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DR. TRUETT'S LAST SERMON IN MIDLAND

Preached Last Friday Morning and Reported by Our Townsman, L. C. Majors

Dr. Geo. W. Truett, pastor of the First Baptist church of Dallas, closed a revival meeting in Midland last Friday morning. A large congregation heard his last sermon, and, without exception, pronounced it great. Among those present was our young townsman, Lester C. Majors, official short hand reporter for the 70th Judicial District, and through his efforts we have a splendid report, an accurate transcription of the soulful disquisition, practically in full and as it fell from the lips of this distinguished minister. For our own pleasure as well as by request we are publishing it, feeling that thereby we, too, may be of help in spreading the truths of the gospel of his Great King.

It follows:

As the last word I am to say to you, I am to speak to you on How to Make a Great Life. Here is the text:

"David, after he had served his own generation by the will of God, fell on sleep."

"David served his generation by the will of God," is the text.

The first great matter for any man or woman is, not how to make a living, but how to make a life. Making a living is a mere incident. Making a life is what we are in the world for. Making the right kind of life is what we are in the world for. The highest contribution that you can make to the world is to show it that yours is the right kind of life. You might give to the world millions and millions of dollars, as some men have done. That is not a thousandth part as big a thing as to give the world the right kind of a life. One Savonarola turned the tide back yonder in wicked Florence; one man. One lifted the city of Athens higher. One Paul saved a whole shipload of two hundred and seventy odd people on a storm-swept sea; one man called on God, and God, for Paul's sake, saved them all. John Chrysostom, that able preacher, who had all the city of Constantinople about his feet. The people rose up and said about John Chrysostom, "It were better for the sun to cease shining than for John Chrysostom to cease preaching." There is nothing in the world so powerful as the right kind of life.

In the making of a great life there are three principles which you must observe. These principles are stated in our text. Look at them: David served his own generation by the will of God. Oh, what a wonderful biography that is! Think of condensing and packing a great life into a sentence like that. And you have told it all. David served his own generation by the will of God, and then fell on sleep. See how much you have said. You have described one of the world's greatest and best lives. That would be a beautiful motto for every one of us. These young people how my heart goes out to them! What a great motto this would be for them. "David served his own generation by the will of God. I will serve my generation by the will of God." You could not have any motto higher than that, or better. Let us make it our motto from this Friday morning forth, until we go to meet the King. Let us make this our motto: "I will serve my own generation by the will of God, until I fall on sleep."

There are three principles in it, and these three principles have to be in the making of a great life. Let us look at them: First: the true business of life is service. David served. That is the test; the test of life is service. That is the great Master's test. "By their fruits ye shall know them." He says, "The tree is known by its fruits." A life is known by its fruits. The test of life is service because the emphasis on life is on this: life, the ideal life of Jesus. And the portrait drawn of Jesus in the Gospels is in five little words: "He went about doing good." You could not add anything to that portrait. What am I in the world for? I am to go about doing good: always and everywhere I am to be doing good. We are the imitators of Jesus. He tells us "Be ye, therefore, imitators of me, as dear children." Live like he did, talk like he did, work like he did, and serve like he did. That is the best of life—service. Thus do we authenticate our faith. Jesus asks us "Why do ye call me Lord, and do not do the things I say, the things I tell you? What right have you to call me Lord, and not obey me?" Faith is more than a dogma; faith is a passion; faith lifts, faith arrives, faith achieves, faith triumphs. Faith without works is dead, being alone. If a man say he hath faith and do not work, he is deceived, he is mistaken.

Great believers are great doers; and all the world's history attests and illustrates that statement. Witness Martin Luther. Martin Luther went out in the face of popes and the papacy, and declared his convictions to Germany and Europe and the world. His faith overcame those things; and his words burned throughout Europe and the world. The great Italian sol-

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ALL BUYERS BACK FROM MARKETS

Report Occasions of Much Interest With no Likelihood of Reduced Prices Soon

Much of the news of last week was crowded out of The Reporter on account of some late advertisements coming in. The marketing trips of our several buyers were among these, all of whom report occasions of unusual interest, though they can bring back no encouraging signs of a possible reduction of prices for a long time to come. War talk is all you hear, and its resultant effects upon commodities of all kinds whatsoever. For a year, possibly two, and even longer, after the war in Europe closes to say nothing of the likelihood of this country becoming embroiled with Germany, there is hardly to be suggested the possibility of a reduction along any lines, and especially not in the price of clothing.

Miss Maggie McCormick, of The Ladies Store, was first to return. She shopped in St. Louis and Chicago mostly, and promises her trade all the pretty things to be had in millinery creations. Miss Emma Moore, of McKinney, is her trimmer for the season, and accompanied her back from St. Louis.

Miss Eva Norwood, of The Glad Shop, is back, too, with a beautiful line of trimmed hats and feminine accessories, and the ladies of Midland will find pleasure in her showings.

Elliott F. Barron, for Everybody's—J. H. Barron & Son—and Messrs. Dawson and Smith, for The Mercantile, also shopped pretty much in St. Louis and Chicago only, and returned about the same time last week. Each of them will engage you in a line of conversation that is full of interest, and each is anxious to prove to you that they have sustained Midland's reputation for classy merchandise of whatsoever kind. Mr. Barron secured the services of Miss Maymie Stahl, of Tulsa, Okla., as trimmer for Everybody's during the coming season.

Addison Wadley, for the Wadley-Patterson Company, did not return home until Wednesday of this week. His trip was prolonged to more than three weeks, by reason of going on to New York. His report of war excitement, literally and as it effects merchandising, is full of thrills, and yet he, as do the others, feels that his trip has been one of the most profitable in his career.

The Reporter calls attention to the several advertisements of the above mentioned concerns. All are using liberal space this week and they tell facts likely to be profitable to the buyer.

BIG CATTLE SALES OF LAST WEEK

Geo. D. Elliott Party to Largest in Which He Sold 1,400 Calves at \$38.50

Crowded out of last issue were a number of cattle sales of unusual interest. Of them the sale of 1,400 head of black wuley calves by Geo. D. Elliott to E. P. O'Reilly, of Sioux City, Iowa, was the most sensational. These calves, heifers and steers, are of the famous Nelson Morris "C" herd strain, and were pronounced by a number of stockmen as possibly the best that have been shipped out of the Midland country. The price paid by Mr. O'Reilly was \$38.50 around. The delivery, with a 10 per cent cut, will be made May 1st.

Another good sale was made by G. L. Brown & Son. They sold to Claude Owens, of Wichita, Kans., 800 steers coming twos, at \$46 around. These were Herefords, and as smooth a bunch as one would care to see.

The sale of J. R. Dublin & Son to J. T. White and Dee Murphy was another not lacking in interest. This was a bunch of cows, mixed with a few calves, bought of Appel Bros. some days prior to the sale to White & Murphy, and consisted of 330 head, yearlings, twos, threes, and fours, and the prices ranged at \$35, \$40, \$35 and \$65 around, and among them were 40 head of the famous Brahmin cattle, now rapidly growing popular. These were moved to the ranch in Gaines County, recently purchased by Mr. White.

C. P. Benedict was amongst Midland sellers last week, also, he having sold to O'Reilly & Sullivan, of Sioux City, 200 head of coming two-year-old heifers at \$45 around, while our townsman, S. R. Preston, is recorded as a purchaser. He bought of Geo. G. Gray 700 high grade calves at private terms.

There have been a lot of buyers in town this week, also, and we shall make an effort to report their purchase in other columns of this issue. Most of these buyers are down from Amarillo, where they attended the big get-together meet of buyers and sellers in that city this week.

This is said to have been one of the greatest meetings of cattlemen ever held in West Texas. Among those who attended from Midland were Foy Proctor, W. F. Scarborough and W. W. Brunson.

FURTHER ANENT A. & M. COLLEGE

Midland, From Any Number of Points, is Suitable for its Location, But—Oh, But!

Midland hasn't any commercial club, or chamber of commerce. Had one some time ago, but it perished, died miserably, just for lack of sustaining interest. It did just like anything else that is left to shift for itself commercially, and now we need it. We knew we were going to need that organization, and bitterly opposed its neglect; but it wasn't any use.

Had we now a live commercial organization, we'd stand a fair chance to get the State of Texas to invest some \$500,000 here; but we haven't any, and we don't know if there be any chance whatever. Texas operates along similar lines pursued by the Lord—it helps those who help themselves.

Midland is admirably located for the establishment of that West Texas A. & M. College that has been provided for by the present session of the Legislature. There are just millions of acres hereabouts, in which there are possibilities without limit. It is the purpose of the legislature to establish the experiment station in that part of West Texas where it will do the most good, but it will be actuated by the committee thereof by pull, push, vim, by that community that can make the biggest noise, that can present the most alluring perspective, and Midland is in poor shape, despite her real fitness, to put forth a very pleasing front.

Frankly The Reporter does not see much hope. This is expected to be an expensive farm, and to our mind no section of all West Texas would be more promising of results than here. We have dozens of successful farmers in the Midland country, more especially of the stockfarming class, and yet agriculture is in but an experimental stage with us. It is not expected that this A. & M. establishment be located in a thoroughly proven agricultural district. Texas wants to reclaim more of its broad exerts, it wants to go into its practically untried, or unproven districts, and see what science will do.

Midland is the place, all right, but we haven't any lamps all trimmed and burning, and we fear, trimmed and burning, we'll not be seen.

True, our citizenship could yet get together, and no telling what wonders might result; but Midland—oh, we hate to admit it—is a derelict!

The Reporter loves to boost, loves it, but we shall not appear in the ridiculous light of being our head off when the citizenship that ought to back us stands unresponsively by, passive, dormant—sans life.

AN EXPERT ROAD BUILDER IS HERE

J. A. Girdley, of Mesquite, in Dallas county, is here, having arrived last Wednesday on No. 5, to pay a visit to his son, B. C. Girdley. Mr. Girdley, the elder, is an expert road builder, and to his credit are many of the fine pikes of Dallas county, and it occurs to us that some of our enterprising citizens might get some good pointers—from him—will be here, but he is a clever conversationalist, knows the road business, both from economical and constructive points of view, and about the greatest need of Midland and Midland county today is the advice of some one who knows how to relieve our actual distress. Of course, Mr. Girdley's advice would not be worth anything unless followed, but it is possible he might inspire some of our leaders to a promotion of enterprise along this line which would result in something. Mr. Girdley may be with us several days.

PROGRAM SOON AT THE OPERA HOUSE

Five Tiny Sisters and Little Brother Will Give Benefit Performance Here Next Week

On Friday evening, March 2nd, at the Midland opera house, the Cutbirth sextette will give a Cemetery Association benefit performance, and in it will be demonstrated the work of the youngest school and church orchestra in the South. A splendid program of both classical and popular music and songs will also include the following numbers:

Piano—Harmonious Blacksmith—Handel.
Orchestra—Hungarian Dance No. 5—Brahms.
Piano—Fantasia Impromptu—Chopin.
Orchestra—Humoreske—Dvorak.
Orchestra—Lamb's March—Souza.
Piano—Valse Brilliant, Op. 34—Chopin.

Accompanying a photograph of these musicians in the Fort Worth Star-Telegram of last Sunday, the following comment appears:

"Big Lake, Texas, Feb. 17.—Here's the roster of the Lige Cutbirth youngsters: "Mary, 13, piano; Lucy, 12, first violin; Eulalie V., 11, second violin; Sam-Lige, 10, cello; Lady Betty, 8, cornet; Dorothy, 6, triangle.

"Sounds like a music store inventory, or a recital program, doesn't it? "These six—not one of them is more than 13, nor less than 6—are the Big Lake orchestra, school library beneficiaries, church choir and the whole countryside's joy.

"For months they have been giving concerts far and near and then donated the proceeds to the Big Lake fund. "Their mother, Mrs. Cutbirth, taught them. Their father is tax assessor of Reagan County."

We bespeak for these little musicians a goodly audience in Midland. Admission, adults 50 cents, children 25 cents.

THE SOUTH PLAINS CATTLE LOAN CO.

A New Financial Institution this Week Granted Charter to Operate in the City of Midland

Under the above caption, South Plains Cattle Loan Company, has been established the very newest financial institution in Midland. It was granted charter in the early part of this week, the incorporators being W. H. Brunson, Chas. L. Sinclair, B. C. Girdley, W. W. Brunson, Elliott F. Cowden, and Will A. Martin.

The Reporter knew of this proposed institution last week, but was requested to defer publication of such information until matters of state had been definitely attended to.

Offices for the new institution will for the present, we understand, be located in the Midland National Bank, and even now the concern is well under way. The purpose of the organization is to accumulate and the dissemination of money principally within the trade territory of Midland and it will be capacitated to negotiate loans upwards into the millions.

The new institution must not be confounded with the Midland National Bank. This might easily result, but it is wholly separate and distinct, and will be governed by an individual corps of officers yet to be elected. It may be stated here that the incorporators named above will, for the first year, serve as directors, and within the next few days they will meet and elect officers.

We are very glad, indeed to note the establishment of the South Plains Cattle Loan Company. It will be a wonderful factor in bringing more money into the Midland country, and broader than its name indicates will be of great convenience not only to the cattlemen of Midland but to all others who are in line for loans on suitable collateral.

Stock in the new company has already been placed and a number of applications were of necessity refused. Other than mere details of organization the institution is now ready for business and a point of special interest connected with it is the fact that the company is principally made up of the younger business men of our city and county. We are informed that beside those named above most of the other stockholders are of the younger element, and for this reason the institution will be watched and encouraged with a greater interest.

REVIVAL MEETING AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday night, last, Rev. McKissick, pastor of the Christian church in this city, started a revival and the meeting will continue indefinitely. Rev. McKissick is a very earnest, forceful speaker and much good is predicted as a result of his efforts. The attendance has been very large and is increasing nightly.

TWO ADDRESSES TO HIGH SCHOOL

Rev. McKissick and Mr. Jesse Wilson Deliver Interesting Addresses to High School

The high school enjoyed two very interesting and helpful addresses this week, the one by Rev. J. T. McKissick of the Christian church of our city and the other by Mr. Jesse Wilson, of the University of Texas, who is state Y. M. C. A. lecturer for high schools, colleges and universities.

Although Bro. McKissick had been invited to address the high school several times prior to this occasion, last Monday morning was the first time he had been able to come. He was introduced by Supt. Lackey as a graduate of three universities, T. C. U., Transylvania University and Harvard University, as an eloquent speaker, and an accomplished musician. Bro. McKissick's address, apt with illustration and replete with good stories and plenty of instructive throughout. The main body of his address was devoted to the following acoustic:

Willingly, Religiously, Orderly, and Knowingly.

The students were exhorted to work with the right spirit, to work systematically, to work religiously and to work knowingly, and when the address was finished, each student felt that he would like to be known as a worker and not as a shirker, and that with spirit, order, zeal and some definite purpose in view. The speaker congratulated the high school on its splendid tone, and upon the excellent manner in which the poems were read in concert and from memory and in which the choruses and anthems were sung. His address was received with almost boisterous applause, the speaker being applauded several times during his address.

