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GOOD RAINS MAKE THE PEOPLE SMILE

Tuesday night about nine o'clock the first rain of the season began falling. It fell steadily for some two hours, then about four next morning started in again for two or three hours, a steady slow rain that went into the thirsty ground as it fell.

Some few new-comers had begun to get restless for fear it would not rain in time to plant their crops; but those who had been in the Panhandle a number of years were not at all uneasy. There is plenty of time yet to plant early crops.

The rain, falling as it did, is of inestimable value to the country, and seemed to have been general. Now, that it has rained our roads can soon be put in shape for travel, having been almost impassable for the past few weeks.

Then again Wednesday night a good shower came, with indications Thursday of more.

The First Baptist Church

Preaching Sunday at 11 o'clock by the pastor. Sunday night the pastor will be in a meeting at Lelia Lake and Associational Missionary R. S. Garrard will preach here.

DAIRY COWS SHIPPED IN

Frank Clark arrived Tuesday with a car of Holstein cows, which he bought in Wisconsin for himself and two others. The cows are said to be splendid dairy animals and were bought for the purpose of experiment as well as profit. Frank Clark took ten of the cows and one male; H. W. Richey took three cows, and T. R. Kidd five cows.

M. E. CHURCH IMPROVEMENTS

The Methodist church building has been receiving some improvements the past few days. Last week the building was treated to a fresh coat of Alabaster, the floor was given a good painting and the aisles carpeted. This week a splendid new piano was received, and will add so much to the music of the choir, after using an organ heretofore. The choir is improving all the time, as was evidenced by the nice special music rendered Sunday morning and night.

A nice lot of jewelry always in stock. Hedley Drug Store.

FARMERS INSTITUTE MEETING

The next meeting of the Lelia Lake Institute will be held at the school house at Lelia Lake Saturday afternoon. The program for this year will be for the boys and girls of our district between the ages of 10 and 18 years: Kaffir \$8, maize \$8, fetterita \$8, peanuts \$8, cotton \$10. Second and third prizes \$5 and \$2.50. Don't forget the date—Saturday, April 14.

N. S. Ray, Pres.
P. P. Dunkle, Sec.

The Journal

Of The Hedley High School

Edited by Julia Etta Lane and Roxie Sibley Lewis

MANY HEDLEY PUPILS WIN

The following were winners in the Donley County School Fair at Clarendon last Saturday:

PRIMARY

Drawing, 1st grade.....Hallie Lee Walker
Drawing, 2nd and 3rd grades.....Elsie Lamberson
Paper Cutting, 1st and 2nd grades.....Allie Mae Caldwell
Poster illustrating a story, 1st and 2nd grades.....Johnnie McIntosh
Cardboard construction work.....Floyd Brown
Card weaving.....Elsie Lambert
Language book.....Alma White
Toy wagon.....Robert Sanford
Doll dress.....Aileen Lively
Tatting.....Nellie Mae Chapman
Spool knitting.....Alma White
Best Salt map, 4th and 5th grades.....Ray Hamblen
Best story on Fishing Trip, 4th and 5th grades.....Teddie Simms
Best general display.....Hedley

INTERMEDIATE

Best loaf bread.....Cleo Moreman
Best tatting.....Cleo Moreman
Best school lunch.....Beulah Lane
Best poster illustrating story.....Fay Moreman
Best collection of Donley county soil.....Euell Sibley
Best loaf cake.....Melba Johnson
Best drawing, 6th and 7th grades.....Eula Johnson
Best embroidery.....Eula Johnson
Best collection of woodwork.....Sam Ed Clark

HIGH SCHOOL

History of the Panhandle (Past, present and future).....Roxie Sibley Lewis
Senior spelling.....Roxie Sibley Lewis

SCHOOL NOTES

The Interscholastic Meet met in Clarendon last Saturday amid all the sand of the Panhandle. Our judges and citizens went through the wind and sand to attend the meet. On account of the weather the athletics were postponed until April 14. Our school was well represented, and won a number of the prizes. The boys and girls of this school have been fighting hard to win the Loving Cup, and missed it about three points, but as a whole Hedley should be proud of her boys and girls who have worked hard to win, and then have to take their exhibits up to Clarendon in a sand storm. Some of the pupils and a number of exhibits will go from here to the district meet.

William Benson departed for his home in Duncan, Okla., Sunday night. He is a very worthy young man and a fine pupil. He made many friends in Hedley while here, and every one regretted to see him leave.

Our hearts are saddened to hear that our school mate, Murray Wolfe will not be with us longer than this week. He is moving with his grandmother to Memphis. Murray has gone to school here all of his life and we will sure miss him in his class and games.

Little Thomas Chapman visited our school Tuesday afternoon, and he certainly rivaled his big brother with the girls.

We are glad to hear that Lola Baker is recovering from the measles.

Luther Amason has been absent from school this week.

Mrs. Chapman visited our Literary Society last Friday afternoon and made a splendid talk.

Miss Horton was unable to teach Tuesday morning.

Bessie Brown has been absent this week.

We elected officers last Friday afternoon in our Literary Society and it happened they all were boys, so we girls will rest a

while and let the boys entertain us. We would like to have all the parents come and visit us.

Mary Helen Bain has been absent from school the past two weeks on account of measles.

Among those absent on account of sickness are, Eleanor and Renick Hefner, Mina Martin, Ivy and Willie Fields.

