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25 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Oct. 18, 1895—

Louis Schmidt and J. A. Hoerser have engaged in the hardware business together.

Misses Ida Bridges and Ruth Henry returned from a visit to Mill Creek ranch Monday.

Mrs. H. M. Holmes is preparing to move to Danvers, Mass., where her sister resides.

Last Sunday Chas Martin had a few friends with him to assist in celebrating his birthday.

Little Miss Carrie King celebrated with a birthday party Saturday afternoon.

Mrs. M. Moran and children left Tuesday for San Antonio to visit relatives. Miss Lizzie will enter the Catholic school there.

Francis Kettner celebrated his 69th birthday last Sunday.

R. L. Tanner of San Saba county, was killed Friday by unknown parties at his home on Hinton creek.

15 YEARS AGO

From Mason News, Oct. 13, 1905—

Dr. J. M. Thompson and Miss Eunice Banta went to Menard Friday and were accompanied home by Miss Clara Greer.

Miss Nellie Gamel was awarded first prize as the best lady driver at the Llano fair.

Mrs. A. W. Kooek recently found some valuable pearls in the Llano river.

Mrs. Nolie of New Orleans, is here visiting her sister, Mrs. H. F. Kothmann, Sr.

The 12-year old son of Geo. Watkins of Llano, was killed Saturday by a fall from a pecan tree.

The three-year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Kothmann died Wednesday morning of congestive chills.

Max Martin found a pearl in the Llano river last week valued at one hundred dollars.

The News is pleased to learn that Dee Green is getting along nicely after a siege of typhoid fever. Dr. Fowler of Llano, was here last week, called in consultation with Dr. McCollum in the case. Mr. Green is employed on Elgin Kothmann's ranch.

DELINQUENT SUBSCRIBERS ARE URGED TO SETTLE

We need all the money that is due us on subscription. Our new Linotype machine is now ready for shipment and we would like to have our readers and subscribers help us meet the payments on the machine by paying up their accounts. The first payment is a big one, so it would probably save us from having to borrow money if every subscriber would pay us the amount he owes. We are not asking for any more than is justly due us. And we are making the request because we must have the money and if our readers do not respond we will have to borrow. You would not have to borrow to pay us the small amount you owe us. It is a small item to you, but 50 or 60 or possibly 100 accounts the amount of yours, if paid in would make considerable difference in our pocket book. Is our request anything but right?

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BLEACHED FLOUR MUST BE PROPERLY LABELED

Department of Agriculture Issues Statement in Response to Number of Inquiries.

Bleached flour coming within the jurisdiction of the federal food and drugs act is adulterated if the bleaching has reduced the quality and strength of the flour or concealed damage or inferiority, according to a statement issued by the bureau of chemistry, United States department of agriculture, in answer to a number of inquiries regarding the attitude of the department on the bleaching of flour. Bleached flour may be shipped within the jurisdiction of the law only under the condition that bleaching has not concealed inferiority or impaired the quality or strength of the article, and then only on condition that it is brand-

HENRY LEIFESTE RUN DOWN BY CAR; INJURIES SLIGHT

Mr. Henry Leifeste was slightly injured last Saturday when a car driven by one of the Gleghorn girls ran against him and knocked him down. The accident occurred at the corner of the Mason Natl. Bank as Mr. Leifeste was crossing the street. He, not being able to see very well, was unable to get out of the road in time and the parties in the car were unable to stop instantly because of bad brakes, consequently the car knocked Mr. Leifeste down, but was stopped in time to prevent running over him. His most serious injury was a sprained wrist.

ed plainly to indicate that it has undergone a process of bleaching. Failure to label the containers to show that such flour has been bleached will subject it to a charge of misbranding. The United States Supreme court has ruled with reference to the section of the law relating to the addition of a poisonous or deleterious ingredient that to constitute an offense an article of food sold must, by the addition of an ingredient, be rendered injurious to health, and, furthermore, that all the circumstances must be examined to determine whether the article of food has been rendered injurious. No action will be taken at the present time on the ground that bleaching introduces into the flour a substance which may be injurious to health, say the officials, provided as a result of bleaching there is not introduced into the flour such a quantity of the bleaching agent as may render it injurious as indicated in the decision of the Supreme court.

"HUNCH" SAVES HER FROM DEATH BY BOLSHEVIKI



Miss Irma Abramowicz escaped probable death at the hands of the bolshevists by the premonition of her mother. Miss Abramowicz was engaged to marry Dr. Bernard Cantor of Flushing, L. I., whom she met while he was doing Jewish relief work abroad. On the morning of July 5, the doctor, in company with Prof. Israel Friedlander of New York, and chauffeur, went for an auto trip to do some work. Miss Abramowicz was to join the party, but at the last moment her mother begged her not to go, as she had a premonition of danger. Doctor Cantor, Professor Friedlander and chauffeur were killed by the bolsheviki and their bodies have not been recovered. The date set for the wedding was just one week after the doctor's death. Miss Abramowicz recently arrived in New York to continue the work started by her fiancé.

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.

GRAND JURY ADJOURNED FRIDAY; REPORTS

The State of Texas, County of Mason, In District Court of Mason County, Texas, October Term A. D. 1920 To the Hon. N. T. Souds, Judge of said Court:

We, the grand jurors for the October Term 1920 of the District Court, have concluded our investigations, and respectfully submit the following as our report:

We have returned several bills of indictment, involving offenses that are felonies. Burglary and theft are the common offenses. In this connection, we would urge the citizens of Mason County to promptly report cases of burglary and theft to the authorities in order that immediate investigations may be begun to the end that sufficient evidence may be secured to bring the offender to answer for his crime. In making such investigations we have experienced no little difficulty in securing evidence. Delay in reporting such occurrences to the authorities often enables the offender to evade the just consequences of his crime.

We have given very little time to the investigation of misdemeanors, assuming that the local authorities are serving the interests of the County in such matters.

Our attention has been called to the fact that road work has not been prosecuted in some sections of the County with that degree of attention that the law requires.

The authorities in charge of road work are familiar with the duties required of them by law, and we now direct their attention to this matter. Some of our roads are in very bad condition.

We paid strict attention to the instructive charge given us by your honor, and our investigations were made in the light of the suggestions embodied in same. In view of the fact that this is the first grand jury to convene in twelve months, the number of bills returned does not indicate that conditions are bad. On the other hand, conditions in the County generally are good. We attribute this to the fact that our local authorities have been on the alert to promptly enforce the law.

There are many cases of moral delinquencies called to the attention of grand juries generally that the law does not reach. We recommend in this connection that our statute defining rape be so amended as to preclude the offender from setting up as a defense the bad character of the injured party. One guilty of committing the offense of rape on a girl under eighteen years of age should not be permitted by law to escape the consequences of his conduct by showing that the character of his victim is bad. The object of the law should be to protect the virtue and chastity of our girls that the motherhood of this land shall be forever of unblemished character; that the children that are to be borne by them shall receive the heritage of that pure mother love that is their's as an inalienable right. Our deepest concern is the future citizenship of our country. The stability of our government depends upon them.

We would go further in an endeavor to improve moral conditions. We would place the burden on the father upon a proper showing made in court, of the providing for and maintaining his illegitimate offspring. The unfortunate woman, who must forever bow her head in shame, and live as an outcast because she is spurned by society should not have the entire burden of maintaining the offspring of illicit love, while the father maintains his standing in society as if the illicit act were a virtue instead of a sin. Common justice impels every fair minded person to conclude that the Legislature of this State should place on our statute books laws that will remedy this situation; laws that will place the burden of sin on the man as well as on the woman; laws that will protect the innocent offspring of illicit intercourse, and secure to such child or children the opportunity to live and thrive.

We recommend that the forego-

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NEXT SATURDAY TO BE A BIG DAY IN MASON

Rumors have gotten out that the Pig, Poultry and Agricultural Exhibit, which has been advertised for Mason next Saturday, has been postponed. This is not a fact. The affair will be held Saturday, October 16, as advertised, and arrangements have been made to make the day a big one.

Besides the prizes to be awarded on hogs, poultry and farm products, there will be other attractions here that day which will be very interesting. Mr. L. F. Eckert, with expert assistants from out-of-town, will demonstrate to the people of this county the various uses of the Fordson Tractor and different farming implements which can be successfully and economically handled with the Fordson. We believe this will be very instructive and interesting for everybody to see. This feature of the day will be had in the afternoon from 1 to 4 o'clock.

Another interesting feature of the day's program will be a goat roping contest, which will be held at four o'clock on the ball grounds just across Comanche creek.

