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B. N. Aycock New President of Fair Association

COMPULSORY NOW TO KILL PRAIRIE DOGS

Provides that Dogs Must be Killed by July 1st—Owners Will be Penalized

Persons familiar with conditions in West Texas recognize that the Biggers' Prairie Dog Law is the most important that has been enacted in many years. The law was passed by a special session of the legislature two years ago and it provides that prairie dogs must be destroyed, all of them, by July 1st, 1917. If not, land owners will be penalized. The full text of the law follows:

Be it enacted by the legislature of the State of Texas:

Section 1. That prairie dogs are hereby declared to be a public nuisance, and the owners of land in any county in this State upon which prairie dogs exist shall, within two years from the date when this act takes effect, kill or cause to be killed, all dogs on land so owned by them.

Section 2. It is hereby made the duty of the county commissioners of any county in which prairie dogs exist to investigate and determine whether owners of land in their respective commissioners' precincts have complied with the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, and if any such land owners have failed or refused to destroy the prairie dogs on their land it shall be the duty of said commissioners to immediately notify the sheriff of his county of such failure and the name and postoffice address of such owner, or his agent, and said sheriff shall immediately mail by registered mail, a notice to the said owner or his agent that if he shall fail, within thirty days from and after the date of mailing of the notice by the sheriff, to comply with the terms of Section 1 of this Act, that the sheriff shall proceed to destroy all prairie dogs on said land.

Section 3. After the failure of any land owner to comply with the provisions of Section 1 of this Act, and the terms of Section 2 thereof have been performed, and said owner has not within the time provided for in Section 2, destroyed said prairie dogs, it shall be the duty of said sheriff to immediately proceed to destroy dogs on land of said owner, and to use the practical and economic methods in general use. And he shall report his action to gether with an itemized bill of expenses, under oath to the first term of the commissioners' court of said county, and if found correct and reasonable, shall allow and cause same to be paid, and by its order duly entered, assess said amount against said owner and enter same as a lien against his land. It being provided, however, that the commissioners' court may compensate the sheriff in the sum of not exceeding five (\$5.00) dollars per day for each and every day the sheriff shall have performed actual services in the matter of supervising the destruction of said prairie dogs.

Section 4. If the owner of any land against which said costs and expenses have been assessed by the commissioners' court shall fail to pay the same within thirty days after notice of such assessment, it shall be the duty of the county attorney of such county to bring suit in any court of competent jurisdiction to enforce the payment of such cost and expenses, and the county attorney shall, in each suit brought by him for such purpose, be allowed a reasonable fee to be levied by the court trying the cause, which fee shall be taxed as costs in the case, and upon the rendition of any judgment for such costs and expenses, execution shall issue

POISON RECIPE FOR PRAIRIE DOGS

Recommended by U. S. Government and Found Very Effective in the Midland Country

The time is approaching now when many a non-resident and possibly a number of resident land-owners are going to be penalized for not killing their prairie dogs. Elsewhere we are publishing the text of the Biggers' Prairie Dog Law which makes it compulsory for all land owners to have their dogs ALL killed by July 1st, 1917. If you haven't done the job by then, some one will be properly, legally authorized to do it for you and you'll pay for the killing, and at a good stiff price.

Think you may dodge this? Did you ever dodge taxes?

The cost will be taxed up against your land, same as a regular property tax, and if you don't pay the state will step in and sell your land, sell it at public auction, and you'll get what is left after all costs are paid.

It is rather a grim proceeding, but had you ever thought that the existence of prairie dogs is the most serious menace to the western ranges? This is a fact, and the Biggers' law is a just one.

You have barely more than two months now of favorable weather in which to kill dogs. When spring grass gets here it is practically all off until the mid-winter following.

We are again going to give our readers the government recipe for killing prairie dogs. It has proven very effective in the Midland Country, and, by request, we are publishing it for about the fifth time. Here it is:

"Dissolve one ounce of strychnine (sulphate) in one and a half pints of boiling water. Thicken this solution to the consistency of thin mullage by stirring in a small quantity of goss starch previously mixed with a little cold water. Dissolve one ounce of bakin' soda in a half cup of hot water and stir into poisoned starch. Add a scant teaspoonful of saccharine. Mix with twelve quarts of either fetterite, milo maize or oats. Prepare 24 to 48 hours before using, and stir occasionally until nearly dry.

"To dissolve strychnine (alkaloid) in the above poison add a fourth of a pint of vinegar to every ounce of strychnine used.

"The best results come from distributing the poisoned grain at the time that the prepared grain is sufficient to treat about 40 holes, and if thinly scattered on clean hard places in the proximity of the dog holes this quantity will not endanger stock."

We trust the reader will preserve this recipe, and use it—use it now. Concerted action will destroy all the dogs in this country, effectively and finally.

RANCHMAN OF EAGLE LAKE WAS A VISITOR

J. W. Walker, a prominent ranchman of the Eagle Lake country, was a visitor to Midland last Wednesday. He was here on sort of a prospecting trip, thinking perhaps to extend his ranching operations further in to this section of the country.

YOUR POLL TAX—SATURDAY MONDAY, TUESDAY, WEDNESDAY—DO IT NOW!

Succeeds B. C. Girdley, Resigned, After Three Years of Faithful and Unselfish Service.

The Reporter tenders congratulations to the retiring president of the Midland County Fair Association, Mr. B. C. Girdley, complimenting him upon the faithful and efficient years of service he has rendered so unselfishly to this entire section of the West. During the three annual celebrations of the Midland Fair and Inter State Stock Show he has been at the head of a few leading spirits of the community who have given to Midland and this part of West Texas a publicity asset of which a city of five times Midland's population might well be proud. Upon his retirement The Reporter feels that he is worthy of any encomium and absolved from any criticism. The debts of the association, to our mind, represent no less than a judicious investment, which, if our people will be responsible for and liquidate, will redound one day to the enthusiastic satisfaction of all interested or concerned. We know that he and his associates have invested liberally; we feel that they have invested equally with conservatism; and that all of us have enjoyed returns commensurate to every dollar spent and every dollar that now pends as an indebtedness against us. This retiring president is yet but a young man, and as the years move on and as he moves with them, still energetically a moving spirit of progress and of good will, we doubt not that he will find pleasant communion with himself upon the three years so productively spent in the advancement of the interest of his home town.

At a meeting of the Fair Association last Monday afternoon, the Association elected our distinguished and esteemed townsman, Mr. B. N. Aycock, as president. In the face of things, our fair devoting its greatest energies to the promotion of our livestock interests, it appeals to us that none other would have been more suitable. Mr. Aycock is one of the most distinguished stockmen in all the southwest, being a judge with few peers and a man of the most substantial business qualifications, together with sustaining a citizenship that is marked by loyalty and conservative progressiveness. He has as associates a staff of officers composed of men of equally strong characteristics, namely, Mr. D. W. Brunson, vice president; Mr. Henry M. Halff, secretary, and Mr. B. C. Girdley, treasurer. With such an aggregation to promote the 1917 fair, we see no reason why our next celebration, with a start of three already splendid years, should not transcend any effort that the West has ever known.

At the meeting of the board of directors of the Fair Association last Monday, after the new officers had been elected, a motion was carried that the chair appoint a committee of three to solicit subscriptions and donations. President Aycock appointed Mr. Jno. M. Cowden, chairman, and Mr. W. H. Brunson and Mr. Phil Scharbauer.

Now, with these three strong men added to the above working force for this year's fair it looks good, wonderfully good, and with the co-operation of all our people it will be good. The committee is even now about the business of soliciting, with a fair degree of encouragement.

The Reporter feels that the committee should have little trouble in raising the money necessary to liquidate the indebtedness against the association. Amongst the stockmen alone it ought to be easy, for to them alone the benefits of the annual celebration are greater than this comparatively small sum. Greater, perhaps, than any other agency is our fair calculated to attract buyers to the Midland Country, and to satisfy them that they have come to the right place; not only for their registered and breeding stock, but for their feeders. Little as it may concern our stockmen at present, they need advertising more

WORK IS STARTED AGAIN ON M. & N. W.

President O'Donnell in The East Now to Contract for Ties, Bolts, Spikes, Etc

There is little more to be added to our report last week of progress on the Midland & Northwestern railway, other than that activities have been resumed and all is bustle and hurry among those who are interested in its construction.

In Midland there seems to be no one who at all doubts the ultimate completion of the road, for it is generally known that in the future there will be no lack of funds to do everything necessary. Those financing the project have assumed all past obligations as well as those which may be incurred in the future.

One of the most active parties on the job is G. W. Thaxter, chief engineer. He has bought a new car, has gotten together a new corps of surveyors and surveying crew, and they are on the ground again, running lines for the graders, who are on the job again, and otherwise there is movement everywhere.

President T. J. O'Donnell is now in the east contracting for bolts, spikes, ties, etc., and shipments thereof will be made without any delay. The work of laying steel will begin upon the arrival of the above necessities, and a sufficient force of men will be secured to push the work as rapidly as possible.