Clarence Luttrell and Carlton Chapman were absent Wednesday.

ROUGHLY HANDLED BY PATRIOT

At Wellington last Monday a barber by the name of Roberts gave a severe beating to a cow-puncher who used abusive language toward the American flag and President Wilson. Several men looked on while the beating was administered. The cow-puncher declared he would fight with the Mexicans against the United States. After the beating he agreed to kiss the flag.

In Choosing Your Bank

You should take into consideration not only the financial strength of the institution, but also the sound judgment and the willingness of the officials to assist you in solving the financial problems which arise in your business from time to time.

The officials of this bank believe more than ever that their banking efficiency largely consists in coming in personal contact with those they serve—that they may learn how to serve them better.

The First State Bank

STATE GUARANTY FUND BANK

J. C. DONEGHY,
President

J. R. BENSON,
Cashier

FINANCIAL STATEMENT Of the Hedley Independent School District April 5, 1917.

RECEIPTS:

State School Funds.....\$2354.00
Taxes.....2663.47
The Old Rowe School building.....131.00
Tuition.....63.55
Interest on daily balances.....37.34

Total Received.....\$5249.36

DISBURSEMENTS:

Over-draft at the beginning of the present school year.....\$ 41.40
Paid old note for school supplies.....45.20
Seven months salaries paid.....3607.50
To J. C. Woodridge Lumber Co.....38.85
To Cicero Smith Lumber Co.....139.85
To Hedley Drug Co.....30.98
Miscellaneous accounts paid.....115.93
Interest paid on borrowed funds.....53.75

Total Disbursements.....\$4073.46

Balance Cash on Hand.....1175.90

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Reserved for interest on our bonds.....\$425.00

To be set aside for the Sinking Fund.....212.50

Total Available Funds.....\$ 538.40

LIST OF ACCOUNTS UNPAID

Heater purchased 1916.....\$ 82.50
Caxton School Supply Co. for seats.....268.20
Moreman & Battle.....14.70
A. N. Wood.....52.50
Welch Mfg Co. for Chemical Apparatus.....244.00
Taking the Census for the school.....13.16

Total Indebtedness.....\$675.06

Ordered published by the Board of Trustees of The Hedley Independent School District.

T. T. HARRISON, President.

A. N. WOOD, Secretary.

TO THE PATRONS OF THE HEDLEY SCHOOL

Our financial report published in this issue of the Informer shows that we have sufficient funds to meet this month's expenses of the school, only. With the assistance of our Superintendent, we have for some time been trying to plan some acceptable way to raise additional funds for the purpose of maintaining school another month, and have come to the conclusion that the most practical and just plan is by subscription. It will require \$520.00 to pay the teachers. With an attendance of 200 at an average rate per month of \$2.50 would almost meet this requirement. As a result of the unceasing efforts of our Superintendent and all his assistants, supported by the Trustees, the

school has been classed by the State Educational Department as a First Class High School, which we are very anxious to maintain. This we consider a great accomplishment and is doubtless highly appreciated by all citizens as well as each patron of the school. The law requires first class high schools to have nine months term and eight teachers and a number of other requirements. In order to maintain this school as a First Class High School for this term, it is up to each and every progressive, public spirited patron to do his duty by patronizing the school this next month. Line up with the trustees and faculty and help make our school one of the best in Texas. We earnestly ask your co-operation.

T. T. Harrison, Pres.

A. N. Wood, Sec'y.

SEEDS! SEEDS!

Sudan, Corn, Oats, Alfalfa, Sweet Clover, Rape, Millet, Red Ripper and Black-eyed Peas, etc. If you want field seed
C. A. N. Wood.

LITTLE FOLKS MISSION

1. Song.....Society No. 204
2. Leader.....Alta White
3. How Christmas joy came to a baker boy.....Ila Pool
4. Reading.....Pauline Sarvis
5. All answer roll call with verse with love.
6. Duet.....Dannie Masterson and Clotea Moreman.
7. The boy Fajjo the deliverer of chosen.....Alma White
8. Song.....Society No. 83
9. Benediction.

Reporter.

SUBJECTS FOR HEDLEY PUPILS

7. Does a school pupil need a bank account? Why?
8. Some of the ways in which a pupil can secure and add to a bank account.
9. The benefits to be derived from learning the value and use of money.

Figure with me before having your paper and paint work done. Phone 138 W. E. Brown.

Get Joliet articles from the Hedley Drug Store

BAPTIST WORKEES HERE TUESDAY

The Workers Council of the Panhandle Baptist Association met in Hedley Tuesday with a good attendance. The program was interesting from start to finish, and all who attended caught new inspiration and enthusiasm.

At noon the good ladies of the town spread a great banquet for all present, and we'll venture that the ladies of the other places have to do some tall cooking to beat the repast prepared by our Hedley women.

More than 25 visitors were in attendance from other churches in the Association.

The following visitors were present: Revs. Gardner, Hembree, Forkner, E. E. Walker, Mesdames House, Wilson, Geo. Thompson, Harrison, Thornton, Woods, Carroll, Hembree, Webster, Hamilton, Wheat, Houghton, Parr, from Memphis; Rev. Colthorpe of Tyler who is visiting at the home of Mr. Chapman west of town; W. E. Hammock of Lelia Lake; I. H. Dooms and wife of Windy Valley; Rev. W. H. Ingle, Mr. Jones and Mr. Hayes of Estelline; Rev. R. B. Morgan of Goodnight; Rev. Evans of Brice; W. P. Blake, Mesdames Oxner Johnson, A. W. Nunn and W. P. Sims of Clarendon.

