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McCallum-Reed Co. Sells Out.

The McCallum-Reed Co., who has done business in Robert Lee for the past 30 years is no more. The store changed hands Monday. W. A. Norman of San Angelo is in charge of the business and expects in the near future to re-organize the business and continue it in Robert Lee.

Card of Thanks

We wish to take this method of thanking the good people of Edith and surrounding country for their many deeds of kindness during the illness and death of our dear wife and mother.

May Gods richest blessings rest upon each and every one.

J. D. Long,
T. M. Kirkman and family,
Frank Long and family,
Ell Long and family.

Boy Scout Meeting

Below is copy of a letter received recently by Dr. Eaton, which is self explanatory. Read it.

Dear Mr. Eaton:

We were very sorry that the influenza epidemic caused us to postpone the training school from the tenth of January. In conversation over long distance with Mr. Holder, we had tentatively set the date at January 24. However, I find that this date is already marked up on our calendar. In view of that fact, I am taking the liberty of moving up the date of the Coke County school to January 23, and I hope you will advise me in the near future that this date is acceptable to you and your committee.

Yours for the boys.

B. W. Draper, Scout Executive.

Notice

There will be a basket ball game played between the Bronte and Robert Lee teams next Friday, January 25, on the Robert Lee court.

Since the Miller-Thomas players are here this week, it has been decided that the play given by the Public Speaking class will be presented January 25.

At the Baptist Church

Preaching 11 a. m. and 8 p. m. on first and third Sundays.
Sunday school, 10:00 a. m.
Intermediate B. Y. P. U., 7:15 p. m.

W. M. S. every Monday at 8:00 p. m.
Junior B. Y. P. U. Tuesday at 4:15 p. m.

Sunbeams, Tuesday 4:15 p. m.
Mid-week services Wednesday 7:30 p. m.
Jas. A. Corder, Pastor.

S. S. Craddock is Dead

S. S. Craddock, 78, who has lived in Coke County for the last 38 years, died Sunday, January 13 at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Ulmer at San Angelo.

Mr. Craddock had the flu which developed pneumonia and finally terminated his death.

He became a christian when a young man and united with the Methodist Church, served as S. S. Superintendent for 25 years. Every one who knew him loved him for the good man that he proved himself to be.

Mr. Craddock had been married three times and was the father of twelve children, eight of whom still survive, four boys and four girls.

They are: Mrs. C. W. Wulf-jon, Mineral Wells, Mrs. C. W. Briscoe, Grandview, Mrs. J. J. Perkins, Wichita Falls, Mrs. J. A. Ulmer, San Angelo, T. W. Craddock, Andrews, E. L. Craddock, Mineral wells, R. O. Craddock, San Antonio, and J. S. Craddock of Robert Lee.

Some of them could not attend on account of sickness. Deceased was the grand father of 23 children and the great grandfather of 6.

Funeral services were conducted by the Rev. Turner at the Robert Lee Methodist Church, Monday evening at 2 o'clock. Rev. J. G. Timmons of San Angelo and Rev. J. A. Corder of Robert Lee read 1st Cor. and 39th and 90th Psalms.

The Robert Massie Co. of San Angelo had charge of the funeral arrangements.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

W. E. Hawkins will preach Monday, Jan. 21, Green-mountain school house.

Tuesday, Jan. 22, Wildcat school house.

Wednesday, Jan. 23 Valley View school house.

Thursday, 24, Graham Valley school house.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 11 a. m. Cowcreek.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 2:30 p. m. on the street of Robert Lee.

Saturday, Jan. 19, 7:15 p. m. Sanco.

Sunday, Jan. 20, at Sanco 11:00 a. m.; Edith, 8:00 p. m. and Divide, 7:15 p. m.

Rev. Minor Steams of Philadelphia, Roy Klendenning of New Jersey and Mr. Holthausen a singer of Ft. Worth, will come to help in the services Saturday and Sunday. In addition to announcements in last week's Observer, Roy Klendenning will preach at Valley View, 11:00 a. m. Sunday and Graham Valley Sunday afternoon.

J. J. Adams of Hominy Oklahoma, arrived here Wednesday to attend to some business

Wants To Hear From Us

We are in receipt of a letter from Representative G. Y. Lee, whose address, while the State Legislature is in recess, is "Capital Station, Box 323 Austin Texas," asking us to make known to the people of the 19th district that he was there to serve us, and states that it is difficult to know our needs and wants, except in a general way, unless we write him or call on him in person. He says a letter will be looked after at once any time he is called on to serve.

