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EVANGELISTS VISIT THE HIGH SCHOOL

High Compliments are Given to the School After Work of Pupils is Witnessed

Monday morning Rev. G. A. Klein, who is conducting the revival at the Methodist church, visited the high school and made an entertaining and instructive talk. He chose for his subject the necessity of having a dream in one's life. To illustrate his meaning, he discussed the development of a great baseball pitcher who succeeded by being true to his dream and by bending all efforts toward realizing his hope and by persistently overcoming all obstacles that interposed between him and his ambition. He then made definite his purpose of applying his illustration to the work of a young person.

On last Friday morning and again on Wednesday morning, Rev. S. B. Renshaw, who is leading the singing at the meeting, visited the high school and at his first visit entertained the school with several vocal and piano solos. The piano numbers were all his own compositions and were played from manuscript. The skill with which the pieces were played showed Mr. Renshaw to be a pianist of unusual ability and the excellence of the compositions proved the composer to be possessed with a good imagination.

At his second visit Mr. Renshaw gave the students a splendid talk on "Loyalty." He chose for his main point the necessity of being loyal to one's self. A business success was shown to depend on self loyalty, and this fact served to illustrate the truth that all success depends on loyalty to self. Before his talk, Mr. Renshaw heard the school give several songs and selections of poetry, and he complimented this work highly at the conclusion of his remarks, he said that although he had traveled all over the United States and had visited many schools, he had never seen any that could approach in excellence the local school.

Last Friday evening the high school, on invitation of Revs. Klein and Renshaw, attended in a body the meeting at the opera house and gave a short program. Two Hebrew poems were recited in concert and two anthems were sung. The rendition of these numbers elicited much enthusiastic praise from the evangelists. Mr. Klein said before the audience it was worth his while to have come this far west just to see and hear the high school. He said their performance surpassed anything he had ever seen done by a school.

CAPTAIN WALLACE SOLD RANCH SOUTH

Capt. Wm. E. Wallace had practically closed a deal for the sale of his ranch some two weeks ago, but preferred that the matter not be mentioned until all details were adjusted. This was concluded this week, and the purchaser is W. H. Harkley, of Odessa. The ranch, located 20 miles south of Midland, consists of 12 sections of patented land, and is very desirable as a ranching project. Considerations in the deal, at \$8 per acre, aggregate to the rise of \$60,000. Capt. Wallace, we are informed, contemplates an investigation of possibilities in New Mexico and may move his splendid herds somewhere over there. Good luck to him and to the new owner of the Midland ranch.

MRS. C. C. COWDEN DIED FRIDAY NIGHT

The death of Mrs. Clarence C. Cowden, which occurred at Temple, Texas, last Friday night about 10:00 o'clock, was announced in a telephone message received by Abilene relatives at 1:00 o'clock, Saturday morning. Mrs. Cowden, accompanied by her husband, left Abilene Sunday, April 22nd, for Temple where she entered a sanitarium for medical and surgical treatment. On reaching Temple it was found that she was suffering from an enlarged heart, tonsillitis and appendicitis. She was placed under treatment and her physicians removed her tonsils. It was believed that she was doing well, but Friday night during a severe electrical storm which caused her to become somewhat excited, death resulted from heart failure.

She deceased was born in Rising Star, Texas, and was 29 years of age at the time of her death. She was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Rushing, of Plainview, Texas, and is survived by her husband, a little son three years old, Helen, a little girl three years old, Helen; father, mother and several brothers and sisters, all of whom are expected to arrive in Abilene today. She was educated in Simmons College from which institution she and her husband graduated. She was a devoted and consistent Christian, a member of the Baptist church, and loved by all who knew her.

The funeral party consisted of the husband and Miss Annie Cowden, who were joined at Fort Worth by Dr. Millard A. Jenkins and at Weatherford by Mr. and Mrs. Claude Cowden, Mrs. Jno. M. Cowden and Miss Lela Cowden, reached Abilene with the body aboard the Sunshine Special on Saturday at 8:00 p. m.

The funeral was held Sunday afternoon at 3:00 o'clock from the residence of Mrs. C. W. Cowden in College Heights.—Abilene Reporter.

The Midland Reporter wishes to tender sympathy to the bereaved. There are many relatives of deceased's husband in Midland, a number of whom are mentioned in the above report.

HERE TO SUPERINTEND SOME BIG SHIPMENTS

R. Milligan, a former Midland boy, now salesmanager for Clay, Robertson & Company, El Paso, is in Midland this week to superintend some big shipments of cattle for his concern. Among them are 1000 black muley calves, sold by our townsman, Geo. D. Elliott, some weeks ago, and which go to Sioux City, Iowa. Another big string, 2000 head, go to St. Paul, Minn., making up shipments of 65 cars. When his work is concluded here, Mr. Milligan will go to Fort Stockton, where he will receive the Gene McKenzie cattle, about 1500, which will also go to the north.

Among the other cattle shipments of the week, also sales, were 9 cars of steer yearlings, sold to Puckett Bros. by Edwards Bros. and shipped yesterday from Metz to Conlin, Texas; and W. W. Brunson 6 cars of 2-year-old heifers to Puckett Bros., which go to Janes, Texas.

Walter Cowden came home the first of the week from his ranch in Winkler county. Reports a recent purchase out there, adding materially to his holdings. The addition consists of a good bunch of cows and 5,200 acres of land.

TOWN OF FASKEN SOON TO BE OPENED

Matter Will be in Charge of Rufus J. Lackland, a Famous Town Builder

There is perhaps no more famous town builder in all Texas or the great Southwest than Rufus J. Lackland, of Fort Worth. Through his ingenuity many West Texas towns owe their existence, and now he is to promote another, Fasken, 32 miles out on the Midland & Northwestern, the new road now being built out from Midland to Seminole.

Mr. Lackland was in Midland this week, when he closed a contract with David Fasken and others interested. Soon Mr. Lackland and his brother will be in Midland, and The Reporter will give such details and definite information as may be required in later issues.

In the meantime Fasken is magnificently located. It is in the heart of a splendid belt of both agricultural and stockraising country, and there is little reason why it should not make, and soon, a substantial, important West Texas town.

The new road is rapidly approaching the Fasken townsite now. It is on its 20th mile out from Midland, and it is definitely assured that steel will be laid even beyond Fasken ere the excursion is pulled off which will be the opening of the new town.

Some delay in road construction has been realized this week on account of a lack of ties, but, as stated, they are 20 miles out and it will not take long to build on to Fasken.

This week another engine was received by the Midland & Northwestern and the road is now well fixed in rolling stock.

IS NEW STENOGRAPHER FOR HENRY M. HALFF

We welcome to Midland E. L. Trimble, who arrived this week from Dallas. The young man comes as stenographer for Henry M. Halff, and may be instrumental in facilitating Mr. Halff's plans to re-organize our commercial club or Chamber of Commerce and hurrying our efforts to promote the 1917 fair. He is a clever, young fellow, businesslike, and of pleasing address, and we heartily wish him success in his efforts. In the meantime, let's talk up our commercial club. Midland needs it badly, our fair association needs it woefully. Let's get up a little steam. We need to.

Had we a good, live commercial club, it is possible our cattlemen would already have been relieved of our distressing car shortage. A town, now-a-days, is almost a dead one without a commercial organization of some sort. Midland has absolutely nothing of the kind.

Dr. Wm. Blass, veterinary surgeon, is a new citizen of Midland, and, like a good citizen should, one of his first steps was to subscribe for his home paper. The doctor has been engaged for some time treating a lot of cow ponies at "5WLS" ranch.

R. S. Hill, a Martin county stockman, was with us Monday for a few hours on business. His range report, except for the dry weather, was very fair.

E. L. Haag, merchant of Andrews, was with us yesterday to load out with supplies. He is a brother of our townsman, Attorney B. Frank Haag.

MIDLAND COWMEN CAN GET RELIEF

T. & P. Can be Forced to Furnish Cars for the Prompt Shipment of Livestock

Within the past few weeks Midland stockmen have been provoked and inconvenienced beyond expression because of the failure of the T. & P. railroad to furnish cars for the shipment of cattle. We do not know what is the matter with the railroad company. We know, though, that there is a remedy. We know, too, that Midland is suffering great financial loss as a result of this neglect by the T. & P., and we know that steps should be taken to apply the remedy.

The law provides a penalty for such neglect. We dislike, extremely, to arraign the great T. & P. railroad company, but we cannot understand its attitude toward the people. The law, in effect, says upon tendering to a carrier, of the class of the T. & P., the price of shipping it must furnish cars to the maximum number of 12 within three days of the order, same to be made in writing, from 12 to 50 cars within six days, and from 50 cars up within 10 days; and the penalty is \$25 per car per day. It must be understood, however, that the same penalty applies to the stockman upon his failure to comply with the specifications of his own order.

This would be relief, however, and Midland stockmen are fully justified in applying the remedy.

The town of Midland suffers as a result of this condition. Stockmen have become utterly disgusted with trying to induce the T. & P. to handle their stuff, and, at great loss to themselves and infinite trouble, they are driving their herds to the Santa Fe north and the Santa Fe and Orient south; and the Santa Fe is handling promptly everything that comes its way. This means a great trade loss to Midland.

No longer than this week Jones & Ragsdale, ranching 25 miles south of Midland, started a herd of 20 carloads for Lamesa, driving them right by us. For a month, we are informed, they have tried to get service from the T. & P., but had to give up in disgust. Dozens of other stockmen are likewise inconvenienced, and it has come to pass that a stockman within ten miles of us north positively refuses to come to Midland unless his contract happens to call for delivery at Midland, and even then they frequently get this clause changed.