FARM LOAN BANK

A farm loan bank has been organized at Lelia Lake and all officers duly elected and charter for same to be applied for immediately. Any parties desiring to avail themselves of Government money at 5 per cent can meet with the officers of said bank in Lelia Lake Saturday afternoon, April 14, and make arrangements for same.

PLANT MORE FOOD CROPS

Every citizen, farmer or town man should make an effort to grow foodstuff this year. Enough for the family and then some for others. Famine is worse than war. Every back yard and every vacant lot should yield something for man and beast. War means higher prices for food stuff, and in order to avert scarcity more should be grown. Be patriotic by raising something to eat. "Patriotism and Potatoes" is the slogan for the United States now.

CARD OF THANKS

Texline, Texas, Apr. 4, 1917.
The Hedley Informer,
Hedley, Texas

Dear Mr. Editor: Through the columns of your excellent paper we wish to thank the good people of Hedley and community who have in any way extended us a helping hand during our affliction. We fully realize that a friend in need is a friend indeed.

We certainly appreciate all that has been done in our behalf, and pray that God's richest blessings may rest upon you.

Sincerely yours,
Elery Lynn and Family.
Ansil Lynn.



THIS STANDS FOR L-?

Hedley would have a much better appearance if a thorough cleaning up of the town were indulged in by the citizens. Why not get busy?

OBTAINING SWEET-BIRCH OIL

Industry Has Become Quite a Matter of Importance in Some Sections of the South.

Sweet-birch oil has been made in this country for many years and is obtained from the wood and bark of the black birch. The oil is a product of steam distillation plants, where, in addition to the twigs, bark and young sprouts of the birch, the entire tree is sometimes used. More picturesque are the methods employed by the southern mountaineer. A rough camp and crude distillery are erected near a supply of birch. According to persons who have seen both kinds, the "still" is not unlike the type sometimes employed in the same locality for making "black" whisky. The camp is built on a hill which will protect the workmen from the weather. The bark is peeled from the tree and the rough outer portion is scraped off. It is then broken up and a fire is started and the resulting steam is led through a pipe and finally condensed. The heavy oil gathers in a receptacle, while the water runs off. Three or four men compose the usual crew. One of these spends all of his time at the still, while the others gather and prepare the bark. About twenty-two bushels of bark are used for every run and it is said that this amount yields approximately four pounds of oil. Three or four runs a week can be made. The method has been in use for many years and most of the accessible birch in the valleys has been cut. Each year the oil makers have to go farther back in the mountains. Very often the stills are located in isolated places which can be reached only on foot, and all of the material for the plants and camp are carried in on the backs of the mountaineers.

Worth Knowing.

Gumboils are most painful and result generally from a decayed root, which causes the inflammation and abscess that resolves itself into a gumboil. Foment the outside of the face with a hot camomile and poppy head fomentation and apply a small white bread-and-milk poultice to the gumboil. Renew frequently. So soon as the pain and swelling have disappeared it is best to have the tooth removed. In cases where decayed and ulcerated roots have been allowed to remain, disease of the jawbone has resulted. Usually when the sufferer takes cold there will be a renewal of the inflammation, pain and annoyance.

Sympathy With Nature.

'Tis an evidence of how directly we are related to Nature, that we more or less sympathize with the weather and take on the color of the day. Goethe said he worked easiest on a high barometer. One is like a chimney that draws well some days and won't draw at all on others, and the secret is mainly in the condition of the atmosphere. Anything positive and decided with the weather is a good omen. A pouring rain may be more auspicious than a sleeping sunshine. When the stove draws well the fogs and fumes will leave your mind.—John Burroughs.

IMMORTAL BOOK OF RUTH

Great Pastoral Idyl Will Live Because It is Founded on Recital of Loving-Kindness.

The Book of Ruth, is the greatest pastoral idyl in literature. It is founded on loving-kindness, the loving-kindness of the Moabites revealed to her family, and the loving-kindness of Boaz, the wealthy Israelite, to Ruth, his kinswoman. It also contains the germ of that great-heartedness which is the center of the gospel of Christian love. It is a book that opens with tears and famine, and ends with the sound of wedding bells.

The story turns upon the straightforwardness of Boaz, who showed kindness and manliness to Ruth, a member of a nation that was Israel's foe, and in that kindness founded a new house, the house of Jesse and David, the royal line that began a greater than David. It was the first mingling of the blood of the Jew and Gentile, symbolic of the cosmopolitan width of the Christian religion. It was the sign that that religion was not to be founded upon wealth or upon social caste, but upon the large, wholesome love of the human heart.

Boaz is immortal among Bible heroes for his kindness, his plain, everyday generosity, his sense of protection and care for the lonely, unprotected Moabitish girl, his dead kinsman's wife, who in her poverty gleaned in his harvest field after the reapers. Boaz gave orders to his reapers that they should allow her to glean even among the sheaves of barley, and by his large-heartedness gained a wife, and, more than that, made a place for himself in that immortal company who are renowned for naught but for being kind.—Christian Herald.

