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## REV. GEO. TRUETT AT BAPTIST CHURCH

Arrived Yesterday to Engage in a Protracted Meeting Which May Last Indefinitely

Again have Midland people the great pleasure of entertaining Dr. Geo. W. Truett, of Dallas, pastor of the First Baptist church of that city, and again are they to have the inspiration of this great and good man, as, from day to day, twice each, he presents the cause of his Savior, and yours.

Dr. Truett, as the Reporter has had occasion to mention before, is perhaps the greatest preacher of his denomination. He is great, not alone because he presents a type of manhood that is so admirable, nor because his citizenship typifies that which gains the respect of his fellows; he is great because he has advanced so far in the knowledge and grace and so humbly and for such long years has followed in the footsteps of the Christ who came and died for a sin-burdened world. Few men, perhaps, are so widely known and so loved as Dr. Truett, and the ten days or more he is to be in Midland will doubtless result in a spiritual uplift to the community, such as is gravely needed, and the prayers of good people are fervent that his labors in our midst may be thus gloriously and bountifully fruitful.

Dr. Truett arrived in Midland on No. 5 yesterday, and his work is now under way. Rev. Ernest Quick, the devoted pastor, proffers a sincere invitation to all to hear him at every service, promising a feast of glory to all who participate.

## TWO PROMINENT MEN AT BAPTIST CHURCH SUNDAY

Rev. Lee S. Scharbauer, president of the Baptist Seminary at Ft. Worth, and Dr. J. D. Sandifer, president of Simmons College, Abilene, were in the city last Sunday. Rev. Scharbauer preaching at the Baptist church Sunday morning and Dr. Sandifer lecturing Sunday evening. The subjects of both discourses were on educational lines, and quite a large collection was taken for educational purposes.

## RETURNED LAST WEEK FROM FUNERAL OF SISTER

Mrs. C. S. Karkalis, while at Cisco last week, to attend the funeral of a sister, was taken very ill. Mr. Karkalis was summoned and went to Cisco, bringing his wife home. She is improved at this writing. The Reporter extends sympathy to Mrs. Karkalis in her bereavement.

## NEWS NOTES FROM MIDLAND COLLEGE

Students, Both Boys and Girls, Devoting Much Attention to College Athletics

The general working system of our school has never been better than it is at present and much well directed and systematic work is being done.

Miss Ivy L. Lay is with her sister at Weatherford and her work has been distributed among the other members of the faculty. The domestic science work is being ably handled by Miss Pritchett, who has had thorough training in that line of work. Mr. Hunter has taken the science with Edgar Lawrence as assistant.

The Sandstorm, the annual that is being gotten out by the senior class, is well under way. It is receiving the loyal support of the business men of the town, and the contract for the printing has been let to the Midland Reporter.

The local basketball tossers motored over to Odessa Saturday and lost a close game to that team score 21 to 19. The home boys are putting up a nice game and will meet Stanton on the college grounds Saturday. This is to be a double header affair, Midland boys and girls vs. Stanton boys and girls, and promises to be an interesting event.

Those who spent the week end at home were Misses Cora Castelow, Winnifred Stallings and Fay Goodwin.

Mack Hartgrove underwent an operation at Ballinger Tuesday, and is now in the Halley & Love sanitarium at that place.

The art exhibit held by Miss Darter at the Elite confectionary Saturday afternoon was liberally patronized and well attended. It was pronounced by many as the best exhibit of work ever shown in Midland and Miss Darter is to be congratulated on the excellent work done.

"The Fruit of His Folly," a college play is being rehearsed under the direction of Miss Brown, and will be ready for presentation in the near future. The play is an interesting one and with a strong cast well directed, ought to be well worth while.

## RECOGNITION OF OUR JUNIOR COLLEGES

A bill was passed last week before the legislature, giving junior colleges the right to grant first grade certificates after one year of satisfactory college work. The bill has passed both houses, has been signed by the governor and is now a law. This is indeed an asset to the junior colleges and means that they are securing their rightful recognition among the educational institutions of our land.

## STEPS BEING TAKEN FOR SEWERAGE

City Council Tomorrow May Consider Estimates Offered by Elrod Engineering Company

R. G. Carraway, of the Elrod Engineering Company, Dallas, has been in Midland for about one week now, at the invitation of the city council of Midland, and since last Tuesday has been busily engaged in a survey of the topographical situation of our city. Upon the completion of this survey, which will probably be today, he will prepare plans and estimates for a sewerage plant, so long and so badly needed in Midland, and these he will probably submit to the city council tomorrow, at a special called session of the mayor and councilmen.

The need of a sewerage system in Midland is not a debatable question. It is not, either, a question of expediency. It is merely a question of what will our people do. A bond issue, of some sort, will, of course, have to be made, and this, when laid over to weigh against a consideration of the community's health, should not be a question either.

The Elrod Engineering Company, too, sustains a reputation of unquestionable efficiency, and has today, perhaps, more contracts and reputable references than any other like company in the State.

We bespeak for them a favorable hearing by our city council tomorrow.

## UNIVERSITY LAND NOT ON MARKET

Effect of Supreme Court Decision Last Wednesday Far-Reaching in Midland Country

A case of much interest in the Midland Country was passed upon Wednesday by the Supreme Court. This was the case of Mrs. Edith Poole vs. J. T. Robison, commissioner, et al., pending on motion to file petition for mandamus to compel the Commissioner of the Land Office to execute contracts of university land in Andrews County to Mrs. Edith Poole. The court refused permission to file the suit, thus holding that the university lands could not be awarded to the petitioner.

Many files have been made on university lands in Andrews County, depending upon a favorable result of this suit for the petitioner; and the effect of this decision is to hold that persons so filing have no rights to award and they will have to move off.

The settlers were represented by the Hon. Chas. Gibbs, now judge of the 70th judicial district, and Chas. Rogan, of Austin, and Clayton Bros., whose lease was attacked, were represented by Hons. J. M. Caldwell, of Midland, and N. A. Stedman, of Austin.

The effect of this decision will be to set at rest the leases of the university land until some future law is enacted, providing for the sale thereof.

It may be further stated that almost all of the university land mentioned above has been settled upon by various persons, especially of Midland and Andrews counties, and many of the big ranches of the country had been placed in jeopardy thereby. Beside the Clayton Bros.' ranch, commonly known as Clabber Hill, among others affected are the O. B. Holt ranch, the Scharbauer Cattle Company, the "5 W's" ranch, the J. S. Means ranch, and some that we do not at present recall. Some settlers have filed and lived on these lands as long as 8 or 10 months, and the court's decision affects them more or less seriously.

Settlers filed under the law of 1887, and under the leased lease claim, which has been held invalid by the supreme court's decision. The opinion of the court, if it has been given in detail, would be of interest, but the Reporter goes to press before same can be obtained. In the event, even that one has been given. The telegram that conveys the above information is merely a decision, settling, for the present, the matter of the sale of university lands.

In passing, however, we wish to congratulate the Honorable J. M. Caldwell, whose decision, almost three years ago, is in exact accord with that of the Supreme Court.

## COW FOUR YEARS OLD BRINGS FOUR CALVES

That's some record, is it not? Our old townsman, B. M. Smart, owns the cow. She is a milch cow, was four years old the 12th of last month. On the 2nd of last month she brought her 4th calf, all of which lived and made good. At first she brought twins, and besides being the "crackerjack" producer she is, she is a first class milker. We congratulate the owner and wish he had a thousand such.

## SOME SAND STORM ON LAST SUNDAY

One of the worst sand storms that has hit Midland in the past four or five years blew up last Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock. It came from the northeast and lasted until sundown when it settled into a steady norther and continued until far into the night. Old timers said it reminded them very much of the one that blew up in 1899.

## REVISED TRIAL BALANCE OF MIDLAND FAIR AND INTER-STATE STOCK SHOW

The new secretary of the Midland County Fair Association, Henry M. Half, has recently revised the statement of the financial condition of the association, putting it in a more comprehensive form. The statement shows the entire indebtedness, with the exception of \$500 for the poultry department which had not been entered when the new secretary received the books, and we publish it in the following, as revised by Mr. Half:

Trial Balance December 31, 1916			
Ledger Page	Debit	Credit	
1. Capital stock		\$10,000.00	
2. Treasury stock	\$ 3,262.50		
18. Midland National Bank		7.29	
32. Grounds, buildings and equipment	16,507.41		
50. Bills payable		7,750.00	
54. Checks outstanding		6.50	
55. Operating account	1,428.06		
58. Advertising	108.46		
63. Interest	332.60		
69. General expense	3,310.22		
78. Premium account	1,947.50		
81. Opening day pins		853.00	
85. Donations		112.39	
86. Pageant		133.67	
87. Cot fund		148.55	
88. Gate receipts		5,135.32	
90. Entertainment	1,758.55		
91. Poultry department		41.70	
92. Racing department	1,924.85		
93. Association car tickets		12.45	
94. Booths and stalls		255.80	
95. Street lighting fund		47.00	
96. Concessions		337.00	
98. Cowboy contest	243.90		
98. Polo	500.00		
99. Baby beef club encampment	186.53		
100. American Express Company	15.50		
103. Accounts payable		4,986.99	
105. Accounts receivable	553.50		
110. Premiums payable		2,267.00	
	\$32,179.58	\$32,179.58	

## TRIAL BALANCE JANUARY 31, 1917

Ledger Page	Debit	Credit	
1. Capital stock		\$10,000.00	
2. Treasury stock	\$ 3,237.50		
19. Midland National Bank		202.70	
32. Grounds, buildings and equipment	16,507.41		
50. Bills payable		7,750.00	
54. Checks outstanding		6.50	
55. Operating account	1,428.06		
58. Advertising	108.46		
63. Interest	332.60		
69. General expense	3,310.22		
78. Premium account	1,947.50		
81. Opening day pins		853.00	
85. Donations		137.30	
86. Pageant		133.67	
87. Cot fund		148.55	
88. Gate receipts		5,135.32	
90. Entertainment	1,758.55		
91. Poultry department		41.70	
93. Association car tickets		12.45	
94. Booths and stalls		255.80	
95. Street lighting fund		47.00	
96. Concessions		337.00	
98. Cowboy contest	243.90		
98. Polo	500.00		
99. Baby beef club encampment	186.53		
100. American Express Company	15.50		
103. Accounts payable		4,986.99	
104. Racing department	1,924.85		
105. Accounts receivable	408.50		
110. Premiums payable		2,267.00	
	\$32,112.28	\$32,112.28	

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32. Grounds, buildings and equipment	16,358.86		
50. Bills payable		7,750.00	
55. Operating account	4,780.93		
100. American Express Company	15.50		
103. Accounts payable		4,986.99	
105. Accounts receivable	408.50		
110. Premiums payable		2,267.00	
	\$25,003.99	\$25,003.99	

## BIG TRACT TO BE OPENED FOR SETTLEMENT

An editorial comment in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of yesterday says:

"A quarter of a million acres of land in the Midland County now devoted to ranching will be cleared of cattle and opened to home-seekers this spring, according to report. A great deal has been said about the final breaking up of large ranches and livestock moving to market from farms. Here, then, is additional evidence of the break releasing acres to the plow, acres sufficient to accommodate a multitude of homeseekers. Hurry along to Texas and grow up with the newly opened country."

The quarter of a million acres, 220,000 acres to be more exact, go to make up the famous Nelson Morris "C" ranch, now owned by David Faskin and others and which is known as the holdings of the Midland Farms Company. It may be added that this great body of land is now being penetrated by a railroad, reference to which is made in another of these columns. At the proper time, no doubt, Mr. Faskin and his associates will exploit their offerings in a proper form, and in a way that will lead to a material increase in the population of this section.

The Midland County should support ten times its present population, and with no obstruction to present opportunities for the accumulation of wealth.

J. B. Tubbs, ranchman from Grand Falls, was here Wednesday on business. Says prospects for a good calf crop are splendid. He also renewed his subscription for the Reporter.

## J. R. DUBLIN & SON TWO LOCOMOTIVES IN A BIG DEAL FOR M. & N. W.

Buy of Appelt Bros. Ranch Northwest of Odessa Formerly Owned by Mr. Dublin

The largest ranch deal of a number of weeks past was closed this week, in which J. R. Dublin and son, Charlie, were the principals on one side and Appelt Bros. on the other. The deal aggregates somewhat to the rise of \$50,000, involving the Appelt ranch, better known as the Dublin ranch, located 18 miles northwest of Odessa, and 500 head of very highly bred cattle.

The ranch was first improved by Mr. Dublin, who sold it to Appelt Bros. some three years ago. Since falling into their hands they have added to it in many ways until it is considered one of the best improved in all this section, and Messrs. Dublin paid a much higher price for it than when sold to Messrs. Appelt.

The ranch consists of 9 deeded sections and 11 leased. The price paid was \$25,000, while the 500 cattle went in at \$85 around. Messrs. Dublin get immediate possession.

The improvements on the ranch consist of five windmills and two large surface tanks, while it is suitably fenced for the convenient handling of the number of cattle usually run on a ranch of this size. The ranch house is very modern, being fixed up for a real home, and has all the conveniences and comforts possible in ranch life.

We congratulate the new owners, and wish for them full returns from their handsome investment.

