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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.

Incidentally, too, we may state that the Santa Fe Company, which is now building a branch road out from Lubbock to the southwest, and which was chartered to stop out nine miles from Seminole, has amended its charter calling for a present terminus. In the event that this is the intent of the Santa Fe, it does not take so very much wisdom to look into an immediate and very bright future for Seminole. Surrounded, as it is, by a country so rich in agricultural and stock-raising promise, and the very heart of an already large and prosperous region, jobbers and other commercialists are already taking steps to capture the new trade territory that will be opened up by reason of the two lines of railroad that are so soon to be temporarily terminated at Seminole. Evidencing this conclusion we note the following comment in last Sunday's issue of the Fort Worth Star-Telegram:

"Far-sighted Fort Worth jobbers already have taken steps to capture a new trade territory of about 6,000 square miles in the Staked Plains country of Texas and New Mexico which is to be opened up within the next six months.

"The new jobbing territory, embracing the counties of Andrews, Gaines, Terry, Yoshum and parts of others in Texas, and most of the famous and equally as fertile Eddy county in New Mexico, belongs to Fort Worth by right of location and railroad connections, but Fort Worth jobbers anticipate a lively fight with Kansas City, Wichita and Oklahoma City.

"The land is on the lines of the Santa Fe extension southwest from Lubbock and the Midland & Northwestern under construction northwest from Midland—both roads, destined for Seminole. Work is being hurried on both lines.

"Freight rates into the new country favor Fort Worth over all centers but Oklahoma City and Wichita. Although those cities are much further away than Fort Worth, through the alleged inequities of existing freight rates they are given a lower rate.

"Lubbock and Midland are the gateways to the new territory. Differential rates will be added to the existing

NEWS ITEMS HELD TILL NEXT ISSUE

Big Cattle Sales, District and Commissioners' Court Proceedings, Etc., All Held Over.

This morning some special advertising came in and necessitated the holding over of a number of special news items until our next issue. Among these were big cattle sales by Geo. D. Elliott, G. L. Brown & Son, C. P. Beaudet, S. R. Preston, J. Tom White and others; report of district court proceedings, return of our buyers from markets, death of infant of Mrs. Mattie Brown, and a number of local brevities, all of which will have attention in our next issue. We invite the attention of the reader to the fact that we cannot financially afford to leave out an advertisement, while news items will keep.

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.

"However, Fort Worth jobbers will find a cheaper way to Seminole via Midland. The rate to Midland from Fort Worth is \$1.07, while differentials on most freight which have already been published for the Midland & Northwestern show that the cost to Seminole will be less than 10 cents higher on practically all freight.

"Some Fort Worth jobbers have already established connections at Seminole.

"The rail distance to Seminole from leading jobbing centers, when the new extensions are completed, will be as follows:

"Fort Worth to Seminole, 307 miles; El Paso to Seminole, 377 miles; Wichita to Seminole, 466 miles; Kansas City to Seminole, 751 miles."

We may add that Burton-Lingo Company, who operate lumber yards in so many towns in Texas, among them Midland, is already on the ground at Seminole, have effected leases and they will probably be operating a lumber yard there even before these railroads get in.

And these are but initial suggestions of Seminole's growth; merely first suggestions. In the course of a few years it would not much surprise us that Midland may have to look to her laurels as "Queen City of the South Plains."

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 stimulus of a good agricultural education to make it the garden spot of the world, Midland is logically located. Situated on the feet 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 railways, 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

MIDLAND NEEDS A LOT OF STIRRING UP

There is Promise of a Lot of New 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.

such conditions to be studied.

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.

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 into 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 night his sermons 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 us 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.

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

MONTHLY REPORT OF CITY SCHOOLS

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

The fifth month of the present session of our city schools closed Friday Feb. 2nd, 1917, with the following record for the month: 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 Tarmer'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, 52; 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.
Miss Harris' room: Enrollment, 63; attendance, 90.81 per cent; tardies, 5.

Number of Failures

In the 5th 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, 92.69 per cent.

Highest Averages

In the high school, Duncan Garner, ninth grade, 96.25.
In Central Ward, Mayer Hall, low sixth grade, 98.1-3.
In South Ward, H. R. 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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AT THE UNIQUE

A Great Spectacular Coming "The Fall of a Nation," by the same author of "The Birth of a Nation," comes to the Unique March the 10th.

"The Hidden Scar" Next Tuesday night "The Hidden Scar," in a William A. Brady World Picture featuring Ethel Clayton and Holbrook Blinn.

This is a Triangle feature starring Willie Collier, Jr. This boy actor had "The Bugle Call" written especially for him by C. Gardner Sullivan.

The crowd Monday night to see the romantic feature, "Gloria's Romance" was large, and Billie Burke was more charming than ever.

Helen Holmes in "The Lass of the Lumberlands," on Wednesday night, will have to go some now, if she competes with Marie Walcamp in "Liberty."

All the other comedies, dramas, etc. of the week were highly pleasing and next week's program found elsewhere in this issue, is more so.

Miss Jewell Williamson, who has been a victim of typhoid fever for a month past, we are glad to report is now beginning to improve.

We are sorry to report that Lee S. Evans and family have left us, moving the first of the week to Albuquerque, N. M.

J. T. Rowsey came in Tuesday from East Texas, on the way to Seminole, where he has been for the past few years, in the mercantile business.

T. H. Stevenson, insurance man, of Dallas, was a business visitor to Midland the first of the week.

C. W. Washman and wife, of Slaton, Texas, were visitors to Midland this week.

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SYNOPSIS.

Rupert Holmes, a lumberman of the North Woods, disappointed at becoming the father of a daughter instead of a son, abandons his wife and child to the log-jammed river.

"Dollar" Holmes was in a dilemma. At the rate of construction just reported to him by Jim Behrens, his chief of crooked diplomacy, the lumber road, for construction of which he had been compelled to issue notes aggregating more than a quarter of a million dollars, would be completed to Shady creek by the sixteenth of the month.

"Well, if you know any way to stop that gang working double shifts under Dawson and his gang of bosses, with that infernal girl, Helen Dawson, lecturing the shifts as they go out for speed, why, just give orders and we'll carry 'em out. As for me, I don't see what's to be done."

