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AYCOCK & SONS SELL FINE BULLS

Also Are Among Midland Breeders
Who Next Week Will Exhibit at
Fort Worth

Midland this week had a distinguished stockman visitor in R. D. Benson, who is, by the way, so much an old-timer that he is still considered one of us, though his interests are mostly in Lubbock County. Mr. Benson has the distinction of having been the first stockman to ship registered Herefords into Midland County. This was in 1888, or thereabout, and since then he has been more or less prominently identified with cattle and ranching interests here.

It is not less, then, than complimentary to Midland and especially to B. N. Aycock & Sons' registered herd that Mr. Benson this week selected and bought of them an especially fine young Hereford bull, just a yearling, and for which he paid \$500. This the new owner will take to his registered herd in Lubbock County, for special breeding purposes.

B. N. Aycock & Sons made further sales this week to Boone Bros., selling them a yearling bull at \$300 and two bull calves at \$400. They sold, also, to Geo. G. Gray two bull calves at \$250 each.

Among other interesting activities of Messrs. Aycock, they shipped Wednesday a fine herd of registered show cattle to Fort Worth, where next week they will be exhibited at the National Breeders and Feeders show. If we are not misinformed they took a dozen head of their choice show stuff, and The Reporter anticipates pleasure, next week, in recounting a number of victories that will bring, through them, further honors to Midland and Midland cattle.

Rah for the Midland Fair and Inter State Stock Show to be pulled off—it must be pulled off—here in September!

Other breeders, late to ship fine stuff from Midland for the Ft. Worth show, are Scharbauer & Eldon. They, too, shipped Thursday a car load of registered bulls. These will be for sale, however, and not for show purposes.

**LEE HEARD'S GROCERY
OPEN FOR BUSINESS**

Next door to Warnock's Cafe, in the building recently vacated by Frank & Dick's Cafe, Lee Heard has just opened a new grocery business. In the first week of his business the stock shows up wonderfully bright and fresh, and the proprietor proposes to give the very best service and to sell goods at the lowest possible margin of profit. He will deal strictly on a cash basis, and promises to make it worth your while to give him a trial.

We give the best service obtainable and our business is strictly cash. Please bear this in mind. Midland Battery Company. adv

IMPORTANT CATTLE SALES THIS WEEK

Jowell & Davis, of the Midland Cattle Exchange, report the following sales made this week:

Geo. W. Tom to Whitmer & Robinson, of Sioux City, Iowa, 1400 steer yearlings at private terms.

Ellis Cowden to Whitmer & Robinson 300 Polled Angus cows and calves at private terms.

Fred Cowden to Whitmer & Robinson 450 Polled Angus steer and heifer calves at private terms.

Eugene Cowden to T. A. Moore, 600 Polled Angus cows and 21 bulls at private terms.

In another column of this issue we give a fuller report of a number of the above sales.

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SEVERAL STOCK SALES THIS WEEK

The Brunsons Lead in the Largest
With 2000 Head—Geo. Tom
1400 Head

There were a number of important cattle sales made during the past week, a number of which, no doubt, we did not learn. The largest of which we learned was made by Brunson Bros. and D. W. Brunson & Son. They sold 2000 head to Bob Mounts, of Hereford, the delivery to be made April 1st. We regret not to be able to give prices. "The price is the thing," usually, in making a new item, but it was not given for publicity.

W. H. Brunson also made a small sale one day this week, selling to J. S. Henry, of Stanton, 70 head of yearlings at \$50.

Another of the big sales of the week was made by George Tom, of Stanton. He sold 1400 coming yearlings to C. R. Robinson, of Sioux City, Iowa, at \$39.50 around.

Benson & Ingham were next in order of size of sale they selling to Raily & Sullivan, of Sioux City, 1000 2s and 3s for May delivery. The price was \$45 and \$55 respectively.

Ingram & Son also sold between two and three hundred coming yearlings at from \$30 to \$35 around—a few culls only at the lesser price.

We wish, also to congratulate our young townsman, F. A. Moore, upon the purchase of 600 head of 2-year-old heifers of Gene Cowden. The price was \$55 around. A crackerjack bunch of young she stuff that Mr. Moore expects perhaps, to speculate on.

Another of our young stockmen, Ellis Cowden, made a sale of more than usual interest, he selling to Whitmer & Robinson, northern buyers, 350 head of cows at \$72 around. Delivery to be made in May.

We congratulate all these stockmen upon having made good sales. We commend them, too, to an interest in the Midland Fair and Inter State Stock Show, which will, in the future, prove their greatest medium in getting the products of their splendid herds before the world at large, encouraging buyers, in competitive numbers, to visit Midland in quest of their needs in the feed lots of the north.

W. G. HOOKS DIED AT MINERAL WELLS

The body of William Gardner Hooks arrived last Monday from Mineral Wells, where he went about four weeks ago in the hope of being benefited, but to no avail. Death came suddenly and his brother, D. E. Hooks, who was with him when the end came, accompanied the remains to Midland. The funeral was held last Monday and the body laid to rest in the Midland cemetery.

Mr. Hooks was born April 22nd, 1876. He married at Iowa Park, Texas, to Miss Maud Ground, April 24th, 1898. Four daughters were born of this union, one of which, Millie Mae, died about seven years ago and was buried here. It was Mr. Hooks' request that he be buried beside her and this request was observed.

The breakdown in his health came about two years ago and everything possible was done to restore it, but he gradually failed until the end came.

He leaves a wife and three daughters to mourn his loss, as well as a very large number of friends and The Reporter extends its heartfelt sympathy to the family in this their hour of bereavement.

Geo. Williams, of Blackwell, Texas, was here this week, in the market for cows.

POISON RECIPE FOR PRAIRIE DOGS

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

A number of times in the past The Reporter has published the U. S. government poison recipe for prairie dogs. We have been informed that an error appeared in our last publication, and we are publishing it again, this time exactly as sent out by the government. We also publish the recipe for poisoning jackrabbits. They follow:

Prairie Dog Poison
Dissolve 1 ounce of strychnine sulphate in 1 1/2 pints of boiling water. Add 1 heaping tablespoonful of gloss starch, previously mixed with a little cold water, and boil until a clear paste is formed. Add 1 ounce of baking soda and stir to a creamy mass. Add 1 1/2 ounces of saccharine and 1 1/2 pint of molasses and stir thoroughly. Pour over 13 quarts of milo maize or fetterita and mix well until grain is evenly coated. Allow to dry before using. If hard water is used, add 1-4 pint of vinegar for each ounce of strychnine.

In bushel quantities use, as above directed, 2 1/2 ounces strychnine sulphate, 1-5 ounce saccharine, 2 1/2 ounces soda, 1-1-4 ounces starch, 1 1/2 quarts boiling water, and 5-8 pint molasses.

Scatter poison when the natural food of the prairie dog is scarce on a clean hard place near the hole, one quart to 40 holes.

Jack Rabbit Poison
Alfalfa poison.—Dissolve 1 ounce of strychnine sulphate in 2 gallons of boiling water and sprinkle over 16 pounds of leafy alfalfa hay, chopped in 2-inch lengths. The poisoned hay may be scattered in small heaps along rabbit trails in enclosures from which stock is excluded.

Grain poison.—Mix together 1 ounce of powdered strychnine (alkaloid) and 1 ounce of baking soda. Sift this into 1 pint of thin hot starch paste and stir thoroughly. (The starch paste is made by mixing 1 heaping tablespoonful of gloss starch in a little cold water which is then added to pint of hot water and boiled until a clear thin paste is formed.) Add 1-10 ounce of saccharine and stir.

Anly to 12 quarts of milo maize or fetterita. Mix well until grain is evenly coated. Use as directed for alfalfa poison. If the powdered strychnine alkaloid is available, strychnine sulphate crystals may be used if prepared as for prairie dogs.

SOME NEWS NOTES FROM COTTON FLAT

On account of the cold weather the writers don't know much news, as they had to keep their heads indoors.

Miss Mary Shelburn is staying with Mrs. T. D. Jones.

Miss Lora Flood visited Miss Maymie Locklar last Friday.

Byron Autrey, Roy Ingram, James Castelow, Dick and A. B. Montgomery and Henry Locklar visited T. D. and Russell Jones, Sunday.

Bro. McKissick preached at Cotton Flat last Sunday afternoon. There was a large crowd present.

Bro. Daniel will preach Sunday, next, morning and night. Everybody come.

Mrs. J. S. Lyle is on the sick list this week.

Mr. Ward will lead the next evening meeting. Every one come and help make it interesting.

Newton Locklar spent Monday night with Big Counties.

On account of the cold weather last Saturday the Cotton Flat farmers couldn't all go to town, so most of them were in town Monday.

S. C. Parlin, of Garden City, was here this week. Says stock and range conditions are good down his way.

HALFF NAKES BIG KANSAS WINNINGS

Fancy Midland Show Herd Takes
Front Place in Unusually Strong
Competition

The Reporter shall not attempt, this week, to give a full report of the splendid records made by Midland cattle at the several shows, Wichita, Kans., and Oklahoma City, Okla., during the past ten days, nor to predict what they may do in Fort Worth at the National Breeders and Feeders Show next week. It is rather our purpose to give the whole a general comment next week when we shall have gotten together pretty much all the facts.

