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HAROLD DYE, Managing Editor

ALFALFA BILL AND THE TEACHERS

Alfalfa Bill Murray, Oklahoma's hard-boiled, two-fisted governor is dealing a life of misery to the professors of the University of Oklahoma. Among his other requirements of the professors, is that they actually labor in the school room eight hours each day—because they used to do that in the little Texas college which granted him a diploma years ago. The militant governor of the state of Oklahoma evidently forgets that in this day of complex educational problems, the teacher is often forced to study three, four, or six hours several nights each week in order to meet the demands of the school room. Possibly according to the governor's code, the teachers should be walking encyclopedias so they wouldn't have to study. Well, if Alfalfa Bill puts in eight solid hours each day in the capitol building, he will make a better state out of Oklahoma.

THAT SUNDAY LAW

The Sunday Law recently signed by Governor Seligman is provoking much comment in the various towns of the state. Cities like Roswell, which have banned Sunday moving picture shows feel as though their rights were being infringed upon, and some citizens have expressed themselves as being in favor of a test case being made in order to ascertain the constitutionality of such a law.

Such general laws are alright in the majority of instances, but will not always work to advantage. The law which would apply acceptably to a city the size of Albuquerque, might be a farce in one the size of Hagerman. It stands to reason that the small town, or the larger for that matter, should have the right to set its ordinances along such lines without the interference of state legislation.

THANKS!

The entire town joins in expressing gratitude to the men who worked to gain an oiled road for us. Mayor Tolly West, Pete Losey, Jack Sweatt and J. A. Buford have been untiring in their efforts to get the necessary appropriation from Santa Fe. Other community men also have given of their time and money, furnishing trucks and labor at nominal cost.

We appreciate the fact that the oiled road has been one of the greatest city improvements in many years. Next improvement in line will be a more adequate sewerage system for the south side of the main business block.

Withall, Hagerman is breathing of a spirit of progress which will bring permanent and gratifying results.

BILLY THE KID WAS DEVIL WITH LADIES

Mr. William Bonney of neurological fame, better known as "Billy the Kid," was pleasant and cold-blooded, a genial fellow and a killer, a devil with the ladies and ruthless as a robot, in the view of Joe V. Stearns, managing editor of the Fort Sumner Leader. Stearns says many other old timers in the Fort Sumner country are of the same opinion. In a letter discussing this perennial topic Joe says:

"I had occasion to talk to Mrs. Odelia Maxwell Abreu, sister to Pete Maxwell, who knew the Kid in life. She is the only surviving one of the Maxwell girls. She tells me the same as every other old timer now living here who knew him. About a dozen natives living here now are all that are left at this place (no Anglos) and all say the Kid was pleasant, likeable, and very popular at all bailes like social functions. He was a "devil with the ladies" good dancer and in great demand at dances. All state that he never started anything" but sure was there on the finish, i. e., he invariably let the other fellow start the draw and then beat him to it. These old-timers all believe he never actually killed over seven; claim there is no actual proof of over that number—not counting Indians.

"I am inclined to side in with the opinion that he was a ruthless killer, for every one of them here state that he was absolutely cold-blooded—seemingly without a nerve in his body, with mind and hand co-ordinating each time it was necessary to draw a gun. Also they state he spent hours daily shooting—drawing and firing from every imaginable position."

FOR THE BIGGEST FISHES

The Field and Stream Magazine is offering \$3,535 in prizes for the largest fishes caught during the open season. The purpose of the contest is to encourage better sportsmanship, but some anglers fear that it may be the means of developing bigger liars, especially if the magazine pays heed to street talk.

Some interesting details connected with the contest include:

Six prizes will be awarded to the largest fishes caught in the following classes: brook trout; brown trout; steelhead or rainbow trout; small-mouth black bass; large-mouth black bass; muskalonge; great northern pike; calico bass; lake trout; striped bass; channel bass and weakfish.

