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HUMORETTES


$\qquad$ Interested?", "Pir," replied a boy, "a
teacheres." sion crazy if I dont tmarry him,
Lucy-Ah! Then there's no Mrs. Newlywed We hadn't bee
married a week when he hit m
 Mrs. Newiywed (sobbing)-And
Td made the cake with my own
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Judge-Assault with a deadly

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|  | Hico Methodist Chureh. (Put God First services of the Church but God gave man Sunday as a da Worship and Rest. How are using Sunc Barrow, Superintendent. There Sunday make it make Prea $\qquad$ better Sunday School. Prelud Invoca $\begin{aligned} & \text { Invocation Sentence by the } \\ & \text { Choir } \\ & \text { Hymn No. 33, "My Harrington } \\ & \text { Hope Is } \\ & \text { uilt" } \end{aligned}$ <br> The Apostles' Creed Hymn No. 363, " 'Tis So Sweet Stead <br> Old Testament Lesson New Testament Lesson $\qquad$ Serm to M <br> Christian $\square$ $\qquad$ Invitation the Name $\qquad$ $\qquad$ <br> The Lord's Supper Benediction Benediction Postlude <br> 7:30 P. M. Clme Epworth League <br> man or woman. <br> Preaching 8:00 P. M. <br> rymn No. 282, "Stepping in theEdmundsPraye <br> Edmunds <br> Hymn No. 288, "As a Volunteer" <br> Prayer Scripture Lesson. <br> Announcements and Oftering Hymn No. 233, "Saved <br> Grace"' <br> Rev, A. C. Ha Invitation Hymn No. 300 . <br> Choose Jesus" "Abide With Me," by the Choir Rowe Monk <br> Benediction Postlude. $\qquad$ <br> Actirition For the werk <br> Monday, $3: 00 \mathrm{p}$. m., The Wo- <br> man's Missionary Society. <br> Wednesday $8: 00 \mathrm{P} . \mathrm{M}$. Prayer <br> Meeting. <br> hemorettrs <br> "Mary, remember that you are only a servant; I don't want you <br> lo have so much company. Why, you have more callers in a day <br> "Well, ma'am, perhaps if you'd you'd have as many friends as I have." <br> This notice was posted <br> pieasure boat belonging tain steamship company: <br> for The chairs in the cabins <br> for ladies. Gentlemen are request- ed not to make use of them till the ladies are neated." <br> Hut sinpiller- But why did you buy a dachshund for the ehildren? <br> Haasenpfeffer-So that they can |
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 OF TROUBLE FOR YOUR
BOY FRIEND




## The Fence-Cutters War in Texas

 with a barb-wire fence, it arrested on
their part all freedom of movement. The
nester's water-hole might be only a mile

themselves, the
name of "nesters" Singly and in col-
onies, with or without legal title to the land, they each took up a section or more and asserted their right to hold it
against all claims of cattlemen. This miagainst all claims of cattlemen. This mi-
gration westward brought them in con-
tact with wire fences. tact with wire fences. And here is where
the trouble started.
When a nester. the trouble started.
When a nester. or a community of
nesters, found their homes enclosed