"Done," roared Holmes, rising from his chair, kicking it back against the office wall and stamping up and down the floor like an angry bear.

Holmes face became livid with rage. He had recognized for some time a growing tendency on the part of Behrens and his gang of thugs to resent his treatment of them, but so ingrained was his habit of abuse that he with difficulty restrained himself from attacking the foreman who stood glaring at him defiantly.

"Enough of this," growled the magnate. "I tell you we've got to get that gang off the work. Here's a piece of paper that will probably do the trick. I've just received a wire that they've struck gold up on Eleven Mile Bend and all kinds of hoooes are chasing it there with packs from fifty miles around. All you've got to do is to spread the news in Dawson's shacks and he won't have a baker's dozen on the work next morning."

So it came about that within twenty-four hours Dawson's work shacks buzzed with excitement. An exaggerated version of the gold strike on Eleven Mile Bend had been circulated among them, and the uneasiness of the men presaged trouble. In vain Dawson and his son Tom, with Helen eagerly assisting, tried to stem the tide.

"That settles it," growled Dawson, as the last half dozen of his shiftless band started away with their pay in their pockets and somewhat shame-

faced expressions of regret at leaving the works. "Do you mean that we're going to give up?" demanded Helen, her black eyes blazing with anger.

"Well," pondered the elder man, "it's well worth trying. Helen, if it were not for you we'd have probably tossed this thing in the air long ago."

"We'll never quit," snapped the girl. When Helen and Tom reached Capitol City the streets were crowded with idle men. They were gathered in groups about the employment agencies and loafing on the edges of the walks.

"Curry's agency was the nearest at hand. Into this office strode Helen, followed by Tom. The wily little man behind the desk jumped to his feet at Helen's demand for a hundred men. Here was a fat commission. Sure he could get them and would, forthwith.

"Line them up then," snapped Helen. "We'll have a work special ready to run them out tonight. Three-fifty a day and all found. I'll be back in an hour."

Not a man was in sight. Curry sat behind his desk, his little eyes half-shut. He stared at Helen with a grin on his face.

"Where are the men?" she demanded. "Can't get 'em," snorted the agent. "The loafers won't go out for three-fifty."

"Offer them three-seventy-five—four dollars," interrupted the young contractor. Curry's face broke into a broad smile.

"Say," he chuckled, "you couldn't hire any men from this office for love or money—any kind of money—we can't do business with you, see?"

"Holmes," gasped Tom, "he's queered the deal." Helen turned without a word and left the office with Tom at her heels. On the step outside she halted. Who was the tall athletic-looking youth waving his hand and advancing toward her? Why, who but Little Bear, son of the old Chief Black Bear, friend of her husband, son of the man murdered in his blind rage more than twenty years before by "Dollar" Holmes.

Helen greeted the young fellow heartily. With a voice that bespoke her industry she related the situation out on the grade, her efforts to get men and the counter plotting of Holmes and his agents.

"Come on to the game—I'll get a box for you—after that, watch me—I'll get those men or blow up the old devil's offices," laughed Little Bear. It was a smashing game—the big match of the year, and Little Bear won it for the Capitol City eleven kicking three goals from the field. He was the popular hero. It was rumored among the men before the crowd had had time to disperse, that Little Bear's plan was developed.

Jumping into a box, still in his playing togs, the young athlete made a speech, relating the dilemma of the independent lumbermen and calling for one hundred volunteers. The crowd was thrilled. One man stepped forward, then two or three together. At last scores caught the infection and within a few minutes a hundred and fifty men were ready to board the train at the wages offered.

Tom Dawson rushed to the telegraph office with a brief message scrawled by Helen. "We win," it read; "get ready for tomorrow. In on special tonight."

"H'm," grunted Holmes, as he perused the message, taken off the wire by one of his operators, "that means quick action for us."

"Five minutes later Behrens, hastily summoned, was in the magnate's office. Holmes was not excited now. He was cool and sharp as a steel trap.

"Get Dearing's bunch of roughnecks together," ordered Holmes; "that gang's going north on a special at eight o'clock. Collect the outfit at Sleepy Hollow and you know the rest. That train will have a block signal against it at the Hollow and you can pull the crew off. Let the gang walk back. It'll do 'em good. Don't stand any nonsense but no more shooting than absolutely necessary. Get me?"

strike-breaker and private detective, had surrounded himself. Mounted on cow ponies, the aggregation of train wreckers started for Sleepy Hollow by a devious route. Dearing had his instructions.

The rails were laid, though, and although they rode hard, Dearing and his men arrived only just in time to put their scheme into execution. In fact, the special with its load of workmen was already whistling for the junction when Dearing tied his pony to the platform ring. An instant later Nixon, the agent, stood with his back against a wall while the block signal was set against the work train.

On board the train, Helen riding with Tom, the engineer, no trouble was suspected. The block signal meant "Stop," so the train stopped. Tom pulled McNeil and his fireman, the latter staring into a pistol muzzle as he hit the ground, oil can in hand. A few feet away McNeil was similarly treated. At that instant Little Bear, who was in charge of the work crew, took a snapshot with his Winchester, .45 at Dearing, and neatly clipped that gentleman on the shoulder with a leaden slug.

Simultaneously there came a volley from the Dearing gang, and two men on flatters dropped. The volley was returned by Little Bear and his men, the shooting becoming general, as the first panic following Dearing's collapse was overcome.

Then the train began to move. Slowly it crawled forward, the gang of gunmen dismounting and running to catch the side trips.

Helen Holmes was at the throttle. With a wrench, she threw the lever wide open, and Dearing's gangsters were either tossed from their holds or shot as they hung on, to drop in the ditch by the right of way. It was some little while.

Helen, her hair loose and streaming out in the wind, her hand on the lever, her eyes blazing—the cub in which she stood spattered with bullets—ran the ganglet to safety and then, with a sigh of satisfaction, settled back on her seat for the run to Dawson.

Sitting in his office, Holmes received word of the fiasco that had followed his careful planning. His evil visage was inflamed with passion. Had Helen been there then, his knowledge that she was his own child would not have saved the young girl from his wrath.

"Behrens," he roared, "that d—d fool Behrens. If we don't all go to



Holmes Receives News of the Fiasco.