Briefly this comment is intended only to exploit the winnings of our townsman, Henry M. Half, at the national show at Wichita, Kans., and his winnings this week at Oklahoma City. It moves us to a considerable degree of enthusiasm to learn that Half's young bull, Beau Homage, a senior yearling, simply swept everything before him at Wichita. In this class of senior yearling bulls we understand, there were 30 entries, and many of the most famous registered herds of Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and other states were represented. It is a big thing, is just about as big as a thing could be, that Half's Beau Homage was first in this competition, and it is little less that his Beau Homer was second in the 2-year-old competition.

Other winnings by Half at Wichita were a junior bull calf, Sagamore, 4th in his class; in the aged cow competition, 4th on Beaver; the 2-year-old heifer competition, 4th on Emma Belle; and in the junior yearling heifer competition, 5th on Silver Belle. He also won second in the aged herds, 1st in young herds, 2nd on get of sire, and 2nd on produce of dam.

These make up a fine showing, but the Half herd did even better at Oklahoma City. Here they won two firsts, four seconds, a third, five fourths, one fifth, and one sixth. Nine head of show stuff made these splendid winnings, while at Oklahoma City he also had five bull calves at the auction sale which brought \$294 around.

In Fort Worth next week, together with other Midland herds, we'll have more good news. What we have already heard, however, ought to be sufficient to inspire everybody in Midland to renewed efforts in behalf of the Midland fair in September.

MIDLAND WILL HAVE CHAUTAUQUA IN APRIL

W. C. Dillon, advance representative for the Co-operative Chautauqua Bureau, of Dallas, was in Midland this week, to arrange for a visit of his entertainers to Midland. His efforts were successful, he having succeeded in interesting the ladies of the Cemetery Association. The Chautauqua, then, will be here during three days of the last week in April, and will be presented under the auspices of the Cemetery Association. The Reporter will give further notice in future issues.

NOTICE TO THE FARMERS' INSTITUTES

H. L. Bentley assistant organizer of farmers' institutes for the State Department of Agriculture will hold a farmers' institute at each of the following towns:

Stanton, March 19th, 2 p. m.
Midland, March 20th 2 p. m.
Odessa, March 21st, 2 p. m.

Mr. Bentley will discuss preparation of the soil, seed selection, cotton reduction and diversification. Everybody is invited to hear these valuable lectures.

THE LATEST ABOUT THE M. & N. W.

Rumor Has it That the Santa Fe
Contemplates Purchase Thereof
and Extensions

The big daily papers early in the present week, had extensive rumors in their columns effecting a purchase of the Midland & Northwestern railroad, now being built out of Midland to Seminole, by the Santa Fe. This rumor is not authenticated by the railroad men of Midland who have charge of the construction of the M. & N. W. However this does not dispel the possible accuracy of the above rumor, and the matter is generally commented upon with favor by persons who are indirectly interested.

It is a point of speculation that should the Santa Fe acquire the M. & N. W., an extension would not only close the gap between Blythe and Seminole, but in all likelihood the Santa Fe would build south from Midland to Sterling City. A nice matter to contemplate, indeed.

As further news of the M. & N. W., we are informed that Vice President Black has been in Roswell this week, looking to possible interest that may be aroused in that section. It is too early, however, to speculate on whatever possibilities may be developed from this trip. If anything we'll all know in due season.

The Reporter got its wires crossed somewhat last week, in reporting the early arrival of an engine for the M. & N. W. We do not know the cause of delay, but we later learn that the engine did not leave Marshall until last Tuesday, and is not due in Midland until today or tomorrow.

Anyway work goes steadily on out west of Midland. The depot at Thaxter is getting rapidly into form, and there are some thirty or more men engaged in other construction, laying steel, etc.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale (Real Estate)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Midland,
Sale issued out of the District Court of the 70th Judicial District of Midland County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 6th day of February, A. D. 1917, in favor of Gohlman, Lester & Company, a firm composed of S. L. Gohlman Jr. and J. E. Lester, and against J. Harrison White No. 1259 on the docket of said court, I did on the 7th day of March, A. D. 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the county of Midland, State of Texas, and belonging to the said J. Harrison White, to-wit:

Section Thirty-five (35) Block thirty-eight (38), Township 2-South containing six hundred and forty (640) acres of land, more or less, Midland County, Texas.

And on the 3rd day of April, A. D. 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said J. Harrison White in and to said property.

Dated at Midland, Texas, this 7th day of March, A. D. 1917.
W. E. Bradford,
Sheriff of Midland County, Texas. adv 22-3t

SCHARBAUERS BACK FOR THE SUMMER

Mr. and Mrs. Chris Scharbauer returned last week from a winter sojourn at St. Petersburg, Fla. They are both very much improved in health and report a very pleasant time. Chris is looking much better and The Reporter joins a host of friends in congratulations.

G. F. COWDEN & SON WIN IN OKLA.

Six Championships Out of Eight and
More First Prizes Than Any
Other Exhibitor

But, you know, we expected of G. F. Cowden & Son that their royal herd of Aberdeen-Angus show cattle would create a sensation at the big show in Oklahoma City this week. Great guns! but they sure did. The above heading—don't tell half the story, and what they will do in Fort Worth next week needs't surprise any one. They simply got about everything the owners wanted in Oklahoma City, according to telegrams received from young Mr. Cowden.

For instance they got more first prizes than any other exhibitor of Angus cattle. They took more championships than all other Angus exhibitors combined.

They won the junior championship bull.

They won the reserve grand championship bull.

They won the junior championship cow.

They won the senior championship cow.

They won the reserve grand championship cow.

They won the six championships out of a possible eight.

That was going some!

They won a 2nd and two 3rd prizes, and four bull calves they had in the auction sale brought \$1075. Not only so but they sold a cow and calf at private sale which brought them \$1600.

This is still going!

They will be in Fort Worth next week, and what these black beauties will do there will be a plenty. The Reporter will give details when they are available.

In the meantime, it looks mighty favorable for our fair next September. There are a few tens of thousands of dollars of indebtedness against the association and some have predicted a possible discontinuation of this fine institution. We think such would be commercial tragedy. Good Lord! Midland can be the biggest thing on the map in the cattle industry, but not without our fair! Our fair is of concern, of the utmost concern, to every cattle breeder in the Midland Country, large or small, and those who can't see it need to be educated to it—must be educated to it else they realize a full fruition of their labors.

UNIVERSITY LAND NOT TO BE ON MARKET

Judge E. R. Bryan, representative from this district, wired Attorney J. M. Caldwell, of Midland, from Austin last Tuesday, to the following effect: "Bill placing university lands on market killed in house today."

For two years, then, unless there should be some action in a called session of the legislature, our university land affairs will remain as they are now.

STOCK SALES AND LAND LEASED

Benson & Ingham sold this week to R. E. Ringo, of Stiles, 223 head of coming yearlings at \$35 around.

J. S. Tidwell sold to Bill Underwood 407 head of stock cattle at \$51 around and also sold to N. M. Farmer, two large work mules for \$270.

Dr. J. G. Hall, of Upton County, has sold his herd consisting of 200 head of good cattle to J. T. Ragsdale, of Midland. Mr. Hall also leased his ranch of 21 sections to Mr. Ragsdale. Sale and lease at private terms.

J. J. Westmoreland, a former citizen of Midland, was with us from Mineral Wells, yesterday—he was here only for the day, looking after some property interests. We are pleased to know his wife is much improved in health.

RECEIVING SOMETHING NEW EVERY DAY

IN OUR DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

If you are looking for the newest, you will find them at our store always. Our prices are the lowest.

We want you to come in and look, whether you want to buy or not. We are always glad to show you, and a visit from you is always appreciated.

Just received a shipment of LADIES' PUMPS—the very newest.

WE CAN FEED YOU AS WELL AS CLOTHE YOU

GROCERIES

We are prepared to take care of your wants in groceries. We do not sacrifice QUALITY for price, but our prices are the lowest. We carry also a nice line of Porcelain Ware, Aluminum Ware, China Ware, Cutlery, and many things that we can save you money on.

Try a sack of Marechal Neil Flour

A bucket of "Golden Gate" Coffee

THERE IS NONE BETTER

THE MERCANTILE

"The Store That Saves You Money"

GROCERY PHONE NO. 6

DRY GOODS PHONE NO. 284

Spring Styles in Modart Corsets



are here, and the stock consists of styles that will be worn by the best dressed women of Midland this season. Be particular about the corset you buy, not merely about the corset itself, but about the way it is fitted. Modart Corsets have proven to be the choice of particular people not only in Midland, but everywhere, and Miss Magruder takes particular care to see that every Modart Corset is correctly fitted.

New muslin underwear is here; dainty Gowns, Teddies, Skirts, etc.

Teddies 65c to \$3.50
Gowns 65c to 4.75
Corset covers 25c to 1.25



MODART CORSETS are front lace. See the new Spring styles at \$2.50, \$3.50, \$5.00 and \$8.00

JUSTRITE CORSETS in both front and back lace styles at \$1.00, \$1.50 to \$2.50

WARREN GIRDLES for Misses and comfort wear \$1.00 and \$1.50



Do you realize that this Cash Store is selling merchandise for less than you expect to pay?

and in many instances we are selling goods for less than we could possibly buy them today, but we are making a fair profit and that's all we want.

