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NEAR TWENTY MILES OUT ON M.&N.W.

Work Going Forward Satisfactorily and Receipt of Materials No Longer Retards Progress

Brief conversations this week with those who have charge of the construction of the Midland & Northwestern railroad, out of Midland to Seminole, indicate that work thereon is now progressing satisfactorily. The steel is now laid to beyond the South Camp of the "C" ranch, and a large force of track-layers are pushing the work as rapidly as possible. Nearly twenty miles of track is laid, while large supplies of materials are being received.

News of the new road was given out this week to a number of the daily papers, in a bulletin which is substantially correct. It follows:

Midland, April 23.—Track is now being laid on the Midland & Northwestern railways, almost a mile per day, and is now laid to South Camp, seventeen miles from Midland. South Camp is a new town in Andrews County, located on the "C" ranch.

"Nineteen cars of steel recently arrived for the new line and it will only be a short time until Midland and Seminole are connected. The people of Midland are looking forward to the day when they will be connected with their sister city on the north with great expectation.

"It is about fifteen miles from South Camp to Fasken, which is half way between Midland and Seminole. By the building of this new line of railroad, some of the richest country in West Texas will be tapped.

"We are reliably informed that the "C" ranch, comprising 225,000 acres, will be thrown on the market for the small settlers. This ranch contains some of the best land in West Texas for agricultural purposes and is situated in the shallow water belt, where wells for irrigation purposes can easily be obtained. A demonstration farm is located on the "C" ranch, near the new town of South Camp, where all kinds of crops are grown, such as corn, kafir corn, maize, wheat, oats, peanuts and, in fact, all kinds of farm products.

"D. Fasken, of Toronto, Ontario, who is largely interested in the development of the ranch and the new railroad, is now on the ground personally directing operations.

"The opening up of this territory means considerable to the jobbing interests of Fort Worth, Dallas and El Paso."

There is little to be added to the above item, written last Monday. A few miles more of track have been laid, and nothing has occurred that would lead us to believe other than that the road will be pushed rapidly to a completion to its present terminus, Seminole.

ELITE CONFECTIONERY OPENS BRANCH STORE

The new branch store of the Elite Confectionery, located just north of the Unique Airdome, opened today for business and will be prepared to take care of the refreshment and confectionery requirements of the patrons of the Unique when they begin their airdome season next week. The building has been thoroughly overhauled, painted and covered, a new up-to-date soda fountain installed and presents a very neat and sanitary appearance. Arrangements have been perfected with the Unique management whereby the patrons of the Airdome can obtain any refreshments desired without leaving the airdome and this will prevent so much running out and in and thus lessen the annoyance to patrons.

C. Hale, of Grandfalls, came up on Wednesday for a short business trip. Reports good conditions both in farming and stock raising.

MIDLAND SCHOOLS IN DISTRICT MEET

Win 6 First Places, 2 Seconds, 1 Third in Literary and Over Half of Athletics

Our city schools made one of the greatest winnings in their history when in the district meet of the University Inter-scholastic League held here last Friday and Saturday they took six first places, two second places and one third place in the nine literary events, and over half of the athletic meet. This is quite a distinction when we remember that the district is composed of eleven counties. Midland entered only eight of the nine literary events, and won 6 first places as follows: The debate, first place in junior girls declamation, first place in senior boys' declamation, first place in junior spelling, first place in junior spelling and first place in junior spelling contests. In addition to these she won second place in junior boys' declamation, third place in senior girls' declamation, and second place in junior spelling and she won over half of the track and field meet. This is not to speak of the fact that we feel that by all points of public speaking we should have had first place in senior girls' declamation.

Gymnastic Meet and Musical Program

Promptly at 9:30 Friday morning three hundred pupils of the grammar grades and high school, in simple uniform, gave a patriotic pageant through the main street of the city, led by one of the high school boys who is standard bearer, carried a large and beautiful American flag. These marched on to the gymnastic court on the high school grounds, where they gave an exhibition of open air Swedish gymnastics which was pronounced by army men to be equal to the most perfect and most beautiful military drill they had ever witnessed. It was indeed a beautiful sight. The high school then went to the auditorium of the Baptist church and gave a program of music and literary readings which was the wonder and marvel of the visitors. Superintendent Yoe and Judge Hudson, of Pecos, said that they had heard of the fame of our high school but that the half had not been told them. The eloquent and appropriate welcome address by Mayor H. A. Leaverton was a distinct and pleasing feature of this excellent program, and the responses by Supt. Yoe and Judge Hudson were equally happy and appropriate.

Junior Declamation and Spelling

At 1:30 p. m. in the same auditorium were held the junior declamation and spelling contests. The results of these contests were as follows:

Junior girls' declamation—1st, Margaret Caldwell, Midland; 2nd, Frances Hubbard, Pecos; 3rd, Catherine Jane Graham, Odessa; 4th, Minnie Lord, Seminole.

Junior boys' declamation—1st, John C. Balmorhea; 2nd, Esten Shumate, Midland; 3rd, Ennis Hamie, Odessa; 4th, Gus Birdwell, Seminole.

Junior Spelling

Junior spelling—1st, Elsie Barron, Midland; 2nd, Eula Lewis, Odessa.

Senior Declamations

The senior boys' and girls' declamation contests were held in the same auditorium Friday night. The house was packed to its capacity and the contests were pronounced two of the best ever witnessed. The result of the decision of the judges were as follows:

Senior girls—1st, Flora Belle Thane, Odessa; 2nd, Alice Hankins, Pecos; 3rd, Mary Cozzo, Midland; 4th, Eunice Thompson, Seminole.

Senior boys—1st, Oron Collins, Midland; 2nd, Hill Hudson, Pecos; 3rd, Calvin Stark, Seminole; 4th, Clyde King, Odessa.

Senior Spelling and Finals

The senior spelling contest resulted in Coleman Puckett, of Midland high

THE MIDLAND CHAUTAUQUA

Will be Held April 27th, 28th, and 30th, SIX SUPERB PROGRAMS

This Chautauqua is strongly endorsed by Dr. Geo. W. Truett, of Dallas, and other prominent citizens of the State.

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The following indorsement written by Rev. J. T. McKissick should be read by every one in Midland:

"The Chautauqua idea combines education and entertainment; it is uplifting and inspirational. Some, and we hope all, of the features of the coming Chautauqua will be of much interest and deserve liberal patronage."

J. T. McKissick.

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school winning first place. The junior-senior spelling contest held Saturday afternoon to decide upon the representative to Austin, resulted as follows:

1st, Elsie Barron, Midland; 2nd, Coleman Puckett, Midland.

Track and Field Meet The track and field meet, which was held on the high school grounds Saturday morning was well attended and was full of interest, Midland receiving 53 points, Odessa 37, Seminole 6 and Pecos 4.

The following is the result of the track meet:

120-yards dash—Epley, of Midland, 1st; Neely Lewis, of Odessa, 2nd; Clyde King, of Odessa, 3rd.

100-yards dash—Pruitt Dawson, of Odessa, 1st; Epley, of Midland, 2nd; O. Collins, of Midland, 3rd and Biggs, of Pecos, 4th.

1-mile run—Ward, of Midland, 1st; Clyde King, of Odessa, 2nd; Neely Lewis, of Odessa, 3rd; Beauchamp, of Midland, 4th.

220-yards low hurdle—O. Collins, of Midland, 1st.

440-yards dash—D. Ward, of Midland, 1st and R. Collins, of Midland, 2nd.

220-yards dash—Epley, of Midland, 1st; R. Collins, of Midland, 2nd; Anderson, of Odessa, 3rd, and Biggs, of Pecos, 4th.

880-yards run—D. Ward, of Midland, 1st; Beauchamp, of Midland, 2nd.

1-mile relay—Odessa 1st; Midland 2nd.

Pole vault—O. Collins, of Midland,

METHODIST REVIVAL GROWS IN INTEREST

Evangelist Klein and Singer Renshaw are Untrusting in Their Labors For The Master

It is now approaching two weeks since the revival at the opera house was taken in charge by Evangelist Klein and Singer Renshaw, and every evening and at the morning hour large



Evangelist G.A. Klein

congregations gather to listen to the messages delivered by these men in sermon and in song. The interest grows.

It is too early yet to give a detailed account of the meeting, with regard to converts, accessions to churches, etc., for the reason that we could in no wise be definite. No one knows what may be in the hearts of those who listen, nor how many nor how soon greater and yet greater numbers may be led to respond to the beautiful promises that are given in the Master's name. Many have already answered with a surrender of their hearts, and the meeting bids fair for a rich harvest of souls.