In a Desperate Plight In a Desperate Plight
The nester, in some respects, was in
a desperate plight. He was inclosed by a fence that allowed him no ingress to
or egress from his home. Often thi or egress from his home. Often this
fence itself unlawfully took in land to
which the cattleman had no right. The fence itself unlawfully took in land to
which the cattleman had no right. The
only way the nester could get out or,
being out could get in, was by cutting
the barb-wire that surrounded his home. in defending theil
property, and vigilantly patrolled miles
of fences. When a band of cowboys would of fences. When a band of cowboys would their nocturnal work of destroying
fences, a gun battle invariably took
place and men were wounded and killed on both sides. Five men were killed dur-
ing a single fight in Brown county be ing a single fight in Brown county
tween rangers and fence-cutters. Legislature Takes a Hand Cattlemen called on the Governor for
protection. There was no law then ade-
quate to deal with the situation, and the
area of hostilities was extending almost area of hostilities was extending almost
over the entire western part of the State. Governor Ireland called the Leg. islature together in special session to
take action for bringing the strife to an end. Strong feeling prevailed among the legislators, and drastic action was indi-
cated by the bills offered. One bill would have had the effect of outlawing the fence-cutters by making it justifiable homicide to kill any person caught in
the act of cutting a fence. This measure was strongly supported, and probably of Senator Barnett Gibbs of Dallas, who of Senator Barnett Gibbs of Dallas, who
made a temperate speeh against the
proposed law. He pointed out that with proposed law. He pointed out that with
such a law any person whose enemy was near a wire fence could shoot him down,
cut a few strands of barbed wire, drop a pair of wire-cutting pliers beside the
dead body, report to the sheriff that he After weeks of wrangling, such as usually accompanies the passage of a
bill through the Legislature where intense feeling prevails, the fence-cutting
bill was finally passed, as it now stands
in the Texas Criminal Statutes, unrein the Texas Criminal Statutes, unre-
pealed long after the abuses that to exist. The penal provision of this bill
is here quoted: "Any person who shall willfully and
wantonly cut, injure or destroy any fence or part of a fence," etc., "shall be
confined in the penitentiary not less Convictions under this law were few, but the evil it sought to abate soon
ended; fence-cutting grew rarer, and in a year or two ceased altoger,her. The
enactment of a lease law followed, that provided for the leasing of the public domain by cattlemen or others and,
when so leased and fenced, the lessees had to provide gates or gaps at certain
distances to allow persons the distances to allow persons the privilege
of passing through the baro-wire fences of passing through the baro-wire fences.
This, in part, is the story of the fence-
cutting war which prompted cutting war which prompted Mr. Ripley
to contend that the carrying of a pair

## Fishing in Grand Canyon of Rio Grande



fishing. With the excention of old man
Dunn, who spread out his blankets for
a rest, we all began casting in ear-
nest. Patience Rewarded
For a time we had no luck, sitting
there upon a rock-ledge, tired and althere upon a rock-ledge, tired and al-
most tottering as we dozed. A fisherman has a tragic time of it-when fish do
not bite. He must be patient and hope full, two cardinal virtues of a good fish
erman. But it is fascinating sport in every conceivable Carrying a Catch of Big Ones to Camp.
place where fis h would likely bite, but not a bite did they down on Grand Canyon at nightfall,

First Honors
First honors eventually went to Ow-
ens, who landed a blue cat ens, who landed a blue cat about sunset.
It weighed six pounds. Hungry from the result of a day's tugging and mauling. We had eaten supper and were talk-
we dressed the fish and passed it to old ing and philosophizing - waiting for the
man Dunn. He comes out with us on a moon to come up. About $100^{\prime}$ clock the man Dunn. He comes out with us on a moon to come up. About 10 o'clock the
good many trips and we always elect canyon was light enough for us to start. down on Grand Canyon at nightfall,
when there is no moonlight. Yes, and it
is mysterious, too-weird sometimes if is mysterious, to-weird sometimes if and floods the great walts of the canyon ened to pull him into the river. I can man Dunn about over again. Ol man Dunn about to go overboard
struggling manfully to stay on the
boulder. The fish broke water-a sign of weakening. Dunn now realized he ha
the advantage. Though short of breath
he shrieked the advantage. Though short of breath,
than evered out another whoop louder
pretty well tired, one of us dropped

ane tabout the bigis fish and towed it in. | the tried to make him understand that |
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| the fish would have gotten away if he | hadnt bwoul have gotten away if hel hing with rod and reel

 Sixteen Big Fish How many pounds did the fish weigh?
One hundred and fifteen! Pretty big, I'li say, but yellow cats have been caught bigger than this one from the waters of
the Rio Grande.
However, this is not all the story By However, this is not all the story. By
oclock that night we had sixteen big ish staked out. All at once they quit
biting; the water had risen.
By now a cold By now a cold, biting wind whipped
through the canyon. We loaded up, putting fish and blankets into the boat, as
well as outboard motor, and pointed down-stream. The rushing waters car-
ried us swiftly into the narrow channel, ried us swiftly into the narrow channel,
churning up a foam. All we had to do
was steer the bot, was steer the boat, as down the rapids
we shot, looking out for accidents of We shot, looking out for accidents of
course, as we darted near boulders or
dashed around Our boat raced down-stream at the
rate of probably 30 miles an hour. We dreaded "Devil's Pass," where the can-
yon narrows to a mere crack in the wall where water is high and lashes back in
a frenzy. We knew the river, however, and steered our course without accigrounded at the end of when the boat
we stepped out we stepped out safely, though wet from
spray. "Dot was fine", blurted old man
Dunn, "but sometimes I don't like him A big crowd greeted us when we arrived home. There were many tender-
foot in the crowd, but it is the tender gives you the warmest welcome when

