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STOCK SHOW AT FORT WORTH

Midland Cattlemen Well Represented at the Great Feeders and Breeders Show

According to the Fort Worth Star-Telegram the attendance at the feeders and breeders show for the first two days was 66,612, which is a record-breaking attendance. 46,000 passed through the turnstiles the opening day, Monday and indications are that the attendance for the entire week will be the greatest in the show's history.

Midland is well represented at the show both as visitors and exhibitors. G. F. Cowden & Son have their famous herd of Aberdeen-Angus there; Henry M. Half is there with his herd of prize-winning Herefords; Scharbauer & Eidson have a car of their fine bulls entered in the auction sale and there are other smaller entries.

The Star-Telegram goes on to say: A few years ago a herd of pure-bred cattle on a ranch was an exception to the rule. Now a herd of pure-bred cattle is the rule, with here and there an isolated exception. In a little while the exception to the rule of pure-bred cattle on the ranches and farms will not exist at all within the broad confines of the state of Texas. At first the process of eliminating the scrub cow was slow. Today it is moving forward in leaps and bounds and Texas is not only winning first honors in the great show rings of the country, but is supplying pure-bred cattle to other parts of the world. All this is acquiring for the state of pure-bred livestock in the nation. But that which is better for the country lies in the fact the example set upon the big ranches of the state is being followed upon the farm and the farmer himself is taking as keen an interest and as fine a pride in the grading up of his herds to the pure-bred standard as the rancher himself, so that in time, and not a great time at that, the farmer of Texas and of the southwest will be just as reliably depended upon to produce meat animals as the rancher of former days.

In the meantime the banker, having come to know and to accept the livestock products of the ranch and farm as the best possible collateral upon which to predicate loans, is becoming more useful to the country and the county more useful to the banker. This evolutionary process in the economy of the day is bringing the country and town into a unity that will speedily wipe out all lines of demarcation and prejudice between centers of population and the rural districts.

The following telegram was received by The Reporter last night from Elliot F. Cowden at Fort Worth:

"C. C. Watson, Midland, Texas. Won more firsts than any one exhibitor, twice as many champions as all competitors combined. Elliot F. Cowden."

HOME OF J. A. FLORENCE BURNED THIS MORNING

Just as we were about to close our last forms to go to press this morning the fire alarm was sounded, and the scene of the conflagration was the home of our young townsman, J. A. Florence in northeast Midland. The cause of the fire was a gasoline stove exploding. House and contents were a total loss. The house was insured, but not near enough to cover the loss. The Reporter extends sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Florence in their loss. The fire-boys got there in time to save the dwelling near it, although they had a hard time in doing this on account of insufficient water pressure and also a strong northwest wind was blowing, thus making the battle doubly harder.

MIDLAND COLLEGE DEFEATS ALL-STARS

Midland College again rolled up a substantial score against the All-Star team last night. The All-Star quintet is made up of veteran basketball players from Transylvania University, Southwestern University, the University of Texas, Daniel Baker College and Midland high school; and the score of 24 to 7 in favor of the college is not to be smiled at. A large and enthusiastic crowd was present and the basket ball field, illuminated by the Delco electric light system, was a scene of wholesome revelry, consisting of college yells, music, songs, snake dances, coat-tail parades and cheers.

The All-Star team played an excellent game from the time the ball first went up at center until the referee's whistle cut the air for the close of the game. Hornaday, Dozier and Hunter each rung the basket for a field goal. Collins scored for the Stars with a free goal on account of foul. The guarding of Henry and Hunter was excellent. Hunter's playing was especially to be commended as he played through half the game after the nail to his right great toe had been torn off.

The playing of the college team was fast, furious and accurate. Jones placed one field goal. The rest of the score was made by Pate and Boyton, both of whom showed up well, the former excelling as a field goal specialist and the latter as a free goal artist. Massey and Morgan played close to their men and proved to be in good trim.

The basket ball season ended here with this game. The score was Midland College 24; All-Stars, 7.

The line-up was as follows: Midland College—Forwards: Pate, Boynton; guards: Massey, Morgan; center: Jones.

All-Stars—Forwards: Collins, Hornaday; guards: Henry, Hunter; center: Dozier.

Officials—Referee, Johnson, Texas; umpire, Welch, Midland; Timekeeper, Camp, T. C. U.

LADIES' STORE MILLINERY OPENING A SUCCESS

Last Monday Miss Maggie McCormick, proprietor of the The Ladies' Store, held her spring millinery opening. On entering each one was required to register their name and address in a book and a little souvenir, a Japanese coin tied with green ribbon was furnished to each one. The show window and the store room was decorated in a most unique and beautiful way, a Japanese design, and the beautiful millinery on display brought forth many exclamations from the ladies, and even the men who attended. Many sales in these articles of apparel were made and the opening was a decided success from every point of view.

BLAKEWAY IS NOW TAKING SCHOOL CENSUS

Our townsman, W. T. Blakeway, requests announcement through the columns of The Reporter that he is now engaged in taking school census for the Midland district and urges all who are not now in Midland but who contemplate being here for the 1917-18 school term to send to him a list of their children of scholastic age. You can either see him or send information by mail, but be sure to do so this month. This is very important. Midland needs her apportionment from the State by the number of children of scholastic age, and the greater the number, the greater is our school fund.

Geo. D. Elliott and wife have returned from a three weeks sojourn in El Paso. While there they spent considerable time looking over the extensive Elliott-Garrett Auto Company's business, which has grown to be a big thing.

NO INTER-DISTRICT MEETS THIS YEAR

Possible Now for Representatives From Thirty-two Districts to go to Austin

More than 2000 schools have enrolled in the University Interscholastic League this year, which will make it possible for the winners in the 32 districts of the State to be invited to Austin. In consequence of this, there will be no inter-district meets this year, but the winners from the various 32 districts of the State will be permitted to go to Austin. While Midland expected to win in the district meet and also in the inter-district meet, still this change makes it almost absolutely sure that she will get to send her representatives to Austin after the district meet in Midland.

The district meet in Midland will be held about the 20th and 21st of April, and there will be contests in debate for boys, tennis doubles for boys, spelling junior and senior declamation for boys and girls, essay writing and boys' track and field events. The Midland schools have in the various contests, 375 spellers, and several in track and field events. Out of this number, we should be able to pick some State winners.

The following letter was received last week by Supt. Lackey, who is district director for the Midland district, and is self-explanatory:

Austin, Texas, March 11, 1917.

To the District Director, University Interscholastic League. Dear Sir: I am glad to announce that more than 2000 schools of Texas are now members of the University Interscholastic League. As a consequence of this large enrollment the executive committee feels that it will be able to invite the winners in the various events in each of the 32 districts to come direct to Austin, to take part in the State meet.

As eliminations among the districts will be unnecessary under this plan, there will be no inter-district meets this year. Kindly give all possible publicity to this change, emphasizing the point that all district winners are permitted to come direct to Austin. With best wishes for a successful meet, I am, Sincerely yours,

E. D. Shurter,
State Chairman.

P. S. April 23rd is last date for list of district winners to reach this office.

Y. M. C. A. MASS MEETING NEXT SUNDAY AFTERNOON

On next Sunday afternoon at four o'clock, Dr. Safford, railroad secretary of the Fort Worth Y. M. C. A., will address a mass meeting in the interest of the service of this organization. The public in general is invited, and urged to be present. There will be no collection taken at this meeting. Special music. Remember the time and place, Methodist church, 4 o'clock Sunday afternoon.