During the past week prayer meetings have been held daily in the several business houses of our city, as well as in various homes, and this interest is lacking in no detail.

The pastor, Rev. J. W. Cowan, is, too, a busy man. He leaves nothing undone to promote a spiritual awakening, such as will redound in Midland's eternal glory. The opportunity is a great one for the unevangelized.

Good people, Christian people are anxious to point the way, and pray daily, hourly that the sin-burdened may find rest and the sweet peace of the redeemed.

It has not yet been announced how long the meeting will continue, though it is anticipated that it may not close until the last of next week.

Mrs. Klein, wife of the evangelist arrived the first of the week, and she, too, has joined the army of workers in the cause of a salvation so great.

John Hix reports that he has recently bought the 5 room bungalow on the south side from R. Wooley, of Dallas, at a satisfactory price and that he is now making preparations to build a nice convenient bus-garage on the West Abbott place, which he also recently purchased.

E. R. Crews, of Shafter Lake, reports that he bought of Henry Shumate 300 steer yearlings at private terms.

E. D. Nicholson, ranchman from Andrews County, was on the streets Wednesday. Reports good rains and grass coming fine up there.

MRS. W. F. COWDEN KILLED WEDNESDAY

Auto Driven by Husband, Turned over and Resulted in Midland's First Auto Tragedy

The deepest sorrow prevails in Midland today, and has since Wednesday evening at about sundown, when Mrs. W. F. Cowden was almost instantly killed in an auto accident. Mr. Cowden was driving his Marmon car. The other occupants were his wife and two younger daughters, Misses Essie and Geraldine. They were pleasure riding and just approaching the city limits, going west, just beyond the home of Mr. and Mrs. O. B. Holt.

How the accident occurred is speculative. Doubtless Mr. Cowden himself will never be able to tell. It was just one of those terrible things that sometimes occur when a car is being driven at fast speed. There was a bit of crooked road, perhaps a moment of lost control, and the huge machine turned over, twice perhaps. None of the occupants were seriously injured, except Mrs. Cowden.

A physician was hastily summoned, and arrived immediately. The injured lady was hurried to his office and died in a few minutes.

The husband is almost distracted. Since the terrible accident he has been prostrated, and it is beyond the power of friends and relatives to offer effective consolation.

The tragedy, coming as Midland's first of the kind, is visited upon one of the most prominent families of our city. Mrs. Cowden is a well-known cowman, and he and his wife have raised a family of nine children, seven girls and two boys, to manhood and womanhood.

The shock to our city is a grievous one. Mrs. Cowden was a member of the Baptist church and scores and scores of friends who loved her and esteemed her friendship are saddened beyond expression. Deceased was 37 years of age, or would have been next July and during all the years of her womanhood had been a devout Christian and member of the Baptist church.

Her beloved former pastor, Rev. J. C. Burkett, now of Abilene, has been called and arrived in Midland yesterday, to assist in the funeral services, which will take place at 2:30 this afternoon, at the family residence.

The Reporter grieves, too, over this accident, which has saddened the hearts of so many. That the Great Healer of wounded hearts bring peace and comfort to those upon whom the weight of sorrow now rests, so heavily is our profound wish, and is breathed in prayer by an hundred hearts.

NEW RESTAURANT TO OPEN SUNDAY

Messrs. Hayes and Terrell, of Big Spring, are the proprietors of the new restaurant now being installed in the Garrett & Brown building, third door north of the postoffice. These gentlemen are old restaurant men, having just sold out a similar business at Big Spring and promise a first class, sanitary establishment. They will be ready for business Sunday morning and the place will be known as the "Good Eats" restaurant.

H. L. Jarboe, Jr., president of the Drovers National Bank of Kansas City, Mo., is here for a few days business trip. To consult with Mr. R. Wade, who represents this bank in West Texas. Mr. Wade is well known here as a fair, honest and upright gentleman. He and the local news gatherer were neighbor boys in Missouri years ago.

H. M. Zimmerman came home from hereford this week. He went there with 35 cars of cattle sold by Midland ranchmen to Bob Mounds, of that place.

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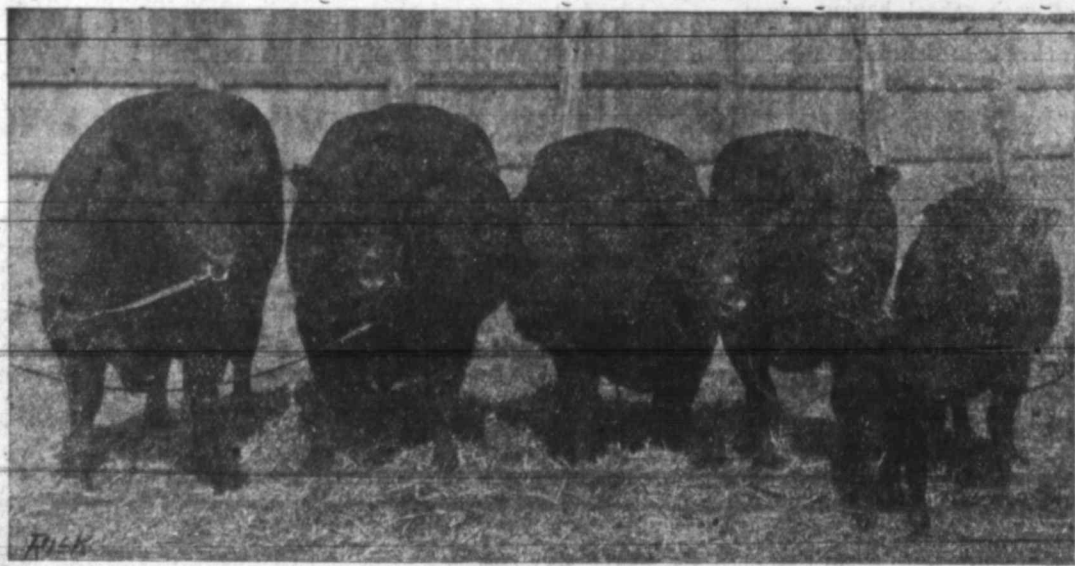
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NOTED SINGER TO BE IN MIDLAND

The New Edison Tone-Test to be Demonstrated at Christian Church May 12th

Some time ago it was learned that an endeavor was being made in musical circles in this city to arrange for a New Edison Tone-Test, the musical and scientific demonstration that has been attracting so much attention in the musical centers of the United States in recent months. It now is announced that, through the courtesy of Mr. Edison, the music lovers of this city will be given the opportunity to hear one of these unique tests and Miss Ida Gardner, the renowned contralto, will be the artist sent here by him to take the principal part in the demonstration. Many prominent musicians already have received invitations to the affair which will be held in Midland, Saturday evening May 12th, at 8:30 in the Christian church, and to which admission will be by card only.



Miss Gardner is one of the best known concert contraltos in the United States despite the fact that she is comparatively new to the concert platform in this country. Born in America and receiving her early musical education here, she spent a number of years in France studying with Lloyd D'Auignie, the noted vocal instructor who maintains his studio in Paris. Under him she not only became highly proficient as a concert singer, but went through all preparation essential to success in the operatic field. When the European war broke out she was considering an offer from the Imperial Opera in Vienna but the condition in Europe necessitated her return to this country. Here she has made repeated appearances, in cities from coast to coast, and everywhere she has met with receptions that only are accorded to artists of rare merits.

A most distinguished audience will greet the charming young singer when she makes her appearance in this city, according to the interest that is being manifested in the coming affair.

GIVES A GOOD REPORT CONDITIONS IN PANHANDLE

A. F. Luse, cowman from Hereford, was here Monday on a business trip. He gives a good report of range and stock conditions in the Panhandle. He ordered The Reporter sent to him.

Dr. Buchanan, eye and throat specialist, will as usual be in his Midland office Saturday. (tomorrow.) adv



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TEACHING WOMEN TO DO THEIR "BIT"

Every one knows that the women of America are going to be one of the chief factors in the service of our country in winning the war for the freedom and justice of humanity.

The women of Midland last week had a great opportunity to learn how they may at once begin to "do their bit" here in their own homes. Mrs. Virginia Marr Fine, representing Corn Products Refining Company, of New York, gave at Basham-Shepherd & Company, a series of highly interesting and instructive lectures on the conservation of food which is surely one of the most important problems the world has ever had to solve.

On Thursday afternoon Mrs. Fine spoke to a very enthusiastic audience on the subject of Feeding the World. This, Mrs. Fine says, is a gigantic undertaking and yet one that the great burden of rest on the United States. For this reason it is necessary that the housewives of this country begin today to do their "bit."

