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MIDWEST'S NO. 1 THORNTON COMES IN

Location of New Business Enterprises Can Now Be Decided

MANY NEW LOCATIONS TO BE MADE AT ONCE

The waiting is over. With the coming in of the Midwest's Ira Thornton No. 1, southwest offset to the Joe Winter discovery well, in the now famous Noodle Creek field, the big oil field supply houses which have only been waiting for a second producer, can now make a decision. Many supply houses have planned to locate in Merkel as soon as a second well is brought in a good producer.

Many new locations are already decided. The Midwest has already started a west offset, and will drill three other wells, one to the south causing the Phillips to offset on the Walling tract. It is reliably reported that a California firm operating the lease on the Mrs. J. R. Barnett tract will start work at once as a result of the Midwest's find.

Merkel and her citizenship welcome the supply firms. In fact a royal welcome is extended to every one, drillers, tool dressers, oil promoters and field workers. We have already the best town nearest the pool, with modern accommodations such as water, sewerage, lights, schools, and good roads. Our city administration stands ready to take steps to provide every city convenience as quickly as possible.

3RD. TOWNSITE BE CALLED "PHILLIPS"

The third new Townsite to be opened up near the Joe Winter discovery well was announced this week by Mr. M. Anderson Boren, which is located about one half mile north of the Phillips producer and from which its name is derived, "The Phillips Townsite." Streets have been laid out and flags are up on the various lots, and sale of the lease on them will start immediately.

Mr. Boren claims many advantages for the new townsite besides the fact that it will be in the heart of development. It now has a good school building and a three teacher school in session, it has a good supply of water which will be free to tenants. The town is intended to be permanent, and it will not be necessary to remove any improvements on the lots because of drilling activities, Mr. Boren stated.

The oil fraternity will remember Mr. Boren as the developer of the Louann, Arkansas townsite, at one time a city of 5000, and Boren City, Ark.

We are thankful to Mr. M. C. Church for a subscription to the Mail which he had us send to his son, at Sedalia, Mo. He stated that his son expected to move back to Merkel early first of the year.

Mr. C. E. French, of Dallas, spent several days here recently visiting his sister, Mrs. G. W. Boyce. He has considerable property in and around Merkel, and incidentally was here to look after same.

MEETING FOR ORGANIZATION OF BAND TO BE HELD TUESDAY NIGHT

Announcement is made that on next Tuesday evening, November 16, there will be a meeting in this city, held at the office of the Chamber of Commerce, for the purpose of organizing in this city a good band.

Merkel has ample talent for a fine band, and such an organization would prove a benefit and good investment for the city. This paper expresses a hope that all who are interested will make it a point to be present and help secure this much needed organization.

MRS. HOGAN, AGE 75, PASSES TO ETERNITY

Mrs. Elizabeth Hogan, 75, a pioneer and well known lady residing in the Mt. Pleasant community, died last Tuesday evening, Nov. 9, at the home of her son, F. T. Hogan, following an accident several days ago in which she was hit by a passing auto while walking from her home down the road to the home of her son.

Funeral services were held on Thursday morning, conducted by Rev. Ira L. Parrack, with interment following in Drummond Cemetery near Abilene. This paper joins many friends in extending deepest sympathy to the bereaved relatives.

12,341 BALES RECEIVED HERE NOW

From Mr. C. L. Tucker, the very efficient and accommodating public weigher of the Merkel precinct, we learn that about 10,000 bales of cotton had been received at the local cotton yard up to yesterday morning, and from Mr. A. Morton, the hustling shipping clerk at the T. & P. Railway station we learn that up to this time the Farm Bureau had shipped about 1,800 bales of cotton from here. Mr. Morton also stated that 3,475 round bales ginned by Mr. Sam Swann had been shipped, which, when counted as half bales, would make a total of 12,341 bales received here to date.

On the 20th of November last year, according to a report in the Merkel Mail of that date, there had been received a total of 12,179 bales.

This report shows that this community has produced a few hundred more bales of cotton than last year, but the farmers of this community have not received by far the amount of money for their work this year as they did last year.

Miss Renna Burns returned Thursday of last week from Temple, where she had been to visit her sister, Mrs. A. C. Hampton, who recently underwent an operation in a sanitarium at that place.

TWO OTHER WELLS DUE IN VERY SOON

A third well is due in within ten days or two weeks. The Phillips' No. 1 Tessie is drilling at a depth of 2330 feet. The salt water has been successfully shut off and 6-inch casing is being unloaded at the well.

