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More About the N. \& S. Railroad Proposition

COUNTY SURVEYOR, J. H. KIV also hald inquiry from mexia man
Readers of the News will recall the Readers of the News will recall the
article appearing in the News of last
wepk taken from the Brady standard werk taken from the Brady standar
under the caption, "Here's a Red Ho North and Sorth Railway Profect".
Sitice last week we have learue from Conrty Surresor, J. H. King
that he, too, received a letter of in uiry from Mr. D. Frank Jones, asked Mr. King about furnishing iim map of this county showing the Brady and Frederickshurg was s:gned Brady and Fredericksburg Ry. Co.,
D. Frank Jones, Promoter, 108 West Conürce st., Mexia, Texas. Enclose with the ietter was a portion of a may of Texas and notes made on the back
is folows: "Proposed Raiiiway to be built Brady to Fredericksburg via Mason first,
tien Mason to Junction, Rock Springs, nen Mason to Junction, Rock Springs
Henze and Del Rio. Later from Brady y Ballinger to Bronte making a hy Ballinger to Bronte, making a cut
of line between the west and south Texas; between Kansas City, San An-
tonio and Gulf of Mexico; between St. Louis, Fort Worth, San Antonic and hair of Mexico. Please state if yo road, such as right of way. Shops to le built at Mason, Texas. This raad
vould open up a vast territory an would open up a vast territory an
promote dairying and numerons othe hings."
Mr. King stated that he had written to Mr. Jones, informing him he was
able to furnish him with the map he wanted and was expecting to henr further from him in the near future. but up to this time has heard nothing. Mr. King says he will keep the News
posted on any matters that might deTODAY IS GROLND HOG DAS Although this secticn has been having
a conple weeks of eloudy ard damp wenther, i.dications yere vesterday,
that today, which is Ground Hog Day, would be a clear lay. According to the of cold weather if the Ground Ho sees his shadoy on the second of Yeb-
ruary. There are many who firmly beruary. There are many who firmly be
lieve in this old saying with reference o an early or late spring. The write citizens discussing Gromnd Hog day r cently and some diference of opinion seemed (, prevail as to when was really Ground Hog Day. Some say the 14th which ifs also saine Valentine's Da, February, but Webster's Dis kays February 2nd is Ground Hog Day and it seems that the o"ld gentleman
ought to get the benefit of any doabts, o we are governing ourssives acord LOCAL GROCERY STORES Announcement elsewhere in this is-
sue of the News is to the effect that J.
J. Johnsen and Wm. Sppittugerber, local
grocers, wind exehange buildings next
week. The change will be made on next
Mondes. Mr. Jobnson, who is now op-
erating in the Ranck Buildink, will
movk to the $\mathbf{C}$. C. Smith Builing,
where Mr. Splittgerber is now located.
and the latter will move his business
to the Ranck Builing. Our readers' at-
tention is directed to the advertisement
which appears on page five of this is-
sue.

The dance which was given at th ported as being oulte an enjoyab ver. Is is sala he crowd in atten due largely to had weather, but in sput of bat weather, unite a number of $\mathbf{v i c}$ iting dancers were present from Llano Menard and Junction. We are informei
the American Legion Pest, nuder whose auspices the dance was given, did to but the loss will not exceed $\$ 20$
${ }^{\text {cle }}$ MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON The News is requested to announce neet at the Court House in Mason nex Monday afternoon, February 6th, a hree oclock. It is urged that all mem-
hers be present. All members will be xpected to pay up dues in order tha or the year.