A special press notice in the daily papers of last Tuesday has it that "the railroad commission has issued a ruling, adding the Midland & Northwestern Railway Company to the list of railroads authorized to observe and apply on joint or interline intra-state traffic, the rates and rules prescribed in the Fonda traffic 2-B issued by the railroads. The ruling becomes effective on Feb. 15th, 1917." Whatever this is the Midland & Northwestern will hardly be ready for it by Feb. 15th, but if Fonda is a privilege the Midland & Northwestern will be enjoying some of it not long thereafter.

GARRETT & BROWN BUILDING REMODELED

The four 25-foot front buildings, adjoining and north of the postoffice on Main street, are now being remodeled. In fact the work is almost finished, and they will soon present very attractive fronts, making a strong bid for immediate occupancy. The first north of the post office is already occupied by Anson Coughran and J. E. Cooley with the Delco Lighting Products, an announcement of which and fuller details will probably be made in the next issue of The Reporter. These gentlemen occupy half of the building, while the other half is occupied by the Midland Battery Co., who will feature the Willard storage battery processes. This will be a great boon to motorists. Elsewhere they have a quarter page advertisement in this issue and we call special attention to it. Messrs. Garrett & Brown, we understand, have prospects for the other three buildings, though they as yet have nothing for publication.

Gee whiz! Have you paid your poll tax? Do it tomorrow.

TEXAS FOR CHRIST? WELL, FOR RIGHT ANYWAY, AND THE SALOON ISN'T RIGHT, DON'T FORGET YOUR POLL TAX!

ALMOST A MILLION AT THE LAST CALL

Two National Banks of Midland Show Individual Deposits Subject to Check \$993,641.67

It may be that The Reporter brags too much; not on anything connected with itself, and we thereby dodge immodesty; but on Midland, Midland people, and Midland institutions. Because Midland people are hustlers, Midland institutions are the best in the West, the very best, perhaps, between Fort Worth and El Paso, and by virtue of these hustling proclivities, they have the money to promote and sustain these institutions.

Of course, the above refers to generalities. This article, however, is offered as a brief comment on the two banking institutions of the city, and directly is a reference to the amount of money that is always found in them upon the call of the comptroller.

We are a little late in making this comment, it is true, as the last call was made in December, but we are equally late in making publication of the statements thereof. This is our fault, too, occasioned by the crowded conditions of our columns during the past four weeks.

Look at those wonderful statements. In the two institutions there are on deposit nearly a million dollars, to be exact, \$993,641.67, subject to check. Midland has less than 3000 people. The county has less than 5000 population. We are going to let suffice as our comment the question, Can you beat it?

On January 9th the two institutions had their annual election of officers and directors, with the following results: First National—W. H. Cowden, president; O. B. Holt, vice president; W. R. Chancellor, cashier; M. C. Ulmer, assistant cashier; J. Homer Epley, assistant cashier. Directors—W. H. Cowden, O. B. Holt, P. Scharbauer, W. R. Chancellor, E. R. Bryan, C. A. Goldsmith and J. H. Barron.

Midland National—W. H. Brunson, president; C. L. Sinclair, vice president; B. C. Girdley, cashier; R. V. Hyatt, assistant cashier. Directors—W. H. Brunson, D. W. Brunson, H. N. Garrett, C. L. Sinclair, J. R. Dublin, S. W. Estes, and B. C. Girdley.

In neither of the institutions was there any material change. In both the men mentioned above guided the destinies of the two institutions during the year past, and will do so the ensuing year. These are great Midland institutions. Real business men have made them so.

Don't forget that poll tax receipt. You are going to need it, sure. There's going to be something doing in 1917.

EUNICE, N. M. MEN LOADING WITH SUPPLIES

There were with us yesterday fifteen men with wagons, from Eunice, N. M., here to load out with building materials and general supplies. They were J. W. Owens, W. M. Owens, J. P. Speed, J. R. Reynolds, T. E. Shipley, L. A. Kelley, C. A. McCrary, J. A. Leonard, W. T. McCormick, A. C. Dorris, Marion Stephens, Fred King, D. H. King, Connor Carson and J. N. Carson. The latter is a well known merchant of Eunice, while the others are mostly stockfarmers in and around Eunice, and all report a general air of prosperity throughout their section.

DON'T BE A CHINAMAN—PAY YOUR POLL TAX.

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LADIES READY-TO-WEAR

Some Special Things we are Offering at a Great Reduction

One lot of Ladies Long Coats, regular prices \$5.00 to \$15.00, your choice of this lot **\$2.50**

Regular Prices on Coat Suits for less than Half in this Sale

One lot for \$5.00	the Suit
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One lot for \$15.00	the Suit
One lot for \$20.00	the Suit

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New Worthmore Waists at \$1.00
New Welworth Waists at \$2.00

In keeping with its policy of better values, this Cash Store has secured the exclusive sale of these famous waist values for Midland.

The first showing of these new spring numbers are to be seen at this store next Saturday and Monday, and this first shipment is to be followed every week with new numbers, and in Midland, the price is the same as in every city in the United States.

Worthmore Blouses are \$1.00
Welworth Blouses are \$2.00

The New Spring Gingham are Beautiful and the colors are absolutely fast. They are Red Seals and Yorks and there is none better made.

The Price is 12-1-2c and 15c the Yard at This Cash Store

Our very early contracts for spring goods places us in a position to sell you the best gingham for practically what they are worth at wholesale today. In fact, this Cash Store will save you money on your dry goods this coming season in ways that you will appreciate.

FROM NOW ON, every week will bring new goods of every description and we want you to note our cash prices, for we want your business for 1917.

WADLEY PATTERSON COMPANY

One Price—the Lowest—for Cash Only

HOW TO PREVENT HIGH COST OF LIVING

A good way to get around the high cost of living—eat graham bread made of wheat ground at the grist mill, in town or at the gin. Valuing your wheat at \$1.90 per bushel and the grinding at 20c you would have sixty pounds of flour for only \$2.10 and a good deal better grade of flour than you can buy from the mills. Besides, if you will eat this kind of flour you will very likely have less reason for swallowing medicine. In fact, according to United States investigations, the very general eating of white flour seems to be the cause of the spread, of late years, of pellagra. Other writers claim that the use of finely milled flour products and appendicitis are contemporaneous, to say the least. Both are common the last quarter of a century.—Cross Plains Review.

There is no doubt whatever that any able-bodied man in Texas can produce plenty of meat and bread for himself and family if he is willing to work. It will be wholesome and nutritious food, too. It need not be costly, either. One main trouble with the people of this country, and a main reason for the high cost of living, is that so many of the people are abroad continually hunting down some sort of amusement and entertainment for themselves. Expensive appetites are cultivated and encouraged continually. Where are the industrious boys who saved their money? Where are the pretty daughters who stood by the kitchen table or stove and helped their mother? Where are the mothers who enjoyed themselves at home, and who passed away their rest hours in knitting stockings or socks for the

family? There are some thoughtful people who now fear that two or three of the modern inventions have already proved themselves too much and too strong for human nature—for the vanity and appetites of the human race. S. P. does not believe that; S. P. does believe that most of our ills come of extravagance, improvidence, indolence and self-indulgence, and most of even the high cost of living can be avoided by intelligence, industry and care.—State Press in Dallas News.

SUPT. W. W. LACKEY CALLED TO AUSTIN

Supt. W. W. Lackey received a telegram from Walker King, chairman of the executive committee of the State Teachers' Association, asking him to be present at an important meeting of the committee, to be held in Austin. The executive committee of the State Teachers' Association is composed of one member from each congressional district and two at large, Pres. F. M. Bralley, of the College of Industrial Arts, being one of the latter. The committee will appear before the education committees of the Senate and the House of Representatives and present a program of the State Teachers' Association for educational legislation. The committee will also consider the time and place of the next meeting for the Association. The meeting of the committee was called for Thursday, Jan. 25th, at 9 a. m. The session will last two days.

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B. N. AYCOCK NEW PRES. OF FAIR ASSOCIATION

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past three years. It is in no wise alarming. Really it should be laughed at and the indebtedness cheerfully made up. The statement follows:

Statement Close of 1914 Fair Resources: Grounds, buildings, equip. \$7,314.48; Cash in bank 16.20; Total \$7,330.68. Liabilities: Capital stock paid in \$4,510.00; Checks outstanding 585.76; Bills payable 500.00; Surplus from operation 1,784.92; Total \$7,330.68.

Statement Close of 1915 Fair Resources: Grounds, buildings, equip. \$11,846.38; Cash in bank 19.56; Deficit from operation 1,428.06; Total \$13,394.00. Liabilities: Capital stock paid in \$6,212.50; Bills payable 7,075.00; Checks outstanding 6.50; Total \$13,394.00.

Statement Close of 1916 Fair Resources: Grounds, buildings, equip. \$16,507.41; Accounts receivable 569.00; Deficit from operation 4,668.88; Total \$21,740.29. Liabilities: Capital stock paid in \$6,637.50; Overdraft at bank 7.30; Bills payable 7,750.50; Checks outstanding 6.50; Accounts payable 4,986.99; Premiums payable 2,352.00; Total \$21,740.29.