Wonderful showing of new middie blouses in white and colors, all absolutely fast colors, in sizes 6, 8, 10 and up to 44, and better values than you have ever bought before even though materials are much higher. Each \$1.00 and a few of the fancier numbers at \$1.35 and \$1.50 Bungalow aprons, in percales, gingham in a number of pretty new styles, some with caps to match, some of crepe and priced at 75c, \$1.00 and \$1.50, and these are cheaper than you could buy the materials and make them.

New spring gingham, fast colors, the yard 12 1/2c
New yard wide percales, all fast colors and beautiful patterns, the yard 15c
New tissue gingham, the yard 17 1/2c
White Galatea, for making middies, the yard 15c
New flesh colored Batiste, for underwear, the yard 15c
3 cakes genuine Palmolive Soap for 25c
Half pound can Violet Talcum Powder, the can 10c

In fact you will find that this CASH STORE will save you money; not on thread, not on needles, not on pins, that every store has to sell for a nickle, but on the things that you don't know of, in almost every article in this store you will find that our price is less because we sell for CASH ONLY.

We almost forgot to mention the childrens' dresses, of which there is a splendid line, in sizes from 2 to 14. Splendid school dresses made of Anderson's gingham, absolutely fast colors and wonderfully well made, at \$1.25. In fact, we have never offered such values as are to be had at this store right now. Others at 50c, 60c, 75c, \$1.00 and to \$1.50.

Come to See the New Dresses, Suits, Coats, Waists and Skirts

We will be delighted to have you see the new arrivals in ready-to-wear and we promise you that you will enjoy looking at these. We only ask one consideration: Give us the opportunity to tell you the prices. We know that you will be delighted to find that you can buy--

Coats at \$5.50, \$6.75, 7.75, \$10.00 up to \$27.50
Suits at \$16.75, \$19.75, \$22.50 and up to \$29.00
Silk Dresses at \$12.50, \$13.50, \$16.50, \$17.50, \$21 to \$36.75
Skirts at \$3.75, \$4.85, \$5.00, up to \$12.50
Waists at \$2.50, \$3.85, \$5.85 to \$8.95
The famous Wirtmor Waists at \$1.00

But remember we are equally anxious to have you look at the new piece goods—New Silks, New Wash Goods—and particularly do we want you to know of the new Draperies and new Curtain Nets, in white and ecru, at 45c, 65c to \$1.00 the yard. Ready made Curtains at \$1.25, \$1.50 to \$3.25 the pair,

WADLEY-PATTERSON CO.

One Price—the Lowest—For Cash Only



Millinery Opening And Style Show Day

SATURDAY, MARCH 10th, 1917

An unrivalled showing of New Creations in Spring Millinery, Suits, Dresses, Coats, Skirts and Blouses.

Of Course you want to see what's going to be worn this season, so here is your opportunity--DON'T MISS IT--Remember the DATE

Saturday, March 10, 1917

Also you will receive a Souvenir and a Musical Treat.

The Ladies' Store

Miss Maggie McCormick

NEWS OF FT. WORTH-EL PASO HIGHWAY

Secretary W. B. Starr, of the Ft. Worth-El Paso Highway Association, was in Midland this week, and he continues an enthusiastic booster for the project. The following he hands in as his weekly communication:

An article by Judge E. M. Over shiner in the Abilene papers last week clearly set forth the advantages to Taylor County of completing two cardinal roads across the county. One north and south; the other east and west. The last mentioned road would be Taylor County's link of the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway. To do this work it will be necessary to issue \$100,000 worth of bonds. It is thought that the people will favor this move.

The highway engineer last week completed his work in estimating the cost of the proposed highway improvements in Howard County.

Palo Pinto, Stephens and Eastland counties are all waiting for an engineer to estimate on the cost of work in their respective counties.

Judge S. A. Penix, president of our association, is spending this week in Austin looking after the interest of the State Highway Commission bill. This has recently been in a tangle, but it is hoped to get it straightened out and passed within a few days.

AT THE UNIQUE

The "Young Lady Across the Aisle" remarked last Tuesday night while witnessing the World film featuring Lew Fields in "The Man Who Stood Still": "Believe me, that picture would have been a daisy if they had left that brat out of it, especially in the last scene; he ruined the whole thing." Well, babies are like grown folks, some good, some bad and some just so-so; but they are necessary evils, we guess, and this one came in for Lew Fields to get in a master stroke of comedy, one that will long remain in the minds of those who witnessed it last Tuesday night.

Last night the first episode of "The Purple Mask," with Grace Cunard and Francis Ford in the leading roles. This picture starts off to great advantage and left the audience in anticipation of the coming episodes.

"Liberty" is at an end. We can truthfully say that this has been one of the most thrilling serials that has ever come to this theatre, and with the beautiful Marie Walcamp and the heroic Eddie Polo, the serial was all to the good and far above the average. We hope to see these two stars in another serial some day.

Tonight we will again have the opportunity to see the charming Pauline Frederick in a Paramount production. It has been some time since this noted screen favorite has been seen in Midland and the fans will

welcome her heartily.

The management has decided to book Paramount features altogether on Tuesday and Friday nights, as this service is now offering something of a higher class which will appeal to the people as a whole.

Tomorrow night "The Fall of a Nation" will be seen in ten reels. Only a few seats are left, so you had better see the management at once, and maybe he will be able to scratch you out a seat somewhere. Only one show will be given, so if you miss the one you will miss all.

The other pictures of the week on the regular program have been very good. In fact they have ranked up with the features and serials. King Baggot, Leah Baird, and many of the old time favorites have been seen in different roles, and the whole week has been a gala one in "Moviedom."

EXCHANGED FOR TOWN PROPERTY IN MELROSE, N. M.

J. M. Jemison has returned from a business trip to El Paso, where he closed up a deal with J. C. Kirby, of Melrose, N. M. Mr. Jemison closed out his El Paso County ranch, consisting of 11 section to Mr. Kirby for town property in Melrose.

GENERAL MANAGER ISSUES A WARNING

Automobile crossing accidents are becoming so distressingly frequent, and resulting in such appalling loss of life, especially in the cities, that General Manager J. H. Elliott, of the Texas & Pacific Railway Company, has issued a warning that he requests be given publicity. Mr. Elliott's communication is as follows: To Those Who Drive or Ride in Automobiles

The constantly increasing number of automobile accidents at grade crossings prompts the issuance of this warning to all who own, drive or ride in automobiles to STOP, LOOK and LISTEN before passing over any railway grade crossing.

Crossing gates, automatic warning bells, electric headlights and engine signals, if not heeded by those for whose protection they are intended, are unavailing.

I will be glad to receive and consider suggestions intended to reduce automobile accidents at grade crossings, for the railroad is anxious to do its full part. However, if every person who owns, drives or rides in an automobile will STOP, LOOK and LISTEN at grade crossings, the danger will be entirely eliminated.

J. H. Elliott, General Mgr.

THE CASH MARKET HAS CHANGED HANDS

Elsewhere in this paper will be found the advertisement of the Cash Market, with Andrews & Bosley, proprietors. They took charge the first

of the month, buying the business of Roy Bardwell. Our people know Johnnie Andrews well, know he can be depended upon to furnish the best meats to be had at all times, and he especially emphasizes that his firm will make prompt delivery of all purchases. He wishes further to announce that next week, about Tuesday, they will have on sale an especially fine beef, a fat cow, for which they have paid \$90. Be sure and get some of this beef. Even at the best of seasons this is an unusually fine beef, and The Cash Market will have such every time it can be found.

W. T. Strickel, cowman from near Lubbock, was in Midland the first of the week.



SIX-40

\$1275

120 Inch Wheelbase 4 Inch Tires

7 pass. Touring or 4 pass. Roadster

SIX-60

\$1575

125 Inch Wheelbase 4 1/2 Inch Tires

F. O. B. Jackson

PERHAPS only the keenly observant instinctively sense that the Marion-Handlely is unique in its quiet individuality and owned by out of the ordinary motorists.

Quiet individuality is a form of artistry which is lost when it passes to the point of general attraction.

Not every one will appreciate the subtle touch of distinction in the Six Pre-eminent.

But we are content, because we want, as far as possible, to interest those who appreciate the type of individuality exemplified in the Marion-Handlely.

C. F. MORRIS
BIG SPRINGS, TEXAS
PHONES 185--306

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COUNTY CLERK'S QUARTERLY REPORT

Quarter Ending Jan. 31st, A. D., 1917
To the Honorable Commissioners,
Court, Midland County, Texas,
February Term, A. D., 1917.
Filed 9th day of February, 1917.
W. J. Sparks, Clerk.