Mrs. Robt. Harris Died In San Antonio Sat'da

DEATH OCCURRED SATURDA FOLLONING SIRGICAL OLERATION

Mrs. Robert Harris, of San Antoni died at the P. \& S. Hospital in that cit ast Saturday, following an ablomina ays previous.
Mrs. Harris was, hefore her mar
ciage, Miss Nellie Simon, and was daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Heury Sinon, $f$ this countr. She had attained th ge of 31 years, 4 montbs and 24 das:
Surviving her are her hushand Surviving her are her husband, al her purents and to., bro ${ }^{\circ}$ ers an
three sisters. The brothers are Max August and Perry Simen and the sis-
ers are Mrs. Ben King and Misses mie and Lena Simon, all of whom a exidents of this county and all of hich was held in San Antorio las Sunday and interment made in the Iission Burial grounds at three oclock hat afternoon. Rev. L. J. Rode, a Sa ntonio pastor, conducted the faneral Mr. Mus Simon stat d Tuesday tha
he family was indeed appreciative or family was indeed appreciative hown Mrs Harris by Mr, anc Mrs Al in Bernhard and the elder Mrs. Bern
ard, residents of San Antonio, but ormerly residents of this city, durin her illness.
dake lange performs a tase
To carry a water bucket full of hor hoes, which weighs ferty pounds
round the court house souare in 1 on is no ewnill task. This is especiall roe when the bucket is carricd on on hand withont changing or stopping
rest. A bit of fan and argumet t been had at the Brown \& King larbe
 Seran' towal inties have made the statemenr they culif. pr:er.rm the stum only $1,: \cdot$; 'hant line $0: \cdot$ mptel it nud task nad put puite a strain $\therefore$ his side opposite from the hand in whith he car he siod s, on the si by walk is quit dist tase $2 \mathrm{~m}^{2}$ is watimanted as bein ing the round Jake was timull and it said
it.

## BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSIO

Perry Donop, son of Mr. and Mra August Donop, of the Art community,
was severely burned about the face, hest and arms on Tuesday morning
of this week, as the resilt of an exx ton of garoline.
The bay, who a was at his home when the neel sent oc curred. and was in the act of putting
sone gasoline in the Ford car. It sone gasoline in the Ford car. It was
about $6: 30$ oclock in the morning and he had taken a lantern that he os alit from the cas tank the gas ignited from
the lantern and expludet right the lantern and exploder right into
his face. Dr. Baze. was immediately
summoned to the Donep oummoned to the Donop home and
dressed the burns and later brou;ht
be young man to the local sanitariun It is said he is getting along ver
icely. vicely.
Mr. O. L. MeMahon, who has been ere for some time, fisiting in the home Brownwood. It is stated that Mr. Mc Mahon will likely enter the Masoni old Home at Arlington in the near fin

Geo. Anstatt Succumbs To Heart Failure Thurs.
Was native of indiana, but had been in this country fifty years

## Mr. George Anstatt, aged 74 years nd six months, died at the home o Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hey on Thur

 day night of last week. It is said hideath is attributed to heart failure. death is attributed to heart failure.
Funeral services were held Saturda fternon at three oclock and interment was made in the Gooch cemetery.
Mr. Anstatt was a native of Indiana but it is stated he came to Mason county in 1871 and got employment on the ranch of Gooch \& Bridges, pioneer cattlemen of this section at that time.
He worked as a cow hand for many of the oid settlers, but always seemed the James River section. Among hi efplosers were Gooch \& Bridges, Joh Light, C. C. Smith, J. W. White, Erv Hamilton, Chas. Kettner and Parks ands, and possibly others. For many ears he was employed on the Schrein ctual riding and hard work about ourteen years ago, since which time e has led a lonely life, but one of conentment. He lived on the Fekert ranch ith Jim Hey for several years and Wilson Hey. For the last six or eight ears, however. he kept bachelor apart ments in a small house which he erect d in the Hey pasture, just
he Hey residence on Post Hill. Deceased was an ex-Federal soldie and saw service in the Civil War. I saia he enisred
he war at the age of sixteen years. ension from the Federal Government has been his only income for several ears, aside from interest derived from a saving
dellars.
Mr. Anstatt read a great deal, an is education was above the averag
or a man of his age, and althougl: $h$. ror a man of his age, and although: his
vocation did not require it, he alway vept posted on matters pertaining to
kecal the State and National Governments
A feature which characterized his life and which made for him many friends
was that he always attended strictly o his own business and never promised anything that he did not carry out. It is said his friends always knew
im to be a man with the highest $r$ him to be a man with the highest re
gard for the truth and the fulfilment gard for the truth and the fulfillmen
of his word. Thed confidence his emp of his word. Thed confidence his en-
ployers had in him is evidenced by th fact that in 1889 Mr. John Light cam o this country to purchase a herd o
attle and turned all his money ove Mr. Anstatt, who held the money in rust for him. This incident was eite
o us by Mr. Erv Hamilton, a close Anstatt's.
He was taken ill about Christma himseif he abandoned his bachelo apartments and secured board in th home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hey
His condition, however, was not con His condition, however, was not con
sidered to be serious and was at no
tine was Cime was confined to bed. On the night
time ar his death he had set awn read unt
atter ten oclock. About $10 \cdot 30$, Mr Beyer, who was sleeping in a room
adjoining his, was attracted by groaning sound and upon going to his
room, asied if he want... anythiug but yas told he would be allright and for him to return to bed. He did so
but left the door open between the but left the door open between the
coms. At $11: 30$ he again heard Mr anstatt groan and upon going into the
room found him in a serious condition room found him in a serious condition
aud almost unable to get his breath. Vr. Beyer imniediately telephoned for Dr. McCollum, buc the गoctor was un ccurred at $11: 45$.
It is sald Mr. Anstatt is survived b
wo sisters, both of whom reside i two sisters, both of whom reside in
oisurille, Ky., and a niece, who se
ites at Mitchell, Indiana. si ${ }^{\text {ess at Mitchell, Indiana. }}$ In the death of this esteemned ser.tle
man, the county has lost her man, the county has lost her las
typiccal, oldtime cowboy. County Treasurer, Thos. H. strong ued a total of sixty-two rond exemp Ion receipts to parties who have paid coad work in the comnty this year