## PRES. SANDEFER DELIVERS ADDRESS

Distinguished Educator and College President Discusses Elements of Success Before High School

President J. D. Sandifer, of Simmons College, at Abilene, who is not only one of the greatest educators and college presidents in the South, but who is also an orator of no mean ability, a platform lecturer of wide renown, and a statesman of recognized ability, visited our high school on last Monday morning and delivered one of the greatest addresses ever heard by the high school. Dr. Sandifer is perhaps better known to our people by his other public addresses, lay sermons and other public occasions, and he never seemed more at his best than on last Monday before the high school. He spoke for about fifty minutes, during which time he was frequently and enthusiastically applauded by the students. His address, which sparkled with original wit and humor and which was replete with interesting stories, thoughts and inspirations. As he spoke of three elements of success: a good physique, character, and optimism, every boy and girl was thrilled with an ambition to make the most of himself and to be able to render the maximum service to mankind.

The students were told that that man was happiest who could think the most brightly and the most beautifully. Purity of body, of mind and of life were presented in a manner peculiar only to an orator of such rare ability. The Doctor's address will long be remembered and will be bearing fruit many years to come.

## PRaises High School

In his address, President Sandifer took occasion to congratulate the high school on the excellent work it manifested during the fine spirit it manifested. He said that he had visited high schools in Seattle, Chicago, St. Louis, Oklahoma, New York, and in many of the other largest cities of America, but that our high school was the best trained and the best spirited high school he had ever seen.

After seeing of the chapel exercises, consisting of the reading from memory of several poems and the singing of a number of choruses and anthems by the entire high school, after seeing the entire high school in open-air Swedish gymnastics, and then visiting two classes in the regular work, he told our supporters and some of the teachers that there was no other high school in this country which was in our class. Our schools and little city are to be congratulated upon these words of commendation and approval from such a distinguished educator and from one who has traveled and visited high schools as extensively as President Sandifer has.

## PRESIDENT JONES SPEAKS

President F. G. Jones, of Midland College, was present and was introduced as another great college president. He made a few well chosen and encouraging remarks. President Jones is always a welcome visitor to the high school. He always has something good to say. He also led the morning prayer.

Too much stress cannot be placed upon the use of such occasions of inspiration for our high school boys and girls, and our high school authorities do well in having these occasions often. They will result in stimulating and encouraging the high school students to nobler endeavor and will be among the pleasant memories of youth and of school days.

Cowden Bros. sold to C. A. Goldsmith last week, 980 steers, coming two, at private terms.

## Contracts Signed, or Purchases Made, For Rolling Stock for New Railroad

Pres. T. J. O'Donnell, of the Midland & Northwestern railroad, now under construction out of Midland to the northwest, with Seminole to be the present terminus, called on us one day this week, and expressed himself as highly pleased with the way things are moving out. Since Mr. David Faskin, the Toronto capitalist, has gotten behind this great Midland-Seminole project mere details of procedure have had to be arranged, and from the first there has been no lack of confidence on the part of any one.

Mr. O'Donnell informs us that even now there are several bills of lading filed in the offices of the company, showing that there are several car loads of materials in transit, such as bolts, spikes, etc., which are due to arrive any day, while already several cars of ties are on the ground, to say nothing of some three miles of steel rails.

Contract, too, has been let for the first depot of the new road. This is located just west of Midland College, and the contract was let to Mr. Townsman, C. A. Stark. He will start to work on this soon as materials can be put on the grounds.

Active preparations are also being made to organize and assemble a crew for track-laying, and this work is expected to be under way in a very short time, and will be rushed as hurriedly as possible, and many who are interested in the promotion of the new road are of the opinion that our statement of last week, that trains are expected to be running on the M. & N. W. within two months, is in no wise an exaggeration.

There was a meeting of the officers and directors of the M. & N. W. last Monday afternoon. Present were parties authorized to enter into contracts, and two locomotives were purchased of the Texas & Pacific Railroad Company; also such other rolling stock as may be needed temporarily, among them box cars, flat cars, a baggage coach, passenger coaches, etc., and these, too, will be in Midland in due course of time.

It may be added, as incidental information, that while the M. & N. W. depot will be located some two miles out from Midland, west, trains of the new road will use the T. & P. tracks into Midland and the T. & P. station for passenger accommodations. This, of course, will be in all things equal to a separate station for the new road located within our city limits, and there is no material objection to the arrangement.

## ELDERLY PEOPLE DIED THIS WEEK

Funeral of Grandma Sinclair Yesterday While Remains of Grandpa Ellis Shipped to Beville

Had Grandma Sinclair lived until next Sunday she would have been 94 years of age. She didn't. She died at about 5 o'clock Wednesday, her ailment being principally but the weight of years. She was the mother of our esteemed townsmen, Chas. L. and Wm. K. Sinclair, and their sister, Miss Kate. Another son, Attorney Bartlett Sinclair, lives in Idaho. Grandma Sinclair had been a Christian all her long life, and a member of the Methodist church, and her passage into glory, as was her falling to sleep in the arms of the Gentle Savior. Her pastor, Rev. J. W. Cowan, yesterday afternoon preached the funeral and paid sweet tribute to the sainted soul that had winged its flight to an everlasting home with the angels. To the bereaved sons and daughter, the Reporter tenders its profound sympathy, yet suggestive to them the comforting thought of how great her reward and how joyous.

Grandpa Ellis, father of our young townsmen, W. D. and C. C. Ellis, died at about 1 o'clock yesterday morning. His death, too, was principally the result of long years, he having passed his 84th anniversary. The Masonic order took charge of affairs conducted in Midland and yesterday evening escorted the remains to the train where shipment was made to his old home at Beville for interment. The two sons, with their wives and children, accompanied the remains to Beville. Mr. Ellis had only been in Midland a couple of years, but such a matter, but brief as has been this period, he had gained the esteem of all who knew him. His had been a long and useful life, and his death is profoundly regretted, and we join hosts of friends in an expression of sympathy to the sons and others who are bereaved.

## PURCHASED STOCK IN ALPINE AND MARFA

W. R. Chancellor, cashier of the First National Bank, accompanied by L. O. Dunn and Gordon Reiger, came home this week from a trip to the Alpine and Marfa country. They purchased 1500 head of stock while on this trip.

Will Gates, cowman from near Andrews, came in from his ranch Tuesday. He reports stock of all kinds wintering well. While here he extended his subscription to the Reporter.



# We Want You to See the New Draperies

## We Have Just Opened Up at This

# CASH STORE

### AND TO NOTE THE EXTRA VALUES TO BE HAD BY PAYING CASH AT THIS STORE

AT \$1.35 THE PAIR—You can buy, either in white or ecru, a very dainty scrim curtain with 2-inch lace insertion all the way round and 2 1-2 yards long.

AT \$2.15 THE PAIR—A pretty number in Ecru Scrim with Cluny Lace insertion, 2 1-2 yards long.

AT \$2.50 THE PAIR—One of the daintiest white Marquessette Curtains we have ever offered. These have a white filet lace insertion 3 inches wide and come 2 1-2 yards long.

AND AT \$3.25—The nicest thing we show in beautiful Mercerized Scrim, in Ecru, with Cluny Lace insertion, 2 1-2 yards long.

We know that there is a saving of 15c to 75c the pair on these curtains.

## New Nets

AT 45c THE YARD—Is two pieces, one white and one ecru, in beautiful new patterns in Lace Draperies. These come 48 and 54 inches wide. By the yard . . . . . 45c

AT 65c AND 75c—Four new patterns in white and ecru curtain materials that you will say are as pretty as you have ever seen for much more—36 to 54 inches in width—by the yard . . . . . 65c and 75c

AND AT \$1.00 THE YARD—For 54-inch materials, are two pieces of the daintiest curtain materials that you could wish to see.

We are particularly anxious for you to see these new draperies as they are unusual values, and we predict early sales of all these numbers.

DON'T FORGET that this Cash Store is showing a wonderful assortment of new Spring Gingham, all absolutely fast colors and of the quality you have used for years. Red Seals the yard 15c and Yorks the yard . . . . . 12 1-2c

NO ADVANCE IN PRICE—These are the same price they have been for years, and we are selling them for practically what they are worth at wholesale today. In fact, almost all of our staple merchandise was contracted for before the enormous advances were made, and you will appreciate the saving this Cash Store will make for you this year.

## WADLEY PATTERSON COMPANY

One Price—the Lowest—for Cash Only

## Your Grocery Wants

PHONES 3 or 179

The Service is Prompt

The Goods Nice and Fresh

THE PRICE IS RIGHT

Let us figure your ranch bill. We get down to Rock Bottom, for we

SELL FOR CASH ONLY

## SMITH BROTHERS

### STRATEGY CAUSED A SUDDEN STOP

A lady entered a railroad car and took her seat in front of a newly married couple, says the New York Times. She was hardly seated before they began making remarks about her.

Her last year's bonnet and coat were fully criticised with more or less giggling on the bride's part, and there is no telling what might have come next if the lady had not put a sudden stop to the conversation by a bit of strategy.

She turned her head, noticed that the bride was considerably older than

the groom, and in the smoothest of tones said:

"Madam, will you please ask your son to close the window?"

The "son" closed his mouth and the bride no longer giggled.

The new bungalow of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eidson, on the south side of town, is now completed and it is a very pretty dwelling, and adds very much to the appearance of this part of town.

P. G. Lane, of Barstow, was in the city the first of the week.

## PHIL SCHARBAUER

Midland, Texas

## STOCK CATTLE LOANS

On Favorable Terms

# Merchant's Nat. Bank

of

Lawrence, Kansas

## WALKER-SMITH CO. INCREASE CAPITAL

Authority was given the statement that the Walker-Smith Company, operating throughout Texas with the main office at Brownwood, has increased its paid-up capital stock from \$500,000 to \$1,000,000, the additional capital having been subscribed by the old stockholders. The former officers and directors of the company were re-elected as follows:

President, J. A. Walker; vice president, J. Blackwell; secretary and treasurer, J. L. Smith. The directors include these three gentlemen with C. Y. Earley and Miss Mary E. Walker. All the officials and directors make their homes in Brownwood except Mr. Smith, who is a citizen of Amarillo.

The increase in capital stock was made possible, and necessary as well by the greatly increased volume of business of the company, said General Manager J. Blackwell, recently. The company was first organized in 1895 at Temple, as the Temple Grocery Company. It was soon moved to Brownwood and succeeded the old Ramey-Garnett Company, and bit by bit the territory of the company was enlarged. The concern now has many branch houses scattered throughout Texas, with a big house at Galveston, where imports are received and arranged for distribution. The head office is in Brownwood and the other houses are located all over the western portion of the State, from the Rio Grande to Oklahoma and Kansas. The original capital stock of the company was \$150,000.

The company's most recently established branch house is at Midland, with A. Doose and H. J. Cobb in charge. It is, too, Midland's first and only exclusive wholesale grocery establishment.

Frank Crowley and wife returned to their home in Fort Worth this week after visiting friends and relatives in Midland for some weeks.

Mrs. R. R. Henderson, who recently underwent a surgical operation, is improving rapidly and we hope will soon be out again.

- \* MISS LYDIE G. WATSON \* who has been a Piano Student of the most eminent instructors of Galloway, Searcy, Ark., and American Conservatory, of Chicago, Ill., now has her Studio open for the term 1916-17.
- \* The highest standards maintained. Thoroughness the slogan. Study with definite aim.

## AS TO THE LATEST SPORTS CLOTHES

Silks and Satins Appear to be Greatly Favored—Hints of a New Silhouette

The Reporter's fashion correspondent, under February 8th as release date writes that nothing has been more talked of during the past seasons than sports clothes, so much so, that nowadays they have come to be just as essential a part of the modern woman's wardrobe as her evening gown. In the styles shown at present for Southern wear, there is distinctly a strong accent on this type of dress; for fashionable women at Southern resorts wear their sports clothes from early morning until it is time to change for evening gowns. As a result of this rage, the variety to be found under the label of sports clothes is nothing short of amazing. As a rule, bright coats or blouses are worn with white



A Sports Frock Developed in the New Plain and Dotted Silks

or light colored skirts. Included in the list of gay colors that are used red is often found, which is rather unusual, as this color has been looked upon formerly as more appropriate for fall and winter than for spring and summer.

Sports clothes of silks and satins appear in greater numbers this season than those of cottons. There are, however, some novelties in cottons which promise to prove very popular. One of these is cotton gabardine brightly striped and plaided in colors. Basket weaves which have the new striped and dotted designs also have a fair showing, and the heavy linens will undoubtedly be worn.

The sketch shows one of the favorite models with the smart hip-length blouse. Stitched box pleats, starting from under a deep yoke and disappearing beneath the pleated pockets, give the Norfolk effect which has always been considered a good style for outing wear.

Separate coats of fuzzy white material, somewhat like blankets, with stripes of many colors around the edge, and also on the collar and cuffs, are among the latest offerings in sports attire. The colored stripes are also carried out in the same way in coats of oyster-white tussur.

Wide girdles chucked about the waist are quite often seen on the new dresses. They are generally of satin or silk in some bright contrasting color and almost invariably end in tassels, for tassels are very much worn at present both on dresses and hats. The vogue for tassels is almost on a par with that for beads and braid, the two most fashionable trimmings that have taken with such tenacity.

In afternoon frocks of chiffon ororgette and on separate waists the white chalk beads make very effective decoration on pale blue, flesh and white.



