, Kans., Dec. 30.—Motions seeking a new trial and for arrest of judgment were filed today on behalf of Major Charles A. Shepard, army physician, who was given a life sentence in the penitentiary by a jury on the charge of having fatally poisoned his second wife at Fort Riley, Kansas, last year. Shepard is at liberty on bond.

Federal Judge Richard Hopkins will hear the new motions February 2, the date fixed for the formal passing of sentence on Shepard.

Train is Derailed; Eighty are Killed

(By Associated Press)
SHANGHAI, Dec. 30.—Eighty persons were killed and forty injured following the derailment of a Peiping-Mukden railway train, in southwestern Manchuria, by bandits. The fish plates on ties had been removed.

In the crash the locomotive boiler exploded, causing a death taking fire.

The bandits pillaged the train, taking twenty captives, whom they are holding for ransom.

Miss Eleanor Hancock is at home from Indianapolis, Ind., where she had been visiting for the past three months.

W. W. Chastain left Tuesday morning with Walter Robertson for Dallas, where Mr. Chastain will visit his sister for some time.

Not to Recognize Guatemalan Chief

(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—The American legation at Guatemala City today informed the Guatemalan government that the United States would not recognize the regime of President Orellana.

Official explanation of the action here is lacking but high Washington authorities said the refusal was based on the treaty of 1923 outlining the recognition conditions for Central America.

Rev. W. H. Doss received the sad news Monday informing him of the death of his brother-in-law, W. L. Murphy, of Nashville, Tenn. Mr. Murphy was a merchant at that place for 60 years and was 88 years of age.

Rev. T. E. Bowman, has been confined to his home for the past several days with a bad cold bordering on a case of the flu. He is reported better and will soon be able to be back on his job.

WEATHER FORECAST

(By Associated Press)
West Texas—Unsettled, rains in the south portion, rain or snow in the north portion, tonight and Wednesday.

East Texas—Unsettled tonight and Wednesday. Rain and warmer on the coast tonight, warmer in the east portion Wednesday.

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(By Associated Press)
WASHINGTON, Dec. 30.—Administrator Frank T. Hines of the United States veterans' bureau, today estimated that \$425,000,000 could be borrowed by World War veterans on their adjusted compensation certificates in 1931.

Hines said the bureau was prepared to lend \$20,000,000 to 300,000 veterans in January.

Resolution Attacks Farm Board Acts

(By Associated Press)
DALLAS, Dec. 30.—Resolutions attacking the methods employed by the federal farm board were adopted here today at a meeting sponsored by the Farmers Union of Texas and the Farmers Marketing Association of America.

One resolution asked the federal body to quit dealing in futures, and to buy two of every three bales of cotton produced at 18 cents a pound.

Capone's Aide is Given 5-Year Term

(By Associated Press)
CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—Jack Guzik, business manager of "Scarface" Al Capone's liquor and vice syndicate, today was sentenced to five years in the federal penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas, and fined \$17,500 by Federal Judge Charles Woodward for evading income tax.

Judge Woodward overruled a motion by Guzik's counsel for a new trial.

CLERK'S OFFICE RUSHED FILING CHATTEL MORTGAGES

The first of the year rush of renewing notes in this county is causing plenty of work in the office of the county clerk, Mrs. Clarence West. Mrs. West usually employs one assistant in the office but Tuesday morning she had six people on the job as all were rushed in the work recording chattel mortgages to her office to be placed on file.

A large part of these are coming from banks over the country which are renewing loans as taking new mortgages for security. Practically all this will be done within a few days around the first of the year.

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Business changes in Ballinger will be few around the first of the year and 1931 will start with about the same forces and firms serving the people here. A number of clerks who have been on during the rush holiday season will complete their work when inventory is over and all stores are rushing to get this part of their year's work finished by the first day of the new year.

Many people are calling on the tax collector to secure their number plates without first having their lights tested. The collector must have a new receipt from some official light testing station showing that the law has been complied with recently. Before going for new plates be sure to take a receipt on your lights together with other needed documents.