"Your bit" is to stop your portion of the enormous waste of \$7,000,000 yearly from the kitchen. Balanced rations should be your first consideration and any woman who knows food classifications, and their working principles in the body, can plan balanced ration for her family. By doing so you will have better meals with less cost and effort in preparation. Mrs. Fine gave detailed information on

this subject.

As a practical demonstration in the art of cookery Mrs. Fine prepared and served a well balanced dinner, which was certainly attractive to the eye, pleasing to the taste, easily digested and readily assimilated. This dinner brought forth much praise by the ladies present and they went out expressing their appreciation of the wonderful stimulus given them to do their "bit."

Mrs. Fine lectured Friday on the conservation of food through proper

preparation and care.

For the last lecture, on Saturday, the subject was "Value Received."

We hope and feel that the ladies of Midland have been greatly benefited by this wonderful woman who has worked with the women's clubs and organizations for fifteen years from coast to coast. She believes in women, loves them and tries to help them.

Her informations are practical and are helping to solve the problems of the home and are an inspiration all along the way.

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NEXT MEETING OF FARMERS INSTITUTE The Midland County Farmers Institute held its regular monthly meeting in the district court room at the court house last Saturday, April 21st.

COULD TEXAS FEED THE WHOLE NATION?

Mrs. Phebe K. Warner, in Ft. Worth Star-Telegram, Thinks so and Gives Figures

There are 167,865,600 acres of land in Texas, more than one and a half acres for every human being in the nation, but the possibilities of these acres have never been put to a test.

Our greatest waste is not the \$30,000,000 worth of food that we really do produce, then let go to waste. Our greatest waste is our millions of unused fertile acres; our sunshine, rain and underground reservoirs of water;

But how shall we begin to change our wasteful habits? First of all we must learn to take care of what we do produce. To do this we need a hundred more Mrs. J. L. Landrums, sent out by the state agricultural department to organize the girls of every school district in Texas, into home economic clubs, that they may be taught the principles of scientific production and preservation of food.

Texas, whose business it is to study local needs and local possibilities. We need a county agricultural demonstration in every county—to help the boys to grow the very best feed crops in their home county and transform their acre of feed into hundreds of pounds of food.

Next we must have a more perfected marketing system. So that our consumers will get more food for their money and our Texas producer will get more money for his food.

BLANTON ASKS FOR MANY MILLIONS

Hundred Millions for Confederates. Eighteen for Highway, and \$330,000 for Public Buildings

At this time of war crisis we don't believe Congressman Thos. L. Blanton will have much luck in getting through a lot of bills he has just introduced in Congress however much of merit each of them may be.

We are sorry to predict a failure for Mr. Blanton at the very "jump-off," but we can see nothing more for him. His "majority" at this particular time is characteristic, but we had hoped his first efforts would have been directed in putting the other congressmen to work before the noon hour.

Following is an associated press dispatch, upon which we base the above comment:

Washington, April 26.—Representative Blanton today introduced a bill providing for the construction of a military highway along the Mexico border, from Texas to California.

Representative Blanton also introduced a bill appropriating from the cotton tax collected from the south during the Civil War period the sum of \$100,000,000, to be spent in federal pensions for ex-Confederate soldiers and their widows.

He also introduced a great number of building bills. He asks for purchase of sites and erection of buildings as follows: Ballinger, \$40,000; Abilene and Sweetwater, each \$35,000; Cisco and Anson, each \$30,000; Haskell, Midland, Colorado and Big Spring, each \$15,000; Merkel, Winters, Baird, Albany, Palo Pinto, Eastland, Paint Rock and Breckenridge, each \$12,500.

SCREENS are cheaper than Doctor's bills—get them from MIDLAND LUMBER CO. adv

D. M. Pinnell, wife and two little boys were in the city last Saturday from their ranch near Shafter Lake. Mr. Pinnell reports no recent rain, but that conditions yet remain favorable in his section.

All kinds and sizes of SCREENS at MIDLAND LUMBER CO. adv.

Wm. Maurer came in this week from Cirdley & Nobles' ranch in Andrews County, where he has been employed for some time. He gives a good report of range and stock conditions. He ordered The Reporter sent to his father in New York.

Chas. Price, cowman of Odessa, was here Thursday

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Our young townsman, Anson Coughran, has accepted a position with the firm of J. H. Barron & Son, "Everybody's."

L. I. Creek is here today, from his ranch in Andrews County.

A light rain in the early part of last night and again early this morning encourages us to hope for more in the near future.

All kinds and sizes of SCREENS at MIDLAND LUMBER CO. adv.

KENNARD BARRADELL.



Mr. Barradell, tenor and director of the Hinshaw Conservatory Party, has had wide experience in operatic work as a singer, stage manager and musical coach. He has sung with the Ahorn Opera Company, the Hinshaw Opera Company and the College Theater Opera Company in Chicago. In addition to the operatic work Mr. Barradell specializes in a style of song rather different and amusing in the contents.

DOMESTIC SCIENCE
AT THE MERCANTILE

Class of Ladies Last Week Enjoyed Occasion of Much Interest and Valuable Instruction

Miss Hewey, representing the Red Star Mill & Elevator Company, of Wichita, Kans., conducted a practical domestic science class from 2 to 5 p. m. each day from Tuesday until Saturday of last week inclusive. Each evening there was present from 40 to 100 ladies, the crowd increasing each day.

Under the auspices of the Cemetery Association a baking contest was organized in which there were a great many contestants, prizes being offered by different firms of the town. All cakes and bread entered in the contest were auctioned off Saturday afternoon by Hon. J. M. Caldwell, proceeds going to the Cemetery Association, the amount received from the sale being \$47.50.

The following prizes were given: Girls under 16 years of age, best loaf of bread, 1st prize, 48 pound Red Star Flour, to Miss Alice Haley (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.); 2nd prize, 1 bread knife to Miss Alice Haley, (Midland Hardware Co.)

Best cake, any kind, 1st prize, 48 pound sack White Deer Flour, to Miss Lola Taylor, (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.); 3rd prize, \$3.00 in cash to Miss Francis Miller, (First National Bank.) Housewives best loaf bread, 1st prize, \$5.00 cash to Mrs. T. B. Wadley, (Midland Mercantile Co.); 2nd prize, 48 pound Red Star Flour to Mrs. O. B. Holt, (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.)

White layer cake, 1st prize, 48 lb. sack White Deer Flour to Mrs. W. C. Cochran, (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.); 2nd prize, 1 O' Cedar Mop to Mrs. Wilber Wadley, (Basham-Shepherd Co.)

White loaf cake, 1st prize, 48 pound White Deer Flour to Mrs. Chris Schaubauer, (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.); 2nd prize, 1 box stationery to Mrs. H. M. Caudle, (City Drug Store.)

Devils food cake, 1st prize, 48 lb. sack White Deer Flour, to Mrs. J. D. Shaw, (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.); 2nd prize, \$2 cash to Mrs. J. E. Shumate, (Yeakel Hotel.)

Angel food cake, 1st prize, 48 lb. sack White Deer Flour, to Mrs. J. A. Eichelberger, (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.); 2nd prize, \$3.25 cash to Mrs. T. B. Wadley, (Midland Reporter); 3rd prize, \$2.00 cash to Mrs. W. L. Holmes, (Midland Auto Co.) Best cake, any kind, 1st prize, 48 pound sack White Deer Flour to Mrs. J. D. Shaw, (Red Star Mill & Elevator Co.); 2nd prize, \$2.50 cash to Mrs. J. P. Collins, (Gulf Refining Co.) Sweetstake, woman baking most prizes, \$5.00 in cash, to Mrs. J. D. Shaw, (Midland National Bank.)

The domestic science class, as conducted by Miss Hewey, was of great interest to the ladies of Midland, so indicated in the above contests, and The Mercantile as well as the Red Star Mill & Elevator Company and Miss Hewey are to be congratulated upon a highly successful occasion.

ONE-PIECE DRESSES
CALL FOR SMART COATS

Youthful Sports Skirts and Summer Blouses Vie with the One-Piece Frock for Favor

One-piece dresses have come to stay, writes our New York fashion correspondent. In silk, satin, foulard, taffeta, pongee, Georgette crepe, chiffon, voile, crepe, in fact, running the entire gamut of materials, these dresses are spring favorites. Of course, this type of dress demands a separate coat, for even in summer there are times when a wrap is necessary. The velours, duvetyns and other piled fabrics were so popular for the winter that we have for spring and summer similar fabrics, only in a weight suitable for the weather. Light-weight velours in white, sand-color, gray, and many brighter shades are particularly appealing for the separate coat. The model illustrated shows the latest effect in spring coats. It is developed in sand-colored velours and has the smart barrel or bowling



The New Bolero Jacket with Box-Pleated Skirt

ting silk, put either on the bobbin or the upper part of the machine; on cotton materials it is done with mercerized cotton in the same way. Children's clothes are trimmed with stitching in varied colors; for instance, a blue serge coat had stitching of red and green silk. A very pretty buff chambray dress had parallel rows of stitching in blue, brown, green and pink on the collar and cuffs and above the hem.

