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MONEY TO LOAN

ON FARMS AND RANCHES in Mason, Llano, San Saba, Burnet, Blanco and Gillespie Counties. **LOWEST RATE OF INTEREST.** Attractive Terms as to Re-payment of Principal. We inspect and Pass on all Loans from this Office and there is No Red Tape or Delay in Closing Your Loan. Call and see us or write, phone or wire us about your loans. We want your Business and trust you will give us an opportunity to serve you. No Loan Too Large for Us to Handle.

Y. B. DOWELL & SON

Stockman's Exchange Building LLANO, TEXAS

CHAS. BIERSCHWALE
REAL ESTATE
ABSTRACTOR AND NOTARY
 IN BUSINESS SINCE 1885
MASON : : : TEXAS

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Feb. 3, 1905;
 There were 925 poll taxes paid in Mason county.
 John Owens was badly hurt at Llano last Tuesday. It appears he was loading freight when he slipped and fell under one of his mules. The animal kicked him in the head and the team started and ran the wagon over his chest. Mrs. Owens went to him Tuesday night and will bring him home.
 Herman Ischar sold three lots containing two-thirds of an acre each a few days ago for \$100 apiece. One to Miss. Ella M. Clark and two to A. Arhelger. The lots are located west of Mr. Ischar's residence.
 Alf Gamel returned several days ago from Chicago where he had been for some time.
 The bureau of entomology states that the loss to Texas by reason of the boll weevil amounts to \$22,000,000 during the past year.
 A crib containing about 200 bushels of corn belonging to Chas. Mason, colored, was destroyed by fire Saturday night.
 C. C. Wood's at home from Bell county, where he has a bunch of mules for sale.

25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News Feb. 8 1895
 Mrs. Vandever, aged 70 years died on the 2nd at her home near Coen. She was buried at the Crosby cemetery on Monday.
 Little Ora Baird has been on the sick list this week.
 Mrs. Donna Franklin left Wed-

nesday for Austin to remain for a short time.
 Social Hop—Mrs. M. Kooek gave a social hop last Friday evening which was an occasion of much pleasure to those present. Among her guests were; J. W. White and wife, M. A. Hamilton and wife, J. F. Schweg and wife, John Crosby and wife, A. W. Kook and wife, Dave Hubbard and wife Mrs. Lulu Loring Messes May Holmes Hettie Todd, Willie and Emma Burnham Ann Crosby, Daisy Wheeler, Eugenia McReynolds, Wannie Murray, Messrs. O. and Hugo Kooek, Ed Todd, Jesse Burham, Gratton and Walter Crosby, Tom Elliot and Ovy Garner.

NOW—The soap that cleans. No acid, no grit. Buy it, try it. Sold in convenient size cans.
 9-4 City Grocery Co.

 * When your family is in-oc-
 * uated with the Germ of
 * Thrift, it will be followed
 * by an Epidemic of Wealth.
 * **COMMERCIAL BANK**
 * (Unincorporated)

H. Ischar came in last Wednesday from near Hilda where he had just finished the foundation for a residence for Mr. Max Pluenke. He is to erect a frame building and it will be located just north of John Weidemann's home.

Wear Diamond tires on your auto. They last longer and are moderately priced.
 9-4 Star Garage.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Elebracht left Thursday for their home in San Antonio after a visit in Mason with relatives and friends.

Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. You'll enjoy it. The show starts promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

POLL TAXES PAID

According to Tax Collector Wilk's records there were 860 poll taxes paid in Mason county. These figures do not include 86 women who paid poll taxes. Last year there were 1032 poll taxes paid in the County. The following figures show the voting strength of each voting precinct—

Mason	231
Wagram	40
Katemey	74
Grit	47
Street	69
Grossville	23
Hilda	38
Loyal Valley	31
Plehwerville	25
Capps	32
Fredonia	47
Ponotoc	65
Eaton	39
Ranch Branch	24
Bauer	24
TOTAL	860

Discharged soldiers did not have to pay a poll tax. So in estimating the County's total voting strength this fact must be taken into consideration.

KELLER—At San Antonio on January 8, Adam Keller, Sr. aged 75 years. He was a native of Fredericksburg, Texas, and had lived here for the last fourteen years. Surviving him are his wife, Lucretia, Adam, Jr., Isador, Leo and Hilda; two daughters, Mrs. August Schneider and Mrs. Harry Meyer; one brother, August of Brady; twentythree grandchildren. Funeral services were held at an undertaking chapel, Rev. P. J. Schmetzer, officiating—San Antonio Express.
 Mr. Keller was a brother to the late Mr. Adolph Keller of this place.

W. D. Green was thrown from a horse one day last week and as a result was limping with a sprained ankle while in town last Saturday.

Use your phone and tell the News the news. Phone 57.

E. J. Lemburg left last week for St. Louis to buy a supply of spring and summer goods for his firm.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay was rather severely burned on the hand last week when the little fellow fell against a hot stove.

WANT YOUR FURS
 I am in the market for furs of all kinds. Will pay best prices at all times. See me at Hofmann's ware house
 A. I. Simon.

Chas. Kettner has purchased a new Dodge touring car from W. H. Neill, the local dealer.

SOLD OUT
 A deal was closed last week in which Henry Schmidt and Conrad Hartmann bought out the grocery and hardware business of Kothmann and Jordan. The new owners took charge on the first of this month. It will be learned with great regret that Messrs. Kothmann & Jordan have quit business, they feeling that they will benefit by giving their entire time to their ranch and cattle interests. Mr. Kothmann had been in business here for the past 22 years and for the past 9 years he and Mr. Jordan have been associated in the grocery and hardware business and have made many friends who will regret to learn of their selling out but who will wish both them and their successors every success.

Just Received a factory shipment of Goodyear Casings. McCollum Auto Co.

MR MERCHANT—It is not what YOU know about a certain brand of goods that brings you business, but it depends on what the **BUYING PUBLIC** knows about those certain brands of merchandise. Use printer's ink in telling the public the good merits of the goods you are handling.

FRIDAY NIGHT, FEB. 6

There Will Be a Big



Masquerade

Ball



AT THE

C. C. SMITH HALL

FAULKNER MUSIC

Given by

Chas. Hightower and Bruce Tarver

Adm. \$1.00 for Gents. Ladies Free.

THE QUEEN ESTHER SOCIETY

The Queen Esther Society met at the house of Susie Donop January 16, 1920.

Leader—Mrs. Hush Shearer Subject—Biographies of some of the women of the Bible. Opening song No. 78 Jesus saves. Bible lesson St. Luke 10-35-42 verses were read by the Leader, Mrs. L. F. Eckert read an account of the birth of John the Baptist and Jesus Christ giving a vivid insight to the noble characters of their mother, Elizabeth and Mary.

A biography of Martha and Mary sisters of Lazarus had to be omitted on account of illness of the speaker. Then a beautiful instrumental duet played by Mesdames Baze and Spittgerber. The president Mrs. Baze then took charge and the business part was attended.