Chemise Dress with Deep Flounce and Wide Paisley Girdle

Chiffon is rapidly taking the place oforgette, the best authorities say, butorgette dresses are still in evidence, and two shades of this sheer material are often combining in a dress. One dress combining light and dark tan, and another of white and pale pink were recently seen. The latter was exceedingly attractive. Some of the new chemise dresses

## 50 Bulls for Sale

Thoroughbred Hereford Yearlings and coming Yearling Bulls.

CLOSE PRICES ON BUNCH Come, write or wire within next two weeks

## Geo. Bourland

Box 83 McLean, Texas

## Registered Hereford Bulls For Sale

Box 83 McLean, Texas

## TWENTY-FIVE HEAD

Write or Call on

## Wm. E. Wallace

Midland, Texas

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## WALTER JERDEN

Phones 19-J-19-Y

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## NEAL COMMISSION CO.

Sweetwater, Texas.

have their straight lines broken by deep flounces. On of these is illustrated here. It has a side pleated flounce which comes above the knees and the waistline is defined by a deep Paisley girdle in soft crush effect. Further trimming is added in the simple touch of braiding around the neck and armholes.

## Rumors of a New Silhouette

Rumors of a new silhouette have been causing a stir in fashionable circles. In fact, the rumors have been turned to reality, for the new barrel skirt has already been seen in Paris and New York. The barrel skirt which produces this new silhouette, wide below the hips and narrowing down toward the ankles, is a strong contrast to the straight-line frocks inspired by the medieval fashions. Whether or not it will be accepted is still a matter of doubt. The barrel skirts that have been seen so far appear in different forms and some are not unlike the "peg-tops" which were fashionable some two or three years ago. It is very likely that the barrel skirt, if it takes at all, will not at once replace the straight frocks. It may be just a fad of the moment and it may be taken seriously by those who are tiring of the chemise dresses. Time only will tell, but in the meantime we need hardly have our peace of mind disturbed about it.

## 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.

Lige Davis made a business trip to Lamesa last week.

Spence Jewell returned last Thursday from Dallas, where he had been since Sunday, on a business trip.

## BUSINESS CARDS

DR. J. FRANK CLARK, Dentist, First National Bank Bldg., Midland, Texas. Office Phone 85-2 ring Room 85-3 rings. Office hours: 8:30 to 12; 1:30 to 5:30

L. J. FARROW, Painter and Paper Hanger, All Work First Class, Phone 90-b, Midland, Texas.

B. FRANK HAAG, Attorney-at-Law, Office in Llano Building Over Midland National Bank.

Dr. L. C. G. Buchanan, Practice Limited to DISEASES OF EYE, EAR, NOSE, THROAT, GLASSES FITTED. Big Spring and Midland. Office with Dr. Tigner, Midland 2nd and 4th Saturdays of each Month.

Dr. J. F. Haley, Physician, Office Gary & Burns Building, Phone No. 12.

W. K. SINCLAIR, Architect and Builder, Midland, Texas.

DRESSMAKING and all kinds of Sewing Work Guaranteed. Call on me over City Drug Store or phone 387. Mrs. E. C. Stead.

DR. C. H. TIGNER, Dentist, Office Second Floor Gary & Burns Building.

D. H. Roettger, WATCHMAKER, JEWELER AND ENGRAVER, ALL WORK GUARANTEED.

Dr. L. B. PEMBERTON, Dentist, Rooms 212-214 LLANO HOTEL, Office Hours 8 a. m. to 12 m., 1:30 to 5:30 p. m., Phone No. 402.

LLANO BARBER SHOP, BART WILKERSON, Prop., Courteous Expert Workmen Sanitary Specialties. Your Patronage Solicited, PHONE 273.

Meet Your Friends at the GEM BARBER SHOP, 6 Barbers—5 Baths, SERVICE UNEXCELLED, No pets—Everyone gets the Best, Laundry Agency Phone No. 200, Next to P. O. S. E. COLE, Prop.

NEWNIE W. ELLIS, FUNERAL DIRECTOR AND EMBALMER, Room No. 105.

TIN SHOP and PLUMBING, Call on Me for TANKS, SHEET METAL WORK, PLUMBING AND REPAIRS, H. H. HOOPER, Phone 217.



# Dodge Brothers Motor Car

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

You will rarely see it mentioned in the second-hand advertisements. There is a constant waiting market and the price is always high.

The gasoline consumption is unusually low. The tire mileage is unusually high.

The price of the Touring Car or Roadster complete is \$785 (f. o. b. Detroit)

## STOKES & WOLCOTT

Midland and Big Spring

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Experts in Overhauling Automobiles of All Kinds. Work Absolutely Guaranteed

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We are conveniently located in the old Dykstra Building. Just back of the Model Market.

# NEW MARKET and BAKERY

We have opened at the old Model Market stand an up to date Market and Bakery and are prepared to serve the public with the choicest meats to be had and a full line of bakery products equal to that of any city. In patronizing us you get not only the best to be had in our line, but you are supporting a home institution that will prove itself worthy of your patronage and good will.

# Midland Market & Bakery

KEY & RITTER, Proprietors



### THE CRITICAL BUYER

is welcomed at this grocery store because we know that all good judges of good groceries will appreciate our pure food stuffs and reasonable prices. But that is not all they will appreciate. There is also our store service and delivery service which cannot be surpassed anywhere.

# City Grocery Company

PHONE 225

### LAST NUMBER OF LYCEUM WAS VERY ENJOYABLE

The Warwick Male Quartette, the last number of the Lyceum under the auspices of the Mothers' Club, gave a very delightful musical program in the Christian church on last Friday evening to a large and appreciative audience. The evening's program consisted of vocal selections both in solo and quartette, instrumental trios and solos. While the selections both in instrumental and vocal were not very classical, still they were executed well and pleased the people as a whole, and that was the young men's object. They were encored repeatedly and always "had another" just as good, to give. The first tenor was considered as the most artistic of the four, and his solos were all highly appreciated. The celloist was very good, and played

upon a rare old instrument that responded to his every emotion with ease, and the whole auditorium was filled with the sweet strains.

### CLEANING UP FOR THE COMING SPRING

W. B. Elkin is setting the pace for an early spring by improving his beautiful residence property in many ways. Old unsightly trees have been removed and new ones set out; vines, shrubbery and orchard pruned and a general clean-up of winter rubbish. If every property owner in Midland would do this now, we would have a very pretty little city when everything "greens up."

W. R. Newell and Sterling Price, sheepmen from Pecos, were here last Wednesday. They report sheep wintering in good condition.

# BENEFITS OF THE FARM LOAN ACT

### Ways in Which New System Furnishes Aid to Farmers in Financing His Business

By reason of the facilities created by the federal farm loan act which was passed last summer, it will be easier in the future for a farmer to secure money to make needed improvements for the purchase of live stock, and it will be easier also for the landless man to purchase a farm, according to a recent publication of the United States Department of Agriculture (Farmers' Bulletin 792) entitled "How the Federal Farm Loan Act Benefits the Farmer."

The federal land banks established under this act will stand ready at all times, it is expected, to lend money to farmers on farm-mortgage security. The interest charges will be not more than 4 per cent, nor more than 1 per cent above the rate on the bonds sold by the banks. If 4 1/2 per cent bonds should be issued, therefore, the rate charged on loans would be 5 1/2 per cent or less. They will be made for periods of time ranging from 5 to 40 years, thus going away with the trouble and expense of frequent renewals.

The payment of a certain part of the principal annually will be required, with the interest, if he desires, on any interest date, or to make payments in addition to the regular installment.

The requirement of installment payments on the amortization plan, as outlined above, will serve, first, to cultivate habits of thrift in the borrower, and second, to make possible the placing of the loans at a lower rate of interest, since the gradual reduction of the principal constantly improves the security for the unpaid balance. The privilege of optional payments after the first five years leaves the borrower free to discharge his indebtedness before the end of the loan period, if he finds it convenient to do so.

The federal land banks will perform three important services: (1) They will convert the security which farm mortgages afford into a negotiable form, known as farm-loan bonds. (2) They will furnish additional security for the protection of these bonds, through their capital and surplus, and thus make the bonds more attractive to investors. (3) They will sell the land-bank bonds in the open investment market, which, for obvious reasons, the small farmer could not reach to advantage.

The bonds are to be issued in denominations ranging from \$25 to \$1,000, and it is expected that the bonds of small denomination will encourage saving through their appeal to individuals who have not been in the habit of making investments. The bonds will be secured not only by farm mortgages deposited in trust with a government official (the registrar for the land-bank district) but also, as indicated above, by the capital and surplus of the 12 land banks.

Both mortgages and bonds will be exempt from all forms of taxation. Farmers who wish to obtain money from the federal land banks will ordinarily be obliged to form local loan associations, and get their loans through these organizations. The local loan associations will improve the credit of their members and reduce the cost of their loans through the performance of certain definite services, among which are the following: The committee called the "loan committee" of the association will appraise the property offered as security and approve applications for loans which are sent to the land bank. The secretary-treasurer of the association will transmit the papers and carry on all correspondence with the land bank relative to the loans. The association will guarantee the mortgages of its members, the liability of any individual member being limited, however, to an amount equal to the amount of his capital stock, or approximately to 5 per cent of his own loan.

One important function of the new system will be to establish safe standards for the farm-mortgage business of the United States; for it is not proposed to extend any credit except on the basis of proper security. In addition to the requirement of the local association, every loan must have the approval of one of the salaried appraisers appointed by the Government for the several land banks. Further, not more than \$10,000 may be loaned to one borrower, nor more than 50 per cent of the value of the land offered as security plus 20 per cent of the value of the buildings; and the money must be used for specified productive purposes, such as the purchase of farm land, improvements, equipment, fertilizers, or live stock, or for the payment of existing indebtedness.

The Federal Farm Loan Board of the treasury department has general charge of the system. The Department of Agriculture will co-operate with this board in supplying information and rendering assistance to farmers who desire to take advantage of the federal farm loan act, especially with reference to the organization of local loan associations.

### FROM FUNERAL OF WIFE AT BONHAM

Dave Jenkins returned the first of the week from Bonham, where he attended the funeral of his wife, who died in a sanitarium at Fort Worth. The remains were shipped to the old home at Bonham, for interment. The Reporter extends condolence to Mr. Jenkins in his bereavement.

# A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS

by E. ALEXANDER POWELL

NOVELIZED FROM THE MOTION PICTURE SERIAL OF THE SAME NAME. PRODUCED BY THE SIGNAL FILM CORP.

### 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 beggar's end. Thinking them dead, he marries himself with the lumber trust, and whose daughter he marries. But the departed wife and baby are picked up and cared for by one Dave Dawson. Twenty years later Rupert Holmes is the lumber king, the fighting independent around him. His daughter, Helen, unknown to him, has brought herself to his attention by acts about the camp. She takes up a fight against the trust and leads the independents in their defense against the great amalgamated which seeks to absorb their hard-earned properties. In this Helen is assisted by Tom Dawson, the precious paper in his hand, called on Holmes and was ushered into the lumberman's superb library.

"Mr. Holmes," said Tom bluntly, "I have in my possession proof that the woman who has lived more than twenty years in our home, the mother of the young woman who has been known as Helen Dawson, was your legitimate wife—that Helen Dawson, so-called, is Helen Holmes, your daughter."

The lumber baron surveyed his visitor for a moment with contemptuous calm, the inevitable black cigar smoking between his right forefinger and thumb.

"So that's the cock-and-bull story you have brought to me?" he grinned. "Why, that yarn has been industriously spread all over the reserve. It's as foolish as you are."

"I rather expected you'd say that," retorted Dawson, "but here is the proof—your wife's dying statement. The story was also told by her on her deathbed to several competent witnesses."

"Well," snarled Holmes, "does that make it true? If this woman were married to me, don't you suppose she must have a certificate of her marriage—something to show that the story were true? You go back and tell—what's that?"

Tom drew the signed statement of Mrs. Holmes from his pocket. Quick as a flash Holmes had snatched it from his hand and holding the document behind his back as he leaned against the table facing Dawson, he set it on fire, scratching the match with his concealed hand as he talked.

Suddenly realizing what was being done, Dawson threw himself upon the desperate man who stood facing him with the courage of a cornered wolf, but before he could strike a blow Holmes had whipped forward an automatic pistol and the young lumberman was covered.

"Now go," shouted Holmes. "Go, I say, and remember that the next time you or any of your crew try to corner 'Dollar' Holmes, there's going to be a vacancy or two in the independents' camp. Good night."

Helen Holmes, while utterly indifferent to the wealth of her father, had made up her mind that Holmes should be compelled to acknowledge her legitimacy for the honor of her mother, and to this end she began planning vigorously.

Accompanied by Tom Dawson, that young man being in a most revengeful state of mind following his late encounter with Holmes, Helen left for the county seat at Portal, a few weeks after Mrs. Holmes' death, determined to examine the records and secure copies of the certificates of marriage and birth. Installed at the Hotel Tyson opposite the courthouse, Helen awaited the return of young Dawson, who had gone to arrange for their joint examination of the books at a later hour.

Returning unexpectedly, Tom threw his hat in a corner with an ejaculation of disgust.

his scattered senses. The copy of the record, which Tom had so laboriously made, blew to the four winds of heaven in scattered fragments.