Bring your hogs, poultry and farm products (and also your family) to Mason next Saturday. People from every part of the county will be here and have their products on exhibit and you'll be interested in what each and every individual is raising and how he is doing it.

And don't forget the Tractor demonstration and the goat roping contest, they'll be worth your time.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Finlay of McCulloch county, were here a few days the past week visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Doole.

Dave Doole, of Austin, was here this week visit his parents, Major and Mrs. D. Doole. Dave is now in the insurance business.

Holmes Doole and wife of Mertzson, have been here the past few days visiting his parents, Major and Mrs. Doole.

Henry Schuessler was here last Saturday from Kent county meeting and shaking hands with friends and acquaintances. His business here was to get cotton pickers to go home with him and help to gather his bumper crop. He says cotton is turning out fine in his section and that he and his boys will do well this year. Before returning home he went to Llano to visit his aged mother.

Buren Moran, who is employed as a government banker at Fort Sam Houston, arrived in Mason last week for a visit here with his sisters. He was accompanied by a young man named Toney Canolle, just out of service and who hopes to secure a job here on a ranch or farm. Canolle's home is Brooklyn, N. Y.

Mrs. Austin Leslie and little grand-daughter of Houston, are visiting relatives and friends here. This is Mrs. Leslie's first visit in Mason since the family moved away; 12 years ago.

Geo. Stengel and family and Miss Alice Lemburg were down from Menard to spend last Sunday with home folks and friends.

Louis Storch and wife of Fredericksburg, were here to spend Sunday with her parents, Mr and Mrs. F. Lange.

IMPORTANT NOTICE

All parties desiring to exhibit hogs in Mason next Saturday will please notify Dor W. Brown not later than Friday at noon so that arrangements for pens can be made. This is important.

Goodyear makes 20 percent off all tires. There is a reason. McCollum Auto Co.

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ing report be published in the newspaper of the County.

Respectfully submitted, W. H. Larimore, foreman, Reuben Kidd, R. N. Sanders, Jr., S. M. Allen, T. A. Baker, Geo. W. Moneyhon, Henry Epper, Alex. Durst, Frank Brandenberger, J. D. Hultbard, E. J. Skelton, H. C. Schmidt

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VOTE AND WORK FOR THE SCHOOL AMENDMENT ON NOVEMBER 2ND.

(By Annie Webb Blanton, State Superintendent of Public Instruction.)
NEED OF MANY WORKERS.

It is when we try to inform the people of Texas as to the merits of any measure that we realize that Texas is not really a state—it is an empire. Compare the Lone Star State, with its 252 counties, with its neighbor, Oklahoma, which has 77 counties, or with tiny Delaware, which has three. It soon becomes obvious that to give adequate publicity to even the most meritorious measure, an army of workers is needed.

When we remember, further, that the general attitude in Texas has been to vote against constitutional amendments, we realize that, the patriotic citizens of Texas must go out into the highways and byways to arouse the necessary enthusiasm for the educational amendment to make it the notable exception to the rule its friends all predict it will prove to be.

NATURE OF THE AMENDMENT.

Texas now has a district tax limit of fifty cents on the hundred dollars of property valuation. Only two states, Texas and Virginia, have so low a limit. Half of the states of the Union have no limit on the tax that districts may vote for school purposes. The unjust side of this tax limit is that while large cities are exempt from this provision, the village school and the country school are shackled by its terms. The proposed amendment to article 3 of section VII of the constitution will grant the same privilege to all schools—it will permit the country school district as well as the city to vote for its schools such support as it deems necessary.

THE AMENDMENT DOES NOT RAISE TAXES.

The proposed amendment does not raise taxes, nor does it permit any school board to increase taxes. It simply leaves each district free to continue its present support to its schools, or to increase this support, if it chooses. Before any tax can be increased, the rate must be decided by a vote of the taxpayers of the district. This amendment is, therefore, a measure of local self-government.

ATTITUDE OF THE POLITICAL PARTIES.

The state democratic convention of 1920, at its recent meeting in Fort Worth, endorsed the passage of this amendment as a part of the platform of the democratic party. The republican candidate for governor, in a recent address, stated that he would prefer that the people of Texas should fail to vote for him than to fail to vote for this amendment. At this writing, other parties have not expressed their attitude.

A MISTAKEN IMPRESSION.

A few persons have expressed the opinion that, since their districts receive from the state more than they pay to the state, it would be best to vote against the amendment, and let the state support their schools. The mistake in this is (1) that the state can not and will not continue to support those who do not help themselves and (2) that such an attitude is condemned by most of the right-minded patriotic citizens of the state. The four million dollar appropriation was made by the legislature to tide over the emergency until the amendment can pass. The legislature will have no convenient surplus next year, to appropriate; for the tax rate has been lowered. Moreover, many members of the legislature have declared that, if the people vote down this amendment in November, they will make no more appropriations to the schools from the general revenue. Some of them have asserted that they will even vote to discontinue the two-million-dollar appropriation for rural schools. If the amendment fails to pass, the schools will have no recourse. Two thousand of them closed their doors last year. Our teachers will flock to other states, where a living wage is offered. Many have already gone.

STATE SUPPORT THE SAME FOR CITY AND COUNTRY SCHOOLS.

The politician frequently harps on the difference in support of country and city schools. This difference lies in local support. The state gives the same per capita for the country and the city child. It favors the country child, in that it makes a special appropriation of two million dollars for rural schools. While Texas stands tenth in state support of schools, it ranks as forty-fourth in local support. Shall this continue?

OUR RANK IN EDUCATION.

The Russel Sage Foundation in its recent investigation of all the states of the Union ranks Texas as thirty-ninth in education. Shall a state that is first in size, first in agricultural products, third in production of oil, and seventh in wealth be satisfied to remain thirty-ninth in education?

DANGER TO DEMOCRACY.

Texas is about ten per cent illiterate. Twenty-five per cent of our children do not advance beyond the fourth grade. The average is the sixth grade. That means that, in future, we shall have a sixth-grade citizenship. The only safeguard of the democratic institutions founded by our forefathers, the best protection against bolshevism, the wisest economy for the state, is education. Give the country boy and girl a fair chance! Work and vote for the Better Schools Amendment on November 2nd.

Money like Fire makes a good Servant but a terrible Master. The Money in your Bank Account here is your Servant—the Money you owe is your Master.

THE COMMERCIAL BANK (Unincorporated)

Banks Reynolds was in Austin several days last week on business and pleasure. He also spent a couple days in San Antonio while away.

Miss Hanie Carter was a weekend visitor among friends in Austin last week.

Engraved Greeting Cards



Our samples are ready for inspection. Order early and avoid any uncertainty of not having your cards in plenty of time for the Holiday Season.

A phone call will bring our samples to you, if you live near town, or you will find them ready for inspection at our office from now until November 15. No orders accepted for engraved cards after that date.

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COTTON FARMERS, ATTENTION

In view of the fact that the price of cotton has fallen below the cost of production we have made arrangements and are prepared to loan to the farmers of Mason County who desire to hold their cotton \$50.00 per bale; classification bases, middling or better.

Come in and talk it over.

MASON NATIONAL BANK

MASON PUBLIC SCHOOL ATHLETICS

A move was started last week which we hope will enable us to put our Athletic department on sound financial basis. If we can do this we shall be able to care for our boys and girls in this important respect as practically every really first-class school in the State is already doing. Personally you may think that the modern trend toward athletics in the school is not best for the school. You may be correct, but if you are then 99 percent of the educational authorities in America are mistaken.

A petition has been started to circulate among the business men, and although not more than a third of them have had an opportunity to subscribe, we already have more than \$100.00. The willingness with which donations have been made have said more plainly than words that the leading men of Mason have a deep interest in our school. They have shown a spirit of co-operation and liberality that cannot be surpassed. With such men as these behind the school, the teachers feel renewed vigor and determination in their fight to give Mason a school of which her citizens can be justly proud. They feel that this response is another indication that the thinking men of this town have aroused, and that if a first-class school is brought into existence, it will not die from the want of a building.

The business houses that have already been requested to donate toward the support of athletics and the amount each gave is listed below. We hope to have every one in Mason appear on this list next week—not that you want your liberality paraded, but that we want to show the citizens of this town that we have the support of the most progressive and far-seeing men here.

Contributors to athletic fund:

Mason Drug Co.	\$20.00
First State Bank	20.00
Commercial Bank	20.00
Hofmann Dry Goods Co.	10.00
Eckert Garage	5.00
J. S. King	2.50

Two others who wish held their names and amounts.