Treacherous Quicksands of the South Canadian
a toll bre charter for operation of a toll bridge across the South CaLexington, will expire May 18 , In the early days, before bridges were
built, travelers were compeiled to "ford"
the South Canadian, and fording was
dangerous, even with the river at low
stage.
Nature has made little provision in
the way of banks or bed for this prodi-
gal stream which,
out boldly across flood stage, strikes
ing away homese, bridgestrside, culererts, wash- live-
stock, ruining farm crops and otherwise
destroying whatever happens to be in
the path of its mad waters.
Many stories are told concerning the trea
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reacherous sands of the South Canatempting to ford the stream. One of the weirdest stories told is that ine of the
tion with the opening of Oklahection with the opening of Oklahoma to
settlement, April 22,1889 On that
memorable day a cavalry troop was stamemorable day a cavalry troop was sta-
tioned along the south shore of the river to hold back homeseekers until ihe sig-
nal gun would be fired. These homeseeknal gun would be fired. These homeseek-
ers were lined up back of the cavalry-
men. A lone "sooner," afoot, had secreted himself in brush a mile up the river,
for the purpose evidently of being the
first homeseeker to stake a claim. About given, he was seen to dart into the water in an attempt to get across the river, on
the opposite side, ahead of the crowd of the opposite side, ahead of the crowd of
homeseekers that were waiting.
The cavalrymen spurred their horses The cavairymen spurred their horses
into the river, in an attempt to drive into the river, in an attempt to drive him back, but they made little headway
through the shifting sands. The "soon-
er" was seen to stumble and fall, regain er" was seen to stumble and fall, regain
his footing, only to fall again. When he
failed to rise the second time watchers failed to rise the second time watchers
on the shore were quick to realize that
he had been caught in a coit he had been caught in a quicksand
pocket. The cavalrymen lashed their
horses the doomed man

## CURRENT COMMENT

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## to stop killings, I must warn all men not to marry any other man's sister, then some other fellow may have the job of reforming the world.

 The Good Old Days AgainIn a paper before me I read the f
lowing wail of an editor for a return
the good old times: "It is a curious, In a paper before me I read the fol-
lowing wail of an editor for a return of
the good old times: "It is a curious, a
lamentable fact, that the right kind of
meal has almost disappeared from the
market. One must seek for it in the re-
mote nooks and corners of the far inmote nooks and corners of the far in-
teriors where a few old-fashioned wa-
termills still stand along the alder termills still stand along the alder-
shaded streams. It is there that the shace kind of meal can be found."
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Another victim of the "good old times" theory. This writer has felt the
sting of such a doctrine many times and sting of such a doctrine many times and
to flaunt it before him has about the
same effect as shaking a red bandana same effect as shaking a red bandana
at a bull. There was a good steam grist
mill within a mile of where I was raised, mill within a mile of where I was raised,
but the old foiks looked upon it as one
of the devil's agents and wouldn't allow of the devil's agents and wouldn't allow
it to touch their corn. Fifteen miles
away was a little watermill which made
assaults with intent to grind corn when
the witer was neither to high nor to the water was neither too high nor too
low. The road which led to this little
mill was awful, and before the mill was reached there was a levy, with was
numerous shackly bridges that were
never safe for man or beast. And yet never soys of the neighborhood were
the borced to turn their backs on the fine steam mill nearly every Saturday and ride a lazy mule loaded with a two-
bushel sack of corn to the old watermill
that stood on the mill pond near the that stood on the mill pond near the
muddy river. For many hours they
waited there on the lazy mill and lazier miller for their turns, usually reaching
home long after the curtains of night
had been drawn. Had the good steam had been drawn. Had the good steam
mill been patronized the boys would
have had a full half day for ball playing have had a full half day for ball playing
or riding yearlings, but the old folks
knew the steam mill couldn't make meal knew the steam mill couldn't make meal
fit to eat. I couldn't see then, neither
can I understand now, how the power
that turns the mill exercises any influ-
ence over the quality of the product, ence over the quality of the product,
but there are people now living who
will make their boys straddle old Beck will make their boys straddle old Beck
and ride fifteen miles to a water mill.
just as many of the boys of my old neighborhood had to do years ago when
Copers mill on the Forkeddeer river
held out more terrors to them than Hades itself.