The Hurley Oil Company's No. 1 John Sears is underreaming at 2260 feet, and is due to be the fourth well brought in. The Sears is three and a half miles east of the discovery well.

POULTRYMEN TO MEET IN ABILENE

On the night of November 15 there will be a county-wide poultry meeting at the Abilene Chamber of Commerce room, with the object of perfecting the Taylor County Poultry Association that was started in October. Every farmer and poultryman is urged to be present.

At this meeting Mr. M. B. Oats, Superintendent of the Agricultural Department for the Fort Worth and Denver Railway will speak on Feeding for winter egg production. The Construction of Economic Poultry Houses for West Texas, and How to Prevent and Cure Winter Poultry Diseases.

Mr. Oats is not only thoroughly acquainted with the fundamentals of poultry keeping, but he is altogether practicable. You will enjoy his lecture and he will give you some excellent ideas.

Furthermore, at this meeting there will be an open discussion of the various needs of the poultryman of Taylor County. Just how can the farmers help each other? How can the farmer and the business man cooperate in order that both may enjoy greater prosperity? Since cotton cropping at the present price is not profitable, just how extensively shall the rural man engage in poultry activities. Bring your ideas and your questions. An organization will succeed to the extent that its members share an interest in its activities.

We want you with us. At the last meeting there was more than 100 in attendance. Let's double the number the night of November 15. J. R. Masterson, County Agent.

Mr. E. M. Heeter, who during the years 1918-21, when several oil tests were made in this section, and who helped to drill the Bland well two miles southwest of this city, which had a good showing of gas and some oil, returned to this city this week from his home in Pittsburgh, Pa. Mr. Heeter has been engaged in drilling a well for some months in the state of New York. He has many friends here who welcome his return.

This paper is thankful to Mr. T. L. Grimes for a subscription to the Mail which he had us send to a sister in the Eastern part of the state. Mr. Grimes also reports his wife, who has been for some weeks staying with relatives at Nevada, Texas, as having improved in health considerably, she having gone there to recuperate.

NINE WELLS ARE NOW DRILLING

While all attention is centered on the wells nearing the pay sand, other tests are continuing unabated. The latest addition to the field for immediate action, is the location on the Mrs. A. T. Smith tract, three miles west of Noodle and four and a half miles northeast of the Winter producer. Phillips' large block around the discovery well will be given a test in large measure by the new test of Shaheen et al. on the Smith tract. The test is located along the trend traced by Phillips parties when the discovery well was located, and adjoins the Phillips block to the north.

Though in other areas producing from the Cisco a test this distance out would not be considered significant for territory in between, the fact that the pay in this case is a limestone and not a sand may change conditions.

Humble, Snowden & McSweeney, Sinclair and Independent have acreage near this well, and Broderick and Calvere, Fort Worth Independents, acquired control of the rest of the Shaheen acreage last week.

Between this block and the well most of the acreage is held by Phillips, with Gulf, Landreth World Oil Co., and Anchor Oil and Gas among the others represented. Marland and Midwest have pieces close to the discovery well as a result of wildcat acreage trading with Phillips before the discovery well was drilled in.

Another Test Begins

Another test was added to those closely surrounding the discovery when the Marland's No. 2 J. C. Mason, northwest offset, was spudded in Tuesday. The same company started construction of a rotary rig for its No. 3 Mason, two locations west of the discovery.

Last night's report of operations in the Noodle Creek field were:

Midwest Exploration Company's No. 1 Ira Thornton, drilling at 2,470 feet.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 1 Tessie, drilling at 2,285 feet, after several hours delay from boiler trouble the day before.

Marland Oil Company's No. 1 J. C. Mason, drilling at 825 feet.

Marland's Mason No. 2, spudding.

Hurley Oil Company's No. 1 John Sears, 2,240 feet deep.

Atlantic Producing Company's No. 1 J. R. Howell, drilling at 1,075 feet.

Clark, Harbin and Baldrige No. 1 John Wheeler, drilling at 395 feet.

Phillips Petroleum Company's No. 2 Joe Winter, 185 feet deep.

Hart and Cole No. 1 W. R. Cranston, drilling at 930 feet.