Dragging the half-conscious lad to a shack beside the railway track, the two rascals, doing Holmes' bidding, left him there still securely bound.

Behrens, chief platter of the Holmes gang, who had awaited the return of Fernald and Grogan with the record, turned it over to him with the information that young Dawson had seen and copied the entries. When later Behrens conveyed this information to Holmes, the lumber magnate cursed him for a blunderer.

Behrens' eyes blazed with impotent hate. He would have given half his life for a chance to kill this hard driver, whose dirty work he had been compelled to do for 20 years or more, but he feared even to make reply, so completely was he in Holmes' power.

The most careful scheme of villainy ultimately finds himself involved in the meshes of his own net. Behrens' assistants who had torn up the actual marriage record, considered that where such effort had been put forth there must be some important secret involved, so they carefully patched together the torn document. While engaged in this delectable occupation Tom Dawson and Helen came upon the cabin in which they were at work. Through the window Tom recognized the papers for which he had made so hard a fight, and as the two men rushed from the hut bent on blackmailing "Dollar" Holmes with their valuable secret, Helen and Tom tried to arrest their flight, but without avail.

With a wild rush the Holmes agents swung themselves under the brakebeams of an already moving freight and disappeared into an open boxcar as the train rounded the bend.

"Quick," sobbed Helen, "the big car—we can overtake that train and we must."

Five minutes later, with Helen Holmes at the wheel, "Boss" Morrisey's big "60" went smashing along a narrow trail in the wake of the train. Mile after mile the powerful car gained on its quarry. Now the tail of the lumbering freight was in sight. Ten minutes later Helen surrendered the steering wheel to Tom.

"When we get alongside that open car, steady her down," ordered Helen. "I'm going to jump for it."

"For God's sake, don't!" pleaded the young man. "It's almost sure death."

"I'd rather die than lose that certificate," answered the intrepid girl. "It's for my mother."

Helen Holmes was used to taking desperate risks. Possessed of a sure eye and a steady nerve, she felt no

fear but that she would make the desperate leap in safety, but to Tom, who dared not oppose her imperious young will, the moments that ensued were agonizing.

At last the big machine was held heeled alongside the open freight, and before Tom Dawson could utter an other protest Helen was in the air. It was a narrow squeak indeed, for she miscalculated the barest fraction of an inch and fell as the big side door struck her, landing on the floor of the car.

"Give me that paper," she demanded of Grogan, who with Fernald was staring at her open-eyed—"give it to me, I say—it's mine."

"Oh, what're y' givin' us?" grinned the big fellow. "We're going to work this on 'Dollar' Holmes for all the traffic will bear."

It was no time for argument. The train was approaching the long steel bridge at Junction crossing. As it rolled on to the tall trusses that spanned the raging river, Helen snatched the paper from Grogan's hand, and with a swoop like that of a bird, dived through the steel struts to the water, 50 feet below.

Tom Dawson stopped the 90-horse power motor with a jerk. In a half dozen leaps he was on the river bank, and five minutes later Helen was in his arms, exhausted but happy. Together the two young adventurers examined the rescued papers and their faces went white with disappointment.

The water had so distorted what had been written in ink many years before, that the words and dates were practically illegible. It seemed that they had taken desperate chances in vain.

(END OF NINTH EPISODE.)

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When the giant pine felled by Holmes crashed through the roof of the cabin in which the magnate knew that his deserted wife lay sleeping, the head of the lumber combination believing he had forever removed evidence of his first marriage.

The magnate's hatred for Helen Dawson, so long known as Helen Holmes, but whom he now knew to be his own daughter, was intensified rather than diminished by the discovery of her identity. The knowledge that young Stephen had for some time been displaying interest in Helen, awakened in him a further fear that this uncanny attachment had progressed so far as to render its sudden ending a difficult matter. As he sat in his library, pondering the ghastly dilemma in which his criminal activities had placed him, Holmes clenched his great muscular hands and fought back the thoughts that crowded upon him.

Quite well he realized that the scoundrel Behrens, with whom he had intrusted his devious plans for the removal of obstacles from his path, was not to be trusted.

Jim Dawson was the first to find the wrecked cot of Helen's mother and to summon aid. The unfortunate woman had been fearfully crushed in the wreck of her little home, and although still living when removed, was in a dying condition.

"Send for Helen," she gasped. "I—I have something to tell her before I die."

Standing on the grade near the construction camp, Tom Dawson leaped a hail from the telegraph office.

"Rush message for Helen Dawson," the man shouted. "Her mother's taken suddenly ill and she is to start for home at once."

Within five minutes the camp was in an uproar. Helen, her face pale as death, but calm in a crisis as always, sent Tom Dawson to prepare a long, narrow racing canoe for the 20-mile journey on the crest of the Onawa's swift current—the most rapid route to Dawson, but one the traversing of which was fraught with considerable danger.

"If you catch the local train at five o'clock you'll make it pretty near as quick," declared the foreman of the camp, Old Man Morrissey, who loved Helen as a daughter, and was loath to see her embark on the dangerous river journey.

"We can't take a chance," Helen answered, with a half sob in her voice.

Helen and Tom shot out into the stream, and in a few moments were lost to sight round a bend of the tortuous river.

Meantime the devoted little group surrounding the crushed cabin of the dying woman had done all that human hands could do for her comfort, but it was recognized that her life could not be saved.

Holmes, having received word that his wife still lived, and crazed with fear that her dying statement would incriminate him as well as ruin those for whom he had plotted and schemed, at the same time acted with the cool craft characteristic of him.

Summoning Behrens and several of the tools of that cowardly ruffian, Holmes bribed the gang to enter the recorder's office at Portal and steal the records of his marriage and the birth of his daughter Helen. With the subtlety of his nature he foresaw that a question would soon arise as to Helen's parentage, and he was determined that no record of her birth should be found in existence.

This plan was already hatched in the brain of Holmes as Helen stood by the deathbed of her mother, and heard from the pale lips of the dying woman the true story of her birth.

Now the young girl realized for the first time why she had been so strangely drawn to young Stephen Holmes.



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COMPARES STORAGE BATTERY TO A WATCH

In recent storage battery advertising, particularly that of the Willard Storage Battery Company, great emphasis has been laid upon the fact that a battery must be well taken care of during the first three months of its existence if it is going to give any kind of satisfaction.

The battery has been repeatedly compared to a new-born infant which during the first period of its life must be treated gently and tended carefully generally. But the battery does not need to be handled with "silk gloves." It is a sturdy apparatus, ready to undertake a man-sized piece of work at any time.

R. C. Guthrie, the Midland Willard expert, compares it with a watch.

"A man buying a new watch," says Mr. Guthrie, "and when I say 'watch,' I do not mean a pocket alarm clock, has it adjusted to various conditions. The maker turning out scores of watches a day, naturally cannot foresee the conditions which each one will have to meet, and so he builds them to an average of service. When the retailer sells the watch he makes certain adjustments to fit the particular buyer's needs, and suggests that the purchaser keep in touch with him so that it can be further regulated until it does its work perfectly.

"In other words, if the watch is to give perfect satisfaction to the owner, it has to be adjusted to that owner's course of life.

"This period of adjustment might easily be compared to the first three months of a storage battery's life.

"When we advise a man to keep in touch with a service station, particularly during the first three months of the battery's life, we do not expect that his battery is going to break down in that period any more than any other period; but we do know that in a majority of cases some small changes are needed in the electrical equipment. The generator might need adjustment. We advise it. The battery may be half discharged when the owner gets it. We recharge it. The owner may be using a great deal of power in cranking and lighting his car, but not running the machine far enough to off-set this. We advise him.

"In other words the first three months of a battery's life is a period of adjustment and we claim that if any battery gets over this, like the watch that has been adjusted, it will give its owner the best of satisfaction.

"The similarity does not end here. The owner of a good watch, even after it has been adjusted to his special needs, continues to keep in touch with the jeweler. Minor regulations may be needed, or even if they are not, the owner knows it is a good thing to have an expert look into the delicate mechanism once in a while.

"Railroads are particularly strict in this matter and compel their employees to have their watches inspected regularly.

"In the same way the owner of an automobile should see that his storage battery is looked at regularly by a battery expert. Even though no adjustments are necessary, this measure of precaution may head off trouble. Bright lights and a snappy start are of as much importance to the motorist as a watch correct to the second is to a railroad man.

"At regular intervals, probably once a year, a high grade watch has to be taken down and cleaned. Even if this were not done the watch would still continue to run but whether it would give as satisfactory service and keep accurate time, is open to question.

"At regular intervals the storage battery should be taken apart and inspected. The battery, like everything else, wears out in time, but the wooden insulators are shorter lived than the rest of the battery. Hence, replacement of these is necessary before the battery has run its natural life. If the battery is torn down and the insulation renewed during the winter, say, the owner is assured a period of satisfactory service without further repairs. If the insulation is allowed to go until it is absolutely broken down, the battery becomes short circuited, and may be ruined.

"In other words, although the motor car owner is able to fill his own battery with distilled water and make the hydrometer, ammeter and thermometer tests, he should let a battery expert look into it at regular intervals—once a month at least. This is not a hardship by any means, for the battery service stations are scattered all over the country. The Willard Storage Battery Company alone has over 850 of these, each under the control of a battery expert.

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The Type Used in One Year to Publish Endorsements of Doan's Kidney Pills

Of the many kidney remedies on the market today, none other is recommended like Doan's Kidney Pills. Forty thousand benefitted people gladly testify in the newspapers of their own towns. Forty-five hundred American newspapers publish this home proof of Doan's merit. The type used in one year to tell this wonderful story would make a solid column of metal twice as high as the world's highest mountain. Placed end to end the lines of type would reach from New York to Chicago. These miles of good words told by 40,000 tongues sound glad tidings to any Midland sufferer who wants relief from kidney and bladder ills. Here's a Midland case. Don't experiment. Use the remedy endorsed by people you know.

W. T. Holcombe, Big Spring St., Midland, says: "Last spring I was troubled by my kidneys. They were weak and I had a steady, dull ache through the small of my back. The kidney secretions were highly colored and passed too frequently, obliging me to get up several times at night. I had read a lot about Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box at Taylor & Son's drug store. They cured me and I haven't been bothered since."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Holcombe had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv17-2t

MEETING WAS HELD YESTERDAY AT BARSTOW

Stewardship conference for elders, deacons and ministers of the Presbyterian church was held Wednesday and Thursday of this week at Barstow. Elder Geo. T. McClintic was appointed to represent the Midland church.

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In Society



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

Violin Recital as Benefit for Library. The ladies of the Wednesday Club, who have always done much for the development of higher culture in Midland, and who are ever pleased to be patronesses of the fine arts, will present Prof. Maurice Derdeyn in a violin recital on Friday evening, Feb. 23, at the Christian church.

Prof. Derdeyn, who has been charming our Midland people with his violin playing this winter, is indeed an artist. He has received a European education and has appeared in concert in Berlin, Brussels and other leading foreign cities. His playing is notable for its absolutely perfect intonation, splendid command of all bowing effects, and by its extreme delicacy and grace. His technical work is fine and shows the capabilities of the violin as a musical instrument in the best possible manner.

Mr. Derdeyn will be assisted in his concert by Miss Lydie G. Watson, accompanist; Mr. Ned Watson, cello; Miss Alice Pritchett, voice, and Miss Lera Brown, reader.

Epworth League Entertained

On last Monday evening, the Epworth League of the Methodist church was very pleasantly entertained in the beautiful home of Mr. and Mrs. Phil Scharbauer. The evening was enjoyed in conversation and listening to the Edison talking machine in a refreshment of beautiful and carefully selected numbers. Delicious refreshments were served.

C. W. B. M.

The regular monthly meeting of the C. W. B. M. was held last Thursday at the residence of Mrs. R. W. Garner. Mrs. Garner was assisted by Mrs. J. V. Stokes. The Bible lesson and talk was given by Rev. McKissick. Good papers were read by Mrs. Jack Heard on "World Missions and World Peace," and by Mrs. C. P. Wakefield on "Old Spain and New America."

An interesting and helpful talk on Porto Rico, was given by Mrs. Geo. W. Miller and Mrs. Caudle gave a splendid talk on the customs and superstitions of the Porto Ricans. In spite of the fact that the weather was extremely cold, there were 30 members present. Light refreshments of tea, coffee and wafers were daintily served and the meeting was a decided success.

On Wednesday afternoon from 5 to 6, the third division of the C. W. B. M. was entertained by the first and second divisions. Mrs. S. W. Estes opened her beautiful home for the occasion, assisted by Mrs. Geo. Ratliff, president of the society. Miss Pritchett gave two vocal numbers. "When the Dew is Falling" by Schneider, and "Oh Time, Take Me Back," by Bond.

Miss Nellie Elkin gave a reading, "Rosa," in Italian dialect and "An Awful Threat," in child dialect. Miss Darter rendered "Aux Italiens" and "Sondolphon" by Longfellow.

Mysterious packages of cloth were given to each lady out of which were fashioned many wonderful articles, aprons, bags, bonnets, caps, dolls, etc.

The three ministers present were chosen to decide which was the best article, and after much whispering and a final adjournment to the back porch, the decision was awarded to a wonderful Dresden silk bag crepe de chine handkerchief made by Mrs. J. A. Eichelberger, to whom was given as a prize, a volume of "Bolenge," by Mrs. Royal J. Dye.