Closing song More and More about Jesus. After which the benedic-

tion was spoken.

Cheerful and cake were served to the following: (Misses Hilda Puzancke, Louise, Elsie and Willie Mae Gross, Bertha Schriber, Mary Kettner, Lillie Kothmann, and Esther Donop, Messrs Lee Eckert, Wm. Spittgerber, P. A. Baze, Hugh Shearer and hostesses Susie Donop and Lillie Mae Kidd.

Reporter
 We have just received a new lot Diamond casings. All sizes.
 9-4 Star Garage.

Elgin O. Kothmann returned home last week from attending the International Stock Show in Colorado. While there Mr. Kothman purchased 13 head of picked registered Hereford bull calves and is having them shipped to his Premier ranch in this county.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

136 PHONES 167
MASON - LLANO MAIL LINE
 WALKER & WALKER PROPS.
 We solicit your passenger traffic and express hauling to and from Llano.
 We have GOOD CARS and make GOOD TIME.

MONEY TO LEND
 On Farms and Ranches
 2 TO 35 YEARS 6 TO 8 PER CENT
 INTEREST PAYABLE AT ANY TIME OF YEAR
 No Delays
Runge & Runge

CLEANING AND PRESSING
 CLOTHES CALLED FOR AND DELIVERED, SPECIAL PAIRS TAKEN TO PLEASE
LAUNDRY
 LEAVES EVERY TUESDAY. HATS CLEANED AND BLOCKED. YOUR SUIT ORDERS SOLICITED. FITS GUARANTEED.
ROY E. DOELL
 WITH J. S. KING, THE JEWELER

THE INVISIBLE HAND
 A Motion Picture Serial
 In 15 Episodes

This picture will be shown at the Star Opera House, beginning Saturday night, February 7th, and thereafter one episode each Saturday night until the serial is completed. The first episode has 3 reels and 2 reels to each of the remaining episodes.

On the opening night coupon tickets will be sold and prizes issued as follows—

- 1st. Party drawing lucky number will be awarded a pass for the balance of the serial
- 2nd. Party drawing lucky number will be awarded a pass for the next 7 episodes.
- 3rd. Party drawing lucky number will be awarded a pass for the next 4 episodes.

These passes will entitle the holder to two admissions each night.

ADMISSION—All Children over Six Years up to and Including 12 Years 15 Cents
 13 Years and over 25 Cents

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ADVERTISING RATES

Local readers and classified ads 5 cents per line per issue. Display rates made known on application.

Subscription (always in advance) one year \$1.50

ANNOUNCEMENTS

TERMS—Strictly Cash. Announcements will be inserted in the order in which fees are paid. 20 lines will be allowed each candidate, but he must compose his own announcement message. Any additional lines charged for at our regular advertising rates.

RATES

Congressional	\$15.00
District	10.00
County	8.00
Precinct	5.00

The News is authorized to make the following announcements subject to a majority vote of the Democratic Primary:

- For District attorney 33rd Judicial District—
GEORGE E. CHRISTIAN
- For District and County Clerk—
S. C. BROCKMAN
- For County Treasurer—
ALVA TINSLEY
- For Sheriff & Tax Collector—
HERMAN SCHUESSLER

SUBSCRIPTIONS PAID

The following have made subscription payments to this great weekly since our last report. Watch the label on your paper and if the date is not changed within two weeks after the list is published we will appreciate your calling our attention to the fact.

Mrs. H. C. Boyd	1.50
F. A. Grote	1.50
H. Ischar	1.50
J. C. Surber	1.50
Emil Durst	1.50
Mrs. R. E. Crawford	1.50
W. A. Keith	1.35
Arch Emanuel	1.50
Mrs. Francis Scott	1.50
John Geisweidt	1.50
A. M. Harkey	1.50
Alex Durst	0.50
Ned Polk	1.50
G. R. Vanpelt	1.50
E. H. Bird	1.50
Mrs. J. C. Harper	1.50
Fred E. Key	1.50
S. J. Thorn	1.50
H. L. Schmidt	1.50
J. K. Moor	1.50
B. P. Jordan	1.50

We thank you Who's next?

MICKIE SAYS

AIN'T IT STRANGE HOW SOME GOOD SCOUTS IN THIS TOWN WHO PAY ALL THEIR OTHER BILLS PROMPT AND REGULAR WILL FERGIT THE NEWSPAPER MAN FOR TWO OR THREE YEARS AT A STRETCH?



CHARLES SUGROE

FIRST LOOTERS PUNISHED

German Steel Kings Get Heavy Sentences From French Court.

An allied courtmartial has sentenced the German officer, Robert Roekling, administrator of mines at Karlsruhe, to ten years' confinement, 15 years of exile and a fine of \$2,000,000 upon his conviction of a charge of organizing the pillage of factories in eastern France. It was testified at his trial that he collected machinery and other material from the factories and blew it up in November, 1918.

A brother officer, Herman Ludwig, received a similar sentence by default. The Roekling brothers are known as the German "steel kings."

The evidence presented by the prosecution was to show that the brothers had systematically destroyed the French metal working plants at Briey, Micheville, Longwy and other places, transporting within two years' time millions of tons of material to their factory at Karlsruhe, including quantities of undamaged materials, so as to make the operation of what remained of the French plants next to impossible.

SMALL PAY IN CANDY WORK

Average Wage of 53,658 Workers Less Than \$500 a Year.

All is not sweet in the candy business, according to a report issued by Miss Mary Anderson, director of the woman's bureau of the United States department of labor. The average wage, for instance, is less than \$500 a year.

With the advent of national prohibition there will be a large increase in the consumption of candy, the report states. In 1914 the value of the candy output in the United States was estimated at \$170,000,000, of which the total payroll was \$25,500,000, for 53,658 wage earners, in 2,391 factories.

Baby, Born at Sea, Gets \$2,301 Purse.

On the voyage of the big steamship Mauretania from Cherbourg, France, to New York a baby girl, Frances Astley, was born to Mrs. William F. Astley, who came to America from Scotland with her husband. A purse of \$2,301 was given the baby by the passengers.

AID FIGHT ON FOREST FIRES

Wireless Telephone Proves to Be Great Help.

IS TRIED OUT IN MONTANA

Equipment is Now Made Part of the Service in Western States—United States Signal Corps Standard Sets Were Used in Experiment—Real Test Comes in Destructive Fire in Clearwater Forest.

The wireless telephone, as a result of a season's tryout, during which the handicaps of "packing" instruments over a 30-mile mountainous trail, the perils of passing through a forest fire, and numerous other tests were applied, has been pronounced a success for forest service work by officials of the service according to an announcement from district headquarters at Missoula, Mont.

Hereafter, the announcement says, wireless telephone instruments are to be a part of the standard equipment of the forest service.