Mr. Wilson speaks. The second address was made by Mr. Jesse Wilson of the University of Texas, who is now devoting his time to Y. M. C. A. work among high schools, colleges and universities. He spoke eloquently and effectively as he spoke of clean speech, clean athletics, school room honesty and clean living for high school, college and university students. The poems and choruses by the high school, he said, surpassed anything he had ever heard, although he had visited high schools and spoke to high schools and colleges almost every day. He really marveled at the way in which the pupils performed, stating to them that he enjoyed their readings and choruses more than he did Grand Opera last week in Dallas. He concluded by saying that if he were a millionaire he would erect for the Midland high school students a magnificent high school building worthy of them.

THAXTER IS TO BE FIRST STATION OUT

Eleven Cars of Materials Received One Day This Week For The M. & N. W.

We spoke some time ago of the fact that a contract had been let by the Midland & Northwestern to our townsman, C. A. Stark, for the first depot for the new railroad. This will be a combination passenger and freight depot, and will be erected quite soon.

Also an item of news connected with the new road is the fact that the first station out from Midland will be called Thaxter, named for the chief engineer, G. W. Thaxter, and at this point, about three miles northwest, has been selected the site for the first depot, contracted for by Mr. Stark.

Plenty of materials are now on the ground for a good beginning of the new road. One day this week, Tuesday, we believe, eleven cars of various materials—ties, steel, bolts, spikes, etc., were received, besides other prior shipments, and there is plenty of everything to keep a large crew busy for many days.

Before work can be very active, however, the company must receive at least one of its engines and a flat car or two. These have been promised by the T. & P. at an early date. A train crew, conductor, engineer, etc., has already been employed, and they are now on the ground, only waiting for an engine and cars, upon the arrival of which operations will begin.

Again we are pleased to call attention to the prospects of Seminole, terminus of the M. & N. W. The people out there are alive to the prospects of a substantial boom and there is now greater activity than that little town ever knew before. Seminole is certain to make one of our best West Texas towns. Already land values have materially increased, but trade and speculation have in no wise abated. In fact, a new era of commercialism is just dawning in that community.

G. W. Frier, of Brownsville, who has been land prospecting around Eunice, N. M., is here for a few days. He will return home the last of the week.

PUPILS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE

Interesting and Appropriate Programs Throughout Schools. Spelling Matches.

Our public schools celebrated Washington's birthday with appropriate and patriotic programs on Thursday morning and with a half holiday in the afternoon. The programs of the morning consisted of the singing of patriotic and national songs, readings, declamations, speeches, maxims and memory selections on the life, character and precepts of America's greatest hero, stirring in the hearts of the pupils the greatest patriotic enthusiasm and at the same time holding up before them the highest ideals of life as soldier, statesman and Christian citizen. Following are reports from the different departments:

High School

Washington's birthday was fittingly observed in the high school Thursday with the following program, which was made out by pupils and teachers of the high school the afternoon of the previous day:

Opening chorus—"The Lord is My Shepherd"..... Packard

High School Chorus

Poem—"Love of Country"..... Scott

By the High School

"Life of Washington"..... Charles O'Donnell

"Tribute to Washington"..... Duncan Garner

Baritone and Tenor Duet—"Oh! That We Two Were Maying" from the "Sketch Book"..... Nevin

W. W. Lackey and J. E. Nelson

"Washington's Triumphant Journey to New York"..... Willie Epley

Piano Solo—"Dream Waltz" from "Hoffman"..... Nettie Mae Ward

"Washington's Home"..... Leona McCormick

Piano Solo..... Eileen Harrison

Chorus..... No. 36

High School Chorus

"Wolsey to Cromwell"..... Shakespeare

"Reinzi to the Romans"..... Clifford Hill

Piano Solo—"Sweet Mignonette"..... Elizabeth Lynch

"Burial March to Dundee"..... Evetts Haley

"Inauguration of Washington"..... Franklin Whitefield

Piano Duet—Clayton's Grand March

Mitty Ingham and Allene Pemberton

"Washington and the Siege of Yorktown"..... Clella Denton

"Washington's Administration"..... Ernest McCall

Vocal Solo—"Till the Sands of the Desert Grass Grow Cold"..... Ball

N. Y. Henry

"Washington's Personal Appearance and Military Capacity"..... Richard Cain

Closing Chorus..... No. 193

High School Chorus

Interesting talks were made by

Boyle Cowden, Robert Balch and Miss Maude Aycock. Among the other visitors was Little "Pete" Patterson.

Central Ward

Mr. Johnson's room:

Reading—"The American Flag"..... Marie Hord

Song—"America"..... Room

Piano Solo—"Eileen"..... Clifford Heath

Reading—"Patriotism"..... Alice Haley

Song—"Star Spangled Banner"..... Room

Vocal Duet—"Mother"..... Vera Rohlfing and Lillie B. Williams

Recitation—"Like Washington"..... James Harrison

Song—"Columbia the Gem of the Ocean"..... Room

Speech—"The Meaning of the American Flag"..... Curtis Nance

Piano Duet—"Flower Fairies"..... Annie Midkiff and Hazel Wimberly

Recitation—"Character of Washington"..... Irene Mabry

Song—"Battle Cry of Freedom"..... Room

Piano Solo—"Florence Waltz"..... Annie Wall

Piano Solo—"Waltz"..... Lola Taul

Miss Kelley's Room:

Song—"Once More We Celebrate"..... Room

"Facts About Washington"..... Ray Morn

Song—"Washington's Christmas Party"..... Room

Reading—"America in Pinafore"..... Margaret Caldwell

Declamation—"Our Flag"..... Cleve Baker

Song—"To Be Like Washington"..... Room

Reading—"1492"..... Leola Bigham

Reading—"Memories of Washington"..... Ruth Inman

Song—"Washington Brave and True"..... Room

Song—"Good Old U. S. A."..... Room

High Sixth and High Fifth

Miss Randle's Room:

Song—"Washington's Christmas Party"..... Room

Song—"To Be Like Washington"..... Room

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The Value Giving Ability of this Cash Store is Enhanced by a most Successful Buying Trip

On account of the unusual conditions we consider the two weeks we spent in shopping in New York City the best investment possible to make.

Not only in point of price but in being able to show the really new merchandise in Midland just as early as it is seen in Dallas, Ft. Worth or any of our southern cities.

You Will Appreciate This Store and Our System of Selling for Less for Cash more than ever this Season.

Every Express Brings New Styles

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Remember at 8:30 tonight at the Christian church, the Derdeyn concert. It will be a rare opportunity for all to hear the master of the favorite and king of instruments.

Dr. R. H. Watson, of Grandin, Mo., was here Monday last on his way to Andrews County to look after land interests there.

Oron Edwards was in this week from the Edwards Bros. ranch near Monahans, and says range stock are in good condition.

No pithy ragtime nor other musical rot will be heard at the Derdeyn concert tonight at the Christian church, but all that is wholesome and heart-satisfying will be heard. Come.

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dier, Garibaldi, who sought to deliver Italy from the thrall of the oppressor, was caught and flung into a jail. He scribbled on a piece of paper just one sentence, and, somehow, it got back to his men, and the sentence was this: "If fifty Garibaldis be thrown into prison, let Rome be free." That is faith in action, faith achieving, faith aroused into service.

The teaching of Jesus, our great Master, is revolutionary as to the supreme faith. Jesus never gave a little answer to a big question. Many questions were put to Jesus by the people that heard Him. One day as He preached a man stopped Him and said: "You are talking about a man's neighbor. Who is my neighbor? You say thou shalt love thy neighbor as thyself. Master, who is my neighbor?" And then Jesus told him the parable of the Good Samaritan. A certain man went down from Jerusalem to Jericho, and fell among thieves, and they beat him and stripped him and robbed him and left him half dead. And there came down another man who saw him and went by on the other side; and there came down a man of another race, who saw him and went to him, and poured oil in his wounds and put the half dead man on his own horse and took him to a hotel and watched him all night and ministered to his sufferings and paid his bill, and told the hotel man: "Take care of him until morning, and tell me what the rest of the bill is, and I will pay it." Jesus said, "Do you want to know who played the neighbor to that half dead man on the wayside?" Go thou and do likewise. That is to say, Jesus said, "Your neighbor is any human being on earth that needs your help. Maybe he lives in your neighborhood, around the corner, or maybe he lives ten thousand miles away. Whoever you can help is your neighbor." The world never heard of so great a thing as that until Jesus came and told

them. Men wanted to know who was the greatest, when He was here, and He pushed aside all their notions of greatness and said, "I will tell you who is the greatest. He is the man who serves everybody else. The greatest man is not the greatest physically, yet the body is not to be despised. The young people should care for their bodies. They should eschew bad habits. The body is the great instrument for life's work. Men used to think that to be clever and smart in their heads was the great thing. Every man should know. Knowledge is power. The true foundations of state have always been laid, not in ignorance, but in knowledge. The man who knows has the advantage, always. The man who knows is the man who can. King means a man who can. Jesus comes and tells you the chief greatness is that you shall be servants of all humanity. You shall help all the people you can, in every way you can, as long as ever you can. "I am among you," said Jesus, "as one who serves. I came not to be ministered unto but to minister. I did not come to be served, but to serve, and to give my life a ransom for many." Jesus sets before us the true greatness; it is the greatness of service. The world is coming more and more to the recognition of that great truth. Otherwise selfishness would kill every family, every church every service in the world. Paul stated it for us when he said, "I am debtor to all men, to the limit of my power. I am in debt; I owe all the world, everything on earth I can do for it; the whole world; I am in debt." All power of every kind is in debt to serve the world, financial power, governmental power, social power, intellectual power; all power is in debt to serve the world. Let a man abuse financial power, and the Nemesis of retribution will overtake him. Let a woman abuse her social power, and there will come home some Black Friday to break her heart. Let a man trifle with the influence that the great Master gives him, and there comes a Black Friday, there comes something that will break his heart. All power is in debt to serve humanity. I am debtor. What shall I do with my debt? How shall I pay my debts? I will do one of three things. Life is to be lived in one of three ways. I can take life as God gives it to me, and I can do one of three things with my life. First, I can play the miser with my life; let everything begin and end with self. I can make the whole business and purpose of life Number One. I can hoard it all, and let it begin and end with self. What value to the world could such a life as that be?

The speaker here told of a man, supposed to be a pauper, living in wretchedness and squalor in the slums of New York. People went to his little hovel, carrying food and ministering to him as much as he would allow them. This man did not allow the people to come in and see him and talk with him, but merely made signs and grunted at them when they ministered as best they could, to his wants. When this man died an investigation disclosed that his house was literally lined with money, gold and currency being found hidden under practically everything in the hovel.

"You can spend life like that, as many do," continued the speaker, "or you can fling life away and play the spendthrift with it all. You can take life's powers of money, of brain and heart and character and service, and fling it all away; play with life, sport with life, ruin life. You can play the part of a spendthrift with life and waste all its gifts."

The speaker told of a young man who gave a great banquet to his friends one night, and while the feasting was at its height he told them that at the conclusion of it he would give them the greatest thrill of their lives. When the banquet was over he led them out to a bridge over a stream, and standing in the middle he leaped to his death in the black waters below.

"A man can throw his life into the black river in one short night or he can take years and go the same route.

"There is the other conception of life, and that is the true conception; that is the great Master's conception. Life is a trusteeship, given us by our great Maker, and we are to take this trusteeship of life and we are to use it, and not abuse it. It is not enough for a man to be smart, to be a scholar; it is not enough for a man to be bright and clever; it is not enough for a man to be a financier. The supreme business of life is that every human being shall be a trustee for his great Master, and shall take all the gifts that the great Master gives him, and do much with these gifts, brightening, gladdening, serving, cheering and uplifting and saving. The poet said,

"I live for those who love me, Whose hearts are kind and true, For the heaven that smiles above me, And awaits my spirit, too; For those who need assistance, For the wrongs that need resistance, For the bright hopes in the distance, And the good that I can do."

You are in the world for just that, and not something else. You are in the world to serve. That is the first point. Life without service is crippled and maimed and lost. Life without the right kind of service is a treading upon a rich plot of ground and bearing no fruit, and taking the ground on which a good tree ought to grow. A man or a woman does not have the moral right to human life, at all, if he fling it away, and fail to give the right kind of service.

Now the second point, the sphere of service. The sphere of service for us is indicated for us in our text. See it: "David served his own generation." Mark well the words. The sphere of service is his own generation, not the past, not the future; his own generation. There are some men and women who, through sighing over what they did not do in the past, through dreaming of what they are going to do some day, let the mighty, vital present get away from them, and nothing comes of life-worthiness at all. David served his own generation. There comes in the little motto, 'Do the duty which lies nearest thee.' Then another, and then there will be another, and on, and growth and promotion and triumph

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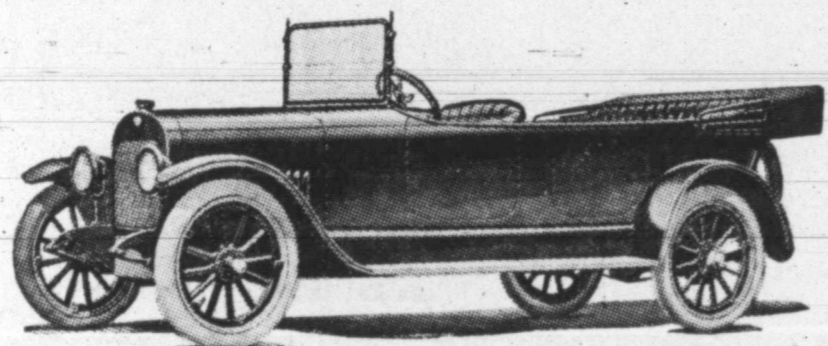
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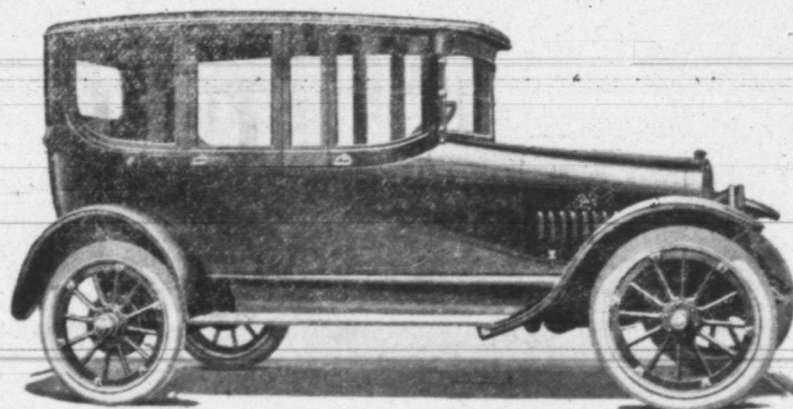
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Also Publishes The Autobiography of Our Late Townsman, Mr. J. V. Ellis

In its issue of February 15th, appears the following account of the burial—The Reporter gave news of his death—of our late townsman, J. V. Ellis.

"The body of J. V. Ellis, who died at Midland following a brief illness, reached Beeville at an early hour Saturday morning. They were taken to the home of Mrs. J. W. Timon on Corpus Christi street, the funeral being held at 3 p. m. the same day."

Rev. A. H. Barber, long a neighbor of the deceased, paid a splendid tribute to him at the grave, reviewing his long and useful career and recounting the hardships through which he was called to pass in the pioneer days of Southwest Texas. Rev. Barber showed much feeling as he told of the warm friendship that had existed between himself and the deceased, and how splendid a husband and father he had been.