Midland is up against it. We have heard stockmen say that more than half a million dollars' worth of cattle have gone to other points for shipment on account of this condition. It is outrageous. Saying nothing of the loss and inconvenience to stockmen, it is a matter of utmost concern to our business men, and The Reporter suggests that they hold a meeting at once to devise some plan whereby they can obtain some measure of relief.

NOW IN CHARGE OF HIS OWN BUSINESS

The company part of Henry Stillwell & Company is M. F. Armstrong, Mr. Armstrong, until this week, has been employed by the Wadley-Patterson Company, and has resigned to assume the duties of his own business. He is a clever young business man, and we wish him greater success under the new association. The two young men are brothers-in-law, and both have had considerable experience.

RECRUITING OFFICER HERE FROM EL PASO

H.W. Johnson of El Paso, recruiting officer for the U. S. army, and other branches of the service, arrived here yesterday from El Paso, to be with us today and tomorrow, to give such of our boys as desire an opportunity to volunteer.

At 10 o'clock this morning none had volunteered. Within 10 days, however, there is little doubt but what the conscription by selection bill will be in force and Midland will contribute her quota to the defense of the nation. In other places thousands of boys are volunteering, rather than to be conscripted, and we are a bit ashamed that none from Midland, or few at least, propose to go until they have to.

We have confirmation of the report that Chas. Klapproth and Wilber Wimberly, two Midland boys who have been away at school, have volunteered and have gone to the officers' training camps at Leon Springs.

Young Klapproth is a German, though American born, and a son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Klapproth, this city, both born in Germany. They, we understand, are well pleased to have their son take up arms in defense of America and freedom.

Young Wimberly is a son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Wimberly, of this city. He, too, is a clever young man, and we predict for them splendid careers should they be pressed into the activities of this great world war.

MEXICAN KILLED LAST SATURDAY MORNING

Last Saturday morning, at about 2 or 3 o'clock, out at the first station on the Midland & Northwestern, Thaxter, an affray took place between two Mexicans, in the railroad camps. Emil Cardenas shot to death Juan Roderiges, using a .45 six-shooter. Three shots were fired and each took effect. Sheriff Bradford, accompanied by Dulaney Ward, captured the slayer at Warfield the next morning, and lodged him in jail to await action by the grand jury. Roderiges died Saturday afternoon about 5 o'clock.

FARMERS' INSTITUTE MET AT COTTON FLAT

The Midland County Farmers' Institute held a very interesting meeting at the Montgomery school house last Friday afternoon, at which time there was organized the Cotton Flat Boys' Maize Club of Midland County, with the following members:

Frank Ward, chairman; O. Z. Flood, vice chairman; Bill Countiss, secretary; Newton Locklar, Steve Ward, Jimmie Locklar, William Oliff, J. V. Flood.

In the evening we organized a Cotton Flat Live-at-Home Club. Mr. C. C. Railey, president of the institute, delivered a very interesting address at both the afternoon and evening sessions.

The institute will meet again at Cotton Flat on the fourth Saturday in May, and we are looking forward to another very interesting meeting. The institute will meet at Prairie Lee School House on Friday afternoon, May 11th, at which time we will endeavor to organize a local in the Prairie Lee community, and trust that all the farmers in that vicinity will meet with us on that day, at 4 o'clock p. m. Bert Ramsay, Secretary.

Bob Puckett, an old-time Midland boy, was with us this week from his place near Portales, N. M.

MEETING TO CLOSE NEXT SUNDAY NIGHT

Has Continued For Three Weeks and Results are Highly Pleading in Spiritual Uplift

Evangelist Klein and Singer Renshaw have now labored in Midland for three weeks, earnestly, untiringly striving to interest the unsaved in the way of salvation. Nor have their efforts been in vain. How great numerically their success has been will not be known until next Sunday night, when the meeting will be brought to a close.

There will be services at the church again tonight; none, however, tomorrow morning nor tomorrow night, and the last sermons and the last songs by these two workers will be rendered at the services Sunday morning and Sunday night.

The devoted pastor, Rev. J. W. Cowan, too, has worked indefatigably for the success of the meeting, and every soul that has been saved has been a joy to him that knows no bounds. Little less may be said of the efforts of many devoted Christian people, not only of the Methodist church, but of other denominations, who have encouraged the work by their presence and earnest activities.

From first to last Midland has profited by the meeting immeasurably. The messages of Dr. Klein have reached many hearts that had grown cold, while the sweet songs of Mr. Renshaw, assisted by a faithful choir, have intensified the spiritual fervor that abides in the souls of those who have listened with purpose, and they rejoice and are glad as amongst the redeemed in Christ.

THOUSAND EXPERTS BY DENTON C. I. A.

At the close of school on May 30th, according to a statement from Denton, Texas, the State College of Industrial Arts they will send out one thousand young women equipped to take the lead, or assist, in community work for the conservation of food and clothing in Texas.

The action is in recognition of the present war crisis, it is said, and in strong co-operation with the State's proposed conservation campaign. The splendidly equipped laboratories of the C. I. A. have been turned over to the emergency classes until the close of school, and every student in the college has been required to take one or more emergency courses, dropping one regular course. These courses are provided in four departments and the young women will be prepared by summer to give practical instruction in the preparation of cheap and nutritive foods, meat substitutes, for which there is expected to be a great need, war breads, using a minimum of wheat flour (of which there will be a minimum available), the care and repair of clothing, dyeing and remaking garments, canning fruits, meats and vegetables, raising summer gardens and summer poultry, care of the sick, and the preparation of relief boxes for the American Red Cross.

As there are representatives from almost every county and from every part of the State in the C. I. A., it is expected that the emergency trained recruits from that college will be big factors in the conservation campaign in the State this coming summer.

Midland County has four girls in the C. I. A. this year, Misses Carabel Elkin, Lula Elkin, Tennie Florey and Beulah Trammel.—Irene M. Davidson.

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- One Reseda Green Kahkai-Kool Silk Suit that was priced at \$29.75, offered for \$16.85
- One, size 40 Black Taffeta Suit that was priced at \$29.50 to close at..... \$16.75
- One sand colored Taffeta Suit that was priced at \$23.75, to close at..... \$13.50
- One, size 16 wool Poplin Suit, in Jack Rose, was priced at \$19.75, offered at..... \$12.75
- One wool Poplin Suit, in Chartruese, size 18, that was priced at \$24.75, will be sold for..... \$13.95
- One Wool Poplin Suit, Navy, stitched in Gold, size 36, that was priced for \$19.75, will be sold for..... \$12.75
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OUR KANSAS CITY MARKET REPORT

Correspondent Rickart Notes Strong Prices Generally With Top Steers at \$12.40

At Kansas City last Monday, April 30th, cattle receipts were 10,000, steers weak in spots, otherwise the market was strong, top \$12.40. Hog supply was 10,000, market steady to 10 lower, top \$15.85. Sheep and lambs sold to 40 higher, lambs with wet fleece at \$16.90, receipts 5,000.

Beef Cattle
The supply of pulp fed steers was only one-half as heavy today as on recent Monday's, and there will be few of that class after this week. Best natives here sold at \$12.40, prime steers worth up to \$12.75, short fed steers \$10.25 to \$11.75, a certain kind of steers to killers down to \$9. Pulp steers did not average as good quality as usual today, sales mostly at \$11.65 to \$12.25. A few advance ship-

ments from North Texas sold in the quarantine division at \$10 to \$10.40, weights around 1100 lbs., some 922 lb. Oklahoma steers in that division today at \$9.90. Bulls sell up to \$10.25, quarantine bulls \$9, cows \$10.50, veils \$13. April receipts show a good increase over last April at all markets, due to forced marketing, and receipts are expected to drop off in May.

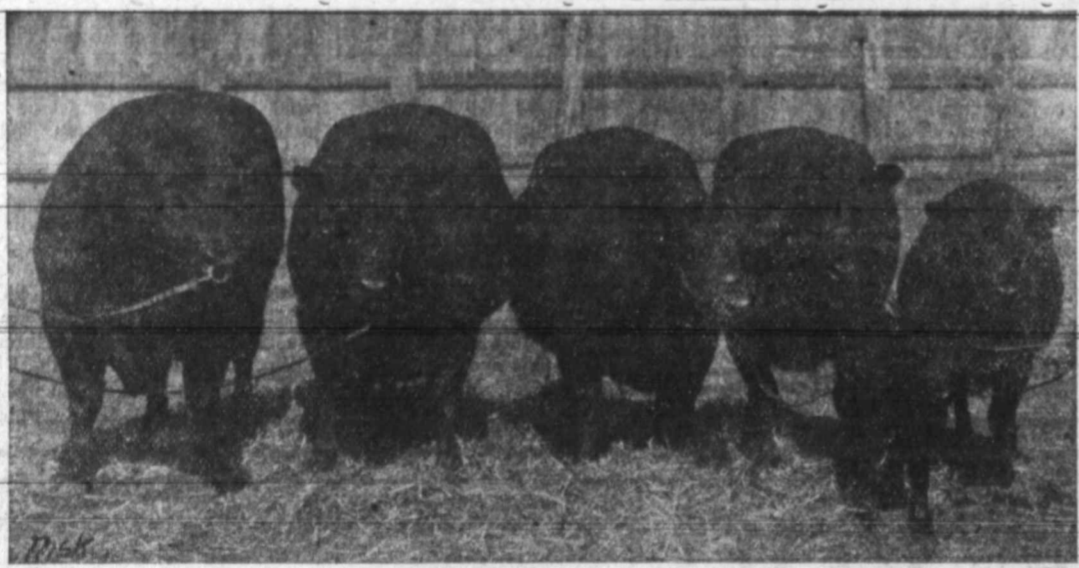
Stockers and Feeders
The war situation gives all futures a bullish stimulus, but not many cattle are wanted for immediate feeding, a few sales at \$9.60 to \$10, some near fat steers around \$11, stock steers \$8 to \$10, stock cows and heifers \$7.25 to \$10, fancy bred heifers and calves up to \$11.50.