At the direction of Chief Forester William S. Graves, tests of this plan

of communication were initiated in this district last season by R. B. Adams, telephone engineer, who was assisted by Everett Cutting. United States signal corps standard sets were selected for the experiment, and one was placed in position, after almost interminable difficulties, at the Mud Creek ranger station, near the Lola Hot Springs, Mont., and another at Beaver Ridge, Idaho.

Thirty Miles by Trail. While the air-line distance between the two stations is but 12 miles, the distance by trail is 30 miles, much of it almost impassable even with pack animals. At last, however, after mishaps that included pack horses off the trail, packs displaced and rolling down mountainsides, and batteries and equipment all but lost, the antennae were hung high on convenient pines.

"The sets were used during the fire season of 1919 in reporting fires and otherwise in the carrying on of the fire campaign with eminently satisfactory results," says the forest service statement.

FAITHFUL MAID GETS \$250,000

Domestic Who Cared for Aged Invalid Woman Given Fortune for Services. The faithfulness and kindness with which Miss Agnes Jane McNevin cared for Mrs. Mary C. Knight during the many years she served her as maid were rewarded when Miss McNevin was given the Knight home in Boston, its furnishings and funds, the total value of which were estimated at \$250,000.

The will of Mrs. Knight, who died at the age of 78 years, names as the beneficiaries of the \$800,000 estate, besides Miss McNevin, many public institutions.

ORDER THEM NOW

How many women and young ladies are there in and around Mason who have no engraved visiting cards? Our guess is that there are quite a few.

Why wait? On many occasions you wish for them. They do not cost much, let us show you our samples and take your order so when the next occasion comes up you wont be ashamed for others to see your card as is the case when the name is written.

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factory results," says the forest service statement.

Hurried to a Raft. The real test came during the destructive forest fires in the Clearwater forest in northern Idaho.

"Over 90 miles of ordinary telephone line was destroyed," the statement says. "The trees from which the wire was suspended were burned. Telephone communication was thus ended and the efficiency of the fire-fighting organization correspondingly reduced. It took over a week to restore this communication."

In marked contrast was the effect of fires sweeping near wireless stations. With the flames dangerously near the Beaver Ridge station the operator promptly transferred the entire equipment to a hastily constructed log raft which he had put afloat on a near-by lake, navigated to a safe distance from shore and awaited the passing of the fire. After the front had passed he returned to shore, set up his equipment and within an hour was making a report of the cause of the interruption to communication.

MUCH FOOD GOES TO ROT

Fifty Million Dollars' Worth Lost Each Year in United States.

Enough food rots in the port of New York each year to feed the population of the city for one month, according to E. L. Goodsell, a prominent fruit dealer of the metropolis.

At a recent food conference, Goodsell estimated the total loss from food decay in this country at \$70,000,000 annually, 90 per cent of which, he said, could be conserved by proper distribution facilities.

Bolshevik Shot 14,000 in Three Months

Fourteen thousand persons were shot by the bolshevik in Russia during the first three months of 1919 by order of the extraordinary committee at Moscow, according to Paris dispatches.

Ejected From Church, Gets \$8,000.

Bringing suit on the charge that she suffered severe injuries when she was forcibly ejected from a church in Independence, Wis., Mrs. Adam Ogdzinski, of that place, was awarded \$8,000 damages in court.

Prohibition Improving Health.

Prohibition is responsible for improved health conditions in the United States during the past year, according to a report of Surgeon General Blue, head of the public health service.

BARRELS WANTED

We pay highest cash prices for all kinds of second hand Barrells in large or small quantities. Get our prices; special listings on car load lots.

We Pay the Freight.

McKinney Cooperage Co.
Dealers in Tight Barrells

Manufacturers of Slack and Vegetable Barrells
135 Simpson St. San Antonio, Texas.

BIBLE TOPICS

The great world war yet in the future, the great battle that settles a future war is clearly mentioned and explained in Jeremiah chapter 25, and as the Bible is true so will it be and when it is fought it will settle all the controversies of war and will be waged by the Creator, the Lord of Heaven. It plainly declares that all nations of the earth and the far off corners of the world will be drawn into it, and the Lord shall roar from on high, and the stars of the Lord shall be from one end of the earth even to the other end of the earth at that day, and the wicked shall be given to the sword and the principles of the flock shall fall like a pleasant vessel. A pleasant vessel is anything made of ice and as soon as heat strikes it it melts away and is conclusive that man is as ordinary ice compared to our heavenly Father, the God of all things. Therefore when God takes it in hand war will soon be put to naught. Just how He will launch the great battle is not for us to say but He has plans by which He does His work by the hand of His servants who love and trust Him. He gives to all that love and trust Him of His matchless wisdom someone may invent a process or device that will be so destructive that no flesh and blood can endure it.

It may be the plague that Zacheriah 14 mentions and is like all the rest of the bible as true as God is; otherwise he would not have fulfilled it to the last letter thru the greatest sacrifice of His only Son, Christ the Lord, and He will not allow wickedness to abound continually without putting His hand to it as He has proven at all times as when He destroyed the Spanish fleet by storm and the earth by flood, and many other different places all through history from the Antedevan age up to now. Jeremiah 25 Chapter, verses 34-35-36 inclusive is plain and comprehensive as language can put it that God will spoil the battle field for all time to come, because of His fierce anger and will not be appeased until the nations of the earth are compelled to see and know that He is Lord even of the battle field and that He made the earth for His glory and not a place for continual discord among His handiwork. Man who looks like Him was made to give glory and praise to Him instead of hatred.

Interpret the bible and will give you no reasons why, read Nahum chapter 1, clearly describes the railroad train Ezekiel 1st chapter describes a flying machine that the skill of man has but the fairest dream. Marconi the wireless inventor is a faint start as to the plan it will be launched by together with many other places mentioned by the prophets all point out that many thousand years must elapse before the end of time. There has not been enough signs here on the face of earth up to date to fill the holy city the New Jerusalem had they all been redeemed through the blood of Christ the Lord and besides there is other prophecies, one says that the earth shall be as full of knowledge and glory of the Lord as the waters that cover the sea. Also Zacheriah 14 a chapter, verse 20 and 21, Road March 3-10 points out that the people must return to God, and he says He will repay. He speaks to the nations for example the U. S. Government gave liberally to feed the hungry of the foreign land not expecting to receive in return any recompense at all and when our great harvest was brought in and all were paid many times over what we had given and we can clearly see that God does not tell lies or make promises that He can't fulfill. Not in all the history of our country, did we do as much for the poor as we did since the war started, and not in all the past did we have so great a harvest.

Steven Henry Rains
Author.

METHODIST CHURCH

Church attendance revival, going on at the Methodist Church, from now until Easter Sunday. Everybody is going to attend. It will seem strange without you. One seat more, come and occupy your pew. We are going to keep a record of attendance, let us write your name down at every service. Preaching at 11 a. m. and 7 p. m.