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ROAD COMMITTEE IS KEEPING ROADS TO OIL FIELD IN GOOD SHAPE

The writer has recently had occasion to travel over the roads leading from Merkel to the now famous Noodle Creek Oil Field eight miles northwest of this city, and it gives us much pleasure to state there are three different roads leading from Merkel to the field and every one of them is in fine condition. They have all recently been graded, and since the rains have been gone over and put in good, smooth condition, and it has been done just in time for the big rush that is expected to start with the bringing in of the next big gusher, which may be any hour now.

The road committee, the best one operating under any organization in the state, which is sponsored by the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, and headed by Dr. M. Armstrong, with our very capable county Commissioner, Mr. P. A. Diltz, cooperating, has been very diligent and constantly active in making good roads leading from this city for more than two years, and now, since the discovery of oil, they have put on more "steam".

ALPINE WOMAN BUYS FINE CATTLE

We are informed that Mrs. J. C. Bird and son of Alpine were here first of the week and purchased for breeding purposes on their ranch near Alpine, 6 yearling heifers and two young bulls, all fine, thoroughbred Herefords. One of the bulls included in the sale was one of the Largest show bulls, which brought the handsome sum of \$750.00. For the entire number the Largents received the sum of \$1,900.

We might also mention that word was this week received from Mr. W. J. Largent, who is making a tour of the northern states showing the fine Largent herd, that at Wichita, Kansas, they won over half the champions and blue ribbons offered.

SCHOOL BUILDINGS TO HAVE CEMENT WALKS

Through the initiative of the Parent-Teachers Association the Merkel School Board decided unanimously to build new cement walks connecting our school buildings and the entrances of them. The contract will be let at once, and we shall soon see our school grounds in a much better condition.

The P. T. A. agreed to pay the cost of the walks within a year, but the school board had sufficient funds to pay for it and decided that they would not throw the extra burden on the good women who urged it.

Mr. C. M. Pogue, formerly a citizen of this city, but now residing in southwest Texas, is here looking after his property interests.

The tale is told. The many people who have waited for the Midwest's No. 1 Ira Thornton to come in a producer before proceeding with new enterprises and trades can now proceed. Today, Saturday, Nov. 13, at 3:05 p.m. the crew rushed out of the derrick, opened a valve which permitted the oil to pour into the slush pit a second, quickly closed it and rushed to the battery of storage tanks previously made ready to take the fluid. It flowed! Again it flowed, stronger, the 4-inch pipe was flowing capacity. A rumble and surging was audible and gas issued from the opening in the top of the tank as smiles came over the faces of anxious spectators.

Only Six feet in Sand

Though it had flowed only about half an hour as this is being written, it is flowing steadily, not by heads, and is estimated from 1500 2000 barrel well. The sand was struck at 2505 feet and was drilled into only six feet to a total depth of 2511 feet. Considering the fact that the surface elevation of the Midwest is 9 feet lower than that of the Winter producer, which struck the pay at 2505 feet, the sand was found about four feet lower. Though the sand is not yet drilled through, officials of the Midwest Company estimated the flow at from 1500 to 2000 barrels, and, at this time is flowing steadily.

A few minutes before the well came in the cars parked around the location numbered 138. Figuring two persons to the car a crowd of 276 witnessed the activities. But those who came expecting to see it "go over the top" were disappointed. The control head had been placed, the pipe line to storage tanks connected, and very little of the oil was lost. Many had been there all day, bring lunches.

A pipe line has already been started to the loading racks, and if the flow continues steadily the four 500 barrel tanks will be quickly filled and the pipe line rushed to completion.

Last minute reports state that the Thornton No. 1 made 1460 barrels on the gauge.

FIVE YEAR OLD BOY PICKS 101 LBS. COTTON

Little M. C. Church, five year old son of Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Church, of the Stith community, recently picked in one day from sun up until sun down, 101 pounds of cotton. A mighty record for a boy of that age. Who has a better record?

We would also mention Mr. and Mrs. Church's daughter Anna Lau, seven, who picked 126 pounds in one day, which is also a fine record for a young lady of her age.

Will Give Silver Tea

The Womens Missionary Society of the Presbyterian church will give a Silver Tea at the home of Mrs. Chas. H. Jones Saturday afternoon, November 13, from 3 until 6 p.m. An interesting program will be given. All ladies are invited.

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Should other wells be brought in there will be great demand for labor. The Chamber of Commerce has many applications for opportunities to work, but those who wish to employ labor should make their wishes known to the secretary as he is anxious to serve both the laborer and those who employ him.