The guests of honor were Rev. and Mrs. Quick, Rev. and Mrs. Cowan and Rev. and Mrs. McKissick, and several others whose names we were unable to learn. Delicious refreshments of chocolate, angel food and caramel cake were served.

Miss Cowden Entertains

Miss Mozelle Cowden entertained several friends on Monday evening at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. M. C. Ulmer. The time was passed with music, readings and games, each one of the guests contributing to the program. Later in the evening candy was made and dainty refreshments prepared. Among the guests who partook of this delightful informal affair were Mr. and Mrs. C. K. Bell, Misses Pritchett, Brown, Darter and Eddie Taylor; Mr. Luther, McCormick, Hunter and Hutt.

New Books

There was a meeting of the book committee of the Library last Saturday evening to make out a list of books to be ordered. After going over several catalogs and criticisms the following were chosen and within ten days will appear upon the shelves of our library:

Prudence Says So, by Hueston; Heart of Rachel, by Morris; Geopina of the Rainbow, by Johnson; The Finding of Joseph Holt, by Lutz; From the House to the Sea, by McCutcheon; Penrod and Sam, by Parkington; Call of the Sleeping Horse, by Scott; The World for Sale, by Parker; Betty at Fort Blizard, by Sewell; Wild Fire, by Zane Gray; The Post Master's Daughter, by Louis Tracy; Call of the Wild, by Jack London; Many Gusts, by by Locke; The Wonderful Year, by Locke; Kildares of Storm, by Kelly; The Driven Path, by Ryan; Magnificent Adventure, by Hough and The Leopard Woman, by White.

Moment Musical Has Interesting Meeting

A number of friends enjoyed a very interesting program rendered by the members of the Moment Musical Club on last Wednesday afternoon in the studio of Miss Lydie G. Watson, the occasion being the regular monthly meeting of the club. The Moment Musical Club is a musical society composed of the members of Miss Watson's class in piano. The club has a regular meeting every month,

the program consisting of the regular business session, an interesting musical program, studies in the history of music and musicians, and a very instructive lesson in theory. The club has its regular officers, who preside with dignity and efficiency, the president on this occasion being Miss Gayrite Garner and the secretary, Miss Alma Cowan. Roll call was responded to by quotations on music, which feature of the program was very interesting and instructive. Then followed the musical program, which consisted of piano solos and piano duets, all rendered from memory and each being a classic. Particularly worthy of mention were the piano solo, "Czardas," a Hungarian dance by Miehels, by Miss Alma Cowan, and the piano duet, "Les Sylphes," by Bachmann, by Misses Hallie Rhea Jowell and Ora Mae Terry. The lessons on famous musicians and on theory which followed and which were conducted by the teacher, Miss Watson, were very interesting and instructive. Following is the program in full:

Roll call (musical quotations.) Minutes. Angel Voices Ever Near (Sweet)—Nannie Lou Tidwell. The Moon Boat Sails Away (Cross)—Thelma Richardson. Waltz and March—Marvin Pritchett. First Waltz (Schmall)—Geraldine Cowden. Frolic of the Lambs (Englemann)—Beula Henry. Charming Waltz (Englemann)—Lillie Pliska. Czardas (Miehels)—Alma Cowan. Les Sylphes (Bachmann)—Hallie Rhea Jowell and Ora Mae Terry. A biographical study of Bach was then conducted by Miss Watson, also a short theory lesson, after which very helpful and interesting talks were given by Mr. Lackey, Miss Randle and Mrs. Pritchett, whom the club was so pleased to have as visitors. The club also unanimously elected Mr. Lackey an honorary member of the Moment Musical Club.

This practice which Miss Watson has with her class can not be too highly commended. It helps to keep alive an interest in the work which they are doing; it teaches the pupils how to conduct and carry on organizations of this kind; it gives them practice in appearing before the public, thus giving them some immediate incentive to their efforts; and it cultivates a class spirit and a spirit of loyalty worthy in any cause. This is not to speak of the refining influence of the high grade of music which each pupil plays; and of the knowledge of the best literature of music which the pupils are getting. A Guest.

Miss Holland to Give Recital

Miss Lena Holland, teacher of piano in Midland College, will present her pupils in recital on next Friday evening, Feb. 16th, in the college auditorium. An elaborate and interesting program is being prepared and all are most cordially invited to attend.

WITH THE CHURCHES

The Ministers of the City are Cordially Invited to Use this Column as They Care

BAPTIST CHURCH

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, who was delayed by sickness, arrived Thursday noon, and began his preaching the same evening. Services will be continued each day from 10 to 11 a. m. and every night at 7:45. A great company is expected. Come early and get seats. Bro. McKissick preached a very able sermon Wednesday night, and we believe much good is to come from these meetings. Everybody cordially invited. Let all who desire a great spiritual uplift join in prayer that all of God's people may be revived.

Bible school and B. Y. P. U. as usual. Ernest Quick, Pastor.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Subject, Consecration of Strength. Leader—Martin Bradford. Opening hymn, No. 102. Scripture lesson, Psalm 29:1-11. Prayer by leader.

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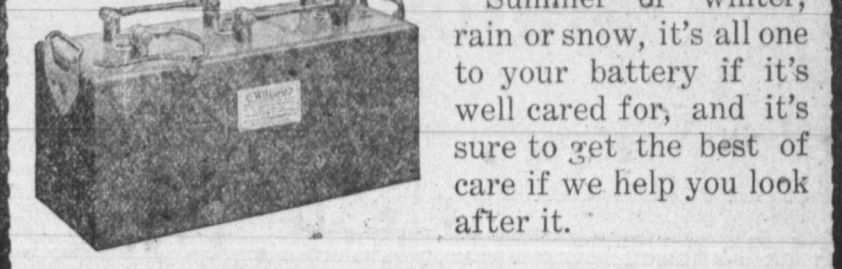
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JUNIOR ENDEAVOR

Leader—Thord Dockery. Scripture, Ps. 61: 5-8; Eph. 6:6-7. Subject, "Our Promises." Bible lesson by leader. "I Promise,"—James McKissick. "I Pray"—Grey Heard. "I Pray"—Clyde Reynolds. "I Pray"—Eveline Estes. "Pledge; its Meaning"—Elsie Wolcott.

"Word; its Meaning"—Howard Hendricks. "Covenant; its Meaning"—Lura Eichelberger. 1st Psalm—Seth Ingham. 8th Psalm—Mary E. Hill. Business, Mizpah.

HOWARD COUNTY MAN LOCATES HERE

H. B. Crocker, of Howard County, has located here. He recently chased the Tom Sullivan section miles southwest of town at \$7 re bonus. The place is well improved.

SOLD BUNCH OF CALVES AT SATISFACTORY PRICE

Bob Preston was in town this week from his ranch 25 miles south of town and reports that he sold a bunch of calves to Jim Nance at satisfactory prices.

SHIPPED CATTLE TO CALIFORNIA THIS WEEK

Jeff Cowden left this week for Santa-Margarete, Cal., with a 38-car shipment of 3-year-old steers for C. A. Martin, of that place. The Reporter mentioned the sale of these steers in last issue.

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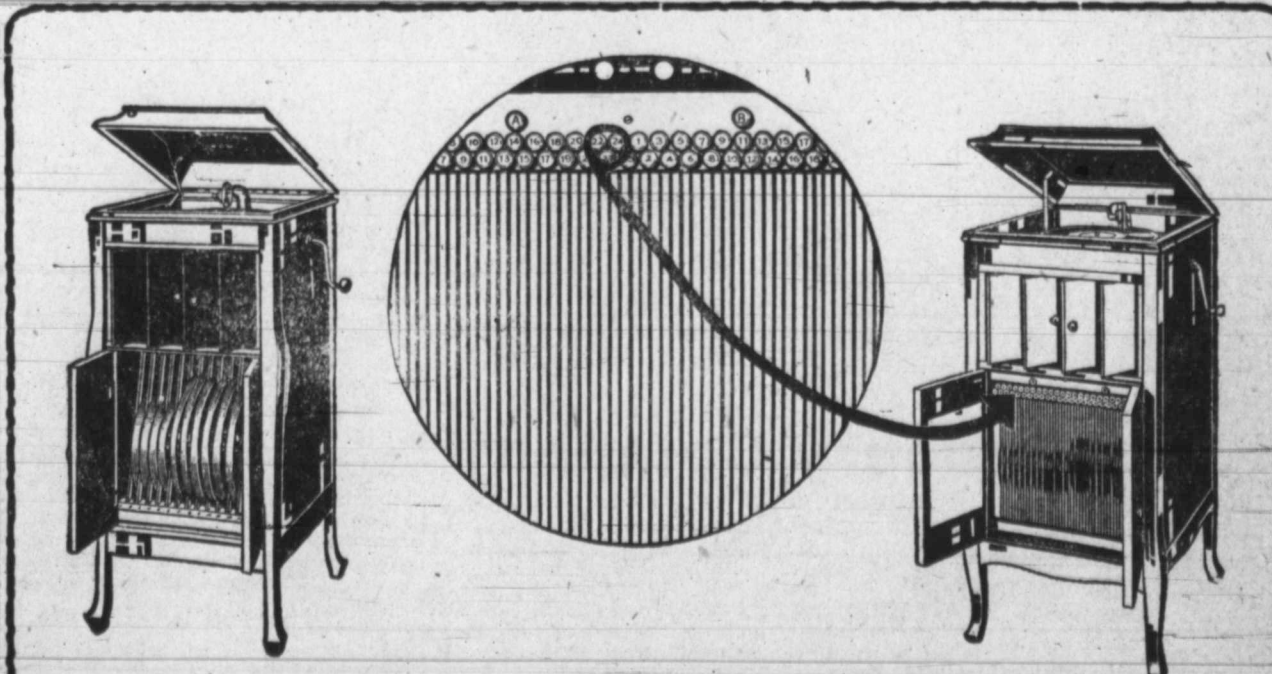
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**LAND MAN APPOINTED ON BOARD**

We appreciate an honor that has just been conferred upon our esteemed townsman, J. A. Haley. He has been appointed a member of the board of trustees of the asylum for epileptics at Abilene. It is one of our greatest State institutions, and Mr. Haley attended his first meeting of the board last Saturday.

Taylor Callison and Chas. Dublin were both in last week from their ranches in New Mexico. Mr. Callison called at our office, and gave a very satisfactory general report of range conditions.

**HERE FROM HONLULU ON FURLOUGH**

Roger Beasley, a brother-in-law of C. A. McClintic and a member of the U. S. Navy, is here now from Honolulu, on furlough, and is a guest of the McClintics.

Rev. Nat B. Read, former pastor of the Methodist church in Midland, but now of Lampassas, passed through Midland one day this week en route to points west. He returned from the west last night and is today in Midland, "howdying" with old friends.

**Tierra Alta Herd**  
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ERAMAN 159961, by Kloman, an International Grand Champion. Eraman is the sire of the highest-priced Aberdeen-Angus bull ever bred in the Southwest—Meraman of Tierra Alta 206566, sold to Messrs. Congdon & Battles, N. Yakima, Wash., for \$1,500. Meraman was Grand Champion at the Texas and Louisiana State Fairs of 1916. He also stood Second in Class at the two greatest shows of the country, The American Royal at Kansas City and The International at Chicago.

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Had entries in Seven Classes. Won 4 First, 2 Seconds, 3 Thirds. Junior and Grand Champion bull. Junior Champion Female.	Had Entries in Fifteen Classes. Won 13 Firsts, 2 Seconds, 1 Third.
Hardeman County Fair, Quanah, Texas—	Junior and Grand Champion Bull.
Had Entries in Eight Classes. Won 5 Firsts, 5 Seconds. Champion Bull.	Junior and Grand Champion Female.
Panhandle State Fair, Amarillo, Texas—	Also same prizes in "Texas" classes.
Had Entries in Fifteen Classes. Won 11 Firsts, 2 Seconds, 2 Thirds, 1 Fourth.	All Champions Bred by Us
Junior and Grand Champion Bull.	Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport, La.—
Junior Champion Female.	Had Entries in Thirteen Classes. Won 7 Firsts, 3 Seconds, 3 Thirds.
Midland Fair and Interstate Stock Show, Midland, Texas—	Junior and Grand Champion Bull.
Had Entries in Fifteen Classes. Won 12 Firsts, 3 Seconds, 1 Third.	American Royal Show, Kansas City, Mo.—
Senior Champion Bull.	Won 3 Seconds, 5 Thirds, 2 Fourth, 1 Sixth, 1 Seventh, 1 Eighth.
Junior and Grand Champion Bull.	
Junior Champion Female.	

OUR HERD STOOD HIGHER AT THIS SHOW THAN ANY HERD SOUTH OF MISSOURI. At Texas and Louisiana Shows we exhibited in 73 Classes, and won a total of 52 Firsts, 17 Seconds, 10 Thirds, 1 Fourth. Out of 26 Champion Prizes competed for, we won SEVENTEEN! This Record is unequaled by Any Other Exhibitor! We Have Bred and Sold the Highest Priced Bulls and Females Ever Produced in Texas by Any Breeder of Angus Cattle! BUY FROM A HERD THAT PRODUCES THAT KIND!