Next Monday night, February 6th. is
regular meeting night for the Masou Commercial Cliab. It is urged that all
Conging nigh for the Mas members attend this menting, as it will
be the first meeting of the year and a
number of important matters are to disposed of.

Commissioners' In Call
Session This Week ROAD ENGINEER IS EMPLOYED at salary or two hundred dOLLARS PER MONTH

The Commissioners' Court of Mason
County met in call session on Monday this week.
The minutes of the Court show tha harge of the sirveying and drawing of plans for the construction work on Highway No. 9, going north from Ma son to the McCulloch County line, and
such other engineering work incident uch other engineering work inciden the letting of
Mr. Gresham's salary is to be $\$ 200$ er menth. After the contract is let for building the road, Mr. Gresham is t
have in charge the supervision of the have in charge the supervision of the
construction, at a salary of $\$ 250$ per construc
nonth.
County Treasurer Strong, was or $f$ the County funds, to-wit: une thousand dollars from credit recinct No. 4 in 6th class fund to th th class fund.
Six hundred
Six hundred dollars from credit 400 from credit of 1 st class fund t the 9th class fund. All of said money to be used in payment of County Script, fund.
 ue script on the 9th class fuad to the of $\$ 8,435.00$, in parment of an indebted ness outstanding against said fund.

County Voting Strength Might Reach Two Thous. COLLECTOR LESLIE REPORTS 610 CARS REGISTERED IN COUNTY
Tuesday was the last day for tax ayers to pay their tares without havChas. Leslie, Sheriff and Tax Collector of the County, his office has been the scene $o$ much work and rush the past several days. A total of 1758 poll tax
receipts have been issuid reeceipts have been issued through the Collector's offlce and the number of ex 78. making the voting strength, withont counting the overs, for ihe county
this year, 1866. There are easily more than year, 1806. There are easily more
than 200 people of the county who are past sisty and are qualified voters with all vote, together with the 18016 who bave poll tax or exemption recelpte, lae county can very.
rotes this yefr.
The number. of cars and motor ve hicles registered in the country
Leslie is sis hundred and ten.


Total ....................................., 1,868
Ben Hoerster, of San Antonio, artay on Masiness matters.

Modern Fronts For 3 Local Store Buildings

## WORK OF REMODELING WIL

 start soon as material ARRIVESMason is soon to have three addiWate modess frouts. The buildings witb emodeled include the two building: belonging to the S. F. Bridges estate and controlled by J. W. White, and the riller building, which now belongs to J. S. King and Otto Schmidt. The
lower Bridges Building will be oceapied, after its completion, by the Cits Meat Market and the City Bakery louis Schmidt, who now ocompies the ther guilding with L , nardware store, The Miller Building will be bartition dhe Miller Building will be nartitioroccupying the entire building, will maintain his vulcanizing and repair shop in one half and J. S. King will own the other half. Mr. King has no! and wiether he will move has 1 wesiry store
tion.
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14 is aunomered these buildings will ve concrete walks placed in front of
en as well as having therr stone fronts replaced with plate grnes These ones and their splendid location, together with the added improvements ncrease their value twofold to the owners. It is said the upstairs of the Ywe Rricges buildings will be put ir counections will be added. Rimge \& Runge, local attorneys, will continue
to bave their offles over the one and E. W. Schroeder is ty oecupy the other and will have rooms for rent in cornection with the City Cafe.
Messrs Schmidt and King will have concrete boor put ouwn in their build ing and expet too have the partition
wal!, which. is to divide the building. art:, whict. is to divide the building.
also constructed of concrere. The work of remoieling these mildings will net
require but a shori time ard it is said e material has been ordered and shouid be on the ground in a vers
short while. hort while.
Upon the
Upon the completion of the work and ower block will be greatiy euhanced in appearance. This will make tite en-
iire walk from the forner of the Firgt. iire walk from the forner of the First
State Bank down to the building ocState Bank down to the building oc-
cupied by the Wood-Raze Auto ComWhar, one of concrete and there will Hock that hreven't plate glass fronts. The citizens responsible for these imrovements are to be commended upon heir onter?rise ald pmble spirit and
it is to be hoped owhers of outher bnsiuess property in our eity will not long