Harley Sadler, well known West Texas showman, suffered a loss of between \$3,500 and \$4,000 last week in the form of various furnishings when his home in Sweetwater was ransacked. While he was away on an engagement robbers entered the back door by breaking out a glass, took time to take a bath and enjoy other comforts of his home and then carry off everything they wanted. This is what should be known as "robbery de luxe" as an excellent meal was to be found in the electric refrigerator and the robbers had plenty of time to do the job and enjoy life while at work.

Ballinger has only a few home manufactured products and all are deserving of the praise of every citizen of Ballinger. Beginning on January 1 is town will have two bakeries and if Ballinger and people who live here insist on "Ballinger made bread," they will prosper and be of great benefit to the town. If, on the other hand, they buy bread made in some other place and send all their bread money there this town will suffer. These businesses cannot exist. This day and time everyone is longing for the return of normal times and the best way on hand to bring this about quickly is to stop sending money to out-of-town concerns and do ALL the buying in Ballinger where dollars will remain and circulate. There is sufficient business here if it was not divided a large part given to out-of-town concerns that do not help the town in any way. Sometimes a few pennies saved on an article is expensive when it means that local people must be left without jobs, local business houses run at a loss, and vacant buildings appear, because local business is sent away to other places which should be given to Ballinger firms.

Mr. and Mrs. C. R. Roesler, of New Braunfels, are here visiting Mr. and Mrs. Ed Sommers.

NOW IS THE TIME TO BUILD ROADS

According to Thomas MacDonald, chief of the bureau of public roads, three-fourths of total cost of roads goes for labor. For each man actually working on a road, three others are employed in providing him with equipment and materials. By giving employment to 100,000 men in road-building, the total gain in employment is 300,000.

Federal and state governments are giving special attention to road building as an aid to employment. It is proposed that federal funds be doubled for the coming year, and a number of states have taken steps to increase road appropriations.

It is said that 2,000,000 miles of the 3,000,000 miles of road in this nation need improvement of some sort. Most of the mileage, and particularly that in agricultural areas, requires surfacing to make it passable during all months of the year. Every dollar that goes into road work produces three dollars worth of employment and is a practical public investment for all the people.

Dr. E. R. Walker left Monday afternoon with Mr. and Mrs. Walter Mann, of Sterlin City, for Temple, where Mrs. Mann will probably undergo a serious operation.

SUNDOWN STORIES



THE OLD GENTLEMAN
By Mary Graham Bonner

"I've turned the time ahead a day—and a few hours over a day," began the Little Black Clock, "because I want you to see the Old Gentleman on his way home."

John and Peggy each took hold of one of the Clock's dull hands, and all went down a path, made two turns—one to the right and one to the left—and then they saw him.

He looked quite old, but he looked quite pleased. "Hello!" shouted the Little Black Clock. "I've brought my friends John and Peggy to see you."

"Hello," said the Old Gentleman. "They saw you when you were only a little baby," said the Little Black Clock.

"Well, I've aged since then. I'm a whole year old now. I feel very old. I need rest."

John looked at Peggy and Peggy looked at John. Was it

possible that this was the little young year they had seen starting on adventures a year ago? "Yes, there is something familiar looking about him," John whispered to Peggy.

Now the Old Gentleman was looking at John and Peggy. How strange to think that he was only a year old and yet he looked exactly like an Old Gentleman!

"I will feel all rested in no time at all," he said to them. "But I do feel tired now. I've been so busy. There has been so much going on, work and play, trips and people's plans and games and school and all sorts of things—and a Year enters into it all when it's his own special year."

So this was the Year—the Old Gentleman—who had been a baby only twelve months before.

"Walk along with me a little way. I have a little while to stay in the big world, but I must slowly move along."

John and Peggy and the Little Black Clock walked along with the Old Gentleman, a very nice Old Gentleman, quite jolly and pleasant, but he did seem tired, quite tired.

(Tomorrow—"Back Home")

A volunteer blood transfusion motor corps has been organized at Wallasey, England, 17 car owners agreeing to rush blood donors to hospitals at night.

HOW'S your HEALTH?



Edited by Dr. Jago Goldston Academy of Medicine

FROSTBITE TREATMENT

The severe forms of frostbite require expert medical handling. Time should not, however, be wasted, and while waiting first-aid treatment should be administered.