MRS HARDIN DEAD

Mrs. Minerva Hardin died last Saturday, October 9th., at the advanced age of 81 years, 9 months and 1 day. She was a native of Tennessee. She had been supported by Mason County for several years. The body was interred at the Honey Creek cemetery Sunday afternoon.

Greeting Card samples at News Office.

The News is informed that Mrs. J. H. Bickenbach and daughter, Miss Mayme, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Bickenbach contemplate on moving to Fort Worth to reside. Their many friends will regret to learn of these intentions.

Order your Christmas Cards early from the News.

Why Not a Fighting Chance?

There is none of America's boasted "equality of opportunity" for the children of Texas today.

Two boys, let us say, are born into the world, equal mentally, physically, and morally.

One goes to school in a shanty, presided over by a poorly paid, poorly educated girl in her "teens" who has so many "grades" that real teaching is impossible. The boy is without the advantages of good books, manual training shops, experimental apparatus, physical examination, physical training, or the inspiration of a well balanced, cultured teacher of high ideals.

The other boy attends a well-supported two or three-room country school, presided over by professionally-trained, experienced teachers. Later he is sent to the consolidated rural high school made possible by the forethought and progressiveness of the community's patrons and trustees. This school is equipped with a good library, shops, gymnasium and a plot for experimental farming. There is a physical director and students are examined so that any incipient eye, nose, throat or other bodily trouble is arrested before becoming chronic.

The two boys, born "free and equal," in neighboring communities reach the age of 24. One, possessing the assurance that is the hand-maiden of wholesome knowledge, has developed into a vigorous, contented, progressive, dependable farmer; an honor to his community, his state, and his country.

The other is a shiftless, diseased, dissatisfied, shame-faced ne'er-do-well, a burden to his family and a menace to his community.

Whose is the blame?

Remember that the difference in support of schools rests with the local patrons, not with the state.

The state gives the same per capita to every child in Texas; but it favors the country child in that it makes a special appropriation of \$2,000,000 for rural schools.

"Why Can't We Have Good Schools in the Country?"

One of the school supervisors of the state department of education recently talked to a young girl on the train, who lives on a farm in the black land belt. She was a girl of about fourteen, whose square little body and straightforward sincerity of eye indicated unusual physical and mental strength. She said she loved her farm home although the work of cooking, canning, washing and ironing, sewing and sometimes working in the field was heavy. She did not mind the work, but she wanted more than anything to go to school in order that she might be a teacher.

The year before she had finished the sixth grade which was as high as the school in her district went.

The family of her best friend had moved to town in order that the children might have good schools, but her father wanted to stay in the country. Then with a catch in her voice she asked, "Why can't we have good schools in the country?"

This question the state superintendent passes to the voters. Those who believe that the country children ought to have as good schools as the city children will vote for the Better Schools Amendment which is a local option measure permitting each school district to make such provision as it chooses for the support of its schools. Most cities now enjoy this privilege under the terms of their charter. The constitution limits the power of country districts.

Let the voters give these districts the power to have good schools in the country.

For Your Earnest Consideration.

School reports show that twice as much money is being spent in the cities for the education of negro children as is being spent in the country districts for the education of white children. Cities are not limited by the constitutional restriction on local taxation. On November 2nd the country districts will be given the same local self government privileges if the Better Schools Amendment carries.

During the late war one of our boys, returning to camp from an afternoon off, was stopped by the sudden call of "Halt!" from a sentry. "Halt!" exclaimed the soldier, "Don't halt me, I'm a half hour late as it is." So when the mossbacks cry "Halt!" to the Educational Amendment, we reply, "Great Heavens, men, our state is half a century late with this thing now."

R. E. L. Sherrard of Dallas made arrangements last summer to take a company of Boy Scouts to the harvest fields. The boys were frequently called to get up at an early hour and help with the lighter duties about the farm. On the first Sunday in September Bobby Wilson, age 11, arrived at the farm. On Monday morning before daybreak he was awakened by one of the farm hands.

"What's the idea of getting up in the middle of the night?" said Bobby.

"Hurry up!" said the other. "I'll show you how to milk cows."

Bobby sat up with a puzzled expression on his face, gazed thoughtfully out into the darkness, then asked: "Do you have to sneak up on them?"

Adult illiteracy is proportionately three times higher among native born children of native born parents than among the native born children of foreign born parents. This indicated the low level of country schools.

Raise the level by voting for the Better Schools Amendment.

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MICKIE SAYS

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The News is informed that the trade between Mr. S. A. McCollum and the New York parties, in which the latter were to purchase the McCollum home place, has fallen through; Mr. McCollum receiving \$1,000 forfeit money.

We have just received a new lot Diamond casings. All sizes. Star Garage

Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Capps have just returned from a visit of several weeks with relatives and friends in Kent county. Mr. C says those people have lost much cotton in the past two weeks due to the boll worm.

Give me your next job of vulcanizing I guarantee my work. Otto Schmidt.

W. H. Larimore and John T. Banks left today for Dallas for a few days fair sight-seeing.

KILL the BLUE BUGS AND ALL BLOOD SUCKING INSECTS by feeding "Martin's Blue Bug Killer" to your chickens. Your money back if not absolutely satisfied. Guaranteed by Mason Drug Co. Both Stores. 28-12

The Mason High School football team went to Menard yesterday and played a game with the Menard High School team. We have not time for full details of how it was done but the Mason team is said to have lost 39 to 0.

Two Years for Hoarding Sugar.

A. Lessen, proprietor of a grocery store in New York city, has been sentenced to two years in prison for hoarding 200,000 pounds of sugar. Judge Howe, in imposing sentence, said he might have fined Lessen \$5,000, but he did not want to "put the dollar mark on this judgment."

MOLEV TO LEAD—Runge & Runge

DATES BACK TO 17TH CENTURY

Lloyd's is One of the Most Famous British Institutions.

U. S. CONSUL TELLS ABOUT IT

Actual Organization is Understood by Few People Outside Its Membership, Even in Britain—Simply an Association Which Governs the Affairs of Its Members—Lloyd's Coffee House, Where Captains Met, Gave It Birth.

Something of the origin and history of Lloyd's, one of the most famous British institutions, the actual organization of which is understood by few people outside its membership, even in Great Britain, is contained in a report by Leslie E. Reed, the American consul in London, England, the New York Times observes. Lloyd's is associated in the minds of most people with the insurance of ships and cargoes and with occasional freak policies which are in the form almost of bets or wagers. The institution comprises a comprehensive system of reporting the movements of vessels all over the world so that the position of any particular vessel at any time can be ascertained with comparative accuracy from Lloyd's.

It is at the present time a corporation in form, having been incorporated in 1871 by a special act of parliament. The corporation as such does not, however, resemble American insurance companies and it does not undertake insurance business. It is interested in the insurance business carried on under its auspices only to the same extent that a stock exchange is interested in the business carried on by its members—that is, the making of regulations to safeguard the interests of the members and of the public.

Birth of Lloyd's in 17th Century. Lloyd's came into being in the latter part of the seventeenth century. A small group of people in London interested in shipping were in the habit of meeting at the coffee house kept by Edward Lloyd, first in Tower street, after 1691, at the corner of Abchurch lane and Lombard street, London. Ship captains and all persons interested in shipping met in this coffee house and Lloyd, who appears to have been a man of enterprise, took advantage of the opportunity and in 1696 started a newspaper in which he gave a list of the vessels of whose arrivals and sailings he had heard. The newspaper was called Lloyd's List, and with the exception of one 30-year interval, Lloyd's List has appeared ever since and is still widely circulated in shipping circles.

In 1720 parliament allowed two marine insurance companies to be established in London. These were the Royal Exchange Assurance corporation and the London Assurance corporation, which are at the present time perhaps the two largest competitors of Lloyd's in marine insurance. In 1770 the frequenters of Lloyd's coffee house, whose particular business was marine insurance, formed themselves into a more definite alliance and moved to Pope's Head alley taking with them Lloyd's List. In 1714 they removed once more, to the building known as the Royal Exchange. This building was destroyed by fire in January, 1838, and many of the important records of Lloyd's were lost. The building was reconstructed and the present Royal Exchange was opened by Queen Victoria in 1844. Lloyd's has been there continuously since that time.