## Dr. Knolle Improving

Dr. W. H. Kuole, who with his wift, are bere for the benent of his health, octor was taken with a hemorhage of the lungs a few days since and hts
condition was considered uite serious tor veveral days. Hie son, Dr. Wilke A. Knolle, of New Orienus, wis called
here iast whek and arrived Saturday. He left on Monday, believing bis father Dr some inprovet.
Dr. and Mrs. Knolle have been re-
ading in our midst for several monthd who easerly look gorwant to the re. gaining of sis health.
Dr. P. A. Faze operated on the little five. year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs-
Alfred Kothmama for appendicitis on Tured Kothmana for appendicitis on
Tuesday tuornirng of this week. st is local sanitariun, is gettlog along nice-

Mesers. Louis and Clarence Jetton Vartin, of Junction were in Mason to attend the dance Saturday night. They Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay.

Arch Jenkins was bere this week from his home at Del Rio, visiting his relatives and friends.


Mason countr nhwe Mavon, Taxay

boust the commercial clue Tell me not in mournful numbers
hat the old Town's on the bum ; rouse that the old Town's on the bum ; rouse
np from your neaceful slumbers and ome help us make things hum. If we to work in earnest we can mako lust returneth," is a song of bye an bye. All the past that has gone for-
ver-you can't call one moment back and the future may come never this
s true, so help me, Mack. Now's the time to do the boosting, do not wait omorrow's dawn; you may in the
crave be roosting, all your chance of hoosting gone. Lay aside your little quelch the kicker's quelch the kicker's dad-burned yanown iis sure a pippin and we ought rowler it big; when we hear some crowler yippin' we should biff him o
the wig. Those who do not like ou ity ought to straightway hit the grit oost for Mason-that's my ditty-
rise and straightway ".rit,"hrise, said it.
ext Monday night.

NEEKLY PAPER EDITORS HAVE THEIR TROUBIES
Getting up a weekly publication is e are silly-if we don't, they say w
re too serious. If we publish origina matter, they say we lack variety-i hey say we are too lazy to write If we don't go to church, we are If we sta if we go, we are hypocriterustling for news-if we rustle fo ews, we are
If we wear old clothes, we are sloven we wear new clothes they are not like as not somebody will say we swiped this from an exchange. W
did!

The Ford Motor Cofpany produce ,050,740 cars, trucks and tractors for or year 1921 and retail sales by deal Ienry is still selling em faster than be can make them.
"Bare Legs Will Be Fashionable I pringtime", reads a headline. That proves that had matlers can niways
becone worse If the styles are carried out this pring. it will no longer be necessary

It is said a splendid meal can be ents. Fggs cost 1 cent each, watermelons and cantaloupes cost from 2 to

## much good.

 brary, sald annual Income for such
year or years shall revert to my es year or years shall revert to my es
tate and be pald by sald city of Bel ast to my executor hereinafter name ary legatees under my will."
Ancient Human Dwellings.
When our early forefathers When our early forefathers bega
o construct homes they were worried by fear of the gigantle beasts of prey which wandered over the land at that
time.
Some of them built rude shelters ofty trees. Others drove posts into the bed of a lake, constructed a plat-
form on top of the posts, and bullt corm on top of the posts, and bullt
thetr wooden huts on the platforms. heo huts were single-storied, with was a wide veranda.
Each platform was joined to that fits next-door nelghbor by a smal bridge. In many cases the bungalows were so numerous that they formed a
ittle town, which was connected with ittle town, which was connected with the land by a long narrow bridge
etther end of which could be ratsed in elther end
a moment.