The apparently logical thing to do for frostbite is to warm the affected part. This is correct, but "towarm" must be understood in a relative sense.

Heat should not be applied. It would induce too sudden a reaction, leading, possibly to further injury of the frozen part.

The tissues should rather be thawed out in mild frostbite, that is, in chilblains, the part should be gently rubbed, and cloths wrung out of cold water should be applied. These should be alternated every few minutes, the water becoming increasingly warmer.

When blisters have formed the skin should not be rubbed. The blisters should be opened by being punctured with a sterile needle,

and the accumulated serum should be allowed to escape.

The skin covering of the blister should be left in place. In puncturing a blister the needle should be inserted at the rim rather than at the top. Cold applications then should be used as with chilblains.

When normal circulation has been re-established, and this may be judged by the color of the affected part, absorbent cotton or flannel cloth may be applied.

In addition to the local treatment the patient should be given hot drinks, consisting of coffee, tea or chocolate. Alcohol is to be avoided.

In more severe forms of exposure, pneumonia is a possible complication. The patient there-

fore should be put to bed, and kept warm and quiet.

(Tomorrow—Poliomyelitis)

PRODUCTION INCREASES

(By Associated Press) AUSTIN, Dec. 30.—Production of cotton goods in Texas, which had been steadily declining since March, took a small turn upward during November although the output still was 40 per cent less than in November, 1929. The production totaled 3,794,000 yards as compared to 6,317,000 yards in November last year.

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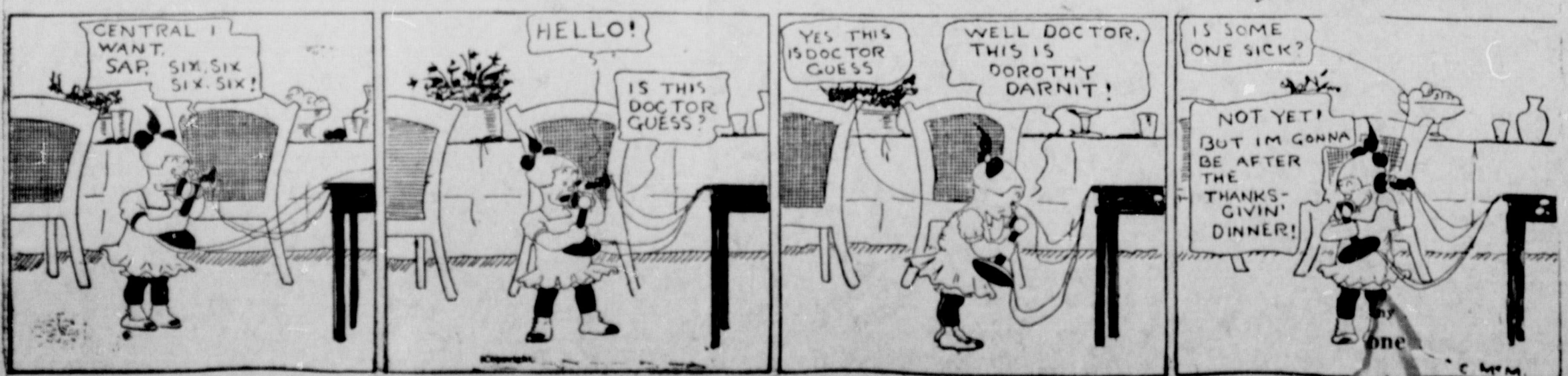
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"The Raccoon has no business," Puffy says, "high-hatting me—It isn't true his father went through university; That is, he was no student, though he did—alas, alack! Spend four full years in college on a campus bear's back." (Copyright, 1930)

DOROTHY DARNIT



By Charles McLain

Expansion Marks 1930 as Big Year For Natural Gas

By E. G. Diefenbach (Pat. G. E. Barrett & Co.)



More than 4,000 miles of major gas lines now under construction will be put in operation during 1931.

New Corsican Defenses Catch Italy's Eye



The relative position of Corsica to the French and Italian coastlines is indicated by this map.

(By Associated Press) LEGHORN, Italy, Dec. 30.—Armaments on the island of Corsica have brought anxiety to the Ligurian coastlines of Italy.