Mr. Thompson, Secretary of the Merkel Chamber of Commerce, is enthusiastic and energetic for the best interests of Merkel, but he is not advocating any enterprises that will not be permanent. Of course there will be a great deal of capital invested here that will be withdrawn after the oil boom. This will be brought here by men who have followed oil fields for years and know their business. He invites and encourages all such ventures but he is working to make such improvements as will remain permanently. He visualizes a bigger and better Merkel—Merkel with an extended water and sewerage system and paving. When the highway is completed between Merkel and Abilene he believes that it will mean more rather than less business for Merkel and he hopes to see some good residences erected and believing that example is better than precept he now has one under construction.

A MUNICIPAL BAND

Messrs. Armstrong and Henderson were here this week finding out the prospects of organizing a municipal band. This is an organization which will have the hearty indorsement of the Chamber of Commerce and the people in general, and should be encouraged. The governing authorities have the power to levy a small tax for the support of such an organization and, as they are all public spirited men, we may expect some action if the people are interested. The towns in the territory embraced by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce which have profited most through advertising are the towns that have had good bands. We are not advocating a band just because of the discovery of oil, but we are urging that one should be organized and properly supported as an encouragement to young men of musical talent to the upbuilding of their town. The Mail trusts that the organization may be perfected and a band permanently established.

Try a Classified Ad in the Mail.

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Idlewise Club

The autumn months have afforded an unusual number of delightful occasions for the club members of the Idlewise. One of the most enjoyable parties was that of Tuesday afternoon when Miss Christine Collins was the charming hostess in her pretty home out in Bettis Heights. Guests arrived at three thirty o'clock to find a warm welcome in the cozy entertaining rooms adorned with beautiful chrysanthemums and autumn leaves. Merry games of Bridge were soon begun and succeeded in reigning as the chief diversion of the afternoon.

The hostess, assisted by Miss Virginia Potts of Abilene, passed a delicious plate, consisting of shrimp salad, cheese straws, pickles, iced tea and chocolate rings. Those who spent this happy afternoon with Miss Collins were Miss Virginia Potts, Mesdames L. B. Scott, Earl Baze, George White, Emmet Grimes, Bill Haynes, Bill Brown, Misses Kathleen Sudderth, Ruby and Evelyn Hamm, Lucy Tracy, and Mary Cleo Booth.

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ABE MARTIN



Some folks git along jest fine till they need a little common sense. Th' feller that smokes a pipe fer economy never seems t' save enough t' buy some matches (Copyright John F. Dille Co.)

MIDWEST WELL TO BE BIGGER PRODUCER THAN WINTER, IT IS BELIEVED

The Phillips Petroleum Company's Joe Winter No. 1, discovery well in the Noodle Creek Field, given up to be the best wildcat well ever brought in in West Texas, may have to take a back seat when the Midwest's Thornton No. 1 hits the pay level. In the event the Thornton well is a bigger well or even half as big as the Winter, it will cause to be made at once one of the most rapid and extensive drilling campaigns in the Noodle Creek field ever witnessed in any new field in Texas. We would also take occasion to remind the citizens of Merkel of the necessity of being on their toes and ready to go; to be able to keep abreast of the rush that is sure to come. A new producing well will not only mean much to the field, but it will mean much to Merkel and her people. However, let's not over-jump. Let's not get too high on our prices. And above all let's ALL cooperate with the Chamber of Commerce. Almost every firm in the

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Mr. Sam Owens and family of Slaton are here for a visit with friends and relatives.

but a Trap is Better

These new methods of getting rid of mice, printed in London Opinion, may interest some of our readers: "Creep up to mouse hole and whistle down it softly. Mouse runs out at once to see who called. Hit mouse on head with frying pan. Watch till mouse is listening, then tell it brutally it is only a vermin. Mouse deeply humiliated to be only a vermin. Broods on it and dies of a broken heart. Kneel on floor and read mouse some extracts from "The Green Hat." Mouse loses all moral tone. Goes away and leads a bad life. Succumbs to disipation.—Boston Transcript.

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SINCE THE PAGES OF HISTORY ALL RECORD THE TREMENDOUS INFLUENCE WHICH MOTHERS HAVE EXERTED UPON THE CHARACTER OF FAMOUS SONS, WE PAUSE TO PRESENT BRIEFLY THE STORY OF ELEANORA, THE MOTHER OF RICHARD, TOGETHER WITH THE BACKGROUND AGAINST WHICH RICHARD'S LIFE WAS LIVED.