In 1880 parliament considered the question of marine insurance, which, until that time, had been entirely in the hands of Lloyd's and the two marine insurance companies mentioned above. A parliamentary committee recommended that the monopoly be abolished, but the house of commons decided that Lloyd's had rendered a great service to the country during the Napoleonic wars by supplying the government with information in regard to maritime matters and, with the two other companies, by insuring the arrival in that country of merchant ships and their valuable cargoes. The house of commons subsequently resolved that no alteration should be made in the situation, but in 1820 an act was passed permitting marine insurance to be effected by any one, under certain regulations. Since that time many other marine insurance companies have arisen.

Incorporated in 1871. Lloyd's was incorporated in 1871, having been since 1811 an association. In 1911 an act of parliament extended the scope of the corporation and defined its objects as follows:

"The carrying on by members of the society of the business of insurance of every description, including guaranty business.

"In addition to a member's own means and to the security which he has furnished, holders of Lloyd's poli-

cies are further protected by the fact that every member of Lloyd's must furnish annually to the committee a certificate by a public accountant approved by the committee (in a form approved by the board of trade) that his underwriting assets and security are sufficient to meet his liabilities, and that his premiums are placed in trust, in accordance with the provisions of a trust deed approved by the board of trade. Since 1910 these obligations have been imposed by the assurance companies act, 1909, upon all members who transact any fire or accident insurance business, but they were in force at Lloyd's before the passing of that act. The form of audit certificate is set out in the rules made by the board of trade under the assurance companies act, 1909.

"Until July 1, 1910, when the assurance companies act came into force, the legislature had imposed no statutory restrictions or conditions on the carrying on of fire or accident insurance business. Life insurance and employers' liability insurance business had been subject to such restrictions and conditions, the former since 1870 and the latter since 1907; the requirements being briefly the furnishing of security in the form of an invested deposit, the publications of accounts and the like.

What Assurance Companies Act Did. "The assurance companies act of 1909 repealed the previous acts and consolidated all the regulations in one act. It provided that underwriters engaged in fire, accident and other non-marine business should furnish the following securities in respect to each separate year's business:

"1. Unlimited personal liability of the underwriter.

"2. A sum of money secured by a trust deed and certified by independent auditors at the end of each year, sufficient, in the light of experience, to satisfy the liabilities undertaken by the underwriter in that year.

"3. A separate guaranty or cash deposit for an amount equal to the aggregate amount of the premiums received in that year on fire and other non-marine business to be available for the payment of claims thereon should the above trust funds and all other assets of the underwriters become exhausted. This guaranty is not a running guaranty for each year. The guarantors are Lloyd's underwriters, who are jointly and severally liable up to the full amount of their subscriptions, the amount of each guarantor's subscriptions being limited by regulations of the committee."

Leon F. Mayo

West Side Square.

AUTOMOBILE ACCESSORIES, OILS, GREASES AND GENUINE FORD PARTS.

REPAIRING AND OVERHAULING A SPECIALTY.

ALL WORK POSITIVELY GUARANTEED.

"The advancement and protection of the interests of members of the society in connection with the business carried on by them as members of the society and in respect of shipping and express and freight and other insurable property or insurable interests or otherwise.

"The collection, publication and diffusion of intelligence and information. "The doing of all things incidental and conducive to the fulfillment of the objects to the society."

The corporation itself does not issue any insurance policies or assume any liabilities under them. All the underwriting business at Lloyd's is transacted by the individual members of the

society, each of whom carries on his business for his own account and risk, either himself or through an authorized underwriting agent the general practice being for several members, in association but not in partnership, to carry on their business through a single agent, who underwrites and acts for the whole group.

Managed by Elected Committee.

The corporation affairs of the society, as distinguished from the individual underwriting businesses of the members, are managed by the committee of Lloyd's, which is elected from and by the general body of members. New members are chosen by the committee, which inquires into the status and financial responsibility of every person nominated as a candidate for election. Every member is legally liable to the full extent of his means—in other words, his liability is unlimited. The following statement describes the financial responsibility of members, as given out by one of the officials of Lloyd's:

"All candidates for admission to underwriting membership have to deposit with the committee such security for their underwriting liabilities as the committee, in its discretion, may think fit to require. The security, which is always in the custody of the committee, consists of approved first-class investments. These investments amount, at the present time, to upward of £4,000,000 (approximately \$20,000,000) and are supplemented by guaranties in accordance with the requirements of the (government) board of trade. The investments are held by trustees, of whom the society itself is one, and are subject to trust deeds which make them exclusively available for the discharge of underwriting liabilities contracted at Lloyd's.

"In addition to a member's own means and to the security which he has furnished, holders of Lloyd's poli-

The Mason Grocery Co.

Staple and Fancy Groceries

A Share of Your Business

Will Be Appreciated

Drink Limited coffee for reasons unlimited.

"A Dollar's Worth for Every Dollar"

Phone 143

There is a splendid sermon in the recent report of the grand jury, which is published in the News this week. Everyone should read and digest the article in full.

At a recent called session of the legislature, a law was passed giving men and women who desire to vote in the November election, the privilege to do so, provided that a poll tax be paid before Oct. 22. All parties desiring to vote in the general election on November 2, will be permitted to do so, provided they have paid their poll tax, or that you will pay same not later than October 21. In view of the fact that an amendment to the Constitution pertaining to the interest of our schools is to be voted on in the general election, people interested in such an amendment, are urged to pay their poll tax, that they may be in a position to cast their vote in favor of the amendment.

Returns on the straw vote being taken by the Rexall stores in the United States, are being received daily in bulletin form by the Mason Drug Co., the local Rexall Store. On Tuesday, bulletin number nine was received by the drug store and returns are as follows:

Popular Vote	
Harding	371,461
Cox	242,432
Total popular vote	613,893
The female vote cast for the nominees is:	
Harding	95,578
Cox	85,877

Electoral Vote	
Harding	353
Cox	178

266 electoral votes are required to elect. According to reports so far received, it seems to be certain that Harding is to be elected. The vote in Texas is by far in favor of Cox, the vote being for Harding 2,399; for Cox 6,050. The vote in Mason to date has been very light and there seems to be very little interest manifested. The vote cast at the local Rexall Store is 48 for Harding, and 43 for Cox. Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Bierschwale left this week for Dallas to enjoy the fair a few days. They will return by San Antonio to get their car, which is being repainted.

Use your phone and tell the News the news. Phone 87.

High Prices Are A Thing Of The Past

With the rapid decline in the last three weeks in cotton, cotton goods have also declined very rapidly in proportion, and, while we have a large stock of staple Dry Goods, bought at much higher prices, we will sell every yard on a basis of price named by the mills for next spring delivery. This will mean every yard will be sold for less than we paid for same.

Our entire stock of shoes was marked down a month ago to a price named by the factory for next spring delivery.

Our Silks were bought at the lowest point of the market, and we are selling them very cheap. Our entire stock of Dress Goods we are offering below cost. Every Ladies Hat at greatly reduced prices.

Below we give you an idea of reductions on cotton staple goods:

25c American Points at	15c	50c Outing Flannels, light and dark,	35c
50 and 60c Percales at	40c	50c Canton flannel at	35c
45c Granite Shirting at	35c	40c Mattress Tacking	30c
35c Brown Domestic at	25c	40c Amoskoeg staple Gingham	30c
28c Brown Domestic at	20c	40c Bleached Domestic	30c
10-4 Bleached Pepperel Sheeting \$1.20 at	95c	35c Bleached Domestic	25c
9-4 Bleached Pepperel Sheeting \$1.15 at	90c		

On October 16th, Pig, Poultry and Agricultural exhibit day in Mason, we offer every boy's two-piece suit in the house at 20 per cent discount. Fit the boy up for winter and save some money. **YOURS FOR BUSINESS**

HOFMANN DRY GOODS COMPANY.

FOR A ONE TIME, SURE SHOT SCREW WORM KILLER use MARTIN'S. It keeps off FLIES and HEALS the wound. Satisfaction Guaranteed by Mason Drug Co. 28-6t

VULCANIZING
I am prepared to do expert vulcanizing. Bring me your tubes and carriages. Otto Schmidt.
We are prepared to give you expert service on storage battery work of all kinds. Bring your battery troubles to us. Star Garage

PRESCRIPTIONS
Accurately compounded day and night at Mason Drug Co.

KODAKERS
BEAUTIFUL WAR PICTURES AND ENLARGEMENTS FREE

We want you to try us once with an order for Kodak Finishing and let us show you the best work you ever saw. Also tell you how you can get enlargements from your films free; also beautiful 16x20 "Honor Roll" Souvenir picture of the great World War. Has place for photo and complete record for service. Any boy who has seen service will want one; will frame it and keep it forever. We develop films for 10c a roll and make prints 1c and up. Just mail us a roll and ask for information.