Mr. Lee, we are sure, is going to make us a good representative. All we have to do is let him know our wants and he will do his part down at Austin for the good of the majority

Mrs. Moore Dead

Mrs. T. J. Moore, who for several years lived in Coke County, died Sunday morning at her home in San Angelo and was buried here Monday morning.

Mrs. Moore was born in Mississippi in 1855, married A. C. Walters in 1872 and married Mr. T. J. Moore in 1897. She was a member of the Church of Christ since 1878. Elder N. C. Brown conducted the funeral services.

Church of Christ

Services, January 20, at 11 a. m. Subject, The Golden Rule.

Subject, 7 p. m., John 3: 16. N. C. Brown.

Dodson-Laird

Bill Dodson, 19, reared here and Miss Larie Laird, 15, of Robert Lee, were married on Thursday night of last week at San Angelo.

Bill returned to Houston, where he has been for some time, and she will join him later.

The Play With a Purpose

Charles E. Harrison's 3 act comedy drama, "Saintly Hypocrits and Honest Sinners Heart Interest. Truth, wholesome comedy. Just folks as they are found every where. A play endorsed by ministers and prominent faculty heads. Once seen, never forgotten. Will be put on at the Robert Lee theatre Friday night by the Miller-Thomas players.

Reversed Angel

A young doctor, trying to be a little sobby while addressing a mothers' meeting, said: "In all this world there's nothing so sweet as the smile on the face of an upturned child."—Boston Transcript.

Bronte News Notes

BY MRS. FRANK KEENEY

At a recent meeting of the Board of Directors of the First National Bank the same personnel was re-elected as officers of the Institution for the ensuing year.

E. T. Holman, Robt. Kneirim and Frank Keeney went to San Angelo last Friday to meet with the highway department of the Board of City Development of that city in regard to securing their help of getting a highway from here to San Angelo. It is proposed to form a district and vote bonds in a sum large enough to secure federal aid.

What is known as the old Hutchinson home here is being torn down this week and the report is that Dr. Slaughter of Winters will build two rent houses on the property. Rent houses are in great demand at the present.

The high school basket ball team known as the Bronte Long horns played the Miles Bull

dogs on the Miles court last Friday afternoon. The game resulted in a score of 20 to 18 in favor of the Bulldogs.

Mr. and Mrs. E. C. Rawlings were delightfully surprised Sunday when on returning from church services they found a beautiful and delicious birthday dinner awaiting them on the table. It had been prepared by their children and brought in, all of whom were present except one son.

At a recent meeting of the Methodist Missionary society a membership drive was inaugurated which is succeeding even beyond expectations.

The epidemic of influenza, which has been raging here for some time seems to be abating and church meeting, school, ect, are back to normal.

Dr. Coleman, presiding elder of this district, will hold first quarterly conference at the Methodist church Friday evening.

Commissioner's Court News

The Hon. Commissioners Court of Coke County, met in Regular Cession Monday morning with all members present, and the regular routine of business was transacted with these additions. \$1,000 was set aside for the purpose of paying a bounty on wolves and cats in Coke County, as long as the thousand dollars lasts or until the court sees fit to change it. \$5.00 will be paid for grown wolves, \$2.50 for pups, \$2.00 for bobcats and \$1.00 for kittens. This went into effect January 15, 1929.

The court is taking steps now to employ a County Demonstrator, provided they can get the right man for the job. They say if they can't get a good one they will take nothing.

A Mule Got Him

While helping Bob Keys reach the mane of a bad mule Monday in Bronte, Frank Preslar was badly hurt. They had a fore leg of the mule tied up to keep him from pawing, but he got Frank by the arm with his teeth between the elbow and wrist, carrying him around the lot shaking him like a dog would a skunk. Bob could not get the mule to turn loose as this lasted for several minutes. When they did get his arm away from the mule, it was broken and pieces of bone were sticking out through the skin. Dr. Leonard gave first aid and sent him on to the Ballinger Hospital where they could take an X-ray picture of it and fix it up right.