ELEANORA WAS A GREAT LOVER AND A VERY BEAUTIFUL PRINCESS, RENOWNED IN HISTORY UNDER THE NAME OF ELEANORA OF AQUITAIN. HER FATHER HAD BEEN KILLED ON A CRUSADE WHICH HE HAD UNDERTAKEN WITH HIS BROTHER RAYMOND.



FROM THE MAP ABOVE IT WILL BE SEEN THAT NORMANDY WAS THE NORTHERN PART OF FRANCE. NORMANDY HAD CONQUERED ENGLAND AND THE TWO WERE NOW A UNION. THE KING OF FRANCE RULED AT PARIS, WHILE SOUTH OF THE LOIRE RIVER WAS A SORT OF KINGDOM RULED BY ELEANORA. THIS WAS CALLED AQUITAIN—THE OLD AQUITANIA OF JULIUS CAESAR'S TIME.



ELEANORA'S GRANDFATHER WAS GROWING OLD. REMORSE FOR HIS SINS, WHICH HAD BEEN MANY AND VARIED, NOW MADE HIM WISH TO ATONE FOR THEM, BY PENANCE, BEFORE HE DIED. TO FREE HIMSELF FROM CARES OF STATE, HE ABDICATED IN FAVOR OF ELEANORA. THEN HE FORMED THE PLAN OF MARRYING ELEANORA TO PRINCE LOUIS OF FRANCE, AND THUS UNITING LOUIS' KINGDOM TO HERS. ELEANORA HAD NEVER MET LOUIS. AN INTERVIEW WAS ARRANGED AND SHE CONCLUDED THAT SHE WOULD LIKE HIM VERY MUCH FOR A HUSBAND. THE GIRL WAS SCARCELY FIFTEEN WHEN SHE BECAME QUEEN OF FRANCE, AS WELL AS DUCHESS OF AQUITAIN, AND THUS SHE HAD SCALED THE HEIGHTS OF WORLDLY GRANDEUR.

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Utilizes All Seasons

A Maine citizen who has discovered a successful method of farming the year round is George V. Brown of Caribou. Mr. Brown raises a large crop of potatoes every year at Caribou, planting upward of thirty acres. These he takes to Florida, where he disposes of part of them to farmers there for seed, also planting twenty acres of his own, which he cares for during the winter months, marketing them to good advantage later.

Ocean Resting Places

Edward R. Armstrong of Philadelphia is the inventor of a "seadrome," which, he says, can be anchored in the Atlantic ocean to serve as an airplane base and will make trans-oceanic flights practical. The floating field is equipped with buoys and resistance disks, which give great lightness and at the same time are only slightly affected by winds and waves. He has been working on the model for twenty years.

Food Staple Depends on Irrigation Work

Among the staple foods raised in Central American regions is one that is almost daily on the tables of rich and poor; this is the garbanzo, or chick-pea. They are successfully grown also in the state of Sonora, Mexico, on the alluvial plains near the mouths of the Mayo and Yaqual rivers, where the altitude is but little above sea level, although they are also grown farther inland at altitudes of 300 feet, more or less, and with more or less success.

The plant is very tender and subject to injury by frost. During the growing season the temperature ranges from 70 degrees Fahrenheit to the freezing point. At planting time, in October, it ranges from 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit. The average rainfall in the garbanzo region in the Yaqual valley is nine inches and in the Mayo valley thirteen inches. No rain falls during the growing season of this crop, and the growers depend entirely upon irrigation, for the rains begin in July and end in October, just before the first planting begins.

The garbanzos are harvested in May, when the plants are pulled up by hand in the field and turned over so they will dry thoroughly. They are then carried in bunches to central points in the fields where a threshing floor has been made on smooth beaten ground.—Charles Bell Emerson in Adventure Magazine.

Brown Proved Quite Unable to See Joke

Two bachelors, Smith and Brown, were seated in the flat of the latter. Smith—Would you like to know the name of your future wife?

Brown—I certainly would.
"Well, I'll guarantee to tell you her name by arithmetic."
"That's impossible."

"Well, you take a piece of paper and work out this sum: Write down the year in which you were born, subtract the last two figures from the first two. Now multiply what remains by the date of the month in which you were born. Divide your answer by two, and tell me the result."