Dr. E. Callaway returned Tuesday from Long Beach, Cal., where he accompanied Col. W. H. Pepper. He states that the Colonel stood the trip nicely, and is now enjoying a visit with his old friend, S. H. Holloway.

Our old friend W. A. Callaway, of the Southland Life Insurance Company, Dallas, is with us this week. Besides being the best known insurance man in the West, Mr. Callaway's geniality has won a wide circle of friends who always welcome his visits.

Spring Coat in Bowling-Pin Effect pin effect in its wideness at the hips accentuated by pocket sections. A wide soft collar and cuffs in gantlett effect, are other features which aid in giving this model style. For auto-mobiling, this coat might be successfully developed in one of the dust-proof satins, and will be practical for wearing in the car and quite stylish when loosened at luncheon or dinner at the hotel.

Jersey cloth is as popular as ever and is to be seen in many elaborate as well as simple suits. Last season it confined itself to simple modes, but this season it has branched out into suits much more elaborate. It is braided and embroidered most elaborately. A taupe-colored wool jersey suit was braided with soutache braid of the same shade around the bottom of the coat, on the collar and on wide-pocket-pieces on the skirt. Another suit was combined with striped satin which made the collar and the lining. The latter was a most important feature of the suit.

The short bolero coats have returned to us after an interim of many years. Sometimes they are combined with straight, pleated, narrow skirts, giving a straight so-called Egyptian silhouette. Some of these skirts the designers have launched in opposition to the bowling pin silhouette. In the illustration the short jacket has been combined with a six-gored box-pleated skirt.

The Youthful Sports Skirts show a youthful note, and yet embody that simplicity which is requisite to make gay colors practical for every-day wear. The skirts, gathered or shirred at the waistline, sometimes straight hanging, and sometimes brought in at the ankles to give the new barrel effect, are made of a wide variety of materials. Tussur, rajah, pongee and similar weaves are the mainstay for the more expensive skirts, while cotton fabrics, in white with gay squares, discs, balloon dots, and in striped effects, may be had at varying prices. Cretonne which has had such a vogue for smocks and trimmings in seasons past is pressed into use again this season for these same sport skirts. They are often made crosswise of the goods, so that the selvage of the cretonne is used instead of hem, and the other selvage edge makes a heading around the waist. It seems to make little difference what the type of cretonne is, whether it has a Paisley design or a willow-ware pattern. The very newest thing for sports skirts, made of ribbon. Wide ribbon is sewed together, selvage to selvage, until the width of the skirt is obtained. They are gay and joyous in effect, especially when combined with the sheers of summer blouses.

The Trend of Summer Blouses Never has there been a greater variety of styles for separate blouses than there is this season. It makes very little difference what type of waist you like best; if the sleeves have the proper look and the collar is well designed you may be able to wear it. The Russian and peasant effects in Georgette, chiffon, crepe de Chine and satin are having a wonderful vogue, but so are the waists which come only to the waist and tuck themselves modestly beneath the skirt band. A very new mode of trimming waists of crepe de Chine is to have collar, cuffs and belt not of a contrasting hue of the same colored linen. Organza waists are being combined with silk and satin overblouses. A novelty in waists, and one which is most practical as well, is the blouse of fine cirenam for sports. Blouses of this type are made up in stripes and checks which remind one of children's rompers and play frocks. Sometimes they are combin-

ed with white pique. I saw a very pretty pink one recently which had a white pique vest with the fronts of the waist cut in scallops and stitched onto the vest.

Stitching is a most popular mode of trimming at the present time. It is used on women's suits and coats, on dresses and on skirts. On wool materials it is done with a coarse knit-



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WITH THE CHURCHES

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

BAPTIST CHURCH

9:45 Bible school.
11 a. m. Sermon by visiting pastor.

All members urged to be present at this service. There will be no evening service. We will join with the Methodist meeting in the opera house. Let all members, visitors and strangers make the morning one of power and inspiration. Welcome to all Ernest Quick, Pastor.



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To Friends and Customers:

During recent months business conditions in every line have been wholly revolutionized. Prices have advanced abnormally and, seemingly, without justification. Datings, lines of credit, etc., too, have been cut down, and other exigencies have arisen which make it imperative that we re-establish our business on

Strictly a Cash Basis.

This, we know is an unusual departure, but we have considered the matter carefully, from every point of view, and feel that it will redound to yours as well as our benefit. Therefore on

May 1st, next,

the new basis will be inaugurated, and we bespeak now your co-operation. We ask you, then, to clear our books of your present indebtedness, and let's start with a clean slate.

Be assured, too, that our motto, "A Square Deal to All," can and will be lived up to more fully than ever. May we not depend on you? May we not even be closer friends?

Remember the date,

May 1st, 1917,

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Yours cordially,

MIDLAND HARDWARE CO.

April 7th, 1917.

In Society



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

Ninety-nine Club

The regular meeting of the Ninety-nine Club was held Tuesday afternoon with Mrs. Burton Brown as hostess, at the home of Mrs. J. T. White with an unusually large attendance. Mrs. C. C. Watson conducted the lesson on the Guianas, which completed the series of South American countries. Every one took part, so that the discussions were very interesting. Mrs. H. A. Leaverton gave several points of interest in regard to the habits and customs of the people of those countries, after which a round-table discussion of present-day topics took place.

Wednesday Club

The social meeting of this club for this month was held with Mrs. Geo. D. Elliott last week. The hostess was assisted in entertaining by Mrs. W. D. Ellis, the club president. Each guest took along some piece of fine

needle work, so that the afternoon was one of work as well as pleasure. Delicious refreshments were served as the afternoon drew to a close. Mrs. Chris Scharbauer, Mrs. Skidmore and Mrs. Maurice Blutworth were guests of the club at that time. The regular study session of the club was held with Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer on Wednesday afternoon. The lesson was about San Francisco and Luther Burbank, being conducted by Mrs. Scharbauer assisted by Mrs. J. M. Caldwell.

Miss Louise Obertheier, of Hereford, is visiting with the family of her uncle, W. L. Holmsley.

Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Williams have returned after a two weeks stay in Seminole.

Mrs. Carter, of Nebraska, left last Saturday for her home after a visit to her son, Dr. Clifton Carter. During her stay she was a guest of the Rhea Cottage.

Miss Ruth Kirk, of Colorado City, was a charming visitor for the weekend last week to Mrs. Wm. E. Wallace, on the ranch south of Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Thomas and two young sons are now in their new residence in West Midland. It is one of Midland's most beautiful homes.

W. M. Davidson, of Mineral Wells, is here for a short time on the way to Lovington, N. M., on a business trip.

CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS

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

FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE

FOR SALE—My residence in South Midland. Well improved, and the best bargain in the city if sold at once. C. A. Stark, phone 80. 29-1f

NOTICE—I will be at the leading hotel in Midland on Wednesday, May 2nd, for the purpose of selling or leasing section 17, block 38, township 3 south, in Midland County. J. F. Robinson, agent for Mrs. Laura Koppe. 29-1t

FOR SALE—4 1-2 sections mixed red sandy land, solid body, 2 miles south of Andrews. 2 good four room houses, 2 wells and mills. Ranch fenced and cross fenced, some hard land and some shinary. State debt \$4.88 per acre, owner's price \$4.00 bonus, 1-3 cash, no trade. A. H. Hall, Andrews, Texas. 27-3t

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

FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK

FOR SALE—125 three, four and five year old steers in good condition, on ranch near Rankin, Texas. Address J. S. Turner, 701 Trust Bldg, Dallas, Texas. 2t

FOR SALE—Registered Berkshire pigs out of prize-winning stock, either sex, at \$10 each. Henry M. Half, Box 306, Midland, Texas. 29-tf

FOR SALE—Twelve 12-months-old registered Hereford heifers for \$1200. Twelve registered Hereford bulls, 10 to 12 months old, at \$100 and up. Henry M. Half, Box 306, Midland, Texas. 29-tf

FOR SALE—206 good grade Hereford cows. Good calf crop, at \$65 around. Phone or write Bud Ratliff, Odessa, Texas. 29-4t-pd.