MAKING ONE'S WAY IN LIFE

Every Man Is the Architect of His Own Success, However He May Be Assisted.

How many of us pass our time waiting for life to give us something instead of trying to find it for ourselves! We even go so far as to think that life owes us always more than we receive, that we fulfill our mission on earth by simply living a harmless existence and that fame and fortune should be ours by right. It is for this latter reason that we so often resent the good fortune of others and allow ourselves to believe that we have been discriminated against by Providence. We do not seem to realize that it is well worth our while to do something more than wait for what may or may not come to pass, that we are the architects in large measure of our own success and that we must make the best of what is before us in order to learn the rights to fulfill the desires of our hearts. If we make but little headway we are quick with our excuses and are always ready to place the blame upon others who can in no way be held responsible. If, on the other hand, we do succeed, it seems quite natural to take the credit ourselves whether we deserve it or not. The chances are, however, that if we amount to very much in this world the credit belongs to us more than to anyone else, even though we do receive assistance at times from those who take an interest in us. The point of the matter is that we must fortify ourselves to meet conditions as they come and to do our best to shape them into happiness and prosperity for ourselves.

Water Was Costly.

One dollar and a half for water for a flivver is pretty expensive drinking, but then, the owner said it was a good little flivver and deserved the best of waters. That is what a guest at a New York hotel paid for water for his auto. "Give me a pail of water in a hurry," was the request of the man at the bar. The barkeep set out a big glass of charged water. "I want a pail or pitcher or something," said the guest. "It is for my auto. The radiator is warm and I believe it needs a drink." "I'll call a boy to get it," said the bartender. "It will take too long," said the guest. "I've got to catch a train. Give me a few quart bottles of any kind of water." Four quarts were sent out and emptied. The guest paid for them, gave the waiter a tip, tipped the bartender, and then off he sped.

Counted Himself Out.

The superintendent of the Cincinnati zoo was making arrangements to feed the 27-foot python and needed men to hold the reptile during the repast. His advertisement was answered by a serious-looking darky. "What we want," said the zoo man, "is a strong, husky chap to help hold the big snake while we feed him." The darky's jaw dropped, his eyes stuck out like golf balls and he gasped: "Yo—yo—want a man to do wint?" "We want a man to help hold the big snake. What's the matter? Don't be frightened, there'll be ten of us—" "Hol' on!" gasped the darky, making for the door. "Hol' on! Dey may be nine of yo', but dey won't be ten of us."

Where Safety Lies.

"I see where a man runs for office he has to put himself in the hands of his friends." "Yes, my dear." "If a woman ran would she have to put herself in the hands of her wua-

an friends?"

"I suppose so." "Well, I don't imagine many women will run. Think of taking such chances!"—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Pressing Clothes is as Much an Art as Making Them

We claim that to properly and thoroughly press any kind of garment it must be done on a Hoffman sanitary steam clothes pressing machine. This method produces the natural body shape in clothes of every description, raises the nap, brings out the color, gives the garment an appearance of newness and causes it to last much longer. Let us convince you.

Hedley Pressing Parlor

The Holiday Vacation

is over and we are glad to see you back—but more anxious to meet you face to face at the

BUSY-BEE Cafe-Confectionery

West side Main Street



BEN

will make the season at B. W. Moreman's gin yard. BEN is of the Mammoth and Maltese stock His sire came from Kentucky. He is 6 years old, 15 hands high, weighs 800 pounds, with large bone, good action and plenty of style; has established a good record around Hedley as one of the best breeders of salable mules.

Bozeman & Son have charge of him, and you will find them at the shop at any time you will call for them.

A. W. Worsham, Owner

WATCH! FOR THE MOST ENTHRALLING SERIAL PHOTO-PLAY OF ALL TIME L-? To Be Revealed Soon WAIT

Useful Mary

It was an altering advertisement, in the first place. The Josslyns could hardly be blamed for going down to look at the house. It is true that Josslyn said something about the "businessness of the matter," a phrase which she afterwards regretted to see it," said Josslyn.

Mrs. Josslyn agreed to see it. So they called upon the agent and eloquent Barker. Barker was the agent for the property situated in Cedarhurst. He took them around to the "ideal home" and showed them its points. It had points, that was undeniable. It had a few drawbacks, also, but Barker made light of them.

"I like the house," said Mrs. Josslyn, "but it's too large for me to manage alone, and I know we could never get satisfactory help out here."

"My dear madam," said Barker, "you never made a greater mistake in your life. I know myself of a girl whom I think—in fact, I am sure—you can get. I can recommend her personally, because at one time she worked for Mrs. Barker. A good cook, steady, no young fellows trailing about, strong as a horse, neat as a pin and not a lazy hair in her head. If she's out of a place now I'll send her to you and if she isn't I'll send you another equally as good."

Mrs. Josslyn wavered visibly and Josslyn asked a few questions that looked like business. It ended by their saying they would think the matter over and let Barker know within a few days.

The next evening a young woman, who said she came from Mr. Barker, appeared at the Josslyn flat. She had heard from Mr. Barker that Mrs. Josslyn intended moving to Cedarhurst, and Mr. Barker thought she might get a place with her. She had just left the place she had with Mrs. Duckworth. Mrs. Duckworth was a nice lady, but the children were an objection. She could refer Mrs. Josslyn to Mrs. Duckworth, however, with entire confidence.