W. R. Chancellor, cashier of the First National Bank, is attending the convention at Fort Worth this week.

Editor C. C. Watson left Wednesday on a business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas.

Rev. L. A. Webb, presiding elder of the Weatherford district, was in the city last Tuesday, on business.

J. C. Anderson, who is farming east of town, reports that he has 340 acres ready to plant.

Ben Callison, of Jal. N. M., was in town this week and reports cattle in fine shape and no losses.

S. E. Umberson, of Andrews, was here Monday loading out with supplies.

M. & N. W. RAILWAY IS PUSHING WORK

Work on the construction of the Midland & Northwestern railroad is being pushed all along the line and considerable activity is noticeable.

The engine, some box cars and several flat cars have arrived and the organization of an efficient track-laying crew has been completed and the work of laying steel commenced. The depot, west of town, is well under way and unless unforeseen delays occur, it will not be long until Midland and Seminole will have a steel bond between them. President O'Donnell has been east this week looking after shipments of rolling stock, material, etc., for the road and reports everything in a very satisfactory condition. He is still as optimistic as ever concerning the early completion of the road, and more than anything else, of its success as a commercial proposition. For several months, when nearly every one you met was pessimistic about the road and opined it would be just like the rest of the railroad propositions Midland had entertained. "T. J." never gave up, although facing the most trying difficulties in the financing of the project, but always met inquiry with the positive assertion that the road would be built. Optimism like this is found to succeed and is a valuable asset to any man.

Why not have a big "get-acquainted" excursion to Seminole as soon as the road is completed and, in turn, let Seminole do the same thing. It would be a big thing for both towns and would establish better commercial relations, as well as afford the opportunity to a great many residents of both places to see some good country. Here's to the Midland & Northwestern and especially to the grit and determination of its promoter and president, T. J. O'Donnell.

THIS MAN WELL ACQUAINTED WITH HIS OWN WIFE

Three o'clock was the very earliest the man could get up to meet her, so his wife asked him to meet her then. "I don't know what department I shall be in at that time," she said, "but just before 3 o'clock I will telephone to the clerk at the information bureau near the main entrance, and if you will step over and ask him he will tell you where I am."

At 2 minutes past 3 the man sought information as to the whereabouts of his wife.

"I have a message," said the clerk, "from a woman who said her husband would inquire for her about 3 o'clock. Maybe it is for you. She said to tell you she had gone to Blank's store, over on Sixth avenue, to finish shopping because the clerks in this store are impudent, the place is ill-ventilated and she could not find anything she wanted here, anyhow, and never has been able to find anything here, and this is positively the last time she will ever try to find anything here. Of course, that might not have been your wife."

"Oh, yes," said the man; "that was her right."—New York Sun.

Jno. Wadsworth, ranching 20 miles north of Pecos reports that he sold a nice bunch of cows and calves at satisfactory prices recently.

Ed Veach, horseman from Nadine, N. M., was here this week. Gives a good range report.

Mr. and Mrs. Geo. T. McClintic and son, Harry, were visitors to the fat stock show in Fort Worth this week.

W. F. Rogers and J. C. Kirtpatrick, both of Odessa, were busy visitors in Midland this week.

Dr. W. W. Lynch is in New Orleans taking a post-graduate course and will be gone for three weeks or more.

"CITY BEAUTIFUL" CLUB FOR MIDLAND

No. No. We Haven't One But We'd Like Awfully Well to See One Organized

Every town, no matter how small or how large, should have a "City Beautiful" club. This is an organization that is almost indispensable if a town is to be made attractive and kept so. It makes no difference how neat and orderly the citizens may be about their premises or the merchants about their business houses, there are bound to be a thousand and one things that need the attention of a special organization created for the purpose.

There never was a truer axiom coined than "What's everybody's business is nobody's business." This applies most forcibly to many things that tend largely to make or mar the looks of a town.

Now that the warm weather is coming on, the labors of the city beautifiers will be in great demand. Just after the ravages of the winter and spring sand storms, nature presents her most depressing aspect, and much attention will be required if she is to re-clothe the face of the earth in her original garments of beauty.

It is in this capacity that the order loving women of the town show to advantage. Women always have a keener eye for beauty and harmony than men. They are more given to neatness and ordliness than men.

Start out a committee of energetic women to supervising the cleaning up of a town and they will find nuisances and unsightly places of which the men had never thought.

Just here we would like to offer a suggestion in connection with beautifying the town.

The portion of the vacant lot has always been the hardest one for the town beautifiers to solve. The average owner pays little attention to it, hence it invariably presents a neglected and desolate appearance. Now this season is going to see a demand for every dollar's worth of food products that this country can produce, and these vacant lots should, whenever possible, be turned to account to swell the output. Any kind of growing crop—corn, potatoes, vegetables—are far preferable to a coat of weeds.

When this is done, turn attention to the neglected back yards. You'll find many of them that now are refuse dumps can be made places of beauty and usefulness.

Most towns are like some people. They will keep the main streets and buildings presentable, (Midland don't even do this) but the more obscure places the back streets and alleys are neglected and permitted to fall into decay. (Midland neglects everything vicinally.) Taken to task in the matter, the authorities often reply that strangers and visitors never see these places, anyway, so it doesn't matter. No, but WE see them, which is worse. Strangers might see them and go away and forget them, but we must live with them, which is liable to breed neglect and disorder in ourselves. A man with a sore toe may know that it is hidden from the public but he never forgets that it is there.

Always bear in mind: The town will be beautiful or the reverse, just in proportion as its people are lovers of beauty and order, or the reverse. A beautiful and well kept home, with a foul alley in the rear and a neglected street in front, is a standing reproach to its owner. He should have sufficient pride to see that his surroundings harmonize with his possessions.

It's time to get busy in this town. True, The Reporter has argued all this before, ineffectively, but we are going to keep right on. Who knows what some day may bring forth?

SALES AND LEASES OF LANDS AND GATTLE

Geo. Leach has bought of W. H. Tucker, five sections of land located 15 miles southeast of town at \$6 per acre. Mr. Leach also bought of Jim Storey, one section adjoining the tract mentioned above at \$9 per acre. Mr. Leach has a fine herd of registered Herefords and it is presumed he is buying the tract for a home for this herd.

J. A. Yates, ranchman from Porterville, Texas, has taken a lease on 20 sections of government land in New Mexico and has bought of Will Downes, 350 head of stock cattle at \$38 around the

Geo. D. Elliott, one of Midland's enterprising cowmen, sold 2500 head of white faces to Myers & Co., of St. Paul, Minn., at \$38.50 around. Delivery to be made May 1st, at Midland.

W. A. Cox, ranching 20 miles west of Seminole was here this week. He reports that Cox and Jap Heard sold lately 5000 big steers to Kansas buyers at from \$55 to \$65 around, and 800 cows to Oklahoma buyers at private terms. Also 1200 mixed cattle to local buyers at private terms.

SOME SCHOOL NOTES FROM COTTON FLAT

The school literary society met in regular session last Friday afternoon. Although some were absent, an interesting program was given and two new features were introduced. A program is given every two weeks. Everybody is cordially invited to attend. Come and encourage the children by your presence.