"Beeville Lodge A. F. & A. M., assigned the body to the grave with all Masonic honor, with C. A. Heldenfels acting Worshipful Master. The attendance of Masons was the largest seen at a funeral here in some time. Also, the attendance of a distance was large, the funeral being one of the largest held here recently."

"W. D. and C. C. Ellis, only living children of the deceased, with their families, and A. C. Weyman accompanied the body from Midland. Other relatives from various parts of the State were also present, including three grandchildren of a deceased son, whom Mr. Ellis, some time prior to his death, placed in school at San Marcos. Five children and the good wife of the deceased preceded him in death. There are six grandchildren surviving."

"On another page the Picayune is publishing the life history of this pioneer. In it he mentions his land holdings as 4500 acres. However, this refers only to the cultivated land. His total land possessions were 22,000 acres. His life history is very interesting and we feel sure our readers will gladly avail themselves of the opportunity to learn, not only Mr. Ellis' life history, but, through the recital of it, much of the early history of this section."

Autobiography

The Reporter, too, feels that the life of Mr. Ellis is of sufficient interest to demand so much of our space as may be required. This autobiography was written by Mr. Ellis and completed just a few days before he died. While he was yet engaged upon this effort he visited The Reporter office a number of times and interestingly engaged us in reminiscent conversation, accounting many details, even, that are not mentioned in the life history.

I was born in Muhlenberg County, Kentucky, on Sept. 11, 1834, and was orphaned at a very early age, by the death of both my parents. My early youth was spent in the home of a farmer, to whom I had been apprenticed according to the custom of those days in Kentucky, and this part of my life was very uneventful. I had to work very hard and had little time for education, of which I received almost none. What education I have was acquired by observation and reading, particularly by reading newspapers. I have subscribed for and read the Galveston News for sixty-four years and have found it a veritable mine of knowledge and instruction.

When I was seventeen years old, the pioneer spirit that had brought my ancestors to Kentucky in the early days, took possession of me and I decided to go to Southwest Texas, which was then a thinly settled, frontier country. I had an aunt whose husband, Major G. W. Egery, was a sheep-raiser in Refugio County, Texas, and it was thus that in 1852 I landed at Galveston and was taken by my aunt to her home at a place called Black Point, in Refugio County. The only two white families in that neighborhood were those of Major Egery and Major J. H. Wood. Their houses were built of shell concrete, for lumber was hard to get and very expensive, as, in fact, was true of all kinds of supplies. There was very little for a "green" boy like me, to do, but I made myself useful by keeping the family supplied with fish and game. The country was full of deer and wild turkey and these, with fish, formed a large portion of the settler's provisions. The nearest supply point was about five miles from Major Egery's place, across the Mission river, which was not fordable there. We had to go horseback to the river, cross in a skiff, walk to the store and bring our purchases back to the river on our backs. From there we carried them home on our horses. However, they got most of their supplies from the town of Refugio, about twenty miles away hauling them with oxen.

Our place was called Black Point, on account of the blackness of the soil, but no one then suspected its fertility, and there was no farming. The country was considered too drouthy for that. It was a magnificent cattle country, though. The prairies were covered with rank grass, in which cattle would often be half hidden. Major Wood was a cattleman and my first wages were earned working for him as a cowboy. He paid me 33 1/3 cents per day, or \$10.00 per month, though to start with I did not know a thing about the business, but was a perfect "greenhorn." He was a very kind man, especially to orphan boys, and helped me along in many ways. I am glad to be able to state that he was very successful in his business, and when he died, left to his family an immense fortune made entirely by honest work in the cattle business. Major Wood's associate in this business was Capt. Doghty, a very splendid man, strictly honest and truthful. In fact, all the settlers at this time were as fine and upright a lot of people as one ever saw, and were always ready to help anyone in need or trouble. There were hostile Indians roaming in that country then, and on one occasion they captured and took

off a young German boy named Jake Crane. As soon as the news spread, the white men gathered and took up the Indians' trail, determined to rescue the lad. When they came on the Indians, the latter gathered all around Crane, thinking the whites would be afraid to fire for fear of hitting him. But someone called in German to Crane to fall down flat, which he immediately did, whereupon the whites fired a volley into the Indians and put them to flight. Crane was thus saved and grew up into a good and useful citizen. About the same time the Indians stole a horse which Major Egery had loaned me to ride. I kept him tied to the yard fence at night, and one night when I was asleep on the porch and dreaming about the green hills of old Kentucky, they stole him and took him out of the country.

I found a great deal to interest me, of course, in this strange new country, and soon grew used to its ways but a little occurrence took place about this time which shows how ignorant a boy is of what is best for him. I had gotten the job of a surveyor for a surveyor, and he told me I was entitled to a headright of land offering to locate it for me free of charge, so that it would cost me only the patent fees. I told him I would not accept a deed to all of that land he could survey. That was in San Patricio county, near where Sinton now stands, where land is worth from twenty-five to one hundred dollars per acre, with thousands of acres in fine farms, on which as much as a bale of cotton to the acre is raised. But I had my mind on another project and land was not attractive to me. I had an idea I could make a fortune catching wild mustangs, of which there were thousands running wild on the prairies.

With this in mind, I went out into San Patricio county, on the Nueces river, where I joined in with some other "mustangers"—Tim and Luke Hart and Larry Carlisle—and together we chased the elusive mustangs many a day, but had only our fun for our pains. I never did catch but one pony and had only a half interest in him. The time I wasted had much better been put in working for 33 1/3 cents a day and the proceeds invested in land as my surveyor friend advised me, for the land I could have bought then at from fifteen to fifty cents an acre, right where Beeville is now, would have made me untold wealth. But "a boy is only a boy" and I had made up my mind to do it. The sequel shows that I never did lose my interest in that branch of live stock. The Hart boys, Mr. Carlisle and I had many thrilling adventures while engaged in these mustang hunts. We would often have to leave our camps at the water holes and go way out on the prairies and hide in the tall grass to save our lives from the Indians who roamed through the country then.

When Bee county was organized, Luke Hart was made county judge and served many years. Tim Hart became a successful cattleman and was murdered by unknown parties, of whom no trace was ever found. He was carrying a sack of money through the country on horseback, and it was generally believed that he was robbed, murdered and his body hidden by some roving band of bandits. Larry Carlisle became a land owner and a very well-to-do and respected citizen. Giving up the mustang enterprise, I went back and hired out again to the surveyor, helping him survey the county lines between Live Oak, Bee and Nueces counties. Settlers were very few in Live Oak and Bee counties at that time. I remember when there were not enough men in Live Oak county to hold an election, and have chased mustangs where the town of Beeville now stands.

I went to Live Oak county with a man named P. F. Shipp and made my home at his house for many years. Mr. Shipp was one of the best men I ever knew and he treated me like I was his son, giving me good advice and encouragement. His teachings and examples have followed me down through my life. At that time Mr. Shipp handled all his supplies from Corpus Christi, about fifty miles away, using an ox team. He would often be gone for a week or ten days and would leave me to protect the family in his absence. One night, on an occasion of this kind, we heard some men ride up to and around the house, talking too low for me to be able to tell whether they were Indians, Mexicans or whites. Their purpose was evidently unfriendly, though, and I thought I ought to do something, so I grasped my pistol and started for the door, saying in a loud voice, "Come on, Mrs. Shipp!" The intruders, evidently thinking we were prepared for them, decamped, but the tale got out on me and I was taunted with "Come on, Mrs. Shipp!" for many years. I helped Mr. Shipp in his work and worked for other men in the neighborhood. My wages were 75 cents per day, and I furnished my own horse. When I got \$1.00 per day I thought I was doing very fine. I saved all the money I could and invested it in horses, but it was on a very small scale, of course.

In 1859 the Cortinas war broke out and I joined Capt. Peter Tomlinson's company and served through that trouble. For the benefit of those who do not know about this war I will say that Cortinas was a Mexican who thought he could start an insurrection and drive the Americans out of that part of Texas west of the Colorado river, claiming it was rightfully Mexican soil. The United States government sent troops into the district and a lively little war was carried on. Capt. Tomlinson's company was in the thick of it and we saw some real fighting. The Mexicans' favorite method of fighting is by ambush and the character of the country at that time was very favorable for it. One of our reconnoitering parties fell into one of these ambushes and three of the men were captured by the Mexicans. They were very horribly treated, for the Mexicans, before dispatching them, cut their mouths open back to their ears and stuffed the horrible openings with other parts of their mutilated bodies. I recall an amusing incident resulting from this favorite Mexican plan. Our commanding officer discovered that we were about to run into an ambuscade and sent his cour-

ier, a young German, to warn our captain, whose company was in the lead. The German in his excitement forgot the English word for "retreat" and called out as soon as he got in speaking distance of us, "The Colonel says charge back another way." His meaning was as plain as His English was bad and we did not hesitate to "charge back." I was present at the decisive battle on the Rio Grande, when the Americans whipped Cortinas and drove him across the river. My captain was the first man to enter the Mexicans' fortifications in the assault which drove the enemy out. Just before the assault I was sitting on a log with Capt. Tomlinson and two of his boys, watching one of our batteries getting into position to shell the fort. The Mexicans being prepared, got in their fire first, and a ball killed a battery horse a few feet from our log. You may well believe that log trembled, and from the start it got that day, I shouldn't be surprised if it trembled yet.

After the Cortinas war I went regularly into the business of buying and selling horses and had for a partner a Mr. Yeakman, a northern man. I bought horses all along the border and in Mexico. That country was in a very unsettled condition and was a very unpleasant place for a white man to be. My partner and I made arrangements with a wealthy Mexican banker by the name of Santomann, at Brownsville, to handle our money and give me protection when I had to go over into Mexico. This he did very satisfactorily, and I never had any sort of trouble, though there was plenty of opportunity for it. Once, when there was a Mexican feud in progress between the "Rojas" and "Creelmas," I was in Mexico and there were quite a number of other Americans over there at the same time. We were offered \$50 apiece to fight with one of the warring parties, thirty-two of the Americans accepted. The rest of us returned to Brownsville. There was a fight that very night and of the thirty-two Americans only one escaped with his life. The others lost not only their bounty, but their lives, as well. Mexico was at that time in very much the same condition it is now. In fact, there was no place at all in the country until after Diaz got hold of it.

I continued buying and selling horses until the breaking out of the Civil war, when I sold all the horses I had on hand and made my preparations to go to Virginia to join the Confederate army. I did not get any further than Louisiana, however, for a reason I will now relate. When I had sold all my horses and turned everything I had into cash, I was approached by a man from New Orleans, who proposed to me to lend him my money and he would buy cattle with it, drive them to New Orleans and sell them to the Confederate government; I to go along with the herd and get my money with interest at a long time and I had known very many men who had unhesitatingly let him have the money. The arrangement suited me fine, especially as New Orleans was right on my road to Virginia. I was destined to find out, however, that my supposed friend was a very dangerous and treacherous man. We had gotten well over into Louisiana with our herd, when one morning as I was rounding up the "drags" and getting the herd started and some distance from the rest of the outfit, this man rode up behind me and as I turned shot me in the face with his six-shooter. The bullet plowed across the left side of my face and tore loose the lobe of my left ear. Thinking he had given me a mortal wound and so disposed of my claim against him, he turned and fled. I chased after him but my horse was right and held by some of the other men who had heard the shooting and who upon seeing me covered with blood, thought I was in a dying condition. They hurried me to a doctor who lived in the neighborhood, but who was evidently a very poor surgeon, for he sewed my ear lobe back to the face, and as I was not got competent surgical attention, but as the ear had already begun to heal, the surgeon would not remedy the mistake that had been made, so I am still wearing part of my left ear inside out.

While I was at New Iberia recovering from this wound, I became well acquainted with a great many of the people and was persuaded to join a company of partisan rangers which there. This company was organized towards attached to the Second Louisiana Cavalry, which formed part of Green's Texas brigade, and with them I took part in the fighting which marked the invasion of the northern part of Louisiana by the Yankees. I was with them until the last year of the war, when I was wounded in an engagement and left for dead in a cane field. There is little doubt I would have died, too, but for being found by a negro who reported the fact to the owner of the plantation. This man was an Englishman who took no part in the war, and to him and his family I owe my life. They took me into their home and gave me medical attention and careful nursing and brought me back to health. I am particularly indebted to a daughter of the family, a young lady, who waited on me with the utmost kindness and care. I must confess that the romance of the situation appealed strongly to my boyish sensibilities and while convalescing under this young woman's tender care, I imagined myself very much in love with her and planned to come back after the war was over and offer her my hand and heart. Fortunately I did not disclose the state of my feelings, for, alas, for Love's young dream! I was furloughed back to Texas and had no sooner landed at home than I was confronted with an order drafting into service for home defense able-bodied men and all furloughed men. In the exciting times which followed and the trying days subsequent to the Civil war, all such plans were forgotten.

The company to which I was now attached was commanded by Capt. Dan Doghty, whose brother, Bill Doghty, of Refugio, has been one of

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SOME MATERIAL IMPROVEMENTS AT CITY DRUG STORE
Carpenters and painters and decorators have been at work at the City Drug Store this week, overhauling the interior of the building. The prescription case has been moved further back and a gallery built in the rear. The store puts on a very attractive appearance.
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We have in transit a large supply of

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

AT THE UNIQUE

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We especially enjoyed Billie Burke in the great society play, "Gloria's Romance," Monday night. The woman who sat in front of us with the big hat fully interpreted the picture. When the hat swayed from side to side in perfect rhythm of time we knew that the ball room scene was focused; when the hat trembled and gave little jumping toothache bobs, we knew that the villain was nigh and when the hat heaved three or four times in succession and then was still we knew that "Continued Next Week" had been flashed upon the screen. In

fact we got to see two shows in one. We saw a millinery opening and a picture show. Some beautiful hats are worn to the Unique.

Aside from the great World picture Tuesday night, which was a sermon in itself, Dan Russell was seen in a two reel LKO Komedy, "Killed by Mistake." This was one of the best comedies we have ever seen and showed "Funny Dan," in a dual role. He made the fans scream, and no mistake.

These World and Triangle features are proving to be a great source of interest to this theatre, as all who attend pronounce them the best in the world, but still, the great serials, Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance," on Monday night; Helen Holmes in "The Lass of the Lumberlands," on Wednesday night, and Marie Walcamp and Eddie Polo in "Liberty," on Thursday night, are pulling the largest crowds, and are pleasing very one who attends. Grace Cunard and Mr. Francis Ford will start a serial "The Purple Mask," early in the coming month. We all know these great artists, so no need to comment.

Remember the "Fall of a Nation," in ten big reels on the night of March

the 10th. You will make no mistake to see the management and secure a reserved seat ticket for this great production.

THE CITY GROCERY HAS CHANGED HANDS

M. Levinson and S. Weinstein have purchased the stock and fixtures of the City Grocery and opened Thursday for business. Everything will be new and fresh and their policy is to conduct a first-class grocery store and sell strictly for cash. They are well pleased to meet all the old customers of the store as well as new ones. Notice their ad elsewhere in this paper.

MIDLAND GROCERY FIRM IS BRANCHING OUT

J. Vane Smith and brother, Ray, comprising the grocery firm of Smith Bros. in Midland, are now stocking up a first-class wholesale and retail grocery in Seminole, and in a few days will be ready for business. These boys are enterprising business men and Seminole is to be congratulated on securing such a house.

