# Mason County News.

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# **ESTAB 1877**

## More About the N. & S. **Railroad** Proposition

#### COUNTY SURVEYOR, J. H. KING, ALSO HAD INQUIRY FROM MEXIA MAN

Readers of the News will recall the week taken from the Brady Standard under the caption, "Here's a Red Hot North and South Railway Project".

Since last week we have learned from County Surveyor, J. H. King, that he, too, received a letter of inquiry from Mr. D. Frank Jones, of Mexis, on the proposition. The letter DEATH OCCURRED SATURDAY, asked Mr. King about furnishing aim a map of this county showing the streams and tributaries and was signed Brady and Fredericksburg Ry. Co., D. Frank Jones, Promoter, 108 West Commerce St., Mexia, Texas. Enclosed with the letter was a portion of a map of Texas and notes made on the back as follows:

"Proposed Railway to be built Brady to Fredericksburg via Mason first, inen Mason to Junction, Rock Springs, Henze and Del Rio. Later from Brady by Ballinger to Bronte, making a cut off line between the west and south Texas; between Kansas City, San Antonio and Gulf of Mexico; between St. Louis, Fort Worth, San Antonio and Gulf of Mexico. Please state if you think your county would favor such road, such as right of way. Shops to be built at Mason, Texas. This road would open up a vast territory and promote dairying and numerous other things."

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 hear 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 develop from the above correspondence.

#### TODAY IS GROUND HOG DAY

Although this section has been having a couple weeks of cloudy and damp weather, indications yere yesterday, that today, which is Ground Hog Day,

# CLEAN TOWN CLUB WILL MEET MONDAY AFTERNOON

The News is requested to announce the Clean Town Club of Mason will meet at the Court House in Mason next Monday afternoon, February 6th, at three o'clock. It is urged that all members be present. All members will be expected to pay up dues in order that article appearing in the News of last the books may be put in proper shape for the year.

## Mrs. Robt. Harris Died In San Antonio Sat'day

# FOLLOWING SURGICAL **CLERATION**

Mrs. Robert Harris, of San Antonio, died at the P. & S. Hospital in that city of the old settlers, but always seemed last Saturday, following an abdominal to remain in the employ of ranchers in operation, which was performed a few the James River section. Among his days previous.

Mrs. Harris was, before her marriage, Miss Nellie Simon, and was a Hamilton, Chas. Kettner and Parks & daughter of Mr. and Mrs. HeLry Simon, of this county. She had attained the age of 31 years, 4 months and 24 days. Surviving her are her husband, also actual riding and hard work about her parents and three brothers and fourteen years ago, since which time three sisters. The brothers are Max, he has led a lonely life, but one of con-August and Percy Simon and the sisters are Mrs. Ben King and Misses Annie and Lena Simon, all of whom are residents of this county and all of whom were in attendants at the funeral which was held in San Antonio last Sunday and interment made in the Mission Burial grounds at three o'clock the Hey residence on Post Hill.

that afternoon. Rev. L. J. Rode, a San formerly residents of this city, during dollars. her illness.

#### JAKE LANGE PERFORMS A TASE.

To carry a water bucket full of horse shoes, which weighs forty pounds, the State and National Governments. around the court house square in Ma. A feature which characterized his life son is no small task. This is especially and which made for him many friends, County Voting Strength re when the bucket is carried on one hand without changing or stopping to to his own business and never prombeen had at the Brown & King barber out. It is said his friends always knew rest. A bit of fun and argument has shop the past week relative to the per- him to be a man with the highest reformas e of such feat.

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 and six months, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hey on Thursday night of last week. It is said his death is attributed to heart failure.

Funeral services were held Saturday afternon at three o'clock and interment vas 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 efployers were Gooch & Bridges, John Light, C. C. Smith, J. W. White, Erv Sands, and possibly others. For many years he was employed on the Schreiner James River Ranch, but retired from tentment. He lived on the Eckert ranch with Jim Hey for several years and also spent some time on the ranch with Wilson Hey. For the last six or eight years, however. he kept bachelor apartments in a small house which he erected in the Hey pasture, just south of

Antonio pastor, conducted the funeral, and saw service in the Civil War. It 9th class fund. Mr. Max Simon stat.d Tuesday that is said he enlisted in the latter part of vin Bernhard and the elder Mrs. Bern- years, aside from interest derived from be used in payment of County Script,

Mr. Anstatt read a great deal, and

COMMERCIAL CLUB TO MEET IN REGULAR SESSION MON.

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

# **Commissioners' In Call** Session This Week

#### ROAD ENGINEER IS EMPLOYED **AT SALARY OF TWO HUNDRED DOLLARS PER MONTH**

The Commissioners' Court of Mason County met in call session on Monday of this week.

The minutes of the Court show that Mr. Joe Gresham was employed to have charge of the surveying and drawing maintain his vulcanizing and repair of plans for the construction work on Highway No. 9, going north from Mason to the McCulloch County line, and such other engineering work incident to the letting of the contract for the tion. road's construction.

Mr. Gresham's salary is to be \$200 per menth. After the contract is let for them as well as having their stone building the road, Mr. Gresham is to fronts replaced with plate gass These have in charge the supervision of the three buildings are very substantial construction, at a salary of \$250 per ones and their splendid location, tomonth

County Treasurer Strong, was ordered to make the following transfers of the County funds, to-wit:

One thousand dollars from credit of Deceased was an ex-Federal soldier Precinct No. 4 in 6th class fund to the

the family was indeed appreciative of the war at the age of sixteen years. A 7th class fund to 9th class fund, and E. W. Schroeder is to occupy the other the many favors and acts of kindness pension from the Federal Government \$400 from credit of 1st class fund to and will have rooms for rent in conshown Mrs Harris by Mr. and Mrs Al has been his only income for several the 9th class fund. All of said money to nection with the City Cafe. hard, residents of San Antonio, but a saving account of several thousand now outstanding against said 9th class a concrete boor put down in their build fund.

> County Clerk, Lee, was ordered to ishis education was above the average sue script on the 9th class fund to the also constructed of concrete. The work for a man of his age, and although his three local banks in the aggregate sum of remodeling these buildings will not vocation did not require it, he always of \$8,435.60, in payment of an indebtedkept posted on matters pertaining to ness outstanding against said fund.

**Modern Fronts For 3** Local Store Buildings

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#### WORK OF REMODELING WILL START SOON AS MATERIAL ARRIVES

Mason is soon to have three additional modern store buildings with plate glass fronts. The buildings to be remodeled include the two buildings belonging to the S. F. Bridges estate and controlled by J. W. White, and the Miller building, which now belongs to J. S. King and Otto Schmidt. The lower Bridges Building will be occupied, after its completion, by the City Meat Market and the City Bakery. Louis Schmidt, who now occupies the other guilding with his hardware store, will retain possession of the building. The Miller Building will be partitiored off and Otto Schmidt, who iis now occupying the entire building, will shop in one half and J. S. King will own the other half. Mr. King has not said whether he will move his powelry store to the building upon its comple-

It is announced these buildings will have concrete walks placed in front of gether with the added improvements increase their value twofold to the owners. It is said the upstairs of the two Bridges buildings will be put ir. splendid repair and water and sewer connections will be added. Runge & Runge, local attorneys, will continue Six hundred dollars from credit of to have their offices over the one and

Messrs Schmidt and King will have ing and expet tco have the partition wall, which is to divide the building, require but a short time and it is said the material has been ordered and shouid be on the ground in a very short while.

Upon the completion of the work and he laying of the concrete walk, the

would be a clear day. According to the old saving, we are due six more weeks of cold weather if the Ground Hog sees his shadoy on the second of February. There are many who firmly believe in this old saying with reference to an early or late spring. The writer had occasion to hear a number of local citizens discussing Ground Hog day recently and some difference of opinion seemed () prevail as to when was really Ground Hog Day. Some say the 14th, which its also Saint Valentine's Day, is the day; others say it is the 1st of February, but Webster's Dictionery says February 2nd is Ground Hog Day and it seems that the o"ld gentleman" ought to get the benefit of any doubts, so we are governing ourselves acording to the weather conditions which will prevail throughout today.

#### LOCAL GROCERY STORES TO SWAP BUILDINGS

Announcement elsewhere in this issue of the News is to the effect that J. J. Johnson and Wm. Splittgerber, local grocers, will exchange buildings next week. The change will be made on next Monday. Mr. Johnson, who is now operating in the Ranck Buildink, will move to the C. C. Smith Building, where Mr. Splittgerber is now located, and the latter will move his business to the Ranck Building. Our readers' attention is directed to the advertisement which appears on page five of this issue.

The dance which was given at the Smith Hall last Saturday night, is reported as being quite an enjoyable event. It is said the crowd in attendance was not as large as was expected, due largely to bad weather, but in spite of bai weather, quite a number of visauspices the dance was given, did not but the loss will not exceed \$20.

Severa' local parties have made the statement they could parf .rm the stunt, but so far, Jake Lange has been the he succeded. Jake says it is no small task and put juite a strain ... his side trust for him. This incident was cited opposite from the hand in which he carriled the bucket. The distance around friend of Mr. Anstatt's. the spoa e, on the si is walk its quite a distance and is estimated as being from five to six hundred yards. In making the round Jake was timest and it is himseif he abandoned his bachelor said it ... whim six minutes to make apartments and secured board in the it.

# PERRY DONOP IS SEVERELY

August Donop, of the Art community, adjoining his, was attracted by a was severely burned about the face, groaning sound and upon going to his chest and arms on Tuesday morning room, asked if he want.d anything, of this week, as the result of an explo- but yas told he would be allright and sion of gasoline.

was at his home when the accident oc. rooms. At 11:30 he again heard Mr. curred. and was in the act of putting Austatt groan and upon going into the some gasoline in the Ford car. It was room found him in a serious condition about 6:30 o'clock in the morning and and almost unable to get his breath. he had taken a lantern that he . abt Mr. Beyer immediately telephoned for see, and when the cap was removed Dr. McCollum, but the Doctor was unfrom the gas tank the gas ignited from able to arrive before his death, which

the lantern and exploded right into occurred at 11:45. his face. Dr. Baze, was immediately It is said Mr. Anstatt is survived by dressed the burns and later brought Louisville, Ky., and a niece, who rethe young man to the local sanitarium. si'es at Mitchell, Indiana. It is said he is getting along very nicely.

ture.