fore the service began every seat was
occupied and policemen stood at the entrance to keep others from breaking in.
Mr. Smith is a preacher of fair ability; a man of pleasing appearance and good
voice, but neither eloquent in delivery nor profound in thought, but people
trampled each other down in order to attend his meetings, while men superior
in knowledge of the Scriptures and in knowledge of the Scriptures and ability spoke to empty pews. And when
a collection was taken at Mr. Smith's
meetings people flashed bills who take out a nickel when they drop in a dime Why Mr. Smith bad caught on, and
when a fellow catches on the battle is On one occasion I virtually fought my
way into a tabernacle to hear Rev. Dwight L. Moody. I did so simply be-
cause many others were also fighting
their way in. If nobody else had evinced a desire to hear Mr. Moody it is more
than likely that I would have loitered
on the street the entire afternoon. If I am a judge of sermons, I have heard
many better ones right here in my home county than Mr. Moody preached the
afternoon I pushed and shoved like a
wild man in order to get within range
of his voice-but Mr. Moody had wid man viorder to get within rat
of his voice-but Mr. Moody
caught on.
About Newspaper Makers There are now many schools of jour-
nalism, and every year I meet happyorchard, or a hydrangea, or a an alm. They
were busy playing poker in the bag-
gage car and didn't look out.
 lated attack of flu writes in to ask if
buttermilk will cure the flu. It will not.
Neither will it cure a March wind, a Neither will it cure a March wind, a
yearning for riches, a motherinlaw's the cat that warbles at 2 o'clock a.m.
The best treatment for flu is to forget
it. This you can sometimes do by hold-
ing a red-hot poker in each hand and letting a heavy iron safe rest on your There are grounds upon which to base the prediction that the repairers of
human frames will finally become so
expert in their calling that they will be able to keep man up and going for at
least a thousand years. Out of a human repair factory in New York there went
not long since a man with a new nose; not long since a man with a new nose;
another man who had been blind for
years had his sight restored by grafting the eye of a rabbit to his optic nerve,
and still another went away without any
stomach at all, went to work and got samach at all wnown to the surgeons
fat. It is now kne of the organs of sheep, rab-
that many that many of the organs of sheep, rab-
bits and pigs will work as well in men
as in their original positions, and it $=2=2$
 $-25=5$

## Sadder But Wiser Bunch of Suckers



Treacherous Quicksands of the South Canadian
tunning proved too much and finally
the man's head went out of sight, leav-
ing his hair blowing in the breeze and men applied whip and spur, but treach-
erous sands slipped from under the horses' feet and made the task of rescue
hopeless.
The poor "sooner" continued to sink hopeless.
The poor "sooner" continued to sink
slowly until only the tips of his fingers remained above the sand-laden river.
Although the cavalrymen did their ut-
"Now gentlemen," he remarked,
"please don't let my intrusion interfere
with the pleasures of the with the pleasures of the evening, for I
once was a young man myself and know
something of the diversions of youth.
legs a few times, he finally dealt each
player his proper quota of cards; the pot
was opened and every one stayed in the
game. "How many game. "How many cards, gentlemen?",
innocently asked the guest of the eve-
ning, and each one declared he was
satisfied with his hand. satisfat's funny," he said. "I need two
cards to fill in my hand and I hope I'm lucky." Huggins started the ball rolling
Mace Hugg
by tossing in two silver dollars and by by tossing in two silver dollars and by
the time it got around to the dealer it
took twenty dollars to stay in the game.
Again the stranger wanted to be
straightened out on the current talue of
flushes and straights after being duly
 informed by Tom Nelson, who advised
him to drop out of the game, he reached
back in a hip pocket and brought forth
a lot of bills and laid twenty dollars in
the pot, thereby raising it twenty. Bruce
Jackson secretly passed the news to the
rest of us that he held four kings. Of
course, we dropped out, and Bruce pro-
ceeded to raise the gentleman stranger
another twenty dollars.
Twenty Twenty-Dollar Bills
The stranger's mind seemed to center
around straights and flushes; he asked
for the fourth or fifth time which out-
ranked the other. It tooked like he was
going to lay down his hand, but after
fumbling and fidgeting his cards for
some time, he covered the raise, then de-
liberately counted twenty twenty-dollar
bills, pitched them in the pot and
said:
II raise you four hundred dollars,"
Bruce Jackson asked how much we
could raise, proposing should he win to