## Moonshiner Advertises His Wares.

 North Carolina has a moonshinerwho believes in advertsing his wares.
Revenue officers in Asheville recently came across a bottle with a unlque label, which they sent to Commission
er Blair, himself a North Carolinian Thls label was the advertisement of the moonshiner and it reads as fol
lows: "Pure mountain korn likker. Bot
ted in a barn. Made in the back woods of the Mounta'ns of Wester ader, that don't give a dam for law and prohibition. Retailed on the Ashevile market by all the high-clas o worth every cent of it. Guarantee drunk as the devil in ten minutes an mean enough to make a baby bullfro
spit in a whate's face. Shake well an get ready to have a fit before drink The label has been added to the
internal revenue bureau's museum.Exchange.
Fresh cement at R. Grosee's

mod, especially in tight tand the moi-
nre is mot sufficent and a good rai
and farn land ca

A Grievous Mistake
At Jim Rose's boarding honse is
allow all out $\sigma$ humor. He does bis win mending-likes to do it. Easn't
wife to do it himself. But what he's angry about s- well, he has reason for feeling a
it feverish in temperature. The other day he made the mistake of cuttlng
leg from his Sunday trousers to pair of old ones.


##  <br> J. D. Eckert, Pre <br> W. E. Jordan, Cashier

THE FIRST STATE BANK
GUARANTY fUND bank
$\langle t\rangle$ ear please you also. Tfay we?
CAPITAL STOCK - ~ $\$ 25.000 .00$
oscar seaqutat
PETER JORDA
E. W. KOTHMANN J. D. ECKRRT

\section*{| $\substack{\text { D } \\ \text { ing } \\ \text { all }}$ |
| :---: | a} S, Feb. 2.-The follow ant the farmers of Texas by E. F

shropshire, Secretary-Narager of United Campaign for Better Agricul"As farmers the best opportunity
that you have to say what will be a fair price for your cotton is at the time of planting, and the strength of
your voice will be governed almost entirely by the acreage planted to cotton and the amount of food and feed prod-
ucts grown to make your farm self-

## "If you

Texas and the South increase the .ot ton acreage at the expense of ford and feed crops and bring to market thi fall a 'pre-war production', you can
not intelligently expect prices that wil pay the cost of production. On the other hand, fair prices may be expected if
vou maintain the present extent of diyou maintain the present extent of d
versififed farming, making an independ ent living at home, holding the cotton acreage down to 1921 figures, produc
ing a crop within the reasonable de mands of the world.
W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Re serve Board, in his recent report to Congress, made this observation, that
$9,000,000$ bales of cottca produced in given year would bring the fanrmer and the people of the south more With this observation before ns th Hestion arises, Why produce the ex
tran 4,000,000 bs les and practica.ly de "We treal value of the whole cro expecting you to plant the fence cor
ners in cotten this year. Will you met their expectations at the expense yourself and family? You as farmer alone indintually can answer. You
answer will be the acreage planted
Updou this will Updon this will largely depend the

## income tax facts

In making out his income tax return
or 1921, the aberage taxpayer will find a considerable saving in comparison with the amount of tax paid on the ame income for 1920.
The exemptions provided by the reve persons (the term theluding widows widowors, divorcees, and persons sep-
arated from husband and wife by mutual agreement , $\$ 2,500$ for married per sons whose net income was $\$ 5,000$ or
less, and $\$ 2,000$ for married person less, and $\$ 2,000$ for married person whose net income was $\$ 5,000$ or more
Cnder the revenue act of 1918 the per sonal exemption allowed a married per
son was $\$ 2,030$, regardless of the son was $\$ 2,000$, regardless of the
amount of net income. The personal exemption allowed a married person ap
plies also to the head of a famils, mai or woman who supports in one house
hold ene oc more relatives by blooil hold one oc more relat
marriage, or adoption.
The exemptions for dependents-a
person who receives his chief support from the taxpayer and wo is under support because meutally or physicall
defective-is increased from $\$ 200$ to defective-is increased from $\$ 200$ to The act requires that a return be filed by every single person whose net
income for 1921 was $\$ 1,000$ or more. every married person whose net income vas $\$ 2,000$ or more, and by every per-son--single or married-whose gros
income was $\$ 5,000$ or more. The reguirement to file a return of less of net income is a new provision Net income is gross income less certain :pecified deductions for business expen: ses, olsses, bad debts, etc., wh
fully explained on the forms. fully explained on the form
Returns must be fill
Returns must be filed by married
conples whose conbined nee income for 1921, including that of dependent mino children, equated or exceeded $\$ 2,000$, if the combined gross income equale or exceeded $\$ 5,000$.
The period for filing returns is from
January 1 to March 15, 1922. Heavy January 1 to March 15, 1922. Heavy
penalties are provided for failure or penallfes are provided for failure or
"wefusal" to file a return on time.
Forms 1c40A for incomes of $\$ 1,000$
and ties nad 104 for incomes in even and liss and 104 for incomes in excess
of $\$ 5,000$ may be obtained from the ofSers of collectors of internal revenuc and branch offices. The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the re-
turn, or in four equal installments, due turn, or in four equal installments, due
on or before March 15, June 15, Sepon or before March 15 , June
tember 15 , and December 15 .