Hogs
Receipts are insufficient for the demand, but packers are determined to keep some sort of control over the market, and fight for concessions every day. A good order demand makes their task hard. Shippers paid \$15.85 early today, packers top \$15.80, medium weights mostly \$15.30 to \$15.65, light weights \$14.80 to \$15.40, pigs \$12 to \$14. Receipts today include two car loads from California, Arizona, New Mexico and Texas,

besides shipments from nearby states. Missouri hogs brought the top price. Packers will be unable to accumulate any considerable stock of provisions in May and June, as is their custom, which apparently means that they will have to operate on a hand to mouth basis during the summer and fall months, putting the situation almost completely into the hands of sellers.

Sheep and Lambs
The law of supply and demand is operating without restriction in the sheep house, prices 25 to 40 higher today, and nearly a dollar above a week ago. A drizzling rain added weight to pelts, yet woolled lambs sold at \$16.60 to \$16.90, ewes worth \$13.00 to \$13.75, clipped ewes around \$11.50, clipped lambs today \$13.40, spring lambs recently at \$15.75 to \$16. Goats sold to killers today at \$3.60. Texas is shipping nothing, and the feed lots are about emptied in every section.

J. A. Rickart,
Market Correspondent
Dr. J. Frank Clark made a visit to Fort Stockton last Saturday returning the first of this week.



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It is well known by all music lovers that Miss Gardner holds a commanding position among the concert contraltos of America. On the eve of entering into an engagement at the Imperial Opera of Vienna, she was compelled to leave Europe where she had studied for a number of years in Paris with Lloyd D'Aubigne, the noted vocal instructor. Returning to her native country, Miss Gardner soon attracted the attention of the metropolitan critics by the unusual qualities of her voice and her popularity has been increasing rapidly ever since. Today she is acknowledged to be one of the leading young contraltos of this country and she has received the warmest praise of music critics in the majority of the prominent musical centers of America. In addition to a voice of rare and beautiful quality, Miss Gardner is prepossessing in appearance and has a highly attractive personality.

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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.

SMITH BROTHERS TO INDUCE PATRIOTISM

Patriotism is not lacking in Midland, by a long shot. You can hear as much talk about the war here as in any other town the size, and a lot of fellows—among whom is The Reporter—tell what they would do if it wasn't for this, that and the other thing, but to date there seems so many things to keep us all at home. Smith Bros., Main street grocers, this week, however, departed a bit from the usual order in offering to pay the salaries of any or all of their clerks who would volunteer for service, and guarantee their jobs back upon their return. The offer guarantees their salaries for the time of their army service. No takers are reported.

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.

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Teddy, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Brown, was seriously hurt one day last week, out at the ranch. A horse kicked him in the side and the young man sustained three broken ribs and other bruises. Added to his injuries he is now suffering of measles. We hope he may soon be well again.

**MILLIONS OF MEN
OF FIGHTING AGE**

If Necessity Demanded The United States Could Muster 22 Million Between 18 and 44

According to census figures there are more than 22 million men of military age in the United States. Of these about one-half are unmarried. The approximate distribution of the estimated male population, 18 to 44, inclusive, January 1st, 1916, according to age groups, is as follows:

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25 to 29	4,687,369
30 to 34	4,038,418
35 to 39	3,719,596
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The above information, which is authoritative, was handed in to us by J. R. Wade, who took it from a recent issue of the Kansas City Star. We glean from it a good deal of satisfaction. Germany, to clean up on our bunch, would have a bigger job than she has had to date, granting, of course, that we have time to train. At the same time there is no telling what drains may be made upon American manhood, to say nothing of other resources, ere the world knows peace again.

WAS CALLED TO THE DEATH BED OF BROTHER

J. H. Barron was called to Tyler last week to the death-bed of his brother, W. H. Barron, who died at that place from a stroke of paralysis. The Reporter deeply sympathizes with Mr. Barron in his bereavement. Ere returning Mr. Barron will visit at Marlin and Mineral Wells.

**FIRE LOSS GREAT
ECONOMIC PROBLEM**

One of The Greatest Factors of America in Causing "The High Cost of Living"

To The Reporter:
The problem of getting a sufficient quantity of food and raiment popularly known as "The High Cost of Living," has reached a stage more acute than at any time since the war between the States. In all the discussions of this subject, and among the various theories and arguments advanced in explanation of the high prices for all the necessities of life, there is one influence which has played an important part in making high prices under present world conditions, which is seldom mentioned in that relation. We speak of the influence of America's excessive fire waste.

We take up our morning paper, have a seat at the breakfast table, and, while waiting for our toast, breakfast bacon and hot cakes, scan the headlines for the important news of the day. Among other things, we note that a grain elevator has burned, consuming several hundred thousand bushels of wheat, corn and oats. We also note a long list of fires in which grocery stores have been consumed, warehouses and barns have been burned, and thousands of bales of cotton destroyed, all of which subtracts from the supply of commodities necessary for the sustenance of both man and beast. But, notwithstanding our attention is daily called to these losses, aggregating millions of dollars annually we have permitted our mental processes to stop short of establishing any relation between such waste and the cost of our toast, bacon and cakes, or any other article which we consume. It is a simple process of reasoning from the cause to effect to understand that where a considerable quantity of a necessary article is destroyed, the price of the remainder of such article must be advanced in proportion to the quantity destroyed, in order to maintain the equilibrium of the law of supply and demand.

Perhaps our failure to associate the high cost of living and fire waste, partially, if not wholly due to that subtle sentence so frequently found in fire reports, "Loss Fully Covered by Insurance." Here again our reasoning conclusion. Had we permitted ourselves to examine the matter analytically, we would have discovered that insurance never has, and never can, add to the necessities of life a single grain of wheat, pound of meat, or thread of clothing, and, furthermore, the word, "loss" in the sentence above quoted, would come to have a double meaning because, we would find out that the "Loss Fully Covered by Insurance" is the peoples' loss, a portion of which must be borne by every individual consumer. The word "loss," therefore, does not only mean the destruction of property, created wealth and the necessities of life, but it also means that every consumer will be called upon to make good that loss in a financial way, by increasing the cost of the articles consumed. It is undoubtedly true that the American people, through carelessness and ignorance with respect to fire are contributing very materially to the high cost of living. These contributions can be checked and some relief given by the practice of intelligent fire prevention; and the bringing of these facts to the attention of our people must devolve largely upon municipal officials. We earnestly appeal to every mayor, fire chief and fire marshal in this State to put forth greater efforts than ever before to educate the people to keep removed fire breeding agencies, and unsafe conditions, in an endeavor to reduce preventable fires, and thereby, in some measure, reduce the high cost of living.

Respectfully,
S. W. English, State Fire Marshal

**BIG RANCH DEAL
IN ANDREWS COUNTY**

Barnett Bros. were in Midland this week from Andrews County, where in the past they have been known amongst the prominent stockmen of that section. They have sold out. Joe Jay was the purchaser and the deal aggregates \$300,000, and consists of 21 school sections and 700 head of stock cattle. We were pleased also to enroll Messrs. Barnett as subscribers to The Reporter.