What Holmes realized was that, despite all his scheming, Dawson's contract would probably be completed on time and the notes he was unable to pay would be presented at the Capitol City bank for settlement on the sixteenth.

But to a man of Holmes' temperment discouragement was never prolonged. Within fifteen minutes he was casting about for some new plan to beguile the Dawsons, and as he sat pondering an idea came to him that caused his face to expand in a broad grin.

"By G—, I'll get 'em yet," he muttered, jumping to his feet and rushing for the telegraph office like a man possessed of but one idea. What the plan was that had restored the old plotters' equanimity was not at once revealed.

Meanwhile the work train with its half-dozen wounded men and its intrepid young engineer rolled safely into Dawson. Helen was as black as a sweep with flying coal dust, and Tom Dawson, her fireman, blacker still. But no happier engine crew ever rolled into the town than this one was.

Helen was lifted from the cab by strong-armed men, who literally wept over her in their pride at her achievement. The new gang, thrilled by the young girl's bravery, declared to a man that there would be no let-up until the Shady Creek grade was finished.

"What did I tell you?" laughed Helen, as Dawson the elder took her in his arms; "but wait," she added. "We owe it all to Little Bear. He is the one we must thank for our new crew."

Little Bear, a smear of blood from a flesh wound in his scalp marring one side of his olive-skinned countenance, grinned derisively. "Take it from me," he laughed—"Helen would move a mountain with a brace of toothpicks if she made up her mind to do it. It was her pull that brought this gang here, but I'm on the job. We'll start work bright and early."

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FRIDAY, FEB. 16, 1917

In Society

Officers Elected

The annual election of officers of the ladies of the Cemetery Association was held the first Friday in February, as follows:

Mrs. Chas. Edwards, president; Mrs. Margaret Watts, vice president; Mrs. Frank Norwood, 2nd vice president; Mrs. C. A. Goldsmith, 3rd vice president; Mrs. Ada Lynch, secretary and treasurer.

The Association is planning to make some improvements in the walks and drives at the cemetery, and set out trees. Every member that is in areas with dues is urged to pay as the Association will need money to make these improvements.

The ladies of the Cemetery Association will give a Martha Washington tea Thursday afternoon Feb. 22nd, at the residence of Mrs. Ella Youngblood. A free will offering will be taken. All are cordially invited to attend.

A Beautiful Valentine Party

More than a week ago about a hundred invitations, daintily suggestive of the approaching Valentine season, were issued by Mrs. Henry M. Half and Mrs. W. L. Holmsley. In response a large number of ladies gathered in the attractive, commodious reception suite of the Half residence on Wednesday afternoon at three o'clock. The archways were hung with crimson festooning, interspersed with hearts of many sizes. Graceful bouquets of red carnations and ferns arranged in tall vases were placed on the book cases and mantels. After cordial greetings by the hostesses, heart-shaped score cards bearing fortunes were passed so that partners and places for the games of Auction and Bridge and forty-two were soon found and the fun was on immediately. The small daughters of the home, Ernestine and Ray Elizabeth, two dear little sprites appropriately costumed as cupids, distributed quaint little "Cupid-cut-outs" to the



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winners as they passed from table to table. When six games had been played a count was made, then the prizes were awarded. The first prizes, beautifully bound booklets entitled "To My Valentine" written by Rogers were won by Mrs. L. C. Majors in "42" and by Mrs. Ed Callaway in bridge, while the consolation trophies, black cat needle books, were given to Mrs. T. S. Patterson and Mrs. Chas. B. Gibbs.

The tables were then spread with luncheon cloths attractively bordered with hearts looped with garlands of ribbon and flowers. The delicious luncheon consisted of creamed oysters, cheese balls, eggs, Tindale salad, celery, hot buttered rolls, coffee, French

of such extreme pleasure that the. The entire afternoon was one confectious and mints. Little cupids perched upon red hearts were the hostesses, who already enjoyed enviable reputations as entertainers without equals, were showered with expressions of appreciation by the guests as they reluctantly departed.

The '99 Club

The regular meeting of the '99 Club was held with Mrs. N. A. Hammack Tuesday afternoon with a splendid attendance. A lot of merriment was caused by the comic Valentines which were given in response to roll-call. Mrs. F. E. Rankin conducted an interesting lesson on Columbia, a South American Republic. A paper dealing with the natural resources and the development of Columbia was read by Mrs. Jennie Collum. After a brief session during which time there was an informal discussion in regard to the course of study for the next year, the club adjourned to meet with Mrs. H. A. Leaverton two weeks hence.

Priscilla Club

The members of the Priscilla Club enjoyed an unusually pleasant afternoon as guests of Mrs. Brooks Pemberton yesterday. Some spent the time in talking, some with crochet and others with embroidery. As the afternoon drew to a close the hostess invited the guests to the dining room where they were seated around a sumptuously spread table. Suffice it to say that each and every one did justice to the dainty viands so carefully and wonderfully prepared. Several delightful musical numbers by Misses Mittie Ingham, Allene Pemberton and Dr. Leonard Pemberton were enjoyed. Beside the club members those present were Mrs. J. M. Flanigan, Mrs. Frank Ingham and Miss Myrtle Tanner.

Mrs. F. F. Gary, of Big Spring, has been the guests of Mrs. Chas. Gibbs and other friends for several days.

Mrs. Homer Rowe left Tuesday af-

Back From The Markets

Where we purchased a beautiful line of Millinery, Suits, Coats, Dresses, Skirts, Blouses, including Hosiery, Gloves, Corsets and Brassiers

For The Ladies' Store

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Just a few remarks concerning the Spring Styles. We find the Chinese ideas much used in every line, Paisley effects in both millinery and dresses. Colors the very brightest as flame (red), chartruse, orchid, callot and bakst blue, field mouse, gold, sand, coral, magenta and rose.

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Visit our shop and see these new things. Miss Emma Moore, who comes with the very highest recommendations, will have charge of the trimming room this season.

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City Drug Store

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ternoon to join her husband in Dallas, after which she will return to their home in Houston.

Mrs. Lee Battle and little son, Robert, left Tuesday for their new home in Cleburne. Mr. Battle will join them as soon as he can wind up his affairs here in connection with the Burton-Lingo Company. It is with real regret that Midland people hear of the departure of these splendid people who have made many friends during their residence here, although they rejoice with Mr. Battle in his merited promotion.