Trial Balance Midland Fair and Interstate Stock Show, December 31st, 1916. Debits: Treasury stock \$3,362.50; Grounds, buildings, equip. 16,507.41; Operations acct. 1915 fair 1,428.06; Advertising 108.46; Interest 332.60; General expenses 3,914.22; Premiums account 1,947.50; Entertainment 1,738.55; Racing department 1,924.85; Cowboy contest 243.90; Polo game 500.00; Baby Beef Clubs Encamp. 186.33; Account Recible 569.00; Total \$32,179.58. Credits: Capital Stock \$10,000.00; Midland National Bank 7.30; Bills payable 7,750.50; Checks out 1914 fair 6.50; Opening day pins 853.00; Donations 112.30; Pageant 133.67; Cot fund 148.55; Gate receipts 5,438.32; Poultry department 41.70; Association car tickets 12.45; Boots and stalls 25.80; Street light fund 47.00; Concessions 337.00; Accounts payable 4,986.99; Premiums payable 2,352.00; Total \$32,179.58.

List of Stockholders in the Midland Fair and Interstate Stock Show, December 31st, 1916

Table listing stockholders and their contributions. Includes names like Armstrong & Andrews, Aycock, B. N., Allison, R. J., Allen, Andrew, Brunson, Glenn S., Benedict, C. P., Branson, D. W., Burton-Lingo Co., Buchanan, O. P., Bryan, E. R., Barber, J. F., Barron, J. H., Boone, H. T., Bryant, W. M., Bradford, W. E., Brunson, L. A., Brown, T. J., Bludworth & Co., Basham, Shepherd & Co., Bullock, J. W., Collins, J. P., Curtis, W. K., City Grocery Co., Cowden, C. F., Crier, W. T., Clark, Dr. J. F., Coughran & Hardin, Clark, J. Harvey, Cowden, G. F. & Son, Cowden, W. F., Cowden, John M., Carr, S. B., Chancellor, W. R., Dublin, J. R., Dunagan, H. B., Dean, L. Q., Dublin, Chas., Dublin, John, Ellis, W. B. and P. F., Ellis, W. D., Estes, S. W., Estes, E. H. & Son, Elkin, W. S., Elliott, Geo. D., Estes, H. P., Estes, R. E., Evans, Lee S., Edwards, John H., Fannin, T. A., Francis, S. M., Francis, A. C., Floyd, B. W., Girdley, B. C., Garrard, H. N., Garrard, T. T., Jr., Garner, John, Gibbs, Chas., Hudgins, J. W., Hearrell, C. W., Haley, Dr. J. F., Half, Henry M., Hill, A. P. and H. E., Hill, J. E., Hill, W. S., Harris, Geo., Hand, A. A., Higgins, Miss B., Hutchinson, W. A., Hutt, J. E. & Son, Holt, O. B., Houston, H. M., Holloway, W. A., Isaacks, S. J., Johnston, C. C., Jones, T. B., Jowell, Spencer, Julian, C. E., Lee, R. D., Leach, Geo., Leach, W. W., Leonard, E. R., Lutz Bros., Midland Farms Co., Midland Mercantile Co., Midland Hardware Co., Manning, Will., Massey, W. C., Miller, G. W., Mitchell, Henry Y., Midkiff, T. O., McClintic, Geo. T., McKinney, S. R., Nutt, K. E., Nugent, W. P., Parr, D. T., Proctor, L. C., Robinson, Byron, Patterson, T. S., Powell, T. J., Pollard, C. C., Rankin, F. E., Ramsay, H. M., Reynolds, J. O., Ralley, C. C., Rohlfing, W. H., Robinson, J. L., Rogsdale, J. T., Reiger, Gordon, Rankin, J. P., Ray, Theo., Ross, Tom., Robinson, J. W., Rockwell, J. M., Robinson, Byron, Smith, E. Clyde, Stokes, J. V., Stoeger, John B., Sparks, W. J., Snodgrass, E. N., Scharbauer Cattle Co., Stanley, B. F., Stephenson, T. H., Shumake, H. T., Starr, W. B., Smith, J. V., Scarborough, W. F., Tom, G. W., Terry, I. H., Tom, C., Tidwell, J. S., Thomas, Dr. Jno. B., Thompson, W. H., Trammell, D. M., Underwood, W. H., Van Huss & Joss, Wadley, Wilbur, White, T. M., Wimberley, G. W., Wallace, Wm. E., Wichey, J. E., Willingham, O. A., Western Windmill Co., Watson, C. C., Western Auto & Supply Co., Warren, D. C., Young, R. A., Yeakey, J. W., Yates, J. H., Total \$66,375.00.

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NEW VIOLINIST HAS ARRIVED IN MIDLAND

The stork made an early morning visit to the home of Prof. and Mrs. Maurice M. Derdeyn last Thursday and left in their fond keeping a baby boy, who is already lovingly known in the family circle as Maurice, Jr. May the young parents' fondest dreams for this their first child, be ever realized in all his path of future progress. Dr. Buchanan, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, will be in his Midland office Saturday, the 27th. Office with Dr. Tigner. adv

Dodge Brothers Motor Car

One of the sincerest compliments paid the car is the eager demand for it at second-hand.

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Bethlehem Steel Will Make Offer to Uncle Sam.

BIDS ON 16 INCH NAVY SHELLS

No Chance For Profit In Them Under Present Tests, Grace Says—Possible Explanation of the Prices Made by an English Firm Which Bids Under All American Manufacturers.

Speaking recently before the Terrapin Club of Philadelphia, Eugene G. Grace, President of the Bethlehem Steel Company, said in part:

In a peculiar sense Bethlehem Steel serves the American people.

For example, though we have been able to obtain in Europe almost any price, we have adhered, in our charges to the United States Government, to the basis of prices established before the war began.

We agreed—if the Government would abandon its plans for a Federal plant—to make armor for our Navy at any price the Government itself might consider fair.

Our ordnance plants are at the disposal of the nation at a fair operating cost, plus a small margin, thus saving the Government investment and depreciation.

One of the special needs of the new navy is sixteen-inch guns—guns sixty feet long and capable of hurling a 2000 pound shell with such power and accuracy as to hit a 50 foot square target fifteen miles away.

We have undertaken voluntarily to construct, at a cost of \$4,500,000, a plant fitted to build sixteen-inch guns.

Under no conceivable circumstances can orders which we may receive for this plant pay even a fair return on the investment.

Considerable comment has been made upon the fact that a British manufacturer recently bid less than American manufacturers for sixteen and four-inch shells for the navy.

I am unable to state the basis upon which the English bid was made. It should be remembered, however, that this bid was for a specific shell, samples of which are being sent over for test—a test not yet made.

Two years ago we took an order for 2400 fourteen-inch armor-piercing shells at a contract price of \$768,000, to be delivered within a certain time or we had to pay a large penalty.

The only specifications for making these shells are that they shall be of a certain size and must pierce armor-plate at a certain velocity on impact. It is impossible to foretell the exact conditions of the tests.

We had made large quantities of shells in the past which had been accepted. But in placing this particular order the Department altered the angle at which the tested shells must pierce armor-plate.

The result, however, has been absolute inability on our part to produce in any quantity, shells which will meet these novel tests.

In fact, we know of no process of projectile-making through which it is possible to produce in quantities shells which will conform to the requirements.

The result is that up to now on that contract of \$768,000, we have put into actual operating expense \$447,881, and have been penalized for non-delivery \$495,744, a total of \$943,625, with no receipts whatever.

Such was the experience in the light of which we were called upon recently to bid for sixteen-inch shells.

We bid on these shells at approximately the same rate per pound as that of a fourteen-inch shell contract of one year ago upon which the Government awarded contracts.

We have not the slightest idea what profit there will be in the making of these shells. We do not know that there will be any. There is no certainty that it would be possible for us to deliver a shell to meet the test.

For officers in the Navy to assume that any bid made under such conditions is "exorbitant" is utterly unfair.

We bid on the new battle-cruisers sums which Navy department experts, after examination of our books, found would yield a profit of less than ten per cent. We agreed to assume risks for increased costs of materials and labor, that made it possible that these contracts might yield no profit whatever.

The costs run beyond the amount appropriated by Congress on the basis of the cost estimates made a year ago.

And because shipbuilders could not alter the inexorable cost facts and reduce bids to early estimates of the Navy Department, the prices are called "exorbitant."

It would be a real advantage to be relieved of this naval construction. The profit from it cannot possibly amount to much, and the responsibility is enormous.

We have determined to make this offer to the American Government.

A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS

By E. ALEXANDER POWELL

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SYNOPSIS.

Rupert Holmes, a lumberman of the North Woods, disappointed at becoming the father of a daughter instead of a son, abandons his wife and child to the log-jammed river. Thinking them dead, he allies himself with the lumber trust head, whose daughter he marries. But the deserted wife and baby are picked up and cared for by one Dave Dawson. Twenty years later Rupert Holmes is the lumber magnate fighting the independents around him. His daughter, Helen, unknown to him, has brought herself to his attention by several heroic acts about the camp. She takes up a fight against the trust and leads the independents in their defenses against the great Amalgamated which seeks to absorb their hard-earned properties. In this Helen is assisted by Tom Dawson, a young engineer, and her foster father, Dave Dawson. Helen discovers that the trust is not living up to its charter and she proceeds against them. The village council resigns to talk her, but she helps elect another. Rupert Holmes meets his abandoned wife, Virginia, whom he has thought dead and learns that his own daughter is fighting him. In an attempt to kill Virginia he renders her an invalid, but she tells the truth about Holmes to Little Bear the Indian boy.