NOTICE
To Ford Owners:
In the future we are compelled to request all buyers of parts and accessories to pay cash. We cannot handle our large assortment on a credit basis.
We Must Have The Cash
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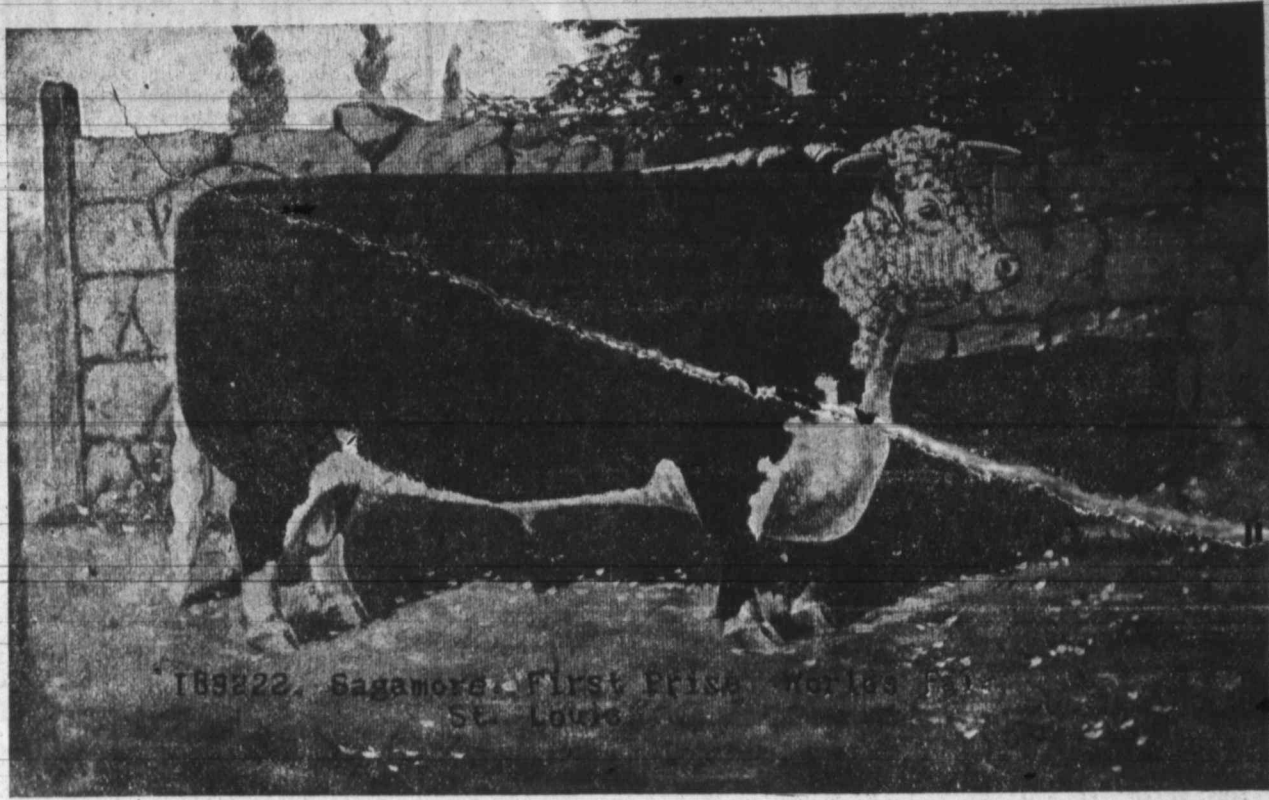
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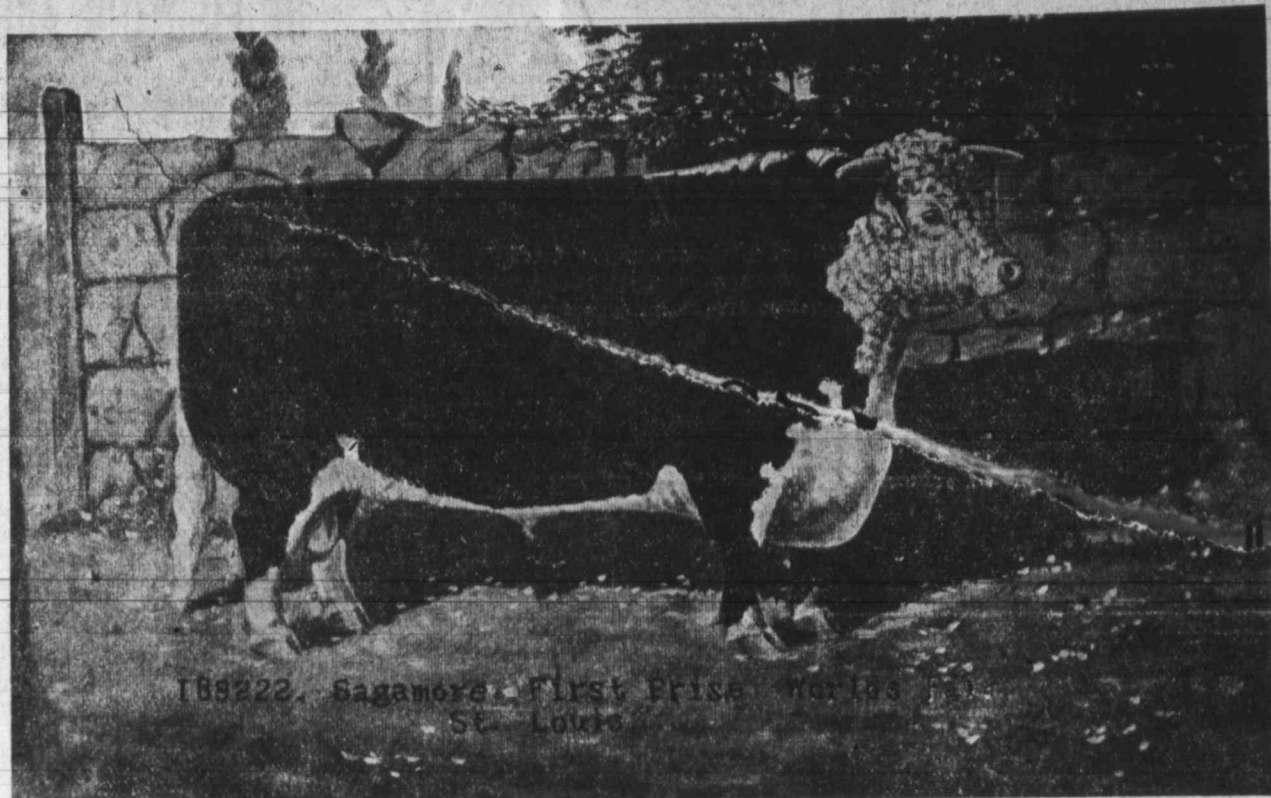
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Full line of Velvetina Toilet Articles. New merchandise will be added during the month at special Prices.

Our full stock of merchandise will be priced special as follows:

All Trimmed Hats at 1-2 Price

excepting the white and black hats of the present demand which will be priced special as follows: \$3.50 up to \$10.00. A beautiful showing at these special prices. This line will appeal to the Girl Graduates.



Children's Hats

You have a full stock to select from and at special prices.



Beautiful Summer Dresses

at special prices. This is an unusual opportunity to purchase a dress at such a reasonable price, considering the handsome materials and late styles employed in their make.

Summer's New and Stylish Skirts Just Received

Skirts of Khaki Kool, Taffeta, Satin, and Novelty Silks. The prices are very low considering the handsome materials and styles that a trip here for skirts alone would pay for itself.

THE LADIE'S STORE



Frolaset
PRONOUNCED FRO-LA-SAY
Front Corsets Laced

The odds in styles and sizes on sale as follows:

If you find your size and style you get a great bargain.

- One corset, medium bust, size 22, \$5.00, now \$2.50
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One corset, medium bust, size 32, \$6.50, now \$3.00
One corset, medium bust, size 30, \$6.50, now \$3.00
One corset, silk tape side, size 22, \$8.50, now \$4.50
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One corset, medium brocade, size 25, \$30.00, now \$15.00

Our Terms are Cash.

President Wilson's War Message to Congress, April 2nd, 1917

Reproduction of a pamphlet just gotten out by this office for the Midland National Bank, to be used in free distribution among the bank's friends and customers.

THE ADDRESS

GENTLEMEN OF THE CONGRESS: I have called the Congress into extraordinary session because there are serious, very serious, choices of policy to be made, and made immediately, which it was neither right nor constitutionally permissible that I should assume the responsibility of making.

On the third of February last I officially laid before you the extraordinary announcement of the Imperial German Government that on and after the first day of February it set on and set on a course to sink all our merchant ships and to use its submarines to sink every vessel that sought to approach either the western coast of Europe or any ports controlled by the enemies of Germany within the Mediterranean. That had seemed to be the object of the German submarine warfare earlier in the war, but since April of last year the Imperial Government had somewhat restrained the commanders of its undersea craft in conformity with its promise then given to us that passenger boats should not be sunk and that due warning would be given to all other vessels which its submarines might seek to destroy, when no resistance was offered or escape attempted, and care taken that their crews were given at least a fair chance to save their lives in their own boats. The precautions taken were meagre and haphazard enough, as was proved in distressing instances after the progress of the cruel and unmanly business, but a certain degree of restraint was observed. The new policy has swept every restriction aside. Vessels of every kind, whatever their flag, their character, their cargo, their destination, their errand, have been ruthlessly sent to the bottom without warning and without thought of help or mercy for those on board, the vessels of friendly neutrals along with those of belligerents. Even hospital ships and ships carrying relief to the sorely bereaved and stricken people of Belgium, though the latter were provided with safe conduct through the proscribed areas by the German Government itself, have been distinguished by unmistakable marks of identity, have been sunk with the same reckless lack of compassion or of principle.

I was for a little while unable to believe that such things would in fact be done by any government that had hitherto subscribed to the humane practices of civilized nations. International law had its origin in the attempt to set up some law which would be respected and observed upon the seas, where no nation had right of dominion and where the free highways of the world, by peaceful seas after stages that had been built up, with meagre enough results, indeed, after all was accomplished, could be accomplished, but always with a clear view, at least, of what the heart and conscience of mankind demanded. This minimum of right the German Government has swept aside under the plea of retaliation and necessity and because it had no weapons which it could use at sea except those which it is impossible to control as it is employing them without throwing to the winds all scruples of humanity or of respect for the understandings that were supposed to underlie the intercourse of the world. I am not now thinking of the loss of property, involved, immense and serious as that is, but only of the wanton and wholesale destruction of the lives of non-combatants, men, women and children, engaged in pursuits which have always, even in the darkest periods of modern history, been deemed innocent and legitimate. Property can be paid for; the lives of peaceful and innocent people cannot be. The present German submarine warfare against commerce is a warfare against mankind.