Brown, after a lengthy struggle and much thought, at last works out the problem and hands his friend the result.

Smith—Now these figures obviously indicate that the name of your future wife will be Mrs. Brown.

Brown and Smith are no longer friends.

Roads Laid Out by Animals

There is an idea become current of late that none but a man of science, bred in a school, can lay off a road. This is a mistake. There is a class of topographical engineers older than the schools and more unerring than the mathematics. They are the wild animals. They travel thousands of miles, have their annual migrations backward and forward, and never miss the best and shortest route. These are the first engineers to lay out a road in a new country; the Indians follow them, and hence a buffalo road becomes a warpath. The first white hunters follow the same trails in pursuing their game, and after that the buffalo road becomes the wagon road of the white man, and finally the railroad of the scientific man.—Senator Benton of Missouri.

Pay Your Debts

Always pay; for, first or last, you must pay your entire debt. Persons and events may stand for a time between you and justice, but it is only a postponement. You must pay at last your own debt. . . . He is great who confers the most benefits. He is base—and that is the one base thing in the universe—to receive favors and render none. In the order of nature we cannot render benefits to those from whom we receive them, or only seldom. But the benefit we receive must be rendered again. Line for line, deed for deed, cent for cent, to somebody. Beware of too much good staying in your hand. . . . Pay it away quickly in some sort.—Emerson.

Slip Into It

She sank on the settee in her room with a sigh of intense weariness. "I'm very tired," she said to her new maid. "Bring me something I can slip into."

"Oh will that, ma'am," said the colleen from Connemara. After a rather long interval the maid returned bearing a tray on which was a thick steak, some fried onions and a bottle of stout.

"Now just be after slipping into that, mum; it'll do ye good," she said.—London Tit-Bits.

Well-Meant, but Ill-Timed

A physician had been called in to treat the spoiled child of a certain family. After his departure the mother returned to the room and told the youngster that the doctor had complained that the child had been very rude to him.

"Why, mother," replied the kiddie, "he's just an old fogey, that's all! He got mad because I put my tongue out before he told me to."

Reasons for Failure

The "small" man remains small by reason of his own shortcomings, not because of the persecution of others. We too frequently go far afield to learn the reason for our failure, when all we have to do is to look around a bit at home.—Grit.

MOCK MEETS PASHA HERE TONIGHT

Wrestling fans in Merkel will be given a real treat Friday night at the local Armory when Adam Mock, a light heavyweight grappler from Kansas City, goes to the mat in a finish engagement against Kala Pasha, known all over the country as the Brownwood Turk.

Mock, who hails from a state which has produced some of the world's greatest matmen, arrived in Merkel and was immediately recognized by several oil operators who have seen him in action against some of the top-notchers in Oklahoma and Kansas. According to Matchmaker Tommy Andrews, who is in the field to bring to Merkel the best wrestlers obtainable, Friday night's engagement between Mock and Pasha will have far reaching results as both men are anxious to win.

The man from Kansas City has been promised several matches in Dallas and Houston if he can prove to Texas wrestling promoters that he has the goods. Therefore, he is expected to make things interesting when he grapples with Pasha tonight.

A good card of preliminaries is being arranged to precede the main event.

Introducing

The cab drew up in front of the imposing marble mansion, and he jauntily alighted. Upon his swarthy bronzed countenance there glowed the sparkle of health, and there was the vigor of youth in his stride. Leisurely climbing the steps, he rang the bell. The door flung open a few seconds later.

"Taxi for Blotzmeister," he said.

Matter of Choice

Pat was telling Mike with great pride that he was born in the city of Dublin.

"Well," said Mike, "I was born within two miles of the city of Dublin and could have been born in the heart of the city if I had wanted to be."



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A great Roman farm establishment, the rural villa of a colonial gentleman of the Third century, is being unearthed and explored near Cologne, Germany. The principal building had a length of more than fifty yards and contained thirty rooms. An outstanding feature is the bath establishment, patterned after the luxurious baths of Rome, with elaborate water supply and drainage systems.

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POULTRY INDUSTRY PROFITABLE HERE

Merkel, Nov. 7.—Disclaiming any thought of giving up cotton and turning their entire attention to poultry, Mr. and Mrs. Joe K. Higgins, on their 200-acre farm, three miles north of Merkel, modestly but often with a note of enthusiasm, told of their experience in the poultry business.