The jay in jarwalker is probably

## WINTER CLOTHING

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Chinese shonld kurw something
about an "open door", having been the doormat, Whal Welcome" on
for centuries. Wall Street Journal.
The paper money issued in soviet Russia has reached 11 trillion ruble to be a pressman's strike.-Kansas
to sia sreatest Deleware is said to be the "dryest"
Date in the Union. Easily explained It's not big enough to hold more than a quart--Nashville Temnessean.
The French have been accused of
talking with their hands and shoulders. It is beginning to appear that thes are doing their thinking with some
equally out-of-the-way instrument.equally out-of-the-way in.
Richmond Times Dispatch.
Our idea of the simon pure vegetarian is the one who refuses to eat Press.
"Trade
Relations With
Russia." Here is a chance to work off our poor elations.--Baltimore Sun.
Reciprocity with Canada may get to
mean that we'll have to return the bottles.-EAurlington News.
Three million dollars was spent for divorces last year, which must be added to the sum the disarmament confer-
ence says it will cost to insure peace-Schenectady Gazette.
If Henry Ford hays all the navy will shis admiral?--Portland Press Her-

FROM NEWS FILES OF 25 YEARS AGO
G. W. Littlefield shipped two train Austin to Chicago last Saturday.
W. R. Harper, of Pine Bluff., arrived here this week to visit his
hrother, J. C. Harper, whom he had L. G. Purdy was in from Katency
Monday and reports farmers well up over present prospects.
Ed Bridges and wife and three chil-
 Bridges
Mrs.
Katemcy last Saturday night of cana long time, died this morning, and will Stretch.
Alfred Grosse gave a party to a num noon, it being the occasion of his 8th

15 Years Ago In Mason
From Nasoon News, peb, 1. 1.1907:
Mri. will D. Wortic and Mises Geortia .ulen were marrice last wedmes-
M. F. Carter reecent: butchereal four porkers dresesing over zoos pounds $\rightarrow$ feew hady fremads met Monalay ar. trineon antine the Whites and C. C. Wood killed a hog a feev lays The 42 club met with Mra ind Mrs. W. Kookk last Thursaly evening.
 litule child of then a feev days old
 nud bongat the livery business of the Col Thas this week for Kent county where they will reside.
A plensant dance was given saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

1. W. gweto, in. the Gonci addition. W. 9wer. , in the Gocci addition.
The measles are said to be prevalent in Mason.
Absolute merit and merit alone is
responsible for
responsible for Tanlac's phenomenat rug Company.

Tspewriter ribbons, soc. News Office.


|  <br> The Commercial Bank <br> (Unincorporated) <br> GAPITAL STOCK $\qquad$ \$100,000.00 <br> RESPONSIBILITY OVER $\qquad$ $\$ 3,000,000.00$ <br> Directors <br> mrs. anna martin, Pres. <br> C. L. Martin, Vice-Pres. <br> max martin, vice-Pres. howard smith <br> walter m. martin, Cashier frank brandenberger L. F. Clark <br>  |
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District
County
recinet Terms : strictly cash in advance. No announcements inserted unless cash accompanies same. Announcements in serted in order in which fees are pai
at this office. Fee includes 100-wor announcement to be furnished by candidate; all over 100 words at the rate of $71 / 2 \mathrm{e}$ per line. Fees do not include (boseris Mason County News.

The News is authorized to make the following announcements, subject For Sheriff and Tax Collector:
Chas. leslie
R. W. white

NEWS FROM FREDONIA

County News:-
I think it quite a shame that such thriving little town as Fredonia is not represented in the county paper
We may not have much news, luat con ider it very important.
I suppose the weather here is about Ihe same as all over the county, mist and cold, but we have not given n
hopes of a good rain in time for hopes of a good rain in time for a bum
per crop.