Short On Doctors

Robert Lee and vicinity woke up Monday morning without a doctor. Dr. and Mrs. Eaton left a day or two before that to visit the Coultsons at Alpine, and Dr. Griffith received a message Sunday that his brother at Kansas City was not expected to live, so he went to Kansas City. Dr. F. K. Turney received a message Sunday night that his cousin, Dr. M. L. Turney was dead at Alpine so he left at 3 o'clock Monday morning. Dr. Eaton was notified by telephone but his car was broke down and he had to wire for parts and could not get away from Alpine, so Monday and Tuesday we were without a doctor. There were a number of sick people in town and Dr. Leonard of Bronte made a few calls over here. But at that he has his hands full at Bronte, on account of the flu epidemic.

Ducks \$2.00 a Head

Ducks went from 75c to \$2. a head Monday morning near Robert Lee.

Sunday, Carlos and Thurman Rabb and J. W. Swoford, wild duck hunting on the creek in Eddie Roberts place, killed three ducks.

After investigation it was found that they belonged to Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Dixon. The boys offered to replace the ducks but after some minutes discussion it was decided that the boys pay \$2. a head for them which they did.

One duck was only injured which the boys still have, and if any body wants it for \$6. they say they will sell it which will make them even on the duck deal.

The Observer

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A. W. PUETT Editor and Business Manager

SUBSCRIPTION RATES

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The cause of human progress is our cause, the enfranchisement of human thought our supreme wish, the freedom of human conscience our mission, and the guarantee of equal rights to all people everywhere the end of our contention.

And The Bootlegger Remains with Us. Why?

the lack of a little common sense. You got it didn't you? Read on.

While Mr. Durant was paying Chester P. Mills the neat sum of twenty five thousand dollars the other day to tell him of the best plan to solve the liquor question in the United States, which plan would not work, A United States Senator was trying to get a bill through at Washington that would put the bootlegger completely out of business. Did they adopt it? No. After discussing it a while they decided not to let it pass. According to newspaper reports the plan was to let the government furnish the whiskey at a dollar a pint and leave it altogether with the doctor as to how much and when he needed it.

You say, he would write prescriptions all the time for most any ailment. We don't say he wouldn't but in the rural districts it wouldn't be so bad, and we do say we wouldn't have any more than we've got today. Show us a place where you can't get all the bootleg whiskey you want.

As long as legalized whiskey costs the sick consumer around \$50.00 a gallon, we are going to have Mr. Bootlegger for a competitor, (and he is the very one the law was intended for,) to put out of business. But since we see it is a failure why not be broad enough to see a better plan.

Large families right here as well as every where else where the flu epidemic was bad, is actually thankful for the bootlegger, because the little pint once in ten days would not do them, and they were either forced to go to the bootlegger or else let their family suffer, or maybe some of them die. Naturally, they would go to the bootlegger.

We heard a good Doctor say the other day that he had three or four patients he believed would have died, had it not been for whiskey.

At the same time the wise boys at Washington were turning this plan down, another crowd was appropriating \$25,000,000 to enforce the liquor law.

They will have a fat time of it, won't they?

Various plans were offered Mr. Durant for the liquor prize, but one that attracted our especial attention, ac-

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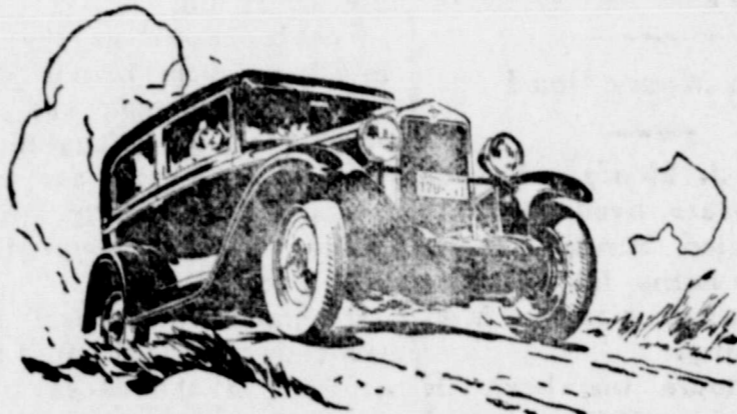
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The Roadster.....	\$525
The Phaeton.....	\$525
The Coupe.....	\$595
The Sedan.....	\$675
The Sport Cabriolet.....	\$695
The Convertible Landau.....	\$725
Sedan Delivery.....	\$595
Light Delivery Chassis.....	\$400
1½ Ton Chassis.....	\$545
1½ Ton Chassis with Cab.....	\$650