THE MAYO STUDIOS
Kodak Dept. 108, West Broadway Brownwood, Texas.
Mention name of paper when answering this advertisement

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and for years it was supposed to be incurable. Doctors prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Catarrh is a local disease, greatly influenced by constitutional conditions and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine, manufactured by F. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is a constitutional remedy. It is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Surfaces of the System. One Hundred Dollars reward is offered for any case that Hall's Catarrh Medicine fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.
F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo Ohio.
Sole by Druggists.
Hall's Family Pills for Constipation

SHERIFF'S SALE

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LLANO.

Notice is Hereby Given, That by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Llano County, on the 22nd day of September, 1920, by J. T. Hallford, Clerk of said Court, for the sum of One Hundred and Fifty Thousand, Eight Hundred, Eleven and no/100 (\$150,811.00) Dollars, and costs of suit, under a Decree, in favor of J. C. Stribling in a certain cause in said Court, No. 2241, and styled J. C. Stribling vs. Martin Telephone Co., et al., placed in my hands for service, I, W. J. Everett as Sheriff of Llano County, Texas, did, on the 23rd day of September, 1920, levy on the property therein ordered to be sold, viz:

"The entire Telephone System of the Martin Telephone Company, consisting of the following real and personal property, to-wit: 821 miles pole line (Toll and Farm), 160 miles No. 10 Copper Toll Lines, 2042 miles No. 12 Iron Wire, Toll and farm lines, 365 miles No. 14 Iron Wire Toll and Farm lines, 170 miles No. 14 Iron Wire Exchange lines, Exchange poles and Fixtures, Cables and appurtenances, 1878 substations equipments, Central office equipments at Llano, Office Furniture and Fixtures.

"Also the following exchanges: Llano, San Saba, Marble Falls, Johnson City, Round Mountain, Willow City, Valley Springs, Kingsland, Loyal Valley, Brady, Castell, Fredericksburg, Cherokee, Mason, and 1942 stations; also in addition thereto, whether included herein or otherwise, all telephone lines, local and long distance telephones, exchanges, switch boards, posts, wires, brackets, insulators cables, appurtenances, equipments, tools, machinery, office, office fixtures and furniture, material and franchises and all other property of every character and description now owned of hereafter to be acquired by said Martin Telephone Company by way of improvements, betterments and additions used or to be used in connection with said telephone system and lines, situated in the Counties of Llano, Blanco, Burnet, Gillespie, Hayes, Mason, McCulloch, San Saba, Travis and Williamson, or in any other County or Counties, in the State of Texas."

levied upon as the property of Martin Telephone Company.

And that on the first Tuesday in November, 1920, the same being the second day of said month, at the Court House Door of Llano County, in the City of Llano, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described property at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Martin Telephone Company.

And in compliance with said decree, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for not less than four consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in "Mason County News", a newspaper published in Mason County, and a similar publication in each of the other nine counties mentioned.

Witness my hand this 23rd day of September, 1920.
W. J. Everett,
Sheriff, Llano County, Texas.

GOLD-STRIKE YARN BY "MAN NAMED DON"

Three Skeletons Lay on Vein of Schist Which Assayed \$1,000 to the Ton.

Guernsey, Wyo.—If the story told by a man named Don, who has been working three copper ore claims in the hills north of here, proves to have any foundation in fact, this section promises to be rocked with a gold excitement which will duplicate that of 50 years ago, when hundreds poured in from the outside, led by the tale of ancient Spanish diggings.

Don recently appeared in Guernsey with specimens of ore that was later found to run \$1,000 to the ton. His story was that while prospecting on one of his claims he ran across one of a number of holes left by unsuccessful prospectors of years ago. In the hope of finding a copper "stain" he proceeded to clear away the rubbish. He was surprised to find that he had uncovered a drift tunnel. Inside he found the bones of three men and a vein of schist 18 inches in thickness, in which, he says, he secured his samples of gold. His story is being investigated.
Copper and iron ores were found in

plenty by the miners of early days, but the field was abandoned because too far from a railroad. Later the Rockefeller interests opened up in that section the Sunrise, one of the greatest iron mines in the world.

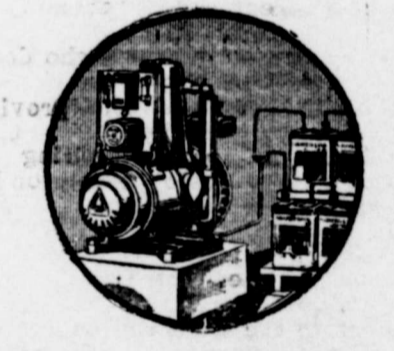
IS NAMED ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL



Mrs. Anetta A. Adams of California, newly appointed assistant attorney general who arrived in Washington, D. C., to assume her duties. She was a federal district attorney of California and is a life-long Democrat. She is the first woman ever appointed to this position. She is shown at her desk in the department of justice, Washington, D. C.

If interested in good cattle buy your next registered Hereford bull from E. W. Kothmann. He has the best for the money. Mason, Texas. 30tf

DELCO-LIGHT "Electricity for every farm"



BETTERS LIVING CONDITIONS

Delco-Light helps keep children on the farm. It makes the home bright and attractive and offsets city attractions. Delco-Light proves a great benefit in many other ways,—by furnishing bright electric light and dependable electric power.

Write for Catalog
F. R. WULFF
BRADY, TEXAS

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

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

W. A. Zesch and Allen Murray shipped a couple cars of hogs to Fort Worth this week.

Sammie Willmann is here from Eastland for a visit with relatives and friends

NOTICE
I have on hand a few Bermuda Onion Sets. Better get them while they last. J. J. Johnson.

BULLS FOR SALE



A few young thoroughbred Hereford Bulls; also a few high-grades.

If interested see, write or phone me. 31-4tp

AUGUST LANGE, KATEMICY, TEXAS.

FARM FOR SNAKES

Raised for Sale, But Those Kept Over Are Set Free.

In a rural part of Perry county, in the vicinity of Landsburg, Pa., lives A. S. George, who is devoting his time and his farm to raising snakes of various kinds for sale to zoological gardens, circuses, fairs, etc.

Just now he has 20 large black snakes, a mammoth rattler and snakes of several other varieties. The reptiles range from three to seven feet in length and from two to eight inches in thickness.

While the men of the community assist him to a certain extent in stocking his farm, George is dependent almost entirely on his own efforts. Whenever a snake is caught which makes trouble among the others, it is placed in a cage with a large raccoon, which kills it by biting the reptile back of the head. Each fall George frees all snakes that have not been sold.

CHRISTENED HIGH IN AIR

Babe Held In Arms of Father on Girder 14 Stories Above Street.

Fourteen stories above the street, on a steel girder, Ole Peterson, a structural iron worker of New Orleans, La., held his five-months-old son while Rev. William Beese performed the christening ceremony. Fifty members of Ironworkers' union, No. 58, occupying positions on nearby girders, were named godfathers.

Below the christening party there were no floors, and through the network of steel could be glimpsed the concrete basement.

REUNITED AFTER YEARS

Nine Children Gather at Home of an Aged Justice.

A family reunion of unusual interest occurred on the farm of Justice of the Peace H. E. E. Roeder, near Hosensack, Pa., when his nine children, together with all the grandchildren and great-grandchildren, gathered on the farm that has been in the family since 1787 and on which Justice Roeder was born and where he has lived for seventy-eight years.

This was the first time in 18 years that all members of the family were together.

Nevin H. Roeder of Polo, Ill., who has not been East since his mother's death, 18 years ago, is spending several weeks at Professor Roeder's and his presence made possible the complete family reunion.

Roscoe Runge Carl Runge
RUNGE & RUNGE
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MASON - - TEXAS

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I am now offering for sale a limited number of high quality registered Herefords of both sexes. If interested phone or write me at Mason, Texas. 30tf
E. W. Kothmann.

Fine Bond Papers—News Office.



Doctor Cupid

That love sometimes cures disease is a fact that has been called to the attention of the public by a prominent physician. Love is not, however, the cure for all women. Many a woman is nervous and irritable, feels dragged down and worn out for no reason that she can think of.

Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription gives new life and new strength to weak, worn-out, run-down women. "Favorite Prescription" makes weak women strong and sick women well. It is now sold by all druggists in the United States in tablets as well as liquid form.