Mr. O. L. McMahon, who has been

iting dancers were present from Llano, here for some time, fisiting in the home County Treasurer, Thos. H. Strong Menard and Junction. We are informed of F. V. Gleghorn, left Wednesday for announced Wednesday that he had isthe American Legion Post, under whose Brownwood. It is stated that Mr. Mc- sued a total of sixty-two road exemp-Mahon will likely enter the Masonic tion receipts to parties who have paid realize quite enough to meet expenses, Old Home at Arlington in the near fu- \$7.59 each to be exempted from doing rived in Mason Wednesday for a short mother, Mrs. F. W. Jenkins, and other

was that he always attended strictly ised anything that he did not carry gard for the truth and the fulfillment of his word. Thed confidence his employers had in him is evidenced by the fact that in 1889 Mr. John Light came to this country to purchase a herd of cattle and turned all his money over to Mr. Anstatt, who held the money in to us by Mr. Erv Hamilton, a close

He was taken ill about Christmas time and realizing his inability to help home of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Hey. His condition, however, was not considered to be serious and was at no time was confined to bed. On the night BURNED BY GAS EXPLOSION of his death he had set and read until after ten o'clock. About 10.30, Mr. Perry Donop, son of Mr. and Mrs. Beyer, who was sleeping in a room for him to return to bed. He did so, The boy, who attends the local school, but left the door open between the

summoned to the Donop home and two sisters, both of whom reside in In the death of this esteemed gentleman, the county has lost her last typiccal, oldtime cowboy.

coad work in the county this year. -

# Might Reach Two Thous. CARS REGISTERED IN COUNTY

Tuesday was the last day for taxpayers to pay their tares without having a penalty added, and according to Chas. Leslie, Sheriff and Tax Collector of the County, his office has been the scene of much work and rush the past several days. A total of 1788 poll tax receipts have been issued through the Collector's office and the number of exemption certificates isisued amount to 78, making the voting strength, withthis year, 1866. There are easily more

votes this year. The number of cars and motor ve- te be some improved. hicles registered in the county by Mr. Leslie is six hundred and ten. Here's how the poll tax data looks by boxes : 1. Mason ... 81 Wagram ..... 3. Ketemer ..... 157 4. Grit ...... 5. Streeter ... 65 17. 9. Art ..... 10. Capps ...... 14 Ranch Branch ..... ..... 45 15. Bauer ..... ..... 47

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Total

lower block will be greatly enhanced in appearance. This will make the en-COLLECTOR LESLIE REPORTS 610 tire walk from the forner of the First. State Bank down to the building occupied by the Wood-Baze Auto Company, one of concrete and there will then be but three buildings on the block that haven't plate glass fronts. The citizens responsible for these improvements are to be commended upon their enterprise and public spirit and it is to be hoped owners of other business property in our city will not long delay in making similar improvements.

#### Dr. Knolle Improving

Dr. W. H. Knolle, who with his wife, out counting the overs, for the county are here for the benefit of his health, is said to be improving slowly. The than 200 people of the county who are Doctor was taken with a hemorhage past sixty and are qualified voters with of the lungs a few days since and his out a poll tax receipt and should they condition was considered quite serious all vote, together with the 1866 who for several days. His son, Dr. Wilks A. have poll tax or exemption receipts, Knolle, of New Orleans, was called the county can very easily poll 2,000 here last week and arrived Saturday. He left on Monday, believing his father

> Dr. and Mrs. Knolle have been residing in our midst for several months and they have made many friends here who eagerly look forward to the re-(39) gaining of his health.

Dr. P. A. Paze operated on the little. .. 92 five-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. 

> Mesers. Louis and Clarence Jetton attend the dance Saturday night. They were week-end guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lindsay.

Ben Hoerster, of San Antonio, ar- from his home at Del Rio, visiting his stay on business matters.

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Arch Jenkins was here this week relatives and friends.



This new sugar-coated gum delights young and old.

It "melts in your mouth" and the gum in the center remains to aid digestion, brighten teeth and soothe mouth and throat.

There are the other WRIGLEY friends to choose from, too:



WOMAN WRITER WILL RUN FOR \$25,000 JN GEMS STOLEN FROM WOMAN LEGISLATURE

Houston, Tex., Jan. 28 .- The first Houston, Texas, Jan. 28 .- Police received a report that a young man stop-

#### MASON COUNTY NEWS, M

#### **NEW PEST DESTROYS WHEAT**

#### Men of Science Called to Combat the Fearsome Creature Known as Trogoderma Khapra.

Beware of the fearsome Trogoderma Khapra! says an English correspondent.

This creature, with the name of an oriental villain, is a new insect pest which has already worked amazing havoc among stores of wheat and malt. First discovered in 1917 by Mr. G. T. Arrow, of the Entomological department of the British museum, it is now reproducing its species so rapidly that it has become a pest of serious economic importance.

A small insect, measuring about 3 m. m. in length, the trogoderma khapra eats itself into the heart of the wheat and malt grain, leaving nothing but the husk.

Many recent cases are reported in which hundreds of quarters of grain have been eaten by the vermin, and its depredations are causing great anxiety.

A remarkable example furnished by the board of applied pestology involves a shipment of malt. A number of sacks, containing the malt, were stacked on the dockside awaiting transference. A burly workman, employed on the job, was about to move a 2 cwt. sack and summoned all his strength for the exertion. He gave a tremendous tug-and then to his amazement found that his pull met with no resistance from the sack. It was as light as air.

This destructive creature is one of the pests against which the newly formed board of applied pestology is directing its scientific energies .- Montreal Family Herald.

#### HIDE JEWELS IN SANDWICHES

#### Germans Resort to All Sorts of Devices to Get Treasure Out of the Country.

Sandwiches spread with gold pieces or diamonds and eggs spiced with unset gems have been successfully used by international smugglers to get such valuables out of Germany until in two recent cases the customs officials became suspicious of these travel luncheons and discovered the deception. Now all "snacks" are carefully examined at the frontier.

A German merchant, whose lunch basket attracted the attention of the Polish customs officials at the frontier station of Konitz, was found to have a layer of gold coins interlarded between the layers of every sandwich and covered with a thick coating of butter, while each egg nested a valuable diamond. The total of his confiscated hoard was estimated at 18,000,000 Polish marks.

His fellow smuggler, a Dutch merchant, was intercepted at about the same time at the Holland frontier. While the officials were vainly searching his baggage, they were struck by the fact that he was ostentatiously but rather nervously devoting himself to a huge sandwich. They found imbedded in the bread and but ter three diamond rings, a diamond brooch and a number of loose dia-



# Don't wait another day to know the deliciousness of Kellogg's Corn Flakes

How Kellogg's Corn Flakes appeal to the most fastidious appetites! What a wonder-picture they make-all joyously tumbled and jumbled in a big bowl; sunny-brown, ovenfresh-the gladdest good-to-eat cereal you've ever tasted-or looked upon!

Kellogg's Corn Flakes are a revelationpalote-ticklers that bring the sunshine right into the breakfast room and get the day going all right! Never was such flavor as you'll find in Kellogg's; never was there such all-the-time crispness! And Kellogg's are never leathery or tough or hard to eat!

Your happiness will know no bounds when you see the little folks come back for "more Kellogg's, Mother, please!" Kellogg's win everybody-they're so delicious!

Insist upon KELLOGG'S and you'll get KELLOGG'S-the original Corn Flakes in the RED and GREEN package!



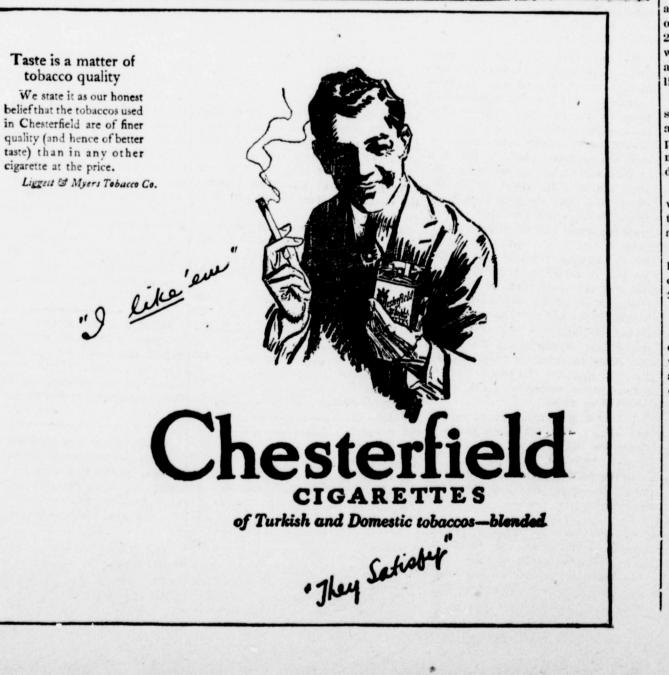
woman to announce for the Legislature is Miss Katie Daffan of Houston, who ped Mrs. Homer L. Bland, living in an is a candidate for) position No. 3 for exclusive residential section, in front Representative from Harris County, of her garage Saturday afternoon, No other candidate has announced.

president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy and of the Women's licers Press Association. She is well known over the State as a contributor to papers and magazines.

seized a bag containing \$25,000 worth Miss Daffan has served as State of diamonds and made his getaway. Mrs. Bland gave a description to of-

> Pear burners and repairs at F. Lange's Tin Shop.

monds. Further search disclosed 44 unset diamonds concealed in a cigar 38-tf. lighter .- Milwaukee Journal.



#### POLICE CONFISCATE DANCER'S TWO ESCAPE FROM JAIL AT BRADY COSTUME; ARREST MANAGER

New York, Jan. 29 .- Broadway is to be purified, at least as far as naughty dances and scantly garb are concerned. urday night. They were M. M. Green,

As Miss Thelma Harvey, 21, finish- charged with housebreaking, and W. M. ed her "dance of the South Sea Isl- Neil, charged with theft. While the ands" at the Club Dansant, Fifty-Sec- jailer and his wife were absent from ond Street, early Saturday and as the 200 men and women in evening dress the bars of his cell and operated a lever wildly cheered, three police officials that opened all the prison cages. A and a policewoman followed the slim third man, arrested with Green, also little dancer to her dressing room.

While the policewoman entered the sanctum and declared Miss Harvey's abbreviated costume confiscated the police singled out Arthur Sacks, the manager, and notified him he was under arrest.

The complaint was that Miss Harvey's movements were mostly "from the hips," and that she wore too scanty a garment.

The costume was placed in a box large enough to hold two pounds of the ordinary police property envelope.

BRADY, Texas, Jan. 29 .- Two prisoners escaped from the jail here Satthe building, Green reached through was in the jail, but did not take advantage of the opportunity to leave.

After freed from their cells, Green and Neil used a big nail and a window weight to break out of the second story of the building and escaped unnoticed in the darkness. Officers have found no trace of them.

CORROGATED IRON ROOFING I have plenty of corrogated iron roof ing in stock and owing to a recent decline in the prices, can make you some candy and could be readily thrust into interesting quotations. See me for your needs.