It is a war against all nations. American ships have been sunk, American lives taken, in ways which it has stirred us very deeply to learn of, but the ships and people of other neutral and friendly nations have been sunk

and overwhelmed in the waters in the same way. There has been no discrimination. The challenge is to all mankind. Each nation must decide for itself how it will meet it. The choice we make for ourselves must be made with a moderation of council and a temperateness of judgment befitting our character and our motives as a nation. We must not be excited feeling away. Our motive will not be revenge or the victorious assertion of the physical might of the nation, but only the vindication of right, of human right, of which we are only a single champion.

When I addressed the Congress on the 26th of February last, I thought that it would suffice to assert our neutral rights with arms, our right to use the seas against unlawful interference, our right to keep our people safe against unlawful violence. But armed neutrality, it now appears, is impracticable. Because submarines are in effect oceans when used as the German submarines have been used against merchant shipping, it is impossible to defend ships against their attacks as the law of nations has assumed that merchantmen would defend themselves against privateers or cruisers, visible craft giving chase upon the open sea. It is common prudence in such circumstances, grim necessity indeed, to endeavor to destroy them before they have shown their own intention. They must be dealt with upon sight, if dealt with at all. The German Government denies the right of neutrals to use arms at all within the areas of the sea which it has proscribed, even in the defense of rights which no modern publicist has ever before questioned their right to defend. The intimation is conveyed that the armed guards which we have placed on our merchant ships will be treated as beyond the pale of law and subject to be dealt with as pirates would be. Armed neutrality is ineffectual enough at best; in such circumstances and in the face of such pretensions it is worse than ineffectual; it is likely only to produce what it was meant to prevent; it is practically certain to draw us into the war without either rights or the effectiveness of belligerents. There is one choice we cannot make, we are incapable of making; we will not choose the path of submission and suffer the most sacred rights of our nation and our people to be ignored or violated. The wrongs against which we now array ourselves are no common wrongs; they cut to the very roots of human life.

With a profound sense of the solemn and even tragic character of the step I am taking and of the grave responsibilities which it involves, but in unhesitating obedience to what I deem my constitutional duty, I advise that the Congress declare the recent course of the Imperial German Government to be in fact nothing less than war against the government and people of the United States; that it formally accept the status of belligerent which has thus been thrust upon it; and that it take immediate steps not only to put the country in a more thorough state of defense but also to exert all its power and employ all its resources to bring the Government of the German Empire to terms and end the war.

What this will involve is clear. It will involve the utmost practicable co-operation in counsel and action with the governments now at war with Germany, and, as incident to that, the extension to those governments of the most liberal financial credits, in order that our resources may so far as possible be added to theirs. It will involve the organization and mobilization of all the material resources of the country to supply the materials of war and serve the incidental needs of the nation in the most abundant and yet the most economical and efficient way possible. It will involve the immediate full equipment of the navy in all respects but particularly in supplying it with the best means of dealing with the enemy's submarines. It will involve the immediate addition to the armed forces of the United States already provided for by law in case of war at least five hundred thousand men, who should in my opinion be chosen upon the principle of universal liability to service, and also the authorization of subsequent additional increments of equal force so soon as they may be needed and can be handled in training. It will involve, of course, the granting of adequate cred-

its to the Government, sustained, I hope, so far as they can equitably be sustained by the present generation, by well conceived taxation.

I say sustained so far as may be equitable by taxation because it seems to me that it would be most unwise to base the credits which will now be necessary entirely on money borrowed. It is our duty, I most respectfully urge, to protect our people so far as we may against the very serious hardships and evils which would be likely to arise out of the inflation which would be produced by vast loans.

In carrying out the measures by which these things are to be accomplished we should keep constantly in mind the wisdom of interference as little as possible in our own preparation and in the equipment of our own military forces with the duty, for it will be very practical duty, of supplying the nations already at war with Germany with the materials which they can obtain only from us or by our assistance. They are in the field and we should help them in every way to be effective there.

I shall take the liberty of suggesting, through the several executive departments of the Government, for the consideration of your committees, measures for the accomplishment of several objects I have mentioned. I hope that it will be your pleasure to deal with them as having been framed after very careful thought by the branch of the Government upon which the responsibility of conducting the war and safeguarding the nation will most directly fall.

While we do these things, these deeply momentous things, let us be very clear, and make very clear to all the world what our motives and our objects are. My own thought has not been driven from its habitual and normal course by the unhappy events of the last two months, and I do not believe that the thought of the nation has been altered or clouded by them. I have exactly the same things in mind now that I had in mind when I addressed the Senate on the twenty-second of January last; the same that I had in mind when I addressed the Congress on the third of February and on the twenty-sixth of February. Our object now, as then, is to vindicate the principles of peace and justice in the life of the world as against selfish and autocratic power and to set up amongst the really free and self-governed peoples of the world such a concert of purpose and of action as will henceforth ensure the observance of those principles. Neutrality is no longer feasible or desirable where the peace of the world is involved and the freedom of its peoples, and the menace to that peace and freedom lies in the existence of autocratic governments which are controlled wholly by their will, not by the will of their people. We have seen the last of neutrality in such circumstances. We are at the beginning of an age in which it will be insisted that the same standards of conduct and of responsibility for wrong done shall be observed among nations and their governments that are observed among the individual citizens of civilized states.

We have no quarrel with the German people. We have no feeling towards them but one of sympathy and friendship. It was not upon their impulse that their government acted in entering this war. It was not with their previous knowledge or approval. It was a war determined upon as was used to be determined upon in the old, unhappy days when peoples were provoked and waged in the interest of dynasties or of little groups of ambitious men who were accustomed to use their fellow men as pawns and tools. Self-governed nations do not fill their neighbor states with spies or set the course of intrigue to bring about some critical posture of affairs which will give them an opportunity to strike and make conquest. Such designs can be successfully worked out only under cover and where no one has the right to ask questions. Cunningly contrived plans of deception or aggression, carried, it may be, from generation to generation, can be worked out and kept from the light only within the privacy of courts or behind the carefully guarded confidences of a narrow and privileged class. They are happily impossible where public opinion commands and insists upon full information concerning all the nation's affairs.

A steadfast concert for peace can never be maintained except by a partnership of democratic nations. No autocratic government can be trusted to keep faith within it or observe its covenants. It must be a league of honor, a partnership of opinion. Iniquity would eat its vitals away; the plotting of inner circles who could plan what they would and render account to no one would be a corruption seated at its very heart. Only free peoples can hold their purpose and their honour steady to a common end and prefer the interests of mankind to any narrow interest of their own.

Does not every American feel that assurance has been added to our hope for the future peace of the world by the wonderful and heartening things that have been happening within the last few weeks in Russia? Russia was known by those who knew it best to have been always in fact democratic at heart. In all the vital habits of her thought, in all the intimate relationships of her people that spoke their natural instinct, their habitual attitude towards life, the autocracy that crowned the summit of her political structure, long as it had stood and terrible as was the reality of its power, was not in fact Russian in origin, character, or purpose; and now it has been shaken off and the great, generous Russian people have been added in all their native majesty and might to the forces that are fighting for freedom in the world, for justice, and for peace. Here is a fit partner for a League of Nations.

One of the things that has served to convince us that the Prussian autocracy was not and could never be our friend is that from the very outset of the present war it has filled our unsuspecting communities and even our offices of government with spies and set criminal intrigues everywhere against our nation, at unity of counsel, our peace within and without, our industries and our commerce. Indeed it is now evident that its spies were here even before the war began; and it is unhappily not a matter of conjecture but a fact proved in our courts of justice that the intrigues which have more than once come perilously near to disturbing the peace and dislocating the industries of the country have been carried on at the instigation, with the support, and even under the personal direction of official agents of the Imperial Government accredited to the Government of the United States. Even in checking these things and trying to extirpate them we have sought to put the most generous interpretation possible upon them because we knew that their source lay, not in any hostile feeling or purpose of the German people towards us (who were, no doubt, as ignorant of them as we ourselves were), but only in the selfish designs of a Government that did what it pleased and told its people nothing. But they have played their part in serving to convince us at last that that Government entertains no real friendship for us and means to act against our peace and security at its convenience. That it means to stir up enemies against us at our very doors the intercepted note to the German Minister at Mexico City is eloquent evidence.

We are accepting this challenge of hostile purpose because we know that in such a government, following such methods, we can never have a friend; and that in the presence of its organized power, always lying in wait to accomplish we know not what purpose, there can be no assured security for the democratic governments of the world. We are now about to accept gaze of battle with this natural foe to liberty and shall, if necessary, spend the whole force of the nation to check and nullify its pretensions and its power. We are glad, now that we see the facts with no veil of false pretence about them, to fight thus for the ultimate peace of the world and for the liberation of its peoples, the German peoples included; for the rights of men everywhere to choose their way of life and of obedience. The world must be made safe for democracy. Its peace must be planted upon the tested foundations of political liberty. We have no selfish ends to serve. We desire no conquest, no dominion. We seek no indemnities for ourselves, no material compensation for the sacrifices we shall freely make. We are but one of the champions of the rights

of mankind. We shall be satisfied when those rights have been made as secure as the faith and the freedom of nations can make them.

Just because we fight without rancor and without selfish object, seeking nothing for ourselves but what we shall wish to share with all free peoples, we shall, I feel confident, conduct our operations as belligerents without passion and ourselves observe with proud punctilio the principles of right and of fair play we profess to be fighting for.