EVANT, TEXAS.—"I have used Doctor Pierce's Favorite Prescription. I was run-down and suffered from functional disturbances but 'Favorite Prescription' regulated me. I was so nervous I was miserable and could not sleep at night when I began to use the 'Prescription.' I had not taken a whole bottle until I could sleep well and got as stout as I ever was. I keep a bottle of 'Prescription' on hand and when I work and get tired I take a dose and it strengthens my nerves."—MRS. GEORGINA DEMERIS BERRY

DEMOCRATIC NOMINEES

For Representative 115th Legislative District—

B. J. STEWART
For District Judge 33rd. Judicial District—

J. H. MCLEAN
For District Attorney 33rd Judicial District—

GEORGE E. CHRISTIAN
For District and County Clerk—

ROBT. E. LEE
For County Treasurer—

TOM STRONG
For Sheriff & Tax Collector—

CHAS. LESLIE
For Tax Assessor—

WILLIE O. BODE
For County Judge—

JOHN T. BANKS
For Commissioner Precinct No. 1—

HENRY DOELL
For Commissioner Precinct No. 2—

W. J. GRIFFITH
For Commissioner Precinct No. 3—

G. W. HERRING
For Commissioner Precinct No. 4—

HENRY HOERSTER

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget it starts at 7:30 o'clock.

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 have on hand a few Bermuda Onion Sets. Better get them while they last. J. J. Johnson.

CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank everyone who helped with the dinner we gave last Saturday and also wish to express our appreciation to the public for their patronage. Especially do we thank Mr. J. W. White for the use of his building. Woman's Missionary Society

Mrs. W. M. Martin spent last Thursday in Brady having dental work done.

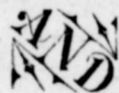
NOTICE
All parties who have left papers in my office upon which the recording fees have not been paid, are hereby notified to call, write or send for same and pay up the fees due. I request that this be attended to before December 1, 1920.

S. C. Brockman,
District and County Clk.,
Mason County, Texas.

Full the News the news.
We strive to give better service at the same price or the same service at a lower price.
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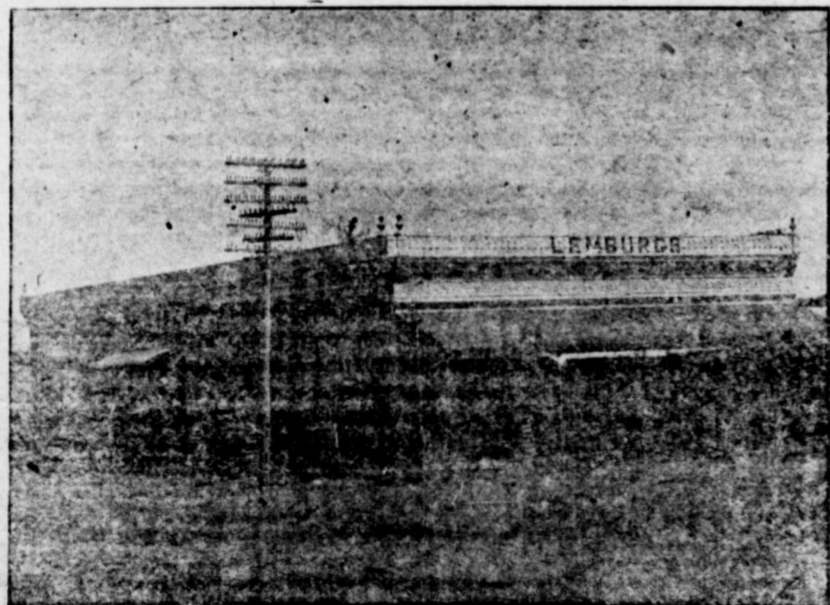
Kill That Cold With
HILL'S
CASCARA QUININE
FOR Colds, Coughs AND La Grippe
Neglected Colds are Dangerous
Take no chances. Keep this standard remedy handy for the first sneeze.
Breaks up a cold in 24 hours—Relieves Grippe in 3 days—Excellent for Headache
Quinine in this form does not affect the head—Cascara is best Tonic Laxative—No Opium in Hill's.
ALL DRUGGISTS SELL IT

MASON'S LARGEST



BEST STORE

DRY GOODS OF MERIT



FRESHEST GROCERIES

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Colds & Headache

"For years we have used Black-Draught in our family, and I have never found any medicine that could take its place," writes Mr. H. A. Stacy, of Bradyville, Tenn. Mr. Stacy, who is a Rutherford County farmer, recommends Black-Draught as a medicine that should be kept in every household for use in the prompt treatment of many little ills to prevent them from developing into serious troubles.

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

"It touches the liver and does the work," Mr. Stacy declared. "It is one of the best medicines I ever saw for a cold and headache. I don't know what we would do in our family if it wasn't for Black-Draught. It has saved us many dollars . . . I don't see how any family can hardly go without it. I know it is a reliable and splendid medicine to keep in the house. I recommend Black-Draught highly and am never without it."
At all druggists.

Accept No Imitations

THROUGH THE WANT ADS

WANT COLUMNS

FOR SALE—A few thoroughbred White Leghorn cockerels at \$2.50 each. Mrs. Dor W. Brown 30

Bred Sows, Shoats, Stock Hogs for sale; see J. E. Green, Katern-cy, Texas. 30-3t

FOR SALE—My home in Post Hill Addition. Bargain if sold at once. C. C. King. 30-tf

FOR SALE—Extra good span of four-year old mules, about 16 hands high. Apply J. E. Barber, Long Mountain 30tf

FOR SALE—Second hand piano in good condition, at a bargain. See or phone Mrs. E. H. Manning. 30tf

FOR SALE—A Big Bone Poland China Sow, registered. For further particulars, apply to Leonard Wood, Mason, Texas. 30-4t

FOR SALE—Best little ranch and stock farm in Mason County; 324 acres, 70 in cultivation and 150 tillable. Good valley land. Located 14 miles west of Mason in Long Mountain District. J. E. Barber, owner, Streeter, Tx. 30tf

FOR SALE—Two high graded Hereford bulls. If interested see or phone H. R. Zesch. 30-2tp

FOR SALE NOTICE
Our residence in Mason, consisting of 18 acres of land, good dwelling house, 6 rooms and bath, well screened; good well of water, windmill, tank and water works; also large cistern, barn garage and other out houses. On account of leaving Mason will make special price on above mentioned property for thirty days.
(If interested, call on phone or write R. E. L. Clark, Mason, Texas. 29tf

LOST or STRAYED—Poland China boar about 2 years old; marked underslope both ears. Any one knowing his whereabouts will please notify me at once. 29-4tp Willie Gross.

COMING—"Every Woman" at the Star Opera House. October 29.

HENS AND FRYERS—18 cents per pound. 28tf Mayhew Produce Co.

1915 Model Buick four—for sale; or will trade for stock. See 27tf Kurt Martin.

FOR SALE—My home in Good addition, known as the old Bowser place. If interested see me. 20 Email Wartenbach.

Am equipped to do your repairing and overhauling. Genuine Ford Parts used. All work positively guaranteed. Call in and see us. West of square. Resp't., Leon F. Mayo. 12

LOST—Saturday night, October 5th, on Menard road about six miles from Mason, a .45 automatic pistol; U. S. Army gun. Finder will please notify me or leave it with Sheriff Willis and receive \$5.00 reward. 31-2tc Henry Cavaness.

BALED JOHNSON GRASS—About 450 bales for sale. Apply to Frank Buckenbach. 31-2tp

WANTED—200 or 250 bushels of corn. Apply to J. W. White. 31tf

LOST—Side curtains for Maxwell car, on Pontotoc or Fredonia road. Return to Louis Brockman for reward. 31-2tp

FOUND—A pair of spectacles; owner may have same by describing them and paying for this ad. 31 J. S. King.

BROWN LEGHORN COCKERELS for sale. Can be seen in Mason next Saturday. Apply to Frank Willmann. 1tp

LOST—A Delco-Light price book with rubber band around it. Lost Tuesday night on Fredericksburg road. Finder please return to this office. 1tp

SPECIAL TO LAND OWNERS
We are in the market for a good ranch and total equipments at fair prices and terms. Write in full detail what you have to offer. We may bring several industrial farmers to help improve your county, if prices, terms and conditions are fair. Write P. O. Box 418, Norman, Okla. 31-3tp



185 times - no difference !

Miss Betsy Lane Shepherd, famous concert soprano, has made this test 185 times. 185 public audiences, in 185 cities, have heard her compare her voice with its RE-CREATION by the New Edison. No one, out of a total of more than 100,000 listeners, has been able to tell when Miss Shepherd was singing, and when the New

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4,000 similar tests of direct comparison, made by over fifty other celebrated vocalists and instrumentalists, have given this same result.