CHICKENS

F. LANGE.

Mr. and Mrs. Otis Shearer came down last week from Rochelle for a visit with Mr. Shearer's parents, Mr. and Mrs. S. K. Shearer, and among fail to get my prices. other relatives and friends.

If you have chickens to sell, don't 31-tf J. J. JOHNSON.



#### MASON COUNTY NEWS, MASON, TEXAS PRICE (Established 1877. Maine Man Made His Personal Dis-M. D. LORING & I. E. LARRIMORE, like Effective in His Last Will Dallas, Texas, Feb. 2.-The followand Testament. **Editors and Preprietors** WINTER CLOTHING PUBLISHED EVERY THURSDAY ing open letter has been addressed to An interesting will was made puball the farmers of Texas by E. F. Intered at Mason Post Office as sec-ond-class mail matter. Absorbed Malic some years ago, that of Fred G. Shropshire, Secretary-Manager of the White, a business man of Belfast, Me., son County Star and Fredonia Kicker United Campaign for Better Agriculwho decreed that money left by him Nov. 21, 1910. Absorbed Mason Herald might be used by the city of Belfast ture: September 27, 1912. except when a certain man was con-"As farmers the best opportunity Notice of church entertainments nected with the city government. The that you have to say what will be a where a charge of admission is made, clause was as follows: fair price for your cotton is at the "I give and bequeath to the city of obituaries, cards of thanks, resolutime of planting, and the strength of tions of respect, and all matters not Belfast, in trust, the sum of \$5,000, your voice will be governed almost ennews, will be charged at the regular to be kept safely invested and the tirely by the acreage planted to cotton advertising rates. income thereof to be used annually as and the amount of food and feed prodhereinafter provided, to wit: Said an-ADVERTISING RATES ucts grown to make your farm selfnual income from said \$5,000 shall be Local readers and classified ads 71/2 sustaining. cents per line per issue. Display rates used for the benefit of the Belfast free made known on application.

SUBSCRIPTION (always in advance .. \$1.50 one year .....

All ads placed in this paper, will be run until ordered out.

Foreign Advertising Representative THE AMERICAN PRESS ASSOCIATION

#### BOOST THE COMMERCIAL CLUB

Tell me not in mournful numbers that the old Town's on the bum; rouse up from your peaceful slumbers and come help us make things hum. If we go to work in earnest we can make things hit on high, "dust thou art to to construct homes they were worried dust returneth," is a song of bye and , by fear of the gigantic beasts of prey bye. All the past that has gone forever-you can't call one moment back -and the future may come never this is true, so help me, Mack. Now's the time to do the boosting, do not wait tomorrow's dawn; you may in the grave be roosting, all your chance of boosting gone. Lay aside your little hammer, grab a horn and toot a few; squelch the kicker's dad-burned yammer with a joyful blast or two. Our town iis sure a pippin and we ought to boost it big; when we hear some growler yippin' we should biff him on the wig. Those who do not like our city ought to straightway hit the grit--boost for Mason-that's my ditty-or arise and straightway "git."-Somebody said it.

Come to Commercial Club meeting next Monday night.

#### WEEKLY PAPER EDITORS HAVE THEIR TROUBLES

Getting up a weekly publication is no picnic. If we print jokes, folks say we are silly-if we don't, they say we are too serious. If we publish original matter, they say we lack variety--if we publish things from other papers, they say we are too lazy to write.

If we don't go to church, we are heathens---if we go, we are hypocrites.

library, under the direction of its trustees, each year that Blank shall not be a member of said Belfast city government or a member of the board of trustees of said library, but, if during any year said Blank is a member of said Belfast city government or a member of the board of trustees of said library, said annual income for such year or years shall revert to my es-

tate and be paid by said city of Belfast to my executor hereinafter named for the use and benefit of the residuary legatees under my will." Ancient Human Dwellings.

When our early forefathers began which wandered over the land at that

time. Some of them built rude shelters in lofty trees. Others drove posts into the bed of a lake, constructed a platform on top of the posts, and built their wooden huts on the platforms. 'The huts were single-storied, with sloping gabled roofs, and around each was a wide veranda.

Each platform was joined to that of its next-door neighbor by a small bridge. In many cases the bungalows were so numerous that they formed a little town, which was connected with the land by a long narrow bridge, either end of which could be raised in a moment.

Moonshiner Advertises His Wares.

North Carolina has a moonshiner who believes in advertising his wares. Revenue officers in Asheville recently came across a bottle with a unique label, which they sent to Commissioner Blair, himself a North Carolinian. lows:

"Pure mountain korn likker. Bottled in a barn. Made in the backwoods of the Mountains of Western North Carolina by an old-time block-If we stay in the office, we ought to be to be strong enough to make you rustling for news—if we rustle for drunk as the devil in ten minutes and Under news as \$5,000 or more. New York Post. mean enough to make a baby bullfrog spit in a whale's face. Shake well and get ready to have a fit before drink-The label has been added to the emption allowed a married person apinternal revenue bureau's museum .--Exchange.

"If you, with the other farmers of Texas and the South increase the .otton acreage at the expense of ford and feed crops and bring to market this fall a 'pre-war production', you cannot intelligently expect prices that will pay the cost of production. On the other hand, fair prices may be expected if you maintain the present extent of diversified farming, making an independent living at home, holding the cotton acreage down to 1921 figures, producing a crop within the reasonable demands of the world.

"No less an authority than Governor W. P. G. Harding of the Federal Reserve Board, in his recent report to Congress, made this observation, that 9,000,000 bales of cotton produced in a given year would bring the fanrmers and the people of the South more money than a 13,000,000 bale crop. With this observation before us the question arises, 'Why produce the extra 4,000,000 bales and practically de stroy the real value of the whole crop?" "We know that the cotton trade is expecting you to plant the fence corners in cotton this year. Will you meet their expectations at the expense of yourself and family? You as farmers alone individually can answer. Your answer will be the acreage planted. Updon this will largely depend the

prices obtained for this crop."

#### INCOME TAX FACTS

In making out his income tax return for 1921, the aberage taxpayer will find This label was the advertisement of a considerable saving in comparison the moonshiner and it reads as fol- with the amount of tax paid on the same income for 1920.

The exemptions provided by the reve nue act of 1921 are \$1,000 for single persons (the term including widows, ader, that don't give a dam for laws widowers, divorcees, and persons sepand prohibition. Retailed on the arated from husband and wife by mut-Asheville market by all the high-class ual agreement), \$2,500 for married perbootleggers for five bones per pint and sons whose net income was \$5,000 or is worth every cent of it. Guaranteed less, and \$2,000 for married persons ference: "Columbus, we are here."-

We have an excellent line of SWEATERS, MACKINAWS AND OVERCOATS-UNDERWEAR Shoes and Hosierv For every member of the family. Inspect our line. Our low prices will please you.

# E. LEMBURG & BRO.

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#### WITTY AND WISE

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Life is often very cruel. The twelve persons who had the good taste not to real all about the Arbuckle case will have to be jurors.—Arkansas Gazette.

A student has been located at Columbia University who has been in constant attendance for forty-one years. Isn't it about time the unforturate man was paroled ?- Chicago Post.

America is expected to furnish the jingle in the concert of nations.-Greenville (S. C.) Piedmont.

Would Henry Ford like to buy Haiti? It also iis a problem .- St. Louis Globe Democrat.

Motton for America at Genoa con-

## FROM NEWS FILES **OF 25 YEARS AGO**

#### From Mason News, Feb. 5, 1897:

G. W. Littlefield shipped two train loads of Mason County beeves from Austin to Chicago last Saturday.

W. R. Harper, of Pine Bluffs, Ark., arrived here this week to visit his brother, J. C. Harper, whom he had not seen for 30 years.

L. G. Purdy was in from Katemey Monday and reports farmers well up with their work and in good spirits over present prospects.

Ed Bridges and wife and three children of Jerry, Oklahoma, are here visiting the family of his father, J. D. Bridges.

Mrs. Coalson died at her hone near Katemcy last Saturday night of cancer. She was about 70 years of age. Mr. Robert Lee, who has been sick a long time, died this morning, and will be buried this afternoon at Blue

rustling for news-if we rustle for news, we are not attending to business in the office.

If we wear old clothes, we are sloven if we wear new clothes they are not paid for. What is a poor editor to do? Like as not somebody will say we swiped this from an exchange. We did!

The Ford Motor Cofpany produced urday from his farm in the Peters Prai-1,050,740 cars, trucks and tractors for rile section and paid the News "devia the year 1921 and retail sales by deal- pleasant call. He says farmers of his 18 years of age or incapable of selfers is said to have reached 1,093,000. section have been plowing, but in Henry is still selling em faster than he places the land does not break very can make them.

Springtime", reads a headline. That proves that bad matters can always been ne worse

If the styles are carried out this spring, it will no longer be necessary to go to Africa to see "bear" skins.

is-well, he has reason for feeling a It is said a splendid meal can be bit feverish in temperature. The other had in Angora, Turkey, for twenty-five day he made the mistake of cutting a cents. Eggs cost 1 cent each, watermel- leg from his Sunday trousers to patch ons and cantaloupes cost from 2 to 3 a pair of old ones .-- Exchange, cents each-but that's too far off to do us much good. Typewriter ribbons, 80c. News Office.

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#### Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

G. A. Sorrells was in Mason last Sat good, especially in tight land the moisture is not sufficient and a good rain

"Bare Legs Will Be Fashionable In will have to come before farm land can be put shape for s'ant ng.

A Grievous Mistake.

fellow all out o' humor. He does his

own mending-likes to do it. Hasn't

a wife to do it for him, so just does

it himself. But what he's angry about

W. E. Jordan, Cashier

Kinney Eckert, Ass't C'r.

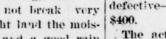
Thay we?

E. W. KOTHMANN

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At Jim Rose's boarding house is a



#### Under the revenue act of 1918 the personal exemption allowed a married person was \$2,000, regardless of the amount of net income. The personal ex-

plies also to the head of a family, man or woman who supports in one household one or more relatives by blood. marriage, or adoption.

The exemptions for dependents-a person who receives his chief support from the taxpayer and who is under support because mentally or physically 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 person--single or married-whose gross income was \$5,000 or more.

The requirement to file a return of gross income of \$5,000 or more regardless of net income is a new provision. Net income is gross income less certain pecified deductions for business expen ses, olsses, bad debts, etc., which are fully explained on the forms.

Returns must be filed by married couples whose combined net income for 1921, including that of dependent minor children, equaled or exceeded \$2,000, or er exceeded \$5,000.

January 1 to March 15, 1922. Heavy penalties are provided for failure or willful refusal" to file a return on time.

Forms 1640A for incomes of \$1,000 and less and 1046 for incomes in excess of \$5,000 may be obtained from the of-Acre of collectors of internal revenue and branch offices. The tax may be paid in full at the time of filing the return, or in four equal installments, due on or before March 15, June 15, September 15, and December 15.