The contest is limited to fish taken with rod, reel and line, and with specified lure for certain classes of fish. Men women and children may enter the contest which opens on April 15, 1931. Affidavits giving the length, girth and weight of entered fish signed by the person catching the fish and by two witnesses must be sent to the prize fishing contest editor of Field and Stream, 578 Madison Avenue, New York City.

CAUSE FOR OPTIMISM

There is perhaps some cause for optimism that the oil industry will approach the normal state before the close of the summer months. Development of our natural resources should and does interest practically every citizen of southeastern New Mexico, because the prosperity of every community is dependent somewhat on the condition of the surrounding community.

It is regarded as more or less remarkable that any development has gone forward in the face of what is probably the industry's most disastrous year. Oil operators in both Eddy and Lea county figure the cost of production exceeds the market value by a good margin. It has been estimated that it costs 57 cents for every barrel of oil produced in either Eddy or Lea. This means that the operators sustain a loss of 17 cents per barrel on oil now being produced.

If therefore, oil men have the courage to carry on under the present market outlook, we may confidently look for better times, once the present oil surplus is disposed of.

The government may soon be out of the wheat buying business if the reported action of the federal farm board in refusing to make advances, means anything. While the farm board was storing millions of bushels of wheat in grain elevators, Canada and other wheat producing countries took advantage of the situation to dump a surplus on the market. Along with the announcement of the change in the policy of the government, wheat hit its lowest level last week.



Shell peanuts for seed either by hand or with some kind of a machine that will not damage the kernels. Breaking the inner red skins injures their germination.

It was formerly thought that chicks should not be fed until they are two or three days old, but the U. S. Department of Agriculture says that recent experiments show it is better to begin when they are one or at the most, two days old.

The use of bean seed grown in the semi-arid regions of the west is one of the best ways to reduce the prevalence of bean anthracnose in the eastern and southern states, say plant specialists of the U. S. Department of Agriculture. Take care not to plant the seed on land where a diseased crop was produced the previous year.

Onion smut can be controlled by applying a formaldehyde solution in the row with the seed by means of a drip attachment on the seeder. Use 2 fluid ounces of 37 to 40 per cent formaldehyde solution (or formalin) to a gallon of water, applying 1 gallon to about 370 feet of row. A peculiar thing about onion smut is that the fungus attacks the plant only in the young seedling stage. Smut does not attack plants from sets. Seedlings grown on healthy soil until they are 3 or 4 inches high and then transplanted into fields are not attacked by onion smut.

The most important consideration in preparing a grain ration for dairy cows is to see that it contains enough protein. It is better for some cows to get more protein than they need than to try to supply a perfectly balanced ration for each cow. The quantity of protein to be supplied in the grain depends on the quantity in the roughage. With only leguminous hay for roughage, the grain should contain 12 to 15 per cent crude protein; with leguminous hay and silage or roots, 18 to 20 per cent; with non-leguminous hay alone or silage alone or a combination of both, from 23 to 25 per cent.