She certainly looked as if she could. If ever capability was written on a girl's face, it was written on Mary's face. Mary was her name. She was frankly anxious to get the situation.

"I'll come home early tomorrow and we'll go close the deal," said Josslyn, decidedly. "Think of that girl working for four dollars a week when we're paying six dollars to this thing we've got."

Two weeks later the Josslyns were established in their new home with Mary. And Mary was indeed "a peach," if one is to accept that fruit as a synonym for excellence. She was a domestic treasure. She cooked to perfection and the house fairly shone under her soapy ministrations.

Six weeks of this bliss—and then Mary quit.

Then began the succession of slovenly, incompetent and expensive girls which has continued in the Josslyn family to this day. Mrs. Josslyn says that unless you are millionaires you simply cannot get a good girl to stay in Cedarhurst. But Mary is still working in Cedarhurst.

Mrs. Josslyn called upon the people who had just moved in half a block west of her about a week after her bereavement, and found Mary there. The new neighbor said Mary was a treasure. She really did not know what she would do without her. Mr. Barker, who had rented their house to them, had been kind enough to recommend the girl.

Mrs. Josslyn told her husband about it when he returned home and Josslyn happened to meet Duckworth the same day. He said: "We never asked you about Mary, who worked for you. What sort of a reference did you get with her and how long did she work for you?"

"We had the best of a reference from Barker," grinned Duckworth. "We had the luck to keep her two months, but the renting season was dull just then. She's a daisy, ain't she? But I guess Barker's about the only one who can get her to work steadily. He pays her well, though."

Josslyn is not a revengeful man, but if ever Barker is delivered into his hands— "Well," he says, "you'll see."

Turkish Back Wiper

Take a small bath towel such as can be purchased in a five-and-ten-cent store; fold lengthwise through the middle and crochet the folded ends together or put in one prefer. Make four strands of chain-stitch from each end and join to a white terry towel. When taken by the rings, over shoulder and under the other arm, value as a back-wiper is quickly indicated.

"LIBERTY"

WILL BUY THE ASH HEAP

IF YOU SELL IT BEFORE THE HOUSE BURNS

SEE ME NOW J. C. WELLS

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Our OFFER \$2.50

Do It NOW

HoNEST WoRK

There are two highly important points for a man to consider before having his car overhauled.

The first point is to assure himself that the men who are going to work on the car are mechanics expert enough to locate and properly repair at the parts that need attention.

The second point is to convince himself that he can trust the shop to give him an honest accounting of the amount of work that was actually done on the car.

We gladly welcome an investigation on both of these points. We have the facilities, the workmen and the business methods that will more than satisfy all who investigate.

BELL & CROW

Phone No. 123 Hedley, Texas

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Entered as second class matter October 28, 1910, at the postoffice at Hedley, Texas, under the Act of March 3, 1879.

Four issues make a newspaper month.

Advertising locals run and are charged for until ordered out, unless specific arrangements are made when the ad is brought in.

All Obituaries, Resolutions of Respect, Cards of Thanks, Advertising Church or Society doings when admission is charged, will be treated as advertising and charged for accordingly.

Philadelphia had an eight and a half inch snow Sunday.

Hogs went to \$15.80 Tuesday on the Fort Worth market.

Cuba declared last week that a state of War exists between their country and Germany.

Hedley would have a much better appearance if a thorough cleaning up of the town were indulged in by the citizens. Why not get busy?

Needn't worry about the Mexicans getting to Hedley. The roads are in too bad shape for them to get anywhere near. When the rains come, then the roads can be put in good shape, and not until then.

First of the week Austria-Hungary, under the pressure of Germany, severed diplomatic relations with the United States. Following which all Austrian vessels in United States ports were seized.

Now that we have had that good rain let Hedley have a clean up day at once.

Diplomatic relations between Brazil and Germany this week thus one by one the world is being drawn into the vortex—war.

If you are interested, be sure to attend the Farm Loan meeting Saturday, April 14, at 3 p. m. This is a movement in which every man in the community should be interested.

A bridge at Newcastle, Okla., that will be the largest over the South Canadian river, one which can be used for interurban railroads, steam roads, automobiles and other vehicles and electric cables, is planned by the executive committee of the Ozark Trails, according to an announcement made at Oklahoma City recently.

Last Friday night and Saturday was another sand stormy time. Two rip-snoters in one week besides several good sized blow-outs. The sand storms belong to a class of real estate exchanges not listed in any business catalogue. Like other business firms, however, it rested Sunday, giving us one of the finest Easter days ever experienced. If U. S. had some way of making a sand storm at will he could lick the German country without a single shot from a gun—just turn the sand loose and keep it moving toward the enemy.

TO THE PUBLIC

I have purchased the mill, shop and water works of N. M. Hornsby and wish to extend an invitation to you to come in when you want anything in my line. Will treat you right and will appreciate your patronage.

M. O. Barnett.

W--A--R!