We wish to thank all those who so liberally patronized our sales ladies last Saturday by buying "our library buttons." The entire student body and teachers join in expressing our appreciation of this. This will enable us to secure the second section of our library. This will comprise 100 volumes of the "Art Literature Classics."

The first section of the library was earned by securing subscriptions to a farm paper; reached the school on Monday and its influence for good is being felt in many ways. We are hoping that it will be possible for us to make even greater additions to our library soon.

The trees set out on Arbor Day have added much to the appearance of our school ground. Let's all put our shoulders to the wheel and push hard until we get our grounds fenced more trees set, and can see some flowers and other vegetation growing thereon.

SOME NEWS NOTES FROM MIDLAND COLLEGE

The spring term is well under way with few withdrawals. There is good promise of a much enlarged attendance next year.

Miss Brown and Miss Darter are visiting home this week and incidentally seeing the Fat Stock Show.

The basket ball season closed with a game last evening between the college team and the All Stars. (?) The score 23 to 7 in favor of the college. The college team consisted of Pate, captain, and Massey, Jones, Morgan and Boynton; the All-stars were Hunter, Hornaday, Henry, Dozier and Collins.

Base ball organized this afternoon for the spring term.

The recital Thursday afternoon and evening given by the pupils of Miss Holland was interesting and appreciated.

Wood Taylor was in Seminole this week delivering a couple of Edison phonographs sold to parties there.

Emmett owden returned to Tyler Wednesday to resume his course in the business college at that place.

John Buchanan, of Odessa, was a business visitor to Midland this week.

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

Does This Cash Store Sell For Less?

If you have any doubts about this we want you to give us the opportunity of showing you our merchandise and telling you the prices.

27-inch White Rep, 15c the yard

Take this item and compare it with anything you can find at a nickle more and you will see that we are saving you 25 per cent, if you will pay cash.

York Gingham at 12 1-2c the yard

Compare these with what other stores are asking 15c for any you will surely say that this store sells for less.

White Galatea, 15c the yard

Really this item is worth 20c to 25c under present conditions, but we are selling it at 15c the yard.

Flesh Batiste, 15c the yard

Here is an item that we would like to have you compare with what you will see elsewhere at as much as 25c and you will say that we are saving you 10c the yard. Our price, 15c the yard.

40-inch Printed Voiles, 25c the yard

These in the new spring styles are as dainty and striking as the more expensive ones and are 40 inches wide at 25c the yard.

New Tissue Gingham, 17 1-2c the yard

About 15 new patterns in these, all we could buy at the price and every one absolutely fast colors, 27 inches wide and our price, 17 1/2c the yard.

Men's Shirts, \$1.00

We would like to have you compare the values this store offers in mens' shirts at a dollar, with what most stores sell at \$1.25 to \$1.50 and you will be convinced that we are saving you this 25c to 50c.

Summer Unions at 50c

Never, at any time in the past, have we offered such real values as you will find in these Munsing Wear Unions for ladies at 50c for all sizes. We'd like you to compare them with what you will find elsewhere at 75c or more. They are really much better than you would expect to find at the price. All sizes, 50c.

And Men's Unions at 50c and \$1.00

Just give us the chance to prove what we say, when we tell you we sell for less, because we sell for cash.



This Week Brought Many New Things to the Ready Department

and you will be pleasantly surprised at the very reasonable prices you find at this Cash Store. In fact, the saving is to be found throughout the entire stock, due to our very early purchases and persistent shopping, combined with our cash only way of selling for less. Don't expect to find the same values elsewhere. We couldn't sell for these prices if we sold on credit, but if you pay cash this store will save you money on your Dry Goods, Shoes, Ready-to-Wear, etc.

New Dresses

Beginning at \$12.50 you will find very attractive Taffeta Dresses and our prices range \$12.50, \$13.25, \$15.00, \$17.50, \$19.00 and up to \$27.50, for beautiful all Georgette, Crepe de Chine, Taffeta and Combinations of these very desirable spring fabrics made up into exquisite styles, and too, you will find Kakai Kools and Silk Jerseys in Suit Dresses and all priced at a saving to you of \$2.50 to \$7.50 the garment.

New Suits, New Coats

New Blouses and New Skirts arrived this week and we are very anxious that you see these new arrivals and pass judgment. We know that you will approve of the quality, be delighted with the styles and surprised to find that the new blouses of extra heavy Crepe de Chine, beautifully made are priced at \$3.50, \$3.85 to \$4.50.

While those dainty Georgette models in the new Chartreuse and gold shades are priced at \$5.85 to \$9.85, for numbers that you would expect to pay more for.

The New Skirts of Taffeta and Novelty Fabrics as well as the more staple styles are all very reasonably priced.

WE WISH WE HAD A HUNDRED FEET OF SHOW WINDOWS TO SHOW AND PRICE THESE NEW THINGS, TO BE SURE OF YOU SEEING THEM, but really the better plan after all is to come back to the ready-to-wear department. It's a pleasure for us to show them and we are sure you will enjoy seeing them.

WADLEY-PATTERSON CO
One Price—the Lowest—For Cash Only



It's Literally True

that you will never know how good a waist you can buy for

A Dollar

until you have worn a WIRTHMOR. In style, material, fit and workmanship, they excel any waist at the

price and more—you can't buy Wirthmore Waists except at this store, and the price is always \$1.00, no more—no less.

This Season will see Pretty, Dainty Pumps Worn Very Early and More than for Two Years

This store has anticipated this demand and has for your approval some very dainty models in patent leather and dull kids at \$4.00, \$4.50, \$5.00 and \$7.50, and in low shoes for comfort wear we can show you very desirable styles at \$2.75, \$3.00, \$3.50 and \$3.75, while in Misses' and childrens' shoes you will find that our present stock is splendid and very reasonably priced. We say our Present Stock, because these were bought almost a year ago and we are selling lots of these styles for less than we could buy them for today.



Fit the Arch

Girls' pumps at \$2.50, \$2.75 to \$3.50. Boys' shoes at \$2.50 to \$3.50. Children's shoes at \$1.50 to \$2.75. Our store is crowded sometimes, but that's pretty good evidence that this is a good place to trade.

"STRINGING" THE FT. WORTH RECORD

That Midland is well represented at the cattlemen's convention at Fort Worth, there can be no doubt, as the following, taken from the Ft. Worth Record, will indicate:

"There is going to be music in the air during the cattlemen's convention," said Wilbur Wadley, of Midland, who, it has been announced, is to be the first mayor of Thaxter, the first station on the Midland & North-western railroad. "I have brought the famous Midland Quartette to Ft. Worth, which, in addition to myself, consists of Lige Davis, W. D. Ellis, and Crutcher Woodbridge, and we are now endeavoring to get a date with Manager Gould of the Majestic Theater in order that we may be heard." It is rather hard to comprehend

what Wilbur meant when he said "There is going to be music in the air," for his said that no member of this famous quartette could carry a tune in a basket, but we are sure there was "something doin'" when this aggregation got together in Ft. Worth, or Wilbur wouldn't have said so. The columns of the Ft. Worth Record will be carefully scanned from now on until the close of the convention, for an account of their "coming out" concert.