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According to press reports, was a woman, (they refused to divulge her name, however.) But her plan was to let the government put out poison whiskey and kill out those who use it, adding that it wouldn't hurt to loose a few thousand people anyway, especially the kind that use it. Whoever that old hen was she probably hears a Ku Klux sermon preached every Sunday morning and thinks she is advocating Christianity, when as a matter of fact, she has never been connected with the Christ, and doesn't know it. If the Christ would go to a wedding and turn water into wine because the people wanted it and nobody sick, what would he do now in a home full of sick people, and no whiskey? That old hen would be the first to say, "Crucify Him!"

Why Can't You See?

Those who do not believe in Capitol Punishment on the grounds that it is murder to put a man to death by law, are wrong, according to their own teaching in Sunday School and Church.

They are all of one accord that God does not send any soul to hell, which is absolutely correct. One who violates God's laws, chooses of his own free will and accord to go to hell.

If the death penalty law is in effect, before a criminal commits cold blood murder, and he knows it, doesn't he bring it all on himself? He does. Why can't the advocates of the abolition of Capitol Punishment see this?

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OFFICIAL STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL CONDITION OF THE FIRST STATE BANK

At Robert Lee, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of Dec 1928, published in The Robert Lee Observer, a newspaper printed and published at Robert Lee, State of Texas, on the 11th day of Jan. 1929.

RESOURCES

Loans and Discounts, undoubtedly good on personal Or collateral security.....	\$164,588.45
Loans secured by real estate, worth at least twice the amount loaned thereon.....	\$2,600.00
N. Y. call.....	\$100,000.00
County Warrants.....	\$2,274.43
Real Estate (Banking House).....	\$3,600.00
Furniture and Fixtures.....	\$3,420.00
Cash on hand.....	\$8,914.53
Due from other banks and bankers, subject to check on demand.....	\$119,388.74
Interest in Depositors' Guaranty Fund.....	\$514.65
Total.....	\$405,245.80

LIABILITIES

Capital Stock.....	\$30,000.00
Certified Savings Fund.....	80,000.00
Other Surplus Fund.....	10,000.00
Individual Deposits subject to check.....	278,518.07
Time Certificates of Deposit.....	11,740.62

Public Funds on Deposit	St. L. \$	County \$38,981.01	} Total \$42,844.49
	City \$		
	School \$3,863.48		

Other Liabilities (Reserved for taxes).....	\$2,147.62
Total.....	\$405,245.80

State of Texas, County of Coke—
 We, Fred Roe, as President, and W. W. McCutchen, as Cashier of said Bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.
 Fred Roe, President.
 W. W. McCutchen, Cashier.
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of Jan. A. D. 1929.
 J. S. Gardner, Notary Public.
 COKE COUNTY, TEXAS
 Correct—Attest: W. M. Simpson, D. R. Campbell, J. S. Craddock, Directors.

Dr. Jones, Dentist, over First National Bank, San Angelo, Texas.
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 Bronte, Texas

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Saturday, January 19, 1929

11 a. m. at C. w. Creek schoolhouse. Rev. W. E. Hawkins preaches.
 2:30 p. m. street service at Robert Lee.
 7:15 p. m. Bro. Hawkins preaches at Sanco.
 7:15 p. m. Minor Stearns of Philadelphia preaches at Wild Cat schoolhouse.

Sunday January 20, 1929

11 a. m. Bro. Stearns preaches at Divide.
 11 a. m. Bro. Hawkins at Sanco.
 3 p. m. Bro. Hawkins at Edith.
 3 p. m. Bro. Stearns at Cow Creek.
 7:15 p. m. Bro. Stearns at Edith.
 7:15 p. m. Bro. Hawkins at Divide.
 Bro. Hawkins will remain in Coke County for the week, preaching at Green Mountain, Wild Cat, Valley View, Graham Valley and Hayrick, announcements of which will appear next week.