WITH THE CHURCHES

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Preaching morning and evening by the regular minister. Service at Prairie Lee in the afternoon. Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. and Junior Endeavor at 2 p. m. Senior at 6:30 p. m. J. T. McKissick, Minister.

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45, Bible school.
11 a. m., Sermon—Subject, "The World's Great Wonder."
6:30, B. Y. P. U.—Election of officers.
7:30, Preaching—Subject, "Raising the Flag, or Showing Your Colors."
Baptismal service. All visitors and strangers cordially invited. All who desire to unite with the church will have opportunity at both services.
Ernest Quick, Pastor.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR

Subject, "God's Promises."
Leader—Geneva Shaw.
Bible lesson, Fsa. 105:42; Heb. 6: 11-12.
Sentence prayers.
Daily Bible readings, all taking part.
Sentence prayers.
Washington drill—ten boys.
"What I Like the Best About Washington."—Every member taking part.
First Psalm—Francis Miller.
Eighth Psalm—Howard Hendricks.
Mission study—Mrs. John Price, assisted by Elsie Walcott, Jack Heard, Geneva Shaw and Ruth Price.
Business and mizpah.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Leader—Jim Flanigan.
Subject, "Am I a Steward? Then How May I Give?"
Song and prayer service.
Scripture lesson, 1 Cor. VI: 19-20; XVI: 2.
Lesson story by Supt.
Sentence prayers.
Piano solo—Mary Lou Tucker.
Roll call and response with reference words "Steward" and "Give."
Bible drill.
Song 269.
Announcement and benediction.

MISS HOLLANDS' RECITAL HAS BEEN POSTPONED

Mrs. Lena Holland, who had anticipated a treat tonight at the college auditorium in the recital to have been given by the music pupils of Miss Lena Holland, will regret to learn that the recital has been postponed indefinitely on account of the illness of several of the pupils. Announcement will be made in these columns of the date of the recital when the same has been decided definitely.

J. S. Sloan, of Roscoe, was a busy visitor in Midland this week.

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		Glass Tumblers 6 to Set, for	.30c
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John Reynolds came in from his week and gives a good report of ranch three miles south of town, this dition.

Tierra Alta Herd Aberdeen-Angus ...Cattle...

BULLS IN SERVICE

ERAMAN 159961, by Kloman, an International Grand Champion. Eraman is the sire of the highest-priced Aberdeen-Angus bull ever bred in the Southwest—Maraman of Tierra Alta 206566, sold to Messrs. Congdon & Battles, N. Yakima, Wash., for \$1,500. Maraman 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.

BLACK ERWIN 155,902, by the Grand Champion Erwin C. PROBLEM 2nd, Champion Aberdeen-Angus bull at Quanah, 1916. KINSMAN 2nd of Highland Co. 195566, Junior Champion Angus Bull, Texas State Fair, 1915; Grand Champion Angus Bull, National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, Fort Worth, 1916; Grand Champion at Amarillo and Midland Shows, 1916.

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National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, Fort Worth, 1916—	Texas State Fair, Dallas, Texas, "Open to the World" Class—
Had entries in Seven Classes. Won 4 Firsts, 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 unequalled 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—Two lots next to the square. Very desirable for residence, close in. Phone 132. adv 24-1f

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FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK

NOTICE—Those in the market for cows, mules, mares, ranches or new and second hand automobiles, at a bargain, will do well to see me. D. W. Freeman. 19-1tp.

HONEY BEES—Italian variety, 3 hives; one 10-in. steel beam breaking plow, 1 section harrow, 1 garden cultivator and one 2-horse cultivator. Party gone and advises me to sell cheap. J. M. Jemison, Phone 224. 1t

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

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

Good sound sawed oak wood for sale for cash. W. W. Wimberly, telephone 264. 46-1f

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

FOR SALE—Al 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—One Emerson typewriter, second hand, good as new. Cost with case, \$55. Can be bought for half price. If interested, call at this office. 51f

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, 4-foot and stove lengths. Also sawed oak wood. Good stock on hand and make prompt delivery. R. E. Nutt, 17-4pd.

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

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—Hand bag, containing pair of shoes, a shaving outfit, shirts, etc. Please leave at the Stokes-Wolcott garage. Suitable reward paid. Mrs. T. Z. Brown. 1tpd

LOST—Hub cap for Pierce-Arrow. Has Pierce-Arrow monogram engraved on same. Return to Clarence Scharbauer. 1tpd

FINANCIAL

MONEY TO LOAN—A small amount. Will require first-class security. Address Box No. 773, Midland, Texas. 191f.