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## TEXAS BRIEF NEWS foum ove

TEXAS' EARLIEST SNOW snowfall in Texas. On October 9,1909 , there was quite a fall of snow over most
of the upper Panhandle region. November 20 is the earliest snow for Northwest
Texas on record. Texas on record.


LONGVIEW'S NEW HOTEL SOON
Longview's new $\$ 200,000$ hotel, which National Hotel Corporation of Galveston,
will be ready for the formal opening by
May 15 , it is announced by the manaMay 15, it is announced by the mana-
ger. This will be one of the finest hotel
structures in East Texas. BRICK AND TILE PLANT FOR
PARKER COUNTY A brick and tile plant eosting about
$\$ 100,000$ will be built in the western part of Parker county. It is said that
there is a large deposit of very fine
white and yellow clay there, which will white and yellow manufacture of orna-
be used in the mether clay products.
mental tile and other DEER KILLED IN DEATH STRUGThe mounted bodies of two large buck
deer, killed two years ago near Crystal deer, killed two years ago near Crystal
City, has been presented Witte Memo-
rial Museum, San Antonio, by Alex Schleyer, who mounted the bodies. The
horns are still locked, and it would be
necessary to break some of the prongs
to disengage them now, Mr. Schleyer necessary to break some of the prongs
to disengage them now, Mr. Schleyer
says. WORK ON VETERAN'S HOSPITAL Work is now in progress on the Unit-
ed States Veterans Hoppital at Waco,
surveys having been completed for the The general contract in connection
Time since.
with the $\$ 1,200,000$ project was awarded to a Chicago company some time ago,
with the stipulation that the work be
completed within 360 calendar days. TO OPEN SABINE RIVER BRIDGE Plans are being made for the celebra-
ion of the opening of the new bridge across the Sabine river, near Newton,
conecting Newton and De Ridder, La.,
on July 4 . The bridge is being erected
at a cost of $\$ 180,000$ by the States of
Texas and Louisiana and the Federal government. It will form an important
rosing, serving three highways in
Texas, including
Highway No. 40 THE TALLEST TEXAN
The tallest Texan and perhaps the
tallest man the United States has pro-
duced, was Col. H. C. Thruston, who died at his home in Mount Pleasant.
Texas, in 1909 . Mr. Thruston measured
seven feet, seven and one-half inches, seven feet, seven and one-half
standing barefooted.
For several years Col. Thruston trav fasket in which he was buried was. The made to special order; it was eight and one
half feet long. Col. Thruston was 79
years old at the time of his death.
HENDERSON AN OLD TOWN Henderson, one of the important oil
cities of East Texas, was deeded to the during the year 1843, by Gen. James
Smith. This was soon after the organization of Rusk county, named in honor
of the first United States Senator from Texas. The town was named for Hon.
J. Pinckney Henderson, first Governor
of Texas, there being a provision in the deed saying the town must be so named ever be changed from Henderson the
property on which the city stood should revert back to the heirs and assignees
of the donor.


FREDERICKSBURG PIONEER DEAD ericksburg one of the pioneer women of
Gillespie county who came with the first settlers of the county from Ger-
many, Mrs. Margaret Baag. Mrs. Baag many, Mrs. Margaret Baag. Mrs. Baag
was 92 years ole at the time of her
death and was born in Germany. She death and was born in Germany. She
landed in Texas in 1856 after a 70 -day
voyage on the sail ship "Anna Elise."