## Freion

by an up-to-date picture show.
Our school is progressing nicely, with good attendance.
Pontotoc came over Friday yith their
hoys and girls, to play basket ball. The hoys and girls, to play basket ball. The
girls' game was in favor of Fredonia.
 in Pontotoc's favor.
Bro. Farmer and daughter, Miss Matel, and Miss Ruth Longley attend d church at Art Sunday.
Mrs, Sarah Danials, of Wichita
Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. I. M. Mc.Millan. Marents, Mr. an
The Madies Industrial Club met Eri day with Mrs. C. H. Longley. Member present were Mmes. R. George, W. C Ellison, T. Simon, R. Sanders, M. E. Sudherry, F. Dendy, R. M. McMillan, Brown and Miss Lottie Leach, guest of honor. A very enjoyable afternoon wa spent. Refreshments were served hy the hostess. The Club meets next Fr
day with Miss Flora Brown.

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 REMOVAL NOTICETHE GROCERY STORES OF J. J. JOHNSON AND WM. SPLITTGERBER ASK THEIR RESPECTIVE CUSTOMERS AND FRIENDS TO TAKE NOTICE OF THE FOLLOWING ANNOUNCEMENT:

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## L. F. Eckert, Dealer

arm buread elects officers it meeting here mondiy
ason school news by ninth

The Animal Hushandry class is equip The stacon County Farm bur au phe with a Babcock Milk Tester, and act at the court house hast Monday
nd elected officers for the following

Officers elected were, Allen Nurray resident: W. I. Marschall, vice-prew lent: W. E. Jordan. treasurer. The
following were elected directors: J. L . ollowing were elected directors: J. H
Veidemann, J. W. Lee, Ed Jordan, Hubert Joraan and J. w. notaram. Upon motion of thiose present the of fice of secretary was separated from that of treasurer, and the secretary is to be hired by the board of directors
The secretary has not beeff secured a The secretary has not beeff secured at
his time but it is the intention of the hisectors to secure a man who will attend to the correspondence of th
organization and who will list the organization and who will list the
products for sale by the membership products for sale by the membership and in general, organzition.
The report of the delegate to the state convention was heard and he re-
ports that the organization is being well managed and the business is a economically conducted as can be ex-
pected. pected.
Th. wooi pool has been sold out and
it is expected that final settlement will it is expected that final settlement will
be made to these members by the mid be made to these members by the mid
die of February. The wool sold ha ranged in price from 12 to 28 cents per pound, unclean 3d basis.
It is intended to organize the diff-
erent communities in the county int erent communities in the county into
docals and these locals in turn to work through the Secretary who will be in Mrough the secretary who will be in
Mason. A definite program along this line is being beld up, pending instruc tions from headquarters, but as soon as this is decided, a definite program lorals will be organized.
A rising vote of thanks was given
the retiring President, Mr. M. L. Webster, for his services in behalf of the Bureau during the past year.
No further business co:ning betor
TO WHOM IT CONCERNS
It is reported that I am using 15e
tax due Road District No. 2 for constructing streets in West End of town. I am using Precinct No. 1's 1920 taxes. The 15e belonging to Road Precinct No 2 will
These streets, after completed, will Road District No. 2
HENRY DOELL,
Com. Prec't. No. 1.
Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellebracht, who
save spent the past geverral weeker in have spent the past aeveral weeky in Mason among relatives and friends, retarsed to thel
last Sunday.
tindingli the per cent of butter fat Any one may have this done by sending in a sample of the milk.
Perry Donop, who resides near Art. and attends school at Mason, was out before dawn Tuesday morning, filling the gasoline tank of his car. He was
carrying a lantern. When he was pouring the gasoline, which he bad in a sprinkler can. in the tank, the gasoline exploded and he caught fire. He was burned very badly about the face. Dr. Baze was called immediately and
Perry was brought to the Mason SaniPerry w.
tarium.
Mary Wood taught school for Miss August vasay, the latter being ill.
and August Vater has been absent from ness and on returning wecount of illsaid that he was quiting school.
The general The general science class which is a field trip Thursday to pasture. They are ial study of the now making a spedifferent familiar st in Algebrade has organized a con of April. The side that makes the highest grades during this time wins, and will have to take the other side on a pienic.
Ruth Bruce
Ruth Bruce was absent from school
Friday and Monday Friday
ness.
Annie and Lena Simon were absent of their sister's health. from school a few da