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

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SOME NEWS NOTES

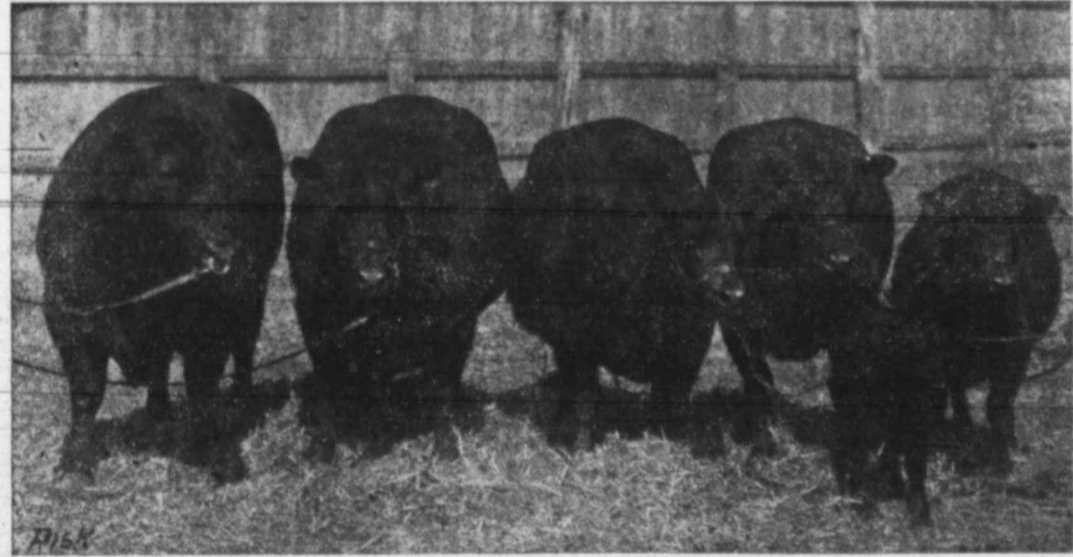
FROM COTTON FLAT

Miss Sarah Oliff spent Friday night with Miss Byrdie Haws. Bro. Daniel preached a good sermon at Cotton Flat last Sunday. Sunday School is still progressing nicely. You are invited to attend. Miss Emily Phillips, Mrs. Flood and Bro. McDaniel took dinner with Mrs. Frank Ward, Sunday. Miss Etta Lockler spent Sunday with Miss Grace Oliff. Mrs. Mac Taylor and daughter, Miss Jimmy Jewel, have returned from a short visit to Runnels County. Mr. Gene Rayburn and his brother-in-law, came through by car from Runnels County. Mr. Mac Taylor joined them here and they went to

different points in New Mexico, prospecting.

Mr. and Mrs. A. K. Murphy spent last Thursday with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Oliff. Milas and Homer Lucas, of Midland, spent Saturday night and Sunday with Bill Oliff. Misses Fencie Jones and Mattie Montgomery spent Sunday with Mrs. Countess. Miss Cora Castelow spent Saturday night with Mrs. Larson. Don't forget to come to prayer-meeting on Sunday nights.

Bert Ramsay was taken suddenly ill Sunday, and at first it was thought that he had appendicitis, but after a doctor's examination it was found that he was suffering with an attack of indigestion. He is much improved at this writing, Monday.



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TRANSFERS OF REAL ESTATE SIXTY DAYS

A Good Deal of Activity Shown Since Our Report of Some Two Months Ago

On or about December 1st, last, The Reporter gave a report of real estate transfers for the month preceding, but since that time we have neglected this important news feature. We are therefore taking the matter up where we left off, and publishing transfers for the two months, December and January, inclusive. They follow as shown by the records in the county clerk's office:

Dec. 1. Henry M. Half to H. B. McCown, sections 15 and 16 in block 38 tsp. 1 south.

Dec. 4. Comadore Graves to Ben B. Graves, block 4, front addition.

Dec. 5. W. E. Bradford to City National Bank of El Paso, lots 7 to 18 inclusive in block 35 East Midland.

Dec. 2. P. S. Nutt to K. E. Nutt, west half of section 38, block 40, tsp. 1 north.

Dec. 12. E. H. Lay and wife to H. B. Croker, section 4, in block 40, tsp. 3 south.

Dec. 1. E. N. Snodgrass and wife to J. T. Jones, 120 acres of land out of section 15, block 39, tsp. 1 south.

Dec. 18. J. E. Wither to R. M. Driver, North 50x140 feet, of the S. E. quarter of block 50 Homestead Addition.

Dec. 12. G. W. Terry and wife to M. R. Phillips, S. E. quarter of section 4, block 39, tsp. 2 south. 50 acres out of section No. 3, tsp. 2 south.

Dec. 14. W. B. Elkin et al to Belle Grammar, fractional block No. 59 of West End Addition.

Dec. 1. E. Freeman Sadler, et al, to J. L. Locklar, 440 acres of land out of section 15, block 39, tsp. 1 south.

Dec. 4. B. F. Yoakum to W. E. Bradford, lot 4, in block 57, Midland.

Dec. 23. W. E. Bradford and wife to J. P. Inman, lot 4, block 57 Midland.

Dec. 14. N. C. Keeran to Millard Edison, lots 8 and 9, block 105, Southern Addition.

Dec. 18. J. H. Nail and wife to Mrs. Celia Stempson and Miss E. Nail, section No. 20 in block 38, 1 south in Midland County and sections 17 and 18 and 7, in block 38, tsp. 1 south in Midland and Martin Counties.

Dec. 18. E. Rayburn et al, to W. W. Brunson, section 44, block 41, tsp. 3 south.

Dec. 28. W. N. Cameron to F. A. Capps, section 20, block 38, tsp. 4 south.

Dec. 9. S. E. Stratton, to J. N. Galliger, 100 acres out of section No. 11, block 38, certificate 3039.

Dec. 28. S. J. Isaacs and wife to J. V. Stokes, sections 53 and 56 in blk. 37, J. L. Veazey original grantees.

Dec. 15. Lee Brandon to Elvia A. Brandon, sections 42, 32 and 38, in block 37, tsp. 4 south.

Jan. 2. J. E. Crosssett to Mrs. E. C. Powell, lots 15 and 16, block 100.

Dec. 7. Hardy Geosom and wife to Wm. Fleanor, section 26, in block 40, tsp. 1 south.

Dec. 30. Lee Brandon and wife to W. M. Schrock, section 34, block 37, tsp. 4 south.

Dec. 15. Wiley Hazelin and wife to F. E. Elkin, northwest quarter section 34, block 38, tsp. 1 south.

Jan. 11. J. L. Daggett and wife to A. E. Thors, northwest quarter block 30, east Midland.

Jan. 3. Midland Light-Co. to the Southern Ice and Utilities Co., lots 3, 4, 5 and 6, in block 38.

Dec. 4. T. J. Farrar and wife to J. H. Locklar 36x147 feet of West End of lot 4, block 124, S. A.

Jan. 11. S. B. Carr to N. L. Heidelberg, east one-half section 22, block 38, 2 south.

Jan. 19. W. E. Bradford to C. B. Horn, central 100 feet out of the west half of block 29, Homestead Addition.

Jan. 8. M. R. Lee to E. B. Jones, lots 11 and 12 in block 123, S. A.

Dec. 8. T. F. Spangell et al to Hill & Snodgrass, lots 13 and 14, in block 66.

Jan. 9. Hill & Snodgrass to Fred Caudle, lots 13 and 14, block 66.

Jan. 13. G. N. Gentry to R. E. Gentry, northeast quarter block 14 west end.

Dec. 8. T. F. Swargell et al to E. N. Snodgrass, lot 6 in block 35.

Jan. 22. J. E. Hutt to Hill Cattle Co., Sections 19, 20, 21, 24, 26, 32, 33, and 11-220A; 16, and 42 in block 37; 14, 45, 46, 48, 49, and 39 in block 37; 32 in block 38, tsp. No. 3 south; considerations \$88,032.00.