W. E. Bradford, County Tax Col-
lector, in account with Midland Coun-
ty, Texas, for assessment under Sev-
eral Fund, for the years 1916 and '17.
Debit
Dec. 2, 1916. To col. for Novem-
ber, 1916, \$ 615.29
To col. for December,
1916 5883.40
To col. for January,
1917 17204.61

\$23703.30
W. E. Bradford, County Tax Collec-
tor, in account with Midland County,
Texas, for assessment under the Sev-
eral Fund, for the years 1916 and '17
Credit
Dec. 1, 1916. By amt rem. 2nd
class treas. receipt, No.
94 \$ 33.40
Dec. 1, 1916. By amt rem. 3rd
class treas. receipt, No.
95 359.07
Dec. 1, 1916. By amt rem. 5th
class treas. receipt, No.
96 50.11
Dec. 1, 1916. By amt rem. 6th
class treas. receipt, No.
97 41.75
Der. 1, 1916. By amt rem. 7th
class treas. receipt, No.
98 109.20
By com. on amt col-
lected for Nov. 30.76
Jan. 2, 1917. By amt rem. 2nd
class treas. receipt, No.
99 320.24
Jan. 2, 1917. By amt rem. 3rd
class treas. receipt, No.
100 3442.63
Jan. 2, 1917. By amt rem. 5th
class treas. receipt, No.
102 480.37
Jan. 2, 1917. By amt rem. 6th
class treas. receipt, No.
103 400.29
Jan. 2, 1917. By amt rem. 7th
class treas. receipt, No.
104 960.75
By com. on amt col-
lected for December, 279.12
Feb. 7, 1917. By amt rem 2nd

class treas. receipt, No.
108 963.57
Feb. 7, 1917. By amt rem. 3rd
class treas. receipt, No.
109 10358.43
Feb. 7, 1917. By amt rem. 5th
class treas. receipt, No.
110 1445.40
Feb. 7, 1917. By amt rem. 6th
class treas. receipt, No.
111 1204.56
Feb. 7, 1917. By amt rem. 7th
class treas. receipt, No.
112 2890.76
By com. on amt. col.
for January, 341.89

\$23703.30
R. E. Crowley, Justice of the
Peace, Precinct No. One, in account
with Midland County, Texas.
Debit
Sept. 30, 1916. 1616, fine, \$ 1.00
Oct. 6, 1916. 1622, fine, 10.00
Oct. 30, 1916. 1623, fine, 1.00
Nov. 4, 1916. 1624, fine, 5.00
Dec. 4, 1916. 1627, fine, 1.00
Dec. 4, 1916. 1628, fine, 1.00
Dec. 9, 1916. 1629, fine, 1.00
Dec. 18, 1916. 1631, fine, 1.00
Jan. 14, 1917. 1636, fine, 10.00
Jan. 14, 1917. 1638, fine, 10.00
Jan. 14, 1917. 1639, fine, 1.00
Jan. 25, 1917. 1642, fine, 1.00
Jan. 25, 1917. 1643, fine, 1.00

\$48.00
R. E. Crowley, Justice of the Peace,
Precinct No. One, in account with
Midland County, Texas.
Credit
Jan. 31, 1917. By treas. receipt
No. 107 \$38.40
By com on fines collected
20 per cent. 9.60

\$48.00
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the First Class fund.
Debit
Jan. 9, 1917. To Newnie W. El-
lis, treasurer's receipt
No. 106 \$ 92.00
Feb. 7, 1917. To Midland National
Bank, treas. receipt, No.
113 6.50
To amt. trans. from
other fund 600.00

\$698.50
Feb. 1, 1917. To balance, \$37.68
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the First Class Fund.
Credit
By balance, \$549.20
By amt. pd dur. quar. Ex "A" 107.50
By 2 per cent com. on amt. rec. 1.97
By 2 per cent com. on amt. pd. out 2.15
By amt to balance, 37.68

\$698.50
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Second Class Fund.
Debit
Nov. 1, 1916. To balance, \$ 130.89
Dec. 1, 1916. To W. E. Bradford,
receipt, No. 94, 33.40
Jan. 2, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
receipt, No. 99, 320.24
Feb. 5, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
receipt, No. 108, 963.57
Jan. 31, 1917. To R. E. Crowley,
receipt, No. 107, 38.40

\$1486.50
Feb. 1, 1917. To balance, \$1403.29
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Second Class Fund.
Credit
By amt. pd out dur. quar. Ex
"B" \$ 55.00
By 2 per cent com. on amt rec 27.11
By 2 per cent com. on amount paid
out 1.10
By amount to balance, 1403.29

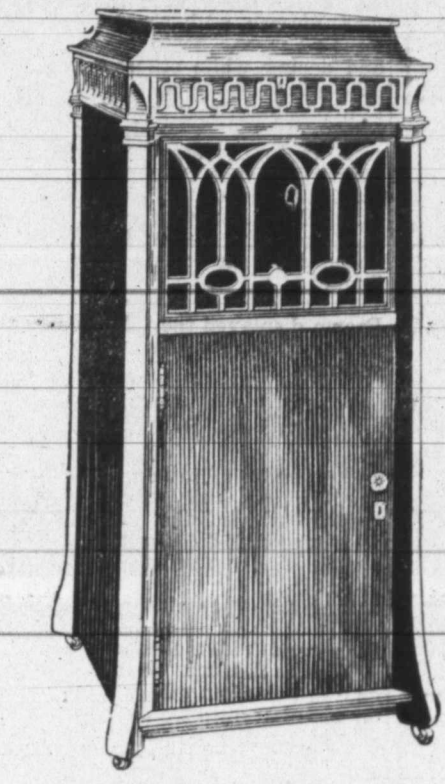
\$1486.50
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Third Fund.
Debit
Nov. 1, 1916. To balance, \$ 1069.02
Dec. 1, 1916. To W. E. Bradford,
receipt, No. 95, 359.07
Jan. 2, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
receipt, No. 100, 342.63
Feb. 5, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
receipt, No. 109, 10358.43

\$15229.15
Feb. 1, 1917. To balance, \$11505.42
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Third Fund.
Credit
By amt paid out during quarter
Ex "C" \$ 2784.83
By amount transferred to other
funds 600.00
By 2 per cent commission on amt.
received 283.20
By 2 per cent commission on amt.
paid out 55.70
By amt to balance, 11505.42

\$15229.15
I. H. Bell County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Fifth Fund.
Debit
Nov. 1, 1916. To balance, \$3249.32
Dec. 1, 1916. To W. E. Bradford,
treas. receipt, No. 96, 50.11
Jan. 2, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
treas. receipt, No. 102, 480.37
Feb. 5, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
treas. receipt, No. 110, 1445.40
Feb. 7, 1917. To Midland National
Bank, treas. receipt
No. 114, 39.20

\$3264.40
Feb. 1, 1917. To balance, \$5224.10
I. H. Bell County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Fifth Class Fund.
Credit
By 2 per cent com. on amount re-
ceived \$ 40.30
By amt to balance, 5224.10

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Feb. 1, 1917. To balance, \$4391.49
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Sixth Class Fund.
Credit
By 2 per cent. on amt. received, \$ 33.71
By amt. to balance, 4391.49

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\$4425.20
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count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Seventh Class Fund.
Debit
Nov. 1, 1916. To balance, \$2904.85
Dec. 1, 1916. To W. E. Bradford,
treas. receipt, No. 98, 100.20
Jan. 2, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
treas. receipt, No. 104, 960.75
Feb. 5, 1917. To W. E. Bradford,
treas. receipt, No. 112, 2890.76
Feb. 5, 1917. To Midland National
Bank, treas. receipt, No.
114 78.34

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Feb. 1, 1917. To balance, \$6854.35
I. H. Bell, County Treasurer, in ac-
count with Midland County, Texas,
under the Seventh Class Fund.
Credit
By 2 per cent commission on amt.
received \$ 80.60
By amt. to balance, 6854.35

The State of Texas,
County of Midland. I do solemnly
swear that the above and foregoing
is a true and correct Report for the
Quarter ending 31st day of January,
A. D., 1917, as required by Article
824, 824b, 824c and 825, Revised Stat-
utes of 1895.
W. J. Sparks,
County Clerk, Midland County, Tex., D., 1917.
Sworn to and subscribed before me,
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FRIDAY, MARCH 9, 1917

CITY ELECTION

ANNOUNCEMENTS For City Secretary: NEWNIE W. ELLIS

DIED FROM EFFECTS OF OPERATION

Mrs. Loraine Killingsworth, of Knowles N. M., was brought here the first of the week to undergo a serious operation, but was unable to stand the ordeal and died Thursday.

We give the best service obtainable and our business is strictly cash. Please bear this in mind. Midland Battery Company.

In Society



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

Smithson-Eidson On last Saturday March 3rd, Mr. P. S. Smithson was united in marriage to Miss Fay Eidson, both of Stanton.

Mrs. M., J. Riggs, Mrs. Collom and Mrs. Chas. Goldsmith are in Mineral Wells for a few weeks.

A Splendid Program The Wednesday Club achieved another very notable success in the concert offered recently by them to the Midland public.

Frank Luther and Mr. Ned Watson.

The large auditorium of the Christian church was well filled with an appreciative audience who greeted each number of the program with hearty applause.

The trios by Miss Watson at the piano, Mr. Derdeyn with the violin and Ned Watson with the cello were of classic nature, some passages bold and daring while others were soft and subdued.

Miss Pritchett, skillfully accompanied by Miss Luther, very sweetly sang "Lo Hear the Gentle Lark."

The reading of "Mam'selle" by Miss Brown displayed the talent and ability of this favorite reader to splendid advantage.

The lengthy, but varied program, called for the most finished playing by Miss Watson, the accompanist, but each number was given perfect time and rareness of technique.

All in all, this concert was more than worthy of the splendid patronage accorded it. In truth, Midland should feel extremely fortunate to possess such talented musicians among her citizenship.

Piano and Violin Recital

The auditorium of the Methodist church was filled with a large audience on Monday evening for the mid-term recital by the piano pupils of Miss Lydia G. Watson and some of the violin pupils of Prof. Maurice L. Derdeyn.

The program had been carefully arranged in such a way that the hearers would enjoy its variations.

The proficiency and confidence of the several pupils but reflected the careful and painstaking instruction given by the faithful teachers and the long hours of assiduous practice undergone by the performers.