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FOR SALE—The Texas Colonel, registered Duroc Jersey boar, weight about 650 pounds. See H. M. Ramsay 9-1f

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FOR SALE—Easy terms, 40 acres close in, well improved. Good five room house, fine orchard, good well, windmill and tanks. Eleven head cows and horses, farming implements etc. \$2100. Box 33- 18-2t pd

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a sale of useful articles such as aprons, dusting caps, sunbonnets, boys' waists, etc. This sale will be given March 10th. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Benedict, treas.

FOR SALE—A1 Lyon & Healey 12-string, two neck harp-guitar. In first class condition. Cost \$37.25 with case. Will sell same for \$15. Apply to Ned Watson, at The Reporter office. 2t

FOR SALE—A 4-burner, blue flame oil stove and a wood cook stove, both first-class condition. Apply to Leo Battle at the Burton-Lingo Company office. 18pd

FOR SALE—One Emerson typewriter, second hand, good as new. Cost with case, \$55. Can be bought at half price. If interested, call at this office. 5t

WOOD—Good, sound sawed oak wood for sale for cash. F. A. Smith, phone 251. 17-4t

WOOD—Ring 306 when you want good dry mesquite wood. 1-foot and stove lengths. Also sawed oak wood. Good stock on hand and make prompt delivery. R. E. Nutt 17-4pd

**LOST AND FOUND**

FOUND—A back and front auto casing, back casing on rim and inflated. Owner may recover same by calling on C. C. Robertson, Florey, Texas, and paying 25 cents for this advertisement. 18pd

LOST—Radiator top for an Overland car. Return to J. A. Eichelberger or to the Midland Auto Co. 181pd

LOST—Pocket account book which is of no use to any one but the owner. Will pay \$10.00 reward for return of same to the undersigned or to The Reporter office. C. M. J. Stringer. 1tp

**WANTED TO BUY**

JUNK WANTED—I want to buy all sorts of junk, especially old brass, rubber, etc. I buy bones, and pay the highest market price. W. B. Fullen 17-4t

**FINANCIAL**

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

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STOCK SALESMAN WANTED—To sell limited amount of stock in good substantial business proposition. Good commission paid. The strictest investigation invited. Call or write, D. D. Doyle & Co., 826 Wilson Bldg., Dallas, Texas. 17-2t

**LEGAL NOTICES**

NOTICE—This is to certify that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my family while at Midland. Respt., L. M. Wright 17-4tpd.

**NOTICE OF DISSOLUTION.**

Midland, Texas, January 22, 1917. To Whom it May Concern: The firm of Half & Ramsay has been dissolved, Henry M. Half purchasing the interest of J. H. Ramsay. Any one having claims against the firm and any one owing the firm will kindly make settlement at once with Mr. Half. HENRY M. HALFF. J. H. RAMSAY.

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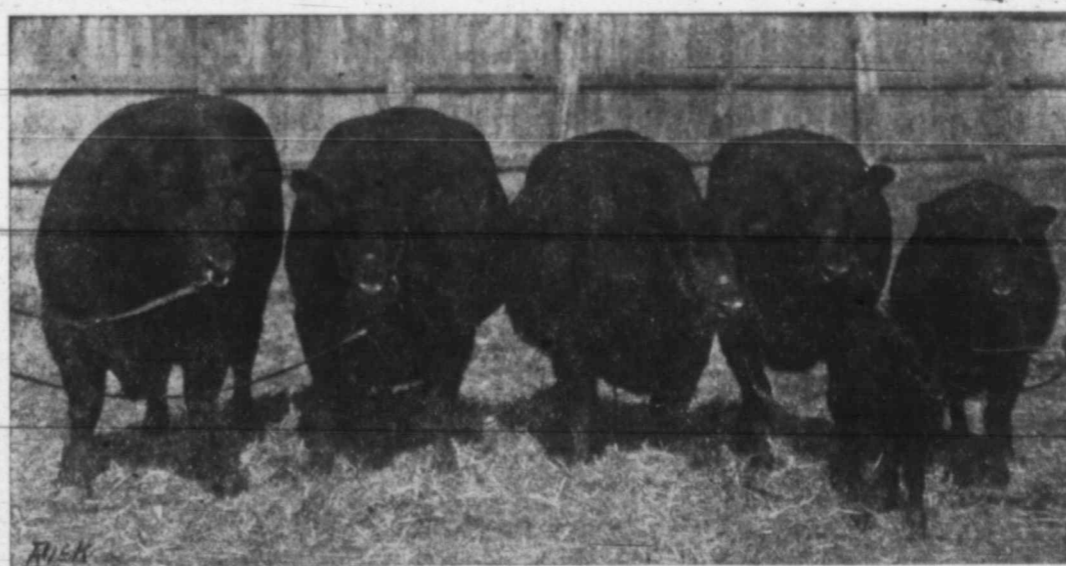
Do you need glasses? See Prof. J. D. Shaw, phone 434. adv 49-1f

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Dr. Bonney, an Iowa physician, has discovered that honey, taken in two tablespoonful doses, five times a day for ten to twenty days, will cure rheu-

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Frank Lick, of Waco, is visiting in Midland.



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## LUCILE MULHALL TO BE IN FT. WORTH

Will Have Big Round-up of Cowboys and Cowgirls at the Big Show in March

The world's greatest horsewoman, Lucille Mulhall, will head a troupe of three of four hundred cowboys and cowgirls who will stage the Lucille Mulhall Round-up in connection with the Fat Stock Show in Fort Worth, March 12th to 17th. In addition to Miss Mulhall there will be any number of women riders and ropers.

The champion cowgirl broncho buster of the world, Clyde Lindsey, of Leody, Okla., will be a participant in practically every event scheduled for cowgirls. This Oklahoma girl won the bucking horse riding championship in 1915 at Sheridan, Wyo., and again in 1916 at Cheyenne, Wyo. She is holder of the championship belt awarded by "The Wild Bunch," the official publication of the cowboy fraternity.

Cowgirls are coming from all over the North American continent. Among them are Lillie Allen, of Phoenix, Ariz.; Mamie Stroud, of Miles City, Mont.; and Præa Rose Henderson, of Pendleton, Oregon, have made application for entry blanks and signified their willingness to take part in the different cowgirl events. The Oregon girl is the champion cowgirl of the Pacific coast and has been a star performer in the "roper buck" hold each year at Pendleton.

Probably never before has such a galaxy of famous riders and ropers assembled under one big top as will be in attendance upon the round-up in Fort Worth. Already seventy-five of the star performers of the fraternity have filed their entry blanks. In all probability there will be 800 or more Texas and Oklahoma cowboys and cowgirls who will sign up for the events before the entry books are closed. "Panama Kid," known in civil life as John R. McSpadden, the daredevil performer is coming to Fort Worth to divide honors with his brethren. Riding bucking horses, bulldozing steers or throwing the hemp over the horns of a plunging bovine do not complete this frontiersman's repertoire. When the United States government was looking for "the man who doesn't care to touch off the dynamite that blew up the mountains and brought the Atlantic and Pacific oceans together at Panama, Panama Kid was settled upon as the one to do the job. The Kid made a trip over Niagara Falls in a barrel and between round-ups at El Paso, Oregon, he indulges in balloon ascensions. For a number of years the Kid traveled with Buffalo Bill and the 101 Ranch circuses. He is also a rope escaper and up to the present time he has yet to be tied successfully.

Tex McLeod of Nogales, Texas, one of the world's famous trouping cowboys, will come for the Round-up.

Sam J. Garrett, who started this western country of horses and cattle, three years ago when he bull-dogged a steer at Pendleton, Oregon, in 23 2-5 seconds, has signed up for the show. Garrett is a roper and a broncho buster.

Fred Wilson, a brother to Homer Wilson, and who holds the world's record for bull-dogging a steer, is already in Fort Worth, and will be a contestant in practically all events. Wilson defeated Ed Lindsey, who had defeated Garrett. Wilson won his laurels at the Sioux City Round-up last year in 7-1 1-2 seconds over Lindsey's time of 7-2 5 seconds. Lindsey will be in Fort Worth ready to win back the championship.

Comedy for the Round-up will be supplied by the Cy Perkins Company. The company is a team of comic ropers, riders and stuntsters. Cy and Samantha, the team, are billed as a "funny couple." They carry with them a mule by the name of Casey, and a very funny jackass. Both Cy and Samantha are fancy shots.

Leonard Stroud, who won the title of champion trick rider of the world at the Stampede last year in New York City, will be a participant in the different events. Stroud is a Texas boy, coming from Clarksville. He is now in Cincinnati.

The meanest horse in Texas, "Red Hoy," has been signed for the week's performances. Red Hoy has a reputation of being the most artistic buckler in all of the Southwest and there are hundreds of West Texas cowboys who can tell just how they felt after they had negotiated the back of this outlaw. For several years Red Hoy's owners have traveled from town to town in West Texas offering big money to the broncho twister who could "set" the horse without pulling the leather. They have been fairly successful in the exhibitions.

During the last week several special stunts and events have been added to the already extensive program. A purse of \$500 has been hung for the winner of the championship bucking horse riding contest for cowgirls. Then there will be a chuck wagon race, a riding contest for ranch boys between the ages of eight and twelve years, an event for amateurs and cowboys off the Fort Worth stock yards and a wild mule race for negro riders.

**CALIFORNIA ORANGE DAY MARCH 10th**

Saturday, March 10th, has been announced as California Orange Day, and will be celebrated throughout the country by hotels, restaurants, commission houses, grocery stores, refreshment parlors, and in railroad dining cars and dining stations.

On this day it is hoped that every man, woman and child will consume at least one orange as a reminder that this is one of the most healthful of all food products. The orange can be prepared deliciously in so many different styles that a great number of people utilize them for each of the days regularly.

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## PANHANDLE AND S. W. DATES

Big Convention of Cowmen Scheduled to Meet in El Paso Next Month, 6th to 8th

Nearly 10,000 invitations have been sent to men and women interested in various branches of the livestock industry throughout the country to attend the annual convention of the Panhandle & Southwestern Stockmen's association which will be held in El Paso March 6th, 7th and 8th, next. Breeders, feeders, brokers, packers and handlers of meat products have been included in the list of those whose presence is desired during the discussion of the many questions of importance to all connected with the livestock industry which will come up for discussion at the El Paso convention.

Following the lead of the American National Livestock association, at its convention held in Cheyenne a few days ago, it is expected that the Panhandle & Southwestern association will demand that the United States take steps to protect American livestock interests in Mexico, now that the Punitive Expedition has been ordered withdrawn. As many of the members of the Panhandle association are actually engaged in the cattle and sheep business in Mexico the question raised at the Cheyenne convention is of particular interest to the cattlemen all along the border.

Another question of absorbing interest which will come up for discussion at the El Paso convention is that of the relations between the cattle and sheep producers and the packers. It is held that the latter have a practical monopoly of the conversion of cattle, sheep and hogs into merchantable meat product and are enabled, thereby, to control the price paid for the raw material as well as of the finished product. The livestock men say that while meat products are higher

priced now than ever before in the history of the meat industry the price of cattle, sheep and hogs is lower than it was two years ago.

As a remedy for the ills of which they complain the breeders and feeders of livestock of all kinds have in mind the establishment of a packing house of their own in Kansas City which will compete with the old established packing plants for the cattle and hogs brought to that market. The proposed independent plant seems to be assured of securing the necessary capital from among the live stock men of the country. Its representatives have made the statement that of the needed \$1,500,000 more than \$900,000 has already been subscribed by the breeders and feeders of live stock and that the balance will be subscribed by cattle and sheep men of the south-

west who will attend the El Paso convention.

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#### RECEIVED MESSAGE OF DEATH OF FATHER

J. V. Hobbs received a message on Tuesday, announcing the death of his father, Mr. Hobbs, at Plainview. Mr. Hobbs left on the evening train to attend the funeral.

Steve Johnson, formerly employed at the Gem barber shop, after an extended absence in East Texas, returned last week and is now employed at the laundry.