France is arming Corsica in a formidable manner, says the Telegrafo. "This island which dominates the north Tyrrhenian Sea constitutes the ideal base for an eventual action against the Italian shores."

Rail Business Looks to Crops For '31 Revival

By W. B. Storey (President, the Atchison, Topeka & Santa Fe Railway System)



CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—The territory served by the Santa Fe has experienced the same vicissitudes that have befallen our country generally this year.

The drought in the summer curtailed its crops, but much less than in territory farther east. Wheat was made before the drought and turned out well.

Society

Afternoon Tea is Hospitality Extended by Mrs. Baskin and Miss Baskin

Mrs. E. C. Baskin and Miss Eugenia Baskin were hostesses to a large group of friends on Saturday with a beautifully planned afternoon tea at which Mrs. J. W. Ezell of Hamlin was named guest of honor.

Yellow chrysanthemums were used in artistic arrangement throughout the reception suite for floral adornment.

Mrs. C. P. Shepherd gave greetings at the door and introduced Mrs. Baskin, who presented Mrs. Ezell. Others in the formal line were Mrs. E. L. Rasbury of San Angelo, Miss Baskin, Mrs. E. J. Hardgrave of San Angelo, Mrs. S. P. Stone, Mrs. S. R. Yates and Miss Dorothy Yates of Arlington.

dining room. Mrs. J. C. Richards directed guests to the side door where adieus were spoken.

A program of music and readings was given throughout the afternoon by Mrs. Troy Simpson, Miss Dorothy Chancey, Miss Evelyn Shepherd, Mrs. Robert Bruce, Mrs. W. B. Halley and Mrs. Chas. Bailey. Mrs. Alex McGregor, Mrs. Halley and Miss Marjorie McAdams played accompaniments.

Others included in the house party were Mrs. Ralph McShan, Mrs. Max Russell and Mrs. D. C. Middleton.

MAY START WORK ON SCENIC HIGHWAY SOON

(By Associated Press) MARFA, Tex., Dec. 30.—Early construction of a scenic highway in the Davis mountains was predicted here by Dr. H. M. Jones

of Fort Davis, president of the Davis Mountain Park association, during the annual convention of the Highway 90 association recently.

Dr. Jones announced that right-of-way for the road, which would circle the proposed state Davis Mountain Park, had been obtained.

The state, Dr. Jones explained, holds an option on the land which is proposed as a state park and is expected to exercise the option at the coming session of the legislature. The scenic highway around the park would be 76 miles long. The state proposes to build the scenic highway as soon as the right-of-way and 2,500 acres of land for camping purposes along the road have been procured, Dr. Jones said.

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An American in Paris

By Melaine Kerr (Paris, Dec. 30.—AP)—Exiled Russians are giving Paris something new to talk about.

There are said to be 60,000 of them seeking a living in the French capital—and Parisians insist that all of them are driving taxicabs.

One can generally tell a Russian taxi driver—but too often you can't tell him until it is too late. Climb into a cab, announce your address, roll off at a clipping gait—and find yourself 15 minutes later far from the street you named and you may know your chauffeur was a Russian.

His French, as well as his knowledge of Paris, is still in the process of construction. But he will smile and shrug and offer to try it again as long as your patience endures.

He is, withal, a bit more spruce in his dress than the French taxi driver; but the loneliness he feels in his exile is attested by his sombre eyes.

Look for Wives

More than one Russian chauffeur, weary of celibacy and the loneliness of his lot, is seeking a wife among his women patrons in a way of his own.

Inside his cab, in place of the usual sign requesting patrons to "request the cleanliness of the cab," the following invitation: "The proprietor of this cab wishes to make a good marriage. Absolute discretion."

Attached to the marriage announcement is the name of the chauffeur, his address, and the official government stamp for advertisements.

A New Game

American perplexity in Paris traffic, particularly anent the new plots hammered into the street to guide pedestrians, has suggested a new game to young Parisians.

It consists in running counter to all regulations—and then pretending failure to understand when the agent de police reprimands. It is, however, a game which grows expensive now and then.

The other day I walked into a local police station and came face to face with the young proprietor of my hotel. He wore a sheepish grin.