J. W. Slack, vice president of the North Texas Trust Company, of Fort Worth, stopped off in Midland from El Paso, where he has been attending the cattle convention. He will be here for a day or two and is busy shaking hands with old friends.

The following cowmen of Midland are in attendance at the cattle convention at El Paso this week: Chas. Goldsmith, Spence Jowell and O. P. Buchanan.

BUSINESS CONDITIONS REVIEWED

Christian Science Monitor Advises That Wise Course is to Avoid Speculation

The forecasts of the Christian Science Monitor, with regard to the financial affairs of the world, and the United States particularly, are usually quoted widely by the press everywhere. The Monitor seems an authority, and in its last issue it reviews the business situation as follows:

So important a factor has the United States become in the business and financial affairs of the world, since the war began, that it is only natural that the attention of all nations should be directed to that country in the crisis that has arisen between the United States and Germany. Whatever effect the nited States' preparations for war may have on American industrial and financial affairs will largely concern the world.

The severing of diplomatic relations between the United States and Germany has had a very unsettling influence on business. At the time when business interests had plans well under way for the adjustment of their affairs on a peace basis, Germany announced its intention of resorting to undersea warfare regardless of the rights of the neutral countries. Notwithstanding the fact that war always gives an artificial stimulus to business, the announcement had the effect of increasing conservatism in almost all commercial quarters. Now, whether there should be actual warfare between the two countries or not, business is likely to continue much disturbed for some time. There are so many sides to the situation that it is difficult to make a correct analysis of it. Even though the war zone should be so extended as to include the greater part of the world, it is held by many that it would mean th earlier termination of hostilities. Consequently there is still the necessity of preparation for doing business on a peace basis.

One of the most difficult problems which the manufacturer and the contractor at present have to contend with is the probable future cost of commodities. It seems almost impossible to make an accurate forecast as to what quotations will be in the event of peace or even as to the likelihood of a prolongation of the war. There are many who believe that should peace come soon, prices of commodities would simultaneously drop, and good reasons are advanced for this belief. There are others, however, who think that prices would remain high indefinitely, after the close of the war, because of the great demand that would follow for the rehabilitating of the devastated territory. It may be that both contentions are, in a degree correct. That is to say,

some commodities may decline precipitately in price while others may continue along the present high level. If one may judge from the large earnings of the steel and copper companies and the relatively low prices at which the securities of copper and steel companies are selling in the market, the price of both metals will be considerably lower when the world is again on a peace basis. Cotton has always advanced briskly on every rumor of peace, and has declined sharply in the market whenever war clouds loom darker. Lintner has advanced to almost prohibitive prices, and it is generally agreed that this condition is mainly due to the demands of the war. Prices for leather, therefore, should be much lower after the great struggle. Figures for wheat, corn, oats, and in fact almost every sort of foodstuff known to man have gone to well-nigh unprecedented heights. How much higher they may go, should there be war between the United States and Germany, no one knows, but it seems certain that they will have a decided decline when the people of the world are at peace.

Practically the only thing the business man can do in the circumstances is to move cautiously and avoid speculation. Hand-to-mouth buying is indulged in now to a greater extent than ever, notwithstanding the temptation to enlarge stocks, prices of which seem certain to move farther upward. It is this circumspect policy that makes for a sound basis, and that is likely to prevent an unfavorable situation when the world returns to normal conditions.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH REVIVAL CLOSES

The revival at the Christian church, conducted by the pastor, Rev. McKissick, closed last Sunday after a very successful meeting of three or four weeks' duration. There were about 30 accessions to the church as a result of this meeting and great good was accomplished.

Rev. McKissick is a most earnest speaker and has a way of putting the gospel to his hearers in a manner that it "stays put," and The Reporter believes that as the truth of his discourses sink in, that much more good will result from this most successful meeting.

The members of the Christian church and the people of Midland generally, are to be congratulated on having such a man in their midst.

P. W. Cowden came home from his ranch this week for a few days visit with his family. Reports country in and around Jal in good shape.

Sheriff Bradford took four boys to Odessa Monday to stand trial for a burglary committed at Judkins some time in January. They were placed in the Midland jail for safe keeping.

FLIVVER ON HIS SKULL BUT ONLY ANKLE BROKE

Jack Shankles used to live in Midland. Left here somewhat more than a year ago. Is a brother-in-law of our young townsman, B. C. Girdley. He, Shankles, had a painful experience over in Dallas the other day. The Dallas Dispatch tells the story as follows:

Speedcop Jack Shankles stopped "Speed" (R. L. Speed, 612 1-2 Jefferson-st.) with his head today. That person's flivver ran directly over Shankles' head and came to a sudden standstill.

The sensation was not the most pleasant in the world but it didn't inconvenience Shankles. That individual's cranium is reinforced with five-ply bone tissue.

Shankles, on his motorbike and R. L. Speed, in a flivver, were approaching each other on Tenth-st. As they reached the intersection of Storey-st, both suddenly decided to turn east. The result was a crash.

Shankles' machine was wrecked, the rider falling directly under the car. Both wheels passed over his head.

Spectators who expected to pick up a dead speedcop were surprised to see him rise painfully to his feet and limp away. His ankle, not his head, had been injured.

"I didn't see him until it was too late to avoid a crash," said Shankles. Speed was not speedin'—so witnesses state. The motorbike and the front end of the flivver were demolished.

J. H. Epley is here for a few days from his ranch 18 miles northeast. He reports that they are feeding pretty heavy and there have been no losses.

G. A. Merrick and son, in company with Joe Peters, of Stanton, were here this week on business.

Perfectly Designed Corsets

Give you more style, more physical comfort and more real satisfaction than corsets of poor design.

Frolaset
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C. A. Jones has accepted a position in the barber shop of his brother, Joe Jones. Mr. Jones came to Midland from Sweetwater. This barber shop moved into the pool hall this week.

Mrs. Theo. Ray went to Pecos last Saturday to visit in the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. B. Howard.

AT THE UNIQUE

"The Fall of a Nation"
The house was crowded from screen to entrance last Saturday night and dozens were turned away, all there to witness the great spectacular production of "The Fall of a Nation." We haven't words to describe this wonderful picture. The prologue within itself was a masterpiece of work and from the prologue to the last scene the audience was held in breathless suspense to the outcome. It showed the true lesson of preparedness, that is "In time of peace, prepare for war." It showed how absurd it would be to follow the teachings of the silvery tongued orators, or peace fiends who stomp the country for a fabulous salary and cry, "peace, sweet peace—let us have peace." And it also showed how ridiculous it would be, figuratively speaking, to greet an army of the enemy with bouquets of flowers. If any one who witnessed this great picture now opposed to preparedness—well he is to be pitied. Manager Garner is to be congratulated upon securing this wonderful film, and we are glad to state that he came out all right in the gate receipts. More of such pictures as "The Fall of a Nation," would be of great benefit to our patriotic citizens and we trust that the management will see fit to book more of such.