It was inevitable from the first, although few or none recognized its inevitability. The opening gun at Liege was aimed at the heart of modern civilization, and as the weeks, months and years passed, more and more enlightened opinion came to see that the challenge of medievalism to democracy must be accepted and its conditions met. From the frontier of Belgium fate looked across the wide waters and assigned to America an important role in the bloody drama, and now our national voice has proclaimed its fidelity to free institutions, calling upon Americans to protect their heritage and give succor to those whom absolutism has assailed. We who have hated war have gone to war; we who loathed militarism are to become militarized—not to impose an imperious will upon a weaker people, but to break the imperious will of a Nation which has chanted hymns of hate and thrust its sharpened sword into the vitals of less militarized neighbors. War is never to be welcomed, but there are times when it is more endurable than a peace that thrives in spiritual squalor. In accepting the gage of battle thrown to us by the hereditary chiefs of Germany, so long accustomed to adulation from their own people they are impatient of contradiction, America draws the mailed gauntlets onto clean hands; and with a clear conscience enters the lists on the side of those who, though some of them may see it dimly, instinctively feel that popular liberty is worth whatever sacrifice it costs. Americans will not make war gladly upon Germans. America acknowledges with pride the fine part Germanic citizens have played in the making of this sunny nation which, of all the powers on earth was born full panoplied with freedom. It would be a small American who did not grant to the German element in our Nation a just appreciation of the tasks that element has performed, the labors it has expended, the blood it has shed in defense of the Stars and Stripes. Germans fought with Washington, with Madison, with Polk, with Lincoln, with Lee, with McKinley, in defense of the same things their neighbors of other kindreds fought for. The Germans of America have never been found lacking of either loyalty or courage in whatever crisis America faced, and few are they who will be found lacking now. Perhaps the situation of many of them is difficult. They are torn with conflicting emotions. But that is invariably an accompaniment of war. What the Germans in America owe to their adopted home, the majority of them will freely pay. Let all others of us, on our part be not less considerate. Let us grant to them unquestioningly the same high motives that may actuate us. To asperse their patriotism, to malign their fealty to the flag that gives them shelter may be not only unjust, but exquisitely cruel. And we who abhor the cruelty of the sword should not permit ourselves to indulge in social cruelty.—State Press in the Dallas News

ALL CARS GOOD

The modern motor car is fine. In working out its smooth design, the best inventors in the land have nearly spavined brain and hand. Pale science sat up day and night to make your motor a delight. The choo choo wagon of this time is out of sight, superb, sublime; and it will stand for any test; all cars are good—but mine's the best. All cars are good; the poorest

boat that tries to get its owner's goat is better far than anything we knew ten years ago, by jing! The monarch of the last decade, when he went forth, on dress parade, could not command a rig as great as your old "four" or "six" or "eight." Invention rose, at man's behest, and made great cars—and mine's the best. No more we wait for side-tracked trains, but scoot at will across the plains. All roads are ours, all pleasant views, the prairies wet with morning dews, the hill side and the woodland green, while we can pay for gasoline. We travel when we wish to go, and travel fast or travel slow, and when we're tired we stop to rest. All cars are good, but mine's the best.

—Walt Mason.

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OUR BOYS OR GIRLS

"A rose with all its sweetest leaves yet unfolded." Young Friend! With your future before you what will you make it—success or failure? With youth and health you have the power within you to possess the blessing of practical knowledge, the joy of achievement, the content of success, but only through intelligent effort. If you have within you the love of higher things and better days; if you have ambition, energy and determination; we can train you in business methods—Bookkeeping, Stenography, Cotton Classing, Business Administration and Finance, Telegraphy, etc., and secure for you a good position. You have no time to lose. The Spring and Summer months should be used in securing a practical knowledge that you may accept a good paying position when the busy fall season begins. In our years of experience as teachers we have watched our students unfold and blossom into superior manhood, and womanhood awakened to the responsibilities of business life, and crown their labor with success. What we have done for others we can do for you. The business world is seeking everywhere for young men and women who are able to do the work the business office demands. Let us impress upon you in the language of Narado, a Hindoo sage: "Study to know; know to comprehend, and comprehend to judge." Young friends, use your youth in the pursuit of knowledge. We could give you no better advice than to join our industrious band of students; they are here from many different states, and are going out daily as their courses are finished into splendid positions secured through our free Employment Department.

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The State of Texas,

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Donley County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon W. H. Watkins, by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 47th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in the nearest District to said 47th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Donley County, Texas, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Clarendon, Texas, on the third Monday in July, A. D. 1917, the same being the 16th day of July, A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 15th day of March A. D. 1917, in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court 971 wherein Mrs. C. M. Watkins is Plaintiff, and W. H. Watkins is Defendant, said petition alleging that on the — day of September, 1895, she and the defendant were lawfully married in Marion County Texas; that they lived together as man and wife until, to wit, about the — day of January, 1897, at which last mentioned date the defendant, without just cause or provocation, voluntarily left the bed and board of plaintiff, and permanently abandoned her; that they have not resided together since said abandonment, and that the residence of the defendant is to the plaintiff unknown; that during the time plaintiff and defendant lived together as husband and wife she, in all things, complied with her marriage vows and marriage contract, but that the defendant neglected to provide the necessaries of life for plaintiff and became addicted to the excessive use of intoxicants, spending about his entire income for intoxicants and other excesses. Plaintiff says that said abandonment is permanent, and that more than three years have elapsed since defendant left her bed and board and permanently abandoned her.

Plaintiff prays that a judgment be entered, in all things, dissolving and annulling the marriage vows and marriage contract herebefore existing between plaintiff and defendant.