I have said nothing of the governments allied with the Imperial Government of Germany because they have not made war upon us or challenged us to defend our right and our honor. The Austro-Hungarian Government has, indeed, avowed its unqualified endorsement and acceptance of the reckless and lawless submarine warfare adopted now without disguise by the Imperial German Government and it has therefore not been possible for this Government to receive Count Tarnowski, the Ambassador, recently accredited to this Government by the Imperial and Royal Government of Austria-Hungary; but that Government has not actually engaged in warfare against citizens of the United States on the seas, and I take the liberty, for the present at least, of postponing a discussion of our relations with the authorities at Vienna. We enter this war only where we are clearly forced into it because there are no other means of defending our rights.

It will be all the easier for us to conduct ourselves as belligerents in a high spirit of right and fairness because we act without animus, not in enmity towards a people or with the desire to bring any injury or disadvantage upon them, but only in armed opposition to an irresponsible government which has thrown aside all considerations of humanity and of right and is running amuck. We are, let me say again, the sincere friends of the German people, and shall desire nothing so much as the early re-establishment of intimate relations of mutual advantage between us—however hard it may be for them, for the time being, to believe that this is spoken from our hearts. We have borne with their present government through all these bitter months because of that friendship—exercising a patience and forbearance which would otherwise have been impossible. We shall, happily, still have an opportunity to prove that friendship in our daily attitude and actions towards the millions of men and women of German birth and native sympathy who live amongst us and share our life, and we shall be proud to prove it towards all who are in fact loyal to their neighbors and to the Government in the hour of test. They are most of them, as true and loyal Americans as if they had never known any other fealty or allegiance. They will be prompt to stand with us in rebuking and restraining the few who may be of a different mind and purpose. If there should be disloyalty, it will be dealt with with a firm hand of stern repression; but, if it lifts its head at all, it will lift it only here and there and without countenance except from a lawless and malignant few.

It is a distressing and oppressive duty, gentlemen of the Congress, which I have performed in thus addressing you. There are, it may be, many months of fiery trial and sacrifice ahead of us. It is a fearful thing to lead this great peaceful people into war, into the most terrible and disastrous of all wars, civilization itself seeming to be in the balance. But the right is more precious than peace, and we shall fight for the things which we have always carried nearest our hearts—for democracy, for the right of those who submit to authority to have a voice in their own governments, for the rights and liberties of small nations, for a universal dominion of right by such a concert of free peoples as shall bring peace and safety to all nations and make the world itself at last free. To such a task we can dedicate our lives and our fortunes, everything that we are and everything that we have, with the pride of those who know that the day has come when America is privileged to spend her blood and her might for the principles that gave her birth and happiness and the peace which she has treasured. God helping her, she can do no other.

J. D. Shumake, sheriff of Upton county, was in Midland Wednesday, accompanied by his wife and Miss Willie O'Bryan. They were here to visit friends and do some shopping.

Miss Carrie Moseley, a former teacher of Midland and now of Fort Worth, is here this week visiting many friends, all of whom are glad to welcome her again.

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—All of Block 133, S. A. to the town of Midland. Under paling fence, 7-room house, city water, cistern, 7 hydrants, two lots. Garden with picket and wire fence; barn, garage, and all necessary outbuildings. R. E. Crowey, Box 143, Midland, Texas. 30-4tpd

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-tf

FOR SALE—Two lots next to the square. Very desirable for residence, close in. Phone 132. adv 24-1f

FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK

FOR SALE—Registered Berkshire pigs on prize-winning stock; either sex, at \$10 each. Henry M. Half, Box 306, Midland, Texas. 29-1f

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. 29-1f

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

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

FOR SALE—Registered Poland China pigs. No better in State. Either sex at \$10 each. Henry M. Half, Box 306, Midland, Texas. 30-1f

FOR SALE—Three first-class, well cared for bulls, from 12 to 16 months old, sired by the noted Beau Donald

110th and out of Wilton and Glaucus cows. Also 25 pure bred young bulls. Ranch 16 miles southwest of Midland. E. H. Estes. 30-6pd.

LOST AND FOUND

FOUND—A 17-jewel, open-faced watch, 14k case. Monogram on back, and inscription inside. Owner identify and pay 25 cents for this adv. Call at Western Union. 1f

LOST—Brown cameo pin, medium size. Finder please notify Mrs. E. N. Snodgrass. Phone 370. 1f

FOUND—Two coats, one a lady's and the other a child's. Owner may recover same by calling on Mrs. O. P. Harrison and paying 25 cents for this notice.

BUSINESS NOTICES

THE OLD TAYLOR JACK—Will make the season at the Ramsay wagon yard, just south of the Jno. W. Price garage. W. T. Taylor. 30-2tp

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

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. 28-4t-pd

WANTED—Extra good Jersey-milk cow, giving four gallons or better daily. Must be young, gentle, fresh, and milk without calf. See H. R. Cain, at the Mercantile.

Mrs. A. A. Wright of Spencerville, Okla., arrived in Midland last Sunday to visit her daughter, Mrs. J. R. Jones. She will probably spend the summer here.

YOUNG MAN—If you want to join the Army, Navy, or Aviation Corps, see Postmaster Taylor.

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 12¢ per pound. 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 11-2 bushels to plant an acre and about three weeks to come up and then hardly ever get a stand. DeLEON PEANUT COMPANY, DeLeon, Texas.

Mrs. S. O. Richardson made a trip west last Saturday.

TO OUR 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 the new basis has been inaugurated, and we bespeak your co-operation. We ask you, then, to clear our books of your present indebtedness, and let's have 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 a CASH BASIS from now on

Yours cordially,

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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 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."

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SUMMER NORMAL EL PASO IN JUNE

To be Held in the Half Million Dollar Building That Has Just Been Completed

Special to The Reporter:
The question of the best location for a summer normal institute available to the teachers of the counties of Southwestern Texas, and the teachers of the near-by counties of Arizona and New Mexico, has been finally settled by the establishment of the El Paso Summer Normal School. The El Paso Summer Normal has been established by the authority of Hon. W. F. Doughty, State superintendent of education for Texas. Dr. P. P. Claxton, U. S. commissioner of education at Washington, D. C., has written his special approval of the El Paso Summer Normal as an educational clearing house for the teachers within its jurisdiction in Arizona, New Mexico and Texas.

Normal to be Held in Half Million Dollar Building
The El Paso Summer Normal will be held in the new half million dollar building just erected by the city of El Paso to house the high school, proposed junior college and other educational ventures. Mr. Winship, of Boston, the editor and founder of the National Journal of Education, has been making a trip through the United States, visiting the educational buildings. After inspecting the building in which the El Paso Summer Normal will be held, Mr. Winship announced it the best built and equipped educational building in the matters of class rooms, lecture rooms, recreation rooms, auditoriums, gymnasiums, scientific laboratories and general facilities of any building in the United States. The El Paso Summer Normal is very fortunate in being housed in this building, which is located on the hill in the suburbs of El Paso, far above the noise and hum of the city.

High School Faculty
The chamber of commerce is guaranteeing expenses of the El Paso Summer Normal and no money is being spared to secure the highest class of instructors available. The faculty, the special instructors, and the special lecturers include leading educators and presidents of universities, their members as follows:

Instructors
R. Randolph Jones, A. M., Hampden Sidney College, conductor; Jeanne M. Frank, M. A., University of Glasgow, Scotland; Hardee Wyatt, L. L., S. and E. E. Texas A. & M. College; Florence Hughes, special student, Elanore Wynne School; C. G. Graham, M. S. A., N. M. Agricultural College; Mary B. Gleason, graduate S. W. T. Normal; Alvin E. Null, A. B., University of Indiana; A. C. Jensen, A. M., University of Utah; Rebecca Goldstein, B. L., University of Texas; L. L. Stone, B. A., Southwestern University; Senor A. Vicar, Jalapa Colegio Normal, Mexico; E. C. Knickarmeyer, Missouri Conservatory; May Tiebout, Certified Leschetzky Exponent.

Special Lecturers
Robert E. Vinson, A. B., LL.D., president University of Texas; David R. Boyd, A. M., Ph.D., president University of New Mexico; R. B. von Klein Smid, A. M. Sc. D., president University of Arizona; Supt. R. J. Tighe, of the City Schools of El Paso; S. H. Worrell, B. S., dean Texas State School of Mines; C. C. Pierce, M. D., senior surgeon U. S. Public Health Service.

There is no summer normal in the West which can compare with the El Paso Summer Normal in the personnel of the men and women who deliver in struction and lectures to the teachers in attendance.

Entertainment and Recreation
The entertainment committee is arranging entertainments, concerts, excursions, in-door and out-door sports for the recreation of the teachers who come to the El Paso Summer Normal. The in-door auditorium seats 1600 people, and the out-door stadium seats 20,000 spectators, so that whether the teachers will be afforded in-door entertainments such as stereopticon lectures or musicals, or out-door entertainments such as base ball games or the viewing of military manoeuvres of the United States army in the stadium, they will in all events be well accommodated. Everything is to be done to make El Paso Summer Normal a place of recreation and rest as well as for preparation for better certificates. Already teachers from Arizona, New Mexico and Texas are filing their applications for enrollment, and a large attendance can be predicted.

BUSINESS AFFAIRS NOT JEOPARDIZED

Huge Loan to Allies to be Spent Mostly in This Country Assures Safety

The Reporter is always concerned over the financial situation of the country, however little it has to do with it, and we shy at those things suspected to cause flurries, setbacks, etc. During the past few days we have had occasion to talk with bankers and business men in other lines generally with regard to results prospective in the present war crisis, and in no instance were there symptoms of particular uneasiness. The regional banks, it is predicted, will secure financial safety and ward off possible panic, as they have in the past, and our bankers stress mainly the necessity of economy, especially with regard to less wastefulness in our food supply.