"Really the chickens are not ours," said Mrs. Higgins, "but belong to our son, Orin, who went to town a little while ago to take in some of his eggs. About three years ago he became interested in chickens and went into it on a small basis. He seemed to like it and did pretty well. Since that time he has been increasing his flock until this year he has 500 pullets. He sold practically all of his older chickens after keeping back those that made a record of 200 eggs when trap nested.

10 Dozen Eggs Daily

"He keeps these 500 pullets in three separate pens. The bulk of them were hatched off in April and May, which seems to be the best time for pullets you intend to keep for layers. He is getting about 10 dozen eggs y'er day now.

"He has a 2,400 egg incubator and hatched off this last year

between 6,000 and 7,000 chicks. About half of these he kept for himself and the others were hatched for neighbors, or sold as baby chicks.

"We had at first thought he would have trouble disposing of his little roosters, but eating houses are glad to buy them as broilers. With good attention he can make them weigh one and a quarter to one and a half pounds in eight weeks, and his broilers averaged him 63 cents each. The little pullets he sold to neighbors for breeding purposes and they brought him 75 cents."

Good Feed Important

"Most people make a mistake in thinking that they can feed chickens most anything," put in Higgins, "but the better attention you give them the better the returns they will make. Some feeds fatten and some feeds produce eggs."

Three galvanized iron houses care for the chickens. About six acres are fenced with woven wire and this is divided into plots. In the winter wheat furnishes them with something green to eat and in the summer these pens are planted to sudan grass, alfalfa and sweet clover.

Sudan grass has proven very satisfactory. When cut back it soon puts out a new crop that is green and tender and relished by the chickens.

Incubator In Cellar

At this time they are feeding wheat, barley, corn and maize

mixed according to proportions furnished by the county agent. The incubator is in a concrete lined cellar and a fan run from current off a home light plant keeps it properly ventilated.

Higgins related how one of his neighbors had told him the day before that he had marketed his forty-ninth bale of cotton and that he would get more profit from 150 hens on his place than he would from his cotton. —Star Telegram.

Florida Island That Has Tragic History

Named for Ferdinand of Aragon, once king of Spain, and a leading pirate rendezvous during its early days, the city of Fernandina, Fla., is the only town of importance on what is now known as Amelia Island, 22 miles long and from one-half to one and one-half miles wide, says the Dearborn Independent.

In the three centuries since the days of the pirate LaFitte and his comrades, mysterious diggings have sprouted at various parts of Amelia Island.

During the War of 1812 the port of Fernandina became one of great importance. At that time it was the center of contraband cotton export and smuggling to England.

A little later Capt. Jose Lopez, who held the Spanish fort on Amelia Island, surrendered to the forces of General McIntosh, leader of the Florida filibusters and Venezuelan patriots. Five years later the port was captured by Sir Gregor MacGregor, who had allied his interests with the insurrectionists of South America. MacGregor established himself as king of Fernandina and for many months a regime of feasting, carousing and ribaldry dominated the port.

Roller-Skate Craze Once Swept America

Roller skates seem first to have been used in France, about 1819. A few years later an Englishman named Syers invented and began the manufacture of a skate consisting of a sandal mounted on five narrow wheels in a single row, so arranged, however, that only two of them could touch the floor at a time. Similar skates were devised by other ingenious mechanics, but the skate of the present type was not invented until 1865, by an American, A. G. Plympton of Boston. He inaugurated the first roller rinks in this country, the first public rink having been in Newport, R. I.

Fads and crazes swept across America in those days pretty much as they do now, and what was called the "skating craze" spread from Newport all the way to the Pacific. Indeed, it was strongest in the Far West. In San Francisco the sport was so popular for a time that the rights to the exclusive use and rental of the Plympton skate in that city were sold for \$25,000. By 1872 roller skating had gone into a decline in America, but was on the upgrade in Europe, and large rinks were established in London, Paris, Rome and other cities.

Discovery of Hawaii Debated by Experts

Was Hawaii discovered first by Spaniards? That question has interested historians and geographers since the finding of an ancient Spanish coin by workmen digging in an old Hawaiian garden. The coin was dated 1774 and bore the inscription "Carolus III Dei Gratia."