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What kind of music "gets" you ?

Tell us—and we'll show you how all its emotional power is RE-CREATED by the New Edison

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Let us play your favorite voice or instrument in a new kind of Realism Test. See whether you are touched by the RE-

CREATED music in the same way that you are touched by the living music.

We want to show you that the New Edison RE-CREATES all the vital power in all music.

Remember what to ask for—"personal favorites" Realism Test!

The NEW EDISON

"The Phonograph with a Soul"

Perfect realism is your one vehicle to the inner joys of music which you crave.

Mr. Edison spent three million dollars in the research work which gave the New Edison perfect realism. He did this in order that the phonograph might transcend its former limitations and (here we quote Mr. Edison's own words), "bring into every American home, music so realistic and so perfect in its rendition as to be an unending source of benefit and pleasure."

The instruments which proved this perfect realism

in Miss Shepherd's 185 tests were all exact duplicates of the original Official Laboratory Model on which Mr. Edison spent his three million dollars. You can also have an exact duplicate of this three million dollar original. We have it in our store, and guarantee it to be capable of sustaining the same test of direct comparison.

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Our Budget Plan brings your New Edison for immediate enjoyment, without asking for immediate payment. Ask about it when you come in to hear the "Personal Favorites" Realism Test.

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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.

- W. C. Doyal 1.50
- Miss Anna Loeffler 1.70
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- Miss Lucille Leslie 1.50
- Leonard Plueneke 1.50
- John Martin 1.50

- Henry Schweers 1.50
- Beck Gipson 1.50
- R. N. Sanders, Jr. 3.00
- A. T. Gray 1.50
- C. A. Martin 1.50
- August Heinrich 3.00
- Mrs. W. S. Bell 1.00
- Mrs. F. R. Lindsay 1.50
- J. S. Capps 1.50
- Banis Sorrel 1.00

We thank you Who's next?
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Take in the picture show at the Star Opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Shows start at 8:15 sharp.

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BIRTHS

Since our last report the following births have been recorded by County Clerk, S. C. Brockman: Mr. and Mrs. Will Worlie, a girl, October 5; Mr. and Mrs. Robert Smart, a girl, October 1.

For fresh paints and varnishes, see R. Grosse. 30tf

Will you remember your friends at Christmas time? What would be more appreciative than an engraved greeting card? Call for our samples at News Office.

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Fordson Tractor DEMONSTRATION

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 16, 1920, AT MASON

We will demonstrate on the above date, the various uses of a Fordson Tractor and different farm implements, to the farmers of Mason County, and invite every farmer to come and see the different ways that a FORDSON can be used on the farm and ranch.

This demonstration will be conducted by several competent representatives of the Ford Motor Company. We also expect a farm demonstrator to be on the grounds to lecture on how to prepare farm soil and terracing farms that are in need of same. These demonstrations and lectures will be a benefit to every farmer whether you are interested in a farm tractor or not, we invite you to come.

The Club Boys will have their big hogs on exhibition; the farmers will exhibit their fine corn and poultry, and we will show you how to save money by using a tractor. If high priced labor and low priced cotton is a slow go, try a tractor; do your own work, raise peas, peanuts and hogs, and let the hogs gather the crop.

Remember the date, October 16, 1 p. m. to 4 p. m.

Free car transportation to grounds and back from our garage.

L. F. Eckert
Ford and Fordson Dealer

LOCAL SCHOOL'S FINANCIAL CONITION

Partial financial statement for the Mason Independent School District for Sept. 1, 1920 and for Oct. 1, 1920.

Current Resources	
Bal. in Local Main Fund	\$1,324.46
Bal. in St. and Co. Fund	663.37
Tot'l. Cur. Resources	1,987.83
Liabilities	
Bills payable from year ending Aug. 31, 1920	\$291.81
Amount available for the operation of schools	\$1,696.02
Expenditures for Sept.	
Building	\$ 700.00
Repairs	188.07
Supplies	20.75
Printing	126.40
Freight and drayage	18.95
Labor on grnds. and bldg.	55.00
Furniture	75.00
Telephone	4.75
Agricultural Apparatus	60.26
Teacher's salaries	1,213.53
Janitor (three weeks)	30.00
Total	2,493.11
Cur. Resources Oct. 1, 1920.	
Bal. in Local Main Fund	\$122.05
Bal. St. and Co. Fund	663.37
Cash from Tuition collected for September	35.00
Total Cur. Resources	820.42
Liabilities	
Teach. Sal. for Sept.	\$1,213.53
Janitor's sal. (3 weeks)	30.00
Other bills payable	338.58
Total Liabilities	1,582.11
Deficit Shown	\$762.09

PARENT-TEACHERS CLUB ORGANIZED TUESDAY

At a meeting of the teachers of the Mason High Schools and the parents in Mason, a Parent-Teachers Club was organized Tuesday afternoon. Officers were elected and by-laws passed. Much enthusiasm was exercised, and it is hoped that the organization will be permanent. Regular meetings are to be held each week. The next meeting will be held at the school building Monday afternoon, October 18, at four o'clock. Officers elected at the meeting Tuesday were as follows: Mrs. R. H. Kidd, chairman; Mrs. D. E. Beach, secretary-treasurer. Everyone interested, is invited to attend and urged to become members.

See Mason Drug Co., for your Charbon vaccine (before buying elsewhere). 27tf

L. F. Eckert received a shipment of new Fords this week.

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Mason Ice & Power Co.

Christmas Greeting Cards are economical and sensible expressions of appreciation for your friends. We have a nice assortment of samples at the News Office. Place your order early and avoid delay.

Seth Baze, Pete Jordan and Sterling Schmidt were in San Antonio Sunday and Monday, going there by auto Saturday night.

Money to Lend—Runge & Runge

Mrs. M. F. Carter left Thursday for Port Arthur, where she will spend several weeks visiting with friends.

Fine Bond Papers—News Office.

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

Mrs. N. E. Berry recently sold her place to Louis Kothmann and Chas. Leifeste and is preparing to move to Brady to reside.

TRAP PIRATES BY CHEMISTRY

How Science Was Used to Run Platinum Thieves to Earth.

SHATTER STORY OF SUSPECT

Bureau of Chemistry, Industrial Plants and Universities Hampered by Stealing of Their Platinum, Intrinsically Worth Four Times Its Weight in Gold—Metal Stolen and Mercury Substituted by Chemist.

How chemical analysis aided officials in the pursuit of platinum pirates has just become known here. The links of evidence were skilfully wrought by the United States bureau of standards, as revealed in a report furnished by the bureau to the Journal of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry of the American Chemical society.

The bureau, as well as industrial plants and universities, had been much hampered by the stealing of its platinum, worth intrinsically four times its weight in gold, to say nothing of its importance in scientific work. Two men, giving their names as Robert E. Carter and Joseph Fredericks, were arrested last April while attempting to dispose of 280 troy ounces of platinum "sponge," the porous state of the metal. They had left small lots with two different firms who, having circulars concerning various thefts, notified the authorities. The remainder

of the sponge was found in two rubber hot-water bottles, which the men had been carrying in satchels.

Immediately on learning of the arrests, the bureau assigned Dr. E. Wichers of its staff to assist the United States attorney general and the department of justice. Doctor Wichers concluded that there must have been still larger losses than had been reported, judging by the amount of the element in the possession of the prisoners. The bureau itself last March had lost 73 ounces in the form of laboratory ware and valued at nearly \$11,000, while in December, 1919, the Roessler & Hasslacher company of Perth Amboy had missed \$5,000 worth of the metal in the form of sponge. The Universities of Missouri and of Louisiana had complained of platinum thefts also. But the grand total was less than the amount found in the luggage of the suspected men.

A general round-up was therefore ordered and inventories of all government platinum used in the several bureaus and in munitions manufacture were made.

Traced by Chemistry.

The exact composition of definite consignments of platinum is fairly well known to chemists. The slight variations are due to traces of other substances, such as Iridium.

Chemical analysis indicated that the seized supply had come neither from the New Jersey plant nor from the laboratory of the bureau of standards. The government agents did not believe the story of Carter, that he and another man named "Brooks" had obtained the metal by placer mining about 100 miles north of Parry Sound, Ontario, because there had never been any of it found there.

In its quality, the captured consignment closely resembled the stocks at

the war department at Nitro, West Virginia, where the inventory showed there should be 5,800 ounces of sponge, and also the stock of 13,800 ounces at a government military plant at Jacksonville, Tenn. As some of the platinum at Nitro was known to contain a large percentage of palladium, that in the satchel seemed to come from Jacksonville.