CATTLE FOR SALE—1700 White-face yearlings, good grade, \$35. 400 yearlings, 200 3-year-old cows, good per cent of calves, black mules. Close price for quick sale. W. D. Riser, Rankin, Texas. 28-2t-pd

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

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A Masonic watch charm in sidewalk near Midland Market and Bakery. Owner may recover same by calling at this office and paying 25 cents for this notice.

LOST—Suit case, between Midland and "C" ranch. Finder please leave at "City Drug Store. Mrs. Maud Howell, Shafter Lake, Texas.

BUSINESS NOTICES

CRAWFORDS MATTRESS FACTORY. I can work over any kind of an old mattress and make of it a high grade bed, or can make you a new one throughout. Loops on each side to afford easy lifting. Jim Crawford, phone 393. 29-2t-pd

FOR SALE—4 Oaklands, 2 Cadillacs, 3 Fords, 3 Overlands, and 2 Buicks for sale at a bargain. D. W. Freeman.

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

WANTED TO BUY—G. F. Bates, of Odessa, is in the market for a bunch of good Jersey milk cows. Please write him at Odessa. 28-4tpd

WANTED—Employment by man and wife experienced in ranch work. Address "K," care Midland Reporter. It

SHELLED SPANISH PEANUTS

Why waste your money planting unshelled peanuts? It only takes from 10 pounds to 12 pounds to plant an acre of shelled peanuts. They cost 12c per pound f.o.b. DeLeon, Texas. Cash with order. No order taken for less than 100 pounds. You get a better stand and they come up in 5 to 7 days. In planting unshelled peanuts it takes 1 1/2 bushels to plant an acre and about three weeks to come up and then hardly ever get a stand. DeLEON PEANUT COMPANY, DeLeon, Texas.

WARNING TO KILL YOUR PRAIRIE DOGS

The prairie dog law goes into effect August 28th, 1917. Anyone owning lands for prairie dog breeding will be expected to kill his dogs. Who ever fails or refuses to kill his dogs will be reported to the sheriff by the county commissioners. The sheriff will then notify the land owner to destroy his dogs, and if he fails to do so, the sheriff will have it done at the expense of the county and the land will be subject to sale to pay for it. The sheriff will get \$5.00 per day for superintending the work. Two years is the limit for the destruction of the prairie dog. adv 20tf W. E. Bradford, Sheriff.

Prof. T. J. Yoe, Mrs. W. A. Hubbard, Mrs. W. W. Runnels, W. A. Hudson, Misses Irene Prewitt, Amy Langham, Mozelle Bryan, Everett Biggs, and Frank Joplin, of Pecos, were visitors to the district scholastic meet last week.

THE CHRISTIAN SABBATH RESPECTED

Co-operative Chautauqua Bureau Conducts No Assemblies on Sunday.

The Chautauqua movement grew out of a religious idea—really as a sort of Sunday School Normal Institute. It was natural, therefore, that it should run on Sunday the same as on a week day. In the evolution of the movement the moral idea has been retained but the strictly religious idea has given way to education and entertainment.

With this evolution there has arisen in many localities the question as to the wisdom of Sunday programs, which do sometimes wound the sensibilities of some. A few bureaus, and among them the co-operative, have decided against Sunday programs, believing that they want not only to "shun the very appearance of evil," but that the talent will do very much better work if they have the opportunity to rest on Sunday, according to nature's laws.

POWATTAN HOLDS CHAUTAUQUA RECORD

Every Family but Three Has Chautauqua Season Tickets.

Powhattan, Kan., holds the Chautauqua record for 1916. Every family in town but three bought season tickets. This shows something of the hold that this form of amusement and instruction has upon the people. What other form of social activity can claim as near a unanimity as that? The circus in its pinkest days never thought of getting more than one attendance to the main show, with a lesser fee for a concert and side show. But here the Chautauqua sells its season tickets at \$1.50 to \$3, and at this Kansas town all but three families have season tickets.

Elk Lake, Pa., is a town of 1,000 people, and yet the committee sold 1,300 season tickets for their Chautauqua at \$2 each. This shows the splendid efficiency of the local ticket committee. Practically every farmer for miles around had one or more season tickets for his family.

HARRY LOMBARD.



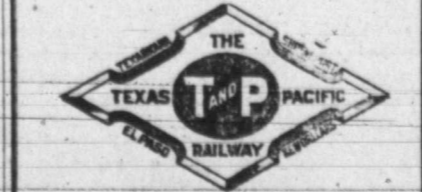
Mr. Lombard, the baritone with the Hinslow Conservatory Party, is one of the most widely popular singers in opera. He has been associated with some of the very best companies. Mr. Lombard has a distinct personality, which adds materially to his delightful presentation in every part assigned him.

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BILLIE BURKE in the 14th episode of the beautiful serial
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CARTER De HAVEN and FLORA PARKER De HAVEN in a 2-reel comedy-drama

"THE LOSING WINNER"
EDDIE LYONS, LEE MORAN and EDITH ROBERTS in a Nestor comedy

"A HASTY HAZING"

TUESDAY, MAY 1st
VALENTINE GRANT

"DAUGHTER OF MCGREGOR"
PARAMOUNT-BRAY CARTOON
COMEDY

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2nd
CHARLES RICHMAN and DOROTHY KELLY in the thrilling Vitagraph serial

"THE SECRET KINGDOM"
LEE HILL, LOUISE LOVELY and MALCOLM BLEVINS in a Laemmle drama,

"THE FOURTH WITNESS"
FATTY VOSS, the L-KO 42-centimetre comedian in a laughable farce
"BRAVE LITTLE WALDO"

THURSDAY, MAY 3rd
FRANCIS FORD and GRACE CUNARD in the mysterious Universal serial

"THE PURPLE MASK"
MURDOCK MACQUARRIE and EDNA PAYNE in a Bison 2-reel drama

"JOHN OSBORN'S TRIUMPH"
GALE HENRY and Wm. FRANEY in a Joker comedy that brings the laughs

"MULE MATES"

FRIDAY, MAY 4th

PAULINE FREDERICK
"ASHES OF EMBERS"
BLACK DIAMOND comedy—'nuff sed.

SATURDAY, MAY 5th
A SPECIAL FEATURE in a BLUEBIRD photoplay, with HERBERT RAWLINSON and GRACE CARLYLE

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AT THE UNIQUE

The usual large crowd was out on Monday night to see Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance." This popular screen star will always get the Midland crowd.

Tuesday night the Paramount feature was "The Reward of Patience" with Louise Huff as the star. This was an appealing story of a Quaker girl's romance and the cast was very strong.

There is one beauty of our Unique Theatre pictures, and that is that Manager Garner endeavors to get the very cleanest pictures the market affords, and very seldom does a picture of the riff-raff variety get by him. He has endeavored to build up a first-class, moral, educational picture show in Midland, and certainly deserves the approval and patronage of Midland. Our people love a clean show and are showing their appreciation of Mr. Garner's efforts by attending all performances.

"The Eagle's Wings," which comes May 5th, matinee and night, has received the highest endorsements of America's greatest critics. It is another lesson in preparedness, and at this critical time in the world's history, all should see this picture, as it will certainly appeal to your patriotism, and make you feel proud that you are a subject of the great United States of America. Remember that a special matinee will be given for the school children and two shows again in the evening.

Tonight another Paramount feature starring Edna Goodrich in "The House of Lies." The name signifies something of an unusual character, and our curiosity is already aroused.

The Black Diamond comedies that are usually shown on feature nights, to our notion, are the most laughable of any comedies now seen. Each and every show has one or more comedies to wind up the program with.

"The Purple Mask," with Francis Ford and Grace Cunard in the leads, is now causing excitement among the fans, and this serial on Thursdays is very popular with all.

"The Secret Kingdom" with Charles Richman, Dorothy Kelly and Arline Pretty, presents a beautiful story of romance and adventure with each installment on Wednesdays. This, to our mind, is the kind of all serials ever presented in Midland.