W. A. Matthaai, Paul Matthaai, L. A. Machemehl and A. C. Machemehl to W. W. Brunson, T. & P. Survey No. 41, Block 41, tsp. 2 south, 640 acres, Consideration \$4500.

Jan. 6. J. T. and Mrs. J. T. Ragsdale to O. E. Jones, sections 10 and 4, block 40, tsp. 4 south, 640 acres; section 38, block 41, tsp. 3, 640 acres. Consideration \$6000.

Jan. 25. J. E. Crosssett and C. L. Sinclair, to Robt. Currie, block 170, southern addition to city of Midland. Consideration \$150.

Jan. 29. Jno. V. Purvis and wife, of Wapakoneta, O., to H. S. Vanbel, of sections 5, 6, 7, 8 and 18; blk. 40, tsp. 2 south and sections 42 and 43, block 40, tsp. 1 south, being lot No. 5, block 27, in townsite of Warfield. Consideration \$100.

Jan. 22. J. E. Mabry and wife to J. V. Stokes, E. F. Elkin, W. B. Elkin, W. K. Curtis, Geo. Ratliff and Geo. W. Wolcott, lots No. 7 and 8, block No. 16, West End Addition to Midland. Consideration \$3250.

Jan. 30. J. Harvey Clark and wife, to H. A. Leaverton, all of south one-half of southeast quarter of block No. 18 in West End Addition to Midland. Consideration \$2000.

Jan. 15. Ira Griffith and wife to J. W. Johnson, south one-half of southeast quarter, section 13 tsp. 3 south, block 37, T. & P. Railway Co. land. Consideration \$400.

Jan. 29. M. L. Clifford and wife to H. Beauchamp and wife, lots 1, 2, 3 and 4, in block No. 189, southern addition to Midland. Consideration \$350.

Jan. 29. Allie D. McClure to S. L. McClure, lots 2 and 3, block 144, southern addition to Midland. Consideration \$250.

Allie D. McClure to S. L. McClure, lot No. 1, block 144, southern addition to Midland. Consideration \$50.

Jan. 29. W. A. Beauchamp and wife to W. T. Holcombe, all of block 152, southern addition to Midland. Consideration \$1250.

Jan. 19. Chas. L. Sinclair to Jno. B. Thomas, east one-half of S. W. quarter, block 56, original town of Midland. Consideration \$1000.



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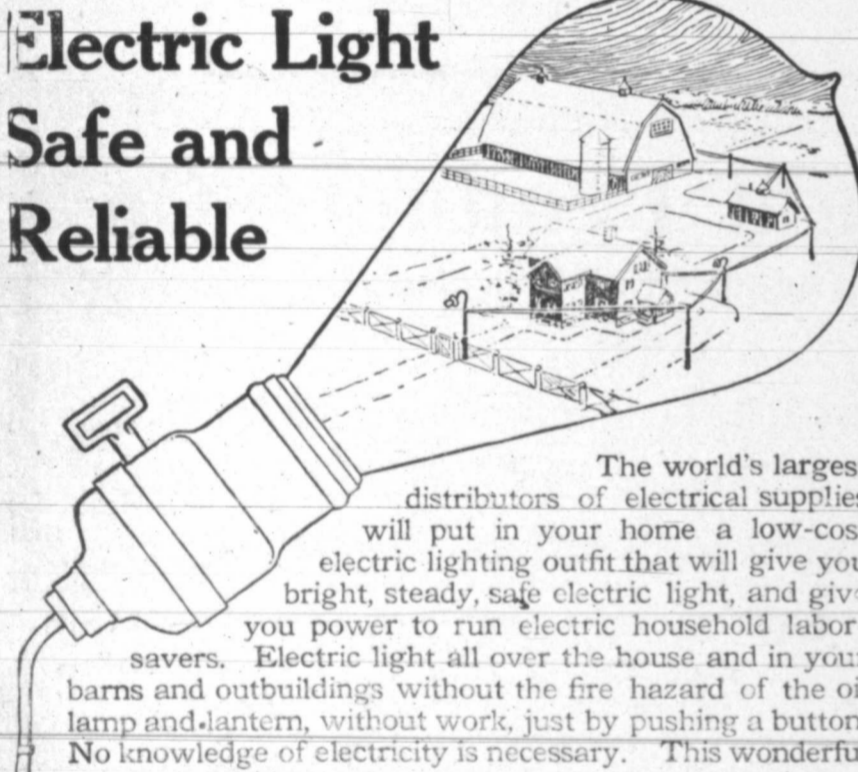


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NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I wish to call the attention of Midland County tax payers to the following excerpt from the law, which governs the rendition of cattle for taxes: "Cattle are assessable in the county where they are situated on the first of January next before assessment, unless they are temporarily removed from their home county. To illustrate: Cattle removed from A county to B county in the winter; to be returned in the spring, are taxable in A county under article 7510; but cattle carried from A county to B county for feeding purposes to be shipped to market, are taxable in B county if held there on the first day of January. The material difference in the two cases is that in the first the property is only temporarily removed; in the second it is permanently removed." Following the above information you will make no mistake in your rendition. Yours respectfully, J. E. Crosssett, Tax Assessor.

HAVE YOU A BAD BACK?

If You Have, the Statement of This Midland Resident Will Interest You
Does your back ache, night and day? Hinder work; destroy your rest? Does it stab you through and through when you stoop or lift or bend? Then your kidneys may be weak. Often back ache is the clue. Just to give you further proof. The kidney action may be wrong. If attention is not paid. More distress will soon appear.

Headaches, dizzy spells and nerves, Uric acid and its ills. Make the burden worse and worse. Liniments and plasters can't reach the inward cause at all; Help the kidneys—use the pills Midland folks have tried and proved. What they say you can believe. Read this Midland woman's account. See her, ask her, if you doubt. Miss Bertha Taul, Lorain St., Midland, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for two or more years with the best of results. I took them for trouble with my back. My back was weak and ached constantly. I don't have near so much trouble now as I did before I began using Doan's Kidney Pills. When I have had any light signs of the trouble, however, I

have bought a box of Doan's Kidney Pills at Taylor & Son's drug store. They have never failed to relieve me in a short time." Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Miss Taul had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 19-2t
KANSAS MAN BOUGHT SOME STEERS THIS WEEK
H. Oliphant, of Wichita, Kans., was here this week, representing the Union Live Stock Commission Co. He reports that he bought of Cas. Reed, of Big Spring, 700 head of steers at \$37 around. He ordered The Reporter. Jack Williamson and wife, of Reagan County, were in town this week.