Sextette from Lucia, by the Derdeyn-Watson Trio; Violin solo by William Sinclair; Valse Caprice, Hallie Rhea Jowell; Mammy's Lullaby by Alma Cowan; Hawaiian Medley by Ned Watson and William Sinclair.

The other pupils who participated in the program and helped to make it so successful were Gladys Buchanan, Florence Kilcrease, Myrtha Foster, Hazel Wimberly, Bernice Griffin, Marvin Pritchett, Cecil Jerden, Nannie Lou Tidwell, Ruth Inman, Lillie Pliska, Beulah Henry, Thelma Richardson, Annie Midkiff, Nellie Midkiff, Fay Rogers, Mary Allen, Hattie Foster, Hattie Ruth Lucas, Minnie Foster, Gertrude Tohy, Mira Aycock, Geraldine Cowden and Maxie Cufry.

F. S. M. Club

The F. S. M. Club had a very pleasant social and business meeting with Miss Blanche Dunagan as hostess on Wednesday afternoon.

Fine Turkey Dinner Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Flanigan had as guests at dinner last Friday, Mr. and Mrs. C. C. Watson, Mrs. J. T. and Miss Thelma White.

Miss Chachie Holloway who has

been away about two years attending school in Battle Creek, Mich., and Boston, Mass., specializing in music, is at home for a merited vacation.

Miss Langham is the guest of her sister, Mrs. E. R. Thomas, while the Odessa schools are dismissed, owing to the prevalence of measles there.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Poole came in on No. 5 Tuesday after a very pleasant two weeks' in New Orleans. They are domiciled in the bungalow formerly occupied by Mr. and Mrs. Lee S. Evans.

Misses Sue Darter and Lera Brown will leave this afternoon for a visit of about ten days' duration in Dallas and Garland.

Mrs. Frank Crowley and little son left Saturday for their home in Ft. Worth.

Card of Thanks—Midland people were kind in every way to us during the illness and death of our beloved husband and father. We are deeply grateful and through the columns of The Reporter wish to express our earnest appreciation.

The ladies of the Home Mission Society of the Methodist church will give a bazaar tomorrow in the vacant Garrett & Brown building, next to the Midland Variety Store.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of the 70th Judicial District of Midland County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 27th day of February, A. D., 1917, in favor of Henry M. Hall and against J. Harrison White and James H. White No. 1421 on the docket of said court, I did on the 7th day of March, A. D., 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the county of Midland, State of Texas, to-wit:

Section No. 33, Block No. 38, Township 2-south, Texas & Pacific Railway Company, original grantee, containing 640 acres of land in Midland County, Texas.

And on the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title, and interest of the said J. Harrison White and James H. White in and to said property.

Dated at Midland, Texas, this 7th day of March, A. D., 1917.

W. E. Bradford, Sheriff of Midland County, Texas. adv 22-3t

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.

Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of the 70th Judicial District of Midland County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 6th day of February A. D., 1917, in favor of J. M. Jemison and against Mrs. Willie Powell and T. J. Powell No. 1378 on the docket of said court I did on the 7th day of March, A. D., 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m. levy upon the following described real estate situate in the county of Midland, State of Texas, to-wit:

The N. two-thirds (2-3) of Lot No. 19, and all of lots 20, 21, 22, 23, and 24 in block No. 99 in the original town of Midland, Texas.

And on the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m. on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction, for cash, all the right, title, and interest of the said Mrs. Willie Powell and T. J. Powell in and to said property.

Dated at Midland, Texas, this 7th day of March, A. D., 1917.

W. E. Bradford, Sheriff of Midland County, Texas. adv 22-3t

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Hardeman County Fair, Quanah, Texas— Had Entries in Eight Classes. Won 5 Firsts, 5 Seconds. Champion Bull.	Junior and Grand Champion Female. Also same prizes in "Texas" classes.
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.	All Champions Bred by Us Louisiana State Fair, Shreveport, La.— Had Entries in Thirteen Classes. Won 7 Firsts, 3 Seconds, 3 Thirds.
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.	Junior and Grand Champion Bull. American Royal Show, Kansas City, Mo.— Won 3 Seconds, 5 Thirds, 2 Fourth, 1 Sixth, 1 Seventh, 1 Eighth.

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

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FOR SALE—Bundle sorghum. Two miles north of town. Phone 228. 22-2t

FOR SALE—Full blood Rhode Island Red eggs. \$1.50 for setting of 15. Call at phone 324, Mrs. W. C. Massey 21-2t

WHITE WYANDOTTE eggs for setting. \$1.00 for 15. Floyd Countiss, Midland, Texas. 21-2tpd

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

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. Nubent 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 combs, 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—I have turned over my station accounts to Rev. J. S. Moore. Those indebted to me may look to him for settlement & adjustment. R. A. Roberson. 21-21-pd

Geo. Williams, cowman from Carlsbad, N. M., was here Thursday in the market for young heifers.

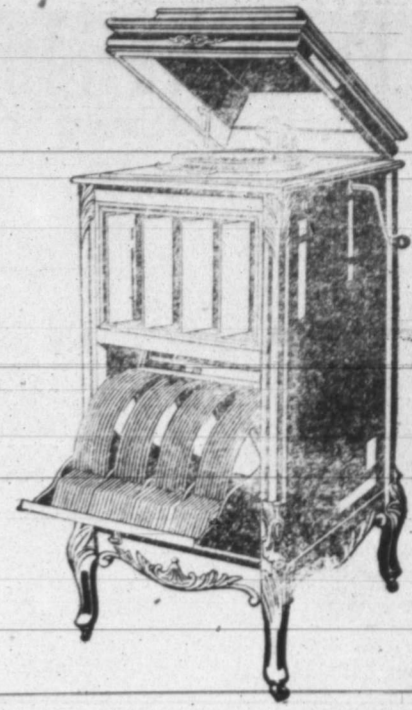
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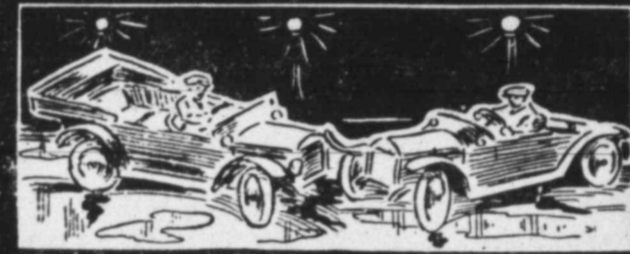
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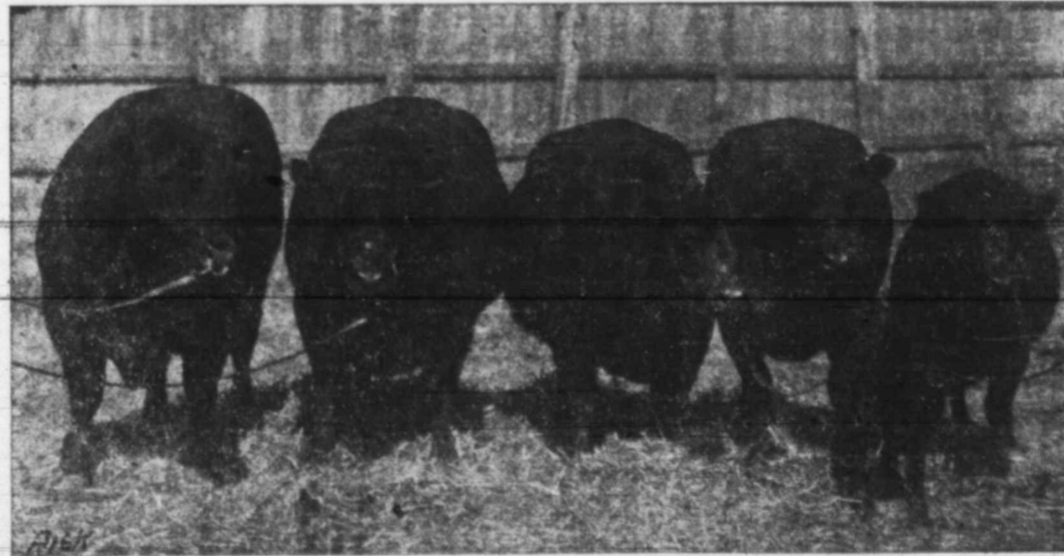
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Dr. Buchanan, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, as usual, will be in his Midland office Saturday, 19th. adv

Bob Allison, cowman from Slaughter, was a business visitor this week.

N. O. Standifer was here the first of the week from Geo. Ratliff's ranch where he has been for the past two years. He ordered The Reporter sent to his father.

J. T. Cullins, the old reliable piano tuner, is in town with headquarters at the Llano Hotel, and would appreciate the patronage of all who need any work in his line. adv



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250 YEARLINGS, ALL PURE-BRED

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Prices furnished on application. Let us have the opportunity of showing you our Show Herd.

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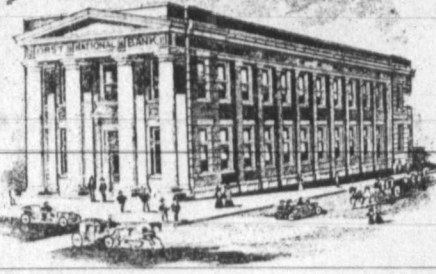
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TICK ERADICATION IN DALLAS COUNTY

Texas Industrial Congress Offers Work There as Good Example for Other Counties

Work being done in Dallas county to further the movement for tick eradication may well be taken as an example in other counties where an election is pending, says the Texas Industrial Congress. The election is to be held April 3rd, but the County commissioners have already appropriated money for materials to build the vats and these are to be constructed at once.