The agent de police declared to the commissaire that no matter how often he explained to Monsieur that he must follow the plots, Monsieur shrugged his shoulders and said in English: "I don't understand."

"But it's quite curious, Monsieur. He spoke French perfectly yesterday."

"A hundred francs!" said the commissaire.

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MOVIE

"Lilium" Ideally Suited to Screen

The superiority of the stage screen for presenting the fantastic and whimsical in dramatic and physical limitations of the state is demonstrated at the Palace Theatre today and tomorrow where "Lilium," Fox M.



tone version of Franz Molnar's famous drama opened a local engagement.

Charles Farrell and Rose Hobart portray the leading characters. Miss Hobart, as a timid servant girl, falls in love with and marries Farrell, who portrays a cocksure lover in the role of the Barker. Her love is great enough to persuade him to leave the free and easy life of the carnival but it is not sufficient to keep him from falling into the temptations of the flesh.

Estelle Taylor, H. B. Warner and Lee Tracy are also featured. Frank Borzage directed.

"Runnels Delight Butter"—35c a pound in quarters. 23-tfd

INCREASED EARNINGS FORECAST FOR 1931

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—Here is the opinion of a statistician on business prospects for 1931:

"Profits of leading American business concerns," says Laurence H. Sloan, vice-president of Standard Statistics, Inc., "should be larger in 1931 than in 1930."

"On the same physical volume of business that was transacted in 1930, these earnings should show an increase of somewhere around 5 to 8 per cent in 1931."

"On a somewhat larger volume of business, and assuming an upward trend during the latter part of the year, the increase should amount to 10 to 15 per cent and might really exceed that figure."

"TAPS" SOUNDS NIGHTLY ALONG WESTERN FRONT

LONDON, Dec. 30.—Along the line of the western front defended by the Allies at the cost of millions of lives, the "last post," British equivalent to American "taps" is to be sounded nightly at 10 o'clock.

From Belgium through to the Swiss en the line, wherever British rs are turled the sounded, the Imperial Commission an-

COLEMAN CITIZENS ASK NEW TAX PAYING BILL

(By Associated Press) COLEMAN, Dec. 30.—At a meeting of business men here a motion was unanimously adopted asking State Senator Walter S. Woodward of Coleman to assist in procuring the passage of a state law that would permit quarterly payment of taxes.

J. P. McCord, president of the Coleman National Bank, presided. "We do not want anything given to Coleman county," McCord said, "but if it can be arranged so that taxes that will be due prior to February 1 can be paid up to February 1, 1932, it will be a big help to drought stricken counties in West Texas. It will leave money in the bank to be used to finance farmers in making 1931 crops."

Senator Woodward said he had been the recipient of many letters requesting remedial legislation but so far no one had suggested a plan that to him appeared feasible.

TAILERS LOOK TO 1931 FOR INCREASE IN SALES

(By Associated Press) NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—The merchant, both the operator of side-flung chains and the dual store owner, looks fully to 1931 to regain in the retail business he lost in 1930.

General belief was that touched bottom during the year and that with increased demand and a return to consular return to the days the American public with in its pocket freely spent

line in sales volume over 1 general in all retail lines the year, with food probably less affected and dry lines more affected

deposits of oyster and clams have been found in Sahara national forest.

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GEO. N. YARD, Secretary of Gulf, Colorado and Santa Fe Railway Company. dec 8-60td

Cross Alps on Skis ZERMATT, Switzerland, Dec. 30.—Because of tourists coming to Zermatt on skis, a customs house has been established here. The tourists come from Italy across Theodule Pass. All Alpine roads now are buried under snow.

Advertisement for The Fort Worth Star-Telegram, featuring a large illustration of the newspaper and text promoting its circulation and content.

Large advertisement for CARDUI hair cream, featuring a woman's face and the text 'means Truth Told Interestingly' and 'This is an AR Newspaper'.



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FOR RENT—One 4 room house with two large galleries, kitchen sink, cold water bath, gas, garage, lot for cow and garden, located at 707 Fifth Street. Priced right. See or phone C. P. Shepley.

FOR RENT—Practically new house, five rooms and bath. Has gas and electrical fixtures, city water. Reasonable rent. Phone 139.