Misses Esther Altgelt and Ada Phil-
lips, of Llano, were here for the dance Saturday evening. They were guests Runge home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl




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RLVUI TS CAUSE MEXINO LOSS OF TEXAS PECAN TREES THRIVE IN
MILLION PERSONS
ARGENIINI
Washington, Jan. 29.-The popula- AUSTIN, Jan. 29--Advices were re ion ar sus, says a dispatch from Mexico City. of pecan trees from Texas to Buenc, The population under the new census is , Ayres, Argentine, has reached its des$14,000,000$, and was $15,000,000$ in 1910, tination in excellent condition and the howing a loss of $1,000,000$ annually for decade
California, Sonora, Columa, in Lawe and the Federal distriet.
The dispatch asserts that the de
rease of population was due directl to the series of revolutions and the THE MILLION \$ LIVER MEDICINE. country during the last decade.


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an unaccustomed keenness, that thfs
capable girl was wondering how it had happened that he was a fallure. But as the days passed, and Peter fell
resignedly into his new work in the resignedly into his new work in the
store, he grew to look forward plearsantly to the sight of the glri perched there on the high stool.
Sometimes she would beckon him re-
garding a reference, and sometimes garding a reference, and somettmes,
when Nathaniel C. Croten and stewart were out at luncheon, Peter and
she would eat thetr lunch together, she would eat thetr lunch together,
surreptitlously, like two school chitsuren, under cover of the blg deak. Peter's eyes began to regatn their old humorous light, and before he knew,
Peter was telling the clever little Pookkeeper his ife's slmple gray story. Nathaniel Croten, when he returned from Innch, would visit always the
high desk in the office, when, often, high desk in the office, when, orten,
he required Jane Gordon's assistance in business consultation. He evinced a new pride in dress and an added de-
gree of pompousness. gree of pompousness.
"The old widower is taking notice
again," the office boy laughed; and suddenly Peter's newly hopeful, heart
dropped to its old place of sad resigdropped to its old place of sad resig-
nation. He realized, then, the reason of Its. recent sweet hopetulness.
Half-unconscionsly, he, the white-
haired, long-patient fallure, had dared halred, long-patient fallure, had dared
at last to know love and its great amat ast to know looked from the win-
bition. Peter looke dow, to see the two of whom he had
been thinking crossing the road to been thinking crossing the road to-
gether. A moment more and they were gether. A moment more and they were
in the office. The sentor partner
and tossed his fur coat to a chalr and
passed into his private sanctum. The passed into hts private sanctum. The
little bookkeeper climbed to her stool. "Peter," she sald, "Peter, I am going to tell you a secret Nathantel Croten
has profered to me himself in marhas pr
Wistfully Peter's tired eyes ware
ralsed to her. Dumbly Peter waited. Against hls will the words fell from sald.
The energetic and capable young person slipped down from her stool knew you did; that's one reason why I refused Mr. Croten."

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ans. All work guaranteed. zinns.
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traces colrse of blllet
fired over 50 years ago Kelso, Wash.-P. J. Knapp, a Civil War veteran, after nifty-eight years,
has traced the course of a bullet he fired at the siege of Vicksburg. Some time ago Mr. Knapp read a uews dispatch saying that W. V. Mea
diows, a Confederate veteran of La ott, Ala.. had coughed up a bullet urg. Mr. yeadows, the account said as a member of the Thirty-Seventh Clabama Reginent, and Mr. Knapp re
alled an incident at the siege when he nd three other members of the Fifth lewa Columteers were called upon to was firi heet of boiler plate
After Mr. Knapp fired the sharpshoot vas surmised that he had been shot in whe eye.
when
ows the latter wh wrote to Mr. Meaman behind the said that he was the the bullet entered his right ege Mr Knapp received a photograph of the
bullet allet and of Mr. Meadows. The two cerrespans have enjoyed a considerabl
$\qquad$ We like to sell Tanlac because it sat isfles
pany.
The Fredericksburg standard says n nove is on foot in that
wain street tarviated.
I am always in the narket for fat Jogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J.
Jitehnson.
$\qquad$
A car of cotton seed cake was unJ. C. White of Mason and hauled by ruck to the Hopf's ranch near Harper, undred head of cattle this winter.

A TEXAS WONDER