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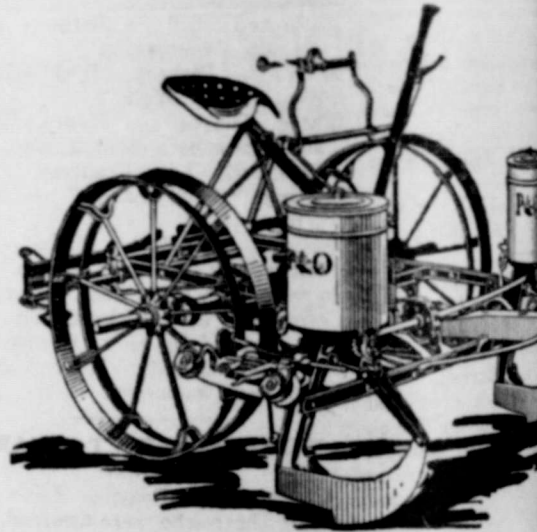
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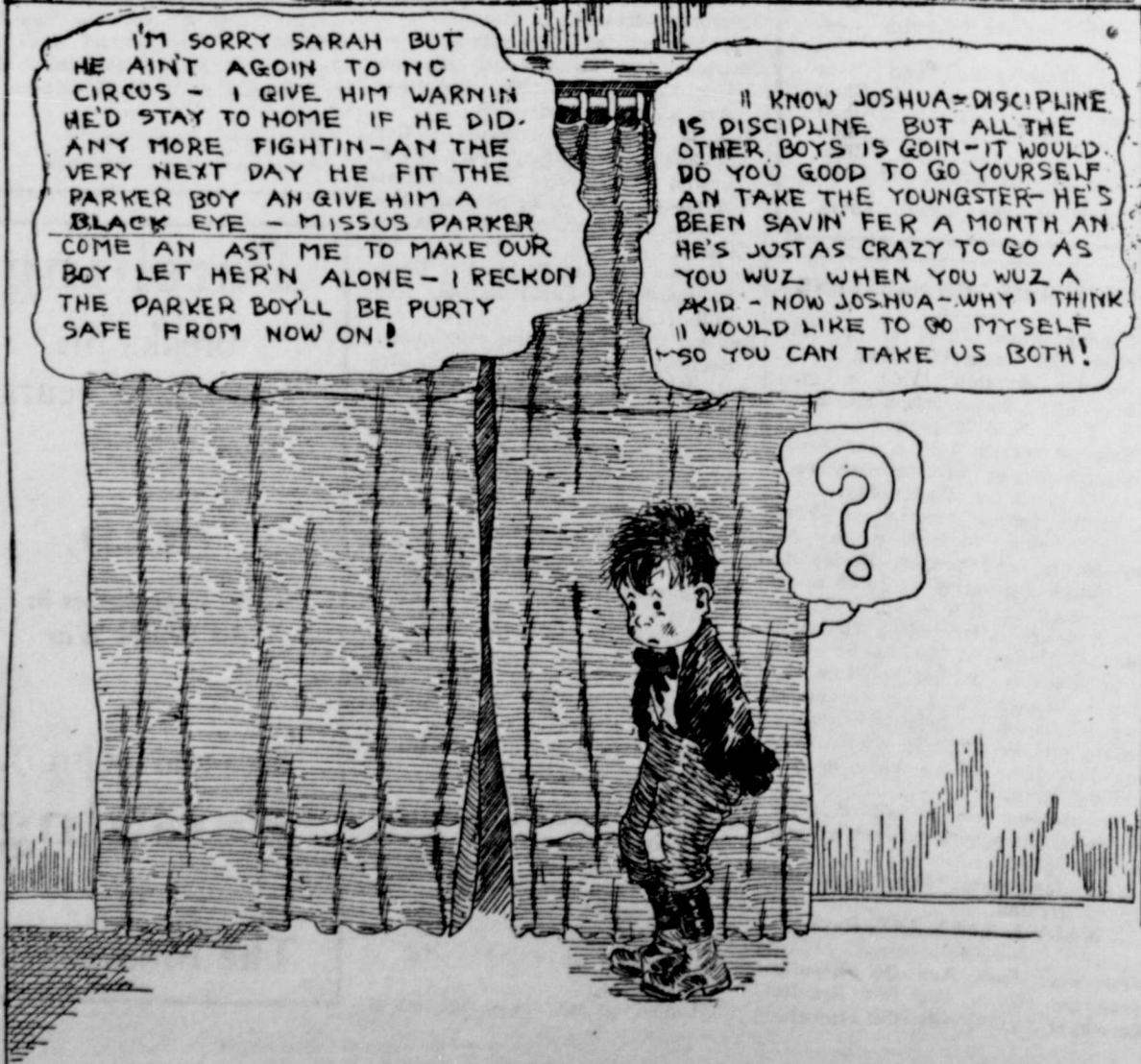
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By Ad Carter



**WESOME LUKE'S
LOGALETTES**



Arthur scraped our banker ship of state. There's one thing about it, anyway. He won't be gone half the time, (most his own expense) on game business, and it will give better chance to strike him up us.