City Hall Roof Undergoes Change

Contractors Suggs & Dunlap of Abilene started several crews of men to work on the city hall here Monday making repairs and changes to conform to the architect's last inspection.

A crew is removing the tile roof and replacing it with other tile of the correct color. The first roof was refused by Paul G. Silber, architect, because the wrong colors were used and this will be completely replaced. The new tile in the colors named in the contract and specifications has arrived here and will be placed on the building as fast as the workmen can do the work.

The hardwood floor in the auditorium on the second floor is being torn out and another put in its place. The first floor buckled as the result of a small leak which allowed water to run in under the floor.

The contractors will attend to other minor repairs to doors and windows and as soon as all the work is completed a final inspection will be given the building by the architect and if it meets with his approval the building will be accepted by the commission and final settlement made.

The only other work done at the city hall was the installation of new stoves.

The drainage cut in the upper dam has been completed and that lake drained of water to allow crossings on the road there. Improvements continue at the pumping plant. All new lines of pipe there have been backfilled and the work continues around the drain box at the filter basins.

All old steam and water pipes have been torn out from overhead in the pumping plant.

The police department reported a week of activity for the past seven days with four arrests, two for drunkenness and two for burglary, one fine assessed in city court and other routine work.

One extra man was employed to assist during that time.

The dairy work of inspection continued with visits to six dairies, three dairies graded, two permits issued, 11 cows inspected and seven laboratory tests made of milk.

Streets were swept every morning last week and dirt and trash hauled from the pavement. The graders and maintainers were operated two days on dirt streets here and 19 1/2 yards of caliche placed in holes on Ninth street one block south of Hutchings avenue.

Monday and Tuesday a maintainer was used in downtown alleys to smooth them from recent mud.

Water, sanitary, office, health and engineering departments reported their usual routine work with everything in good shape for the New Year.

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WHY DO LOCUSTS LIGHT ON CACTUS? IT'S MYSTERY

(By Associated Press) PHOENIX, Ariz., Dec. 30.—The grasshopper has raised a new question here.

During the locust invasion of the past summer and fall many giant Saguaro and smaller cacti were found literally covered with grasshoppers impaled on the sharp spines.

Do these crop pests simply fall to look where they leap, or do birds file them away on the spines for future consumption? That's the moot question.

Many dry land farmers say that the birds, used to drouthy years, have become provident and store up grasshoppers on cactus spines and barbs of wire fences, letting the sun "cure" them.

FELTS GETS OFF POOR KICK BUT HIT WAS FIRST CLASS

(By Associated Press) ATLANTA, Dec. 30.—It seems that Tulane University gridsters go in for wit.

During a game with Georgia Tech here, Nollie Felts got off a miserable punt—one of the few no-good boots he makes. A Tech lineman, thinking to get the goat of the young sophomore and rattle him, exclaimed:

"Who was that made that great kick? Surely that wasn't the great sophomore back and kicker. Who was it?"

Unabashed and grinning all over, Felts waved his hand and with mock meekness whispered, "Here I am teacher, here I am."

Cotton Stocks Show Decrease Since Year Ago

By George A. Sloan (President of the Cotton-Textile Institute, Inc.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—The cotton manufacturing industry experienced an exceptional shrinkage in demand during 1930, but notwithstanding this abnormal condition the closing month of the year finds the industry on a sounder basis than at the first of the year.

The sale and shipment of goods have been in excess of the volume produced, stocks in the hands of mills are substantially less than a year ago, and the spread between the cost of raw cotton and the selling price of standard goods has improved.

Measures of vital, industry-wide importance have been undertaken voluntarily by cotton manufacturers during 1930. For example, the adoption of the principle of great uniformity in maximum running time with a view to stabilizing employment and avoiding recurring periods of overproduction and consequent drastic curtailment and of greater significance, the recent industry-wide movement toward elimination of women and minors from the night shift.

The exceptionally low level of production in recent months, 35 per cent below the last three-year average, reduced inventories in distributive channels as well as in the hands of mills, and drastic decline in the price of raw cotton and cotton goods to levels that would be considered low even compared with pre-war values are developments that should make the cotton manufacturing industry particularly responsive to future constructive influences.