Bronte Locals

John A. Grimes returned Friday from Sabinal where he has been visiting his daughter, Mrs. John Taylor, and family.
 Lennus Kellum and daughter, Jean, of Waco, were guests of relatives here last week.
 Wylie Clark is at home for a few days from Temple where he has been at work with the Atlantic Pipe Line Company.
 Miss Lou Wilkins returned to her home at Fort Worth, Thursday, after a short visit with relatives here.
 Mrs. Jewel Haruin and son, of Big Spring, are here for a visit with her mother, Mrs. A. G. Sims.
 Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Hubby and daughter, Miss Clovis, of Brownfield, spent New Year's day with the L. F. Youngblood family.
 Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Price visited with relatives at Tennyson Sunday.
 Clarence Jones of Fort Worth is a guest of his daughter, Mrs. T. F. Sims, and family.

Notice

Miss Mary Bur'eson will have her expression class recital tonight at the school house. Everybody is invited to attend.
 J. W. Byrd of Randall county spent several days here during the holidays visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. G. Byrd, and other relatives. Mr. Byrd states the wheat crop is fine up there for this time of the year and that they have a wonderful season.

F. O. Key, the new warehouse man at Bronte, will sell you coal at right prices.
 J. C. Tenney of Oklahoma, who lived here some forty years ago, visited in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Gates last week.
 Plenty of nut, or domestic coal, on hand at the new warehouse at Bronte.
 F. O. Key, Mgr.
 LOST—An extra casing or rim, pumped up ready to use, between Robert Lee and the old Sellers place. Notify B. W. Shropshire. 1t-pd

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 Monday, January 14th

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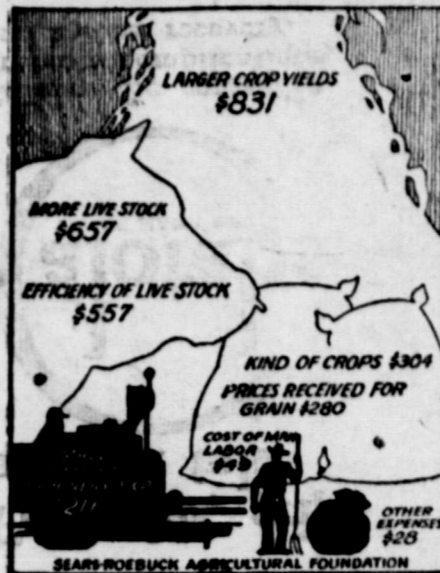
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—Ray Priest
Detroit Times

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—Robert Henry Hall
St. Louis Post-Dispatch

Why Farm Incomes Vary



Earnings of farmers in the same community, with farms of approximately the same size, with similar soils and the same expense per acre, may differ as much as several thousand dollars a year, states the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The larger incomes are the reward for superior management and the application of better methods of farm practice.

Analysis of the records of 175 farms for the three years, 1925 to 1927, by the Illinois College of Agriculture revealed that the 35 most profitable farms had net earnings of approximately \$8,000 annually more than the earnings of the 35 least profitable. The farms in the least profitable group averaged 214 acres compared with 246 for the others, but the investment per acre was practically the same.

Among the factors responsible for the variations in earnings, the most important was crop yields, which caused \$831 of the average annual difference between the 35 most profitable and the 35 least profitable farms. The other factors and the difference in earnings attributable to them were: amount of live stock, \$657; efficiency of live stock, \$557; kind of crops, \$804; prices received for grain, \$280; cost of power and machinery, \$216; cost of man labor, \$49; and other expenses, \$28.

On the 35 most profitable farms the average yields of grain per acre were about 19 per cent higher than on the 35 least profitable farms. The use of high-yielding, adapted varieties of seed, testing for germination and freedom from disease, the rotation of crops, the growing of legumes, the feeding of crops to live stock and conserving manure, and the use of such materials as limestone and rock phosphate, are the principal steps to high yields. Some of these farmers made as much as \$500 a year more than others merely through the use of high-yielding varieties of seed.

Farmers who disposed of a larger proportion of their crops through live stock had larger net incomes than those who sold most of their grain. On the 35 most profitable farms, the productive live stock returned \$163 for every \$100 worth of feed used, while on the least profitable, it returned only \$135. As an average of all the farms, live stock returned \$151 for each \$100 worth of feed.

Sanitation, disease control, the use of legume pastures, the purchase of high protein supplements to balance home-grown feeds, good breeding stock and producing so as to take advantage of seasonal fluctuations in prices were the chief factors in efficient live stock production.