NOTICE

To Ford Owners:

In the future we are compelled to request all buyers of parts and accessories to pay cash. We cannot handle our large assortment on a credit basis.

We Must Have The Cash

Remember, please, our supply department will be kept full in all lines, but please do not ask us to book any more of these purchases.

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REVISED TRIAL BALANCE OF MIDLAND FAIR ASSOCIATION

Secretary Henry M. Half, of the Midland Fair Association, submits the following revised trial balance, showing the financial condition of the association.

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	
33. Grounds, buildings and equipment	16,358.86	
50. Bills payable		7,750.00
55. Operating account	4,780.93	
100. American Express Co.	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

Corrected Trial Balance January 31, 1917		
1. Capital stock		\$10,000.00
2. Treasury stock	\$ 3,237.50	
19. Midland National Bank	202.70	
33. Grounds, buildings and equipment	16,358.86	
50. Bills payable		7,750.00
55. Operating account	5,286.93	
100. American Express Co.	15.50	
103. Accounts payable		4,986.99
105. Accounts receivable	408.50	
110. Premiums payable		2,773.00
	\$25,509.99	\$25,509.99

Statement of Liabilities		
Bills payable		\$7,750.00
Accounts payable		4,986.99
Premiums payable		2,773.00
		\$15,509.99
Midland National Bank	\$202.70	
Accounts receivable	408.50	611.20
Net amount owing January 31, 1917		\$14,897.89

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LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Lester Fisher, of Big Spring, was here last Sunday.

Attend the Derdeyn concert at the Christan church next Friday night.

Tom Peery, of Sweetwater, was in town the first of the week on business.

G. A. Roy, traveling out of Kansas City, was a business visitor to our city this week.

Oron Edwards was in from the ranch west this week and gave a good range and cattle report.

J. M. Zinn, of Motley County, is in the city this week visiting his two sons for a few days.

Mrs. Jack Barnes returned last Friday from a visit to friends at Westbrook.

Mrs. L. A. Nutt, who has been quite sick for a month past, is now convalescing and is able to set up some.

Dr. Wm. Bloss, of Dayton, N. M., stopped over in Midland for a short time this week. He was on his way to look over his property interests in Sweetwater.

Mr. and Mrs. Jno. C. Means, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Means and baby, Cole, Jr., and E. V. Evans and family, of Valentine, are attending the protracted meeting for a few days.

Rev. J. C. Burkett, our former Baptist pastor, returned the latter part of last week to his home in Abilene, after a visit to his daughter here, Mrs. Lenton Brunson.

Chas. W. Crowley, who ranches 30 miles south of town, was here this week. He reports conditions in his section very good. He renewed his subscription to The Reporter.

J. H. Lane and son, R. M., G. T. Hardburger, T. S. Gound and G. W. Tillinghast, prospectors from Knox County, were here this week. They were much impressed with our country.

B. N. Aycock and two daughters, Miss Annie Maude and Mrs. Forrest King, returned Saturday from Temple where Miss Annie Maude recently sustained an operation for appendicitis.

OLDEST NATIVE-BORN TEXAN IS DEAD

"Grandma" Brown died last Sunday night. She was the mother of our townsman, J. S. Brown, and another son, William, who lives in McCulloch County. She had the distinction of being perhaps the oldest native-born Texan, she having been born in Nacogdoches County October 22nd, 1827. Thus she was 89 years, 5 months and 17 days old. She lived under three flags, the Spanish, the Lone Star, or Republic of Texas, and our present emblem of liberty. In 1842, as Miss Julia A. Norris, she was lead to the altar by Mr. Jas. W. Brown, and from this union eight sons were born, only the two above mentioned surviving.

"Grandma" was a lovable, sweet-spirited old saint, a Christian for almost unremembered years, and yet her mind was bright and clear up to two weeks prior to her death, and she loved to reminisce over the days of long ago. Many a harrowing tale she could narrate of the Indian terrors in the days when all Texas was yet but a frontier, and among many of these trying times the remembered well the invasion of Santa Anna. Pages could be written of the experiences of "Grandma" Brown, and in these pages there would be a thousand and thrills. But the story should be told by one more familiar.

"Grandma" died merely of old age, just slipped quietly away and into the arms of a waiting and loving Savior. She was buried Tuesday, and a large concourse of friends followed to pay a last tribute as she was laid down to final rest. The Reporter joins these friends in an expression of sincere sympathy to the sorrowing sons and other relatives so sorely bereaved.

CARD OF THANKS.

We are grateful to Midland friends beyond expression for the kindness and attention shown us during the recent illness and death of our father, J. V. Ellis. There are none better than Midland people and we are profoundly appreciative.

W. D. Ellis and Family,
C. C. Ellis and Family.

N. P. Rodgers, ranchman from near Pyote, shipped this week seven cars of calves to Stoutsville, Mo.

MONTHLY REPORT OF CITY SCHOOLS

(Continued from page 1.)

Honor Roll—None.

Tenth Grade—1st Ciella Denton, 2nd Miriam Cressett.

Honor Roll—None.

Ninth Grade—1st Duncan Garner, 2nd Ruby Willis.

Honor Roll—Duncan Garner, Ruby Willis, Ruth Terry, Frank'n Whitefield, Hazel Hollingsworth.

Eighth Grade (Section A)—1st Carolyn Caldwell and Wiclif Curtis, 2nd Grace Terry.

Honor Roll—Carolyn Caldwell, Wiclif Curtis, Grace Terry, Ola Lee Dublin.

Eighth Grade (Section B)—1st Laura Smith, 2nd Richard Cain.

Honor Roll—Laura Smith, Richard Cain, Daisy Duprey.

Grammar School—Central Ward Seventh Grade—1st Mame Ramsey, 2nd Irene Mabry.