Next Sunday morning the pastor will preach on "Why men should go to church" and then following sermons will be preached during the Revival from now until Easter, a sermon on the family altar, a sermon to Soldiers a sermon to the aged, a sermon to the children a sermon to the women, a sermon on stewardship and Tithing and a sermon on life service. Some have overlooked your Centenary pledge, the second installment was due on the first of January. Some of you owe for two

Business Announcement

FROM

Kothmann & Jordan

We have sold our Grocery and Shelf Hardware business to Messrs C. Hartmann and H. L. Schmidt, who took charge on the first of February, and will continue to do business at our old stand under the firm name of Mason Grocery Company.

We wish to thank our friends and customers for the many favors and liberal patronage they have extended to us during the years we were in business; for it is to them we owe our success. We trust that the new firm will receive the same splendid patronage we have enjoyed.

Respectfully yours,
E. W. Kothmann
Eli E. Jordan



The Velvet tin is twice as big as shown here

"No Rheumatics" is a Mighty Poor Reason for Wearing a Wooden Leg

No sting or hot burnin' is a mighty weak-kneed recommendation for tobacco. But when tobacco is mild and cool, and yet as full of "fun" as a barrel of monkeys—well, that's another story—that's Velvet.

And 'cause why?

'Cause Velvet is brought up—not jerked up by the hair. It's raised as carefully as a favorite child. It's cured in the big fresh air. And it mellows away for two years in wooden hogsheads 'til it's smooth and rich as cream. The wonder would be if Velvet wasn't a whacking good pipe smoke.



"Let Nature mellow yo' tobacco an' that tobacco will shore mellow yo' nature," says Velvet Joe. And he's pretty nearly right.

NATURE-AGEING in the wood does more to make tobacco friendly than any camouflage you can cover it with—and don't you forget it. See, taste, smell, feel the "real tobacconess" in Velvet. Why, you can almost hear it. Velvet's the tobacco you can judge with your eyes wide open and specs on.

There's a whole lot in Nature's way of making good tobacco better. And it's all in Velvet.

Here's to a full pipe and a friendly one.

Ligarettenfabrik Tobaccol

-the friendly tobacco

months. An oversight I am sure. A special drawer has been provided for Centenary funds at the First State Bank, so you may call there and make your payment.
Roy G. Rader, P. C.

Mr. and Mrs. Otto Schmidt and sons left Sunday for Austin, where they will have Clayton examined by a specialist. Clayton has been sick for the past several weeks and it seems that his condition has but little improved.

L. F. Eckert received a Fordson Tractor last Friday and on Saturday gave a plowing demonstration in the small patch of W. H. Larimore. The little farm tractor is a dandy and does good work. It pulls two 12 inch sulky plows and makes a big swath where it passes.

NOW—The soap for cleaning and washing cars. Not only cleans but polishes.
City Grocery Co.

Try our HOWE (red rubber) inner tubes. You'll never want any other kind.
Star Garage.

Our stock of tires and tubes is very complete. Only best makes.
McCollum Auto Company.

DRS. STARKEY & PALEN'S
COMPOUND OXYGEN
 Home Treatment by Inhalation for Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Pulmonary Affections.
 Write for Brochure.
STARKEY & PALEN
 Germantown, Philadelphia, Pa.

FINDS GOOK KNIGHT OF LEGION OF HONOR

French General Gets Surprise When He Objects to Overdone Roast.

Strange and puzzling complications have arisen in the relations of the people of France as a result of the world war.

Some persons wearing proud decorations are found engaged in rather humble occupations, and the fact that they have been honored by their country would probably never become known if on some occasions attention was not called to it.

"You are wrong to speak so severely, my general. I am a knight of the Legion of Honor."

The general was Gen. Gassouin, who controlled the Paris railroad systems when they were taken over by the army, and the knight was his new cook, who had overdone the roast.

The general could not believe his ears. He made an investigation and found the new cook had lost her husband early in the war. She became a nurse at the front, where she showed such bravery that the red ribbon decoration was awarded her.

When the war was over she accepted dismissal from the army medical service without complaint, and, having to earn her living, became a cook, wearing her decorations only on Sundays.

"When the general learned the truth he embraced the cook," says the Echo de Paris, which vouches for the story, "and since has not allowed himself to make remarks when any dish has failed to be a perfect success."

SWINDLED AT WAR FRONT

Relatives of Dead Soldiers Are Being Victimized.

Relatives of soldiers who fell at the battle front are being victimized by cab drivers, hotel men, dealers in coffins and grave diggers, according to Paris L'Information.

The newspaper says this "odious exploitation of grief is such that it cannot be passed over in silence."

It is charged the worst cases of imposition occur in the Champagne and Somme regions, where unhappy pilgrims are charged from 60 to 65 francs (\$13) for a six-mile drive. It is said the carriage drivers, in agreement with innkeepers, invariably manage to miss the last train out of these regions so that the mourners are compelled to stay overnight.

Coffins of the cheapest grade, it is said, are sold at from 300 to 400 francs (\$80), while soldiers who open graves charge 60 francs for bringing the coffin to the grave, and in addition ask relatives to pay 40 francs (\$8) for 20 minutes' work in exhuming the body of a soldier. L'Information calls upon the authorities to repress energetically the activities of those "preying on the public."

LUCK BIG FACTOR IN DIAMOND HUNT

Gems "Grow" in Mud, but Big Finds Are Seldom Made by Workers.

Diamonds "grow" in blue mud. They're like raisins in a cake—sometimes far apart.

Spectacular finds have been made, but the chance of a lucky find averages down to a heart-breaking minimum, says Edward M. Thlerry in the Chicago Post, writing from Kimberly, South Africa.

A native boy in September, 1917, got a job on the blue ground "dump" in the Du Toits Pan mine. Four hours after he started work he found a diamond of 444½ karats, worth \$300,000.

Superintendent Austin Knight has spent 25 years walking over the great "drying floors," vast fields where 5,000,000 short tons (8,000,000,000 pounds) of blue ground are spread for disintegration purposes—and he has found exactly three diamonds!

Native boys who find big stones are paid bonuses, \$1.25 a karat and 2½ per cent of the diamond's valuation above ten karats.

Many boys have worked two weeks and made \$500 in bonuses. There is a

maximum, however, on big finds. The boy who found the 444½-karat stone was given \$500, a saddle, a suit of clothes and immediate release from his four months' working contract.

This is the largest and finest-quality diamond ever found in the DeBeers Trust's mines in the Kimberly district. The largest was of 503 karats, in June, 1896, but it was an imperfect stone.

The record find was the Cullinan, Jan. 26, 1905. It weighed 3,024¾ karats, 4 inches high, 2½ long and 1½ wide, and was presented to King Edward VII in 1907.

River druggings also have produced huge gems, the largest being the Bob Gove diamond, of 337 karats. It sold in 1908 for \$10,000, and now is worth \$20,000.