OLDEST TEXAS MASON
 his daughter.
Mr. Henley has resided in Paris since
the close of the war between the States. the close of the war between the States.
He served as treasurer of Lamar county fourteen years. He is a member of the
Albert Sidney Johnston Camp of United
Confederate Veterans. MEAT PACKING PLANT FOR
BROWNSVILLE A new and important industry is an-
nounced for Brownsinile. Hausman
Brothers, of Laredo, have leased the
city abatoir and started preparations
for opening a meat packing plant. The
large plant, which has been operated by
the city seven or eight years, is to be
remodeled and the interior changed en-
tirely, with machinery and equipment
for handling all kinds of meats. The
concern intends to supply that part of
South Texas and a portion of Northern
Mexico with meats.
A. \& M. TO SHARE IN ROYALTY

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 The Texas Legislature has passed abill permitting the Agricultural and
Mechanical College of Texas to share
in the income of the permanent endow Mechanical College of Texas to share
in the income of the permanent endow-
ment fund of the University of Texas
received from royalties and leases on oil lands. Under the provisions of the bill
A. \& M. will receive 8 . 00,000 annually
to September 1.1934 , after which it will receive one-third of the income of
the fund. Before passage, the bill was
approved by the governing bodies of the
two institutions. The money received by $t$ wo institutions. The money received by
A. \& M. will be used in the erection of
new buildings.

TEXAS RIVER-HARBOR PROJECTS GET APPROPRIATION
The river-harbor bill passed just be-
fore the adjournment of Congress, carfore the adjurnment of Congress, car-
ried appropriations for Texas projects
as follows Anahuac channel, $\$ 11,000 ;$ Cedar
Bayou, $\$ 13,500 ;$ Clear Creek, $\$ 7,000 ;$
Freeport Harbor, $\$ 130,000 ;$ channel Freeport Harbor, $\$ 130,000$; channel
from Aransas Pass to Corpus Christi,
$\$ 175,000 ;$ Port Arthur, $\$ 190000$ : Brazos
Island Harbor, $\$ 9,000 ;$ trict surveys, $\$ 10,000$; Sabeston d
waterway, $\$ 410,000$; Sabine riverhere
pus Christi section of Intracoastal terway, $\$ 90,000$ : Galveston Harbor,
$\$ 126,000$; Galveston channel, $\$ 200,000$
channel from Galveston Harbor to Texas City, $\$ 370,000$; channel to Port Boli-
var, $\$ 24,000 ;$ Houston Ship Channel,
$\$ 814,000$; Double Bayou, $\$ 9,000 ;$ New $\$ 814,000$; Double Bayou, $\$ 9,000$; New
Orleans-Sabine river section of Intra-
coastal canal, $\$ 969,000$. WIFE OF MAN WHO RECAPTURED
CUSTER'S FLAG RECEIVES Mrs. Ora McITATION recently received from the United
States War Department a citation which
her late husband, a United States cavher late husband, a United States ca
alryman, won fifty years ago by reca
turing the flag taken away from Cust when that officer and his men were
massacred. The flag was recaptured in
the Indian village of Slim Buttes and
the officer, William J. McClinton, slashtake the flag.
The story of Mr. MeClinton's recap-
ture of Custer's flag is one of heroism and adventure. As the American sol-
diers rushed into the Indian village to
avenge the death of Custer and his men avenge the death of Custer and his men,
Meclinton fought his way to the tent
of Chief American Horse, where he