TOO DANGEROUS TO OVERLOOK

Midland People Will Do Well to Heed the Warning

To have good health, the digestion and heart, lungs and kidneys must work perfectly. When there is anything wrong with the digestion, heart or lungs, a very noticeable pain or distress gives prompt warning. Kidney trouble is more easily overlooked, however, and too often gains a long start. But kidney trouble does give early signs, and headache, dizziness, spells, rheumatic pains, too frequently, scanty or painful urination should not be neglected. When these warnings appear, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the reliable, successful, strongly recommended kidney remedy. Assist the medicine by taking things easier, reducing the diet and the use of liquors. A severe attack of kidney disease may be avoided. Doan's Kidney Pills have won the grateful praise of Midland people. Read this Midland resident's endorsement:

Frank J. Pliska, blacksmith, Midland, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for several years. My back troubled me the most. It ached and was weak and I found it hard to do any bending or lifting. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and highly colored. The first time I ever used Doan's Kidney Pills was in Cuba when I was in the army. They helped me then and whenever I have been troubled this way since I have always used them with the best of results. I have also used Doan's Kidney Pills in the Philippine Islands and they have never failed to relieve me. Anyone troubled with their kidneys will do well to get a box of this medicine at the City Drug Store."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Pliska had. Foster-Milburn Co., props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 29-2t

**NEWS OF FORT WORTH-
EL PASO HIGHWAY**

J. D. Fauntleroy, district engineer, in charge of Federal Aid for Texas, covered both of the proposed routes between Palo Pinto and Abilene this week. He was accompanied on this trip by your secretary and Engineer Meriwether. This completes Capt. Fauntleroy's work of inspection over our highway. In the work this week eight good meetings were held at different towns, at which much interest was manifested in the building of the highway.

Taylor County has called an election to be held on May 19th to vote on a proposed bond issue of \$115,000 to be used in building of the two cardinal roads mentioned in previous notices.

Culberson County has called an election for the purpose of voting on a proposed bond issue of \$7,000 to be used for highway purposes.

W. B. Starr, Secretary.

W. E. McGonagill and wife, of Lampasas County, stopped off here for a short time visiting friends and relatives, on their way to California on a pleasure trip. He ordered The Reporter sent to his mother.

Miss Winnifred Stallings, who is a student in Midland College, visited her parents at Fort Stockton last week, returning Monday.

The following young ladies, of Pecos, were in the contests at the district scholastic meet at Midland last week: Misses Hill Hudson, Alice Hankins, Virginia Runnels and Francis Hubbard.

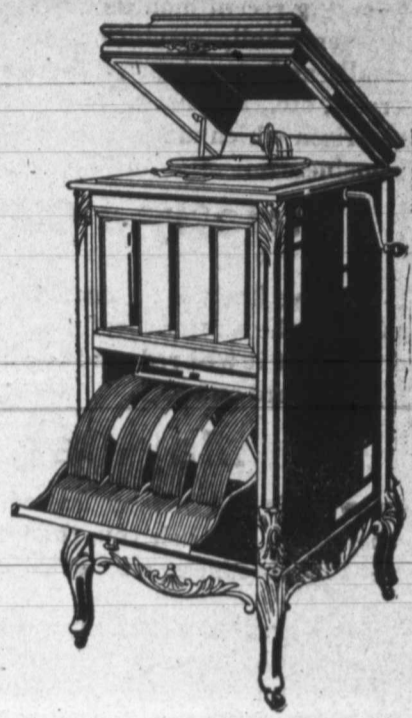
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A Peculiar Prophecy, of Holy Writ, Unearthed by Some Genius and Applied to Date

Every once in a while some genius of vast field of research uncovers something worth more than passing attention, and many of the discoveries would seem to be so detached and arbitrary that the wonder is how the deliver ever unearthed them.

The peculiar correlation which follows appears to be one of these.

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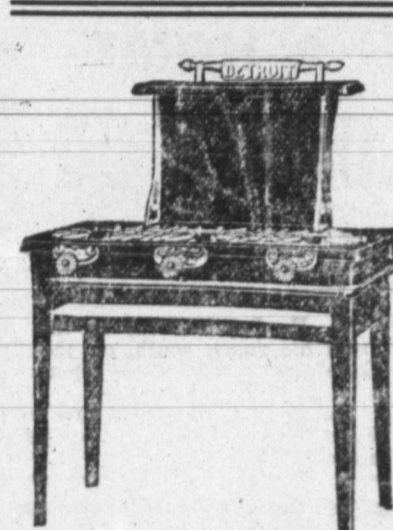
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The Significance of Twenty Coats of Paint
"HUMPH," you say. "Paint and finish won't run an automobile."
True. Yet the twenty coats of hand laid paint, hand rubbed and finished, is not the kind of finish put on a car of inferior quality.

The beautiful finish of the Marion-Handley (no car is better finished) is just one indication of its excellence.
Its Continental 60 h.p. motor; its light, but strong, rigid frame, tied together with cross members at both ends and the middle; its handsome upholstery; its splendid Westinghouse electrical system; its every unit reveals a car of exceptional value.

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C. F. MORRIS Big Spring, Texas Phones 185---306

Bought Yearling Steers This Week
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelson are the proud parents of a boy, the youngster having arrived last week. The Reporter extends congratulations to the happy young parents upon this their first-born, and may he grow up into vigorous young manhood.

EX-CONGRESSMAN SMITH NOW JUDGE

Took Oath of Office as Federal Judge Last Monday in El Paso United States Court

The Reporter has before commented upon the appointment of Congressman W. R. Smith as a federal judge for this district. It is a pleasure to us that his worth, his value to this section of the west, has been recognized at least by federal authorities and that this high position has been awarded him and comes to him as well merited as a mark of federal esteem.

The brief ceremony was witnessed by Judge DuVal West and a large delegation of the local bar association. After the ceremonies, Judges Smith and West retired to the judge's chamber, where attorneys and others called to congratulate the new justice.

Judge Smith will not preside at this term, which was opened by Judge West, who will probably clear up the docket this week. It is probable that Judge Smith will hold a term during the summer, as business of the court at El Paso is too heavy to allow it to accumulate over the ordinary long summer vacation.

Notice to the Public
As we have to pay spot cash for our beef cattle and packing house products and sell the same on a very narrow margin of profit, it is necessary that we get the cash for our meats. We do not keep any books and the practice of keeping files of ticket charges has resulted in endless confusion and no little expense. To avoid this we have purchased a supply of coupon books in denominations of \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00 and ask that our patrons purchase these instead of asking us to make tickets for small purchases and thus enable us to render better service. We want to discard our ticket system by May 1st and we urge the co-operation of our patrons in the matter.

Yours for better service, The Cash Market.

For Monuments, Statuary and Copeing
See W. H. Rohlfing or Phone 193. Quality, Price and Terms the Best. I Represent Weatherford Marble Works, Alex Rawlins, Proprietor OLDEST IN THE WEST.

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Keep Well

Do not allow the poisons of undigested food to accumulate in your bowels, where they are absorbed into your system. Indigestion, constipation, headache, bad blood, and numerous other troubles are bound to follow. Keep your system clean, as thousands of others do, by taking an occasional dose of the old, reliable, vegetable, family liver medicine.

Thedford's Black-Draught

Mrs. W. F. Pickle, of Rising Fawn, Ga., writes: "We have used Thedford's Black-Draught as a family medicine. My mother-in-law could not take calomel as it seemed too strong for her, so she used Black-Draught as a mild laxative and liver regulator. We use it in the family and believe it is the best medicine for the liver made." Try it. Insist on the genuine Thedford's. 25c a package. E-75

WASTED IN MAKING BEER AND WHISKY

May be That Government Will Declare National Prohibition to Conserve Food Supply

For the United States to fight any war other than a completely victorious war would be an intolerable degradation of its place and spirit. And victory in this war depends upon preventing the exhaustion of Great Britain, France and our other allies. We must eliminate waste immediately, and reach the ultimate of efficiency in the production of shipping and the use of money.

This is necessary because France faces a deficiency of 127,000,000 bushels of grain. England is actually beleaguered and is resting in the shadow of the bread ticket. The allied nations and neutral countries confront a grain shortage of 200,000,000 bushels. We ourselves are short 50,000,000 bushels of our winter wheat crop.



THERE has been much talk of motor ills; our customers know only the motor joys. Every car we put out is thoroughly tested before it comes to us, is tested again before it goes to you.

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30 --- PEOPLE --- 30

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AT THE UNIQUE

The usual large crowd was out on Monday night to see Billie Burke in "Gloria's Romance." This popular screen star will always get the Midland crowd.

Tuesday night the Paramount feature was "The Reward of Patience" with Louise Huff as the star. This was an appealing story of a Quaker girl's romance and the cast was very strong.

There is one beauty of our Unique Theatre pictures, and that is that Manager Garner endeavors to get the very cleanest pictures the market affords, and very seldom does a picture of the riff-raff variety get by him. He has endeavored to build up a first-class, moral, educational picture show in Midland, and certainly deserves the approval and patronage of Midland. Our people love a clean show and are showing their appreciation of Mr. Garner's efforts by attending all performances.