SEVENTH EPISODE

Little Bear's first impulse upon learning from the lips of Virginia Holmes the identity of his father's murderer, was to kill Rupert Holmes. But his savage Indian nature had been molded by education and his hot blood had been cooled by his lifelong association with white men, so, instead of driving a knife into his enemy's back according to the custom of his people, he decided to bide his time.

On the morning after the tree fell upon the Dawson cottage the kindly old practitioner who attended to the physical ailments of the Dawsonville folk was returning to his office after a visit to his patient when he was stopped by Holmes.

"What's this I hear, doctor, about there having been an accident last night at Dave Dawson's?" he asked.

"I'm sorry to say that Dave's sister, Mrs. Holmes, has been very badly hurt," was the grave answer. "She sustained a spinal injury which has partially paralyzed her."

"What happened, doctor?" inquired Holmes. "All I know is what I have heard from the porters of my car. They told some wild story about a tree having fallen on the house."

"That's just what happened, Mr. Holmes," the doctor answered. "There was a big fir tree standing close to the house. It was half dead, so Dave started to cut it down yesterday afternoon, but darkness came before he could finish the job and he had to stop. The tree was partly cut through and the big storm last night did the rest. It went through the roof of the house as a knife goes through an eggshell."

Holmes heaved an inward sigh of relief. It was evident, from the doctor's words, that no one suspected that the falling of the tree was due to other than natural causes.

"I trust that Mrs. Holmes is doing as well as can be expected."

"She is in no pain," said the doctor, "but her death is only a question of weeks. There is no chance of her recovery."

"Is she conscious?" Holmes inquired.

"No," was the reply. "She lapsed into unconsciousness just as I reached the house and has not uttered a word since. I doubt if she ever speaks again."

"Sad . . . very sad indeed," remarked Holmes feelingly as he turned away, but he was very far from feeling the sadness which he so unctuously expressed, for, with the lips of Virginia Holmes sealed forever, his



She Landed Atop of It.

men that we suspect have sold out to the Amalgamated, pay 'em off, and order 'em out of camp.

"A good idea, Hansen," commended Morrissey.

Hansen, lost no time in putting his plan into execution.

It quickly became evident, however, that the men had no intention of taking their discharge meekly. The trouble was precipitated by Hansen, who came marching down on the mess-house, in front of which the malcontents were congregated, at the head of two score of his lumbermen armed with axes and peavies.

"Clear out of here, now," he ordered roughly. "If you ain't out of camp in five minutes, I'll run you out."

The reply was a well-aimed stone, which struck Hansen on the head, laying his scalp open to the bone. He staggered beneath the impact of the blow; then, wiping the blood from his eyes, he charged the crowd like an angry bull, his supporters close behind him. It was a desperate battle while it lasted.

The struggle was abruptly interrupted by the cry of "Fire!" "Fire!" as a dense cloud of smoke rolled upward from the rear of the messhouse. Hansen, calling off his men, endeavored desperately to save the building, but a moment later there came another shout of warning, and it was soon seen that the camp was doomed.

"It's Holmes and his gang that we've got to thank for this!" growled Morrissey, when the news of the burning of his camp reached him. "They've been laying for a chance to make trouble for us. But they've covered their tracks and we can't prove they did it—blast their souls! The men will have to sleep in tents until we can rebuild—and the nights are cold, too. Find out how much lumber we will need and telegraph to the mills at Port Jefferson. Tell 'em we must have it by day after tomorrow sure."

Three days after the destruction of the independents' camp business called Behrens to the Amalgamated's railway construction camp, four miles above Dawsonville. As he was lounging in the doorway of the shanty which served as an office, an engine, hauling a single car, was panting laboriously up the steep grade. It came to a stop, and Tom Dawson swung out of the cab and strode across to the office to report.

"What you got there, Tom?" Behrens asked curiously, noting the scarlet danger signs, tacked to the side of the car.

"Dynamite," Tom answered shortly, for he did not like Behrens, and took no pains to conceal it. "They've got a lot of blasting to do before they can finish the line from here to Glacier Point."

"Has Morrissey begun to rebuild his camp yet?" asked Behrens, by way of making conversation.

"I reckon he'll begin this afternoon," the engineer answered. "I hauled ten carloads of lumber for him from Port Jefferson this morning. Left them standing on the line at Dawsonville while I brought up this car of dynamite. As soon as I can grab something to eat I'm going back and haul them up to Morrissey's camp."

Scarcely had Dawson disappeared in the direction of the mess tent before Behrens was beside the car of dynamite. A scheme by which he might still further harass and delay the independents had suddenly occurred to him. No one saw Behrens furtively approach the car; no one saw him loosen the brakes and uncouple it from the engine. But the young telegraph operator, sitting in his little cabin a few hundred yards down the track, happened to see the runaway car go rumbling past at constantly increasing speed; he rushed to his key and began to click out "DL! DL! DL!" which was the call for Dawsonville.

Helen Dawson was at her desk in the Dawsonville station, absorbed in a book, when she was aroused by the imperative chatter of the instrument. A tap of the key indicated to the sender that she was listening. As she listened her cheeks were suddenly drained of their color. And small wonder, for this is the message that came to her in dots and dashes:

"Clear the track for runaway car loaded with dynamite."

She ran to the door and stared up the track. Standing on the main track where Dawson had left them, almost opposite the station, and squarely in the path of the runaway, was the trainload of lumber for the independent camp. And there was no means of sidetracking the runaway, for the siding was below the lumber train. There was no way to avert its destruction unless . . . yes, it might be done. She started running up the tracks as she had never run before, for in order to execute the plan which had suddenly come into her head, it was imperative that she should reach a point some distance above the lumber train, where a telegraph pole leaned at such an angle that it partly overhung the track. And the runaway car, with its load of explosive, would pass beneath that sagging pole. Already it was in sight, booming downward with ever-increasing momentum. Tearing off her skirt, so as to leave her limbs unimpeded, Helen leaped and caught the lowest iron footholds, and, drawing herself up, climbed the pole. Gauging to a nicety the speed of the approaching car, she timed her leap and landed atop of it. It is no easy feat, even for a railroad man, to stop a car in mid-career, but Helen, exerting every ounce of her young strength, pinned down the brakes, and stopped the car within a dozen feet of the lumber train.

(END OF SEVENTH EPISODE.)

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THE THINGS THAT COUNT

Did you tackle the trouble that came your way With resolute heart and cheerful?

Or hide our face from the light of day With a craven soul and fearful?

O, a trouble's a ton, or a trouble's an ounce, Or a trouble is what you make it, And it isn't the fact that you're hurt that counts,

But only how did you take it? You're beaten to earth. Well, well, what's that?

Come up with a smiling face. It's nothing against you to fall down flat.

But to lie there—that's disgrace. The harder you're thrown, why, the higher you bounce;

Be proud of your blackened eye! It isn't the fact that you're licked that counts;

It's how did you fight—and why? And though you be done to the death what then?

If you battled the best you could, If you played your part in the world of men,

Why, the Critic will call it good. Death comes with a crawl, or comes with a pounce,

And whether he's slow or spry, It isn't the fact that you're dead that counts,

But only, how did you die? Edmund Vance Cooke.

TO PROTECT BIRDS

There is a bill before the Texas house of representatives to protect all such birds as are insect destroyers and farmers' friends, or otherwise useful birds, for a period of five years, with no open season.

getting his bill enacted into law. It seems, however, more drastic than is necessary. The present law, with its limited bags and open seasons, appeals to us as sufficient, could it be properly enforced, and rather than the enactment of the Bonner bill, an amendment to the present law, attaching severe penalties and appointing game wardens who would rigidly enforce it, and authorized to offer suitable rewards for the apprehension of offenders, would be better.

Were the present law enforced it would be only a few years before the whole country would again be fully stocked with the desirable birds, quail and the like.

As the law now is, it is violated at all times and with impunity, both as to bag and season, by hundreds of thoughtless and more of the don't-care sort. We venture that in the Midland Country alone within the past five years there have been 10,000 violations of our game laws as regards the open season and as many with regard to the bag.

A sufficient penalty attached to such a law would make the thoughtless take notice, while with the don't-care or vicious kinds, a few inflictions of suitable penalties would lessen their depredations very appreciably.

The game birds of the west, like in the east, are rapidly becoming extinct. With the use of automobiles a bunch of hunters can cover easily 125 to 150 miles in a day, and it is usually the easiest thing imaginable for four in a car to secure the bag limit, 15 birds each, in a few hours.

Usually, however, a bunch of hunters are a lively lot, and are surely out for a good time and have it. Instead of 60 birds the four are more likely to bring in 100 or 150, and even more.

True, some of our people wait until the open season to violate the law, while others violate it, open or shut. Again, there are other fond hunters in the Midland Country who are prudent and will bag only the number allowed and do it only in the open season.

To the last named class the Bonner bill would serve as an injustice, for in the brief hunting season they find almost their sole recreation. Offer rewards for the offenders, provide suitable game wardens who will rigidly enforce such adequate penalties attached to present laws, and we know but what we shall all rise up and call him blessed if he succeeds in want.



And Events Most Talked About (By M. T.)