The jay in jaywalker is probably a as his admiral?-Portland Press Herblack and blue jay .- Boston Herald. | ald.

King Boris of Bulgaria says he won't marry an American gir!, but the announcement will not be taken as final until the American girls have Stretch. made it .-- Washington Post.

The reason so many women marry before they reach the age of 25 is that it takes so long to reach that age .-Peoria Transcript

Chinese should know something about an "open door", having been the doormat, with "Welcome" on it for centuries .- Wall Street Journal.

The paper money issued in Soviet Russia has reached 11 trillion rubles. Russia's greatest economic need seems day at noon, Judge J. H. Jones ofto be a pressman's strike.--Kansas

Deleware is said to be the "dryest" State in the Union. Easily explained. It's not big enough to hold more than a quart.-Nashville Tennesseean.

The French have been accused of talking with their hands and shoulders. It is beginning to appear that they are doing their thinking with some ago that dressed d440 pounds. equally out-of-the-way instrument .----Richmond Times Dispatch.

Our idea of the simon pure vegetarian is the one who refuses to eat if the combined gross income equaled animal crackers .- St. Joseph News Press.

> "Trade Relations With Russia." Here is a chance to work off our poor relations .--- Baltimore Sun.

Reciprocity with Canada may get to mean that we'll have to return the bottles.-Burlington News.

Three million dollars was spent for divorces last year, which must be added to the sum the disarmament conference says it will cost to insure peace .--Schenectady Gazette.

If Henry Ford buys all the navy will he offer Truman H. Newberry a job Drug Company.

Alfred Grosse gave a party to a num ber of little friends Wednesday afternoon, it being the occasion of his 8th birthday.

### 15 Years Ago In Mason

From Mason News, Feb. 1, 1907:

Mr. Will D. Worlie and Miss Georgia Allen were married last Wednesficiating.

M. F. Carter receptly butchered four porkers dressing over 300 pounds each.

A few lady friends met Monday afternoon at Mrs. J. W. White's and played forty-two, the hostess serving them with refreshments.

C. C. Wood killed a hog a few days

The 42 Club met with Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Koock last Thursday evening.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Ellebracht had the misfortune last week to lose their little child of but a few days old.

Sheriff Dee Gibbs sold his farm near town to Allen Murray for \$3,400 and bought the livery business of the latter for \$1900.

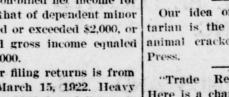
Col. Thos. F. Rainey and family left this week for Kent county where they will reside.

A pleasant dance was given Saturday night at the home of Mr. and Mrs.

J. W. Owens, in the Gooc's addition. The measles are said to be prevalent in Mason.

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The period for filing returns is from

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CHURCH SOUTH **Entertains at Dinner NEWS FROM FREDONIA** On Tuesday of this week, Mrs. Chas. Sunday School every Sunday at 10 Henry Ford has made it possible for every Bierschwale was hostess to a number a. m. Editor Mason County News :--Preaching, 1st Sunday, 11 a. m. and of ladies at dinner. A very deliciously farmer in Mason County to buy a TRACTOR prepared turkey with many palatable I think it ouite a shame that such 7 p. m. by Roy G. Rader. at a tremendous low price. Preaching, 2nd Sunday, 11 a. m. and accessories featured the occasion. The a thriving little town as Fredonia is guests included Mesdames J. W. White, 7. p. m. by D. G. Hardt. not represented in the county paper. Preaching, 3rd Sunday, 11 a. m. and Ben Pluenneke, J. P. Lyle, H. Puckey, We may not have much news, but con-In view of the fact that drought conditions J. C. Lemburg, R. H. Kidd, O. H. Mebus 7. p. m. by Roy G. Rader. sider it very important. have kept most Mason County farmers from Preaching, 4th Sunday, 11 a. m. and and J. S. King. I suppose the weather here is about plowing their fields this season, we can deliver 3 p. m. by D. G. Hardt. the same as all over the county, misty Ladies' Aid Will Meet Preaching at Loyal Valley, 2nd Sunyou a FORDSON at once at a low price never and cold, but we have not given up day at 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. The Ladies Aid of the Christian hopes of a good rain in time for a bumheard of before, enabling you to still put your Preaching at Grit, 3rd Sunday at 3 p. Church will meet next Wednesday af- per crop. land in first class shape for planting time. ternoon at three o'clock at the home Fredonia was visited all last week Preaching at Bethel, 4th Sunday at of Mrs. R. H. Kidd. by an up-to-date picture show. 11 a. m. and 3 p. m. Our school is progressing nicely, with Preaching at Long Mountain, 4th L. F. Eckert, Dealer good attendance. The Woman's Missionary Society. Sunday at 7 p. m. Pontotoc came over Friday yith their ROY G. RADER, The Woman's Missionary Society boys and girls, to play basket ball. The D. G. HARDT, will meet at the Home of Mrs. Jim girls' game was in favor of Fredonia. Pastors. Brown Tuesday afternoon, Feb. 7th. and the boys' game was seven to two Program will begin promptly at 3 in Pontotoc's favor. POULTRY WIREo'elock FARM BUREAU ELECTS OFFICERS MASON SCHOOL NEWS BY NINTH Bro. Farmer and daughter, Miss One, One and half, and two inch Subject-"Cuba". Mabel, and Miss Ruth Longley attend-AT MEETING HERE MONDAY GRADE mesh; height, 18, 24, 36 and 48 inch. Leader-Mrs. A. Tinsley. ed church at Art Sunday. 48-11 LARRIMORE & GROTE. Song. Mrs. Sarah Danials, of Wichita The Animal Husbandry class is equip Praver. The Mason County Farm Bar au Subscribe for the News today Falls, is visiting her parents, Mr. and ped with a Babcock Milk Tester, and Bible Lesson-Heralds, of A New met at the court house last Monday Mrs. R. M. McMillan. they will be glad to test milk for you, Give me your next job of vulcanizing. Day. (Voice). and elected officers for the following The Ladies' Industrial Club met Frifindingk the per cent of butter fat. 'A Study of Havana, Cuba"-Mrs. A. I guarantee my work. Otto Schmidt. day with Mrs. C. H. Longley. Members years : Any one may have this done by send-L. L. Strickland. Officers elected were, Allen Nurray, present were Mmes. R. George, W. C. SETTLEMENT WANTED ing in a sample of the milk. Duett-Mmes. Carl Runge and Wm. president: W. I. Marschall, vice-presi-Ellison, T. Simon, R. Sanders, M. E. Perry Donop, who resides near Art, Splittgerber. Having disposed of my business, ! dent: W. E. Jordan. treasurer. The Sudberry, F. Dendy, R. M. McMillan, and attends school at Mason, was out Lila Lee's Letters-Mrs. Robt Lee. M. J. Jennings, J. Farmer, Miss Flora following were elected directors : J. H. before dawn Tuesday morning, filling ask that all parties indebted to me to How I learned Givin-Mrs. Ben Jorcall and make satisfactory arrange-Brown and Miss Lottie Leach, guest of Weidemann, J. W. Lee, Ed Jordan, the gasoline tank of his car. He was ments on their accounts at their earli- dan. honor. A very enjoyable afternoon was Hubert Jordan and J. W. Kotamant. carrying a lantern. When he was pour-Song Upon motion of those present the of- ing the gasoline, which he had in a est convenience. I can be found with spent. Refreshments were served by the firm of E. Lemburg & Bro. fice of secretary was separated from sprinkler can, in the tank, the gasothe hostess. The Club meets next Fri-Subscribe for the News today. that of treasurer, and the secretary is line exploded and he caught fire. He Respectfully, day with Miss Flora Brown. to be hired by the board of directors. was burned very badly about the face. 46-tf CONRAD HARTMAN. Typewriter ribbons, Soc. News Office. -Bimbo. The secretary has not been secured at Dr. Baze was called immediately and this time but it is the intention of the Perry was brought to the Mason Sani-

# **REMOVAL NOTICE**

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

BEGINNING MONDAY, FEB. 6TH, THE JOHNSON GROCERY STORE WILL BE LOCATED IN THE C. C. SMITH BUILD-ING, AND THE WM. SPLITTGERBER GROCERY STORE WILL BE LOCATED IN THE RANCK BUILDING.

WE ASK OUR FRIENDS AND CUS-TOMERS TO VISIT US AT OUR NEW LO-CATIONS.

J. J. JOHNSON 'Phone 80

WM. SPLITTGERBER 'Phone 11

attend to the correspondence of the organization and who will list the products for sale by the membership and in general, look after the affairs of the organization.

directors to secure a man who will tarium.

The report of the delegate to the State convention was heard and he reports that the organization is being taught by W. A. Montgomery, went on well managed and the business is as a field trip Thursday to the Wheeler economically conducted as can be expected.

The wooi pool has been sold out and it is expected that final settlement will be made to these members by the middle of February. The wool sold has ranged in price from 12 to 28 cents per bound, uncleaned basis.

It is intended to organize the diff- on a picnic. erent communities in the county into through the Secretary who will be in ness

tions from headquarters, but as soon of their sister's health.

will be arranged and the community their sister's death. locals 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 coming before the meeting, adjournment was made.

#### TO WHOM IT CONCERNS:

It is reported that I am using 15c tax due Road District No. 2 for constructing streets in West End of town. am using Precinct No. 1's 1920 taxes. The 15c belonging to Road Precinct No. 2 will be left intact to that road district.

These streets, after completed, will be maintained by Road District No. 2. HENRY DOELL, Com. Prec't. No. 1.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Ellebracht, who have spent the past several weeks in Mason among relatives and friends, returned to their home in San Antonio last Sunday.

Mary Wood taught school for Miss Evers, Tuesday, the latter being ill.

August Vater has been absent from school since Friday on account of illness and on returning Wednesday he said that he was quiting school.

The general science class which is pasture. They are now making a special study of the different familiar trees.

The eighth grade has organized a con test in Algebra which lasts to the 1st of April. The side that makes the highest grades during this time wins, and will have to take the other side

Ruth Bruce was absent from school locals and these locals in turn to work Friday and Monday on account of ill-

Mason. A definite program along this Annie and Lena Simon were absent line is being held up, pending instruc- from school a few days this week

as this is decided, a definite program from school a few days on account of

Misses Esther Altgelt and Ada Phillips, of Llano, were here for the dance Saturday evening. They were guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Carl Runge until Sunday afternoon.

#### New Type Faces

The News has recently added new faces of job type to its splendl equipment for turning out nest and attractive job printing. We will be pleased to show you some samples of our work and quote prices and cetimates op any and all kinds of work from a calling card to a catalog.