"The Eagle's Wings," which comes May 5th, matinee and night, has received the highest endorsements of America's greatest critics: It is another lesson in preparedness, and at this critical time in the world's history, all should see this picture, as it will certainly appeal to your patriotism, and make you feel proud that you are a subject of the great United States of America. Remember that a special matinee will be given for the school children and two shows again in the evening.

Tonight another Paramount feature starring Edna Goodrich in "The House of Lies." The name signifies something of an unusual character, and our curiosity is already aroused.

The Black Diamond comedies that are usually shown on feature nights to our notion, are the most laughable of any comedies now seen. Each and every show has one of more comedies to wind up the program with.

"The Purple Mask," with Francis Ford and Grace Cunard in the leads, is now causing excitement among the fans, and this serial on Thursdays is very popular with all.

"The Secret Kingdom" with Charles Richman, Dorothy Kelly and Arline Pretty, presents a beautiful story of romance and adventure with each installment on Wednesdays. This, to our mind, is the king of all serials ever presented in Midland.

TOO DANGEROUS TO OVERLOOK

Midland People Will Do Well to Heed the Warning

To have good health, the digestion and heart, lungs and kidneys must work perfectly. When there is anything wrong with the digestion, heart or lungs, a very noticeable pain or distress gives prompt warning. Kidney trouble is more easily overlooked, however, and too often gains a long start. But kidney trouble does give early signs, and backache, headaches, dizzy spells, rheumatic pains, too frequently, scanty or painful urination should not be neglected. When these warnings appear, use Doan's Kidney Pills, the reliable, successful, strongly recommended kidney remedy. Assist the medicine by taking things easier, reducing the diet and the use of liquors. A severe attack of kidney disease may be avoided. Doan's Kidney Pills have won the grateful praise of Midland people. Read this Midland resident's endorsement:

Frank J. Pliska, blacksmith, Midland, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for several years. My back troubled me the most. It ached and was weak and I found it hard to do any bending or lifting. The kidney secretions were too frequent in passage and highly colored. The first time I ever used Doan's Kidney Pills was in Cuba when I was in the army. They helped me then and whenever I have been troubled this way since I have always used them with the best of results. I have used Doan's Kidney Pills in the Philippine Islands and they have never failed to relieve me. Anyone troubled with their kidneys will do well to get a box of this medicine at the City Drug Store."

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NEWS OF FORT WORTH-EL PASO HIGHWAY

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Taylor County has called an election to be held on May 19th to vote on a proposed bond issue of \$115,000 to be used in building of the two cardinal roads mentioned in previous notices.

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W. B. Starr, Secretary.

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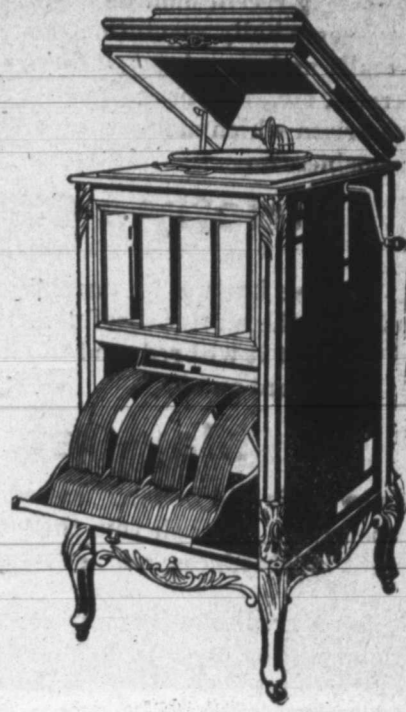
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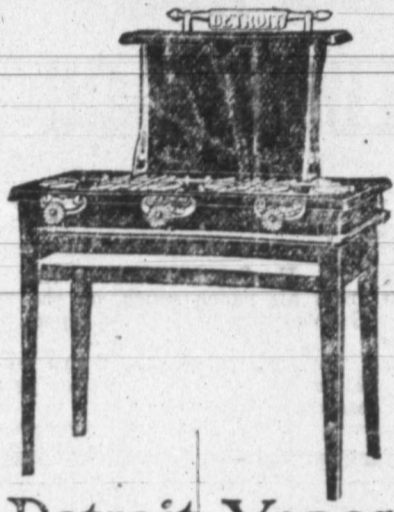
The prairie dog law goes into effect August 28th, 1917. Anyone owning lands for prairie dog breeding will be expected to kill his dogs. Whoever fails or refuses to kill his dogs will be reported to the sheriff by the county commissioners. The sheriff will then notify the land owner to destroy his dogs,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

W. E. Bradford, Sheriff.

THE MOST CHERISHED POSSESSION



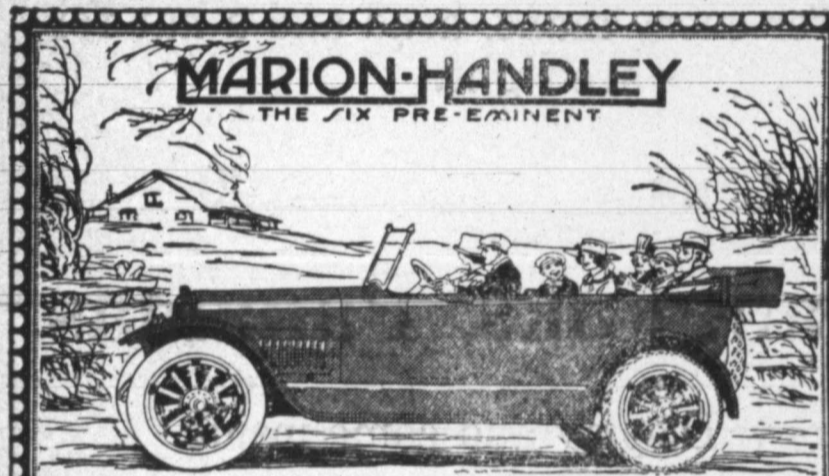
of the Oriental is his favorite rug. Its rich colors and beautiful design is a never ending source of pleasure. You will enjoy this pleasure in the possession of one of our Oriental Rugs. Come and see them. You may not buy one the first time you call, but the memory of its beauty will surely bring you back for a second look. Come today.



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EX-CONGRESSMAN SMITH NOW JUDGE

Took Oath of Office as Federal Judge Last Monday in El Paso United States Court

The Reporter has before commented upon the appointment of Congressman W. R. Smith as a federal judge for this district. It is a pleasure to us that his worth, his value to this section of the west, has been recognized at least by federal authorities and that this high position has been awarded him and comes to him as well merited as a mark of federal esteem.

An associated press dispatch of early in the week speaks of his having taken the oath of office last Monday morning. We reproduce it as follows:

W. R. Smith, former congressman and recently appointed additional United States district judge for this district, took the oath of office yesterday morning in the United States court room. The oath was administered by D. H. Hart, clerk of this district.

The brief ceremony was witnessed by Judge DuVal West and a large delegation of the local bar association. After the ceremonies, Judges Smith and West retired to the judge's chamber, where attorneys and others called to congratulate the new justice. Judge Smith will not preside at this term, which was opened by Judge West, who will probably clear up the docket this week. It is probable that Judge Smith will hold a term during the summer, as business of the court at El Paso is too heavy to allow it to accumulate over the ordinary long summer vacation.

Judge Smith will make his headquarters and residence in El Paso. He arrived Sunday and his family will be here in a short time from Washington, D. C.

Notice to the Public
As we have to pay spot cash for our beef cattle and packing house products and sell the same on a very narrow margin of profit, it is necessary that we get the cash for our meats. We do not keep any books and the practice of keeping files of ticket charges has resulted in endless confusion and no little expense. To avoid this we have purchased a supply of coupon books in denominations of \$3.00, \$5.00 and \$10.00 and ask that our patrons purchase these instead of asking us to make tickets for small purchases and thus enable us to render better service. We want to discard our ticket system by May 1st and we urge the co-operation of our patrons in the matter.

Yours for better service, The Cash Market.

BOUGHT YEARLING STEERS THIS WEEK
Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Nelson are the proud parents of a boy, the youngster having arrived last week. The Reporter extends congratulations to the happy young parents upon this their first born, and may he grow up into vigorous young manhood.

For Monuments, Statuary and Copeing
See W. H. Rohlfing or Phone 193. Quality, Price and Terms the Best. I Represent Weatherford Marble Works, Alex Rawlins, Proprietor OLDEST IN THE WEST.