New Serial Coming
Beginning Wednesday, April 4th, the management has booked a new serial entitled "The Secret Kingdom." This is a Vitagraph production and stars Charles Richman and Dorothy Kelly, supported by Miss Arline Pretty, Joseph Kilmer and William Dunn. Many of us remember Arline Pretty as being at one time King Bagrot's leading lady. The first and second episodes will be presented on the opening night. Charles Richman will be remembered as the hero in "The Battle Cry of Peace."
Cleo Ridgely and Wallace Reid in "The House of the Golden Windows" a Jesse L. Lasky Paramount feature was seen Tuesday night. Many of us will remember Miss Ridgely and Mr. Reid, who were here in person some three years ago, riding through Midland horseback on their way to California, and stopped off for a night and gave an entertainment at the old aidome. They were young in pictures then, and no one thought that they would rise to such heights in the movie world. The great feature on Tuesday night was evidence that this is a fact nevertheless.

On last Monday night beside the pleasing serial "Gloria's Romance," starring Miss Billie Burke, the sweet darling of the screen, we had the pleasure of seeing Mina Cunard, sister of Grace Cunard, in a farce entitled "Good Morning, Judge." This young actress has all the graces and charm of her elder sister and her saucy rendition of the high tempered little lady was cute to say the least.
Helen Holmes in "The Lass of the Lumberlands," is making things hum now and old "Dollar" Holmes, is now beginning to realize that he is destined to be outwitted by a young woman. You should start to see this picture now before the wind-up, as it is proving to be a winner.
"The Purple Mask," with Grace Cunard and Francis Ford, is proving to be a most mysterious story, and it makes the fans scratch their heads and wonder what's coming in the next episode. This is being shown on Thursday nights.

Another magnificent production on last Friday night, was a Paramount picture featuring the beautiful Pauline Frederick in "The World's Great Snare." Miss Frederick will again be seen next Friday night, March 23rd, in "The Woman in the Case." This young actress is fast becoming a favorite with Midland audiences and no doubt but a representative crowd will greet her on next Friday night.
Tonight, (Friday) you will again have the opportunity of seeing little Mary Pickford in "Hilda, from Holland." This is said to be one of Miss Pickford's strongest plays, in fact some of the critics say it is her best.

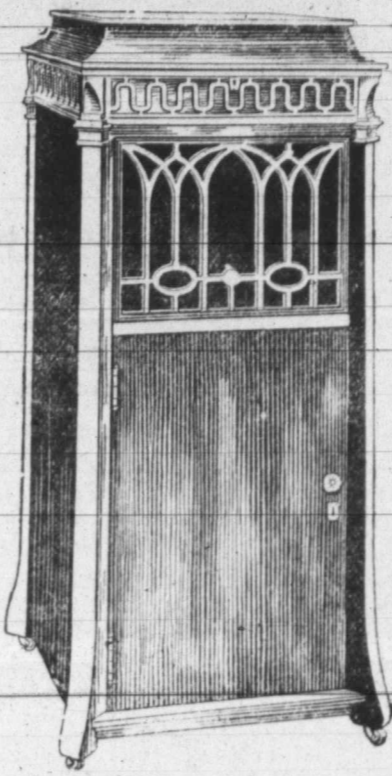
**FORMER MIDLAND BOY
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The Reporter is in receipt of a letter from a former well known Midland boy, W. C. Quebedeaux, who until recently has been located at Philadelphia, Pa., in the employ of the General Electric Company. He writes that he has been promoted to the engineering department of his company and has been sent to Charleston, W. Va., as its representative. He also says that "If Mexico wants to take Texas, he will come back home and help chase them off the map." The Reporter joins his many friends in congratulations for his rapid rise in his chosen vocation.

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Notice is hereby given that 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 April, the same being the 3rd day 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, marshal and a secretary.
Said election will be held at county court house, in the city of Midland, Texas, and the following officer has been appointed to officiate at the election: H. B. Dunbar, clerk.
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

We learn that Mr. and Mrs. Rohlfing will return from Los Angeles, Cal., about April 1st. They were out there all winter and welcome their return.

Rev. W. L. Downing, of Pecos was in the city the first of the week.
Wood Taylor left Monday for San Antonio, on business.

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In Society



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

Ninety-nine Club
 The regular meeting of the Ninety-nine Club was held with Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock with a good attendance, considering that five of the membership was away from town. The lesson of the afternoon, "A Comparative Study of Ecuador," was ably conducted by Mrs. H. A. Horton. Mrs. W. H. Brunson gave an excellent talk on "Natural Beauties and Volcanoes," which was extremely interesting. During the business session, the club chose as the basis of the work next year a Shakespearian play in connection with a history course.

Priscilla Club
 Mrs. E. N. Snodgrass entertained the Priscilla Club Wednesday afternoon. Every member was present to enjoy the delightful occasion. After an hour in croquet and other fancy work, several games of "42" were played. The guests were then ushered into the dining room where an elegant four course dinner was served, thus completing one of the very nicest of all the pleasant meetings of this club. Those present besides club members were Mesdames James Flanagan and M. C. Ulmer.

The members of the Epworth League will be entertained at the home of Miss Lydia and Mr. Ned Watson this evening with a St. Patrick party.

The pupils of the tenth and eleventh grades of the high school will be entertained with a St. Patrick party at the residence of Mr. and Mrs. Jno. Haley this evening by the Mothers' Club.

Pupils' Recital at Midland College

A fairly good sized and thoroughly appreciative audience greeted the piano pupils of Miss Lena Holland in their recital at the college auditorium Thursday evening, and that all were well pleased was evidenced by the spontaneous applause which greeted each number.

Space will not permit a special mention of each pupil deserving such, but it will suffice to say that all acquitted themselves in a manner to reflect much credit upon their accomplished instructor. Indeed, Miss Holland is to be congratulated upon the excellence of the performances and Midland College is likewise to be congratulated upon having at the head of this important department such an able and efficient instructor.
 Several numbers were rendered by pupils of the expression and vocal departments, under the direction of Miss Brown and Miss Pritchett, respectively, and these were thoroughly enjoyed by the audience. They, too, evidenced efficient instruction on the part of their teachers and demonstrated that Midland College is not lacking in talent.

C. W. B. M. Reception
 Teams No. 2 and 3 of the C. W. B. M. entertained Team No. 1 yesterday at the beautiful home of Mrs. Sam Preston from 2:30 to 5 p. m.

The musical program rendered by Prof. Derdeyn, Miss Lydia G. Watson, and Mrs. Reynolds, which papers were enjoyed after which papers were passed containing a story with words left blank, to be filled in with the names of missionaries. Forty names were necessary to complete the story. The papers were then exchanged for correction and Mrs. Whitefield read the correct story, when it was found that Mrs. Will Roller, Mrs. H. Estes and Mrs. J. A. Eichelberger had tied and these three missing only three of the names. In the cut for the prize, Mrs. Will Roller won the book, "In the Land of Tomorrow," by Jasper T. Moses.

Delicious refreshments of chicken salad, chip potatoes, pickles, olives, fruit salad, cake and iced tea were served.

Miss Lera Brown returned yesterday after a short visit with the home folks in Garland.

Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt have returned from the Fort Worth convention which they say was the best yet.

Mrs. Chas. McGonagill and her two daughters are visiting relatives and friends here this week.

Mrs. R. L. Slaughter, of El Paso, is the guest of Mrs. J. B. Rhea and other friends for a few days.