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Births

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Sommer are the proud parents of a fine baby girl, born to them Monday. The mother and baby are doing nicely and Mr. Sommer is proud of his slightly delayed Christmas present.

MISSION WINS ROSE CUP

(By Associated Press) BROWNSVILLE, Texas, Dec. 30.—The city of Mission has been adjudged winner of the 1931 Rose cup, offered to the Rio Grande Valley municipality making the most progress in beautification in 1930. Julia C. Montgomery, donor, has announced.

The cup, offered three years ago, will become the permanent property of the town winning it three successive years. It had been held the past two years by Harlingen.

Swift Predicts Bigger Outputs For Next Year

By L. F. Swift (President, Swift & Company)

CHICAGO, Dec. 30.—(AP)—While I do not expect 1931 to be a "big year," I think it will be a year of steady improvement.

The period of liquidation is now about over. Consumption has been running ahead of production—a condition that cannot continue.

The replacement of the manufactured goods now being used up should mean better business for 1931.

I expect a busy year in the packing industry. Meat stocks are unusually low. One of the best things about the packing industry is that meat inventories seldom pile up in the off years.

All meat which comes to market is consumed whether business is good or bad.

Beaumont Issues \$400,000 Bonds

BEAUMONT, Dec. 30.—(AP)—Indication of extensive activity in municipal improvements here early in 1931 are seen, with issuance of \$400,000 worth of bonds from an issue authorized last year, by the city commission. Paving and sewer work has been outlined to get under way in January.

America's folk songs are being collected and preserved at the Library of Congress.

Electric Current Sales Show Gain Over '29 Volume

By M. S. Sloan (President, New York Edison Co.)

NEW YORK, Dec. 30.—(AP)—One thing stands out sharply in my mind as a result of last year's experience; business can be got even in bad times if you go after it. The companies in the New York Edison system have sold, measured in dollars, approximately 40 per cent more electricity using equipment in 1930 than in 1929.

My belief is that the power and light business in our territory will be better in 1931 than in the year just closing. I think business in general is due to improve slowly and sales of electricity directly reflect that state of business.

Business Men Guard Banks

SAN BENITO, Texas, Dec. 30.—(AP)—If anybody tries to rob either of the San Benito banks he may feel slugs from sawed-off shotguns fired from adjacent business establishments.

Bank officials distributed the weapons to business men at strategic points near the institutions.

Be wise and advertise.

TOMBSTONE BEARS PART OF DEAD MAN'S WILL

(By Associated Press) NACOGDOCHES, Tex., Dec. 30.—In beautiful Oak Grove cemetery here is a tombstone that has part of the will of the man who sleeps beneath chiseled on it.

It is the tombstone over the grave of Oscar Lemon Holmes, who was born in New York City, July 11, 1813, and came to Texas in 1848. He served many years as county clerk and his original bond is still in file here. He was an enthusiastic supporter of the Confederacy and when he died he had the flowing words chiseled on his tomb, it being a part of his last will and testament.

"I give and bequeath the residue of my property to the State of Texas, to aid in the maintenance of persons wounded or maimed in our defense, in the struggle for our Confederacy against the United States Government, those from county to have paid."

HEREFORD BREEDERS MEET IN SWEETWATER, D. BREEDERS FROM THE AND MIDDLE WEST PA here Feb. 28 for one of the held in this section of the as. The sale will be an auspices of the Texas Breeders' Association.

Col. Fred Reppert, Ind., world famed auctioneer, livestock, probably will handle the sale. Walter L. Booth, Sweetwater is vice president of the Texas association and J. Gist of Odessa is president and chairman of the board of directors.

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Advertisement for The First National Bank: 'The First National Bank 1886 Ballinger, Texas 1931 TO OUR FRIENDS AND CUSTOMERS: The old year ends. A new year begins. Our bank also goes steadily on year after year and each year we appreciate more keenly what our friends mean to us.'

Advertisement for Greenwood Service Station and Weeks Drug Store: 'To Our Friends and Customers We have more than appreciated your patronage during the past months. Wishing you a happy and prosperous New Year. Greenwood Service Station WE HAVE A NICE ASSORTMENT OF New Year Cards NOW ON DISPLAY Weeks Drug Store We carry Any Doctor's Prescription any 12 and 13'