THE FOOD VALUE FOUND IN EGGS

Also Relative Freedom From Waste and Ease of Preparation May Offset High Prices

Because of the peculiar food value of eggs, their relative freedom from waste, and the ease with which they may be prepared, their use as meat substitutes at least is often desirable, even when a consideration of their price alone would not so indicate. This is stated in a recently published professional paper of the Office of Home Economics of the United States Department of Agriculture, Department Bulletin 471. It is pointed out, however, that while this is true of eggs served as one of the principal dishes of a meal, it often is not true of eggs used in cakes, puddings, and other desserts along with meats. It is in the latter use of eggs that the housewife who wishes to economize can try especially to curtail consumption. A fact which makes this latter practice easier is that with the present availability of baking powder, corn starch, gelatin, etc., the use of eggs to impart lightness or to thicken liquids is not now as essential as it was in the past.

Food Elements in Eggs
The principal food element furnished by eggs is protein, the nitrogenous tissue-building element whose presence in considerable proportions also gives meats, fish, milk, cheese, etc., their special food value. Eggs, therefore, can be substituted in the diet for the latter foods without materially altering the proportion of protein consumed. In addition to protein, eggs also furnish fat and a number of valuable mineral elements, including sulphur, phosphorus, iron, calcium, and magnesium, in an easily assimilable form, and are believed also to be rich in certain essential vitalizing elements called vitamins.

Like milk and unlike meats eggs do not contain substances convertible in the body into uric acid. The shells constitute the only waste materials. Ninety-seven per cent of the portion eaten—a high proportion compared to other foods—is digested. No extended cooking is necessary for eggs, and there is therefore a saving of time, labor, and fuel in their preparation when they are compared with many foods. For all these reasons eggs deserve an important place in the diet for use at times in place of other foods rich in protein, provided egg prices are not so high as to outweigh the other considerations.

Wholesomeness of Eggs
Though wholesome when fresh and clean, eggs may be decidedly unwholesome when old or dirty. The housewife should be careful when buying, therefore, to choose eggs which are as clean and fresh as possible. Similarly, the producer of eggs should keep nests clean and sanitary and should collect eggs frequently. It is also well to insure the production of eggs with good keeping qualities by producing only fertile eggs after the hatching season.

How to Select Eggs
In addition to cleanliness and freshness, the housewife when purchasing eggs should consider size and freedom from cracks. Eggs vary so in size that a dozen large and a dozen small eggs purchased at the same price per dozen may differ as much as 25 per cent in the value of the food elements furnished. Perhaps the fairest way to buy or sell eggs is by weight. Because of the wide variations in the size of eggs, it is also coming to be recognized that more accurate results in recipes can be obtained by weighing or measuring the eggs out of their shells. Cracked eggs are undesirable because the breaking of the shell makes possible the entrance of bacteria and filth.

Cold Storage Eggs
Because fewer eggs are produced in the most populous regions of the country than are consumed there, and because the seasons have a marked effect on the number of eggs laid, city housewives must use cold storage eggs during some periods of the year if they are to supply their tables at all with this food. The fact that eggs have been held in cold storage does not necessarily mean that they are of low quality. Carefully handled cold-storage eggs often are of better quality than fresh local eggs that have been improperly cared for.

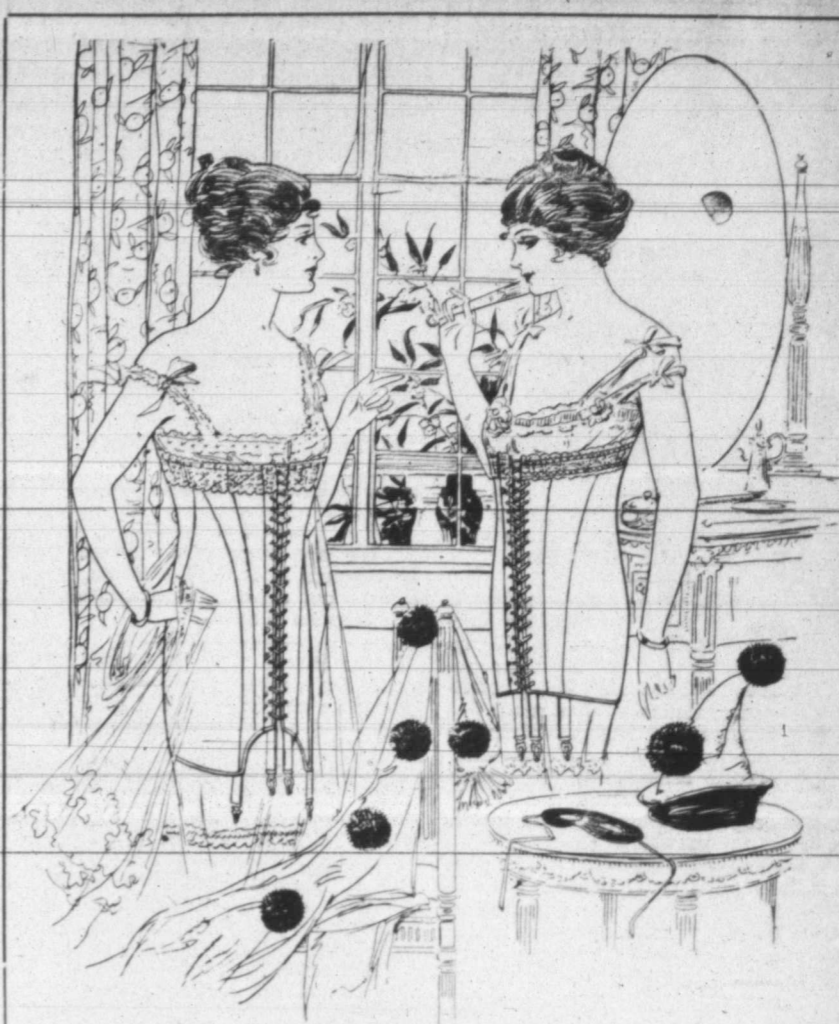
Home-Preserved Eggs
Housewives will often find it advantageous to preserve their own eggs in the home, purchasing them when the supply is abundant, and packing them in a solution of water-glass or lime water or covering them with paraffin or varnish. Such eggs can be kept in good condition for a number of months. For current use fresh eggs usually can be kept satisfactorily for two or three weeks without such treatment, in a refrigerator or dry, cool cellar. If infertile, such eggs may be kept still longer.

NEWS OF FT. WORTH-EL PASO HIGHWAY

Capt. J. D. Fauntleroy, district engineer for the U. S. government, with Engineer Merriwether and your secretary, inspected the highway route last week from El Paso to Abilene. From the latter point Capt. Fauntleroy was called to New Orleans on important business, leaving the route in several of the eastern counties still to go over. Inspection of these will be made as soon as convenient to Capt. Fauntleroy.

On the trip last week, meetings were held in fifteen towns, and from the interest shown at these places and the information received, it will be only a short time until considerable work will be in progress. Several road outfits at work were passed at different points.

During the last week the commissioners court of El Paso County appropriated from the county funds \$50,000 to complete the highway in that part of El Paso County, which will soon be taken over by the recently



Next Week Will Be Corset Week

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created county of Hudspeth. The bond issue election in Shackelford County for \$100,000 to be used on the highways in a special road district, was carried last week by a handsome majority. An election was ordered last week in Parker County, precinct No. 1, Weatherford, for a bond issue of \$240,000.

W. A. and W. L. Dean returned last Friday from Glasscock County, where they have been engaged in constructing a large surface tank on the ranch of our townsman, D. W. Brunson. J. Vail and Clay Price, of El Paso, were here this week in the interest of the Midland & Northwestern Railway. They will assist Mr. Cunningham in laying the steel.

W. B. Starr, Secretary.

City Grocery Changes Hands

We have purchased the City Grocery and will be open for business Thursday, Feb. 22, at the same old stand. We will immediately add a complete and up-to-date stock of fresh

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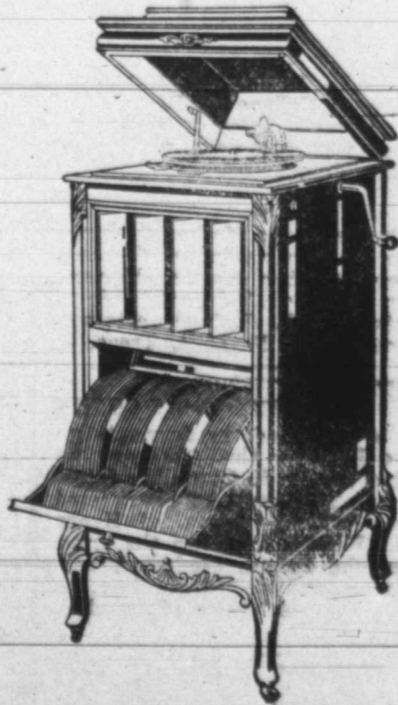
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**FOOD CONDITIONS
HERE AND ABROAD**

An Agricultural Authority Urges the World's Need Upon Attention of Farmers and Stockmen

"The world's urgent need today is for a greater food supply; its surplus is exhausted," said J. A. Kemp, of Wichita Falls while in Dallas recently, and in discussing food conditions in this country and abroad.

"The European war has withdrawn millions of men from productive labor," continued Mr. Kemp, "but they must still be fed; Poland is desolated; the people of Belgium and northern France, partially supported by charity, are starving; Germany, Austria, France, Italy, England, all are on short rations; with more than one-fourth of the world's population engaged in battle and with productive agriculture at a standstill, Europe is facing famine, and for an indefinite time must look elsewhere—and chiefly to the United States for its food supply.

"This country, also, is feeling acutely these conditions; the high cost of living has become an actual burden to thousands of our own people; no relief can be expected until this year's crops are harvested, and not even then unless weather conditions are favorable and our farmers bend all their energies to the production primarily of foodstuffs.

"This is a problem that concerns us all and Texas, which led her sister states last year in the value of her agricultural output, should now set them an example by leading in the mobilization of our agricultural resources.

"It should be the first concern of every citizen to secure in every way the production of food crops to the greatest possible extent. The farmer should be encouraged, first of all, to provide for a living at home, and next, to produce an excess of food and feed crops for the market. Foodstuffs of all kinds, vegetables, fruits, poultry, hogs and cattle are of the first importance.

"Cotton should be strictly a surplus crop and the farmer should be urged to use the best seed of standard varieties, only, avoiding the short staple half and half cottons, which cannot be sold to the spinners and which are injuriously affecting Texas cotton grades in foreign markets.

"It is at once the opportunity and the duty of the business man to lead in agricultural preparedness which is the very foundation of the general welfare of our people.

"Commercial organizations can render no greater service at this critical moment than by planning the agricultural activities of their communities for the production of food crops to meet an extraordinary demand.

"The business man is the logical agency for putting these plans into execution. It is a patriotic duty that he should loyally discharge by getting into touch personally with the farmer and advising and counseling him in this emergency.

"If our agricultural efforts are not properly planned and directed to the production of food for our people and a surplus to supply the pressing demands of other countries there is every reason to fear serious consequences. In 1837 when flour advanced from \$5 to \$11 per barrel and corn from 50 cents to \$1.15 per bushel, there were bread riots in New York. During the Civil War, the South, with plenty of cotton, but no market for it suffered for foodstuffs, and food riots marked its close.

"But one-sixth of our non-agricultural population, as compared with fifty per cent now, was then in cities of twenty-five hundred or more. The farmer must feed them all, and himself as well."

LOCAL AND PERSONAL

Hollis Scarborough and wife were in from their Winkler County ranch last week to attend the Truett meeting. They left for home on Saturday.

The Scharbauer Cattle Company sold this week to a California buyer, two cars of young bulls at \$100.00 around.

E. D. Downes, of Eunice, N. M., was here Wednesday, loading out goods for J. M. Carson's store at that place.

J. I. Slegler, a merchant from Shep, Texas, was here Thursday looking after some land interests he has 14 miles southeast of town.

We are very glad, indeed, that our townsman, Jno. W. Bullock, is able to be out again. He has lately had an extended illness.

J. M. Powell, who has been in ill health for a number of weeks, we are pleased to report, is again able to be about.

As usual Dr. Buchanan, of Big Spring will be in his Midland office Saturday, 24th. Eye, ear, nose and throat and glass fitting.

W. L. Holmsley came home from his ranch in Upton County the first of this week and reports range conditions down there to be very good.

Rev. J. S. Moore has a position in the Midland Variety Store, recently opened in the Garrett & Brown building, by Mrs. O'Donnell.

F. F. Elkin and wife went to Abilene Saturday evening last to attend the funeral of Mrs. Bright. Mrs. Elkin's grandmother. They returned home Sunday evening.

Jno. Aber, general range boss for Elkin Bros. & Bryant, was in town this week. He reports no losses and that cattle are wintering in good condition.

Mrs. F. E. Rankin left Thursday for Nashville, Tenn., to visit a sister, who is to undergo a very dangerous operation soon. Mrs. Rankin will be absent for several months.

Richard & Mitchell, of Seminole, have purchased a stock of groceries from Smith Bros and will open a first class grocery store in that rapidly growing town.

W. C. Drigger, section boss at Warfield, was here Saturday making the monthly settlement with the section hands. Mr. Drigger has been a section boss for the past five years. He reports the road in good condition.

J. O. Jones, cowman from Lubbock, was here this week visiting Geo. Ratliff and family. He reports that Panhandle cattle are wintering in fine shape. He ordered The Reporter sent to him.

It is under the auspices of the Wednesday Club and benefit of the public library fund, the Dordyn concert to-night at the Christian church. Admission, adults 50 cents; children 25 cents.

Henry Cummins, one of Midland's old time prosperous cowmen, is visiting in his family this week. He says ranch conditions are good in his section of the country. He ordered The Reporter sent to him.

B. F. Whitefield made a couple of mule sales last week, one of which was of special interest. He sold to Kelley & Bonnard, grade contractors for the Midland & Northwestern, four young mules at \$125 each. He also sold to J. R. Barron two mules. All these were raised on Mr. Whitefield's farms.

Dr. A. Zerey, the well known optician, of San Antonio, is here at the Home Hotel. Any one needing glasses call or phone No. 64 and I will call at your home. Prices reasonable, no charges for testing the eyes, adv.

Col. E. J. Mumford returned last Tuesday from Marlin, where he spent a month. It is a pleasure to know the trip seemed to have benefited him very much.

In Society



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

Evans—Poole

The following, taken from the Waco Morning News, of last Sunday, will be of interest to the readers of The Reporter:

An interesting social event of Thursday was the home wedding solemnized at the residence of Mrs. Sam R. Evans, of South Fourth street, when her daughter, Ruth, was united in marriage to James T. Poole, of Midland, Texas. Rev. F. N. Calvin, of the Central Christian church, performed the ceremony, the ring ritual being used.

The bride was stylishly gowned in a handsome dark blue coat suit and blue Georgette crepe blouse. With this a chic black satin hat with orange colored crown, a spring model, was most becomingly worn. She carried long stemmed bride's roses for her wedding flowers.

During the hush preceding the ceremony, Mrs. A. C. Upleger sang very beautifully, "My Heart at Thy Sweet Voice," F. Arthur Johnson giving the finished accompaniment. The young cousin of the bride, Miss Ruth Hubby, announced the entrance of the bride and groom by Lehengrin's wedding march. Very quietly and sweetly they entered together and took their stand before an improvised altar of ferns and smilax and made their marriage vows. Congratulations sincere and heartfelt followed, for none were invited for this sacred hour save relatives and friends of long standing.