Drouth now is the chief concern in the Midland Country. Good seasons throughout this section would insure such prosperity as we have not known before in years, for the simple reason of high prices. The Midland Country is altogether a producing section, as

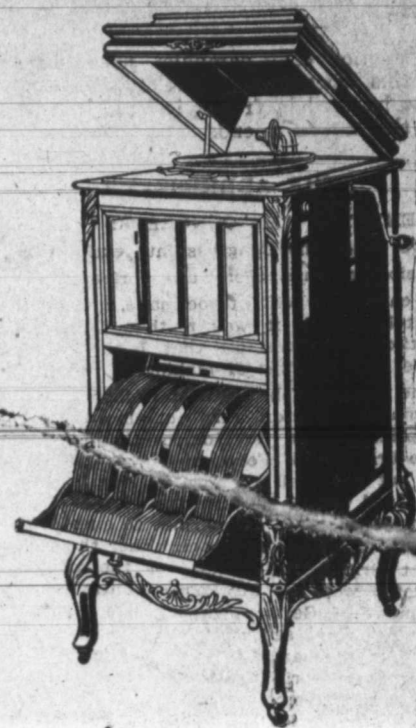
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NEWS OF FT. WORTH- EL PASO HIGHWAY

Reports received from Austin indicate that the appointments to the State Highway Commission will be made by the governor by the time this goes to press. This means that the machinery of that department will soon be in operation.

Before the commission can act on applications to have any road designated as a state highway, it will be necessary for the county judge in the different counties interested, to have maps made, showing their highway system and indicating the roads which they wish made State highways.

A letter will go out soon to the county judges along our line, asking that they submit maps at once, so that our highway may be properly designated as a State highway through their counties. This letter will give the size, also other information relative to the needed maps.

Engineer J. D. Merriweather was delayed in his work last week by his little two-year-old daughter falling into a cistern. Fortunately no serious injury was sustained other than a broken arm.

Our financial report, which has been delayed as explained in a letter to our directors, is now going forth.

A Correction—Last week, under the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway News Notes, we stated that Culberson County had called a road bond election to

issue \$7,000 worth of bonds. It should have been \$75,000. Mr. Starr called our attention to the error and we gladly make correction.

SECRETARY STARR IN MIDLAND WEDNESDAY

W. E. Starr, secretary of the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway Association, was in Midland Wednesday. He is continually on the road in the interest of this great work, and reports reasonably fair progress. A lot has already been accomplished and many counties along the road are making large bond issues to carry on the work. Many high up in State official circles recognize this as the liveliest highway association in Texas.

J. Tom White and Dee Murphy came in yesterday from the former's ranch in Gaines county, where they have been very busy for several weeks. Mr. White reports the range fine in the sand, but awfully dry on hard land. Cattle are in good shape.

R. M. Grubb, ranchman from the Alpine Country, was a business visitor to Midland this week. Says it is dry in that section, but no losses to date.

Will Cory, ranching near Eunice, N. M., was a business visitor to Midland Monday, and became a new subscriber to The Reporter. His range report was not very flattering. It is dry.

L. E. Haynes, rancher near Lometa, was a business visitor to Midland one day this week.

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"DOWN WENT THE KEY"

TUESDAY, MAY 8th
 MAURICE and FLORENCE
 WALTON,
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"THE QUEST OF LIFE"
 PARAMOUNT-BRAY CARTOON
 Comedy.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9th

CHARLES RICHMAN, DOROTHY KELLY and ARLINE PRETTY
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"THE SECRET KINGDOM"
 A Laemmle one-reel drama with ROBERT LEONARD and
 MARGARITA FISCHER
"SIN UNATONED"
 An L-KO Comedy scream with PHIL DUNHAM and
 LUCILLE HUTTON,
"AFTER THE BALLED UP BALL"

THURSDAY, MAY 10th

FRANCIS FORD and GRACE CUNARD in the 10th episode of
"THE PURPLE MASK"
 A Bison 2-reel feature with Universal cowboys and an intelligent
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"THE COME BACK"

A Powers cartoon comedy with SAMMIE JOHNSIN' ending with
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"A DAY IN THE LIFE OF A DOG"
 and
"THE BURIED TREASURES OF CEYLON"

FRIDAY, MAY 11th

THEODORE ROBERTS and ANITA
 KING in
"ANTON THE TERRIBLE"
 BLACK DIAMOND COMEDY

SATURDAY, MAY 12th

A Goldseal 3-reel feature
"MARY FROM AMERICA"
 Captain Jinks comedy
 Big V comedy

Quality in Photoplays

Ellen, the little daughter of Mr. T. E. Price, ranching in Andrews
 and Mrs. John Potter, is quite ill and has been for a month. We trust soon
 to hear of her recovery.

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CITATION BY PUBLICATION PATRIOTIC ADDRESS BY BISHOP GARRETT

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff of the County of Midland County - GREETING:
 You are hereby commanded to summon H. K. Tarvin by holding publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in a newspaper published in the 70th judicial district; but if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said judicial district, to appear at the regular term of the District Court of Midland County to be held at the court house thereon, on the 15th day of May, 1917, at 10 o'clock, a. m., on the first Monday of said month, 1917, the same being the 15th day of September, 1917, then and there to answer a petition filed in said court on the 8th day of January, 1917, in suit numbered on the docket of said court 1416, wherein Leonard Taylor is plaintiff and W. J. Moran, Annie Moran, a widow, and H. K. Tarvin are defendants.

Recently, in Dallas, at the close of the Scottish Rite re-union, Bishop Alex. C. Garrett, of the diocese of Dallas, delivered an address which we think will do all people good to read. We want it read by The Reporter's friends, and for their pleasure publish it as taken from the Scottish Rite Herald. It follows:

Brethren Beloved: I am one of the people, and upon this occasion put the people first and our Grand Commandant and Sovereign Grand Inspector General and all other officers whom I love and esteem, second. You, my friends, have been carried through a most valuable course of education in the several degrees of this Rite which are now so near the close. You have been taught your duty to God, to your fellowman, to your families and to yourselves. The records of the past have given their best results in the reign of high intelligence. Reason and conscience have been taught their highest duties. Reverence for the Supreme Being and an appreciation of His government of the universe have been impressed upon your minds and the fundamental principles of liberty, equality and fraternity have been illustrated with striking beauty and effectiveness. The requirements of the highest moral standard, of the noblest intellectual achievements, and of the highest spiritual energy attainable, have been made clear to all your minds. The reality of a future life and a judgment to come have been illustrated with a clearness and power of peculiar force. You are now called upon to put into practice these noble teachings that you may yourselves rise to a larger manhood and higher appreciation of all moral and spiritual obligations. You must indeed be ready to "quit you like men," and to perform your full duty to yourselves, your families, your State and country. I think I see the Blessed Savior taking in his arms a little child and saying in words of rare softness, "Whoever receiveth one such little child in my name receiveth me." And then I see the blood-soaked plains of Belgium and France, with their ruined towns, desolated plains and millions of starving children waiting for the nourishment which the loving sympathy sent to relieve their misery and distress. And then I see the waves of the sea, carrying upon their blue bosom the food for which they waited. And then I see the robber of the deep, unseen and without warning, sink that vessel and drown its inmates, while thousands die of hunger. And then I see the great white throne of judgment, set where the earth and the sea shall give up their dead, and these murdered children shall hold up their infant hands and make their plea to the Creator and Judge of the world. And so I call upon you who have now been enrolled as soldiers of light and freedom to awake to the grandeur of your responsibilities, that you may fitly discharge the duties you owe to the State and Nation. You have just departed with shouts of joy the "Stars and Stripes," and sung "The Star Spangled Banner" with all your might, and "My Country 'Tis of Thee" with sweetness and affection. I call upon you to assert your manhood and

prove your loyalty to your State and country. And you must show your loyalty to the flag of your Nation, if you wish to fall in that loyalty take away the stars and let the stripes remain, that they may be woven into whips to chastise the unworthy. But if you would be loyal then shall these stripes be woven into bands of gold to bind the very stars themselves as jewels in the Crown of Liberty, that all mankind may know from North to South and East to West, around the belted globe, that we in these United States do stand for liberty, equality and fraternity among all the nations of the world. I have known the State of Texas for many years. I have mingled with its people from all parts thereof, and know that they are equal in the strength and power of their manhood and the grace and beauty and virtue of their womanhood to the noblest inhabitants in any portion of the world.

Rise therefore to a due appreciation of your privileges, and let all the world understand that you are worthy sons of noble sires.

THE KAISER'S PRAYER
 Mine Gott, will you be mine pardner?
 You don't know who I am?
 I am the German kaiser—
 Der emperor, Will-I-Yam.

You know I whipped those Belgians—
 Und mit bullets filled Russit full;
 Und I'll whip France und Italy
 Und blew up Johnny Bull.

Now, for dose other nations
 I don't give a dam,
 If you just be mine pardner
 Und whip dot Uncle Sam.

You know I got dem submarines,
 All Europe knows dot well!
 But dot Edison got a patent now
 Vot bows dem all to hell.

Now, Gott if you will do this,
 Den you und I will always love;
 Und I will be emperor of der earth,
 Und you be Emperor above.

But, Gott, if you refuse me dis
 Tomorrow night at seven
 I'll cut out mine Zeppelins
 Und declare war on Heaven.