Mr. and Mrs. Jim Behrens are re ceiving congratulations from their. many friends upon the arrival of a baby boy, which was born on the 29th.

Garriss Bo



# HER CONFIDANTE By JACK LAWTON

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The young woman on the opposite side of the fireplace looked long and speculatively at Gay. The young woman was fike many others, goodlooking, acceptable in the conventional mode. Gay was different. One could not tell just why, perhaps because she so happily personified her name. Gay's eyes seemed ever alight with sympathetic good humor; the corners of her lips ever ready to break into an understanding smile. And yet, Gay could be serious with one, sharing one's seriousness.

"Irresistible," the men said of her, admiringly.

"What is it that men all like in her?" women asked, wondering.

Gay, unaware of her charm and popglarity, bent closer to her friend. "People are nice," she confided. "Some of them so nice, that it is difficult to keep from loving."

The young woman on the opposite side of the fire smiled. "Who now," she questioned, "is the especially nice person?"

Gay hesitated, then laughed. "He came," she replied, "to spend two months last summer at the country hotel where I was stopping."

"He must," the woman remarked, "have been unusually entertaining to engage your attention, Gay, for the space of two months."

"He was," Gay answered her, "the most interesting man I ever met."

Honore leaned forward anxiously. "My dear," she said, "that description of yours sounds like adoring love. Some way I don't want you to love any man in adoring fashion."

Gay's cheeks took on the glow of the fire. "He wants me to marry him," she answered softly.

on lonesomely, until he met me at Rayner's. I happened to be the one woman of his life." Gay paused. "It was wonderful, Honore," she added, "that Jack should also promise to be the one man of my life."

Silence in the firelight, then Honore's hand touched Gay's head. "Then it is settled," she said, "that you and your Jack are to marry?"

"No," Gay replied, "not settled. I-it is strange, Honore, you will not be able to understand, but some disquieting instinct holds me back. Yet I seem to love Jack, every waking hour is haunted by thoughts of him. I told you you would not understand."

"But I do understand," Honore said quickly. "You would prove him, and yourself, dear, by absence. That is wise. If I had been as wise years ago my life might not be now the shattered thing that it is. I have told you that I distrust men. I have reason to do so."

Gay's eyes were wide. "Why, I never guessed that you had known an unfortunate romance, Honore," she said. "When you came here I did wonder a little that you refrained from mentioning your fusband. Was it he who deceived you, dear? Or can it be possible that you are not a widow. after all?" Forgive me," Gay added, as her friend's face paled.

"But Honore answered bravely, "Mine is the saddest kind of widowhood-I am a deserted wife."

"Deserted !" Gay cried, "you sweetest of lovable women."

"I believed in my husband," Honore went on, "and adored him, as you frighten me by adoring this man who has captured your pure heart. My husband was ever amused and willing to bask in the smiles of admiring women, even to make light love to them, returning laughingly repentant from each flirtation; while I, who had given him absolutely my faith, was wounded into suffering despair. Then, at last, he left me. It was truly release, had he not taken with him all my bright confidence and a trust that rive much to regain. I have

1 130. ALL ALIS, MASUN, ILXAS.

ture is of Jack Holden, the man of

her friend's hand, looking upon it

with a little twisted smile. Then she

dropped it into the fire. When she looked back at her friend her eyes

had regained their unclouded light.

said quietly, "if he might go on al-

ways untouched, unheeding? He will

not."

"You were wondering, Honore," she

She watched the paper curl into

MARKET STALLS IN RUSISIA

for Sale.

"mme. "He-liked me," Gay said

"It is also the picture," Honore said harshly, "of the man whom I married." Gay came slowly to take it from

whom I have been speaking."

We want the second s

FRIDAY NIGHT "PRICE OF POSESSION" **Featuring Ethel Clayton** 

> SATURDAY NIGHT "CHICKENS"

**Featuring Douglas MacLean** 

SHOW STARTS AT 7:15 O'CLOCK

Admission: 15 & 25 Cents

F. T. Hahn was here Monday from COURT HOUSE NEWS

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred McWilliams, a

boy. January 20th. Mr. and Mrs. Will Keith, a boy, January 16th.

Births

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Hill, a boy, Jan. 22nd.

Marriage License

Mr. E. Smith and Miss Loleat Alexander January 27th.

#### CHICKEN POX IN FOWLS

Chicken pox seems rather bad at present in many bocks and we are giving a few of the symptoms and a treatment.

Little sores or nodules, varying in tles. The disease is transmitted from one fowl to another through the discharge from the nodules. It can be transmitted from one farm to another by pigeons or birds, but is generally caused by introducing fowls from infected farms.

As this disease is contagious, the houses, drinking vessels and feed

Mild ases of this disease may be sucpounds each. Mrs. Woodhouse has lated ointment, glycerine or oil and a five per cent solution of corbolic acid. One or two treatments should eradicate the disease.

W. I. MARSCHALL.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Bierschwale returned home last Saturday from Austin, where they had been for several weeks and where Mrs. Bierschwale underwent an operation which was performed by Dr. Gilbert. Her many friends will be pleased to know that she is getting along nicely.

How about your subscription to for another year

The cry that Russia was wholly without needles, pins and thread was apparently without foundation. The land has broken up fine where it has abolition of domestic trade restric- been plowed. tions has produced a great quantity of such articles in Russian market stalls. They are of Russian, English, German and American manufacture. Much of this supply doubtless was hoarded and could be had secretly be-

fore free trade was inaugurated. Darming cotton and wool, hooks and eyes, hairpins, combs, brushes, buttons and other notions also are offered freely, but at high prices in comparison with the markets of western Europe.

Cloth is scarce and apparently of inferior quality. Market stalls seldom have more than a few yards of any sort of cotton or woolen fabrics. Porcelain is also scarce.

The only really good table silver and porcelain is in the hands of hundreds of reduced gentlefolk, who stand in queues about the public markets and offer their household belongings for the rubles necessary to buy black bread at 3,000 rubles for a Russian pound of 12 ounces. Every conceivable household article and every sort of garment can be bought in these queues.

Chairs, chandeliers, lamps, stoves, carpets, rugs, saddles, trunks, talking machines, beds, bicycles, pots, pans, kettles, table linen, fur coats, boots, evening gowns and every sort of wearing apparel are offered for sale by their owners in these queues. Endless lines of second-hand dealers and individuals requiring wares pass along these queues asking prices and offering cash or barter .- New York Tribune.

#### DEFINES RIGHT OF CARRIERS

Long Litigation Over Seemingly Slight Matter Really Was Matter of High Importance.

Long litigation over possession of a loaf of bread at last has confirmed the claim of a common carrier to possession of articles left behind by forgetful passengers, says the New York dred, and approximately two handred Telegraph. By such seemingly trifling and fifty were injured. The roof was incidents are established principles of so heavy laden with snow is given as law and equity often brought to the the cause for it to give way. attention of the public. The issue grew out of the arrest of a man who picked up a package left by another passenger, on a seat of a New York subway train. The trainmaster demanded the package under the company's rule requiring all such estrays te be turned in at the office, subject to ciaim by the owners. Although it then was discovered that the package contained nothing more valuable than a 5-cent loaf of bread the matter went to litigation. Through all the devious ways that such seemingly petty cases get up to the highest court, the case reached the Court of Appeals of the state. There, after as solemn deliberation as is given to issues involving large amounts of meney and more momentous principles, the court held that the rule of the company was based on a well-established principle of law. The finder could have no claim to the article as having been lost. It merely had been left by the owner on the property of the carrier, who at once became balles for the owner. The other person, instead of acquiring any right to it as finder under the law, technically became a thief if he retained it, notwithstanding his expressed intention to advertise for the .....

Pitiful Condition of the Country Is his farm in the Long Mountain com-Revealed by the Articles Offered munity. He states that he has not been able to break any of his farm lacd, but says where the soil is mixed it is breaking good. Mr. Hahn said that black

Pearls From Herringe.

"French pearls" were very popular before the war. To make these artificial pearls, the French craftsmen obtained fish scales from the Russian bleak fisheries, and used these sheeny scales to give glass beads the luster of pearls. The war stopped the Russian fishermen, and consequently French pearl-makers could no longer work. Therefore great efforts were made to scales. Now it has been found that ing is removed and from it "essence d'Orient" or pearl essence is made. The essence adheres like cement; and a glass bead which has been coated with it bears a passable resemblance to a genuine pearl.

#### Woman Grows Prize Dates.

On a four-acre plot in California trees eight years ago, and this year the harvest will net about \$5,000. Two

If you know of some news items that would interest News readers, phone it in. If you don't know the details, give us an idea and we will do

All Reeves was here Saturday from the Capitola section. He stated that cattle are doing well in that none h ve be : lest daring the bad spell of . ath-

The roof of the Knickerbocker Theater at Washington, D. C., caved in last Saturday night and many people were killed and more injured. It is said the death toll will be more than one hun-

find a substitute for the Russian fish the scales of certain sea herring and size, from a turnip seed to that of a shad possess a delicate luster similar pea, occur on the comb, ears and watte oriental pearls. The silvery coat-

done all the work herself.

our best to get the particulars.

er so far as he is able to learn.

Mrs. Carl Woodhouse planted date troughs should be kept disinfected. of her prize bunches weigh thirty The nodules are greased with corbo-

cessfully treated by local applications. after a few hours the scale may be washed off. The places may then be painted with tincture of iodine or with

The other woman sighed. "Tell me about him, dear," she invited.

Strangely enough Gay echoed the sigh. "There is little to tell," she replied. "Jack was never communicative. He came from Chicago, had traveled much as a civil engineer. and had always been too busy with study and achievement to associate with young women. There was only one girl, he said, a friend of his sister's, with whom he became well acquainted, but he forget her when a long business commission carried him away. After his sister married, Jack drifted

wondered," Honore ended wistfully, "If he will be permitted to go on ever untouched and unheeding, while others, innocent, suffer."

Gay arose; tears were in her soft eyes. A snap-shot picture dropped frem her letter. Absently Honore: stooped to pick it up. A man's attractive face met her gaze, his dark eyes cold, commanding. She grew shastly pale.

"Gay," she pleaded, "not this-not rour-Jack !"

Slowly Gay answered : "This pic-

Our Brady house is now loading out five cars of chickens each week. We are in the market for Hens, Cocks, Spring and all other poultry at highest market prices.

Chickens

**CHICKENS** 

Bring in your poultry and take advantage of these prices.

MAYHEW PRODUCE COMPANY Mason, Texas.