ANIMATED SKELETON

Scientist Thus Shows Life Action of the Spinal Column.

The life action of the spinal column illustrated by a skeleton was the unusual demonstration presented before the members of the State Osteopathic association at Toledo, O., by Dr. H. Virgil Halladay of Kirksville, Mo.

By means of an embalming fluid, the process of which he discovered a year ago, Doctor Halladay claims to be able to retain the elasticity of the vertebrae as in life. The action of death and embalming fluids ordinarily brings rigidity to the human frame, so that this demonstration has heretofore been impossible.

Doctor Halladay's experiment was

one of the features of the recent national convention of osteopaths at Chicago.

STRIP MINE TO STOP FIRE

Gigantic Operation Will Be Attempted to Extinguish Blaze.

The fire which for more than 20 years has burned in the upper levels of the United Verde copper mine at Jerome, Ariz., is about to be eliminated by a drastic process of lowering the entire surface of the property to a 400-foot level. All attempts to extinguish it have failed.

The process of suppressing the fire involves the removal of 14,000,000 cubic yards of material. The area to be excavated is roughly estimated at 400 by 800 feet. Monster steam shovels are to be employed in the work.

It is expected that the task of removing the entire top of the mine, and to extinguish the fire, will occupy several years.

WOMAN HEADS BANDIT GANG

Stylishly-Gowned Female Directs Operations of Bold Murder Gang.

A murder ring ruled by a young, handsome and stylishly-gowned woman and having as members several other young women, as well as a number of men, is declared by the police to exist in New York city.

These sensational disclosures followed the murder at Passaic of Mrs. Morris Goldstein, wife of a merchant. While three men entered the store, bound and gagged Goldstein and then shot his wife dead, the woman leader of this gang waited outside in a big limousine.

Other similar crimes indicate a perfectly organized criminal band.

TOOK 1,725 BRITISH BRIDES

American Soldiers and Sailors Have Brought All but 17 to This Country.

Statistics obtained in London show that 1,725 British girls married American soldiers. Of these only 17 remain to be sent to join their husbands in the United States.

STOMACH TROUBLE
 Mr. Marion Holcomb, of Nancy, Ky., says: "For quite a long while I suffered with stomach trouble. I would have pains and a heavy feeling after my meals, a most disagreeable taste in my mouth. If I ate anything with butter, oil or grease, I would spit it up. I began to have regular sick headache. I had used pills and tablets, but after a course of these, I would be constipated. It just seemed to tear my stomach all up. I found they were no go at all for my trouble. I heard
THE DORF'S
BLACK-DRAUGHT
 recommended very highly, so began to use it. It cured me. I keep it in the house all the time. It is the best liver medicine made. I do not have sick headache or stomach trouble any more." Black-Draught acts on the jaded liver and helps it to do its important work of throwing out waste materials and poisons from the system. This medicine should be in every household for use in time of need. Get a package today. If you feel sluggish, take a dose tonight. You will feel fresh tomorrow. Price 25c a package. All druggists.
ONE CENT A DOSE (173)

The Powhatan, a transport leaving England, carried 33 wives of soldiers and three children and 17 wives of sailors.

These war brides are journeying in charge of the American Red Cross, which has advanced them the money.

Liquor Tax Last Year, \$483,050,854.47.

Fermented and distilled liquor taxes collected by the government in 1919 were \$483,050,854.47, according to a report by the internal revenue bureau. The total revenue collected was given as \$3,850,150,078.56, as compared with \$809,393,640.44 in 1917.

Mrs. Anna Martin returned home last week from Austin where she received her naturalization papers. Mrs. Martin has been a resident of Mason county for 61 years and is certain that her husband took out his naturalization papers many years before he died but, the court house of this place was destroyed by fire in the early days no records were saved, thus making it impossible for Mrs. Martin to prove her rights as a citizen. Mrs. Martin now has all the proof necessary and has secured a poll tax receipt and expects to have some say in the coming primary election.

A MISTAKE

You often hear the remark made that a nickle won't buy anything now days. The News' want ad rates are a nickle a line. Invest a few nickles in a want ad in the News and you will find out just how much a nickle will do.

The pasture of C. C. Cooper caught fire last Friday afternoon supposedly from a cigarette and before the flames were put out something like 50 acres of grass land burned.

Money to Lead—Range & Range

John Ruegner was here Saturday from near Katemey. He informed the News man that he recently bought 5 registered Delane Merino ewes and 1 buck from Ohio and is having them shipped to his farm. Mr. Ruegner says that these are mighty fine sheep and that the buck cost him \$160 and the ewes \$42 a piece. He already has a fine bunch of sheep and with these added to his flock he should have as fine a bunch as can be found around here.

How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

W. C. Keine was in Mason a short time Saturday enroute for Fredericksburg from Menard where he had been on a business and pleasure trip. He tells us that his wife is now in a sanitarium at El Paso recovering from a recent operation of a serious nature. Mr. Keine has recently been in the meat and restaurant business at Ranger, and he says that he made some big money. He says that he bought ½ interest in the shop 3 months ago for \$1200 and recently sold for \$1400 after making a lot out of his investment.

Mason people will recall that Mr. Keine was at one time in the meat market business here.

Mrs. Chas. Birschwale and Miss Curlee went to Austin last Friday for an absence of about a week. They were joined there by Miss Julia, who has been visiting in San Antonio and they all arrived home Tuesday.

GET MORE EGGS

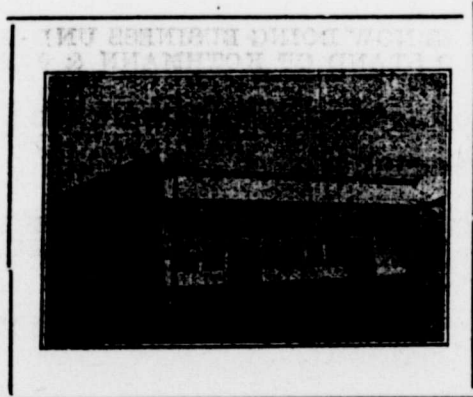
By Feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Double your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Martin's Roup Cure cures roup and all bowel complaints. Guaranteed by Mason Drug Co. 2-5

Miss Beulah Alexander is in a sanitarium at Brownwood recovering from an operation for appendicitis. Her mother Mrs. W. H. Alexander was called to her bedside last Wednesday.

Miss Mollie Birschwale was called home from Lockhart last week on account of her Mother's illness.

MASON'S LARGEST

BEST STORE



E. LEMBURG & BRO.

TURN TO WEST FOR TURPENTINE

Forests of South Becoming Rapidly Depleted.

FOREST SERVICE TAKES HOLD

Investigates Extent to Which Western Yellow Pine Can Be Used in Meeting Possible Future Needs—Tests Show These Trees Can Be Turpented Successfully and That Satisfactory Product Can Be Obtained.