BARNACLE PETE

scraped him off the ship of state. Barnacle Pete. rubbed him off the political scene. Barnacle Pete. light-er-born a jelly fish could-a et from the governor's ship that's made from the game of fish. Barnacle Pete.

ew a crappie from a bass. Barnacle Pete, Barnacle Pete. e governor couldn't stand his. Barnacle Pete, Barnacle Pete. he went with a swish and bang. put it straight in terms of. says that he doesn't give a. Barnacle Pete.

ge Elam, pep personified, is g a young people's study this week at the Baptist We remember a trip which k with Gawge a few years and particularly an incident occurred at a dinner table in country home in the northern of the state.

hostess was pouring the coffee she asked George if he coffee. Ma'am, thank you." old you like some tea?" in- the hostess. ma'am, no ma'am, I'm a Bap- lady held her coffee pot sus- while she fixed Gawge with eye, and replied quick as: "Well, I am too, but it make a fool out of me!"

**INGER IS REMOVED
CHAIRMAN OF STATE
WAY DEPARTMENT**

les Springer, chairman of the highway commission and old republican, is no longer on highway board. Saturday Gov. Seligman announced the ap- point of R. L. Raprock of Las as the republican member of mission and the appointment nk Butt of Albuquerque as the atic member, succeeding J. A. ey of Deming. After August governor Seligman will an- the appointment of commis- from district two and five, will complete the five man y commission.

ardless of political affiliations valley citizens generally re- to see Mr. Springer retire the commission. Mr. Springer ven several years of conscien- service to the state as chair- of the highway commission and erally regarded as one of the competent men that has yet on the commission.

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**VETERAN LOANS IN THE
STATE TOTAL SUM OF
\$1,062,582.28 REPORT**

The New Mexico Legionnaire which appeared Saturday, quotes Director R. R. Gibson, of the veterans' bureau, as saying "that \$1,062,852.28 had actually been loaned to veterans in this state on March 21." Mr. Gibson said further that the value of notes with the bureau was expected to reach \$3,225,000 by April 1 at which time some 8,000 applications will have been received.

The Legionnaire says further: "Up to March 21, 6,747 applications have been received of these 2,889 loans have been made, leaving a balance of 3,858 on which loans are still to be made."

Applications for loans under the new law, Mr. Gibson said, which permitted advances of 50 per cent on veterans certificates at four and one-half per cent interest started coming into the bureau before action by congress was completed. At the time the law was passed over President Hoover's veto, about 600 applications had been received in anticipation of its passage. From that date note have been arriving in increasing numbers.

KNUTE ROCKNEY KILLED

BAZAAR, Kansas—Knute Kenneth Rockne, Notre Dame football genius, plunged to his death with five fellow passengers and two pilots on a transcontinental and Western Air Inc., air liner Tuesday in the mid-Kansas grazing country near here. The plane, California bound from Kansas City, crashed on a farm killing all eight occupants instantly. Witnesses said the craft, flying thru clouds and fog, lost a wing in the air and hurtled to the ground like a crippled bird.

First reports that there had been an explosion in the air and that the wreckage burned proved unfounded.

The dead:
Knute Rockne.
H. J. Christensen, Chicago.
J. H. Happer, 2037 Powell, Ave., Chicago.

W. B. Miller, 312 Farmington Ave., Hartford, Connecticut.
Spencer Goldwaite, 33 East 43rd Street, New York.

C. A. Robrecht, 10 Oak Park, Wheeling, West Virginia.

Robert Fry, pilot, Los Angeles.

Jess Mathias, pilot, Los Angeles.