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. 292, T. & P. 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, 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 8th day of March, A. D., 1917.
 W. E. Bradford,
 Sheriff Midland County, Texas.
 adv 22-3t

Notice of Sheriff's Sale of Real Estate

THE STATE OF TEXAS, County of Midland.
 Whereas, by virtue of an Order of Sale issued out of the District Court of Dallas County, 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. 23082-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

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. Half 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:



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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,
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CEMETERY ASSOCIATION TO GIVE A BAZAAR

The Ladies of The Cemetery Association will hold a bazaar on Saturday, April 7th. They will have fancy articles as well as practical articles for sale. The young ladies of the F. S. M. Club will have a candy booth and will sell home-made candy. The association asks that every one will save their old newspapers and magazines and the ladies will collect them as they are anxious to sell a carload to an eastern mill.

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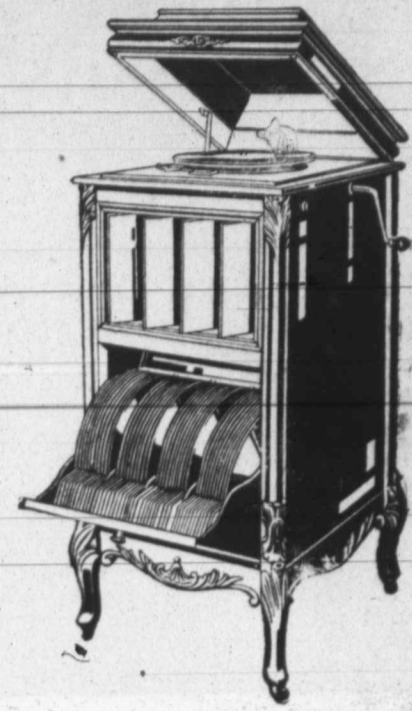
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Miss Lucille Jarratt, of Roscoe, has been a guest of Mr. and Mrs. Chas. Blackwell, of this city for some time past. She left Monday for Big Spring and after a short visit to friends at that place, will return to her home.

E. W. McNutt, of Hreford, was a business visitor this week.



Nothing else so thoroughly insures happiness in the home as the knowledge that you have, laid aside in the bank, a fund for the future, to care for any emergency that may arise.

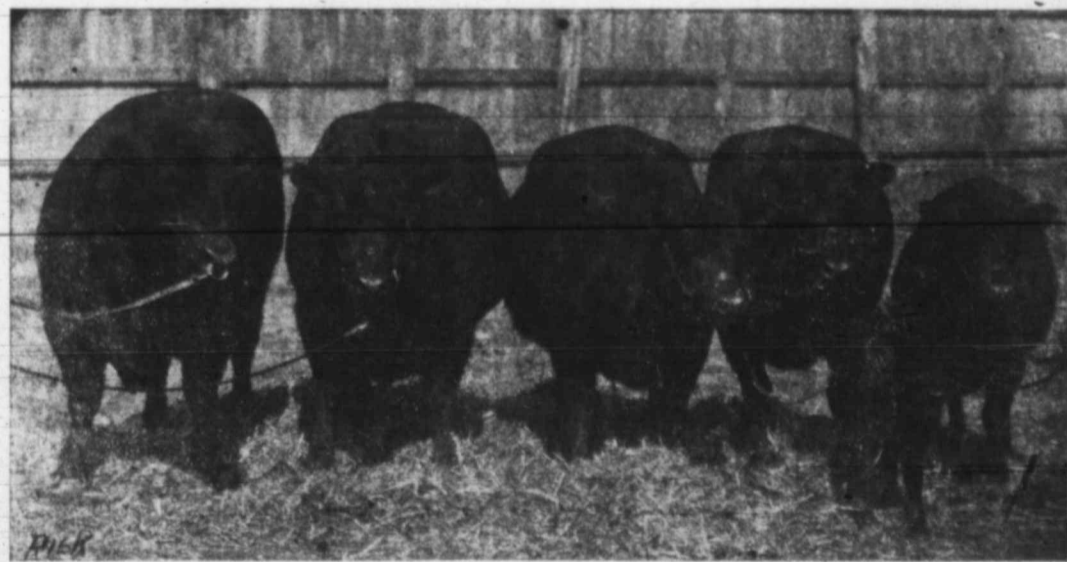
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A. P. Jordan, ranchman from near John Garner, ranchman from Upton Judkins, was here Tuesday on busi- ness. Says he has 36 head of young stock horses for sale. He ordered The Hunter Halley is back from a busi- ness trip to Fort Worth.



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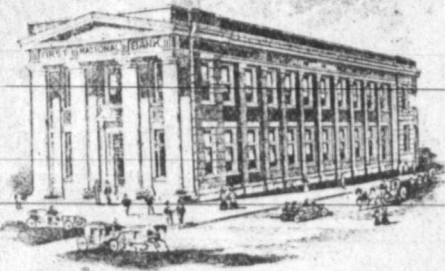
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We have purchased the City Grocery and will be open for business Thursday, Feb. 22, at the same old stand. We will immediately add a complete and up-to-date stock of fresh

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THE WAIL OF THE HEAVY CAR OWNER

My automobile, oh, my automobile—once I loved thee as the mother loveth the youngest son—as the aged man loveth the young bride—the lustre of thy glossy paint was as the mirrored smoothness of still waters—thou costest me much money and the mortgage on mine house—the hum of thy motor was as the purr of the house cat—the leathery softness of thy cushions was as the velvety cheek of a babe.

Thy carburetor sipped gasoline as the connoisseur sippeth wine. Thy magneto energized thy spark of life with the vigor of youth. The brass of thy radiator and lamps shineth in the sun like the sparkle of precious jewels. Thy seats held many secrets and the voice of thy horn spoke only with harmony.

Thou wast a pride and a joy. Thou rodest the street with the grace and grandeur of the mighty viking surmounting billows of the ocean. Thou hast caused mine chest to swell and also mine head—but now, alas, woe is mine and bitter is mine woe, for I love thee no longer. The lustre of thy glossy coat hath faded and thy paint pealeth off. The rumble of thy motor is like unto the thunder of the heavens. Thy transmission moaneth and thy rear axle leaketh grease. Thy cushions are flat and thy leather feelth like the back of a porcupine. Thy carburetor wheezeth and scaterth much money by the wayside.

The life spark of thy magneto is almost extinguished. The brass of thy radiator turneth green and thy lamps are without glass. Thy seats holdeth no more secrets and maketh me enemies. Thee wobbeth down the street like an anti on the eve of prohibition. Thy tires are frayed and thy tubes leaketh much air. Thy rims creaketh like the hinges of a weary gate and thy horn croaketh like a frog.

I fain would exchange thee, but the dealers love thee not. They curse thee in many tongues and calleth

thee junk. I would replace thee with a new and light car, but woe is me, I have none other home to mortgage. Woe is indeed mine and I knoweth not what to do.—By G. E. Stromberg, El Paso, Texas.

LIVING CLEAN LIVES IS SUITABLY REWARDED

Dissipation is a tattletale, says Herbert Kaufman, in the Ford Times. Blasted faces and shaking hands are not the only signs of wild living. Forgetfulness, neglect of detail, lack of concentration, absence of zest and tardiness betray their origin in unwise conduct.

Consequently you're not being trusted with important matters. You aren't fit to handle them.

Responsibility requires steady nerves and sound constitutions. You can't control yourself, so it would be manifestly a folly to place vital affairs in your charge.