Large Party for F. S. M. Club

Miss Thelma White, assisted by her mother, Mrs. J. T. White, and Mrs. C. C. Watson, entertained the members of the F. S. M. Club and the young men of the city with a most delightful "500" party last Wednesday evening.

The large living room and dining room were cosy and attractive, a beautiful background for the gay and jolly crowd which assembled. At the conclusion of the games, Miss Fay Cowden won the Club pin, Mr. D. H. Roettger, the gentleman's prize, a box of cigars, and Dr. Leonard Pemberton the consolation prize.

Delicious refreshments of creamed chicken in tinfoil cases, fruit salad, potato chips, hot biscuit, olives and coffee were served. Candy was served while the games were in progress.

Those who attended this pleasant gathering were Misses Fay Cowden, Ola Epley, Lela Hill, Mamie Moran, Nita Hill, Alma Epley, Mozelle Cowden, Thelma White, Bessie Cowden, Cordelia Taylor, Ruth Epley, Eddie Taylor, Lucile Horton, Alma Brunson, Lorene Edwards, Fannie Bess Taylor, Blanche Dunagan, Edith Horne, Juliette Wolcott, Messrs Percy Mims, Oliver Luther, Leonard Pemberton, Smith, Harry Tolbert, D. H. Roettger, Allen Tolbert, Dee Murphy, Dee McCormick, Clifton Carter, Louis Storey, Virgil Reynolds, Billie Moran, Lawson, Johnnie Francis, Birdwell, Herman Spaulding, Donald Hutt, Homer Epley, Billie Holmsley, Floyd Barron and J. M. Percival, of Beeville Texas.

Wednesday Club

The last meeting of the Wednesday Club was held on January 17th. Mrs. Jax M. Cowden with sixteen members present. The program was devoted to a study of Chicago and the Thomas Orchestra, which proved very interesting. At the conclusion of the lesson, during a very delightful social hour. Mrs. Cowden served creamed turkey, in cases, potato salad, hot biscuits, cake and coffee.

Priscilla Club

The Priscilla Club met Wednesday with Mrs. Ed Klebold with all the members present. This club has recently re-organized and increased its membership. Mrs. Peyton Mitchell was received as a new member at this meeting. The afternoon passed very pleasantly and was concluded by the serving of very tempting, wholesome refreshments.

Ninety-Nine Club

The regular meeting of the '99 Club was held at the residence of Mrs. F. E. Rankin Tuesday from 3 to 5 p. m. Mrs. Norris Hammack conducted a very enjoyable lesson on Bolivia. This was followed by a paper which dealt with the commercial outlook of the same country, by Mrs. C. C. Watson. Mrs. Watson's paper was concise, but showed careful preparation. A general discussion—"The Movies as an Educational Feature" was the concluding number of the program.

Mrs. Blakeney Entertains

Mrs. B. H. Blakeney, honoring her sister, Mrs. Homer Rowe, of Houston, entertained four tables of friends on Wednesday afternoon with games. At the conclusion of a series of exciting games, the prize, a dainty hand-made guest towel was awarded to Mrs. B. C. Girdley. A palatable luncheon of pineapple salad, sandwiches, wafers, pickled peaches, olives and coffee was daintily served. The guests were Mesdames Chan, Gibbs, W. K. Curtis, Margaret Watt, O. B. Holt, Millard Eidson, Clarence Scharbauer, B. C. Girdley, Homer Rowe, Marvin Ulmer, C. K. Bell, J. E. Shumate, Henry M. Half, C. M. Goldsmith, C. A. Goldsmith, J. M. DeArmond, W. D. Ellis and J. M. Caldwell.

Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Bush and Mrs. Elizabeth Bush, of Allen, Collin County, spent last week with their children, Mrs. F. F. Elkin and Mr. F. L. Bush.

Mrs. F. L. Bush and her mother, Mrs. Wilcox, are visiting in Dallas, McKinney, Houston and other points.

A Marriage of Interest

The Reporter neglected an announcement of the marriage of a former Midland girl, who was loved by many friends here. However at this late day the following will be of interest to many:

Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Pence announce the marriage of their daughter Floy to Mr. Federico Suggermann Thursday, December 28th, 1916 El Paso, Texas

At Home after January 10th, 3009 Federal St.

This newly made bride is a charming young woman and many friends wish her every joy in the life that now lies before her.

WITH THE CHURCHES

The Ministers of the City are cordially invited to Use this Column as They Care

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Usual services Lord's day by the regular minister. Subjects, "Lessons From Lot's Life" and "Seeking the Kingdom." Bible school begins at 9:45 a. m., Junior Endeavor at 2 p.

The Public is Cordially Invited to Attend the EVANGELISTIC SERVICES at the Presbyterian Church beginning Monday evening, January 29th, and continuing through Sunday, February 4th. Day services, (beginning Tuesday) 4 p. m. Night services, 7:30. REV. W. M. FAIRLEY of El Paso will do the preaching. The following musical numbers will be rendered as indicated: Monday evening—Instrumental Solo—Ned Watson. Tuesday evening—Vocal Solo—Miss Mary Wilhite. Wednesday evening—Instrumental Selection—by the Derdeyn-Watson Trio. Thursday evening—Male Quartette—H. H. Hunter, W. W. Lackey, J. E. Nelson, N. Y. Henry. Friday evening—Vocal Solo—Miss Pritchett. Saturday evening—Baritone Solo—N. Y. Henry. Sunday morning—Violin Solo—William Sinclair. Sunday Evening—Bass Solo—E. P. Hornaday.

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METHODIST CHURCH Rev. J. M. Perry, the presiding elder of the San Angelo district, and former pastor here will fill the pulpit at both services Sunday. Quarterly conference in the afternoon at 4 o'clock. The usual services for the following week. All are cordially invited to attend all services. M. Cowan, Pastor. BAPTIST CHURCH 9:45 a. m., Bible school. Our special services; let all be present. 11 a. m., preaching Subject, "A Boy's Faith." 6:30 p. m. B. Y. P. U. 7:30 p. m. sermon. Subject, "Three Men—two dead, one alive." A cordial invitation to all strangers and visitors to worship with us. Sunday, Feb. 4th, Dr. L. R. Scarborough, President L. P. Brooks and President Sandifer are to be with us. Feb. 6th, Dr. Geo. W. Truett will be with us in a series of special meetings All are cordially invited. Ernest Quick, Pastor. PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH Sunday School at 10 a. m. Junior Endeavor at 4 p. m. No preaching this Sunday. Endeavor meetings have been discontinued until further notice. We call attention to the more extended notice of our evangelistic services in another part of this paper. We trust that the other denominations of the city and the public in general, will accept the invitations extended to co-operate with us in these services. We will appreciate your presence and help. JUNIOR ENDEAVOR Subject, "Fruits of Christian Endeavor." Leader—Seth Ingham. Bible lesson, Rev. 22:1-5—Leader. Lord's prayer. "Obedience"—Elsie Wolcott. "Service", Josh 24:24. "Prayer," Psa. 5:2. "Love" 1 John 4:19. Mission study—Francis Miller, Thord Dockery, Geneva Shaw, Gray Heard, Kattie Belle Wolcott, James McKissick, Paul Heard. Birthday exercise, "Endeavor Day." Prayer—Bro. McKissick. Misspah. JUNIOR LEAGUE Leader—Jessie Hill. Subject, "How We Can Make the Best Use of the Bible." Song No. 92. Scripture reading, Psalm 119:33-40. Prayer by leader. Duets—Mabel Holt and Lillie B. Williams. Roll call and responsive with my Favorite verse, and why. General discussion and Bible drill, lead by Supt. Reading—Cleora Warren. Song No. 12. Announcements and benediction.

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Report of Condition of the
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At Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 27th, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$455,181.52	
Notes and bills rediscounted	6,500.00	\$461,681.52
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation (par value)		50,000.00
Securities other than U. S. bonds (not including stocks) owned		3,851.35
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	4,500.00	
Furniture and fixtures	8,471.98	
Real estate owned, other than banking house	407.49	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	9,666.54	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	62,910.92	72,577.46
Net amount due from banks and bankers		902.25
Other checks on banks in the same city or town as reporting bank (long \$26.72)		5,519.04
Outside checks and other cash items: Revenue stamps \$50.11, less cash	23.39	
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	99.24	122.63
Notes of other National banks		2,170.09
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	45,982.87	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	2,500.00	
Other Assets: Advances on live stock	300.00	
Total		\$645,986.60

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$75,000.00	
Surplus fund	75,000.00	
Undivided profits	\$27,099.10	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	18,443.70	
Circulating notes outstanding	50,000.00	
Net amount due approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	31,395.33	
Net amount due to banks and bankers	5,810.38	
Demand Deposits		
Individual deposits subject to check	367,572.55	
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,754.64	
Total demand deposits	369,327.19	
Time Deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):		
Certificates of deposit	21,010.00	
Total of time deposits	21,010.00	
Total		\$645,986.60

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss:
I, B. C. GIRDLEY, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
B. C. GIRDLEY, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of January, 1917.
RALPH M. BARRON,
Notary Public.
Correct—Attest: W. H. BRUNSON,
CHAS. L. SINCLAIR,
S. W. ESTES,
Directors

WITH THE CHURCHES

EPWORTH LEAGUE
Subject, "What New Work Should we Undertake?"
Leader—J. C. Foster.
Song and prayer service.
Scripture reading, 1st John XV:1-17
Leader—
"The Study of the Hand-book"—
Leader.
"The Importance of the Epworth Era"—Lee Terry.
Instrumental Solo—Ned Watson.
"The Work We Need to Do at Home."—Matt Armstrong.
"The Importance of League Societies"—Nannie Terry.
"The Importance of Work to be Done Abroad"—Mrs. Cowan.
"Helpful Recreations"—Mrs. Foster.
Announcements and benediction.

CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR
Leader—E. P. Hornaday.
Subject, "Fruits of the Christian Endeavor Tree." (Endeavor Day, program.)
Song, "Help Somebody Today."
Song, "Loyalty to Christ."
Bible lesson, Rev. 22:1-5, given by five members.
Prayer.
Special music.
"Sample Fruits—Ten in Number."
"What Has Christian Endeavor Meant for the Church?"—Mr. White.
"What Has Christian Endeavor Done for Missions?"—Gwendolyn Crawford.
Special song, "Every One Bring One."
"The C. E. Society, a Training School for Christian Workers"—Miss Josephine Heavenhill.
"Christian Endeavor Leaders"—Mr. Ray Camp.
"Name Some Things This Society has Done."—Mrs. Miller.
Business and benediction.
We would like to C. U. B. A. visitor at the Sunday evening service.

CARD OF THANKS
In the loss of wife, mother and sister, Midland friends did everything in their power to minister kindness and comfort, and in the midst of our sorrow we are grateful beyond words to express. God bless Midland people, is our earnest prayer.
J. Vane Smith and Children,
N. R. Smith and Wife.

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Report of Condition of the
First National Bank

At Midland, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 27, 1916.

RESOURCES

Loans and discounts	\$492,026.70	
U. S. bonds deposited to secure circulation	25,000.00	
Stock of Federal Reserve Bank (50 per cent of subscription)	6,000.00	
Value of banking house	30,000.00	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in New York, Chicago and St. Louis	\$124,573.08	
Net amount due from approved reserve agents in other reserve cities	182,688.98	307,262.06
Net amount due from banks and bankers	27,039.31	
Outside checks and other cash items	2,831.87	
Fractional currency, nickels and cents	20.24	2,852.11
Notes of other National banks		1,850.00
Lawful reserve in vault and net amount due from Federal Reserve Bank	63,891.75	
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer and due from U. S. Treasurer	1,250.00	
Total		\$957,171.93

LIABILITIES

Capital stock paid in	\$100,000.00	
Surplus fund	100,000.00	
Undivided profits	33,768.60	
Less current expenses, interest and taxes paid	9,620.59	
Amount reserved for taxes accrued	3,417.00	
Amount reserved for all interest accrued	115.02	
Circulating notes outstanding	25,000.00	
Net amount due to banks and bankers	76,867.74	
Demand Deposits		
Individual deposits subject to check	626,069.12	
Cashier's checks outstanding	1,255.04	
Total demand deposits	627,324.16	
Time Deposits (payable after 30 days, or subject to 30 days or more notice):		
Certificates of deposit	300.00	
Total of time deposits	300.00	
Total		\$957,171.93

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland, ss:
I, W. R. Chancellor, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. R. CHANCELLOR, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 9th day of January, 1917.
J. W. HAMPTON,
Notary Public, Midland County, Tex.
Correct—Attest: W. H. COWDEN,
P. SCHARBAUER,
C. A. GOLDSMITH,
Directors.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

Rates, five cents per line each insertion. No ad accepted for less than 25 cents. Cash in advance is required of those not having a regular account with this paper.

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

For Sale or Rent—My residence property in southwest Midland. Good well, 14 rooms, quarter block. Mrs. V. C. Abbott, adv.

For Sale—Two lots next to the square. Very desirable for residence, close in. Phone 132. adv 24-tf

For Sale or Lease—Sec. 17, block 38, township 3 south, upon which there is a small house, barn, well, etc. Address Mrs. Laura Koppe, 405 Klam Bldg., Houston, Texas. adv 15-4tp.

For Sale—Beautiful residence in El Paso. An increasing number of cattlemen, and others, are purchasing homes in El Paso. We have an especially beautiful residence now for sale of ten rooms, tile bath, heating plant, laundry, garage. For full description and price, address Hillis-Glasgow, 619 Martin Bldg., El Paso, Texas. adv 14-4t

MINERAL WELLS BARGAIN—One and a half stories, 8 rooms, halls, porches, linen closets, all modern conveniences; servant's house, large barn and garage, deep well of best water, cistern and city water; beautiful lawn, shade trees, rose garden, flower beds, with cement walks and curbs around flower beds. Worth \$6000, only \$4000. Glad to sell it completely furnished. Address Box 151, Mineral Wells, Texas. 4t

FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK

For Sale—The Texas Colonel, registered Duroc Jersey boar, weight about 650 pounds. See H. M. Ramsay. adv 9-tf

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

For Sale—One Emerson typewriter, second hand, good as new. Cost with case, \$55. Can be bought for half price. If interested, call at this office. adv 5tf

For Sale—Ford speedster in A1 condition, equipped with hand-made body, shock absorbers, gas fast feed, electric lights and Bosch magneto. Price \$300, or would trade for cows. Holly Roberts, phone 314. adv 15-2tp

LOST AND FOUND

Lost—A yellow, imitation leather suit case without straps. Lost Tuesday afternoon, near high school building. Notify C. L. Lambert, Eunice, N. M. Suitable reward. adv

Lost—Cap and strainer off gasoline tank of a Studebaker car. Finder please notify E. N. Snodgrass.

FINANCIAL

Money Loaned—On choice improved Midland town properties, 5 years. Describe your property fully, addressing J. F. Wellington, Fort Worth, Texas. adv 15-4t

BUSINESS NOTICES

Twenty per cent off on cabinet photos—A special sale on color type photos, until Feb 10th. Miller's Studio.

NOTICE—I have bought the Powell feed yards and transfer business. Phone 197. L. L. Wagner 16-4t

HAULING—Phone me now at Bell & Tolbert's, No. 150, when you wish light hauling or deliveries of any kind. N. W. Bigham. 16-2t

Notice of Estray—A red male hog, about one year old, strayed to my place at the cemetery. Owner may recover same by paying for this notice and feed for the hog. J. T. Bruce. adv. 11-4t

I am paying 17 cents for green and 30 cents for dry hides, and you will find me at the same old stand, always paying the highest market price. C. M. J. Stringer, phone 408. adv. 10-15t

We keep absolutely up with the market in furnishing things to eat. Nothing that's good escapes us. Call and see. Warnock Cafe. adv 21-tf

Do you need glasses? See Prof. J. D. Shaw, phone 434. adc 49-tf

What is "color type"? It is that special \$8 per dozen photos for only \$6 per dozen, until Feb. 10th, at Miller's Studio. adv.

HIDES AND FURS

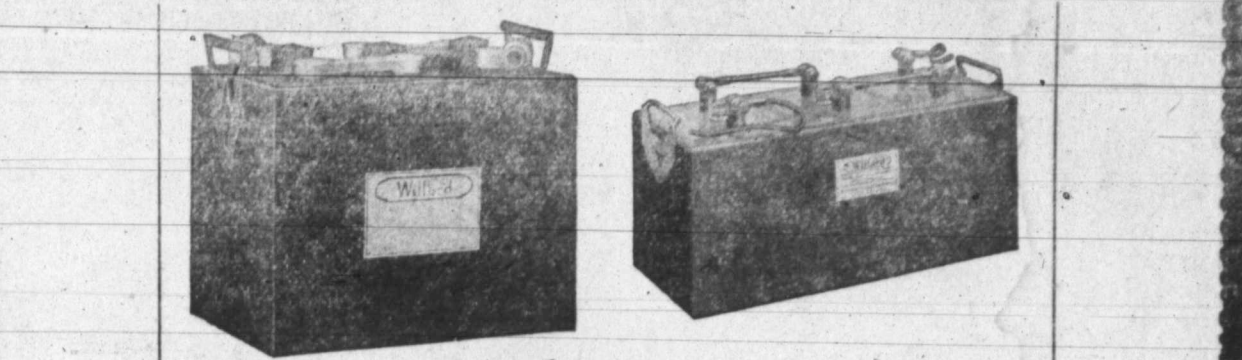
Write for prices and shipping tags. Sell direct and get highest prices.

NEAL COMMISSION CO.
Sweetwater, Texas.

ANNOUNCEMENT

TO AUTOMOBILE OWNERS

The Willard Storage Battery Service Station Will Be Open and Ready to Serve You Next Week.



The first thing we wish to impress upon your mind is this. Your Storage Battery needs to be filled with pure distilled water about every week. And we will be glad to Test and Fill your battery absolutely Free of charge, at any time.

As Official Service Station of the WILLARD STORAGE BATTERY CO., manufacturers of the well known Willard Batteries at Cleveland, Ohio, we are in position to furnish new batteries in exchange for old ones, of any make or size, making an allowance for the old battery.

In addition to handling the distribution of these batteries in this vicinity, we have a first-class charging and repair equipment for batteries of all makes and types and our battery work is handled by thoroughly experienced storage battery repair men. If you have a battery which does not work properly you can bring, or send, it to us with the assurance that it will receive the prompt and expert attention necessary to put it in good working order.