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WE GIVE YOU COURTEOUS TREATMENT AT ALL TIMES AND APPRECIATE YOUR BUSINESS.
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Do not allow the poisons of undigested food to accumulate in your bowels, where they are absorbed into your system. Indigestion, constipation, headache, bad blood, and numerous other troubles are bound to follow. Keep your system clean, as thousands of others do, by taking an occasional dose of the old, reliable, vegetable, family liver medicine.

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Mrs. W. F. Pickle, of Rising Fawn, Ga., writes: "We have used Theford's Black-Draught as a family medicine. My mother-in-law could not take calomel as it seemed too strong for her, so she used Black-Draught as a mild laxative and liver regulator. We use it in the family and believe it is the best medicine for the liver made." Try it. Insist on the genuine Theford's. 25c a package. E-75

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Every car we put out is thoroughly tested before it comes to us, is tested again before it goes to you.

Where the car is right experience is not necessary in driving. You are perfectly safe in cars bought here.

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It isn't enough to think things,—in order to succeed you must DO things.

BUILD YOU A HOME MIDLAND LUMBER CO.

J. W. Hampton, book-keeper at the First National Bank, was called to Fort Worth last week on business. He went from there to San Antonio, where he spent several days visiting his daughter, Mrs. Wheelis, and thoroughly enjoyed every hour of his visit.

W. H. Cowden was in this week from his ranch south, on the Pecos. Gave a very good range report.

McClintic & Sons sold this week to Kansas buyers, 200 coming yearling steers at \$40 around.

Every Day A Bargain Day

You perhaps haven't gotten well acquainted with us yet. That is your misfortune as well as ours. We like the expression:

Every Day a Bargain Day
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For it is so true. We have such a lot of nice things and useful things and things every family must have.

Come around and let's get
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This wonderfully successful tire—
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Michelin believes that most owners of Fords and other small cars are good business men, and as such are willing to pay for an article what it is intrinsically worth.

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A FEW HOURS ON COWDENS RANCH

C. I. Boynton, of the El Paso Livestock Journal, and The Reporterman See Show Herd

Ever once in a while some progressive ranchman comes around to The Reporter office and invites the editor to go out and see his ranch, cattle, etc., and it is a never-failing pleasure to accept, when possible. It was our pleasure, last Monday, to accept such an invitation from G. F. Cowden & Son, and the pleasure was the greater by reason of the company of C. I. Boynton, editor of the Livestock Journal, official organ of the Panhandle & Southwestern Livestock Association, published at El Paso.

We, the four of us, went out in Messrs Cowdens' Super-Six in the forenoon. The 27 miles was made in an hour, and two hours were spent in looking over the ranch and the splendid herd of Angus cattle both registered and pure-bred.

On their 47 sections Messrs. Cowden have about 1500 pure-bred mother cows. How fine they are was a surprise to Editor Boynton. He hardly expected to see such a splendid lot of animals, so many of them and each one bred to so high a degree of purity.

Not so, The Reporterman. We have seen these cattle too often, and know so well how the Cowdens have spared no expense in getting the very best blood of the north that their herds might lack nothing in a comparison with the very best of the type.

Boynton was enthusiastic sure enough when he viewed the show herd, with which these breeders have captured so many royal prizes during the past few years.

The G. F. Cowden & Son's registered herd numbers now about 150 head, but it is their purpose to increase their registrations as the demand for such stuff grows, even, possibly, to the doing away with all but registered classes. And their business continues to grow. Each season the demand for their stuff—so increases that it may be but a few years when their entire product will carry with it, in each individual, a certificate of registration.

FIRST AMERICAN GUN SUNK A SUB

Steamer Mongolia Fired on U-Boat at 1000 Yards and Sent it to The Bottom

All America is proud of the blue-jacket who pointed and fired the first gun of the war of America against Germany. The news comes to us under date, April 25th, by associated press, and told how the American steamship, Mongolia, under Captain Rice, had arrived at a British port with news of the adventure.

The submarine, Captain Rice said, was about to attack the great liner in British waters on April 19th. He declared there was absolutely no doubt that the U-boat was hit and that there was every reason to believe it was destroyed.

The naval gunners on board made a clean hit at 1000 yards. The periscope was seen to be shattered.

Even more pertinent a fact as regards the ultimate fate of the submarine was that the shell disappeared immediately after the hit was made. The captain stated that a shell always ricochets in the water and can be seen again unless it finds the mark.

Oil also was seen on the water after the submarine disappeared. The Mongolia was going at full speed and was a long distance away when the spray and foam subsided, but from the bridge the officers observed the spot through their glasses and they are confident the submarine was sunk.

The periscope was sighted dead ahead on the last afternoon of the voyage. The captain gave the order for full speed ahead with the intention of ramming the submarine.

The periscope disappeared and a few minutes later reappeared on the ship's broadside. The gunners fired, hitting the periscope squarely.

Captain Rice outlined the incident with modesty but could not quite conceal the pride he felt in the achievement of his ship. He paid high tribute to the gunners and especially to the manner in which they were handled by the officers who directed the firing of the telling shot.



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The call has come

to all men of Dressy Age

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It's "Straw Hat Time," and finds us with a collection from which no good style is missing.

We have a Hat for every mans, head and a hat for every pocketbook. Styles are right.

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"The Straw Hatters"

"The submarine was close to us, too close, in fact, for her purpose, and she was submerging again in order to maneuver in a better position for torpedoing us when we sighted her. We saw the periscope go down in the swirl of the water.

"I quickly ordered a man at the wheel to pull to starboard and we swung the nose of the ship toward the spot where the submarine had been seen. We were going at full speed ahead, and two minutes after we first sighted the U-boat, it emerged again about 1000 yards off. Its intention probably had been to catch us broadside on, but when it appeared we had the stern gun trained full on it.

"The lieutenant gave the command and the big guns boomed. We saw the periscope shattered and the shell and the submarine disappeared.

"I can't speak too highly of the cool manner in which the lieutenant handled his crew of gunners. It was a fine exhibition of the efficiency of American naval men. The lieutenant knew before the shell struck the submarine that its aim was accurate. There is no guesswork about it, but a case of pure mathematics.

"Taking the speed at which the Mongolia was traveling at the time and the speed which the submarine would undoubtedly make and computing the figures with the distance we were from the submarine when it was first sighted and when it appeared the second time, it can be shown that the lieutenant had his gun sighted to the inch, and it must be remembered that the whole affair took only two minutes.

"I assure you we did not stop to reconnoiter after the incident, but we steamed away at full speed, for it was not improbable that there was another submarine about. The one I got undoubtedly had been lying on the bottom at this spot, waiting for the ship, and came up when it heard our propellers. I immediately sent a wireless stating that a submarine had been seen.

"That's about all there is to the story, excepting this:

"The gunners had named the guns on board the Mongolia, and the one which got the submarine was called Theodore Roosevelt, so 'Teddy' fired the first gun of the war, after all."

Captain Rice recalled that he came from Allston, Mass., and that the encounter occurred on the date when the Bay State was celebrating the anniversary of the Battle of Lexington.

RANGE STILL GOOD OUT IN NEW MEXICO

G. M. McGonagill and son, Chas., arrived the first of the week from their ranches in New Mexico, near Lovington. The former Mr. McGonagill came to meet his wife and daughter, Miss Anna, who had been visiting in Pecos. All left for home yesterday morning. Messrs. McGonagill report no rain in their section this season, but grass is yet fine and stock of all kinds are in good shape. Neither of these ranchmen fed anything durig the winter, and suffered no loss.

W. H. Graham, accompanied by his wife and baby, were visitors from Andrews the first of the week. Mr. Graham is editor of the Andrews County Times, and gave us a very fair report of general conditions in that section.

HAPPY PARENTS OF A MINIATURE STOCKFARMER

He's just as proud as proud, is C. C. Railley. And who wouldn't be? Of course three little girls in the home are just the sweetest things, but a boy! The youngster arrived last Monday night, and these fond parents we congratulate most heartily. Both mother and child doing beautifully. Railley was down early the next day to buy that boy a saddle.

Steve Baker and Robert Balch, both of whom were recently operated on for appendicitis, are improving rapidly and will soon be out again.

Our esteemed old friend, H. Routh, was a visitor from Andrews early in the week. He paid our office a very pleasant call.

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It will be to your interest to consult us before
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2 gal churn and lid, per gal.	15c
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2 lb butter jars.	10c

JARDINERES FANCY	
7 inch jardineres, each.	35c
9 inch jardineres, each.	50c
10 1/2 inch jardineres, each.	75c
12 inch jardineres, each.	\$1.00
Fern dish, hanging.	75c

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4 inch flower pot with saucer.	15c
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