Honor Roll—Mame Ramsay, Irene Mabry, Alice Haley, Winnie Carlisle, Clifford Heath, Robert Vest.

High Sixth Grade—1st Mayer Half, 2nd Lenora Whitmore.

Honor Roll—Winfred Quick, Arthur Vest, Lenora Whitmore, Mayer Half.

Low Sixth Grade—1st Elsie Barron; 2nd Freddie Bradford.

Honor Roll—Elsie Barron, Freddie Bradford, Gray Heard.

High Fifth Grade (Miss Kelley's Section)—1st Johnny Preston, 2nd Myrtle Whitmore.

Honor Roll—Johnny Preston, Myrtle Whitmore.

High Fifth Grade (Miss Randle's Section)—1st Earl Mabry, 2nd Inabeth Whitefield.

Honor Roll—Earl Mabry, Annie Lee Brunson.

Low Third Grade—1st Mary Fleenor, 2nd Georgia Kirk Davis.

Honor Roll—Mary Fleenor, Georgia Kirk Davis, Thabert Thomas, Rachel Holsombe, Myrtha Foster.

High Second Grade—1st Glendoir Cressett, 2nd Jessie May Estes.

Honor Roll—Glendoir Cressett, Jessie May Estes, Kitta Belle Wolcott, Francis Ratliff.

Low Second Grade—1st Walter Elkin, 2nd Vera Davis.

Honor Roll—Walter Elkin, Vera Davis.

High First Grade—1st Johnny Davis, 2nd Lillie May Norwood.

Honor Roll—Lillie May Norwood, Eunice Seff.

Low First Grade—1st Doris Hearrell, 2nd Mamie Lusk.

Honor Roll—None.

South Ward Building

Low Seventh Grade—1st Roy Stark, 2nd Annie Lee Brown.

Honor Roll—Roy Stark.

High Sixth Grade—1st, Mary D. Brown, 2nd Jessie Ramsay.

Honor Roll—Mary D. Brown, Jessie Ramsay, Howard Hendricks, Gladys Buchanan.

Low Sixth Grade—1st Betty Trammell and Howard Hale, 2nd Stanley Houston.

Honor Roll—Betty Trammell, Howard Hale.

High Fifth Grade—1st Emma Seldie and Arlean Harper, 2nd Lillie Pliska.

Honor Roll—Emma Selman, Arlean Harper.

Low Fifth Grade—1st Sue Terry, 2nd Gertie Toby.

Honor Roll—Sue Terry, Gertie Toby.

High Fourth Grade (Miss Williams' Section)—1st Florence Manning, 2nd Dorris Finney.

Honor Roll—Florence Manning.

High Fourth Grade (Miss Smith's Section)—1st J. Wiley Taylor, Jr., 2nd Evelynne Estes.

Honor Roll—J. Wiley Taylor, Jr., Evelynne Estes, Orlic Horton, Louise Karkakts, Thomas Inman, Homer Lucas.

Low Fourth Grade—1st H. B. Dunagan, Jr., 2nd Charles Watson.

Honor Roll—H. B. Dunagan, Jr., Charles Watson, Lucille Lee, Thomas Stilwell, Farrar Griffin.

High Third Grade—1st Cora Mae Haley, 2nd Guy Hampton.

Honor Roll—Cora Mae Haley, Guy Hampton, Archie R. chardson, George Buchanan, Jean Smith, Everett Klebold.

High Second Grade—1st Sydney House, 2nd J. B. Stark.

Honor Roll—Sydney House, J. B. Stark, Ruby Moore, Lucile Leitch, M. B. Webb, Roy G. Ilen, T. J. Stokes, Hilda Terry, Clinton Dunagan, Grady Henry.

Low Second Grade—1st Tina Dismuke, 2nd Paul Hedges.

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Honor Roll—None.
High First Grade—1st Susan Cowden, 2nd Zera Henderson.
Honor Roll—Susan Cowden, Zera Henderson, Alice Houston, Scharbauer Eidson, Charles Langford, James Miller.
Low First Grade—1st Opal Lovng, 2nd Bill Houston.
Honor Roll—None.

TO ALL LOVERS OF HIGH CLASS MUSIC

Few people in Midland realize that we have living here one of the greatest violinists of our times. Many of our citizens have spent sums of money for railroad fare to neighboring cities to hear operas and concerts by artists inferior to Mr. Derdeyn who is a resident of this city. The ladies of the Wednesday Club have planned a recital by Mr. Derdeyn, which will be a treat for those who come. The few who have heard Mr. Derdeyn's playing need not be urged to come, but we earnestly request that every one who appreciates good music will avail themselves of this opportunity. Mr. Derdeyn will be assisted by Miss Lydia G. Watson, accompanist; Mr. Neal Watson, cello; Miss Mary Alice Pritchett, voice; Miss Lera Brown, reader, so that a most interesting program is assured, which we present herewith:

1. Post and Pessant—overture (Suppe)—Trio.
2. Polonaise Brillante (Wieniawski)—Violin and Piano.
3. Vocal solo, Lo, Hear the Gentle Lark (Henry R. Bishop)—Miss Mary Alice Pritchett, Miss Frank Luther, accompanist.
4. (a) Caprice Viennois, (Kreisler) (b) Romance, (Vieuxtemps), (c) Serenade, (Dria)—Violin and Piano.
5. Evening Star, (Wagner)—cello and piano.
6. Trio Op. 181 (Gurlitt)—Trio.
7. Reading, Ma'amelle, (Florence L. Guerting)—Miss Lera Brown.
8. (a) Mazurka de Concert, (Mussini), (b) Serenade, (d'Ambrosio), (c) Berceuse, (Godard)—Violin and piano.
9. Sextet from Lucia (Donizetti)—Trio.

(Admission, adults 50 cents; children 25 cents. Tickets on sale at the Elite Confectionery and the drug stores.)

CARD OF THANKS.

During the illness and death, last week, of our mother, Midland people were unforgettably attentive and ministered in kindness to our comfort in every possible way. We are more grateful than we have words to express, and pray the richest blessings upon all these good friends.
Chas. L. Sinclair,
Miss Kate Sinclair,
W. K. Sinclair and Family.

J. E. Shankle, real estate man from Fort Worth, passed through here Wednesday on his way to look after land interests in Andrews county.



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