## FROM NEW YORK TO LOS ANGELES

 IN A DAYIt has been announced that after the
middle of June Los Angeles and New
York York will be only a day apart by air-
plane. About that time big multi-engine
transports will be put in service between transports will be put in service between
these Atantic and Pacific cities, and
will make the journey in twenty-four
hours. In addition to passengers, the hours. In addion transports will also carry cargoes of
mail and express. We are told that some
of the planes will be equipped with Pullman berths.
The planes will have a capacity of
thirty-two passengers and will be operated on regular schedules, and on sys-
tems like trains, with light signals,
radio direction and two-way telephone service, keeping the plane under direct
order from the ground. There will be a change of pilots every six hours.
TEXAS TO GET AID FOR RODENT DESTRUCTION
At the late session of Congress a bill
was enacted authorizing an appropriation of $\$ 1,000,000$ a year for ten years
for eradication and control of rodents
in co-operation with the States affected. in co-operation wey is available for the
Before any money
first year, 1932 , however, an appropria-
tion must be passed by the next Congress. The Bureau of Biological Survey
of the United States Department of Ag riculture will administer the law.
Widespread interest was manifested
in the legislation by the Texas livestock in the legislation by the Texas livestock interests. Federal appropriatons pro-
rated to the States on a dollar matching
basis, similar to the Federal highway aid. amounted to $\$ 607,000$ last year, and a like amount is provided for the next
fiscal year begining July 1 . The increase to $81,000,000 \mathrm{a}$ year becomes available
July 1,1932 . Debates in Congress on the bill dis-
closed that Texas is now providing six times as much as is contributed by the
Federal government for control and eradication work. Estimates show that coyotes, wolves, mountain or Mexican lions, bob cats and some stock-kiling
bears ause an annual loss of more than
$\$ 20,000,000$, allowing loss in game, ground and nesting birds, as well as cat-
tle, sheep, goats, swine and poultry,
Heavy losses are also caused by ground tle, sheep, goats, swine and poultry.
Heavy losses are also caused by ground
squirrels, prairie dogs, rats, mice and squirrels, prairie dogs, rats, mice and survey believe the ten-year control pro-
gram will see the practical extermina
tion of rodents and predatory animals, tor of rodents and predatory animals,
or, at least, see them reduced to such
an extent that an extent that Federal aid to the State

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THREE MILLION U. S. MONE TEXANS CARRY THREE BILLIONS Recently the Board of Insurance

| the Lower Rio Grande Valley on conucting projects, practically all of construction will be in the two nties of Cameron and Hidalgo. The greatest single item of construcwork is the port project of Brownse and Port Isabel, on which the govment is to spend $\$ 2,158,000$, supplented by $\$ 3,500,000$ of Valley money. The remaining $\$ 1,000,000$ or more the largest of which will be a $\$ 450$,building in Brownsville. Other postice buildings in the Valley will be cted at San Benito, Harlingen, Meres, Mission, McAllen and Edinburg. |
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|  |  | Commissioners of Texas issued a report

giving statistical information on insurgiving statistical information on insur--
ance in Texas for the calendar year endance in Texas ior the calendar year end-
ing December 31 ; 1929 , which is the
latest information available, since about latest information available, since about
one year's time is required to assemble and tabulate information from the 759
insurance companies of all kinds which operate in Texas.
This report shows a total of $\$ 3,090,-$ This report shows a total of $\$ 3,090,-$
145,869 of life insurance in force in the
State, which is something like an aver-age of $\$ 2,600$ for each family in the
State. The report shows there are 155 legal reserve life companies operating in the State, 26 mutual assessment life ande insurance societies.
Of the total amount of life insurance
carried by Texans, $\$ 2,671,528,214$ was held by legal reserve companies. Of this
insurance Texas companies held $\$ 1,127$. 341,333 , and companies having head-
quarters outside of the State held $\$ 1,-$ $544,186,881$. The report shows that the
claims paid by both Texas and out-ofclaims paid by both Texas and out-of-
State companies on Texas policies to-

## THE OLDEST TEXAN

So far as there is any record, the old-
est person ever to reside in Texas was Isaac Brock, who passed away in 1906 . Mr. Brock lived for many years in Mc-
Lennan county, near Valley Mills, where
he had many relatives. His longevity he had many, relatives. His longevity
was attributed to the fact that he alwas attributed to the fact, that he a
ways lived an out-door life.
Mr. Brock lived a few months beyond Mr. Brock lived a few months beyond
the 121 st anniversary of his birth. Some
people having expressed doubt that the people having expressed doubt that the
man was as old as he claimed to be, man was as old as he claimed to be,
prominent citizens of Waco became in-
terested and made a thorough examinaterested and made a thorough examina-
tion of records, which showed that Mr.
Brock really was 121 years old. Brock really was 121 years old.
On account of his great agee a medicine company obtained a testimonial
from him regarding the virtues of its
medicine, and had his picture printed in medicine, aspaper advertisements for
then newspany years. He was a blacksmith and
mand was an important witness in a landsuit.
The family Bible showed that Isac Brock was born in Buncombe county,
North Carolina, March 1, 1778. He died in September, 1906. Up to his death he
had witnessed the election of every had witnessed the election of
President of the United States.