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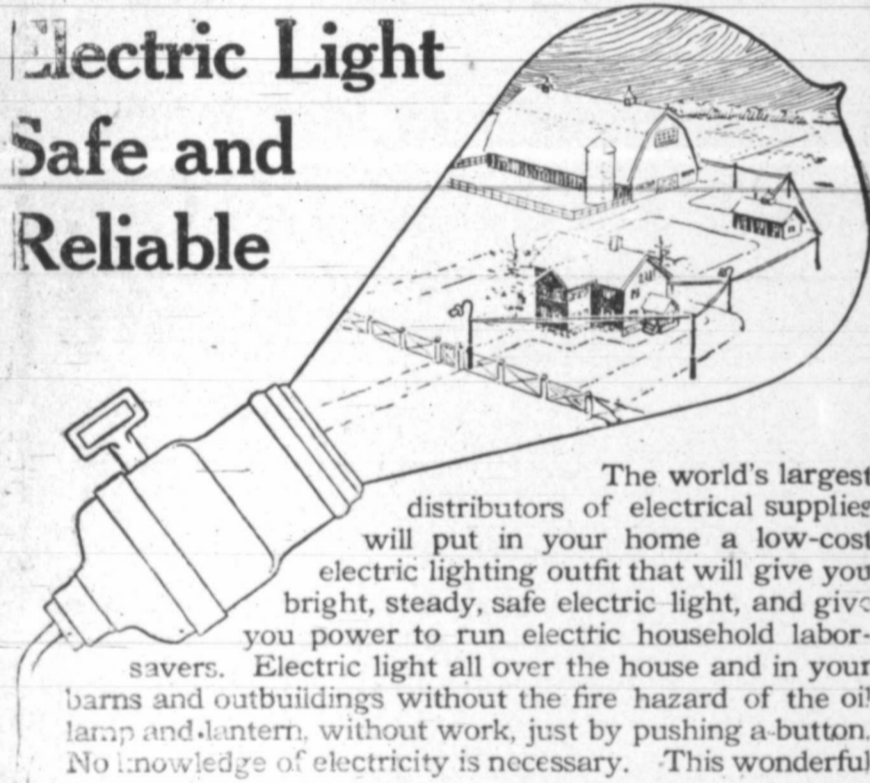
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MONDAY, FEB. 12th

**Billie Burke Night**  
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TUESDAY, FEB. 13th



Special Feature Night

A World "Brady-made" picture, featuring Alice  
Brady in "THE GILDED CAGE"

An LKO Komediy in 2 big reels,  
"THE HIGH DIVER'S CURSE"

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 14th

**Helen Holmes Night**

The 8th episode of the thrilling chapter play,  
"A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS"

Goldseal Feature in 3 reels, "THE TWO ROADS"

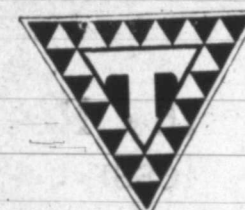
Thursday, Feb. 15th

**Walcamp Night**

The 17th episode of the wonderful Universal serial, "LIBERTY"  
Nestor Comedy "TWO SMALL TOWN-ROMEOS," with Eddie  
Lyons and Lee Moran  
one-reelers, titles not yet announced.

FRIDAY, FEB. 16th

Special Feature Night



A Triangle play  
featuring Bessie  
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Desmond, in "SOR-  
ROWS OF LOVE"

A 2-reel Keystone  
All-Star comedy



with Douglass Fairbanks in  
"THE MYSTERY OF THE LEAPING FISH"

SATURDAY, FEB. 17th

A 101 Bison Feature, "THE GOOD WOMAN"  
An Imp picture, "THE ELUSIVE ENEMY"  
A Victor one-reeler, "A LUCKY LEAP"

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lished therein, but if not, then in any  
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Judicial District; to appear at the  
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Court of Precinct No. 1, Midland  
County, to be holden at Midland in  
said Midland County, on the 26th day  
of February, A. D., 1917, then and  
there to answer a petition filed in  
said Court on the 2nd day of Decem-  
ber, A. D., 1917, in a suit numbered  
on the docket of said Court No. 1310,  
wherein J. V. Smith is Plaintiff, and  
Chas. C. Craver is defendant, and said  
petition alleging that the defendant  
is indebted to the plaintiff in the sum  
of sixty-three dollars and seventy-  
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ber and December, A. D., 1916, as  
evidenced by the sworn itemized ac-  
count.

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fore said Court, at its aforesaid next  
regular term, this writ with your re-  
turn thereon, showing how you have  
executed the same.

Given under my official signature,  
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### MARTIN COUNTY'S ONLY GIN BURNED

Sunday afternoon, a week ago, ac-  
cording to the Stanton Reporter, at  
about 2 o'clock the Harris & Guitard  
gin was discovered to be on fire, and  
before anything could be done to stay  
the ravages of the flames the whole  
structure was a seething mass of fire,  
and the building and contents were  
doomed. In a short time, what was  
once one of the best gins in this sec-  
tion of the State, equipped with all  
modern machinery and appurtenances  
throughout, was but a heap of smok-  
ing ruins.

By heroic efforts, with the aid of a  
favorable wind, the seed house was  
saved. It contained but few seed, and  
the comparative value of this sal-  
vage was small. In the cotton house  
were some ten or twelve bales of seed  
cotton, which was destroyed, as were  
also three bales on the back platform.  
A cow, presumably belonging to  
Paul Konz, had broken into the gin  
and was burned to a crisp.

The origin of the fire is unknown.  
It is thought to have started in the  
cotton house and by force of the pre-  
vailing strong wind was at once trans-  
mitted to the main building, there be-  
ing just room for a driveway between  
the two, and a shed connecting them.  
The loss is estimated at \$11,000  
with \$4,000 insurance; one insurance  
company having cancelled a \$3,500  
policy a few days prior to the fire.

Manager J. A. Harris says it is  
his intention to begin work at once  
on the erection of another gin just as  
complete as the one destroyed, with the  
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plant and it is our prediction that  
many more ranch houses will be so  
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Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Ladies Aid, a copy presented to the family of our deceased sister and that a copy of them be published in The Midland Reporter.

Mrs. Chas. Gibbs, Mrs. Ed Callaway, Mrs. N. A. Hammack.

DRILLING WELLS ON THE HOLLOWAY RANCH

Clark Graham came down from Burl Holloway's ranch near Shafer Lake this week, and reports that he has

drilled two wells and is now drilling a third. One of these wells is 600 feet deep and the water stands at 400 feet. This has been equipped with a 22-1-2 foot Eclipse mill.

BOY SCOUTS ARE NOW MEETING REGULARLY

Activity among the boy scouts has been very noticeable of late. The reason seems to be that they have recently elected E. P. Hornaday as scoutmaster and he has accepted the honor. The scouts are meeting every Friday night and are being instructed in many things good for boys. This is an organization that every boy over 12 years of age ought to belong to, as it develops those manly qualities which we all like to see.

Misses Winifred Stallings and Eunice Guffin, students of Midland College, spent last Sunday visiting friends in Big Spring. They returned Monday on No. 5.

Dee Fry has moved from Denton County and has located on his uncle's farm 6 miles southeast of town.

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AT THE UNIQUE

Billie Burke Scores Big In the past there has been some wonderful serials in Midland in picture shows under different managements, and not only wonderful serials but performed by artists of note, but to our notion there never has been a more charming or versatile actress than Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance." We call her an actress because she is an actress of world-wide fame both in the silent drama and before the foot-lights. Most motion picture actresses are selected for type and not for versatility, but Billie Burke has both and in the serial that is shown every Monday night, what heretofore has been considered an off-night by the management, is now the best night. If you are missing this serial, start in next Monday night and see the "Queen of both the Silent and Speaking Drama," Billie Burke.

A New Serial Booked Starting on March 8th, when Marie Walcamp finishes the Universal serial, "Liberty," Manager Garner has booked two of the old favorites, Grace Cunard and Francis Ford in a serial entitled "The Purple Mask." Judging from press comments and the extensive advertising that this serial is getting in other towns, it will take Midland by storm.

Francis Nelson was seen for the first time last Tuesday evening in a World film, "The Revolt." This young woman is indeed a star of the first magnitude, and her interpretation of the poor shop girl who fought the battle of battles to live a straight life under the most difficult environments was touching and brought tears from the strongest. We wish that every daughter of our fair western country could have witnessed this lesson.

Tonight we will have the pleasure of seeing Mae Marsh and Robt. Haron in "Hoodoo Ann." This is a Tri-angule production—truff serial.

The regular programs of the week have been exceptionally good, including the master serials Marie Walcamp in "Liberty," and Helen Holmes in "The Lass of the Lumberlands." It is still hard to make up our minds who is the greatest spectacular performer, Marie Walcamp or Helen Holmes. Both are having some harrowing experiences in their respective roles, and it is about nip and tuck just which is the favorite.

On last Wednesday night "Ashes," a comedy drama featuring Claire Mercereau, sister of Violet Mercereau, was enjoyed by a pretty fair crowd. This is the initial performance of this young star in Midland, and she was highly appreciated.

We call your very special attention to next week's programs in another column of The Reporter. There are some interesting bills in Triangle, the World "Brady-made," and Universal programs. Read it.

SOME NEWS ITEMS FROM COTTON FLAT

Miss Emily Phillipps entertained a large crowd last Saturday night. All in attendance expressed themselves as having had a good time.

Arthur Oliff is working on the Bryant ranch for a few months. Dick Montgomery spent Saturday night with Mr. T. D. Jones, Jr.

Miss Lencil Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Etta Locklar. There was a large crowd out at church last Sunday. We hope the sandstorm did not scare you off for another time.

The singing given by Miss Mayme Locklar on last Sunday night was a success.

Misses Leona Clifford, Flora Elam and Byrdie and Dovie Brown spent Saturday night with Miss Byrdie Hays.

T. D. Jones, Jr., has been away for a while. Phil Flood, Frank Ward and A. J. Oliff have been away from home doing carpenter work.

Miss Lora Flood and Mrs. Mack Taylor have left for Rannels County for a few weeks' visit.

Everybody in Cotton Flat have been bothered a little with colds and influenza, but we are glad to say they are better now.

If the cold weather don't freeze some of us we will be able to write again next week.

Little Misses Edna and Alice Parisher spent Saturday night with Little Misses Fay and Emma Selman. Miss Sarah Oliff spent Saturday night with home folk.

Miss O'Blank.

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Dr. Buchanan, as usual, will be in his Midland office Saturday. adv

Bill Wyche, cowman from ten miles south of Odessa, was in town this week.

J. T. Poole returned the first of the week from a visit to his father and other relatives at Waco.

C. W. Cochran, of De Leon, fireman on the M. K. & T. Ry., is here for a few days recreation.

R. L. Grey, of Lamesa, was here this week on business. He ordered The Reporter sent to him.

E. W. Windham, of Upton County, was in town this week on business. While here he ordered The Reporter.

C. F. Faith, of Dallas, auditor of the Southern Ice and Utilities Company, was a visitor to Midland this week.

Guy Stark, merchant of Seminole, and C. E. Rollins, auto dealer of that little city, were business visitors to Midland this week.

B. F. Britton and L. D. Wall are here from Fort Worth this week. Mr. Wall is visiting Mrs. Barbara Wall for a short time.

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But our Show Windows, Show Cases and Cabinets SPEAK LOUDLY

of the new things that are daily arriving—Dame Fashion's newest and most exclusive styles in Spring Garments—are being shown in our Balcony. New Suits, New Dresses, Coats, Blouses and Skirts. We are also showing some beauties in new Spring Hats.

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# THE MIDLAND REPORTER

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## MORE MATERIALS FOR M. & N. W.

Ties and Steel Have Been Received While Many Shipments are Now in Transit

Other than that some car loads of materials have been received this week and unloaded and that many more are in transit, there is no particular news of the Midland & Northwestern. It has practically all been told in the last few preceding issues of The Reporter. The grading crews are now rapidly drawing to a conclusion their work, and even now there are wide stretches ready for track-laying.

The contract for track-laying, we understand, has been let, and procedure of this work is only delayed by the tardiness of shipments. Bills of lading are in the hands of the company, and it is only a matter of waiting for the arrival of bolts, spikes, etc., which have been on the way for more than a week.

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Special Notice—Tomorrow we mail statements of subscription accounts to all our out-of-town subscribers who are in arrears. We are also discontinuing their subscriptions. We ask that they remit at once if they care for the paper. Midland will pull off some interesting stunts during the present year and you will want to know about them. They will be worth \$1.50 to you, so we urge that you renew at once.

rates to Lubbock and Midland for freight destined to Seminole and other points in the new era.

As a result of tariff 2-B, the rate from Wichita to Lubbock, a distance of 466 miles, is 93 cents on first-class freight. From Fort Worth to Lubbock, a distance of 324 miles, the rate is \$1.13. Oklahoma City has practically the same rate as Wichita. Kansas City pays a rate of \$1.44 to Lubbock.

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## LOCATION OF AN A. & M. COLLEGE WEST

Bill Likely to Become a Law That Presents Splendid Opportunity For Midland

The bill creating the West Texas A. & M. College has passed both houses of the State Legislature, and is now before the Governor for his signature. This measure, being a platform demand, will no doubt meet the approval of the governor and become a law; thus giving, in a small measure, recognition of the coming importance of West Texas in State politics as well as in recognition of the industrial development that is taking place in this part of the State. No measure in the last decade has been enacted into law that will have such a far-reaching effect in placing Texas in the front rank as one of the greatest States in the Union as the passing of this bill creating the West Texas A. & M. College.

But one of the greatest mistakes can yet be made, and it would minimize the good to come from creating this college. Should the committee fail to make the proper selection of the place that the most good could be accomplished from an agricultural standpoint, it would be better not to have created it at all. Enterprising towns have already invaded the field to have the location made with a view to gratifying their civic pride and local ambition, but not taking into consideration the fact this college is for the betterment of the whole western part of the State as well as the State at large.

While the location of this college is being considered it would be well for the people of Midland to come to life and take such steps as are necessary to place the name of Midland before the committee and give them to understand that Midland is the logical location for such an institution.

People with wide awake citizens, with the finest prospects of becoming one of the most substantial and up-to-date cities in the State, surrounded by the finest country, that only needs the stimulus of a good agricultural education to make it the garden spot of the world, Midland is logically located. Situated on the foot of the South Plains, she has as her tributary territory all of the North Plains as well as all the country lying south, that would feel the stimulating effect of the location of this institution here midway between Fort Worth and El Paso. Midland will soon be connected up with the North Plains by the Santa Fe and the Midland & Northwestern railroads, while at no distant date a line will penetrate to a connection with some line of rail already built on the south, so why not locate this college where it is already needed and will be more and more needed as the country grows and develops.