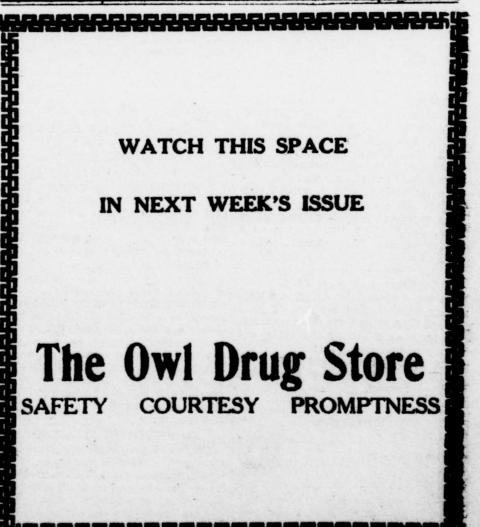
X-Ray Cancer Treatment. Remarkably successful results in the treatment of cancer are expected at the London hospitals, Whitechapel, by the "Dual Method" of applying X-rays. "The system had then been only recently installed," writes a medical corident, "and it is too soon to make laite claim of permanent cure. At ast fre years must elapse without currence of cancerous growths be-re it can be confidently said that the a mored. But and of the co

Pleasant Japanese Custom. As we left Matsue, Japan, by steam-

er, an agriculturist on board the vessel told me of the custom of giving holidays to oxen and horses. The villagers carefully brush their animals, decorate them, and lead them to pasture, where, tethered to rings attached to a long rope, "they may graze together pleasantly."-J. W. Bobertson Scott, in London Daily Telegraph.

Mr. and Mrs. Max Martin and Miss Rath left last Sunda ! fo: San Antoi.i. for an absence of a few days on a business trip combined with pleasure.

H. H. Ischar took a renewal lease on the News this week for himself and his daughter, Mrs. Bessie Wheeler, who resides in Oklahoma City. Mr. Ischar states the work on the Lutheran parsonage is progressing very slowly, due to the bad weather of the past soveral lays.



For Torpid Liver

"Black-Draught is, in my epinion, the best liver medicine on the market," states Mrs. R. H. White-side, of Keota, Okla. She continues: "I had a pain in my chest after eating-tight, uncomfortable feeling—and this was very disagreeable and brought on headache. I was con-stipated and knew it was indigestion and inactive liver. I began the use of Black-Draught, night and morning, and it sure is splendid and certainly gives relief."

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# Thedford's BLACK-DRAUGHT

For over seventy years this purely vegetable preparation has been C.S. found beneficial by thousands of persons suffer-ing from effects of a torpid, or slow-acting liver. Indigestion, biliousness, colic, coated tongue, dizziness, constipation, bitter taste, sleeplessness, lack of energy, pain in back, puffiness under the eyes-any or all of these symptoms often indicate that there is something the matter with your liver. You can't be too careful about the medicine you take. Be sure that the name, "Thedford's Black-Draught," is on the package. At all druggists. Accept Only

# N COLNER NEWS, MASON, THEAS

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The Woodland

Pool

By FREDERICK HART

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from her parents on that hot August

with more than a vague "Oh, I don't

know! I think I'll take a stroll down

by the old orchard." She was not in

the best of moods; her family had in-

sisted on departing for the country a

good three weeks before she herself

had desired it; their big estate, Three Eims, seemed boring after the excite-

ments of town. She did not know their

neighbors, and life in general seemed

to hold no particular allurements. Mar-

jorie was the sunniest-natured girl in

the world, generally; but there were

times when, if matters did not go as

she desired them, that she could be a

trifle ungracious. This broiling day

was one of them. She set off with her

head at an independent angle, swing-

ing a large sunhat by its strings, deter-

mined to explore the country near the

old orchard and let the fresh country

She had not thought fit to mention

to her parents that rolled up in a

tight bundle, inside the ample sunhat.

was a bathing suit. Marjorie was al-

most as much at home in the water as

on land, and she counted that day lost

whose low descending sun had not seen

her sporting in her favorite element.

She was not sure that there was any

water near the old orchard, but on an

estate the size of hers there was sure

to be a brook, and possibly a pool deep

enough to swim in. Marjorle decided

to take no chances and to be prepared.

through some thick woods, she soon

lost sight of the house. Another five

minutes of walking brought her to

the old orchard-a few gnarled apple

trees set in the midst of a tangled

growth of underbrush. She worked

her way through the clinging vines and

Following a little path that led

air calm her perturbed spirits.

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A snap of the fingers emphasized the word "that." In a moment Marjorie was sitting on a convenient bowlder, pulling at her shoes and stockings. In another five minutes as graceful a little water sprite as ever figured in ancient fable stepped daintily into the water's edge.

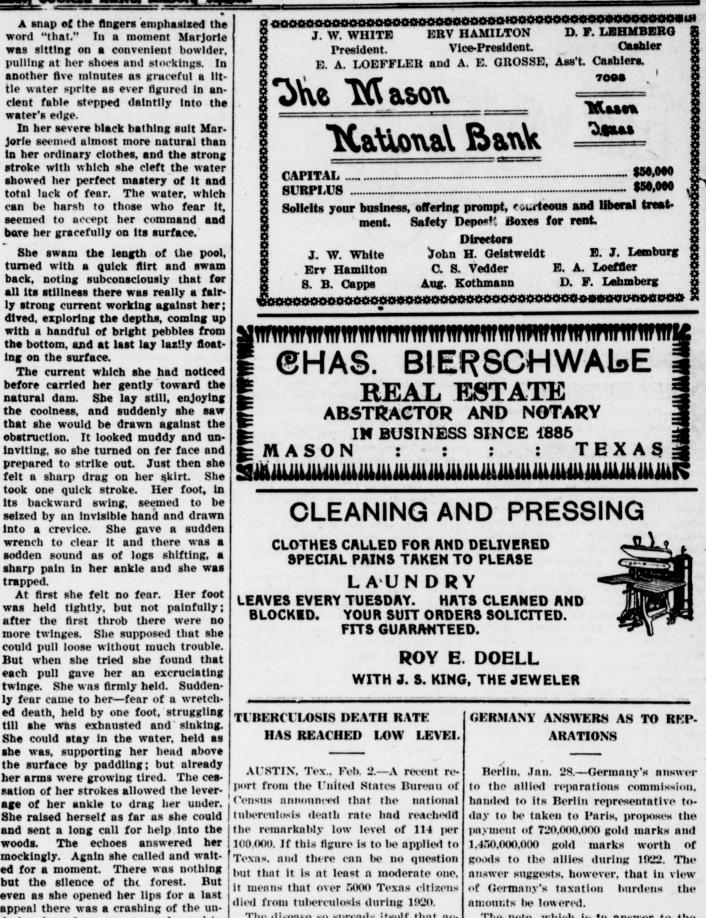
In her severe black bathing suit Marjorie seemed almost more natural than in her ordinary clothes, and the strong stroke with which she cleft the water showed her perfect mastery of it and Marjorie Dennison slipped away total lack of fear. The water, which can be harsh to those who fear it, seemed to accept her command and afternoon without replying to their inquiries as to where she was going bare her gracefully on its surface.

> She swam the length of the pool, turned with a quick firt and swam back, noting subconsciously that for all its stillness there was really a fairly strong current working against her; dived, exploring the depths, coming up with a handful of bright pebbles from the bottom, and at last lay lazily floating on the surface.

> The current which she had noticed before carried her gently toward the natural dam. She lay still, enjoying the coolness, and suddenly she saw that she would be drawn against the obstruction. It looked muddy and uninviting, so she turned on fer face and prepared to strike out. Just then she felt a sharp drag on her skirt. She took one quick stroke. Her foot, in its backward swing, seemed to be seized by an invisible hand and drawn into a crevice. She gave a sudden wrench to clear it and there was a sodden sound as of logs shifting, a sharp pain in her ankle and she was trapped.

At first she felt no fear. Her foot was held tightly, but not painfully; after the first throb there were no more twinges. She supposed that she could pull loose without much trouble. But when she tried she found that each pull gave her an excruciating twinge. She was firmly held. Suddenly fear came to her-fear of a wretched death, held by one foot, struggling till she was exhausted and sinking. She could stay in the water, held as she was, supporting her head above the surface by paddling; but already her arms were growing tired. The cessation of her strokes allowed the leverage of her ankle to drag her under. She raised herself as far as she could woods. The echoes answered her mockingly. Again she called and waited for a moment. There was nothing but the silence of the forest. But even as she opened her lips for a last appeal there was a crashing of the underbrush, and a young man, dressed in flannel shirt and breeches, burst out on the edge of the pool.

trouble was. In a moment he had run poised himself and dived. She felt his hands working at the log that imprisoned her foot; it seemed that he had been under water for many minutes



The note, which is in answer to the cording to the best statistics available, recent request of the reparations comfor every death eight others have be- mission that she would be able to meet A word served to tell him what the come afbicted. This means that Texas fully the January and February reparhas nearly 43,000 citizens suffering ations installments; specifies the out on the perilous footing of the dam, from this one terrible diisease. Many amount of goods to be delivered to each

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The suggestion for lowering the payments does not name any particular

proper understanding of what to do

and then doing it in time.

The disease so spreads itself that ac-

of these cases can be saved with a of the allies.

Never Heard of Sunny Side Up.

the Genuine.

Irvin S. Cobb, on a recent southern tour stopped for dinner at a tiny railway restaurant in a Mississippi village.

"Well, uncle, what's the bill-offare?" he asked the aged colored man who came from the kitchen to look after him.

"De bill o'-fare," said the old man, "am ham, eggs, cohn bread and coffee."

"Then I'll have ham, eggs, corn bread and coffee, uncle," said Mr. Cobb

The old waiter bowed and shuffled out. But a moment later he put his head through the doorway again. "Boss," he said, "how ye gwine have dem eggs-blind or lookin' at ye?"-Detroit Free Press.

#### Spies Everywhere.

"How is the patient progressing?" "Doing as well as could be expected." "Able to receive visitors yet?" "Come around in about three days." "Thanks, I certainly will."

Overhearing this conversation you would naturally suppose that somebody was recovering from a serious complaint. As a matter of face, citizens who engage in home brewing can't be too careful about discussing it on a street corner.-Birmingham Age-Her.

Benefits of Dark Food. A party of picknickers, after a long, dusty walk reached the parking place where they spread out their luncheon. As they were setting the table, one young woman exclaimed:

"Ain't I glad I brought a chocolate cake. It doesn't show dirt,"-Milwaukee Journal.

#### CHICKENS

If you have chickens to sell, don't fail to get my prices. 31-tf J. J. JOHNSON.

You'll enjoy the pictures at the Star Opera House. Shows every Friday and Saturday night. Don't forget, it starts at 7:00 o'clock.



Burst Out on the Edge of the Pool.

briers that filled the inclosure and found herself facing a wire fence, on which gleamed a shining new notice board :

> TRESPASSERS WILL BE PROSECUTED TO THE FULL EXTENT OF THE LAW!