I wouldn't ask dis from you,
 But it can be plainly seen,
 Dot when Edison pushes dot button,
 I got no submarines. —EX.

W. H. Moore, 'cow and sheep man from Pecos, or near there, was with us last Tuesday on business. He became a new subscriber to The Reporter. He reports the sale of 2000 sheep recently to Price Bros., of Pecos.

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Dr. W. W. Lynch returned last week from the Scottish Rite re-union that convened in El Paso. Our former townsman, R. Milligan, now of El Paso, was in the city this week.

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MIDLAND WINNERS WILL GO TO AUSTIN

Two Debaters, a Declaimer, Speller and Mile Runner with Supt. Lackey to State Meet

On Wednesday afternoon an enthusiastic crowd of about 100 high school pupils and friends of the school, gathered at the station to bid good luck to the representatives which Midland sent to the interscholastic meet of the State, which is to be held at Austin Friday and Saturday of this week. Five winners in the district contests went from Midland; they were: Oron Collins, senior declaimer; Willie Epley and Reuben Collins, debaters; Coleman Puckett, speller and Dulaney Ward who will run in the mile and half mile races. They were accompanied by Supt. W. W. Lackey, faculty representative from Midland and Sam Holloway and Joe Caldwell, who went to witness the victory of our contestants. School spirit ran high amid the songs and yells that dispatched our boys. Those who know the quality of our representatives are confident that they will uphold the high standard of performance set by our representatives last year, and do not consider it extravagant optimism to hope that even the unusual distinction won then may be surpassed.

Loyal Friends Defray Expenses
Before the contestants left a paper was circulated which read as follows:

"Whereas, Midland won first places in debate, senior boys' declamation, spelling, the mile race and several other athletic events in the district meet on April 20th and 21st.

Whereas, she will send five boys to the State meet at Austin this week to represent our district in these various contests there on next Friday and Saturday.

"Whereas, it is customary, right and proper for at least the railroad

expenses of such representatives to be paid, and whereas there is no fund with which to take care of this expense.

"We, the undersigned, in appreciation of the honors won by our representatives and to encourage them and others in future endeavor along these lines, do hereby subscribe the amounts opposite our respective names to help pay their expenses to the State meet at Austin:"

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J. R. Dublin	1.00
W. E. Wallace	1.00
B. Frank Haag	2.50
W. T. Crier	2.50
J. Harvey Clark	2.00
Bob Hill	1.00
Dr. J. F. Clark	1.00
J. Homer Epley	1.00

AS PRICES RISE HIGH COST OF LIVING HITS THE RAILROADS

Service Will Be Crippled Unless Relief Comes Soon.

EXPENSES UP, RATES DOWN

Wasteful and Conflicting Regulations Hamper Railroad Credit, While Advance in Labor and Materials Outstrips Revenue, Chairman Kruttschnitt Tells Congress Committee. Unified Federal Control Will Improve Conditions

Washington, April 2.—The condition in which the railroads find themselves as a result of constant increases in wages, prices of material, taxes and other expenses, while their revenues are restricted by legislation, was strikingly described by Julius Kruttschnitt, Chairman of the Executive Committee of the Southern Pacific Company, in his testimony during the past few days before the Joint Congressional Committee on Interstate Commerce, which is making a study of the question of railroad regulation. Mr. Kruttschnitt urged the committee to recommend a plan of regulation which will center responsibility for regulation and its results in the federal government, so that conditions affecting both expenses and revenues may be made subject to a uniform policy instead of the wasteful and often conflicting policies involved in the system of combined state and federal regulation.

Why Roads Need More Money.

Mr. Kruttschnitt's testimony also had a bearing on the reasons for the application of the roads to the Interstate Commerce Commission for a general advance in freight rates. He showed that while the price of transportation has declined in recent years, the cost of producing transportation, like the cost of almost everything else, has rapidly advanced. This he illustrated by showing that if freight and passenger rates had increased during the past twenty years in the same proportion as average commodity prices the railroads of the United States would have received \$1,654,000,000 more for transportation in 1915 than they did receive. This saving to the public was effected, in spite of an increase of 93 per cent in the cost of operation of trains, by a reduction in the average passenger rate per mile from 2.04 cents in 1885 to 1.98 cents in 1915, a decrease of 3 per cent, and by a reduction in the average freight rate per ton, mile from 8.39 mills in 1885 to 7.3 mills in 1915, or 13 per cent. During the same period the cost of operation per train mile rose from 92 cents to \$1.78, almost doubling. At the same time the average price of 346 commodities enumerated in a bulletin of the Department of Agriculture increased 115 per cent. Transportation is practically the only commodity in general use that has not increased tremendously in price during the past twenty years, freight and passenger charges being lower than they were twenty years ago.

Big Saving to Public.

If rates had risen proportionately to the increase in the cost of other articles of ordinary use, Mr. Kruttschnitt told the committee, the average passenger rate in 1915 would have been 2.95 cents a mile, or 50 per cent higher than it was, and the average freight rate would have been 1.21 cents, or 66 per cent higher than it was. The saving to the public in passenger fares through this difference was \$314,000,000 and in freight rates \$1,340,000,000.

Universal railroad bankruptcy under this reduction in rates and increased cost of operation, he said, was avoided only by heavy expenditures to obtain increased efficiency in train movement, making it possible to haul more tons of freight per locomotive. This had reduced the average cost of hauling a ton of freight, but the decline in the net revenue of the roads from each ton hauled. If the operating costs of the railroads, including the prices of coal, labor and material, continue to advance at the present rate a lot of railroads will be in the hands of receivers by 1918 unless some relief is afforded, Mr. Kruttschnitt told the committee.

"Owing to the rise of commodity prices," he said, "the purchasing power of the dollar has fallen 55 per cent and the railroads are in the position of being compelled by law to accept payment for their service to the public in currency worth 45 cents on the dollar."

Public's Chief Interest.

"The public's greatest interest is in adequate transportation facilities and not so much in low rates. As to most commodities freight rates form a very small proportion of their cost. Excluding low grade commodities, the percentage of the freight rate to the cost is so slight as to offer no justification for any substantial increase in prices to the consumer. It may be

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stated with little fear of contradiction that the consumer seldom, if ever, profits from a lowering of freight rates. "Extortionate charges are a thing of the past, and under the attempt to cut rates to their lowest possible figure the interest of the whole public in the character and standard of transportation is subordinated to the interest of that part of the public only that profits by lower rates---that is to say, the shippers and their agents and not the general public, the ultimate consumer."

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS. To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County--Greeting.

You are hereby commanded, that you summon, by making publication of this citation in some newspaper published in the county of Midland, if there be no newspaper published therein, but if not then in any newspaper published in the 70th judicial district; or if there be no newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, once in each week for four consecutive weeks previous to the return day hereof, Abe Jesson, whose residence is unknown, to be and appear before the Honorable District Court, at the next regular term thereof, to be holden in the county of Midland, at the court house thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in September, 1917, the same being the 3rd day of September, 1917, then and there, to answer a petition filed in said court on the 3rd day of May, A. D. 1917, in a suit numbered on the docket of said court No. 1429, wherein H. S. Jesson is plaintiff and Abe Jesson is defendant, the nature of the plaintiff's demand being as follows, to-wit: That plaintiff married Abe Jesson, the defendant herein, on or about the 11th day of December, A. D. 1878; that they lived as man and wife until the 1st day of November, 1905; that said defendant on said day left the plaintiff with intention of abandonment, and has been gone continuously since that date; that the plaintiff has separate property, Block No. 60 in the Original Town of Midland, Midland county, Texas.

Plaintiff prays for citation, for divorce, title and possession, general and special relief.

Herein fail not, and have you before said Court, on the said first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your endorsement thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Texas, this 3rd day of May, A. D. 1917.

W. J. SPARKS, Clerk District Court, Midland County, Texas.

Dr. J. F. Roberson was again a visitor to Midland this week from Ft. Worth. When here a few weeks ago he sold his 700-acre farm south of Midland to Scharbauer & Eidsen. We did not learn the considerations.

AT THE UNIQUE

We have been unable to attend the performances at the Unique this week on account of being otherwise engaged, but from the reports given by different ones who have attended, the pictures have been up to the usual high standard of excellency. We wish to call special attention to the special preparedness feature to be given tomorrow matinee and night, entitled "The Eagle's Wings." This is a patriotic picture for all America, and we should see it from start to finish. We call special attention to tonight when beautiful Pauline Frederick will be seen in a Paramount feature.

W. E. Trammell, in this week from his ranch in Yoakam county, reports the recent sale of 800 2-year-old steers. Prices satisfactory. The purchaser was Lee Vivens, of Amarillo. He renewed his subscription to The Reporter.

YOUNG MAN--If you want to join the Army, Navy or Aviation Corps, see Postmaster Taylor. Adv.

Jack Ferguson was up from the "JM" ranch, Half's, this week. He brought in a bunch of mares for Mr. Half, and reports pretty good rains recently on the west part of that range. He subscribed for The Reporter.

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1 gal milk jars, per gal.	15c
2 gal milk jars, per gal.	15c
8 gal milk jars, per gal.	15c

STONEWARE CHURNS	
2 gal churn and lid, per gal.	15c
3 gal churn and lid, per gal.	15c
4 gal churn and lid, per gal.	15c
1 lb butter jars.	10c
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
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4 inch flower pot with saucer.	15c
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8 1/2 inch flower pot with saucer.	35c
10 inch flower pot with saucer.	50c