The truly southern home where old time southern hospitality is always extended friends, was festooned with smilax and bright with yellow jonquils gathered from the flower garden of the Evans home. Brown baskets, maline bowed, were filled with these fragrant blossoms and placed most advantageously. The ceiling and window ledges of parlors and reception hall were latticed with ropes of smilax. All that love could prompt was done, for was not the beloved daughter leaving the maternal roof for new found joys? This bride has grown from childhood to cultured young womanhood in our midst. Lovable in disposition, noble in character, a mind rich with knowledge, it is little wonder that "none knew her but to love her, none named her but to praise." As Miss Ruth Evans she has had the distinction of being principal for several years of one of the flourishing city schools. Her father, Sam R. Evans, now of beloved memory, was here before the war and watched the growth of Waco from a village to the now prosperous city. He was one of the large plantation owners of this country.

Mr. Poole's family were likewise pioneer residents and his boyhood days were spent in and around Lorena. He is now extensively engaged in the cattle business at Midland, where his home is in readiness for his bride. He has many warm friends here in his old home who rejoice in his happiness. He is a man of strong character, sterling worth and splendid business ability.

The wedding guests, more than a hundred, were served with delicious salad, wafers, olives and coffee, passed by the little niece and namesake of the bride, Ruth Gaines, assisted by Jane Dodd Moore, Evelyn Bondurant, Virginia Holt, Lucy Abbott and Elizabeth Burrows. The pretty cousin, Miss Ruth Hubby, dipped the punch and the wedding guests were welcomed by the mother, Mrs. S. R. Evans, Mr. and Mrs. S. W. Gaines, of Chilton, Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Hennigan, S. J. Evans, Mrs. Turner Hubby and Mrs. E. J. Cortines, of Dallas. Mr. and Mrs. Poole were remembered by friends with many lovely presents.

After a week spent in New Orleans Mr. and Mrs. Poole returned for a brief visit to the mother, Mrs. Sam R. Evans, after which they attend the cattlemen's convention in Fort Worth before taking up permanent residence in Midland.

The bride tossed her bouquet which was caught by Miss Rosa Edmond. Mr. and Mrs. Fred Evans, of Kaufman, were prevented from attending the wedding of their sister, by illness. Mr. Poole's many friends in Midland rejoice with him in his new found happiness and The Reporter feebly expresses their wishes in saying to him and his bride, "A long life and a happy one."

Birthday Celebration

On Feb. 18th the 21st birthday of George Wallace was celebrated and enjoyed by a number of his friends at the W. E. Wallace ranch home several miles from town. After the drive from town the guests were seated around a daintily spread dinner table laden with good things every dish seemingly to be one which especially tempted and pleased them. The afternoon sped rapidly and merrily away with music and other forms of amusement dear to youthful hearts. The guests were Misses Essie Cowden, Susie Graves, Mamie Driver, Bessie Cowden and Leona McCormick, Messrs. Earl Moran, Donald Hutt, Dee McCormick, Lester Fisher and Frank Williamson, from Big Spring.

Wednesday Club

The members of the Wednesday Club report that the last meeting which was held with Mrs. W. K. Curtis was one of the best of the club year. The program was made up of a study of the Mississippi river and the city of St. Louis, the first part of which was ably conducted by Mrs. Curtis, assisted by Mrs. Jno. Haley, the latter part by Mrs. J. M. DeArmond. The discussion of such subjects as "Fighting the great flood," "Taming the Mississippi," "Shantyboat folks," Mississippi sketches brought out a lot of real interest.

The study of St. Louis was very comprehensive taking in the people, the social and political life, the schools and government. After a symposium on "The Outlook for Peace at Present," the club went into executive session and elected officers for next year as follows:

President, Mrs. Crutcher Woodridge; vice president, Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer; recording secretary, Mrs. W. D. Ellis; corresponding secretary, Mrs. W. K. Curtis.

Patriotic Party for F. S. M. Club

Mrs. R. W. Cowden and daughter, Miss Mozelle, were hostesses to the girls of the F. S. M. Club and a number of invited guests yesterday afternoon from three to six. Everything throughout the afternoon was in keeping with the national holiday, the birthday of the father of his country. In the room where the wraps were left immense American flags were festooned over the doors and above the window ledges. In the hallway, living room and dining room, bunting draperies were hung from the windows and through the archways, while beautiful bouquets of fragrant carnations lent their charm and grace to bring about the desired effect. On each of the curtains was an American emblem, the shield and eagle, so dear to us all, especially in these troublous, uncertain times.

The score cards bore pictures of our first president, then at each table there was an immense red, white and blue hatchet to be used in letting the other guests know that the game was finished. The club pin was given to Miss Ola Epley who won every game out of the six played, while Mrs. B. C. Girdley was presented with guest prize, a very splendid, hand-painted likeness of Washington.

After the tables had been spread with lunch cloths and napkins, appropriate for this occasion, a delicious two course luncheon was served. Between courses the favors, boxes bearing the fabled hatchet and cherry tree filled with salted almonds and candied cherries were passed. Each block of cream, which was served with angel food as the second course, was decorated with cherries and chipped with a tiny hatchet. Those who so thoroughly enjoyed this pleasing function, besides the club members, were Messrs. Chas. B. Gibbs, Henry M. Hall, Jno. B. Bludworth, Clarence Scharbauer, B. C. Girdley, J. B. Blakeney, Maurice Bludworth, L. C. Major, Bob Estes, W. C. Wallace, Ray Hyatt, M. C. Ulmer, J. Wiley Taylor, G. F. Cowden, J. T. White, Otis Means and Foster; Misses Myrtle Tanner, Susie Graves and Essie Cowden.

Miss Thelma White returned Monday from an extensive trip in St. Louis, Chicago and Dallas. While away she saw a number of the best of the season's plays and operas. The trip was made in company with several friends and proved a delightful one.

Miss Eddie Taylor left Monday to enter Baylor College at Belton. She will specialize in music in which she is already very proficient. We predict that her advancement will be very rapid.

The ladies of the Methodist church will give a sale of useful articles, such as aprons, dusting cans, sunbonnets, boys' vests, etc. This sale will be given March 10th. Refreshments will be served. Mrs. Bepedict, Treas.

TEN HEAD REGISTERED HEREFORDS BOUGHT

Just as we close the forms to issue The Reporter this afternoon we learn that Dr. W. K. Curtis has lately purchased 10 head of registered Hereford bulls, yearlings, of Henry Pegues. We did not learn the price. However the Pegues product is second to none, and we congratulate the Doctor upon his choice of breeding stock.

Dr. J. G. Hall was up this week from his ranch in Upton County. He says it is just as dry down there as can be, and very little grass. However it is going to rain down there pretty soon and everything will be all right.

PUPILS' RECITAL AT MIDLAND COLLEGE

Pupils of Miss Lena Holland, instructor in piano at Midland College, will give a recital at the College next Friday night, March 2nd. The public cordially invited.

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ERAMAN 159961, by Kroman, 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.

BLACK ERWIN 155,902, by the Grand Champion Erwin C. PROBLEM 2nd, Champion Aberdeen-Angus bull at Quanah, 1916. KINSMAN 2nd of Highland Co. 195560, 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.

THE SOUTHWEST'S GREATEST COLLECTION OF STOCK BULLS

OUR WINNINGS

At the Seven Shows Where We Exhibited in 1916
National Feeders' and Breeders' Show, Fort Worth, 1916—
Had entries in Seven Classes.
Won 4 First, 2 Seconds, 3 Thirds.
Junior and Grand Champion bull.
Junior Champion Female.
Hardeman County Fair, Quanah, Texas—
Had entries in Eight Classes.
Won 5 Firsts, 5 Seconds.
Champion Bull.
Panhandle State Fair, Amarillo, Texas—
Had entries in Fifteen Classes.
Won 11 Firsts, 2 Seconds, 2 Thirds, 1 Fourth.
Junior and Grand Champion Bull.
Junior Champion Female.
Midland Fair and Interstate Stock Show, Midland, Texas—
Had entries in Fifteen Classes.
Won 12 Firsts, 3 Seconds, 1 Third.
Senior Champion Bull.
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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F. N. McMILLAN, Herdsman
CHRISTOVAL, (Tom Green County) TEXAS

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

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

FOR SALE OR TRADE—8-room residence with 20 acres of ground, out houses, two wells, etc., all within the incorporate limits of Midland, north. Will give suitable terms to desirable purchaser. Address Nat B. Read, pastor Methodist church, Lampasas, Texas. 19-4tpd

FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK

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

FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

WILL SELL AT A BARGAIN—Two mares, wagon and double set of harness. See Rutledge Isaacks. 20-1t

FOR SALE, TRADE OR RENT—My wagon yard. Also ten tons of maize for sale. My doctor advises me to quit the business. C. M. J. Stringer. 20-tf

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

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

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 5-foot 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

LEGAL NOTICES

NOTICE—This is to certify that I will not be responsible for any debts contracted by my family while at Midland. Respl., 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.

BUSINESS NOTICES

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

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

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

BEAUTY PARLOR SPECIALIST

Mrs. T. L. Nubert employs an electric hair dryer, giving scalp treatment and cleaning the scalp, thus causing the hair to grow. Also other beauty parlor accessories for removing wrinkles and other facial blemishes. Will work up combings, no matter how badly tangled. Will call on ladies at their homes, giving facial treatments and shampooing. Patronage respectfully solicited. At Mrs. J. M. Jemison's phone 224. 17-tf

NOTICE TO FORD OWNERS

I have opened up a Ford repair shop at the rear of Ed Eriksen's blacksmith shop. Will specialize on Ford cars only and guarantee to please. Am also prepared to do spring, radiator and frame work, on any kind of car. You will profit by calling on me when you have jitney trouble. Holly E. Roberts.

SALESMEN WANTED

WANTED—Local agents and canvassers to sell Magic Motor Gas in Midland and southwestern counties. One quart equals sixty gallons of gasoline. Address Ira Pullen, Sweetwater, Texas, General Agent. 20-2t

BOARD AND ROOMS

GENTLEMAN and mother desire room and board in private family. References exchanged. Call at the Midland & Northwestern Railway office. 11-p

Judge Hudson, of Pecos, is here this week, holding district court, in a few cases in which he was selected as special judge.

PUPILS OF PUBLIC SCHOOLS CELEBRATE

(Continued from page 1.)

- Song—"Good Old U. S. A." Room
- Song—"Red, White and Blue" Room
- Song—"Star Spangled Banner" Room
- Poem—"Love of Country" Room
- Poem—"Sins of Omission" Room
- Recitation—"Life of Washington" Two Pupils
- Miss Graves' Room: Song—"Washington's Christmas Party" Room
- Poem—"The Night Wind" Room
- Song—"Good Old U. S. A." Room
- Poem—"Rock-a-Bye Lady" Room
- Song—"Texas" Room
- Song—"To Be Like Washington" Room
- Song—"Star Spangled Banner" Room

Mrs. Gentry's Room: Mrs. Gentry's room had not prepared a special Washington's birthday program, but, after the singing of a few songs by the pupils and a talk on Washington by the teacher, the room planted a tree which was furnished by Master Allen Cowden.

Mr. Hornaday's Department: The Character of Washington... Which Is Best... Florence Manning Piano Solo. Agnes Mae Willingham The Nation's Pride... Minnie Foster Washington's Grave. Jessie Hill, Willie Ramsay, Margaret Hooper What Should Have Happened. Baby Ruth Blakney, Tommie Preston, Lora Eichelberger, Kathryn Lee. School House Stands By the Flag... Leslie Rogers Birthday Lesson... Louise Finney Song—"Washington" Room

A Life Like Washington... Dale Roberts Piano Solo. Minta Aycock Truthful George... Emma Selmon Washington Birthday Wish... Katherine Majors George's Cherry Tree... Arlean Harper Song—"Columbia, Gem of the Ocean" Room

My Land... Dee Powell A Modern Washington... Carrie Belle Roberts Tis Splendid to Live So Grandly... Johnnie Roberts

Miss Davis' Room: Welcome... Roy Wakefield Our Songs... Charles Watson His Example... Mabel O'Donnell Just Boys... Clyde Jerden, Maggie Smedgrass

The Great Men's Secret... H. B. Dungan, Jr. in the Days of Long Ago... Alice Parish When Washington was President... Six Boys The Flag Month... Christine Brooks Memory... American Room Song—"Battle Hymn of the Republic" Room

The Best Day... Homer Ingham How to be Strong... Ewell Howell The Starry Flag... Thomas Stillwell Little Maids of Long Ago... Helen Thompson

When Washington was a Boy... Betsy Ross's Flag... Eula Lee Bell Old Glory... Robert Hord In February... Gertie O'Dell The Flag Colors... Robert Benton Millie Pitcher... Lucile Lee Message of His Country... P. J. Powell Father of His Country... Thelma Richardson Like Washington... Gladys Midkiff Miss Ward's Room:

America... Room Betsy's Battle Flag... Room Maids of Long Ago... Cora Mae Haley A Girl of Today... Jean Smith February Nonsense... Guy Hampton Our Flag... Foy Curry When Washington Was President... Six Children Patriotic Letters... Four Girls Tribute to Washington... George Buchanan Nobility... Room

Miss Henkel's Room: Song—"Our Flag" Room Dan's To Do Eight... Clinton Dunagan What Did He Do?... Mayes Griffin, Luella Middleton. Great Men's Secrets... M. B. Wells Song—"Soldier Boys" Room Our Song... Howard Fullen Speak Gently... Hazel Easter, Helen Manning

February... Mary Louise Hill Our Honor... Albert Harper, T. J. Stokes. Shine On... Lonnie Elam When Washington Was President... Sidney House Maids of Long Ago... Lucile Lech Flag Salute... Room Song—"American" Room Our Flag... J. H. Fine Miss Harris' Room:

Betsy's Flag... Susan Cowden His Models... James Miller In February... Willie Mae Coles My Flag... Three Girls The Message of the Flag... Three Boys Just a Boy... Bill Tucker The Great Men's Secret... Veva Robertson, Earl Klebold

Molly Pitcher... May Beth Reddell The Banner of the Free... Raymon Stevens Where Would We Get Cherry Pies? J. T. Patton Washington, the True and the Brave... Six Boys Patriots... Ruby Milstead Washington... Ten Girls A Great Loss... Alice Houston

Spelling Matches At the conclusion of the above programs eleven rooms, including the high school and the grammar school departments and consisting of 375 pupils, entered into try-out spelling matches, preparatory to the interschool league spelling contests which are to be held all over Texas in about

six weeks. The contests were by rooms, the high school being divided into two groups of two rooms each, and the wards being divided into three groups of two and one-half rooms each. In the high school Mr. Nelson's and Mr. Henry's rooms were first pitted against each other and Mr. Nelson's room won; Miss Tanner's and Miss Lucile Davis' rooms were pitted against each other and Miss Davis' room won. The winners were then put up against each other, Mr. Nelson's and Mr. Henry's rooms winning in the last two contests. Mr. Nelson's room won two, Mr. Henry's one, and Miss Davis' one, in the series for the morning. In the wards Mr. Hornaday's room won over Mr. Johnson's; Miss Kelley's won over Miss Talley's and one-half of Miss Smith's; Miss Randle's won over Miss Williams' and the other half of Miss Smith's. These contests by rooms will be continued each week until the county meet, when the winners will be selected to go to the district meet. The Midland schools have 375 contestants in spelling, 255 contestants in declamation, six debaters, and a large number in track and field events. Out of this number she should be able to pick several state winners. A large number of visitors attended the programs and spelling contests in the various rooms and departments.