We have no quarrels with your morals, per se—we are interested in them solely to the extent that they affect your stability; we insist that you can't go wrong at night and do right by day.

Why not have good habits? What men do oftenest becomes easiest. You're damaging a fine piece of machinery. Before long it will refuse to obey orders. Where there's no will there's no way ahead. The derelicts out there in the bread line also thought that they could stop when they pleased.

G. D. Stovall, freighter from Monument, N. M., was in this week after a load of freight. Reports that he freights with 6 horse teams and has made upwards of 1100 miles since January and has a number of loads yet engaged.

W. T. Jones, stockman from near Eunice, N. M., was here this week.

F. O. Atkins and wife, of Stanton, were in the city this week.

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Also a number of leased propositions with cattle.

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SPENCER JOWELL LIGE DAVIS
MIDLAND, TEXAS

"H." is at home from Sweet after a 30 days' absence fooling and drinking Bevo.

W. A. McKay, a prospector from Hopkins County, was here this week. He was well pleased with this country and conditions.

Laura Taul left Friday evening last week for a visit to relatives in Corsine, Abilene, and Colorado.

T. M. Cotten and J. M. Fletcher, who ranch 30 miles south, are now in New Mexico on a prospecting trip.

Paramount Pictures Unique Theatre

MONDAY, MARCH 19
Billie Burke in the great society serial that grows better all the time,
"GLORIA'S ROMANCE"
A Rex Drama, "THE RED STAIN."
A Victor comedy, "HOW TO BE HAPPY, THOUGH MARRIED."



Marguerite Clark, the sweetest girl in motion pictures, in "LITTLE LADY EILEEN"

A Paramount-Bray Cartoon comedy with
"COLONEL HEEZALIAR."

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 21
Helen Holmes in the 14th episode of the thrilling Mutual serial,
"A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS."

A Victor drama in one reel, "BOMBS AND BANKNOTES."
An LKO Comedy scream in two reels,
"THE TRAIL OF THE LONESOME PILL."

THURSDAY, MARCH 22
Francis Ford and Grace Cunard in the mystifying, thrilling Universal serial just beginning, "THE PURPLE MASK."
An Imp drama, "THE MORAL RIGHT."
A Joker comedy with Gale Henry and Wm. Franey,
"LOVE IN SUSPENSE."



Pauline Frederick in a Paramount production, "THE WOMAN IN THE CASE."

A Black Diamond comedy, No. 3, fast and furious fun.

FRIDAY, MARCH 23

A Goldseal Feature in 3 reels,
"THE MYSTERY OF MY LADY'S BOUDOIR."
A Nestor comedy with Eddie Lyons and Lee Moran,
"ONE THOUSAND MILES AN HOUR"
Frank Daniels in a Captain Jinks comedy.

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A LASS OF THE LUMBERLANDS

by E. ALEXANDER POWELL

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

SYNOPSIS.
Rupert Holmes, a lumberman of the North Woods, disappointed at becoming the father of a daughter instead of a son, abandons his wife and child to the log-lammed 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 camps. She takes up a fight against the trust and leads the independents in their defenses against the great Amalgamated which seeks to absorb the hard-earned properties. In this Helen is assisted by Tom Dawson, a young engineer, and her foster father, Dave Dawson. Helen discovers that the trust is not living up to its charter and she proceeds against them. The village council resigns to balk her, but she helps elect another. Rupert Holmes meets his abandoned wife, Virginia, whom he has thought dead and learns that his own daughter is fighting him. In an attempt to kill Virginia he renders her an invalid, but she tells the truth about Holmes to Little Bear, the Indian boy. The Amalgamated foment a strike among the independent camps. In a riot the buildings are burned. Holmes releases a car of explosive against the independent lumber train. But he 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 Dill turns up to add his enmity. Helen learns from her dying 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 succeeds in getting the men off the job, and Tom goes to Capitol City for more men, but Holmes hires a gang to drive them back. In the meantime, Dill turns up, and Dawson's work goes on. But Holmes carries out a run on Dawson's bank to demolish the bank. He steals an engine and while Dawson stands the gang off at the switch she runs to Merced and returns with a train full of men. Holmes decides that to save further trouble Helen should be put out of the way. He orders his thugs to do the job, but the fellow arranges to abduct and marry her. They capture her from the train, but she is followed by Tom Dawson and together they get away. Helen escapes by crossing the chasm on a wire. Behrens is shot by Tom.

FOURTEENTH EPISODE

When the news of the Behrens attempt to force Helen Dawson into a marriage with him became public in Dawson, there was such a turmoil among the independent lumber workers as promised short shrift for the hiring of Holmes in case his injuries received at the hands of Tom Dawson did not prove fatal.

A meeting called at the townhall was devoted to planning for the punishment of Holmes and his band of ruffians, including the dispersal of "Spike" Deering's gang—long a terror to the district.

These rumblings of a coming retribution reached the acute ears of "Dollar" Holmes in his retreat at Capitol City. The lumber baron was torn between his desire to beat the independent crowd and prevent their getting lumber out of the Upper Valley, and his fear that Stephen, headstrong and determined like himself, would try to carry out his idea of marrying Helen Dawson.

It was a desperate dilemma, for Holmes was aware that if he told Stephen that Helen was his half sister, this confession would involve revelation of the whole miserable story—how Helen's mother had been driven from home by brutality, how the child had been reared by the Dawsons in ignorance of her parentage, and how Stephen's mother had married his father on the assumption that he was free to marry, whereas actually his first wife was still living.

Now that Behrens' effort to remove Helen Holmes from the problem had failed, the old millionaire was confronted with far more serious complications than had ever beset him in the past. Stephen was now a man. He had been demanding explanations of many things with which he had not previously concerned himself.

But even more serious than these considerations was the sudden appearance in the community of Jake Dill, one of Holmes' former hirelings, who had been released after serving over twenty years in the Wyoming penitentiary for murder.

Dill was the most dangerous man in the world from "Dollar" Holmes' point of view. It was he who had witnessed the brutal slaying by Holmes in a quarrel, of old Sleepy Dog, the Klamath Indian chief, head of the tribe which had owned all the lands now claimed by Holmes as his own.

Dill knew the whole story from beginning to end, and if any of the opposition crowd happened to get Dill under control he might easily be made the instrument of court procedure, which would not only dispossess Holmes of his millions but arraign him as a murderer into the bargain.

What Holmes knew was that Dill had already been in conference with Little Bear, college-bred son of Sleepy Dog, and that events were brewing which boded ill for his future peace. Yet, so convinced was the hard-fighting old man of his ultimate ability to outwit his opponents, that he gave only passing thought to the danger threatening him personally, devoting his mental energies to the formation of new schemes. If the worst came to the worst he would tell Stephen the facts regarding his birth. Until this

time to meet Tom Dawson and Jim Morrissey as they plunged down the stairway.

"It's the bridge," yelled Morrissey "they've got us this time, I guess."

Half the population of the town flocked toward the river and leading them went the two Dawsons, followed by Morrissey and Helen. The independent leaders had come to Merced to make arrangements for their first lumber-shipments, and the first two loaded trains were to have passed the following morning.

It was Morrissey who stumbled over the body of a man lying between the rails on the third span from the Merced bank of the river. The body was crumpled up in a grotesque attitude.