Further, why not locate this college near some of the lands that have been given away for the development of other parts of the State? Why not let this college be located where it will serve the purpose of studying conditions both on the plains and the lower country? No other city so far mentioned is so located that offers

such conditions to be studied.

## MIDLAND NEEDS A LOT OF STIRRING UP

There is Promise of a Lot of Near Future Development—We Lack Civic Pride

Now that the building of the Midland & Northwestern Railway is an assured fact, and the future greatness of the city of Midland depends on the progressiveness of our property owners, it will be the duty of The Reporter to call attention, from time to time, to some of the civic needs of Midland. The most crying need of the hour is the proper installation of an up to date sewer system; but we understand that the city fathers are working on this proposition, and if such is the case, no doubt proper steps are being taken that will insure for Midland this needed improvement. More of this, however, in a near future comment.

Another need that would add to the beauty and the convenience of the public would be proper steps taken for the paving of Main Street from the depot up to and past the churches. The street is now in a very deplorable condition, with its rough and uneven surface and at this time it would be a waste of money to undertake to remedy the situation except the same be done properly, and this can only be done by paving with a good class of permanent pavement.

The civic improvements that are made permanent are investments that add to the value of property, and none more so than paving. We should indeed like to see a spirit of civic pride strike Midland in some vital spot. Midland is the best town and Midland people the best people we ever saw, but the whole caboodle need a bit of stirring—a good good bit of it, to be sure.

The location of this college is in the hands of the governor, the president of the A. & M. College, and the superintendent of public instruction. No bonus will be asked and \$50,000 is set aside for the purchase of a location and the sum of \$500,000 has been appropriated to erect the buildings, all to be paid by the State. Midland needs this college and the college needs to be located in the Midland Country to accomplish the best results in the educational advancement of the youth of the West.

Midland is clean, both physically and morally, has good church accommodations a fine public school, and is the site of Midland College, which shows that the people of the West are alive to the higher education, and will support the efforts of any commendable institution.

Midland can have most anything the people of Midland go after, so why not get busy and go after the location of this college? Some enterprising citizen might call a meeting and talk the matter over, then get down to business. Whatever mountains seem to be in the way, lay your plans and take steps to remove them, and ere the smoke of battle has cleared away the sound of the busy artisan will be sweet music to the ears of those who dare and win.

Dr. B. King, of Eunice, N. M., was in town this week, in the market for steer calves.

## TODAY THE LAST OF TRUETT MEETING

Distinguished Baptist Divine Leaves This Evening After a Week in Our Little City

It is no longer an occasion for surprise to Midland people generally when it is stated in their presence that Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, has been offered such pastorates as the First Baptist church of Boston, that of Brooklyn, N. Y., and others no less important, nor, even, that calls have been offered him from metropolitan centers of Europe, among them London; for at last nearly all of Midland have heard him, and have come somewhat to a knowledge of his true greatness. Not but what Dr. Truett has preached in Midland before, and many times. He was here for a meeting less than a year ago, and several times prior to that occasion. In fact, Dr. Truett said from the pulpit that he comes to Midland more than to any other one place, and never-forgingly enjoys his visits here most.

At the morning hour today, from 10 to 11, he will close a series of sermons that have lasted since a week ago last night, and Midland has enjoyed a wonderful spiritual uplift by reason thereof. The writer feels that perhaps he has never heard a man who preached with a sweeter spirit toward mankind. Every word is an admonition, a plea for Jesus' sake, and falls in tenderness and in love. He labors as the Savior did, and day by day and night by right large congregations have hung with hushed interest upon his every word, lest some gem of truth be missed and uncherished and lost to the joyous collection he has so liberally bestowed upon the hearts of those who would receive, since coming to us a week ago.

Dr. Truett is loved by Midland Baptists and universally esteemed by all deservedly. We find him great and good and true and tender, and upon his departure this evening a thousand hearts will breathe in prayer and song that God be with him till we meet again.

MRS. J. W. BLEDSOE DIED YESTERDAY

The Reporter extends the most profound sympathy to J. W. Bledsoe and three children, who lost wife and mother yesterday forenoon, about 10:30 o'clock. Of the three children the last is an infant of but a few weeks, and in her weakened condition she developed appendicitis, was operated on and died at the hour stated above. The remains were shipped to her old home at Whitney, Texas, for interment. The family have only lived in Midland a few months, yet our entire community will join in tendering this expression of sympathy to the bereaved.

Mr. Sam H. Anderson and Mrs. Myrtle Beauchamp Jones were united in marriage at the Methodist parsonage Monday, the 12th inst., at 3:30, Rev. J. W. Cowan officiating.

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## MONTHLY REPORT OF CITY SCHOOLS

Fifth Month Shows Enrollment of 704 with Average Daily Attendance 96.51 Per Cent

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Total number enrolled to date, 704. Number in school during 5th month, 621.

Average daily attendance for the fifth month, 96.51 per cent. Enrollment this time last year 648.

Record by Rooms

Mr. Nelson's room: Enrollment, 31; attendance, 97.78 per cent; tardies, 2.

Mr. Henry's room: Enrollment, 38; attendance, 97.67 per cent; tardies, 6.

Miss Tanner's room: Enrollment, 38; attendance, 97.26 per cent; tardies, 3.

Miss Lucile Davis' room: Enrollment, 37; attendance, 96.08 per cent; tardies, 2.

Mr. Johnson's room: Enrollment, 39; attendance, 94.24 per cent; tardies, 1.

Miss Kelley's room: Enrollment, 37; attendance, 98.37 per cent; tardies, 2.

Miss Randle's room: Enrollment, 41; attendance, 98.35 per cent; tardies, 3.

Miss Graves' room: Enrollment, 60; attendance, 95.74 per cent; tardies, 8.

Mrs. Gentry's room: Enrollment, 63; attendance, 95.31 per cent; tardies, 3.

Mr. Hornaday's room: Enrollment, 43; attendance, 98.32 per cent; tardies, none.

Miss Talley's room: Enrollment, 35; attendance, 98.06 per cent; tardies, none.

Miss Williams' room: Enrollment, 46; attendance, 96.94 per cent; tardies, 1.

Miss Smith's room: Enrollment, 32; attendance, 97.18 per cent; tardies, 2.

Miss Lorraine Davis' room: Enrollment, 29; attendance, 97.05 per cent; tardies, 1.

Mrs. Nelson's room: Enrollment, 24; attendance, 95.05 per cent; tardies, 5.

Miss Henkel's room: Enrollment, 38; attendance, 96.61 per cent; tardies, 1.

Mrs. Harris' room: Enrollment, 63; attendance, 96.81 per cent; tardies, 5.

Number of Failures

In the high school, 19, or 14.72 per cent.

In Central Ward, 12, or 5.82 per cent.

In South Ward, 15, or 5.24 per cent.

Total number passing, 92.60 per cent.

Highest Averages

In the high school, Duncan Garner, ninth grade, 96.2-5.

In Central Ward, Mayer Hall, low sixth grade, 98.1-3.

In South Ward, H. B. Dunagan, Jr., low fourth grade, 94.

Visitations by superintendent, 46.

Visitations by others 35.

Class Rank and Roll of Honor

High School

Eleventh grade: 1st Lee Terry, 2nd Annie Mae Patterson.

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#### RESOLUTIONS OF RESPECT

Whereas, it has pleased Almighty God to take from us our beloved sister, Bettie Smith, to a nobler and better service; and,  
Whereas, the members of Circle No. 2, Ladies Aid of the Baptist church, has lost one of its most earnest workers, be it therefore  
Resolved, that the members extend their most heartfelt sympathies to her bereaved family in their hour of sorrow; and be it further  
Resolved, that these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of the Ladies Aid, a copy presented to the family of our deceased sister and that a copy of them be published in The Midland Reporter.

Mrs. Chas. Gibbs,  
Mrs. Ed Callaway,  
Mrs. N. A. Hammack.

#### DRILLING WELLS ON THE HOLLOWAY RANCH

Clark Graham came down from Burl Holloway's ranch near Shafer Lake this week, and reports that he has

drilled two wells and is now drilling a third. One of these wells is 600 feet deep and the water stands at 400 feet. This has been equipped with a 22 1-2 foot Eclipse mill.

#### BOY SCOUTS ARE NOW MEETING REGULARLY

Activity among the boy scouts has been very noticeable of late. The reason seems to be that they have recently elected E. P. Hornaday as scoutmaster and he has accepted the honor. The scouts are meeting every Friday night and are being instructed in many things good for boys. This is an organization that every boy over 12 years of age ought to belong to, as it develops those many qualities which we all like to see.  
Misses Winifred Stallings and Eunice Guffin, students of Midland College, spent last Sunday visiting friends in Big Spring. They returned Monday on No. 5.

Dee Fry has moved from Denton County and has located on his uncle's farm 6 miles southeast of town.

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#### AT THE UNIQUE

**Billie Burke Scores Big**  
In the past there has been some wonderful serials in Midland in picture shows under different managements, and not only wonderful serials but performed by artists of note, but to our notion there never has been a more charming or versatile actress than Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance." We call her an actress because she is an actress of world-wide fame both in the silent drama and before the foot-lights. Most motion picture actresses are selected for type and not for versatility, but Billie Burke has both and in the serial that is shown every Monday night, what heretofore has been considered an off-night by the management, is now the best night. If you are missing this serial, start in next Monday night and see the "Queen of both the Silent and Speaking Drama," Billie Burke.

**A New Serial Booked**  
Starting on March 8th, when Marie Walcamp finishes the Universal serial, "Liberty," Manager Garner has booked two of the old favorites, Grace Cunard and Francis Ford in a serial entitled "The Purple Mask." Judging from press comments and the extensive advertising that this serial is getting in other towns, it will take Midland by storm.

Francis Nelson was seen for the first time last Tuesday evening in a World film, "The Revolt." This young woman is indeed a star of the first magnitude, and her interpretation of the poor shop girl who fought the battle of battles to live a straight life under the most difficult environments was touching and brought tears from the strongest. We wish that every daughter of our fair western country could have witnessed this lesson.

Tonight we will have the pleasure of seeing Mae Marsh and Robt. Haron in "Hoodoo Ann." This is a Triangle production—nuff sed.

The regular programs of the week have been exceptionally good, including the master serials Marie Walcamp in "Liberty," and Helen Holmes in "The Lass of the Lumberlands." It is still hard to make up our minds who is the greatest spectacular performer, Marie Walcamp or Helen Holmes. Both are having some harrowing experiences in their respective roles, and it is about nip and tuck just which is the favorite.

On last Wednesday night "Ashes," a comedy drama featuring Claire Mersereau, sister of Violet Mersereau, was enjoyed by a pretty fair crowd. This is the initial performance of this young star in Midland, and she was highly appreciated.

We call your very special attention to next week's programs in another column of The Reporter. There are some interesting bills in Triangle, the World "Brady-made," and Universal programs. Read it.

#### SOME NEWS ITEMS FROM COTTON FLAT

Miss Emily Philippa entertained a large crowd last Saturday night. All in attendance expressed themselves as having had a good time.

Arthur Oliff is working on the Bryant ranch for a few months.

Dick Montgomery spent Saturday night with Mr. T. D. Jones, Jr.

Miss Lencil Jones spent Saturday night with Miss Etta Locklar.

There was a large crowd out at church last Sunday. We hope the sandstorm did not scare you off for another time.

The singing given by Miss Mayme Locklar on last Sunday night was a success.

Misses Leona Clifford, Flora Elam and Byrdie and Dovie Brown spent Saturday night with Miss Byrdie Hays.

T. D. Jones, Jr., has been away for a while.

Phil Flood, Frank Ward and A. J. Oliff have been away from home doing carpenter work.

Miss Lora Flood and Mrs. Mack Taylor have left for Eunnels County for a few weeks' visit.

Everybody in Cotton Flat have been bothered a little with colds and grippe, but we are glad to say they are better now.

If the cold weather don't freeze some of us we will be able to write next week's news.

Little Misses Edna and Alice Parisher spent Saturday night with Little Misses Fay and Emma Selman.

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Miss O'Blank.

#### LOCAL AND PERSONAL

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Bill Wyche, cowman from ten miles south of Odessa, was in town this week.

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C. A. McClintic returned Wednesday from a visit to Andrews County, proud parents of a bouncing baby boy, where he went to look after about 450 born last Tuesday, Feb. 6th, and who cattle they have on pasture there. Helps the beam at 10 pounds. All parays everything out there in fineries doing well, including Jess. The Reporter extends congratulations.

## OUR ADVERTISING MAN IS AWAY

# But our Show Windows, Show Cases and Cabinets SPEAK LOUDLY

of the new things that are daily arriving—Dame Fashion's newest and most exclusive styles in Spring Garments—are being shown in our Balcony. New Suits, New Dresses, Coats, Blouses and Skirts. We are also showing some beauties in new Spring Hats.

Miss Stohl, our Milliner, will be here next week

We have already received a handsome line of Men's Spring Suits, Silk Shirts and Shoes. Call and fix up—for Spring is coming sure. As our buyers send them out we are showing them. Call and see us.

## EVERYBODY'S