BEST COLORED MINSTREL SHOW EVER IN THE CITY

The Old Virginia Minstrels, colored minstrel men, last night gave a splendid show in a tent at the corner of Nineteenth and F Streets. There was not a vacant seat left in the tent when the curtain went up. The show lasted two hours and a half and was followed by a concert.

The first part was well presented, and the singing and dancing by the colored folks, male and female, were enjoyable. The fun was fast and furious while it lasted and the audience enjoyed the show.

It was the best colored minstrel show ever presented in Bakersfield.—Morning Echo, Bakersfield, Calif.

NEW GROCERY STORE BY L. F. HEARD

L. F. Heard has rented the frame building next door to the Warnock Cafe and is fitting it up for a grocery store. He will carry a full stock of staple and fancy groceries, and sell strictly for cash. Auto delivery.

MIDLAND VARIETY STORE NOW OPEN

Mrs. T. J. O'Donnell has opened up, in the corner building on Main Street, owned by Garrett & Brown, and recently vacated by the Midland Mercantile Company, what will be known as the Midland Variety Store. A unique feature is that no article sold will be priced higher than 25 cents. As suggested by the name, a great variety of articles will be handled. Mrs. O'Donnell will be assisted by her sons and their large advertisement in this issue of The Reporter urges the public to call and see the line of goods and get acquainted. The place, upon opening day, yesterday, presented a very attractive appearance, and it bids for a fair share of the patronage of the Midland trade territory.

SHIPMENT OF THIRTY-THREE HUNDRED SHEEP

On last Tuesday a sight appeared in our town which has not occurred before in a good many years. It was a herd of 3300 sheep, owned by our townsman, C. W. Hearrell, being driven through town to the stock pens, there to be loaded and shipped to Hix, Texas, where they will be put on feed and afterward marketed. Mr. Hearrell was concerned in a considerable cattle deal this week, also, he having sold to E. B. Johnson of Norman, Oklahoma, 800 cows. May delivery.

ADDITIONAL LOCALS

Claude Hearrell shipped 24 cars of sheep to Hix, Texas, last Tuesday.

E. D. Canada, of Big Spring, is visiting the family of J. H. Barron.

Dr. S. R. Gates, of Abilene, was in Midland this week on business.

H. A. Angel, of Big Spring, is visiting Len Driver and family this week.

H. Klapproth had the misfortune to lose a fine Jersey milch cow this week.

Jax M. Cowden made a business trip to Marathon the first of this week.

Jno. Yates, cowman from Monahans was here this week. He reports a good calf crop.

W. H. Cowden left last Sunday for Fort Worth and other points in east Texas.

G. C. Spires and son, L. G., from Roscoe, were here the first of this week on business.

J. L. Baldrige, of Pecos, was in town this week. Says conditions are good out there.

J. D. Chesser and A. J. Graham and family, of Stanton, were shopping in the city Thursday.

Percy Mims is out again after being confined to his room for two weeks as a result of an operation.

Mrs. J. L. Booth, after a pleasant visit with relatives and friends, has returned to her home in Hot Springs, Ark.

Will Terry, young cowman from near Nadine, N. M., was here this week. Reports that he bought a bunch of yearlings at \$25.50 around.

G. H. Coyle, polo buyer, reports that he has bought 45 head of rood polo ponies in the last three months and will ship them to New York in the spring.

WORK OF UNIVERSITY OF TEXAS Y. M. C. A.

Employment for 107 deserving students in the University of Texas was secured by the University Y. M. C. A. employment bureau during last session. In addition to this 226 odd jobs were secured.

The total value of the work done by these students was \$11,938.40.

Although by far the majority of the jobs secured go through this bureau, these figures by no means represent the amount of money earned by students while attending the University. A large number of them are student assistants who secure their appointment after the first year by reason of excellence of the work done as students in the year previous. Then there are a great many who secure work out in the city of Austin who find out about them of themselves and never apply to the Y. M. C. A. The figures on the Employment Bureau are interesting in that they represent pretty fairly the amount of assistance received at the University of Texas by students who come without means and entirely without friends or information concerning the conditions.

"Waiting on table" heads the list of employments. From this source alone students earned \$6557 during last session. "Chorem" ranked second and "Clerks" third.

Under the head of odd jobs, "Yard Work" was the most remunerative, there being \$103.05 earned in this manner. "House work", "cutting and carrying wood", "putting up stoves" and "distributing circulars" are some of the other items listed in the report of the Y. M. C. A. secretary.

A student who worked his way through the University last year writes to Mr. T. W. Currie, secretary of the Y. M. C. A. of the University of Texas, "Any fellow with a good supply of grit and common sense can make his way through the University. I came here with only \$45, and with the help of the Y. M. C. A. have succeeded in making my way the first year. Every body is good to the man who is making his way."

Another prospective student says, "I am going to enter the University as soon as I get money enough to pay my way. When you get the money, perhaps you will not have the desire to go on to school. Why not come on and take a chance on the money proposition? There are hundreds of students making their expenses while they are in college. There are just two things necessary for you to do to make expenses while here: (1) Leave your name with the University Y. M. C. A.; (2) Work."

During the past year Mr. Currie received 214 applications for employment from students. He secured places for them which netted the students during the year \$11,938.40. A boy or girl has to take a chance in coming to Austin to college with but little money, but the chance is worth taking.

Mr. Currie makes the following suggestions to men who desire to work their way through school: (1) Do not come to Austin more than five days before school opens. (2) No jobs are given before this time, and under no conditions will places be assigned before the applicant arrives. (3) We do not guarantee to find you a place to work. We will help you in every way possible. (4) Students should endeavor to bring \$75 or \$100 with them.

Texas spends annually on alcohol and tobacco \$139,000,000 and only \$18,000,000 on education. To double the state's education fund would cost each citizen one cent a day.

ORGANIZED EIGHTEEN HUNDRED AND NINETY
First National Bank
MIDLAND, TEXAS



Condition on Dec. 27, 1916

Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits

\$227,680.03

Deposits

\$704,491.90

Total Resources

\$957,171.93

CAPITAL ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

SURPLUS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

THE VITAL WORK OF THE STORAGE BATTERY

Ninety per cent of the electrically equipped automobiles made in 1917 will use a storage battery for ignition as well as for lighting and starting, according to Mr. Guthrie, of the local Willard Service Station.

"The average car owner," says Mr. Guthrie, "does not realize how vital a part of his automobile the storage battery is. In fact, he never gives it a thought until it gets out of commission."

And yet thinking back a few years, we can all remember when the engine had to be cranked by hand. Even on the small cars this was no mean undertaking, and on larger machines it was more than a man-sized job.

There are few veteran motorists who cannot remember touring in a strange country on a stormy night with only one match to light all five of their lamps, or who can't remember gas tanks running out just at the time when gas was most needed.

The advent of the electric starting and lighting system really marks an epoch in motoring.

It has certainly widened the popularity and usefulness of the gasoline car, for any woman can now run an automobile without having to have a chauffeur along to crank the engine for her. In other words, motoring has become a family pleasure and mother or sister are just as well able to run a machine as the father or brother.

The old acetylene generator and and later the acetylene tank have both been displaced now by electric headlights, and the dirt and trouble of the old kerosene sidelights have been absolutely done away with.

In the old days a man would spend twenty minutes to a half an hour a day filling up his lamps alone. Now he seems very much surprised because the manufacturer of a storage battery tells him that he must spend that time every two weeks at least to keep his battery, which has done away with all this, in good order.

The Willard Storage Battery Company alone has spent hundreds of thousands of dollars impressing this fact upon the mind of the motorist.

With the storage battery used for ignition purposes as well as starting it is indeed the heart of the automobile and will have to be taken care of if the car is going to run.

Our company, the Willard Storage Battery Company, is doing a great deal to educate the car owner to the importance of the battery. Of course, we are operating over 850 service stations all over the country whose function is not only to keep batteries in good order for the car owner, but to teach him something about the care of it.

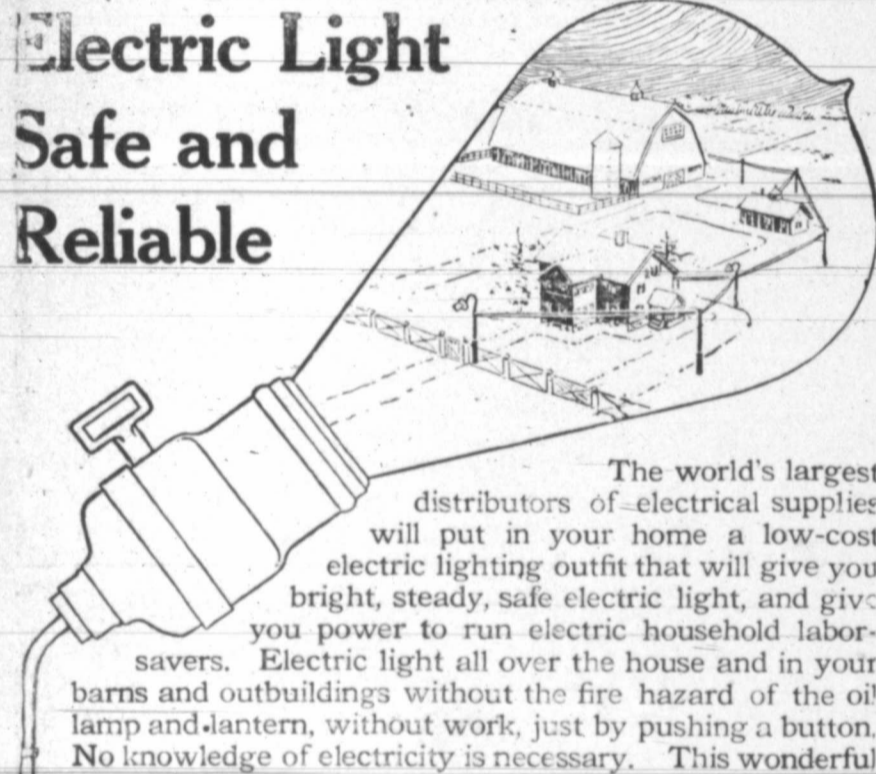
We receive at regular intervals booklets on the care of the storage battery which we distribute to motor car owners. For instance, a booklet called "Your Electrical System and How it Works," gives a splendid non-technical description of the workings of the electrical system of the automobile. Another one, "Are you Starving Your Battery?" gives a lot of information about starving which is at the bottom of about nine-tenths of battery troubles. There are other booklets on winter care, overheating, etc.

The same company has done a lot of national advertising pointing out to motorists the necessity of keeping their batteries filled with water, making frequent hydrometer tests and keeping in touch with the service station; the three best things any motorist can do to keep his battery in A-1 condition.

All this advertising and education is gradually sinking in and we battery men all have faith that it is only a matter of time before the motorist will be taking as good care of his battery as he is of his tires and the engine.

Adv.

Electric Light Safe and Reliable



The world's largest distributors of electrical supplies will put in your home a low-cost electric lighting outfit that will give you bright, steady, safe electric light, and give you power to run electric household labor-savers. Electric light all over the house and in your barns and outbuildings without the fire hazard of the oil lamp and lantern, without work, just by pushing a button. No knowledge of electricity is necessary. This wonderful

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is complete when it comes to you—just as here illustrated—generator, storage batteries and switchboard. It can be placed anywhere that is convenient for hitching up to your gas engine. Run your engine a few hours twice a week and it will generate and store up in the batteries all the electricity you need. Costs little or nothing to maintain, except for engine fuel. No trouble. No danger. Guaranteed by the makers of the Bell telephones.

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No. 11-Outfit complete with oil burning engine **\$250.00**

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7 passenger Touring or 4 passenger Roadster
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THE supreme test for an automobile is at the great shows of New York and Chicago, where hundreds of cars are placed side by side, and where detailed comparisons are easy.

At both the recent shows the Marion-Handley came through with flying colors.

For beauty of line and quality of finish, it was easily abreast of any, regardless of price.

In its cylinder and price class, it fully maintained its position as the Six-Pre-eminent.

We invite your inspection and judgment.

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BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS
Built by The Mutual Motors Company, Jackson, Michigan.

ected as depository for the county funds for the ensuing two years, this bid being 2 per cent.

NICE BUNCH OF YOUNG STEERS SOLD

Jno. Dublin, one of Midland's young cowmen, sold to Foy Proctor this week a nice bunch of young steers at \$40 with 10 per cent cut. Mr. Dublin reports that the calf crop promises to be good and he has quite a number now. His ranch is located in Gaines County.

SOME NEWS NOTES FROM COTTON FLAT

Master Daniel Ward gave a birthday party on last Saturday.

Cakes and candies were passed around which the children enjoyed very much.

On last Wednesday morning the Valentine mail box was opened for the school children. Some real pretty ones were made and sent to their teachers and chums.

Mrs. Cora Meadow, Misses Byrdie Haws and Flora Elam spent Sunday with Miss Sarah Oloff.

We are sorry to report Dick Montgomery on the sick list this week.

George Montgomery spent Sunday evening with Arthur Oloff.

Miss Mary Shelburn spent Friday and Saturday nights with her parents.

Mr. and Mrs. O. K. Murphy spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Oloff.

Mr. C. C. Brock and Mr. Jack Wilmoth visited Mr. Bill Locklar last Sunday morning.

Mr. A. K. Murphy and Mr. Byron Autry are very busy poisoning prairie dogs this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Selman spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Haws.

Mr. W. C. Rayburn has been down with lagrippe for the last three weeks but we are glad to report he is able to be with us again.

Mr. Robinson is planning to leave for New Mexico this week, where he will file on a claim. We wish him success.

Mr. Oswald Phillipps has a new Ford. Look out girls.

Mr. Phil Flood lead the prayer-meeting last Sunday night. Mr. J. S. Lyle will lead next Sunday night, and every one is urged to come out.

Mr. and Mrs. Bill Locklar spent Sunday evening with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Montgomery.

Several more cars of steel and other supplies for the new railroad, arrived last Monday.

R. E. H. Morgan returned Tuesday from Mineral Wells, looking much improved in health. Mrs. Morgan will remain in Mineral Wells for some time yet, though feeling much better.

S. B. Carr, our city marshal, returned Monday from a business trip to Washington, D. C. and reports very cold weather, but says he enjoyed the sights there very much.

Rorie E. Cowden, who has been attending the Tyler Commercial College, at Tyler, Texas, is home again and will remain.

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B. N. AYCOCK, Pres.
JAX M. COWDEN, Mgr.

W. W. Wimberly, local agent for the Pierce-Fordyce Company, came home the first of the week from Sweetwater, where he has been attending a meeting of the Oil Association. M. Renner, a prospector from Oklahoma, was here 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.