The most successful farmers increased their incomes \$804 a year by having a high percentage of the tillable land in crops producing higher profits, such as corn, wheat, alfalfa, and a smaller share in low profit crops such as oats and timothy hay. They received \$280 more because they obtained higher prices for their grain. They marketed when prices were good and sold grain of better quality.

The 35 most profitable farmers spent \$216 less per year per farm for power and machinery than the least profitable group. The labor cost was \$49 less, and other expenses, \$28 less. It is significant that the most profitable farms got their higher incomes with a smaller power and machinery cost and with less labor expenditure per acre than on the least profitable farms.

Many of the measures taken by successful farmers to increase their incomes can be applied as easily by farmers in meager circumstances as by those who are prosperous, the Foundation adds. Through them, such farmers can eventually join the successful group.

Sugar Districts Restricted

The Pan-American Union says that while cane flourishes in almost every region from the level of the sea to an altitude of 5,000 feet, the chief sugar districts are all on the Pacific coast.

PRINT SHOP CALLERS



Real Tolerance
Tolerance means reverence for all the possibilities of Truth; it means acknowledgment that she dwells in diverse mansions, and wears vesture of many colors, and speaks in strange tongues; it means frank respect for freedom of indwelling conscience against mechanic forms, official conventions, social force; it means the charity that is greater than even faith and hope.—Lord Morley.

Rage Rampant

Hell hath no fury like a stout woman who has been taking a reducing treatment, then gets on the scales and finds she has gained five pounds in a week.—Florida Times-Union.



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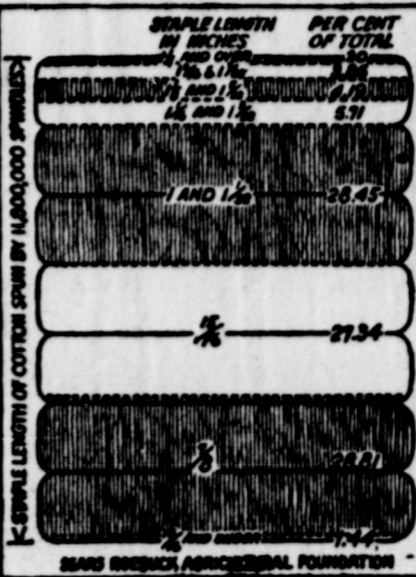
Attend this Sale. You find real values on Quality Merchandise.

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1929 will see the march of Progress in a burst of speed . . . definite plans are laid to make this a bigger and better store in every essential of public service . . . a store that will rival the best in modernity of equipment, values, fashions, accommodations, policies, courtesies.

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Make Cotton Meet the Mill Demand



Cotton farmers could add appreciably to their income from this crop by producing the types of cotton spinners want, and marketing it on a quality basis, states the Sears-Roebuck Agricultural Foundation. The evidence shows that American mills use better cotton than the average of the grades and staples produced in the United States and the mill demand for higher quality lint is increasing. Premiums paid by spinners for high quality cotton range up to 8 to 8 cents for strict middling 1 1/4 inch staple over the price paid for middling 3/4-inch cotton.

Of the 6,519,809 bales of upland cotton consumed by mills in the United States in the year ending July 31, 1928, 84.6 per cent were from 3/4 to 1 1/2 inch in length, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. Cotton measuring 1 inch or more made up 42.4 per cent of the total, while only 1.4 per cent was under 3/4 inch. In grade, 82.4 per cent of the consumption ranged from strict low middling to good middling.

No equally comprehensive record of the crop grown is available as yet, but partial reports and the comments of mills show that growers are producing much more cotton 3/4 inch or less in length than mills need. This short cotton is largely exported and must sell abroad in competition with cheap cottons from China and India, produced by low-paid labor.

Georgia mills consume about as much cotton as is grown in the state, but only about 25 per cent of the cotton used is 3/4 inch or under while about 80 per cent of the crop grown is 3/4 inch or under. Hence, it becomes necessary for the mills to go outside the state for the bulk of their requirements, adding materially to freight costs. In representative Texas counties, 14.3 per cent of the ginnings of part of the 1927 crop were found to be under 3/4 inch while such cotton made up only 1.4 per cent of the national consumption, and 88 per cent of ginnings were 3/4-inch cotton against consumption of 28.8 per cent of that length.