The body of Rockne was identified by W. L. White, son of William Allen White, editor of the Emporia Gazette. The famous coach boarded the plane just before its departure from Kansas City in mist and rain, at 9:15 a. m. He was bound for Hollywood to complete arrangements for the making of a feature talking picture and several short subjects.

A little boy from Canada who had never seen a negro was riding with his uncle in New York when he saw a colored lady.

"Why does the woman black her face?" he asked his uncle.

"That's her natural color," said the uncle.

"Is she black like that all over?"

"Yes," replied the uncle.

"Gee, Uncle," said the lad, admiringly, "you know everything, don't you?"

"How's your car running?"

"Not so good; can't get her throated down."

"How's your wife?"

"She's the same, thank you."

Auto Tourist: "I certainly had the right of way when this man ran into me, and yet you say I was to blame."

Local Officer: "You certainly were."

Autoist: "Why?"

Local Officer: "Because his father is mayor, his brother is chief of police and I go with his sister."—Trindle Tips.

"My good man," said the kindly old lady visiting jail, "I hope that since you have come here you have

had time fore meditation and have decided to correct your faults."

prisoner in heartfelt tones. "Believe me, the next job I pull, dis baby wears gloves."—The Pathfinder.

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At the present writing, prospects for another good team are taking form. With a twenty-five game season behind and most of the veterans returning, it seems quite likely that Hagerman can do even better during the current year. Experience and "seasoning" go a long way toward team development. Since the 1930 aggregation was the first to represent Hagerman in many years on a regular schedule, close followers of the team declare that the foundation has been laid for a formidable showing in the coming summer's play. Sprinkled around a nucleus of regulars, several promising youngsters should round out a nine that can compare favorably with any bona fide amateur outfit in this vicinity.

Word comes from Oklahoma that Orville Ford, speedy second sacker, has about consumed his vacation and will return before the middle of the month. Ford is eager to get started. None of the fans have forgotten his skilled antics on the baselines or in the neighborhood of his key-stone position. The little fellow could make any team in the valley but prefers to stick with his home town.

Harrison Hampton will probably come back with Ford. "Hammy" has been visiting relatives in Texas but declares he will be ready for the first practice session. The big fellow learned a lot of baseball last summer and should be considerable of a catcher this year. His hefty swatting was responsible for dozens of scores on the desired side of last year's ledger.

Although Alma Nail is reported as being a "hold-out" the boys are reasonably confident that their big first sacker will be on the job. Unconfirmed reports state that he is insisting on the privilege of buying all team bats out of his own funds. The matter can probably be settled before long.

The dependable "Johns" of the outfield, Bowen and Langenegger, are impatient to get on the trail of flying baseballs. Both these ball hawks improved greatly and are considered fixtures for two berths

DR. EDWARD STONE
Optometrist
Artesia, N. M.

\$60,401.08 GRANTED AS EMERGENCY LOAN TO NEW MEX. SCHOOLS

R. H. Grissom, state auditor Friday authorized the sum of \$60,401.08 as an emergency loan to public schools in New Mexico. The emergency loan was brought about by the tax compromise of the Santa Fe railroad. Requests for loans to current school funds totaled \$350,000.

Distribution to schools in this section of the state included: Chaves county; rural \$474.10; Roswell \$1,462.10; Hagerman 308.29; Dexter \$302.25; Lake Arthur \$198.48; De Baca county; rural \$1,535.96; Ft. Sumner \$1,527.38. Eddy county; rural \$944.82; Hope \$233.86; Carlsbad \$698.62; Artesia \$589.58. Roosevelt county; rural (no dis-

tribution); Portales \$2,064.50; Elida \$389.72.