Capt. James Cook, British voyager, to whom the discovery of Hawaii by white men is generally attributed, came to the islands in 1778 on his first trip. There has long been a tradition that Spanish voyagers preceded him. One story was that the Spaniards touched Hawaii while sailing to the Philippines.

Hawaii has been peopled for more than 1,000 years, according to the best evidence obtainable. Long ago brown islanders, journeying from group to group in their great canoes, came here from the south, probably from Samoa. The finding of the Spanish coin is not of itself enough to upset the story that Cook was the first white man to visit the islands and make his discovery known to the world, but it is giving the antiquarians a fresh theme for discussion.

Tripoli Is Hottest Place

For years it has been supposed that the world's hottest region, if not its hottest spot, was a Greenland ranch, in Death valley, California, where on July 10, 1923, the temperature reached 134.1 Fahrenheit. Now the world hears that in Azizla, a town in Italian Tripoli, North Africa, the people sizzle at a temperature of 136 above. Azizla, the well named, is a desert village 25 miles inland from the Mediterranean. The people are poor and live in underground dwellings, to which sloping tunnels lead eight to ten feet under the surface and through small openings to chambers hollowed from the conglomerate rock. Something like a cellar is required to keep cool, notwithstanding until 1911 this region conducted an almost continual war with the Turks and Arabs on one side and the Italians on the other. No wonder Death valley is a pleasant place compared to it.

Antique Drug Mortars

Many years ago a loan collection of antique mortars was shown at the New York College of Pharmacy which was insured for \$25,000. The most expensive mortar of the lot was one lent by Enrico Caruso, the tenor, who bought it from J. Pierpont Morgan for \$3,000.

At a recent sale in London a collection of 50 bronze and bell-metal mortars was sold at prices ranging from \$1 to \$27 each. The highest price was brought by an eleven-inch mortar with two handles bearing the inscription, "Thomas Castle, Edward Neale made me, 1657." — Western Druggist.

Keeping Sea Full of Fish

The Port Erin biological station at Port Erin, Isle of Man, makes it a business to see to it that England does not suffer a fish or sea-food famine. During spawning season millions of eggs are floating in the ocean, and special boats are sent out to rescue them. Tow nets of silk or muslin gather the eggs, and as quickly as possible they are taken to the hatchery and put in hatching boxes set in big tanks. There they are safe, and nature, with the aid of a continuous supply of real sea-water pumped from

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Effective with November 1926 service charges, a change will be made in the method of issuing bills for telephone service. Telephone subscribers in Merkel, will receive bills in the future dated the

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COMPERE ITEMS

By Alma Stout

The farmers are all nearly through with their cotton in this community. All are wishing for some pretty weather so they can finish up.

There was preaching at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon by Rev. Parraek. Sunday school was well attended at both churches Sunday morning.

Miss Floy McKinney spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Pearl Allred.

The parties at Mr. Allred's and Mr. Ragsdell's Friday and Saturday nights were enjoyed by a large crowd all reported a nice time.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Foster and family were visitors in this community Sunday.

Mr and Mrs. Raymond Stout and Mr. and Mrs. Grady Bond and children from the Canyon spent Sunday with Mrs. Bond and family.

Mrs. Ola Spurgin spent Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Stout.

Mr. and Mrs. Tarvin, Mr. and Mrs. Jack Lanier and baby spent the week-end with relatives at Truscott.

Misses Maude, Gertrude, Virginia and Rowena Cook, Howard Cook, Etycl and Lawrence Spurgin are among those attending school at Stith this year.

Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Allred visited Mr. and Mrs. Harvey Allred Sunday.

Singing was well attended

at the Presbyterian church Sunday night. Next Sunday night is singing night at the Baptist church.

School will start at Comper next Monday.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and family visited at Mrs. Munday's Sunday afternoon.

Miss Gracie Lee Cranston spent the weekend with her parents here, Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Cranston.

Mr. Wesley Stout has returned to his home in Arlington, after a visit in this community.

Mr. Urbon Childers spent the week-end with home folks and friends here.

Miss Clea Vessels and Mr. Raymond Vessels have returned to their home in Abilene.

Miss Flora Adkins who was sick a few days last week, is up again now.

Mr. Daniels has bought the store at Comper from Mr. Hass and has moved his family to this place and has taken charge of the store and is now operating same.

Miss Eva Horten is spending the winter in Abilene.

Mrs. S. A. Hobbs and Miss Ella Hobbs visited with Mrs. Stout a while Saturday night.

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