Usually varieties of cotton 15-16 inch in length yield more per acre than the longer staple varieties or those under 3/4-inch. This lower yield must be considered in determining how far growers can go in trying to raise the longer staple. In general, it is suggested that varieties running to 1-inch staple should be more widely used. In good seasons, they may produce 1 to 1 1/2-inch staple, but in poor years they may drop to 15-16-inch. Varieties of upland cotton producing above 1 1/2-inch staple frequently fall so far in yield that the increase in price is more than counterbalanced, giving a lower value per acre.

Unfortunately, much of the cotton crop is sold in local markets at a "hog-round" basis of middling cotton of 3/4-inch staple. In such markets, growers who have produced cotton of superior grade and length do not get the benefit of the premium which spinners pay for such cotton. This method, coupled with the higher yield of shorter cotton, discourages improvement. Cotton sold through cooperative associations is paid for on a graded basis and it is probable that the tendency to pay a premium for superior cotton in local markets is increasing.

The Foundation adds that to make the movement to improve the quality of cotton wholly successful, it will be necessary to develop varieties of 1 1/2-inch or longer staple that will equal the shorter cotton in yield and the practice of paying each grower for the kind of cotton he delivers must be more generally used.

Burial Place of Poets

The Poet's Corner is the name given to a space on the east side of the south transept of Westminster abbey, containing tablets, statues, busts or monuments of poets, actors, divines and men eminent in letters. Almost all of these memorials are to Englishmen.

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A. W. PUETT Editor and Business Manager

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WHY NO?

W. A. Clark, local telephone manager, tells us he has lost only six telephone subscribers as a result of the advanced rates put on the first of the year.

Personally, we do not see how the telephone company, with thousands of dollars invested, has done as well as it has in the way of giving good service as long as it has, when everything else has doubled and trebled. For this slight raise, which ranges from 25 cents to \$1.00 a box per month, we are to get all day Sunday service and until ten o'clock every night with the possibility of getting it until twelve o'clock. Service of that sort is worth twice the raise to those who are served. People are sometimes too quick to kick at a raise, not considering the value it is to them.

Take, for instance, this weekly newspaper that had its beginning at Layrick 39 years ago, a diminutive sheet about the size of a pocket handkerchief, and the subscription price was a dollar a year. Since that time prices of everything have advanced until it costs at least ten times as much to publish a paper as it did then but still it remains a dollar a year. And we have more news in two columns of the paper today than was in the whole paper in those beginning days, simply because at that time the country was sparsely settled and there was no news to be had. But why this dollar a year stuff forever. Several editors in days gone by tried to get away from starvation prices by raising the rate to \$1.50 a year. Then their subscribers, most of them at least, would blow up and quit taking the paper, claiming it wasn't worth it. When a community gets that way toward its home paper it ought to be shut down for about three months and no other paper allowed to be published, just to show the people how badly they need one. But it takes a lot of just such stuff as that to make a real editor out of a man.

I never will forget that tragic time two years ago when a cyclone tore our home up like a sow's nest and I asked the people through the paper to pay up their subscriptions and if, though their subscriptions were already paid ahead, they felt helping a poor cuss in need, we would be glad to credit them as far ahead as they paid, but that we didn't want them to give us anything as a gift.

Mrs. Edward Hall of San Antonio, who was already a year ahead on her subscription, and three others sent us a dollar. Never as long as I live will I forget it. The other subscribers, by remaining silent, told us to go jump in the lake. I made up my mind right then and there, that from henceforth and forevermore, when a "guy's" time was out and he had made no arrangements about it, to take him off "poco pronto," and that when I get ready to give my opinion on any subject, it was going to come straight from the shoulder, and I don't mean maybe. Those who disagree with me can either take it in a good humor like I do or go jump in the lake like I did.

Just a day or two ago I took a letter out of the postoffice which had three one dollar bills sewed to it. It was for two years' subscription from Mrs. Edward Hall. I do not know Mrs. Hall, personally, (and trust that these words will not embarrass her), but I do know that she has the kind of heart, thoughtfulness and principle that the old world needs more than anything else. I never will cease appreciating her thoughtfulness nor forget the unthoughtfulness of others, and am thankful that both alike have had and still have the tendency to speed me on my way toward the attainment of higher ideals.