Herein fail not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. J. Alexander, Clerk of the District Court of Donley County, Texas.

Given under my hand, and the Seal of said Court, at office in Clarendon, Texas, this the 15th day of March A. D. 1917.

J. J. Alexander, Clerk,
District Court, Donley County, Texas.

By I. V. Andrews, Deputy.
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These popular players present a play of 20 thrilling episodes telling a true love story in the most unusual situations—along the Mexican Border. There are thrills galore; dare devil stunts; brilliant actions between Mexican bandits and Texas Rangers. With the love interest there is enough military atmosphere to stir your patriotism and give you the greatest morning picture enjoyment you have ever experienced.

20 WEEKS
40 REELS

The PLEASANT HOUR

Locals

Lots of cigars at the Hedley Drug Co.

B. L. Kinsey made a trip to New Mexico last week.

Ed. Blankenship is sporting a new Ford.

C. M. Shook went to Clarendon Monday.

S. P. Hamblen went to the Plains Sunday on business.

Sporting goods, such as base ball, tennis, etc., at the Hedley Drug Co.

Mrs. J. H. Hicks went to Amarillo Thursday morning for a visit.

C. F. Doherty bought a new Ford Thursday from the Memphis agency.

W. E. Grimsley and wife were down from their home near Clarendon Monday.

Your prescriptions receive careful attention at Hedley Drug Store.

W. L. Lewis came up from Memphis Tuesday to visit relatives and friends.

Get your creams, face powder, talcum powder (big can for 25c), at the Hedley Drug Co.

Roy Cornelius and N. R. Bryant were in Hedley from near Clarendon Sunday.

Jas. Hogue left Wednesday night for his home in Paris to spend a few weeks.

Mrs. J. C. Wells went to Amarillo and Claude the first of the week to visit relatives.

Jeff Acord and wife left last week for Jack county where they will visit relatives a few weeks.

The meat market has been moved from the Bond building to one side of the Adamson building.

Dr. Kendall and wife of Oklahoma arrived Saturday for a visit with their nephew, Frank Kendall.

We failed to mention last week that Zeb Moore's house was completed and they had moved into same.

Our good friend N. S. Ray of Windy Valley was in town Tuesday and called at the Informer office for a chat.

J. W. Lane and family enjoyed a visit Sunday from his parents, and his brother, Cary, and family, from Clarendon.

In the trustee election last Saturday the following men were elected: D. M. Grimsley, Frank Simmons and J. R. Boston.

DELCO-LIGHT

W. H. Madden was up from Memphis Tuesday meeting friends and attending the Workers Council at the Baptist church.

L. L. Cornelius and family were down from their new home Monday. They are highly pleased so far with their new location.

Walter Stone was in town from Bray Monday. Said the sandy land had blown worse this year than he has ever seen any year before.

Cecil Williams went to Dallas Sunday to enlist in some portion of the army service. He returned Tuesday morning, as he was under the weight limit.

Mrs. L. G. Brown stopped over this week with her brother-in-law, W. A. Brown and wife. She was on her way from DeVal to their new home at Dalhart.

WANT COLUMN

In this column can be found bargains offered for sale; wanted-to-buy; and lost and found items.

RATES:

25 Words, one insertion..... 25c
25 Words, two insertions..... 45c
25 Words, three insertions..... 60c
25 Words, four insertions..... 75c
No classified want-ad will be accepted for less than 25 cents.

WANTED

Mrs. Josie McBride, Private Nurse, Phone 78, 16 tfe

WANTED—To print calling and business cards, graduation, wedding and birth announcements, stationery, etc. Have new and neat type faces.

INFORMER.

FOR SALE

FORD—1914 Model Touring, good condition, at a bargain, cash or good note. No trade. J. C. WELLS, Hedley.

PIANO FOR SALE—Cost \$400, been used only two years, in splendid shape will sell cheap for cash, or trade in on Ford car. Apply to Phone 132 28 L, 2t or write Principal of Bray School.

Reefer's Ready Relief or White Diarrhea cure for little chicks. Satisfaction guaranteed or money back. One package enough to raise 500 chicks, \$1.00. Also Full Blood Single Comb Brown Leghorn Eggs, 17 for \$1.25. Mrs. J. P. Cox, Hedley, Texas. Phone 74 Short Long.

Gene Dishman was down the first of the week from Amarillo to visit his mother and brothers.

Candy, Tobacco and Cigars, fresh and fine at Hedley Drug Store.

N. M. Hornsby last Saturday closed a deal with M. O. Barnett, selling him his concrete building, milling and water business. Mr. Barnett took charge of the business Monday.

Get toilet articles from the Hedley Drug Store

Mrs. J. E. Risley and children came in Monday from Oklahoma to join her husband in making their home in Hedley. At present they are domiciled in the dwelling of A. J. Newman.

When in need of drugs, toilet articles, cigars, tobacco, candy, stationery, cold drinks, call at Hedley Drug Store.

A good crowd attended the recital at the Methodist church Monday night. The music by the pupils of Mrs. U. J. Boston was highly enjoyed, as was also the readings of Miss Myrtle Reeves.

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Rev. A. W. Hall, presiding elder for the Clarendon District, held quarterly conference Saturday night and preached two splendid sermons in Hedley Sunday and one good sermon at Mc Knight in the afternoon.