In addition to these public vats, many private vats are to be constructed immediately. Locations for them have already been selected by the county demonstration agent in company with Dr. Jesse Robards of the Bureau of Animal Industry. The purpose of the immediate construction of vats is two-fold. Those first ready will be used for demonstration dippings for the purpose of showing just what dipping cattle means in actual operation and to prove to the skeptical that benefit and not harm comes to cattle from dipping. It is believed that demonstration dipping will do more than anything else to remove any possible opposition to tick eradication.

A strong argument for tick eradication is found in recent public statements of shoe men to the effect that leather is getting very scarce in the United States and that more and better hides will be needed. There is not now sufficient tanned leather in the United States to run the factories two months, is the statement of a St. Louis shoe salesman.

Another says that leather will go to such prices that shoes now selling for eight dollars will cost twelve. In this connection he states that the tick eradication bill now before the Texas Legislature will, if passed, be a great boon to Texas cattle raisers in improving the quality of hides. Texas hides now rank three and four just because of the tick holes in them, he said. Except for this damage they would rank class one.

Notice of Election

Notice is hereby given that at a called meeting of the city council of the city of Midland on the 28th day of February, 1917, an election was ordered to be held on the first Tuesday in April, the same being the 3rd day of April, 1917, for the purpose of electing the following officers of the city of Midland, for the term of two years: To-wit: a mayor, three aldermen, a marshal and a secretary.

Said election will be held at the county court house, in the city of Midland, Texas, and the following officer has been appointed to hold said election: H. B. Dunagan, presiding officer.

Witness my official signature this 28th day of February, 1917.

J. M. Gilmore,
Mayor City of Midland.
Attest: Newnie W. Ellis,
Sec'y City of Midland.
adv 21-3c.

WHY OUR FARMERS SHOULD DIVERSIFY

Texas Industrial Congress Points Out Profitable Methods For The South to Pursue

The Texas Industrial Congress receives letters almost daily from some part of the United States asking for information relative to its garden campaigns, past and present. The idea is growing and the movement is being pushed all over the United States. A letter was received recently from Philadelphia enclosing a clipping from a local paper giving an account of the movement started there. It is estimated that by using available vacant property Philadelphia can save \$500,000 in garden truck.

The letter says in part: "You will see from the enclosed clipping that we are trying to aid the poor of this city to aid themselves. I am writing to ask if you can give me some data and what was done in your garden camp in 1916. If you have any pictures you could furnish a basis for lantern slide talks, I would be glad to reimburse you."

"You see matters are getting serious here. We are having riots and much distress. If we can show this thing as it is done best, giving the photos of winners and their gardens, we will be immensely helped."

It is certain, says the Texas Industrial Congress, that whether we have war with Germany or not, or whether the war continues a year or two or just a few months, the demand for foodstuffs will exceed the supply. The shortage in the world's food crops last year, together with conditions created by the war, bring us nearer a serious food shortage than at any time during the present generation. A short crop, by reason of weather conditions or smaller acreage, will mean actual suffering. Nothing short of a bumper crop of grain will save us from exorbitant prices for wheat and corn.

It will not do to depend on cotton. Crop and price are uncertain. Every available acre should be put in feed and food stuffs, into grain and vegetables and potatoes and much attention should be given to livestock. It will be almost a crime for any farmer to fail to provide during the coming spring and summer for all the foodstuffs his family will need during the next twelve months. The South can become independent for foodstuffs by prompt action but otherwise this section will be drained of millions for high priced foodstuffs which can and should have been raised at home.

D. E. Bloomer, ranchman from 20 miles east of town was here this week on business. He reports no losses from the recent storm and says prospects are good for a bumper calf crop.

Len Driver left for El Paso Tuesday to attend the stockmen's convention.

Gib Cowden was in Fort Worth this week on a business trip, but returned today.

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

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

STAPLE AND FANCY GROCERIES

such as is to be found only in a first-class grocery establishment. We know the grocery business, and it is our purpose to conduct here a modern grocery store on a Strictly Cash basis, thus enabling us to sell cheaper and to help you very materially in keeping down the high cost of living. Our motto will be

Small Profits and More Business

Join the army of Economy, come and look for yourself, get our prices, and if we cannot save you money we will not ask for your patronage. We will handle only high class merchandise and guarantee satisfaction in every transaction.

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FIRST CLASS WORK ONLY
PHONE 165 MIDLAND, TEXAS

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Spring, Radiator and Frame work on all kinds of cars, but

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Guarantee all jobs. No argument to follow. Try me and you will be satisfied.

Located at the Eriksen Blacksmith Shop.

Holly E. Roberts

J. S. Coleman from near Knowles, N. M., was here this week loading out with supplies. J. B. Preston, ranchman from Lynn County, is here visiting his brothers for a short time.



"The Best Investment We Ever Made"

was fixing up the old home place and painting it with

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HIGH STANDARD
LIQUID PAINT

—the investment paint. It improved its appearance wonderfully and added hundreds of dollars to its value."

If you are lucky enough to own one of those well-built old homes, don't let it grow shabby. Clean up the lawn, prune up the shrubbery and paint the house with HIGH STANDARD. Let us show you the colors that will look best.

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

The gasoline consumption is unusually low
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Have listed desirable properties and can supply purchaser with either ranch and cattle or ranch without cattle, or cattle without ranch.

Also a number of leased propositions with cattle.

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MIDLAND, TEXAS

COLEMAN & ALLEN REPAIR SHOP

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Paramount Pictures

Unique Theatre

MONDAY, MARCH 12th
Billie Burke in the great society serial, (getting better all the time)
"GLORIA'S ROMANCE."
A Victor Comedy-drama, "GOOD MORNING JUDGE."
An LKO one reel Komedy, "PHIL'S BUSY DAY."

TUESDAY, MARCH 13th
Cleo Ridgley and Wallace Reid in a Paramount production.
"THE HOUSE OF GOLDEN WINDOWS"
A Paramount-Bray Cartoon that is a "hummer," "COLONEL HEEZALIAR."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 14th
A Laemmle drama, "STRONGER THAN STEEL."
Chapter 13 of the thrilling Mutual serial,
"A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS," with Helen Holmes.
A one reel LKO Komedy that is a scream,
"THE PERILS OF A PLUMBER."

THURSDAY, MARCH 15th
The 2nd episode of the mystifying, thrilling Universal serial,
"THE PURPLE MASK"
with Francis Ford and Grace Cunard.
An Imp drama, "TOTO OF THE BYWAYS."
A Joker Comedy, with Gale Henry and Wm. Franey,
"THE TALE OF A TURK."

FRIDAY, MARCH 16th
Mary Pickford in a play said to be her best,
"HULDA FROM HOLLAND."
A Paramount Black Diamond Comedy—that will please you.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17th
A Goldseal Feature, "AN OLD SOLDIER'S ROMANCE."
A Nestor Comedy, with Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran,
"PRACTICE WHAT YOU PREACH."
Ford Educational Weekly, No. 32.

Quality in Photoplays

A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS
by E. ALEXANDER POWELL

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

SYNOPSIS.

Rupert Holmes, a lumberman of the North Woods, disappointed in becoming the father of a daughter instead of a son, abandons his wife and child to the log-jammed river. Thinking them dead, he allies himself with the lumber trust head, whose daughter he marries. But the deserted wife and baby are picked up and cared for by one Dave Dawson. Twenty years later Rupert Holmes is the lumber magnate fighting the independents around him. His daughter, Helen, unknown to him, has brought herself to his attention by several heroic acts about the country. She takes up a fight against the trust and leads the independents in their defiance against the great Amalgamated which seeks to absorb their hard-earned properties. In this Helen is assisted by Tom Dawson, a young engineer, and her foster father, Dave Dawson. Helen discovers that the trust is not living up to their charter and she proceeds against them. The village council resigns to back her, but she helps select another. Rupert Holmes meets his abandoned wife, Virginia, whom he has thought dead and learns that his own daughter is fighting him. In an attempt to kill Virginia he renders her an invalid, but she tells the truth about Holmes to Little Bear, the Indian boy. The Amalgamated forces a strike among the independent camps. In a riot the buildings are burned. Holmes releases a car of explosives against the independent lumber train, but is stopped by the heroic act of Tom Dawson. Holmes sends his son Stephen 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 Bill turns up to add his own. Helen learns from her mother that she is Holmes' daughter. Holmes orders his marriage records be stolen and destroyed. Tom Dawson and Helen finally recover the papers but water has rendered them worthless. In order to hold up Dawson's work, Holmes sends Tom and Helen to Capitol City for more men, but Holmes hires a gang to drive them back. In the fight, the gunmen are beaten and Dawson's work goes on. Stephen Holmes in an attempt to drive his father to play a square game sells his mine to get money to help Dawson. An effort is made to change Helen's name to Helen Rose. Helen sees it in time to save him. Together they race in an engine against Holmes' crew to cash the check for the needed money.