I thank God for everybody; for the loneliness of this old world would be unbearable were we here alone. It is the love, sympathy and helpfulness of fellow beings that lifts burdens and brings hope. When one gets it into his head that no one cares for him he is going wrong. We are just neglectful, that's all; and this editor is just as bad about that very thing as any body else. So don't misconstrue this article and get it into your head that I am kicking, for I'm not. Really, I'm glad it all happened.

WHY NOT?

YES, HERE THEY GO!

A few days ago press dispatches carried some interesting news about the Women's Christian Temperance Union. A very fine bunch of ladies; in fact, in our estimation, there are none better. But, regardless of that, they can be misled as well as the rest of us.

According to reports they are to ask the State Legislature, which convened January 8th, to make a law to reduce the amount of whiskey to the person each ten days to a half pint instead of a pint, as it now stands. Somebody has already fooled around and got it to \$48 a gallon by the time you get through paying the doctor, and, as a result, put the bootlegger in business; now if it is limited to a half pint his business will simply be made better.

The same week the above mentioned press dispatches appeared, news came of a ruling of a United States supreme judge declaring that it was no violation of the law for a bootlegger to sell a sick man whiskey. Say, boy, these doctors never will get this flu cured! And if it is limited to a half pint, the bootlegger will get most of the business—naturally, therefore, he will favor such a plan.

Why not use a little horse sense as we go along? These fine ladies are probably taking

advice from some K. K. preacher whose idea about what this nation is thinking is not superior to that of my little four-year-old boy. Why not cut Mr. Doctor down to a dollar for a prescription and ask Uncle Sam to furnish the druggist whiskey at cost plus about 20 per cent profit, and put the bootlegger out of business so far as whiskey for medical purposes is concerned? Why put it out of reach of the poor man's pocketbook, put the bootlegger in a profitable business, and then cuss him and his patrons?

Ladies, you have a lot to learn about human nature. If you had listened to Woodrow Wilson, one of the most intellectual men this nation has ever produced, and gave the people light wines and beer, we never would have gotten in to the present mess.

Another thing you ladies are getting ready to do that will help the enemies of both God and man is asking for the abolishing of capital punishment in this state. A criminal dreads nothing but death; he fears no law; he fears not God; and he cares no more for your life than you do for a penny, and if you ever get in his way he will show you. The abolishing of capital punishment is nothing less than encouraging them to kill more innocent men, women and little children. We are already entirely too lenient with those birds. How can you look on such cases as that of Leopold and Loeb, Hickman, the Northcotts and others and believe in clemency for such people, knowing that future criminals are watching to see what the courts do with them before they pull their stunt? If members of this class get anything short of death, dozens of little innocent children a thousand miles away have got to die as a result of that decision. In a sense it is murder to abolish capital punishment. There is no getting around it.

Chrysanthemum

The name is from the Greek *chrysa*, meaning gold, and *anthemon*, meaning flower. In Christian tradition, this flower is supposed to have been born on the first Christmas, being the token to the three wise men that they had reached the spot whither the star had bidden them.

It is in reality, however, of Chinese origin, and was made the official flower of Japan as early as the Fourteenth century. It symbolized perfection. It is now grown in more than 1,000 varieties, and it is so popular in this country that men have paid \$10,000 for a fresh form of the Japanese flower.

Solomon's Temple Gone

There is no part of Solomon's temple standing. It was completely destroyed by the Assyrians in 586 B. C. Other temples were erected on the site, but no part of Solomon's temple remained.

Goulash Old Delicacy

Goulash derives its origin from "gulyash," meaning cattle herdsman. The first goulash was cooked at Hortobad, near Debrecen, Hungary, some five centuries ago by the herdsmen in the open.

Sacred Buddhist Dates

Buddhist priests of Tibet who make paintings of Buddha usually draw the face on the fifteenth day of the month and color it on the thirtieth day, these being sacred dates.

Old Regimental Pets

Among the curious regimental pets belonging to units of the British army at different times have been a chimpanzee, an ape, a lion, a sea-eagle, a cheetah, a black bear and a lamb.

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This was a beautiful and solemn observance. Gathered in the spirit of mutual trust, they sought faith and confidence to meet the problems of the New Year.

Confidence born of trust is the basis of all human progress. The New Year brings to us the resolution and the hope that through service we may continue to merit your confidence and trust.

We extend to you our heartiest wish for a Happy and Prosperous New Year.



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