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**Charter No. 7503—Reserve District No. 11
REPORT OF CONDITION OF
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF HAGERMAN, IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AT THE CLOSE
OF BUSINESS ON MARCH, 25, 1931
RESOURCES**

Loans and discounts	\$106,700.87
Overdrafts	186.27
United States Government securities owned	42,700.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	10,741.50
Banking house, \$7,500.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$3,500.00	11,000.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	10,726.64
Cash and due from banks	31,237.62
Outside checks and other cash items	164.89
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
Total	\$214,707.79
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided profits—net	1,320.00
Circulating notes outstanding	24,820.00
Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	4,159.63
Demand deposits	133,613.77
Time deposits	15,793.57
Total	\$214,707.79

State of New Mexico, County of Chaves, ss:
I, R. W. Conner, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. W. CONNER, Cashier.
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W. A. LOSEY,
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TWO AMENDMENTS TO BE SUBMITTED TO THE VOTERS IN NOVEMBER

Two constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters of the state this fall, as result of the action of the tenth legislature. One amendment would restrict the introduction of bills in the legislature to the forty-five days of the session. Under terms of this amendment no bill could be introduced in either house during the last fifteen days except general appropriation bills, bills created for the purpose of paying current expenses of the state and measures sent up by the governor, accompanied by a special message, which sets forth the necessity of such legislation. The plan was tried out during the last legislature and leaders say it was successful. The other amendment would permit the exchange of state lands within the national forest for lands of equal value outside of the forest boundaries. The amendment was submitted once before but was defeated. It is of special interest to the people of the Pecos valley and should be supported.

CAVERN VISITORS

Thomas Boles, superintendent of the Carlsbad Caverns reports that Cavern visitors for the past month totaled 3,105. Visitors were present from forty-seven states and nine foreign countries.

Records of previous Marchs were:

March 1924	60
March 1925	167
March 1926	158
March 1927	860
March 1928	1,559
March 1929	1,920
March 1930	4,077
March 1931	3,105

The man before the magistrate was a stranger in the village, and he was most indignant that he should suffer the humiliation of his present position.

"The constable seems very certain about everything connected with my case," he sneered, "but there's one weak point in his defense. Why does he not call his fellow officer to corroborate what he says?"

"There's only one constable stationed in this village," said the officer.

"But I saw two last night," indignantly asserted the prisoner. "Exactly!" agreed the policeman. "That's the charge against yer."

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| Easter Rabbits (Plush).....25 to 98c | Kiddies' Dresses (Just Like Mother's).....59c |
| Easter Grass (Purple and Green) 2 Boxes for.....5c | Ladies' Silk Underwear (New).....59c |
| Easter Novelties, five for.....5c | Ladies' House Dresses (Fashionable).....59c |
| Two for.....5c, 5c and 10c | |

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At the present writing, prospects for another good team are taking form. With a twenty-five game season behind and most of the veterans returning, it seems quite likely that Hagerman can do even better during the current year. Experience and "seasoning" go a long way toward team development. Since the 1930 aggregation was the first to represent Hagerman in many years on a regular schedule, close followers of the team declare that the foundation has been laid for a formidable showing in the coming summer's play. Sprinkled around a nucleus of regulars, several promising youngsters should round out a nine that can compare favorably with any bona fide amateur outfit in this vicinity.

Word comes from Oklahoma that Orville Ford, speedy second sacker, has about consumed his vacation and will return before the middle of the month. Ford is eager to get started. None of the fans have forgotten his skilled antics on the baselines or in the neighborhood of his keystone position. The little fellow could make any team in the valley but prefers to stick with his home town.

Harrison Hampton will probably come back with Ford. "Hammy" has been visiting relatives in Texas but declares he will be ready for the first practice session. The big fellow learned a lot of baseball last summer and should be considerable of a catcher this year. His hefty swatting was responsible for dozens of scores on the desired side of last year's ledger.

Although Alma Nail is reported as being a "hold-out" the boys are reasonably confident that their big first sacker will be on the job. Unconfirmed reports state that he is insisting on the privilege of buying all team bats out of his own funds. The matter can probably be settled before long.

The dependable "Johns" of the outfield, Bowen and Langenegger, are impatient to get on the trail of flying baseballs. Both these ball hawks improved greatly and are considered fixtures for two berths

DR. EDWARD STONE
Optometrist
Artesia, N. M.