The long-leaf pine forests of the South are becoming so rapidly depleted by heavy cuttings of timber and destructive methods of turpentine that many turpentine operators who have depended on this species for naval stores are now turning their attention to the West as a possible source of such stores when their present stands of timber are no longer productive. It is quite possible that a method of turpentine similar to that carried on in the Florida national forest, under the supervision of the forest service, can readily be used in the West. According to this practice the largest flow possible without injury to the trees is obtained by following a number of slashings with several seasons of rest. The cutting is done in such a way as not to impair the timber value of the trees.

Forest Service Investigates.
The promising results obtained by the forest service in applying these conservation methods to long-leaf pine in Florida led it, as early as 1911, to investigate the extent to which western yellow pine, so abundant in the United States, could be utilized in meeting possible future needs. Tests show that these trees can be turpented successfully and that a satisfactory product can be obtained. However, certain circumstances, such as the shortage of labor and remoteness of shipping facilities and markets, raise some question as to whether turpentine can be undertaken on a commercial basis. With a view to investigating the problem thoroughly,

district representatives of the forest service will be glad to co-operate with any private concerns desiring to investigate the problem thoroughly.

In the South much of the work of slashing the trees and gathering the resin is undertaken by negroes, especially adept at this sort of task. Slashing consists in making V-shaped cuts in the side of the trunk from which the gum flows into a cup hung beneath. The contents of the cups are gathered from time to time and distilled. To undertake turpentine in the West will involve the importation of a large number of skilled laborers, or the training of men living in the region.

An Important Question.
A question yet to be exactly determined is the extent that western yellow pine can be turpented without reducing the yield of timber. Since this is the first consideration of the forest service, any inquiry undertaken by the forest service representatives and private interests would give careful consideration to this point.

Whether or not western stands of timber, particularly in the high altitudes where the warm season is short and the flow of resin necessarily limited, will yield enough resin, without excessive slashing, to make turpentine worth while is yet to be determined. It is certain that the forest service will advise no practice approximating the extravagant tapping of the trees year after year that obtains on private land in the South. This method not only injures the trees for timber purposes, but causes their premature death.

GET MORE EGGS.
By feeding Martin's Egg Producer. Double your money back in eggs or your money back in cash. Guaranteed by Vedder Drug Co.

Don't forget the show at the Star Opera House each Saturday night. The show starts promptly at 7:30 o'clock.

Much U. S. Food Shipped to Poland.
More than 250,000 tons of foodstuffs and raw cotton have been shipped from the United States to Poland since last February. For a time these supplies were arriving in Poland at the rate of 5,000 tons daily.

The News \$1.50 per year, and is worth it.

LUCKY STRIKE CIGARETTE

GET a package today. Notice the flavor—the wholesome taste of Kentucky Burley tobacco.

Why do so many "regular men" buy Lucky Strike cigarettes? They buy them for the special flavor of the toasted Burley tobacco.

There's the big reason—it's toasted, and real Burley. Make Lucky Strike your cigarette.



Guaranteed by
The American Tobacco Co.

Born—To Mr. and Mrs. Rufe W. H. Neill has been in bed the past few days going through with a case of the flu. How about your subscription to the News, have you advanced it for another year?

C. Hartman

H. L. Schmidt

The Mason Grocery Company

"A Dollar's Worth for Every Dollar"
(Kothmann & Jordan Stand)

HAVING PURCHASED THE GROCERY AND SHELF-HARDWARE BUSINESS OF KOTHMANN & JORDAN WE TAKE PLEASURE IN MAKING THE FOLLOWING STATEMENTS TO THE PUBLIC—

WE HAVE TAKEN CHARGE AND ARE NOW DOING BUSINESS UNDER THE FIRM NAME OF THE MASON GROCERY CO. AT THE OLD STAND OF KOTHMANN & JORDAN.

WE EXPECT TO BUILD UP A GOOD TRADE; ONE THAT WE WILL BE PROUD OF AND TO BUILD UP THIS TRADE WE WILL MAKE HONESTY—QUALITY—SERVICE—FAIR AND SQUARE TREATMENT TO ALL OUR FOUNDATION STONES.

WE NOW HAVE A GOOD STOCK OF STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES; WE EXPECT TO ENLARGE OUR STOCK AS FAST AS POSSIBLE AND IN A SHORT TIME WE WILL HAVE AN AMPLE STOCK TO SUPPLY THE WANTS OF EVERYONE.

IF YOU WANT A CHEAPER BRAND OF GOODS WE WILL HAVE IT OR IF YOU WANT THE VERY BEST AND FINEST WE WILL HAVE IT.



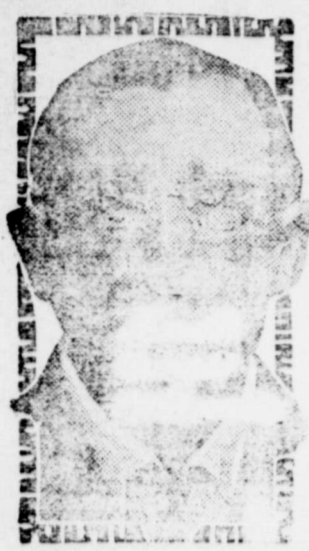
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Whether your trouble be a cough or a cold, or a more subtle catarrh of the throat, or of the stomach, bowels or other organs, give PE-RU-NA a trial...

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

No. 986 THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Mason County—Greeting: You are commanded to summon Augustina Gonzales, by making publication of this citation once each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof in some newspaper published in your County...

Suit for divorce, costs of court etc.; plaintiff for cause of action sets forth cruel treatment and mis-conduct on part of defendant toward plaintiff and refusal of defendant to longer live with plaintiff as his wife all being acts of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

No. 980 THE STATE OF TEXAS

To the Sheriff or any Constable of Mason County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon Michael Foley 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...

Suit for divorce, custody of minor child Eddie May Foley and costs of Court; plaintiff for cause of action sets forth cruel treatment and mis-conduct on part of defendant toward her of such a nature as to render their further living together as husband and wife insupportable.

return thereon showing how you have executed the same. Given under my hand and the Seal of said Court, at office in Mason, Texas this the 2nd day of February, A. D. 1920. (Seal) S. C. Brockman, Clerk Dist. Ct., Mason Co., Texas By J. H. King, Deputy.

A Joyous Helper

By GENEVIEVE ULMAR (Copyright, 1919, Western Newspaper Union) When Laurence Colby's spinster aunt announced to him that she had made up her mind to apportion to him the part of her estate she had intended to leave him by will, he whistled volubly in his natural impetuous style. "You have shown yourself to be a sincere and contented young man, and I shan't keep you waiting for dead man's shoes," she observed definitely.

"I am worried nearly to death about Dudley," he said, "he is so changed. Won't you relieve my mind and put me in the way of helping him?" "Dudley has been that way since he returned from a month's stay at Adrian," said Mrs. Alston. "I will tell you all I know. It doesn't come from him, but from an accidental discovery I made. Dudley seems to have fallen in love with a young lady during his vacation. I do not know her name, only that she lives at Adrian. In his waste basket a few days since I found a photograph torn in two. Here are the fragments."