She sniffed contemptuously. Ever since she had been coming to that part of the country in the summer the country had been hers to explore as she would. With some difficulty she managed to wriggle over the fence and was soon working her way down a gentle slope, heavily overgrown, to where her quick ear had caught the gurgle and tinkle of water falling over rocks. In a moment she was standing 31-tf beside a clear, deep pool, fringed by green rushes, formed by a natural dam which had set back the waters of nere last Saturday from their home a tiny brook. She smiled with delight. n., Castell. And then her smile changed to a frown, for beside the pool she saw another notice board. She approached

and read it: NO SWIMMING ALLOWED! Neither of the boards had carried a signature. "What a mean man it is who owns this place!" thought Marjorie. "He keeps people off and puts up all sorts of notices, and won't even

and that for his old notices!"

when she felt a sudden shoot of pain and automatically kicked out. Her foot was free.

and felt with relief the strong hand supporting her. In silence the two swam the few strokes to the shore. Then she stood up and met the eye of her rescuer.

"I think I came along just in time," he said gravely. "That dam leaks and the suction through the logs is powerful. I was afraid some one might swim there, so I put up that sign." He pointed to the notice. Marjorie blushed.

"I-I don't know how to thank you for saving my life," she said. "And I W. O. W. IS SUED BY JUDGE BUCK guess I was an awful fool to swim where there was a notice forbidding it. I-I live on the next place. My name's Marjorie Dennison. Won't-won't you come and call and let me really tell you how grateful I am that you came when you did, and how ashamed I am of myself for disobeying the notice?"

The young man bowed. "My name's Carter Devereaux," he supplied. "And I'll be delighted to call and thank you -for disobeying my notice board."

Before she could answer he was gone. Marjorie slowly dressed and retraced her steps to the house.

"I'm-I'm glad I disobeyed the notice, too," she said to herself.

#### Accetylene Gas Light Plants

I am prepared to furnish data and information on accetylene gas lights. Let me figure with you if you contemplate installing a plant.

F. LANGE.

F. W. Leifeste and laughter were

Mrs. Wallace Boston and son, J. W., went to Brady last Sunday afternoon. and remained a short time for a visit with relatives and friends.

#### NEED GLASSES?

Dr. Jones, The Eye Man, in Dr. Mc-Collum's office, Wednesday, Feb. Sth. put his name on them. Well, I don't Eyes examined, Glasses Fitted, Headcare. I'm going to have my swim, ache and Eye Strain relieved. At Castell, Thurs. 9th. and and a second

'In helping others to care for them-The reply declares that re-establish-

selves one is at the same time working ment of confidence in German credit to protect himself and his family. She knew that she was very weak, Fighting tuberculosis is a cause in is necessary if Germany is to carry out which every citizen of Texas must en- her obligations and it suggests the algage if the battle against this disease lies co-operate toward an international is to be successful," said D. E. Breed, Executive Secretary of the Texas Pub-

lic Health Association.

Wright's Condensed Smoke and Saltpetre at Mason Drug Company. 42-2t

#### Fresh cement at R. Grosse's.

Suit to collect \$28,882 damages from Saturday by R. H. Buck, judge of the OFFICE. Second Court of Civil Appeals.

Judge Buck asks judgment for this amount because, he pleads, that the regularly elected delegates to the Sovereign Camp and convention from Texas were not seated despite the fact that they went to the expense of making the trip.

In his position Buck states that he and others were chosen as the delegates when the Texas camps were in session at Houston last March. He contends that the result of the election, however, was illegally declared against him and the other delegates who carried the original ballots to New York with them.

The Sovereign Camp refused to recount the ballots and to seat his delegation, Buck states .- Fort Worth Star Telegrain.

Tanlac is one medicine that does what they say it will do. Mason Drug Company.

Take in the picture show at the Star opera House each Friday and Saturday night. Show starts at 7:00 o'clock.

Eagle Brand Typewriter Ribbons, 80c at News Office.

reparations loan. The necessity for the autonomy of the Reichsbank is pointed out and the reply is insistent upon a reduction in

the cost of the armed occupation. It also asks that the payments made in January and February of this year be credited to Germany's 1922 account.

If you want printing, we can do it for you and we take pains in turning out neat and attractive work. Get our prices on letter heads, note heads, statethe Sovereign Camp, Woodmen of the ments, bill heads, envelopes, wedding World, was filed in the District Court and society stationery. THE NEWS

#### Live Wedding Presents.

Lord Morton has revived old traditions of Scotch chieftainship, writes a correspondent, by his practical and patriarchal gift of a flock of sheep to his son on his marriage. Such wedding gifts must have been common enough when the Douglas chiefs ruled with a high hand in territories where there was little actual money. The ancestor of Lord Morton was second chief of the Douglas clan, and the greatness of this family began with the acquisition of wide lands in the Fourteenth century, culminating in the fourth earl, the great Regent of Scotland, too great for safety, for he was attainted and executed. But the Morton earls soon recovered from this blow and, 50 years later, the seventh earl was one of the richest and most powerful men in the kingdom.

#### Coal or Water?

A new French estimate of the world's water power resources credits the United States with 30,000,000 available horsepower; Canada with 25,000,-000; Norway with 7,500,000. Sweden with 6,750,000; Austro-Hungary dis-trict with 6,750,000; Italy and Spain with about 5,000,000 each; Germany with only 1,500,000, and England with 1,000,000, have a supposed compensating advantage in their supplies of coal.

MASON COUNTY NEWS, MASON, TEXAS.

# DODGE BROTHERS

announce a substantial reduction in the prices of their cars effective January 1st, 1922



# F. R. WULFF Brady, Texas

an unaccustomed keenness, that this capable girl was wondering how it had happened that he was a failure. But as the days passed, and Peter fell resignedly into his new work in the store, he grew to look forward pleasantly to the sight of the girl perched there on the high stool.

Sometimes she would beckon him regarding a reference, and sometimes, when Nathaniel C. Croten and Stewart were out at luncheon, Peter and she would eat their lunch together, surreptitiously, like two school children, under cover of the big desk. Peter's eyes began to regain their old humorous light, and before he knew, Peter was telling the clever little bookkeeper his life's simple gray story. Nathaniel Croten, when he returned from lnnch, would visit always the high desk in the office, when, often, he required Jane Gordon's assistance in business consultation. He evinced a new pride in dress and an added degree 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 resignation. He realized, then, the reason of its recent sweet hopefulness.

Half-unconsciously, he, the whitehaired, long-patient failure, had dared at last to know love and its great ambition. Peter looked from the window, to see the two of whom he had been thinking crossing the road together. A moment more and they were in the office. The senior partner tossed his fur coat to a chair and passed into his private sanctum. The little bookkeeper climbed to her stool. "Peter," she said, "Peter, I am going

to tell you a secret Nathaniel Croten has proffered to me himself in marriage."

Wistfully Peter's tired eyes were raised to her. Dumbly Peter waited. Against his will the words fell from his lips: "And I-I loved you so!" he said.

The energetic and capable young person slipped down from her stool. "Oh, my dearest dear !" she cried. "I knew you did; that's one reason why I refused Mr. Croten."

#### PRESCRIPTIONS

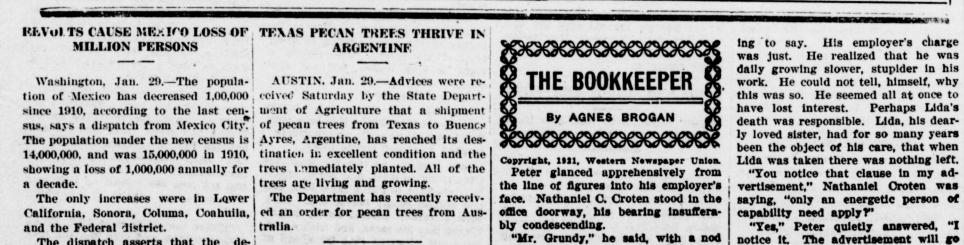
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#### DON'T

Forget the oldest and best sewing nachine. Repair clocks, stoves and guns. All work guaranteed. TOM MILLSAP. 41tf

TRACES COURSE OF BULLET FIRED OVER 50 YEARS AGO

Kelso, Wash .-- P. J. Knapp, a Civil War veteran, after fifty-eight years, has traced the course of a bullet he fired at the siege of Vicksburg.



at Peter, "I am sorry to inform you that we must have another bookkeeper-young blood, Mr. Grundy, and a newer method of management. You must admit that we have been patient in retaining your services in that capacity. While we acknowledge your faithfulness in years past, and, erdevotion to duty, still you have lost ground, and are, in short, too slow for our constantly increasing business. Stewart said to me only this morning, 'We need a man with push and pep in that department, that he may help with the sales.' And so we do. I have, therefore, mapped out an ad

which I will ask you to look over before mailing to the papers." Nathaniel Croten's tight lips loos-

ened in their nearest approach to a smile. "We shall endeavor to continue your services in some lesser capacity, Mr. Grundy."

Peter bowed. There was really noth-

#### \$100 Reward, \$100

\$100 Reward, \$100 , The readers of this paper will be pleased to learn that there is at least one dreaded disease that science has been able to cure in all its stages and that is catarrh. Catarrh being greatly influenced by constitutional conditions requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Medicine is taken internally and acts thru the Blood on the Mucous Sur-faces of the System thereby destroying the foundation of the disease, giving the patient strength by building up the con-stitution and sessiting nature in doing its work. The proprietors have so much faith in the curative powers of Hall's Catarrh Medicine that they offer One Hundred Doilars for any case that it fails to cure. Send for list of testimonials.

ing to say. His employer's charge was just. He realized that he was daily growing slower, stupider in his work. He could not tell, himself, why this was so. He seemed all at once to have lost interest. Perhaps Lida's death was responsible. Lida, his dearly loved sister, had for so many years been the object of his care, that when Lida was taken there was nothing left. "You notice that clause in my ad-

vertisement," Nathaniel Oroten was saying, "only an energetic person of capability need apply?"

notice it. The advertisement will go in this evening."

"We thought," the big man added, "that we might be able to use you in our sales department, at a smaller salary, Mr. Grundy."

Again Peter bowed. Again, there appeared to be nothing to say. Mr. Croten looked back.

"We would like you to go over the books with the new bookkeeper."

The next afternoon Peter and Nathaniel Croten were in the outer office when the bookkeeper whom Stewart, the junior partner, had decided to employ, was ushered into their presence.

Mr. Croten brought his chair to the floor with a bang, while Peter, staring, readjusted his glasses. For the accepted applicant was a young woman; an exceedingly pretty young woman. Her dark eyes snapped quizzically at the eldor partner, while they seemed to twinkle as she turned an appraising gaze on Peter.