"Anybody know this crook?" demanded Morrissey, flashing his lantern in the face of the unconscious man.

"Heavens!" cried Helen, "it's Mr. Blake—Holmes' private secretary. Quick Tom, let's carry him where he can have medical care."

"Carry nothing," roared Morrissey, "let the bound die and be damned to him."

The woman's choice prevailed, however. Blake was carried to the hotel and cared for until he regained consciousness. There he recognized Helen Dawson and in her confided to an extent that did not become known until some time later. When Helen left the man she was smiling contentedly.

The destruction of the bridge was a knoock blow for the independents, so far as surface indications might be concerned. It was plain that no lumber could pass the river until the bridge had been repaired, but that feature of the situation had already been discounted in Helen's mind. What she was after now was proof of Holmes' responsibility for the disaster and the ending of his brutal rule on the lumber range.

Joe Dawson sat with his head in his hands, a beaten man. The vital facts stared him in the face. He lacked a woman's intuitive grasp of possible future events. To him all looked as black as night.

"I guess we're all though," he remarked with a wry smile "might as well let 'em have it."

"Dad," laughed Helen, "you remind me of the darkest hour that comes before the dawn—we're not beaten. We're winning."

Dawson stared at the girl in amazement. To be sure she had pulled victory out of defeat for the independents on half a dozen occasions, but how was any human being, angel or devil for that matter, to run lumber trains over a wrecked bridge?

"Don't see the first sign of dawn," said Dawson, "it's the dead of night where I'm sitting."

"Now listen," Helen went on, "I've got a plan that will put us where we shall have Holmes in the hollow of our hands unless it fails. Jake Dill is back, you know. Has that suggested anything to either of you men?"

Dawson sat and stared. The story of Holmes' early career—the Klamath Indian steal—the death of Sleepy Dog—all these memories were involved with the return of Dill.

"Well," said the contractor, "of course there's Little Bear. He's Sleepy Dog's son, and if he had any 'punch' he'd choke Holmes to death."

"Don't you understand," pursued Helen, "that with Dill as state's witness Little Bear can prove his title to every foot of land Holmes lays claim to. Don't you understand that we've got him completely if only we can keep Dill where we want him and sober?"

Dawson rose to his feet abruptly. He realized in a flash that the keen analytical power of this young girl had once more pointed the way to victory.

"We'll get Dill right now and keep him until we need him," Dawson declared, slamming his fist on the table.

"Helen, you're a genius. These men were your equal in this world."

THE NEW HAYNES A DANDY PRIZE-WINNER

Last week Allen Tolbert, accompanied by his brother, Harry, and H. A. Lawson, local agent for the Texas Company, drove through from Dallas one of the new series Haynes cars, a 4-passenger roadster. It was a car that had been sold by his firm, the Western Auto Company, to our townsman Frank Norwood. This new series Haynes is a sure enough dandy, a beauty, and anything else that's nice that could be said of such an up-to-date vehicle. So good and so very nice is it that it was one of the prize-winners in the Dallas Style Show two weeks ago, in which it is estimated that it competed with 1200 or more other makes of cars. This new Haynes, selling at the factory for \$1725, is one of the very classy cars boasted by Midland, and we sincerely congratulate the owner, Mr. Norwood. Young Mr. Tolbert reports a delightful drive from Dallas, in which he had unlimited speed, power and comfort. The Reporter predicts that the new series Haynes will be popular among autojests of Midland.

As stated last week, at the Kansas show three weeks ago, he won two first prizes, four second, one third, and three fourths, and was in the money awards to the amount of \$205.

Two weeks ago in Oklahoma City, he won two firsts, four seconds, one third, five fourths, one fifth, and one sixth, and was awarded \$230 in cash.

Last week in Fort Worth his winnings were no less gratifying, and his herd showed up as one of the gems of the great Southwest. At the National Feeders and Breeders Show, where to be in the winners at all is something to be proud of, he won two first prizes, two seconds, three thirds, four fourths, one fifth, and one ninth, while his cash awards mounted to \$366.

Winners, these we claim, such as to make the heart of any stockman swell with pride, and encourage him to renewed efforts for to win at these places, and especially at the National Show at Fort Worth, is to best the very best herds of all sections of the United States, and it proves that Midland, indeed, has as good cattle as the country can boast. Half's Herd-fords are rapidly growing into fame, and justly so. No stockman is more earnest in his efforts, and none have spent more in bringing out a herd so fine and so nearly of the perfect type.

Mr. Half's herd arrived home about mid-week and are now housed in his new barn at the Bryan place, a mile northeast of town, a cattle hotel that is roomy and modern in its every appointment, and these these splendid animals will be tended and made even more perfect, if possible, for the great Midland show, to be pulled off in September.

Again we offer congratulations to this enthusiastic and successful breeder.

Mrs. C. O. Lynch returned the first of the week from a visit to her mother at Abilene.

We are glad to report Mrs. A. S. Coleman rapidly improving after her recent operation.



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

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Bible school meets at 9:45 a. m. Preaching at usual hours by the regular minister. Subjects "Our Calling" and "The Model Young Man." You and your friends are cordially invited.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH Revival

The meeting at the Christian church came to a close Sunday night. Twenty-eight were added from all sources; about 17 of these were, by obedience. The results were highly gratifying to the congregation. The minister expects to leave in a few days to assist in a meeting at Gainsville.

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 a. m., Bible school. All members urged to be present in preparing for promotion. 11 a. m., sermon. Subject, "The Supreme Need of the Home."

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3:30 p. m., Junior B. Y. P. U.
6:45 p. m., Senior B. Y. P. U.
7:30 p. m., subject, "There Shall be no more Sea."

The second sermon will treat on the subject, are we nearing the end of the battle between the Turks and the British—a forecast of Palestine falling into the hands of the Allies, is Bible prophecy being fulfilled during this war?

Great events are looming up when both the sea and submarines will have no place.

Everybody welcome.
Ernest Quick, Pastor.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH
Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Junior Endeavor at 4 p. m.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

A cordial invitation is extended to every one to attend any of the services of this church.

JUNIOR LEAGUE

Leader—Mary Lou Tucker.
Subject, "Our Institutions; Some Results of the Work Which is Being Done."

Opening hymn, No. 58.
Lord's prayer in concert.
Bible readings, James 1:27; Jno. 21:15; Acts 9:36-39.

Reading—Bernice Norwood.
Hymn No. 12.
"Gathering Oysters at Biloxi"—Betty Trammell.

"A Mountain Boy"—Herman Klapproth.
"In a Southern Cotton Mill"—Jean Smith.

Vocal solo—Alma Cowan.
Roll call.
Announcement and benediction.

JUNIOR ENDEAVOR

Subject, "Lessons in Trust."
Leader—Paul Heard.
Song, "God Will Take Care of You."
Bible lesson, Psa. 9:9-10; 2 Cor. 1:8-10.

Lessons in Trust—Abraham, Noah and David.
A memory verse on "Trust"—by each member.

Lesson story, "Trusting in Father"—Geneva Shaw.
Mission study, "South America,"—Mrs. Jno. Price.
Sentence prayers.
Business and mizpah.

J. M. Bradford cowman from Livingston, N. M., is here this week visiting his cousin, Sheriff Bradford and family. This is his first trip here in five years and he notices many improvements.

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