\$60,401.08 GRANTED TWO AMENDMENTS TO AS EMERGENCY LOAN BE SUBMITTED TO THE TO NEW MEX. SCHOOLS VOTERS IN NOVEMBER

R. H. Grissom, state auditor Friday authorized the sum of \$60,401.08 as an emergency loan to public schools in New Mexico. The emergency loan was brought about by the tax compromise of the Santa Fe railroad. Requests for loans to current school funds totaled \$350,000.

Distribution to schools in this section of the state included: Chaves county; rural \$474.10; Roswell \$1,462.10; Hagerman \$38.29; Dexter \$302.25; Lake Arthur \$198.48; De Baca county; rural \$1,535.96; Ft. Sumner \$1,527.38. Eddy county; rural \$944.82; Hope \$233.86; Carlsbad \$698.62; Artesia \$589.58. Roosevelt county; rural (no dis-

in the outer gardens.

Gilbert Robinson reports himself anxious to break into the Hagerman lineup regularly this summer. "Robby" has played a lot of professional ball but says he would rather hold down third base for the local team than listen to the call of rival managers. He can hit and cavort around the hot corner in great style.

Among the youngsters who are expected to make a bid for regular positions are: Roy Bartlett, Dayton Dodson and Sam Boyce. These lads performed well on the Junior team last year and may make some of the veterans hustle to retain their laurels.

All in all, an excellent season seems to be in store for Hagerman baseball fans. The team should be stronger, greater interest is being manifested and dissentious influences have been curbed. Only the What and Where of the first game remains to be solved!

Two constitutional amendments will be submitted to the voters of the state this fall, as result of the action of the tenth legislature. One amendment would restrict the introduction of bills in the legislature to the forty-five days of the session. Under terms of this amendment no bill could be introduced in either house during the last fifteen days except general appropriation bills, bills created for the purpose of paying current expenses of the state and measures sent up by the governor, accompanied by a special message, which sets forth the necessity of such legislation. The plan was tried out during the last legislature and leaders say it was successful. The other amendment would permit the exchange of state lands within the national forest for lands of equal value outside of the forest boundaries. The amendment was submitted once before but was defeated. It is of special interest to the people of the Pecos valley and should be supported.

CAVERN VISITORS

Thomas Boles, superintendent of the Carlsbad Caverns reports that Cavern visitors for the past month totaled 3,105. Visitors were present from forty-seven states and nine foreign countries.

Records of previous Marchs were: March 1924 ----- 60
March 1925 ----- 167
March 1926 ----- 158
March 1927 ----- 860
March 1928 ----- 1,559
March 1929 ----- 1,920
March 1930 ----- 4,077
March 1931 ----- 3,105

tribution); Portales \$2,064.50; Elida \$389.72.

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REPORT OF CONDITION OF
THE FIRST NATIONAL BANK
OF HAGERMAN, IN THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO, AT THE CLOSE
OF BUSINESS ON MARCH, 25, 1931

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$106,700.87
Overdrafts	186.27
United States Government securities owned	42,700.00
Other bonds, stocks, and securities owned	10,741.50
Banking house, \$7,500.00; Furniture and fixtures, \$3,500.00	11,000.00
Reserve with Federal Reserve Bank	10,726.64
Cash and due from banks	31,237.62
Outside checks and other cash items	164.89
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00
Total	\$214,707.79
LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$ 25,000.00
Surplus	10,000.00
Undivided profits—net	1,320.00
Circulating notes outstanding	24,820.00
Due to banks, including certified and cashiers' checks outstanding	4,159.63
Demand deposits	133,613.77
Time deposits	15,793.57
Total	\$214,707.79

State of New Mexico, County of Chaves, ss:
I, R. W. CONNER, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

R. W. CONNER, Cashier.
CORRECT ATTEST:
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