THE FORD AGENCY

WILL MANNING Proprietor

COMMENT BY THE BEEVILLE PICAYUNE

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my life-long friends. I shall never forget his advice to me on the only occasion on which I ever gambled. I had been induced to bet some money on a horse race and Bill Doughty tried to make me take it down, telling me that the race was "fixed" and I would be robbed. His prediction was true and I lost all my money. I have never gambled in any way since that day. In fact, that was the only occasion in my whole life that I ever did such a thing, nor have I ever been intoxicated in my life. I served with Capt. Doughty until the war was over and then went back to my old business of buying and selling horses.

The country between the Nueces and the Rio Grande saw very hard times during the period just following the Civil war. Robbery, murder and brigandage were common, and the law-abiding men of the population had to stand well together to protect themselves and their families and property. No man dared leave his family alone even for a day and I, being an unattached young man, was very often called upon to act as guard for families whose heads were obliged to be away from home on business.

I was offered big wages for this duty, but considering it only my duty, I never accepted any pay for it. It would be impossible for me to tell in the limits of this narrative of half the terrible events of this period. Lawlessness was rampant and organized bands of robbers and murderers terrorized the country. People who were thought to have money were tortured and mutilated with knives in an effort to make them tell where their money was hidden. Men and women were met in the open roads and made to give up even their vehicles and left to find their way home afoot. Cattle were slaughtered by the thousands for their hides alone. I have been out with parties of rangers and armed citizens hunting down these outlaws, when we would find cattle in bunches of from fifteen to three hundred, killed and skinned. My observation convinces me that this is all war is fruitful of. It fathers everything that is worst in human nature, and murder, rapine and all lawlessness follow it. We of Texas, particularly, owe our great president the deepest gratitude for his brave and determined stand against an unnecessary war.

It was during these perilous times that I became well acquainted with Capt. King, the noted cattleman of the southwest. He was an old Texan when I first came to the country and was always prominent in affairs concerned with the best interests of the country. At the time of which I speak, he kept a store on his ranch near where Kingsville now stands, and freely provisioned from his stock many an expedition after robbers and brigands. He seemed to take a special interest in me and whenever I was away on one of these expeditions would make frequent inquiries as to my return and would leave word for me to call on him when I got back, that he wanted to "put another feather in my cap." Capt. King was the direct cause, I may say, of my "reconstruction" which happened in this way. A Mexican had strychnined my drinking water and all my provisions in an effort to kill me, and had escaped to the border. I went after him and Capt. King gave me a note to General Hatcher who was in command of the U. S. troops stationed on that part of the border. I did not want to take the note, fearing that my well known hostility to the Mexicans would cause me trouble if I went to them introduced by name. But Capt. King insisted that I take it and guaranteed me good and fair treatment from General Hatcher, so I did. I have been in many close places and had many perilous adventures, but my knees never shook as they did when I started to enter General Hatcher's headquarters. His reception of me and the treatment accorded me, immediately reassured me, however, and I came home a completely "reconstructed" rebel.

It would "ake up too much time for me to tell one-half the history of those tumultuous times. In the pursuit of my business, I took a great many chances, which showed what a green boy I was, but I was always careful to keep out of trouble and did not take sides in any of the feuds and family wars which were common on both sides of the border. I was in Mexico several times during the days of Maximilian, in 1866, but was treated all right by both sides to that quarrel.

The country now begun to steady down and settle up more thickly and before long fencing began to be done. In 1875 I married Miss Lucilla Allen of Allendale, in Arkansas County, whom I had met and fallen in love with, at St. Marys, the home of my aunt, Mrs. Egery. She was a true helpmeet and her bravery and fortitude and love sustained me in adversities and cheered me on to success. In 1878 I sold my ranch to Bee County and began to buy land. Up to this time I had never handled cattle, having been altogether a horse man, but with the coming of the fences, about 1880 or '81, I began to handle cattle and to this business and farming I have devoted myself ever since. The old "maverick" days were over, for a strong public sentiment emphasized by good long penitentiary sentences to some of the offenders, had effectually put an end to this famous (or rather more appropriately, infamous) phase of the cattle business in Texas. Knowing that there are a great many people who are not aware of how the

term "maverick" originated, I will explain that the Mavericks were a family of cattlemen who owned immense herds of cattle. Before the country was fenced, these cattle would drift away from their own ranges and so became scattered over a wide scope of country. The cattle "rustlers" and even the smaller ranchmen, would not hesitate to put their own brands on such of these as they would run up with their own or find loose on the prairies. The easy-going morality of those days did not consider it much of a crime to thus appropriate the property of men who from the very immensity of their herds, would hardly miss these strays. It was agreed, too, that someone would get them, so why not take them oneself. From that it soon became common to call my unbranded animal past the weaning stage, a "maverick," and to brand it for themselves was the regular procedure. I will say right here, that never was guilty of participating in anything of this kind. My brand was never put on any but my own cattle, except in three instances. Two of these (calves), were branded by my men through mistake and as soon as discovered, the rightful owners were notified and paid. The third, a colt, was branded in my brand by unknown parties, thinking probably to get me into trouble, but I soon discovered the fact and bought the colt from its owner at his own price. If my long life and varied experiences have taught me anything at all, it is that honesty and straight-forwardness are the best business policies. I have never seen a thief or a gambler make a success in life and I believe any honest man with ambition and "get up" about him, will be sure to win out.

I will now pass over with very short reference a long term of years which, though full of events of importance in the history of Southwest Texas, are too fresh in the memories of people still comparatively young, to need any enlargement upon by me, and to which the unimportant part I played hardly warrants me in making any extended reference in an autobiographical sketch. I would like to speak of the many friends with whose trust and loyalty I have been blessed; to call them all by name; to offer my tribute to their faithfulness and express my deep appreciation of their worth, but I can only say that as I draw near to that "bourne from which no traveler returns," they form the brightest links in my chain of memory, and when the dark waves of forgetfulness close over my little bark, their images shall be the last to sink.

After my marriage in 1875 and my subsequent removal to Bee County, I continued in the business of raising and handling cattle and added to my holdings of land as fast as I was able. The development of agriculture in Bee County, found in me an eager participant and as the years went by, I saw with pride the acres of corn and cotton widen and spread like the waters of a river at flood, until now one can see miles on miles of waving crops where formerly the wild mustang and hungry lone-horn held undisputed range. I still own the little horse I first bought in Bee County, and have added to it from time to time until now I have something like 4300 acres of fine land in cultivation. I make no boast of this, but think I may be excused for pointing to the fact as an illustration of what I have so often said: that any man who will take as his watchwords "Honesty" and "Industry," can do well in grand old Texas. If an orphan boy with no capital but a pair of willing hands can do it, any other boy can do it, too.

My beloved wife died in 1910, leaving me a lonely old man. Of the seven children born to us, only two now survive. They are W. D. and C. C. Ellis, of Midland, Texas, and for the past two years I have been living with them. There are six grandchildren, three of which are children of my sons, now dead and the other three children of the two boys at Midland.

Midland is a fine little city, located in the center of what is called the South Plains country of Texas. It is the capital of a large and very fine stock growing country, which contains many herds of as fine cattle as can be found in the whole United States. The population is contented and well-to-do and there is no arraying of one class against another here. I never saw a more peaceable and law-abiding people. The handsome court house and pretentious jail are the scenes of little activity and I venture to say that there is no town in the country that has as few lawyers in proportion to population. The agricultural industry has developed rather slowly in this section, but "the man with the hoe" is here and is making his presence felt in ever increasing weight. These broad level acres will offer an irresistible invitation to the progressive Texas farmer and though I may not see it with my living eyes, my mental vision leaps ahead and pictures once again the same transformation which my earlier manhood witnessed in dear old Southwest Texas.

WARNING TO KILL YOUR PRAIRIE DOGS

The prairie dog law goes into effect August 28th, 1917. Anyone owning lands for prairie dog breeding will be expected to kill his dogs. Whoever fails or refuses to kill his dogs will be reported to the sheriff by the county commissioners. The sheriff will then notify the land owner to destroy his dogs, and if he fails to do so, the sheriff will have it done at the expense of the county and the land will be subject to sale to pay for it. The sheriff will get \$5.00 per day for superintending the work. Two years is the limit for the destruction of the prairie dog. W. E. Bradford, Sheriff.

Violin, cello, piano, voice and reader, are the attractions of the Derdeyn concert. Christian church tonight.

MIDLAND COLLEGE DEFEATS ALL STARS

With a light, cool breeze from the west, last Monday night was ideal for the basket ball game by electric light between Midland College and the All Star team, which is composed of veteran players from various colleges of the country. Both teams came upon the field about the same time and there arose from the large crowd on the campus a murmur of impatience for the game to begin. The lineup was announced; the players assumed their positions; the referee's whistle cut the air, and the ball was in play.

First Period The Stars came out. Teddy Dozier knocked the ball from center to Hornaday. Hornaday passed to Collins. Collins basketed field goal. First blood drawn by the Stars. Dozier knocked the horse hide again to Hornaday, but foul was called on account of dribbling in two directions. Goal made on foul by Midland. The remainder of this period was characterized by the close guarding of Henry and Hunter and the artistic work of Collins for the Stars and Boynton for the College in putting goals. Score, Midland College 7; Stars, 4.

Second Period The second period opened with a rush. T. R. Dozier slapped the ball in strenuous Rooseveltian style and Kaiser Hornaday received well, but in passing the sphere was lost by the Stars and the Midlandites carried it to their goal where Massey scored. The features of this period were the playing of Jones (the guarding of Grady and Massey, and the strong interference by Hunter. Score, Midland College 9; Stars, 4.

Third Period The third period began rather slowly, but events came fast when Henry and Hunter began to crowd the forwards opposite them. The Stars stole the ball and some rapid passing was done between Hen. VIII and H. Hunter, but goals failed, Midland gained possession of the ball and scores. The college again scored on account of foul. Score, Midland College, 12; Stars, 4.

The lineup was as follows: College Boynton, (captain) forward. Pate, forward. Jones, center. Grady, guard. Massey, guard. Stars Hornaday, (Texas) forward. Collins, (Midland High) forward. Dozier, (Daniel Baker) center.

Hunter, (Transylvania) guard. Henry, (Southwestern) guard. Officials Referee, Johnson, (Texas) Umpire, Welch, (Midland) Timekeeper, Camp, (T. C. U.)

NOTICE TO TAX PAYERS

I wish to call the attention of Midland County tax payers to the following except from the law, which governs the redemption 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.

Citation by Publication

THE STATE OF TEXAS, To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County: Greeting: You are commanded to summon Chas. C. Craver by making publication of this Citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Seventieth Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the Justice's 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 December, A. D., 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1310, wherein J. W. 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-five cents (\$63.75) for groceries purchased during the months of November and December, A. D., 1916, as evidenced by the sworn itemized account.

Herein Fail Not, but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same. Given under my official signature, at office in Midland, this 26th day of January, A. D., 1917. R. E. Crowley, Justice of the Peace, Precinct No. 1, Midland County, Texas. adv 17-4t

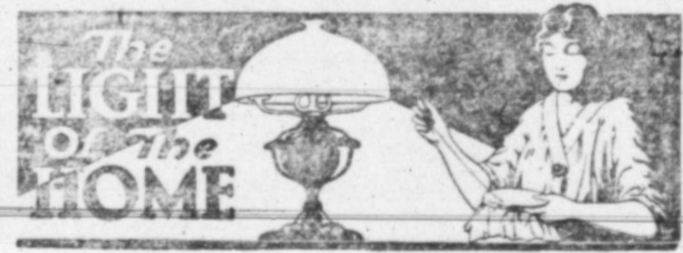
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SLOGAN "FOOD, FEED, FERTILITY"

Federal Department of Agriculture Offers Some Sensible Advice to Farmers and Business Men

Food, feed and fertility are the foundation of safe farming, according to the United States Department of Agriculture. A circular sent to farmers, bankers, and business men in cotton territory, by the chief of the office of extension work in the south, says: "Let us feed the people; feed the live stock, and feed the soil. When we have done these three things, then raise such acreage in money crops as we have the labor to tend."

The circular points out that the true value of cotton to the farmer is to a great extent the amount of food and feed that it will purchase. The price of cotton has risen, it is true, but so has the retail price of all other farm products. "By growing all cotton," says the author, "and exchanging it for a living you are simply swapping a high-priced product by your labor for a high-priced product produced by the labor of the other fellow. When you follow safe farming, however, you produce your own food and feed at cost and sell your cotton for the other fellow's dollars."

Safe farming is defined in the circular as including these items:

1. A home garden for every family on the farm, from one-tenth to one-fourth acre, well located, well tilled, and tended as carefully as any other crop on the farm, planted in rotation to time the vegetables crops so as to have a continual supply for the family table as many days in the year as possible. To this should be added one-fourth of an acre of potatoes, either Irish or sweet, or both, to be used as food for the family.
2. Enough corn on each farm to last the family and the live stock for one year, with a little excess for safety.
3. Sufficient oats and other small grain to supplement the corn as food for one year with certainty. These small grains conserve the soil in winter and provide summer grazing for live stock.
4. Hay and forage crops to supply the live stock on the farm for one year, with a little excess for safety. The legumes, which add fertility to the soil and produce the best hay, should not be forgotten.
5. The necessary meat, eggs, and milk for the family. The meat should be procured by increased attention to poultry and hogs because of the rapidly increasing price of these commodities. Every family should have at least two cows, so that one can be in milk all the time. A sufficient number of brood sows should be kept to produce the pork for the family, with some excess for sale. The average number of poultry per farm should be gradually increased to at least 50. There should be eggs and poultry for the home table, with a sufficient excess for sale. The live stock on the farm should be gradually increased so as to consume the otherwise wasted products and make productive the unproductive and untillable lands.
6. Cotton for the main money crop after the living has been amply provided for.
7. The sale of the surplus products of the garden, the orchard, the poultry, the live stock, and the feed crops to cover the necessary running expenses of the farm, leaving the cotton as the real cash crop.

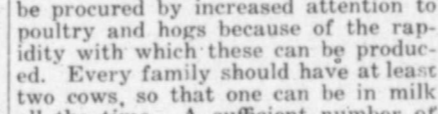
The present price of cotton, says the circular, should not be permitted to tempt any farmer to depart from this program. It is the only safe plan to follow, no matter what the price of cotton may be.

Bring the children and let them get a wholesome lesson from the Derdeyn concert tonight, Christian church.

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SYNOPSIS.

Rupert Holmes, a lumberman of the North Woods, disappointed at becoming the father of a daughter instead of a son, abandons his wife and child to the log-jammed river. Thinking them dead, he allies himself with the lumber trust head, whose daughter he marries. But the deserted wife and baby are picked up and cared for by one Dave Dawson. Twenty years later Rupert Holmes is the lumber magnate fighting the independents around him. His daughter, Helen, unknown to him, is brought to the city by several heroic acts about the camps. She takes up a fight against the trust and leads the independents in their defiance against the great Amalgamated trust which seeks to absorb their hard-earned properties. In this Helen is assisted by Tom Dawson, a young engineer, and her foster father, Dave Dawson. Helen discovers that her husband is not living in the charter and she proceeds against them. The village council resigns to balk her, she helps elect another, Rupert Holmes meets his abandoned wife, Virginia, whom he has thought dead and learns that she was married to the fishing him. In an attempt to kill Virginia he renders her an invalid, but she tells the truth about Holmes to Little Bear, the Indian boy. The Amalgamated foment a strike among the independent camps. In a riot the buildings are burned. Holmes' agent releases a car of explosive against the independent lumber train, but it is stopped by the heroic act of Helen. Holmes sends his son Stephen to win Helen to the side of the trust; but the boy falls in love with the girl. His father sends him away. Little Bear confronts Holmes with a threat, and tells him up to add his equity. Helen learns from her dying mother that she is Holmes' daughter. Holmes orders his marriage records to be stolen and destroyed. Tom Dawson and Helen finally recover the papers but water is spilled on them. In order to hold up Dawson's work, Holmes succeeds in getting the men off the job. Helen and Tom go to Capitol City for more money, but Holmes hires a gang to drive them back. In the fight, the gunmen are beaten and Dawson's work goes on.