Carter, although he said that he was a Canadian, spoke with a marked Southern drawl, which suggested that he had been born not far from the Blue Ridge. Through a letter from a prisoner in the Tombs prison in New York, the government authorities learned that Carter had worked in the Old Hickory powder plant at Jacksonville as a salvage foreman. The accused man disappeared from there on March 27 last without leave, and in April was discharged because of his unexplained absence. Then followed the arrest of H. E. Crone, a chemist at the Old Hickory plant, because, it is asserted in the bureau of standards' report, Carter confessed that the platinum in his possession was obtained from Crone, who he declared had stolen it from the reserve stock of platinum at the plant.

Mercury Substituted.

The metal which Carter had proved, like that at the Old Hickory plant, to be of exceptional purity, as it contained 99.58 per cent of platinum, with slight traces of Iridium, rhodium and iron. Its texture was uniform except that here and there were lumps of a yellowish brown substance, which on ignition yielded platinum sponge, and gave off fumes of chlorine. It was learned that an order had been given to Crone at the Old Hickory plant to turn back large quantities of platinum chloride into sponge. This came a thorough search. In 86 cans in the safe at Old Hickory was found a substance supposed to be platinum, which on examination proved to be a mixture of mercury with ordinary moist dirt.

Experts say that the elaborate investigation of the theft at the plant at Jacksonville will do much to check platinum piracy throughout the United States.

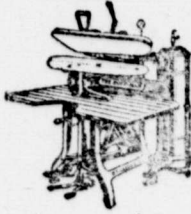
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**PIG, AGRICULTURE AND
POULTRY EXHIBIT OCT 16**

Below we publish the premiums offered by the Mason Commercial Club for the best exhibits of Hogs, agricultural products and poultry to be exhibited in Mason on Saturday, October 16, at the Mason County Pig, Poultry and Agricultural Show. Read the list over carefully.

- Big Boned Poland China Hogs—
Male, 6 mo. old, 1st prize \$5.00; second prize \$2.50.
Male, 12 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Male, 18 mo. old, 1st prize \$5.00 second prize \$2.50
Male, 18 mo and over 1st prize \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Gilt, 6 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Gilt, 12 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Sow, 18 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Sow, 18 mo. and over, 1st prize \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Best Sow and pigs, 1st prize \$5.00
Duroc Jersey Hogs—
Male, 6 mo. old, 1st prize \$5.00; second prize \$2.50.
Male, 12 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Male, 18 mo. old, 1st prize \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Male, 18 mo and over 1st prize \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Gilt, 6 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Gilt, 12 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Sow, 18 mo. old, 1st prize, \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Sow, 18 mo. and over, 1st prize \$5.00 second prize \$2.50.
Best Sow and pigs, 1st prize \$5.00
Agricultural Exhibits—
Best five ears White corn \$2.50
Best single ear White corn 1.00
Best five ears Yellow corn 2.50
Best single ear Yellow corn 1.00
Best five ears Strawberry corn 2.50
Best single ear Strawberry corn 1.00
Best ten heads of Maize 2.00
Best ten heads of Fo Pterita 2.00
Best bunch of Peanuts 1.00
Best stalk of cotton 1.00
Best Pumpkin 1.00
Best peck Sweet Potatoes 1.00
Best Community Exhibit 5.00
Best dozen Peas 1.00
Poultry Exhibits—
Best pen of Barred P. Rocks \$2.50
Second prize \$1.50.
Best pen of White Leghorns \$2.50
Second prize \$1.50.
Best pen of Brown Leghorns \$2.50
Second prize \$1.50.
Best pen of Black Minorcas \$2.50
Second prize \$1.50.
Best pen of R. Island Reds \$2.50
Second prize \$1.50
Same premiums apply to best pens of other strains.
Heaviest Turkey Gobbler \$4.00
Heaviest Turkey Hen \$2.50
Above prizes on hogs means up to 6 months old, from 6 to 12, and from 12 to 18.

MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Woman's Missionary Society met in its monthly social and devotional meeting Tuesday, October 5th, at the home of Mrs. Ery Hamilton. The topic for the afternoon was Africa. After a song, a bible reading and a short talk on the topic was given by Mrs. Dor W. Brown, who was leader for the service.

Short selections on the topic were read by Mesdames Julius Splittgerber, Jennie Williams and Gene Murray. Then the treat of the afternoon was given us in a beautiful solo by Miss Hilda Lemburg. Mrs. Thompson read to us in a most impressive way, "The Mothers Questions." Mrs. Byler read an interesting piece on, "Are You Wearing a Church or two?"

A short business session held by our president, Mrs. Will Land, concluded the program.

The society rejoiced to receive Mrs. Kenney Eckert and Mrs. Tom White as new members. We welcome them most heartily.

Delicious ice cream and cake were served by the hostesses, Mrs. Hamilton, Mrs. Carter, Mrs. Henry Saunders and Mrs. Will Zesch.

CHRISTIAN LADIES' AID

Mesdames Wes Smith and R. L. Ambrose proved themselves delightful hostesses Monday afternoon, when the Christian Ladies' Aid met at the home of the former.

After the lesson and business session, refreshments of cream and cake were served to the following: Mesdames Sands, Bierschwale, John Lemburg, H. S. Wood, Mebus, Kidd, Ben Fluenneke, J. S. King, H. L. Schmidt, Martin D. Loring.

Mesdames Ery Hamilton, Kenney Eckert, Walter Lindsay and Miss Cleo Wood became members of the Aid.

Mrs. L. H. Darley and son of Dallas, were guests.

The next meeting of the Aid will be with Mrs. H. L. Schmidt.

Mr. and Mrs. Mills, son-in-law and daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Capps, left Sunday for San Antonio, where they expect to remain for sometime.

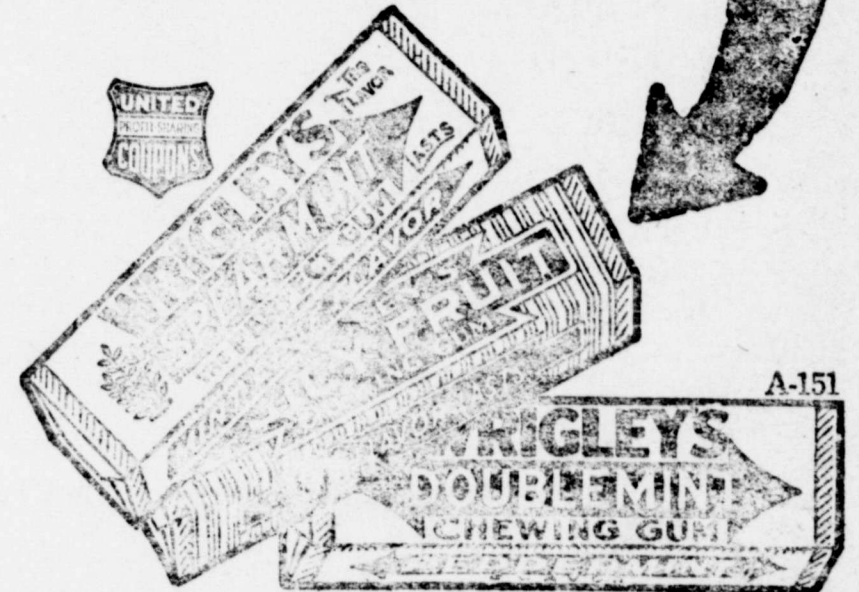
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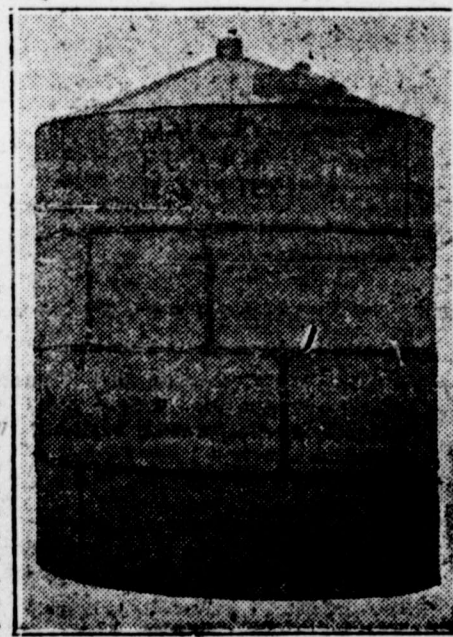
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