A TEXAS WONDER

For kidney and bladder troubles, gravel, weak and lame backs, rheumatism and irregularities of the kidneys and bladder. If not sold by your druggist, by mail \$1.25. Small bottle often cures. Send for sworn testimonials. Dr. E. W. Hall, 2926 Olive Street, St. Louis, Mo.

Adrian seeking for a young lady whose name even he did not know. Her lovely face, however, was vividly impressed upon his mind. Fortune favored Laurence's plans. He was traversing a residence street of Adrian when he came upon a large wallet lying on the pavement. Laurence picked it up to find it filled with papers and money. Turning a corner he nearly collided with a hurrying figure, a flushed, excited girl.

"Is that it?" questioned Laurence, and Miss Analle Dutton took the wallet tendered with a joyous cry. The incident led to their becoming acquainted more fully, and within a week Laurence was an accepted visitor at the Dutton home. Through wary investigation he learned that Analle knew Dudley Vernon, but she did not seem to be intensely interested when he was mentioned. Persistently, however, Laurence brought up the name of his friend on every possible occasion, particularly before the parents of Analle. He lauded Dudley, he told of recent business troubles now all adjusted, and Dudley on the way to become a millionaire. Then one day there came a vast surprise when Analle propounded the query:

"Mr. Colby, why is it that you are always speaking of Mr. Vernon? I told my friend, Virginia Bland, about it, and she cannot understand your deep interest in her fiance." "In her what!" cried Laurence, amazement, hope, mystery, delight struggling for mastery in his heart. "Her fiance. They were to marry, but her parents have objected and Virginia is very unhappy."

"Oh, you dear, true fellow!" she cried. "To give up all your money for the sake of a friend!" "Oh! not all, Analle, dear," corrected Laurence. "There is still a liberal income from investments, and a beautiful home to be graced by the loveliest bride in Christendom." "At least the happiest!" declared the devoted Analle.

A friend was in the office the other day and remarked that the present day disregard of money had reached even the children. To illustrate his point he told of seeing two children looking for a piece of money which one of them had lost on the sidewalk. After looking about for a moment one of them said, Oh, let it go. It was only a dime and they went blithely on their way. Another instance was related to me recently of a little girl whose parents were very poor. However, whatever they did have they lavished upon the child and she being only in the primary room at school, had about all the earthly wants supplied. The day before Thanksgiving the teacher had special exercises and the little girl's fond mother came to view her proud offspring, as fond mothers so often do. In the course of the exercises the teacher had each child to stand up and tell one for which he or she was thankful. Much to the poor mother's embarrassment the little girl stood up and clearly piped, I am glad my papa is rich.

ITCH! Hunt's Salve, formerly called Hunt's Cure is especially compounded for the treatment of Itch, Eczema, Ring worm, and Tetter, and is sold by the druggist on the strict guarantee that the purchase price, 75c, will be promptly refunded to any dissatisfied customer. Try Hunt's Salve at our risk. For sale locally by VEDDER DRUG CO.

The Mason National Bank CAPITAL \$50,000.00 SURPLUS \$50,000.00 J. W. White, President; John Lomberg, Sr., Vice President; F. F. Lehberg, Cashier; E. A. Loeffler and E. F. Willmann, Assistant Cashiers.

Tan-No-More THE SKIN BEAUTIFIER Protects Cleanses Improves Beauty, even skin deep, should be protected and improved. Tan-No-More, the ideal face preparation, does both. It is a sure protection against the burning sun or blistering wind, and at the same time helps rebuild tissues.

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THE STATE OF TEXAS To the Sheriff or any Constable of Mason County—Greeting: You are hereby commanded to summon James Robert Clark 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 33rd Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said 33rd Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Mason County, to be held at the Court House thereof, in the town of Mason, on the 1st Monday after the 1st day of February, A. D. 1920.

POULTRY WANTED

We are always in the market for poultry and will pay you top prices for fryers, broilers, pullets, hens, roosters, ducks, geese and turkeys. Bring us anything you have in the line of poultry. Mayhew Produce Co.

E. L. Horton is local representative of the Stroud Motor Manufacturing Ass'n. Parties interested in buying stock in this Ass'n will find Mr. Horton willing at all times to explain and give full information.

NOTICE I will buy at lot your good cotton seed. Get my prices before selling elsewhere. J. J. Johnson. Wm. Hofmann and Mrs. Lula Loring left the first of the week for St. Louis at which place they will purchase spring and summer merchandise for their firm.

Lamar Thaxton ATTORNEY-AT-LAW Mason - - Texas

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TEXAS WOMAN SUFFERS FROM PAINS IN HEAD

Houston, Texas.—"A few months ago my health became very poor. I was run-down, weak and nervous and could not eat nor sleep. I suffered with pains in my head. I was very miserable when my husband got me a bottle of 'Favorite Prescription' but by the time I had taken this one bottle my health was completely restored. Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription is a fine medicine for women and I take pleasure in giving it a recommendation."—Mrs. N. J. Vess, 1520 Everett St.



San Antonio, Texas.—"For about three years I have been in a run-down condition. I would be so weak at times I could scarcely get around. I was extremely nervous, could not sleep and I was in a miserable state when just recently I was advised to try Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I have not taken all of one bottle but am feeling better than I have for a long time. I am going to continue to take it until I know it is helping me more than any other medicine I have taken."—Mrs. H. T. Knippa, 913 Burlington St.

If a woman is nervous or has dizzy spells, suffers from awful pains at regular or irregular intervals she should turn to a woman's tonic made up of herbs, and without alcohol, which makes weak women strong and sick women well. It is Dr. Pierce's Favorite Prescription. Druggists sell it in liquid or tablets. Send 10 cents to the Invalids' Hotel, Buffalo, N. Y., for trial package. Dr. Pierce's Anuric Tablets are intended for people who suffer from kidney disorders—whose backs ache, and whose systems are over-run with uric acid. Nearly everybody has too much uric acid. Anuric Tablets dissolve uric acid quickly, as they are made double strength.

OFFICERS CHECK BURIAL RECORDS

Few Yanks Will Lie Unidentified in France.

NEARLY 70,000 U. S. GRAVES

Every Grave Record Is Checked Against the Army's Casualty List—38 Cemeteries of 300 or More Graves Cared for by Discharged Soldiers—Officers Make Periodical Inspections of All Cemeteries.

American army officers believe very few unidentified bodies will be among America's soldier dead in France when the army graves registration service completes a thorough checking of records now in progress. Every grave record is being checked against the army's casualty list. Each little white cross—or six-pointed star over the Jews—is having an embossed aluminum strip placed on the back, duplicating the name, rank and organization already painted on the marker.

This is being done as a precaution against the possibility of winter weather wearing away the stenciled information.