ELEVENTH EPISODE

Holmes' determination to prevent the building of the lumber road extension to Horden's station had in no wise been lessened by the defeat of his plans for making trouble among the men working on the grade, or the dastardly attempt to run off Helen's relief gang which had been secreted at Capitol City through the invaluable co-operation of Little Bear.

The big timber magnate, whatever may have been his failings, was never willing to acknowledge defeat, and in this latest reverse he found only a spur to further plottings against the plans of the independents to get their lumber out under favorable railroad conditions.

"Dollar" Holmes knew that his notes aggregating several hundreds of thousands of dollars were deposited in the Dawson bank by Dawson and his associates. The franchise granted Holmes for the building of the railway contained a distinct clause compelling him to put the road through to Horden's station and the only way to evade its provisions was by some such trickery as now simmered in the mind of the old timber robber. It was a plan to deposit an account at the Dawson bank, induce a number of his employees to do the same, and then start a run on the institution.

Although the Dawsons felt sure that the effort to block construction, which had culminated in the terrific fight at Shady Creek with Dearing's gang of ruffians, was Holmes' work, they had no actual proof of his responsibility. On the other hand, since the failure of this plan, Holmes had apparently embarked on a policy of conciliation. He had sent a special messenger to compliment Helen on her heroism in running the work train into Dawson after it had been held up by the "gun" gang under Dearing, and had offered to lend certain rolling stock to the Dawsons for the purpose, as he said, of facilitating construction on the extension.

"Beware of the Greek bearing gifts," warned Helen, when she was told of Holmes' generosity. "I know that some new villainy is hatching in the man's brain. He never does anything accept with a definite object in view."

When Behrens entered Holmes' office in response to a summons the day after the failure of the Shady Creek hold-up, he expected to be subjected to another tirade of abuse from his sharp-tongued employer, but to his astonishment Holmes was suave and smiling.

"I think we can sew 'em up this time if we lay our plans well," he remarked, laying Behrens to a seat, "in fact the men on Dawson's contracts are all paid in checks on the local bank. If we can make that concern stick up its shutters it will tie up their capital and knock out any chance of their finishing the road."

"How are we going to pull the strings," asked Behrens, doubtfully, "that banker is pretty strong for the Dawsons and especially for Helen. He'd do about anything she asked him to do."

"Well," snapped Holmes, "what can he do with a run on the bank? We can have the whole town about his ears in no time, because I happen to know that he has a lot of paper he can't realize on in a hurry. Some of it is mine. When they begin kicking his door panels in, he'll take advantage of the law and suspend payment. It'll be three months before anybody can get a dollar out of the place and that's a lot more time than we need."

Pay day was always a day of anxiety to the Dawsons. The new gang of men

by Dawson at the ruffians hiding in the down timber, they succeeded in putting several bullets into the cab of the engine as Helen sped by.

The plans of Behrens' gang were to waylay the engine on its way to Merced, but now they had a better idea from their point of view. It was to topple the engine over on its way back to Dawson and seize the cash, making away with it before Behrens or Holmes could intercept them.

"Fate to toss that girl in the ditch," said Dillon, one of Behrens' oldest associates. "She's a good game kid and ought to get a chance for her life."

Banker Scott at Merced was all ready with the cash. It was contained in a leather bag. As soon as Helen rolled into the station the specie was rushed to her from an automobile that stood waiting.

When the big machine had been watered and coaxed up, Helen and her young fireman waved farewell to the station crowd and the bag of money stowed under the cab seat, pulled out for Dawson.

Helen felt somehow that she was to encounter treachery on the return trip, but placing her faith in the intransigence of Dawson she determined to keep running at high speed.

But what had happened to Dawson was just what might have been anticipated. He had fired all but two of the cartridges in his pistols and had no reserve supply of ammunition. Facing this situation the woodsman knew that he must be overpowered in case the gang closed in on him.

In this dilemma Dawson determined to lure the gang away from the switch so far as lay in his power. With this idea he broke cover and dodging from stump to stump, made his way toward the steep banks of the river about a quarter of a mile away.

At the point for which Dawson was steering the banks of the Onawa were seventy feet high and the swift river traversed these walls at express train speed, especially in the spring of the year when the water was usually high.

Seeing their assailant in retreat, as they imagined, Behrens' men determined to run him down, and so the chase began, Dawson running in short dashes and then taking cover doubling and twisting like a rabbit pursued by dogs.

But Behrens' men were game. They struggled through the thick growths, cursing and perspiring, only to find that Dawson had emerged into a clearing and was running like a greyhound for the bank of the river.

One instant the pursuers saw Dawson poised on the edge of the cliff and the next he shot downward into the rushing current.

Only then did the meaning of the ruse dawn on the deluded gunmen.



Holmes Was Never Willing to Acknowledge Defeat.

Far in their rear they heard four short sharp blasts of a whistle and then the pounding of locomotive wheels.

Helen Holmes had passed the danger point on her homeward journey and was safe.

Tom and the big motor car were awaiting Helen and her treasure as the engine slid into the junction after its high-speed trip.

"Gosh!" laughed Helen, "this is a dandy little engine. I'm going to ask Mr. Holmes to give it to me for a watch-charm."

A roar of laughter greeted this sally as Helen jumped into the automobile and was whirled away to the bank. But there was one man in the crowd who did not appreciate Helen's joking, if he was to be judged by the expression of his face. This man was Behrens, who foresaw another unpleasant interview with "Dollar" Holmes.

A great shout went up as Helen swung her big car round the corner by the bank. She was hustled through the crowd and into the president's office where Banker Mooney sat wondering whether the girl would make good her promise.

"And here's the money," cried Helen, tossing the leather bag on to the big mahogany table. "All I ask is that you pay off our men first so that they can get back to work on the grade."

"Miss Helen," said the banker, impressively, "you are the most wonderful girl in America. We all owe you a tremendous debt of gratitude."

"Never mind that now," replied Helen, as she sank exhausted into a big leather chair. "Get the men paid off. That's what I got the money for."

(END OF ELEVENTH EPISODE.)

Unique Theatre

Program For The Week Ending Saturday, March 3rd

SPECIAL NOTICE—Copy of advance regular program is unavoidably delayed this week, but a full 5-reel program will be shown each night.

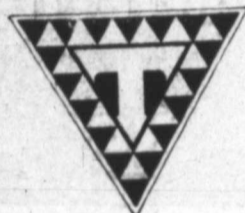
MONDAY, FEB. 26th
The 5th episode of the great society serial with Billie Burke, "GLORIA'S ROMANCE," with three other reels.



TUESDAY, FEB. 27th
Gail Kane in a wonderful picturization, "THE SCARLET OATH" with two other good reels.

WEDNESDAY, FEB. 28th
The 11th episode of the thrilling Mutual serial, with Helen Holmes, "A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS," with 3 other reels.

THURSDAY, MARCH 1st
The 19th episode of the great Universal Serial, with Marie Walcamp, "LIBERTY" with 3 more good reels.



FRIDAY, MARCH 2nd
A Triangle play with Willie Collier, Jr., in the lead, "THE BUGLE CALL." A 2-reel Keystone Comedy with Hank Mann "HEARTS AND SPARKS"

SATURDAY, MARCH 3rd
A 5-reel show that will surely please you.

Don't forget that the "PURPLE MASK," the new Universal wonder serial, with Francis Ford and Grace Cunard, begins Thursday, March 8th—the night that Liberty ends. Be sure to see the start of this.

RESERVED SEATS for the great super-picture, "THE FALL OF A NATION," will be on sale every night next week at the Unique box office. Over 110 seats already sold. Better hurry if you want choice seats.

"Unique of Course"

Jno. Bleiker and family have returned from Oklahoma, where they have been for some time past. Mr. Bleiker has closed out his cattle interests in Oklahoma and will locate on his ranch 28 miles south of town. He extended his subscription to The Reporter for another year.

Isaac Medlin, of Loop, Gaines County, was a pleasant visitor to The Reporter Monday and renewed for a year the subscription of his son, R. P. Medlin, of Loop. Mr. Medlin was en route home from a visit with his sons, Will and Lon Medlin in Glasscock County.

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now while the daylight is dying, you had better do that thing now." "Time, how valuable it is! Quaint old Ben Franklin, in his counsels to young people, said, 'Value time, for time is the stuff that life is made of.' Don't burn time, don't murder time, don't kill time. If you mean to be the sort of person the world needs and the Master wishes, then get about it today. Right there is the great opportunity, for a man to be the best Christian he can be, now. The one who expects to be a Christian should become a Christian today, and now. My life is needed, now; my personality is needed, now; the weight of all I can ever be is needed, now, on the right side. Now, I take my stand for Christ. What an appeal that, to father or mother, comrade or friend. For the sake of others, as well as myself, I will serve, now, live, now, like I ought to live.

"The motive in life, how great a thing it is! Look at it: David served in his own generation, by the will of God. The motive in life, that was the great thing. Many a man has lost life because he missed the right motive. Motive oxygenizes all life. Every man ought to search himself on his motive. Why am I doing this, and that, and the other? Motive is the great thing in life. That keen-minded woman, George Eliot, said, 'Many a person loses life for the want of motive, and the saying might be amended a little by reading, 'Many a person loses life for the want of the right motive.' The wrong motive buries life. What are the motives in your life? The lowest of all is self. They call it, in the books, egotism. Everybody begins there. You see the little baby in its cradle, and as it gets out and tries to walk and tries to talk it reaches out for everything in sight. It doesn't care whose it is. It wants it for itself. Everybody begins there. All of us begin there, but oh, the tragedy when a man is forty years old and is still doing that, and the tragedy when a man has gray hair and is still doing that; when the great thing in life is to get all he can and keep it for self; self-centered; and selfish ends. Any man ruled by the motive of self is doomed, as we heard last Sunday morning, the story of the great business man, who began with as bright a sun as ever came up, and whose sun went down in as thick darkness as ever settled on a human life. Self was the motive in that man. Self put damnation over everything. The selfish politician has his day; it is numbered. A selfish teacher or preacher, his days are numbered. The selfish woman's days are numbered. The nation is doomed, a man is self-centered. The old Hebrew prophet tells us why his nation was doomed. Israel is an empty vessel, because Israel began and ended with herself. The nation is doomed that begins with self and ends there. The town, or city, or school, or church, is doomed, that begins and ends with self. The human life is doomed that begins and ends with self. That motive is too low; that motive ends in ruin, irretrievable.

"There is another motive, the altruistic motive, altruism; others. Out of that motive has come a great flood of blessing for the world. Out of that motive has come patriotism, to a marked degree. But that motive will fail when the crisis comes. That motive is not strong enough. That motive will break when the dark Friday comes. Human nature is so disappointing, so ungrateful, so forgetful. Moses turned away from a friend and fortune, and from being the first man of the world, socially and financially, turned away and linked his life with his down-trodden nation, a nation of slaves, and gave his great life to make something out of his people; and yet his people treated him contemptuously. There came a time when they said 'As for this Moses, we wot not where he is become of him.' David, this some great character whose life principles we are studying

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E. R. Crews, cowman from near Shafter Lake, reports that he sold 400 2s to Brown & Irwin at private terms and also says D. M. Pinnell, of Shafter Lake, sold to Bryant & Elkin 80 steer yearlings at private terms.

E. R. Wright, a blacksmith from Buena Vista, was here this week. He left a subscription to The Reporter with us.

Grover McClintock from the southern part of the county was here Saturday. He ordered The Reporter sent to his father at Mt. Pleasant, Tex.

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WITH THE CHURCHES

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

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Forty-six were there last Sunday. Junior Endeavor at 4 p. m. Prayermeeting on Wednesday, at 7:30 p. m., conducted by Lester C. Majors. We expect to have preaching services on Sunday March 4th. See next week's Reporter for announcement.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. and other services at the usual hours. The minister has been preaching each evening during the week and quite an interest has been manifested. No service on Saturday night. Junior Endeavor meets at 2 p. m. Lord's day and Senior at 6:30. You are cordially invited to any or all these services. Jas T. McKissick, Minister

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 Bible school. 11 a. m., sermon. Subject, "A Way to Live a Great Life." 6:45 B. Y. P. U. 7:45, preaching. Subject, "A Trip to Earth's Perdition and Back." Baptismal service. Strangers and visitors are cordially invited to attend. The hand of church fellowship will be extended at both services to those who have recently united with us. Ernest Quick, Pastor.

METHODIST CHURCH

The usual services will be held on Sunday and the week following. The Sunday evening service will be conducted by the missionary department of the Epworth League. Special attention is called to the meeting of the teachers-training class after the prayermeeting on Wednesday night. J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Leader—Lillie B. Williams. Subject, "A Victory of Faith." Song No. 342. Sentence prayers. Scripture lesson Gen. 22:1-8. Mission story—Vera Rohlfing. Song No. 17. Mission story—Betty Trammel. Piano solo—Mabel Holt. Roll call and response with reference word, "Victory." Bible drill. Song No. 129. Announcement and benediction.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR

Subject, "How to Get the World in Your Eye." Leader—Caroline Estes. Bible Lesson, Psa. 24:1; Mark 16:15. Lord's prayer. The Field, Matt. 13:38. That the world might be saved—John 3:17. Go into all the world—Mark 16:15. To save sinners—1 Tim 1:14. Mission fields—Siberia, Korea, China, Japan, America, Turkey—by Juniors. Home and foreign fields—Mrs. Geo. Rathiff. Mission study—Mrs. John Price. Mothers' Day—All mothers cordially invited. Mizpah.

METHODIST LADIES HOME STUDY CLASS

The Home Study Class of the Methodist Missionary Society met last Monday with Mrs. J. A. Haley and were delightfully entertained. The chapter under discussion was very ably handled by Miss Effie Rankin and Mesdames Phil Scharbauer, W. H. Brunson and Harvey Clark. Mrs. Benedict reported the enrollment of five new members and great interest is being taken in the work. Timble work was brought by those present and a very pleasant social hour was spent after the meeting. Refreshments of coffee, sandwiches and cake were served.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Leader—Henry Stilwell. Scripture lesson, Isa 35: 1-10. Song, "America." Announcement of subjects and the reading of quotations—Winifred Stallings. Meeting called to order by P. E. and prayer—Edgar Lawrence. Report on how much money the Board invests in the work annually—Homer Stilwell. What need is there for Home Mis-

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How much interest does the Home Board take in the Mexicans living in the South—Minnie Agnes Wilson. Special music by Miss Lydie and Mr. Ned Watson. Closing song and benediction. H. Stilwell, Supt 4th Depart. Smooth up Main street by having your auto springs oiled with our special mixture. Guaranteed. O.K. Ford Shop. adv pd Your jitney runs good today. Who fixed it? O. K. Ford Shop. adv pd

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