THIRTEENTH EPISODE

Rupert Holmes, millionaire lumberman, was startled out of his usual imperturbability. His face evidenced the emotions that stirred him. Here, indeed was a crisis. For years and years he had planned and plotted to defeat the aims of the independent lumbermen, which if realized would ruin him, and in every instance he had been thwarted by the quick wit of a mere slip of a girl—Helen Dawson.

Half an hour earlier, Holmes had bitterly reproached Helen's half brother, Stephen, with having paid \$37,000 to Dawson, the Valley Railway extension contractor, in defiance of orders to the contrary. The young fellow had replied in bitter anger that the debt was a just one and that he had paid it for that reason.

"Another thing," announced Stephen defiantly, "some day I am going to ask Helen Dawson to marry me."

It was this announcement that had caused "Dollar" Holmes to turn white to the lips.

The thing most to be dreaded by him had come to pass. Stephen, the apple of his eye, in love with the one girl in all the world with whom marriage was impossible. There was only one thing to do. Stephen must be got out of the country on one plea or another and during his absence the girl must be disposed of. It was a time for action—immediate action at that.

With a determined gesture, Holmes pressed the electric button at his side. The pale-faced secretary, whose weight of criminal knowledge seemed to have sagged his thin shoulders into a melancholy curve, merely nodded when Holmes demanded the immediate presence of Behrens.

"Behrens," snapped the lumber baron, as Behrens entered, hat in hand, "this Dawson girl's got to be put out of the way."

"Now you're talking some sense," grinned Behrens. "I told you she was the whole works over to that grade and in the independent powwows. Why, say! She's the one that got young Steve to double-cross you in that payment to Dawson."

"I know all about that," interposed Holmes with a wave of his hand. "What we've got to do now is to get her out of this. It isn't what you she has done in a business way, you understand. The reason is that Stephen wants to marry her."

Behrens' little, sharp eyes narrowed to pinpoints. He emitted a long-drawn whistle, as indicative of his understanding that here, indeed was a dilemma that would require all Holmes' ingenuity and determination for its solution.

"Why, Helen's his half sister. She's the legitimate heir to all your money and he's—say! Steve ain't nobody, is he?" commented Behrens.

"Stephen is my son, d—n you," shouted "Dollar" Holmes. "No more of your remarks, d'ye hear. What I want you to do is to get some of your outfit together and run that girl out of this state. I don't care how you do it but I don't want her back here."

"Bill" Behrens did some rapid thinking. His memory ran back over twenty years, during which he had been the perpetrator of innumerable villainies at the behest of his employer. He saw, in a swift procession of events the flight of Holmes' wife across the ice of the Callapooa—the disappearance of the woman and child. He re-

called the tragic death of old Sleepy Dog, the Klamath Indian chief, slain by Holmes in a fit of rage, and he knew that every acre of Holmes' lumber holdings really belonged to the heirs of Sleepy Dog.

Now he realized that Helen Dawson, the fighting "Lass of the Lumberlands," was not only Holmes' legitimate daughter, but real heir to property held in his name, which property, if the truth ever came out, would revert to Little Bear, the son of old Sleepy Dog.

A broad grin broke out on the wind-tanned visage of Bill Behrens. For once in his life, at least, he had an idea. He would marry Helen himself. There would be a nice little abduction, a day or two of confinement in the Deering cabin out on China Flats—perhaps a little threatening might be necessary. That drunken old ex-preacher on the edge of the clearing would tie the knot.

As the idea took form Behrens broke into a laugh. Here was his chance—his long sought chance to even matters with "Dollar" Holmes—the hardest taskmaster in the world. Behrens would marry his daughter, claim her rights under the law, compel Holmes to recognize him as a social and financial equal. It was a fascinating idea.

When Holmes started for Capitol City with Stephen in the big automobile that had just been purchased for Florence Holmes, the lumberman's fashionable wife, Behrens already had his plans fairly well in hand. An hour later he was in conference with "Spike" Deering, head of the most disreputable band of ruffians that ever disgraced a countryside.

Late that afternoon, when the work train started for the now nearly completed grade on Shady Creek, carrying fifty or more new hands from Capitol City, Helen insisted on going along. The young woman's foster father, Joe Dawson, young Tom Dawson, her devoted admirer, "Tim" Morrissy, boss of the works, and half a dozen gang foremen who had just been paid off out of young Stephen's \$37,000 check, constituted a jolly party. Every man in the crowd had his pay in his pocket.

So engrossed were the railroaders in their own affairs that they did not notice the presence on a rear car of "Bill" Behrens, "Spike" Deering and several men of his notorious gang.

Helen was thrown to the floor of the car, her hands and feet were bound, a gag had been thrust into her mouth and she was helpless. A moment later, "Spike" Deering and Behrens had lifted her out on the side of the train opposite that on which her friends were standing and dragged her into the thick growths beside the road.

Helen heard the train start and tried to struggle loose. Realizing the futility of immediate attempts to escape she lay still and gave her word not to scream when Behrens at last undertook to remove the gag from her mouth under that condition.

"Where are you taking me?" Helen demanded, as soon as she was permitted to use her voice.

Behrens grinned and "Spike" Deering, mimicking the voice of his captive, announced that she was being taken to church—to a regular church wedding.

"You'll be made to suffer for this," Helen threatened, her eyes blazing with anger. "You men will be going to funerals instead of weddings."

"Well," interposed Behrens, "if you want to have your husband's blood on your head all right. I'm going to marry you tonight and a wife oughtn't to plan against her husband's life."

Then for the first time Helen began to realize the nature of the plot. She had long recognized that Behrens, despite his orders from Holmes, had entertained for her a sort of queer regard. The idea that such a scoundrel would seriously entertain thoughts of marrying her had never entered the girl's head. Now she fully realized her peril. Nevertheless, she was determined to fight to the last gasp.

Deering's camp was in the middle of a swale in the hardwood timber below China Flats. It was a safe hiding place ordinarily, and none but experienced woodsmen would have detected the trails leading to it.

Tom Dawson had been born in the woods. He knew which side of a forest tree the moss grew on long before he could walk. From that period he had become familiar with every phase of woodcraft, so that to him the forest was as plain as raised print to an educated blind man. It hadn't taken Tom long to realize the direction the tracks he had followed were taking. When habitations are few and far apart, deduction is simplified. Dawson knew that Helen had been abducted by Behrens and "Spike" Deering long before he came within sight of the clearing and saw the thin wisp of smoke rising from the Deering chimney.

Creeping forward slowly with his rifle at the ready, he was suddenly attacked from behind by two of Deering's men who had been set to watch intruders. Overpowered without a chance to defend himself, Tom was dragged to the cabin.

Helen saw Tom and her hopes rose. Already the drunken old preacher from the Bend was on hand. Fortunately the ancient reprobate had certain compunctions about performing a ceremony so long as Helen refused resolutely to consent to it. A quick glance passed between Tom Dawson and the young woman. It was a contract. They would fight it out—but how?

Then chance gave Helen her opportunity. Behrens turned his back to her to argue with the minister. Quick as a flash Helen whipped the automatic from his pocket and slipped it to Tom. An instant later "Spike" Deering lay writhing on the floor of the cabin, a bullet in his abdomen, two of his henchmen were wounded and hors du combat, while Helen was tearing wildly across the clearing to the deep railway cut which was traversed at Coleman's Crossing by an overhead trolley railway used for light expressage to the little mining town in the valley below.

Seizing the trolley wheel with its hanging metal attachment, Helen swung herself out over the chasm without an instant's hesitation.

From his position below on the railway track, Behrens saw the girl swaying at a dizzy height and realized that she would probably be dashed to death within a few moments. Rushing at terrific speed down the swaying wire, Helen felt her strength going. With a glance downward she saw that she was directly over the Valley Railway tracks. The trolley had jammed and she was hanging there immovable.

With death staring her in the face, Helen dimly heard the approach of a trail. What happened afterward she could not remember until the last instant of self-preservation prompted her to grasp at a rail to keep herself from rolling off the roof of the box car on which she had fallen from the trolley wire. The mixed freight was an hour late.

Lying half fainting on the roof of a speeding car, the frightened girl saw Behrens coming toward her. He was clambering over the roof of the box car.

Helen had no strength left to fight. Behrens raised her to her feet and was trying to force her to the end of the car. With a despairing effort Helen Dawson resisted. She felt that her last moment had come.

"Crack!"

There was the faint report of a rifle from the side of the track and almost simultaneously Behrens' hold on the young woman relaxed. The next instant he staggered and plunged head foremost into a swamp beside the track where he disappeared from view.

As Behrens fell, Tom Dawson stepped from the brush, the still smoking rifle in his hand. Two minutes later the train had come to a stop and Helen was again in the hands of her friends.

Before she could make an outcry

HOW THE GAR OWNER CAN TEST HIS BATTERY

In the care of the storage battery, knowledge beats guess-work, and three simple tests will give the average car owner all the knowledge he needs. They are hydrometer tests, ammeter tests, and thermometer tests.

The hydrometer test tells the most reliable condition of charge of battery. Strictly speaking, when he makes this test, the car owner gets not the state of charge, but the specific gravity of the electrolyte. This, however, is an exact index of the charge, for in a fully charged battery the electrolyte has a specific gravity of from 1.275 to 1.300. As the battery weakens, the specific gravity diminishes until at 1.125, the battery, for all practical purposes is dead—it has not power enough to turn over the engine.

In the care of the storage battery frequent hydrometer tests are of paramount importance. For satisfactory service a battery ought to be kept in a fully charged condition, and unless the car owner has some way of finding out if the battery is in this condition, he naturally cannot take the proper steps to get the best from it.