Coming, two special shows at the Pleasant Hour Friday, April 20th, and 27th. Don't forget the dates for they will be a selection from big plays that have made tremendous hits in large cities recently.

TO THE PUBLIC

I have purchased the mill, shop and water works of N. M. Hornsby and wish to extend an invitation to you to come in when you want anything in my line. Will treat you right and will appreciate your patronage. M. O. Barnett.

The Panhandle, Past, Present and Future

ROXIE SIBBEY LEWIS

(NOTE—The following story won first prize in the Donley County School Fair, and for which the Informer editor is minus \$2.00.—Editor.)

The Panhandle of yesterday, of today and of tomorrow, was, is and will be the narrow, handle-like projection at the northwest corner of Texas.

The inhabitants of the Panhandle of yesterday, at the beginning of the nineteenth century wore the red men. They built their villages here, hunted the buffalo, the antelope and the deer that wandered about the plains and prairies in large droves. With the shrill war cry of the Indian, as he started on a raid, might be heard the howls of the coyotes and the lobo wolves. In the tall grass that grew about the wigwams coiled the rattlesnake, waiting. The wild ducks and prairie chickens grew here in large numbers.

It was only a half century ago that the stockmen came from other states and from other parts of Texas. They drove their cattle here, pitched their tents and dug their dugouts and said, "we're going to stay." The settlers had no roads but the Indian and buffalo trails and they never knew where these led. They told directions only by the north star or some projecting peak of the Cap Rock. They had to haul all of their supplies a long way for there were no railroads in the west and northwest. Despite all the difficulties they stayed and others came.

The Indians bothered the settlers more often than it was pleasant at first, but they soon learned to let the pale face alone and in ten or fifteen years they left Texas. The buffalo also left about this time.

Shortly after the Indians left, the settlers began to bring their families, who made their homes in dugouts, tents or one room shacks. One was very fortunate in having a neighbor only ten miles away. As the families began to come little villages of half a dozen or more houses sprang up from thirty to forty miles apart.

The children of the villages went to school in small, uncomfortable one room buildings. They were taught to read, write and "figger." The girls and boys who lived way out from town got no education.

Little more than twenty-five years ago the first railroad was built into the Panhandle, then the population began to increase slowly yet steadily.

While the people in southern Texas were calling the Panhandle the American Desert, our forefathers by the sweat of their brow were proving it the "Land of Promise."

The coming of the railroad into the Panhandle meant the shipment of lumber for new homes, new school houses, new churches, new court house and many other improvements added one by one.

Agriculture became more important as an occupation, machinery and farm tools made it easier and more profitable.

People began to come from all of the southern states. These people were of the best; they kept developing until we have the Panhandle of today.

The shacks of yesterday are disappearing from the Panhandle of today. Neat, modern homes are taking their places.

We people of the northwest do believe in education. We prove this by our well equipped high schools, our rural high schools equipping themselves as town schools do. We believe in educating the children of today so

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O. N. STALLSWORTH

LATIN A PURPOSELESS STUDY

Excuse That It Gives Mental Discipline Is Declared to Be Not Adequate.

If one does not study things because they "train the mind," why, then, should one study them? The answer is extraordinarily simple; one studies things because they serve a purpose. I do not say, mark you, a useful purpose, but a purpose—a valid purpose, a genuine purpose, not a make-believe purpose.

Mental discipline is not a valid or genuine purpose—it's a make believe. Meanwhile the number of purposes, of genuine, valid purposes, is simply infinite. Learning to read Virgil is, of course, just as valid a purpose as learning to bake a pumpkin pie. The test is, however, not, did the student get mental discipline? but can he read and enjoy Virgil? can he play the symphony? will someone eat the pie? And because people rarely care to read Virgil, because almost none of the thousands who study Latin ever can or do read Virgil, therefore, in so far as they are concerned, studying Latin has no purpose and cannot be defended as mental discipline.—Abraham Flexner in the Atlantic Monthly.

World's Greatest Judge.

If greatness consists of great ability linked with great opportunity, then we must pass unchallenged the declaration that Marshall is the greatest judge of the language, states Hugh H. Brown in the Case and Comment. No English judge ever had the opportunity of a new field except Hardwicke in equity, Marshall in commercial law, and possibly Stowell in admiralty. The world never had known a science of a written constitution of government until it came in Marshall's time.

Standing before his portrait, in company with a distinguished foreigner, an American lawyer said: "We consider him the greatest judge of our country." A British justice replied: "You might well say the greatest judge of any country."

Another Englishman, James Bryce, said, in substance, that the higher qualities of Marshall's decisions never had been surpassed and but rarely equaled by the most famous jurists of modern Europe or of ancient Rome.

In Panama City.

In Panama City the streets, though narrow, are well paved, and sanitary conditions are all that may be desired. The houses are picturesque with their balconied fronts, and scarcely a house exists but there is some store beneath it.

This, of course, is the result of a sudden growth of business. Of churches there are many, and historic landmarks constantly revive memories of marauding pirates, romantic days and of the glories and opulence of what was once one of Spain's strongest and best garrisoned cities on this hemisphere.

The tourist can still see the ruins of old Panama across the green savannas and can cross the famous bridge over which Morgan marched to attack and sack the city.

The tower of the Cathedral of St. Anastasius rises above the other remains of the fortifications and dungeons now overgrown with dense vegetation and tropical jungle.