Nearly 70,000 U. S. Graves.

Nearly 70,000 American boys are buried in the 11 districts of France, the Belgian battlefields and the Duchy of Luxembourg. There are 38 cemeteries of 300 or more graves, cared for by discharged soldiers. The largest of these is Romagne, north of Verdun, where lie 22,000 of our men. The next in size is that of Thiaucourt, with 4,500 graves. Many of those who fell in battle are sleeping in British and French military cemeteries. A few were left where first put in the ground, as in the Vosges mountains.

All graves are under the care of the commanding graves officers in the 11 districts and a caretaker watches over them. Officers make periodical inspection. Where practical, grass has been sown on the battle burying grounds, and in the spring this work, previously hampered by the task of grouping the bodies, will be carried on.

When the present grave service administration took over headquarters in Paris in August the records were found to contain a list of 12,000 names of men buried, but without giving the exact location of the grave. The present check includes the compilation of a complete directory of every American grave. In the first 18,000 graves recorded a fourth of these unlocated ones were found and properly marked.

Inspection Has Been Slow. Inspection of battle field burying grounds has been the slowest, but the American officers said they expected the work when finished would leave few of those tragic mounds wherein would lie an American soldier "name unknown."

Many of these are expected to be identified later when the description of the body, marks in the clothing, and sometimes a letter from home to "Dear Jim," sent back to the war department, are seen by those who have been grieving over their boy listed among the "missing."

None of the bodies may be returned to the families yet, but mothers and fathers have been journeying over to France to look at the graves of their boys. Welfare organizations have organized services to facilitate these visits, and at several of the American cemeteries the Young Men's Christian association has provided restrooms.

TO ADOPT PELICAN WALK

England's New Women to Drop War-like Stride.

"The walk of the pelican—miming but grateful, deliberate yet dainty, and always alluringly feminine."

That will be the new walk of England's new women, as decreed by the long and snug skirts which are now the fashion.

The words are those of a fashionable modiste, who knows.

The ex-government misses who have worn pants and the war economizers who have revealed in short skirts will find some initial difficulty in restricting their manlike war stride to the miming pace, but they'll have to do it. Fashionable modistes say so, and fashion itself so decrees.

THROUGH THE



WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE OR TRADE—A 1915 model Ford; motor in good mechanical condition. If interested see Carl Frenzel 15

FOR SALE—Our home in Mason. If interested apply to Otto Probst, Brady, Texas or Runge & Runge, Mason, Texas. 15

FOR SALE—The Wm. Ellebracht home in Mason. For particulars apply to Irvin Ellebracht or the News Office.

FOR SALE—Sudan grass seed. Will sell in lots of 100 pounds at 15 cents. In less amounts 17 1/2 cents per lb. See or phone me. Author Baxter Katemey Texas

MY FARM FOR SALE—270 acres; 170 in cultivation; 2 good sets of improvement; with 2 good wells and 1 windmill. Will sell as a whole or divide. Within one-half mile of town. Dr. C. L. McCollum.

LOST—Somewhere about town. A pair of spectacles in a heavy gold frame, \$2 reward to finder Mrs. Peter Jordan

FOR SALE—A cook range, in good condition. Apply to Max Martin.

PECAN BUDDING and GRAFTING All parties wanting pecan trees worked this year will please see me as soon as possible Frank Willmann

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

FOR SALE—165 ewes, all will bring lambs soon. Also 9 Duroc Jersey hogs and some brown Leghorn chickens. See Carl Runge.

FOR SALE—My farm located one and a half miles east of Mason. See A. C. Loeffler or Runge & Runge 116

SCHOLARSHIP—good in Draughon's Business College at San Antonio, for sale at News Office.

FOR SALE—My Kooekville property 5 1/2 acres land with good rock house on same. Louis Schmidt.

SECOND HAND CARS Ford THE UNIVERSAL CAR We have several used cars for sale now. L. F. Eckert.

BEARS HOLD UP SCHOOL

Johnsonburg Teacher Dashes Past Bruins to Obtain Help.

Marooned in a country schoolhouse at Bear Creek, Pa., by two huge black bears, a score of school children were rescued by hunters who had been summoned by the teacher, Miss Effie Schaffer of Hallton, who dashed out the door and past the watching animals. The children had been at recess when the bears came up. They dashed into the building, and Miss Schaffer closed the door and barricaded it. The bears fled upon the appearance of the hunters.

Million Asked to Fight Cattle Disease. Tuberculosis among cattle can be eradicated in many states within the next ten years through continued federal co-operation, John R. Mohler, chief of the bureau of animal industry, told the house agricultural committee. Owners of 300,000 cattle have asked the bureau to test their stock, but funds are lacking, he said. An appropriation of \$1,500,000 is asked.

Mr. and Mrs. H. Birschwale and Miss Mollie left last Sunday for Marlin, where Mrs. Birschwale goes in hopes of benefiting her health which has been very poor of late. Albert Birschwale took them to Llano in Mr. Chas. Birschwale's touring car.

Clint Breazeale was struck on the ankle by a top one day last week while at school. A blood vessel in the ankle was broken and has been causing Clint quite a bit of pain as well as inconveniencing him.

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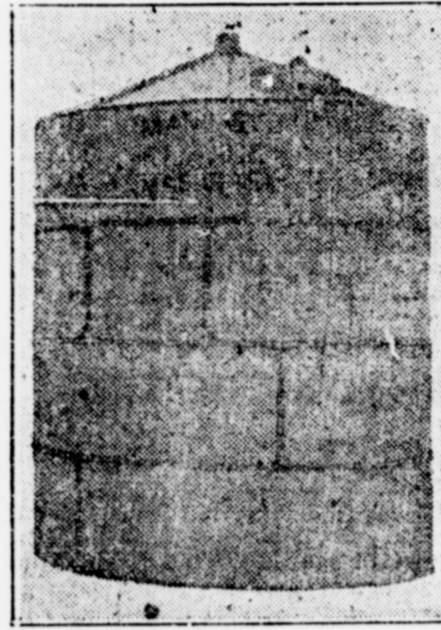
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CITY MARKET

Choicest and best meats possible to obtain. No delivery. Five light bread also for sale. Pay highest cash price for dry or green hides. W. A. Zappa, Prop.

PRESCRIPTIONS Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

John Martin was in town a few days since and ordered the News sent to his daughter, Miss. Eula, who is teaching school at Menard.

Miss. Ruby Bruce came up last week from Austin for a visit with relatives and friends she will return to Austin in the very near future to become the bride of Mr. Ridgeway. Mrs. Henry Schmidt will return with her to Austin to attend the wedding.

TAKE NOTICE—My pastures on and near the Pontotoc road are posted against hunting with dog or gun and trapping, or trespassing except on the road. I will keep poison out steady, so please stay out as I cannot afford to lose stock and have this present trouble and expense any further. Ernest F. Willmann.

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