We invite you to visit the Willard Service Station every day. We are glad to give you advice concerning the electrical equipment on your car and tell you how to avoid trouble and get better service and longer life from your battery, generator and starter.



The Midland Battery Company

First door North of Post Office.
Midland, Texas

AT THE UNIQUE NEXT MONDAY NIGHT

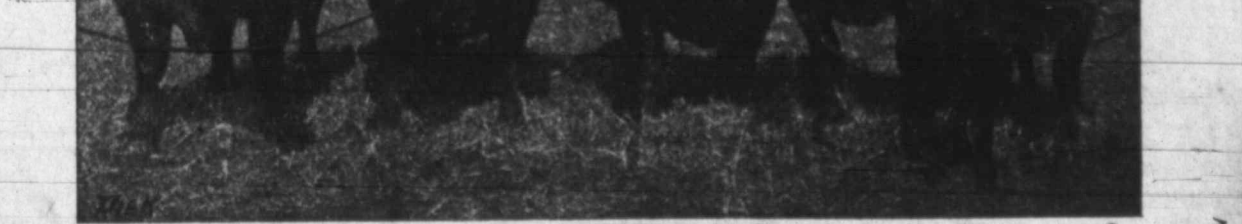
Manager Garner of the Unique Theater has arranged to offer his patrons the great new motion picture novel, "Gloria's Romance," in which Billie Burke, famous star of the speaking stage, has been engaged at a salary of \$4,000 per week to play the leading role. The story is from the pen of Mr. and Mrs. Rupert Hughes, authors of innumerable novels, and is said to be a society romance with scenes laid at Palm Beach, Florida, and in the homes of the wealthy along Riverside Drive, New York City. Manager Garner states that the cost of the film is considerably above what he ordinarily has to pay for film service, but he feels that the attraction is in every respect so excellent that it is well worth the higher price.

In "Gloria's Romance," in which Miss Burk portrays the role of a wealthy society girl, a \$15,000 Russian sable coat will be seen, together with a \$12,000 ermine coat, a \$9,000 chinchilla coat, a blue and gold metal embroidered evening coat, trimmed with silver fox fur, valued at \$2,500, a dinner gown trimmed with lace that was priced at \$150 per yard. Feminine picture goes will find the picture a regular fashion bazaar and undoubtedly will follow it with interest. One lady (or girl) admitted FREE with each paid ticket on Opening Night.

Texas for Christ? Well, for right, anyway, and the saloon isn't right. Don't forget your Poll Tax!

JUDGE AINSWORTH BURNED OUT AT RANKIN

W. M. Windham was here from Upton County yesterday. Hereports that on last Saturday night the home of Judge L. W. Ainsworth, including the postoffice at Rankin, and the home of Bill Nix were completely destroyed by fire. Judge Ainsworth's loss was \$1500, with no insurance.



Angus Bulls For Sale

250 YEARLINGS, ALL PURE-BRED
100 YOUNG COWS
100 COMING YEARLING HEIFERS

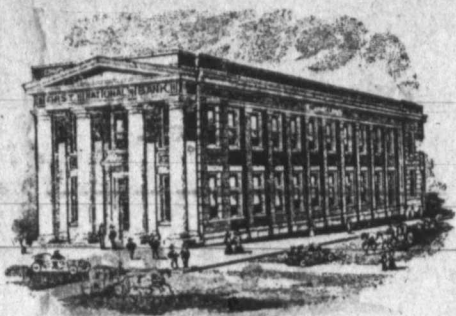
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LATEST FASHION NOVELTIES GLEANED HERE AND THERE

Items of Interest in New Collars and Skirts—Fads of Lingerie and other Styles

New York, Jan. 25th.—Each day unfolds something new in the world of fashions, for many interesting novelties catch the eye of those who observe the women of fashion, from whose apparel may be gleaned every little detail and item of interest which create the atmosphere of good style.

Some of the new collars are large affairs rolled high at the back and low in front. These have been given the demure name of monk collar, and one is illustrated in the sketch. Sometimes they are fastened with little buttons and loops at the front, or the closing is made invisible. They are usually made of silk or the new figured silks to contrast with the dress material.

The loose side panels on skirts, with large pockets on each side, are also recognized as one of the newest style



With New Mock Collar and Loose Panels

notes in skirts. The panels, being loose flap about in the wind, often disclosing a bright lining of contrasting material on the reverse side. From the front, these side panels seem at first to be nothing but the familiar tunic which appears quite often in the new dresses showing the narrower underskirts.

Another treatment of side panels appears in some skirts where the panel is attached there, and falls softly over the edge in puffed or draped effect. Puffed all around in imitation of the Turkish trouser effect, are some of the skirts of evening dresses. In the supple taffetas and silver tissue cloths, dresses in this style are extremely graceful, the skirts devoid of any trimming whatever and the bodices fitting rather snugly in contrast. The bodices are in reality hardly more than deep bands suspended by straps of ribbon over the shoulders. Sleeves there are none, unless the bands across the upper part of the arms are so called. In other styles of evening dresses, however, sleeves begin to be more favored than they have been for some time. The flowing sleeves which form a kind of drapery reaching almost to the edge of the skirt is a style with great charm.

New Footwear Fashions

Not only in dresses but in footwear, some novelties are noticed. For afternoon wear there are black and tan shoes with gray buckskin uppers, and these have found favor with well-dressed women. Dark gray brocaded uppers are also considered very good style. Suede shoes, laced in front or buttoned at the side, may almost be said to be taking the place of kid shoes, so popular are they.

The dress of broadcloth in the second sketch shows one of the new over-dress styles worn with a gümpe. A full box-pleated skirt is attached to a straight-hanging jumper a little below the normal waistline and the whole hangs from the shoulders. The worsted embroidery on the front of the jumper and on the pockets is worked in black, red and yellow. Rich embroideries continue to figure very prominently in all dresses. One of the latest models in oyster-white tussor had a wide embroidered panel front and back worked in this silk in a close design and giving a strong Oriental effect. The panel was finished at the ends with a fringe of the colored silks used in the embroidery—dark red, dark blue and gold.

In old-gold Georgette was a wonderfully attractive dress decorated with blue and gold beads; another in light gray trimmed with old-rose beads beads carried out two very delightful color schemes.

The Latest Fads in Underwear

Speaking of Georgette—this sheer fabric is put to all sorts of uses, and does not stop at dresses but appears to be quite a favorite for underwear. The most appealing shades of pale blue, lavender and flesh color, fashion undergarments of every description. Though they are hardly practical, there are many who find it impossible to resist these dainty undergarments. Underwear seems to be getting more and more elaborate, and the very latest fad is the combination of silver lace with Georgette. Beadwork, too, has invaded underwear and it has been seen on the new pajamas and nightgowns of Georgette crepe. There are, however, some exceedingly dainty pieces of lingerie which are quite practical after all. Among these are the silk and wash satin undergarments which are very practical as long as they are care-

LOOK AT THESE TEN ARTISTS! What Are They Doing?



Margaret Matzenauer



Jacques Urlus



Thomas Chalmers



Christine Miller



Ida Gardner



Arthur Middleton



Julia Heinrich



Guido Ciccolini



Helen Clark



Glen Ellison

These artists are singing in direct comparison with the New Edison's Re-Creation of their work. They are ten of the twenty artists who, before more than three hundred thousand music lovers, have demonstrated that an artist's living voice cannot be distinguished from Edison's Re-Creation of it.

The New Edison

"The Phonograph with a Soul"
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This is the marvelous new musical invention recently developed by Thomas A. Edison after the expenditure of more than \$3,000,000 in research work.

VISIT OUR STORE

We want an opportunity to demonstrate to you the difference between the New Edison and all other sound-reproducing devices. Come to our store and let us introduce you to Edison's new art. It doesn't matter whether you intend to buy an instrument. We want to make you a devotee of Music's Re-Creation even though you never intend to buy one of these wonderful instruments.

Notice—Please don't ask us to sell you Edison Re-Creations if you intend to attempt to play them on any other instrument than the New Edison. No other instrument can bring out the true musical quality of Edison Re-Creations. Furthermore, injury to the records is likely to result if you attempt to play them on an ordinary phonograph or talking machine.

C. A. TAYLOR & SON
Midland, Texas

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—GREETING: You are hereby commanded to summon G. O. Hoffman, whose residence is unknown, to appear at the February 1917 term of the Justice Court of Midland County, Texas, Precinct No. 1, to be held at the office of R. E. Crowley, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Midland, Midland County, Texas, on the last Monday in February, A. D. 1917, being the 26th day of February, A. D. 1917, then and there to answer a suit filed in the said court on the 16th day of February, A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered 1217 on the docket thereof, wherein H. H. Gibbs, doing business under the firm name of the Rule Produce Company, of Rule, Texas, is plaintiff, and G. O. Hoffman is defendant; the cause of action being alleged as follows:

That heretofore to-wit, on or about December 18th, 1916, plaintiff sold to the defendant 123 pounds of eggs, amounting to \$214.88, also three cases of eggs, amounting to \$38.00, that said goods were sold to defendant at defendant's instance and request, and said goods were bought upon an open account, and the defendant received said goods and has failed and refused to pay for the same.