"Well," she announced briskly, "I am the bookkeeper. Mr. Stewart has engaged me. My recommendations exactly suit him; the only reason that I left my place with the Cooks, attorneys, being that I was tired of it." Nathaniel Croten arose, his amazed expression gave way to one of pleased interest.

As the office door closed behind the enior partner's important figure, Peter was possessed of a boyish shyness. This young woman was so appallingly assured, yet so frankly engaging. He felt painfully aware of the neat shabbiness of Lis clothing, and knew with

Some time ago Mr. Knapp read a news dispatch saying that W. V. Meadows, a Confederate veteran of Lanott, Ala., had coughed up a bullet which was shot into his eye at Vicksburg. Mr. Meadows, the account said, was a member of the Thirty-Seventh Alabama Regiment, and Mr. Knapp realled an incident at the siege when he and three other members of the Fifth Iowa Volunteers were called upon to silence a Confederate sharpshooter who was firing through a small hole in a sheet of boiler plate.

After Mr. Knapp fired the sharpshoot er's shots were diiscontinued, and it was surmised that he had been shot in the eve.

When Mr. Knapp wrote to Mr. Meadows the latter said that he was the man behind the boiler plate and that the bullet entered his right eye. Mr. Knapp received a photograph of the bullet and of Mr. Meadows. The two. veterans have enjoyed a considerable correspondence over the incident.

We like to sell Tanlac because it satsfies our customers. Mason Drug Company.

The Fredericksburg Standard says a move is on foot in that town to have main street tarviated.

I am always in the market for fat hogs and chickens. Get my prices. J. J. Johnson. 31-tf.

A car of cotton seed cake was unloaded at the depot on Monday by Mr. I. C. White of Mason and hauled by truck to the Hopf's ranch near Harper, where Mr. White is feeding several hundred head of cattle this winter .----Fredericksburg Standard.

## A TEXAS WONDER

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## The dispatch asserts that the decrease of population was due directly LIVACAPScountry during the last decade.

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MASON DRUG CO.

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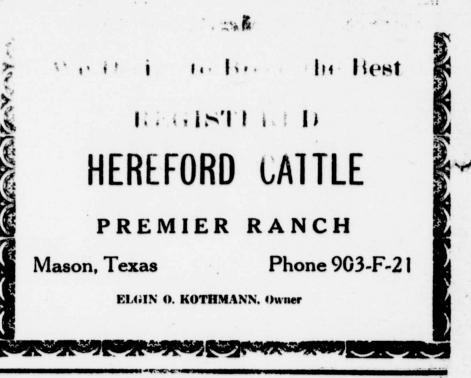
Equip your homes and places of business with electricity and use labor-saving electrical appliances.

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# **FALSE GODS**

C. 1921, by McClure Newspaper Syndicate. Lovely, with the beauty that attracts two glances, one of casual, the other of serious interest, supreme in the power of swaying men and with a glorious egotism, Beryl was in very truth a modern siren.

By MARION E. JONES

Somewhere in her impulsive younger days she had, without much thought, selected a husband from the eager train of would-bes, and subsequent life with him had satisfied her fondest desires. Absorbed in the medical profession, he allowed his adored wife to go about much as she pleased, and only occasionally was roused to remonstrance against the few scraps of time which she devoted to him.

Loving and trusting her implicitly, he considered it unworthy of that love to feel jealous of the homage paid to her by other men, and if a tiny heartache came sometimes when he saw charming wives who devoted every thought to their husbands, Beryl, at least, was none the wiser.

One night in June, a night pervaded with a gentle, murmurous breese and faint rose fragrance, as Beryl and her husband were preparing to leave the cool comfort of their veranda for the warm interior of the house they heard the soft purring of a motorcar coming up the drive. All aglow at the prospect of congenial company, Beryl ran lightly down the steps to great her guests. She made an entrancing picture in her filmy white gown and breeze-ruffied hair, so Phil Armistead thought as he sprang from the low, gray roadster and helped his sister, Erdine, to

CARLE AND AG

#### silence.

White-lipped and stern Phil drove his car with trembling hands around the bend to view a sight that brought borror into his heart. A large touring car had skidded on a wet patch of road and smashed into Jack's car with enough force to totally wreck it and throw out both occupants. The touring car had taken the brunt of the blow on its bumper, and the solitary driver seemed unhurt as he bent over Jack and Erdine. Jack's head was bleeding profusely from a deep scalp wound, and Erdine, badly shaken up and bruised herself, had pevertheless dragged herself into a sitting position and was trying vainly to stanch the flow of blood from his head with her thin dress.

Beryl had uttered no sound, but straight as a homing pigeon had hurried to Jack's side. Kneeling beside him she attempted to take his head in her lap but drew back startled at the fierce look Erdine fung at ber.

"Leave him to me, Beryl," the cried. "If he is to die I want him to be in my arms where he belongs. Oh, you can look as horrified as you please, but your poor, shriveled-up little heart could never appreciate a love like mine. He is my man, and it has been my torture for years to see the love be lavished on you that I would sell my very soul for. I could have made him happy. You never have, with your cheap flirtations and angling for admiration."

Jack stirred and opened his eyes. "Beryl," he murmured, faintly, "Beryl, I want you."

Erdine gently laid his head on the grass, stood up and with a cry of intense bitterness dropped fainting into her brother's arms.

He carried her to his machine, where sympathetic women from a

Not Associated in Criminal	I Practice	els. Delivered at Mason for \$1 a bushel.	the relic and the letter which explains it, but Signora Franchi says she will	"What do you say to a spin, folks?"	of curiosity set about the task of
MABON 7		R. O. Green. 45t.	not part with it except the Italian	he querfed, a heartfelt pleasure in the	viving her. Then he hurried back
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		Phone 116 for Watkins Goods. Free	tional museums.	note of his voice. "Too peachy a	scalding, blinding tears she had en
SERVICE CA	D	delivery. L. F. Jordan. 45-tf		night to stay home. Get out that classy racer of yours, Jack, and show	shed, to bind up Jack's head with
JENVIUE UNI	n i	FARE-\$2 to and from Brady to	DISDAINED KNIFE AND FORK	us some cool speed."	strip from her gown.
LONG AND SHORT DIS	TANCE	Mason. Embry Mail Line.		"Say, the idea does appeal pretty	The stranger from the luckless to ing car, who had been a surprised !
Apywhere, Any Th		Mason. Filling Main Line.	"Swell" Fooled Both Men Who Made	strongly, at that, Phil. Slip on a coat,	tener to the impassioned little spee
Charges Ressons	ble	FEED FOR WINTER	Bets as to His Manner of Eating	Beryl, and I'll go wake up the garage,"	Erdine had given, came forward a
ALFRED HIBDO		We can save you money if you need	Breakfast	laughed Jack and strode away.	assisted Phil in carrying Jack to t
PHONE 151-J		feed this winter. Corn, Oats, Hay,	Tex Richard said to a group of cor-	In a moment or two the machines	car. Beryl stepped in and gather
		Bran, Shorts, Chops. All kinds of other	respondents the other day :	were ready to start, and Beryl, cheer-	her husband's head close to her brea
CO. SURVEYOR NOTA	RY PUB.	feeds. Corn Chops from \$20 up per ton.	"It isn't only scrappers that make	fully obedient to Phil's eager look, set-	and the look she turned on Phil w
		RELIANCE ROLLER MILLS	bad mistakes in etiquette. I was	tled herself snugly beside him. Jack,	full of the rapt anguish of a newbo
J. H. KING		42 Fredericksburg, Texas.	eating breakfast in one of the swell	with a rather wistful smile, helped	soul.
Surveying, Abstract and	Netarial	FOR SALE_30 and 50 gallon steel	New York restaurants one morning	Erdine into his racer, and with a sud- den burst of speed shot far ahead of	"Please God, if he lives, Phil, I'll a true woman and give him the lo
Work. Write Deeds as				the other slower car.	he deserves. Tell Erdine I'm going
Legal Transfers		barrels for gasoline, coal oil, storage use, L. F. Eckert. 39-tf.	"'He's one of the biggest wells in the town,' says my friend. 'Watch	Left behind, Beryl and Phil found	make him happy."
		use. L. F. Eckert. 39-tf.	him.'	ample pleasure in each other's com-	Then the touring car aped aw
			"The fat man-be was dressed like	pany, and ten miles slipped by before	through the night, while Beryl for
Typewriter ribbons, 80c. N	ews Office.	CARD OF THANKS	a prince-ordered two portions of ham	they realised that the other car was	false gods and built a little shrine
		We wish to express our sincere ap-	and eggs, two of country sausage, two	entirely out of sight. Then just aband,	her beart to held the image, secre
SUBSCRIPTIONS	DAIR	preciation to all who rendered us as-	of buckwheat cakes and maple sirup,	around a concealing bend in the road,	alone, of the helpless man lying in 1
PODDOLILI LIGHT	TAIL	sistance during the illness and at the	and, along with all that, much and	came a sickening, grinding crash, a terrified scream, then deadly, herrible	C.7968.
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A. M. Moursund	-	his funeral are also deeply apprecia-	him together, and he dumped them inte		
Clifton Sorrelle		tive of the kindness shown this esteem-	a big soup dish and proceeded to cut	DAILY SAN ANTON	O-BRADY BUS LINE
G. A. Sorrelle		ea friend of ours.	them up and mix them round well.	DAIL I SAN ANTON	U-BRADI BUSLINE
Miss Lucille Leslie	.75	WILSON HEY AND FAMILY.	"Hanged if that sin't the worst	VIA EDEDEDICKS	BURG AND MASON
Mrs. A. O. Johnson	1.50	F. C. BEYER AND SONS.	sight I've ever seen,' I said to my griend. 'Til bet you three to one,	VIA FREDERICKSI	BURG AND MASUN
Geo. E. Christian	1.50		George, he eats it with his knife.'	Leave Union Bus Station, 102 Rest	Travis St., 6 a. m.; arvive at Mason
A. C. Loefber	1.50	TO THE PUBLIC	"No, no.' says George. "He's a big		
H. Ischar	1.50	We have received, fresh from factory	swell, I tell you. I bet he eats it		Queen Hotel, Brady, 9 a. m.; arrive
Mrs. Bessie Wheeler	1.50	shipment of Wingfoot Goodyear non	with his forh.'		tonio, 6 p. m. Fare, \$9, round trip,
Mrs. M. S. Hill		Kinkable Rugber Hose. Price 25 feet	My Distant shart his base distant		ion. Mason Headquarters at Mason
Clyde Huckabay		for \$3.75.	"We both lost," he mid. "He ate	Drug Company No. 1.	in the second
Arch Jenkins	1.50	46-tf LARRIMORE & GROTE.	at with a ladie."	/	
Fred Key	1.50				
Mrs. H. C. Boyd	1.50	Try Watkins Tires, Tubes and Spark			
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