If car owner hasn't been using his lights and starting battery carefully and the hydrometer reading shows that his battery is less than fully charged, the first thing he will naturally do is to see whether the generator is producing a satisfactory amount of current. To determine this, he makes the ammeter test.

Most automobiles today equipped with starting and lighting devices are provided with the ammeter, so that this test involves nothing more than taking the reading from the dial of the instrument, which is usually situated in the dash of the car.

There are several ways of making the ammeter test, but the simplest perhaps is this—with the car standing still and all the lights burning, take the ammeter reading. This reading will be with the hand to the left of the neutral point, or on the discharge side of the dial. Then, with the lights extinguished and the car running at a speed of about fifteen miles an hour, a second reading should be taken. In this case the hand on the dial will be pointing to the charge on the right side of the neutral point.

The reading in this case should be at least equal to the reading on the discharge side when the lights are going, and it is very desirable that it should be in excess of this.

If it is equal, it shows the generator is supplying power enough to supply the lights, for when the car is running with the lamps lighted, the current from the generator goes direct to the lamps. If there is an excess of current over what the lights use, this is sent to the storage battery. Of course when the lamps are not being used, the current goes to the battery.

If the rate of charge is found to be less than the rate of discharge with the lights going, the generator should be adjusted, for it is not returning sufficient power to the battery to offset the normal discharge.

The third test—the thermometer test—is hardly necessary when the machine is being used on average work, but it is important when touring. Unless the generator is out of adjustment, there is little liability of the battery becoming discharged or empty. The danger in this case is of the opposite character—that with the machine being run at a fairly high rate of speed for long periods, the generator will return to the battery more current than is being used for starting and lighting. Overcharging the battery is just as disastrous as undercharging.

The symptom of overcharging is overheating and it is to detect this that the thermometer is used. Normally, the battery temperature will be approximately atmospheric temperature. A fully charged battery with a temperature of 100 degrees F is at the danger point. If the temperature rises to 120 degrees or over, the probabilities are that the battery will be ruined.

Excessive heat causes buckling of the plates and an attendant breaking down of insulation, which in turn short circuits the battery and puts the electric equipment out of commission.

The most satisfactory thermometer for the car owner is the dairy thermometer. It is not only reasonably cheap but it will stand harder usage than more delicate instruments.

If at any time the car owner has trouble with his battery and none of these three tests throw any light upon the matter, the first thing to do, naturally is to go to the battery service station. Here in fact the car owner who does not want to make these tests himself can have them made by battery experts. The point is, intelligent battery care demands accurate knowledge of the battery's condition and these tests are the easiest way of getting this knowledge. Whether it is done by the owner himself or by some service station expert is absolutely immaterial.

There are battery service stations all over the country. The Willard Storage Battery Company alone maintains over 850, each one in charge of trained men who are willing to test any battery and give any motorist the benefit of their experience.

SPECIAL NOTICE

Those holding tickets for the great super-picture, "The Fall of a Nation," to be presented at the Unique Theatre tomorrow night, are requested to be in their seats by 7:30. Doors will open at 7 p. m. and it is desired to avoid any confusion during the showing of the picture, by getting everybody seated before starting. The picture is 10 reels in length and only ONE show will be given. An intermission of 10 minutes will be given after the sixth reel to rest the eyes.

BE THERE ON TIME and you will get home earlier. adv.

J. O. Love of Pankin, was a business visitor last Monday.

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Helen Felt Her Strength Going.

Nearing Holt's Sliding there was a stop for a hot box. Helen was one of the first to descend for investigation. When the long work train again pulled out those who noticed that Helen Dawson was not on the "flats" believed that she was in the caboose where the riding would be somewhat easier.

It was Joe Dawson who discovered that Helen was not on the train, and the discovery was not made until nearly twenty miles had been traversed. Then one of the men on the rear flat-car told of having seen "Spike" Dawson and Behrens in conversation, crouching in the end of a gondola. The scattering of angry men that ensued was immediate. Dawson cut across to the main line where it was feared Behrens and his crowd might attempt to board another freight. But nothing practical was done because nobody knew of anything practical to do.

Tom Dawson, his face white and set, a 45-90 repeater over his arm left the train with a bound when it had been backed to the spot where the previous stop had been made. Like a bound he picked up the trail and unerringly he followed it mile after mile across the rough country. Sometimes only a broken bramble guided him.

Washing her hands in the caboose after tinkering with the greasy hot box, Helen Holmes was not prepared for the startling events that occurred in quick succession. Humming a tune as she reached for the roller towel, the young girl heard a step and turned to welcome one of her friends, only to gaze into the evil visage of "Bill" Behrens.

Before she could make an outcry

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WITH THE CHURCHES

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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH
The revival continues with about twenty added to date. Bible school meets at 9:45, Sunday morning. Subject at 11 o'clock, "Counsel to Converts," and at 7:30, "The Passing Away of Opportunities." Preaching at Valley View school house at 3 p. m. Jas. T. McKissick.

BAPTIST CHURCH
Bible school at 9:45 a. m. A large attendance desired.

11 a. m., sermon, subject "One of the other Commands."
3 p. m., Jun'or B. Y. P. U.
6:45 p. m., Senior B. Y. P. U.
7:45 p. m., preaching, subject "If You Have Life, is it Everlasting?"

This month in the Bible sch of we will hold one promotion exercise, and every scholar is urged to come and help. Teachers study class on Wednesday evening at 7:55, prayer meeting at 7:45 and cabinet meeting at 8:30.

A cordial welcome to all visitors and strangers.
Ernest Quick, Pastor.

JUNIOR LEAGUE
Leader—Cleora Warren.
Subject, "Our Church in Social Service."

Opening hymns Nos. 111 and 46. Scripture, Luke 3:11; 10:25-27. Introduction of topic—Supt. "The Good Samaritan"—Myrtle Whitmire.

Roll call and response with reference word, "Neighbor."
"Some Ways in Which our Church is a good Neighbor."
"In Wesley Houses"—Bernice Norwood and Leonora Whitmire.

"In Bethlehem Houses"—Bessie Johnson.
"In Mining Sections"—Viola Puckett.

"Among Immigrants"—Martin Bradford.
Song No. 169.
Announcements and benediction.

EPWORTH LEAGUE
Subject, "The Greatness of God."
Leader—Hugh Clark.

Song and prayer service.
Scripture reading, Psalm CXLV: 1-21.
Song, "Holy, Holy, Holy."

"A Lesson from Distance and from Little Things"—Edgar Lawrence.
"A Lesson from the Earth's Age"—Judith Clark.

"A Lesson from Men"—Bro. Cowan.
"God is Everywhere"—Miss Gayle Garner.

"God is Everywhere and Loves Everybody"—Henry Stilwell.
Sentence prayers.
Announcements and benediction.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR
Subject, "How Can We Know Our Sins are Forgiven?" (Ps. 103: 3; 1 John 1:9-10).

Leader—Van Estes.
Song.
Lord's prayer.

Bible lesson—Leader.
"In whom we have forgiveness," (Eph. 1:7); "If we seek Him," (2 Chron. 7:14); "If we walk in the light," (1 John 1:7); "Forgive and be forgiven," (Luke 6:37)—by Juniors who find forgiveness.

A story—Seth Ingham.
Mission study—Mrs. Jno. Price, assisted by Juniors.

Sentence prayers, business, roll call, offering and mizpah.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale (Real Estate)

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Midland.

Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of the 70th Judicial District of Midland County, Texas, on the 8th day of March, A. D., 1917, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 27th day of February, A. D., 1917, in favor of George Growl and Quine Growl, and against J. Harrison White, No. 1379 on the docket of said court, and whereas the said judgment is a foreclosure of a vendor's lien on the hereinafter described real property, I did on the 8th day of March, A. D., 1917, at 10 o'clock a. m., levy upon the following described tract and parcel of land situate in the county of Midland, State of Texas, to-wit:

All of section No. thirty-four (34) block thirty-eight (38), township 2-south, certificate No. 3032, T. & P. Ry. Co., survey in Midland County, Texas, containing six hundred and forty (640) acres; and on the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash the above described property to satisfy said judgment and foreclosure of said vendor's lien aforesaid and costs of suit.

Dated at Midland, Texas, this 8th day of March, A. D., 1917.

W. E. Bradford,
Sheriff Midland County, Texas.
adv22-3t.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate
County of Midland.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
County of Midland.

Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the district court of Dallas County, 14th judicial district of Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 26th day of October, A. D., 1916, in favor of Studebaker corporation of America, a private corporation, and against T. J.

Powell, No. 23083-A, on the docket of said court, and to me as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, directed and delivered, I did on the 1st day of March, A. D., 1917, at 2 o'clock p. m., levy upon the following described tracts and parcels of land situate in the county of Midland, State of Texas, and belonging to said T. J. Powell, to-wit:

Being ten acres of land out of the northwest quarter of Section N. 3, Block 39, Township 2 South, being the north half of the east half of the northeast quarter of the northwest quarter of said Section 3.

And on the 3rd day of April, A. D., 1917, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock a. m. and 4 o'clock p. m., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale, and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of the said T. J. Powell in and to said property.

Given under my hand this 1st day of March, A. D., 1917.

W. E. Bradford,
Sheriff Midland County, Texas.
adv 21-3t

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