Also heretofore to-wit, on or about December 20th, 1916, said defendant delivered to said plaintiff his check for \$16.25 in payment for certain goods, wares and merchandise which were theretofore sold by plaintiff to defendant on open account at defendant's instance and request, and defendant received these goods was not paid, payment being refused.

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Plaintiff says that said goods were sold at the reasonable market value, and that said account is past due and unpaid, and also that said checks are still unpaid, and that defendant, though often requested, has failed and refused and still fails and refuses to pay the same or any part thereof to the plaintiff's damage in the sum of \$225, together with \$2.35 protest fees on said checks, which were not paid, payment being refused.

You are further commanded to so summon such defendant, and to serve this citation by making publication of this citation once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county; but if there be no newspaper published in said county, then in any newspaper published in this the 7th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the judicial district nearest to said district.

Herein, fail not, but have you before said court, on the 26th day of February, A. D. 1917, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand, this 10th day of January, A. D. 1917.

R. E. CROWLEY, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. One, Midland County, Texas.

Good sound sawed oak wood for sale for cash. W. W. Wimberly, telephone 264.

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WILL MANNING

Proprietor

fully laundered. The delicate shades must be washed with care to pre-



Overdress with Box Pleated Skirt serve their colors, and there is no denying that it is well worth the trouble for the satisfaction that one feels from possessing dainty lingerie.

Notice for County Depository Bids

Notice is hereby given that the honorable commissioners' court of Midland County, Texas, will on the 12th day of February, A. D. 1917, as the law directs, receive sealed bids for a depository of the funds of Midland County, Texas, for the period of two years from and after February 11th, 1917. Said bids will be received from any banking corporation, association, or individual banker in Midland County, Texas, offering the highest bid of interest on the daily balances to the credit of said county during said period said bid to be accompanied by a certified check from such bidder, for not less than one-half of one per cent of the county revenue of the preceding year as a guarantee of good faith on the part of the bidder, and that if his bid should be accepted, he

will enter into the bond as is required by law; and upon the failure of the banking corporation, association or individual banker, that may be selected as such depository, to give the bond required by law, the amount of such certified check shall go to the county as liquidated damages and the

county judge shall re-advertise for bids. Witness my hand and official seal at Midland, Texas, this 18th day of January, A. D. 1917.

J. M. DeArmond, County Judge, Midland County, Tex. adv 15-3t.



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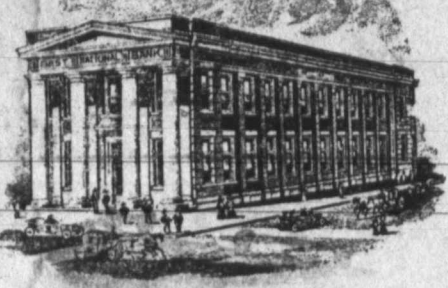
The total absence of gas stove fumes and the smoke and ashes of the coal stove—the elimination of dangerous matches—make it the ideal range for the modern, up-to-date home.

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The Midland National Bank
OF MIDLAND

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LATEST GLEANINGS

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very glad indeed to note V. H. Pepper continues to and that he indicates some

Lyn, a young cowman Eunics, N. M., was here for a brief business visit. report was a very good one.

Scott was in from Seminole of the week, on business. He about five inches of snow out only, with no losses.

try is a new engineer from With associated with Chief Engineer W. Thaxter, in the engineering on the M. & N. W.

Young Lee and wife were in this week from their ranch in Andrews County. Mr. Lee reports a good snow recently, and everything in fine shape.

D. T. Parr, farming and ranching ten miles south of town, was in this week making arrangements to move his cattle to another range.

Frank Prothro, the hustling young contractor, started the erection this week of a ranch house for B. N. Aycock & Sons. It will be a 5-room affair.

E. C. Griffith is here this week, representing the Griffith Cattle Company, of Kadoka, S. D., and is paying a visit to his old friend, Frank Ingham.

W. W. Collins, of Alpine, is a new subscriber to The Reporter. He is engaged in the commission business at Alpine, and was here this week to spend a short time with his parents and other relatives.

W. D. Peveler and brother, ranching near Lovington, N. M., were business visitors to Midland this week. They gave a very fair general report. The former became a subscriber to The Reporter.

Mrs. L. O. Ritter and little son, Dan, returned to their home at Sweetwater this week, after paying a visit to her husband. They will remain at Sweetwater until Mr. Ritter can find a suitable residence for them.

Jno. Garner, prominent Upton County stockman, was on our streets the latter part of the week. He says cattle down there are getting through the winter in pretty good shape, generally.

YOUR POLL TAX—MEANS YOUR CITIZENSHIP. PAY IT WEDNESDAY THE LAST DAY!

NEWS NOTES FROM MIDLAND COLLEGE

Spring Term Began Yesterday With a Very Satisfactory Increase in The Student Body

This is examination week at the college, the closing week of the fifth month. The spring term began on February 25th and a number of new students were expected at that time.

A new feature in the college work is the Bible course offered by Bro. McKissick. This class will meet five days of each week from 9:30 a. m. until 10 a. m. The course will be a general Bible study of the New Testament. It is open to all students and any person in the city who will make satisfactory arrangements through Pres. Jones. Surely this is an opportunity.

The junior class entertained the faculty and student body with an old-fashioned tacky party Saturday evening. Many interesting and varied costumes were worn. The prize was awarded to Estel Brown and Beth Estes, who were dressed as country lassies of the old fashioned type.

S. P. Bush and wife and mother, Mrs. Elizabeth Bush, visited relatives and friends at the college Monday. Their home is in Allen, Collin County.

Miss Bill Wood is at home with her people at Buena Vista.

Both the Olympian and Athenian Literary Societies had excellent programs Tuesday morning. The young ladies had a Robert Burns program, devoting the entire society period to quotations, essays and poems from the Scotlander. For the Olympian society the faculty furnished the program. Miss Heavenhill gave a most interesting sketch on the life and character of Robert Louis Stevenson. Miss Darter read a sketch from "Within the Law." Mr. Hunter then gave a talk on "Training for Athletics." These society programs occur each Tuesday morning and are always a feature. Next Tuesday the young men will debate the question: Resolved, That National Prohibition Should Come by Constitutional Enactment.

McK Hartgrove spent the week-end with friends and relatives in Cisco, returning Monday.

Quite a number from the college saw the motion picture of Romeo and Juliet, Monday night.

"The Sandstorm," the annual to be published by the senior class at the close of the college year, is receiving the loyal support of the business men of Midland in the way of advertising. This promises to be an excellent production and will be a means of bringing in more students next year. Mr. Pate is editor-in-chief.

Next year promises to be a banner year for the college. Several requests have already been made for rooms, and additions are going to have to be made in order to accommodate the applicants. We are bound to grow. Visit us.

TO LEASE LAND AT WARFIELD TOWNSITE

C. G. Kemmer, of Lima, Ohio, was in Midland this week, arranging for a lease of some land he owns west of Midland, ten miles. The land embraces the Warfield townsite and is considered a very excellent piece of property. This was Mr. Kemmer's first visit to Midland and he expressed a good deal of pleasure in owning land in a country that looks so good to him. In order to keep up with us, and to watch Midland grow and the Midland Country develop, he ordered The Reporter to make weekly visits to his home in Ohio.

TO FILE ON LAND OUT IN NEW MEXICO

J. M. Jemison, L. R. McCullough, H. H. Hooper, Jim Patterson, J. E. Meadows, and others were recent visitors to points out in New Mexico, going out there to inspect the land with a prospect of filing on some of it under the homestead law. They like the prospect splendidly, returning home the first of the week with the statement that they had secured some very satisfactory claims.

B. N. Aycock expects to leave very shortly for Temple, taking his daughter, Miss Annie Maude, to the Scott & White sanitarium for special examination and treatment. We trust the young lady may soon be fully restored.

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Chas. Pate, an architect, is here this week, making plans for the new home of our townsman, G. W. Wolcott. It to be a two-story brick and one of Midland's very handsome homes.

H. L. McClintic was up the first of the week from the ranch south. Says cows with young calves suffered considerably during the recent snow and bad weather, but there were no losses.

Off to the Markets--Spring will soon be here

Our buyer left this week for Chicago to purchase the remainder of our Spring Stock, many things have been bought early and you will get the benefit of careful selections and early prices. This year it will pay you to buy where you know you will get the right merchandise. We intend to keep up the same HIGH STANDARD of quality and sell on a closer margin than ever before. Remember "Everybody's" stands for quality above everything.

This Week we Place on Sale many new items. Come and let us fit you up

MEN'S WOOL PANTS at reduced prices are attracting many buyers. Our **STOCK of WINTER PANTS** is being sacrificed to clear out for **SPRING STOCK.**

See Our Men's Wool Shirts at \$1.00

They're worth investigating. Also special sale on all Men's and Boys Wool Shirts
\$3.50 Shirts \$2.65, \$2.50 Shirts \$1.85, \$2.00 Shirts \$1.45, etc.

Remember Folks, we're not having a "Green Tag Sale" but every item of Winter Merchandise can be bought at prices equal to Green Tag values of the past

Come to EVERYBODY'S For Value in Everything to Wear