## ELEPHANT SKELETON FOUND

While working in a gravel pit near
Dallas a few weeks ago, workmen unDallas a few weeks ago, workmen un-
earthed the bones of an elephant. The
fossilized skeleton of the mammoth was unearthed in a gravel pit about seven
miles sooth of the city limits of Dallas, of Texas independence in this way, the
directors say a fund of five million dol-
lars will be needed. Such a fund would
have to be raised either by taxation or

TEXAS LONGHORNS PRESERVED The Texas Longhorn cattle, which
once roamed the plains in countless numbers, will not perish from the earth not withstanding their marked inferior-
ity to members of the bovine tribe which have taken their places. The Longhorns would doubtless soon have become ex-
tinct but for the government's foresight in placing a few of the primitive cattle Game Preserve near Lawton, Oklahoma, in 1927. This bunch of Longhorns are
virtually all that remain of the millions that once
of Texas.
There were thirty Longhorns in the
herd originally placed on the preserve by the government; the herd now num-
An appropriation of $\$ 3,000$ was made by the government for the purchase of
the Longhorns in 1927. When the ap propriation became available a search
was begun for animals of the desired was begun for animals of the desired
type. The search continued forty days over ranches along the Rio Grande and Gulf coast regions of the State before the desired anima
chase were found.
cattle about 280 buffaloes, about 300 elk and about 400 Virginia white-tail deer and
serve. agricultural implements, considered by
Texas A. \& M. College scise fine and unusually large specimens, was unearthed in Brazos county, about three
miles northeast of Bryan, by a farmer while plowing. The implements, fash-
ioned from flint, were presented to A. \& M. College as museum specimens.
The flint implements, apparently of
Indian fashioning, include spades, hoes and axes. The largest, meassuring seven
inches across and twelve inches in length, was doubtless used as a spade
and is one of the finest specimens yet
found. implements were stacked togeth-
er in a neat pile. Experts say they must
have been imported, as flint from which
they were made is not a native of that
PREPARING FOR TEXAS Some ten years ago the Texas Legis-
lature created a Texas Centennial Exposition directorate as the first step to-
ward providing for an appropriate observance of the centennial of Texas In-
dependence in 1936. One hundred members of the directorate were appointed
by Hon. Pat Neff, then Governor of the
State. Becently a meeting of the ors was held at Austin, but only 30 of
the 100 members were in attendance. some having died and some having left The first business of the Board was
to fill the vacancies occasioned by deaths and removals, then initial steps
were taken toward providing for appro-
priate priate observance of the Independence
of Texas. It is the hope of the directors to create a real world's fair in celebra-
tion of the great event in the history
of the State. To observe the centennial miles south of the city limits of Dallas,
near the Kaufman road, by workmen
who were excavating a sand pit for who were excavating a sand pit for
gravel. Geologists of the Southern Methbones, said it was a genuine find, con-
firming former geological estimates of the mid-pleistocene period of what is now unusual feature of the find was that almost the entise skeleton was un-
earthed, enabling the reconstruction of the frame of the massive body as it was when animated thousands of years ago.
The skull was practically intact, including the upper and lower jaws. The defins, five feet or more in length, are
dhown, as are the bones of the leg, most of them too large and heavy to be handled by one man.
The skeleton was found about ten The skeleton was found about ten
feet under what would be the normal
level of the land, in a sand and gravel formation, indicating that the elephant place, the body later being covered with silt from floods in the adjacent river. The bones were treated and arranged moved to Southwestern University, where efforts are to be made to recreate
the animal's structure. The head of the geological department of the university
said this was about the twentieth said this was about the twentieth ele-
phant skeleton to be found in that region, the find adding to the mass of
testimony to the geological theory that elephants once inhabited this part of the
earth's surface.

First Oil Production in Texas Was in East Texas

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    disappear in such a tragic manner. Wherefore, seeing we aiso are com-
    passed about with so great a cloud of passed about with so great a cloud of
    witnesses, let us lay aside every weight,

