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STOCKMEN STILL UNABLE TO SHIP

No Relief in Car Shortage and Cattle Held or Driven to Other Shipping Points

Stockmen of Midland are still distressed over the car shortage that has been on with the T. & P. for many weeks past; nor can they get any satisfaction from railroad officials. One prominent stockman, who for 60 days has had an order in for 25 cars, this week drove over to Big Spring to see if there was a possibility of relief. He had been unable to get any answer to messages sent. He got no satisfaction at Big Spring. While engaged in conversation with the Big Spring official, a messenger boy appeared: "Long distance from Midland." The official frowned: "Tell them I am out of town!"

This don't look very good, does it? A ranchman south of town told us one day this week: "I want to ship 900 head; have had an order in for a month. I can't get any information as to when they will accommodate me, if ever."

And so report a long list of stockmen.

Spence Jewell this week sold 6 cars of yearling steers to Jack Puckett, of Amarillo. No cars reported to ship with.

Peter Tom, Stanton, sold 408 yearling steers to Denwood Bros., of Tulla. Price \$41. No cars.

S. R. Preston bought of G. G. Gray, of Fort Stockton, 2 cars of cows. Guess he will drive them through.

Dick Arnett, association inspector, 5 cars of 2s to Kansas City parties. No cars reported.

G. W. Wolcott 11 cars to Jack Puckett. No cars.

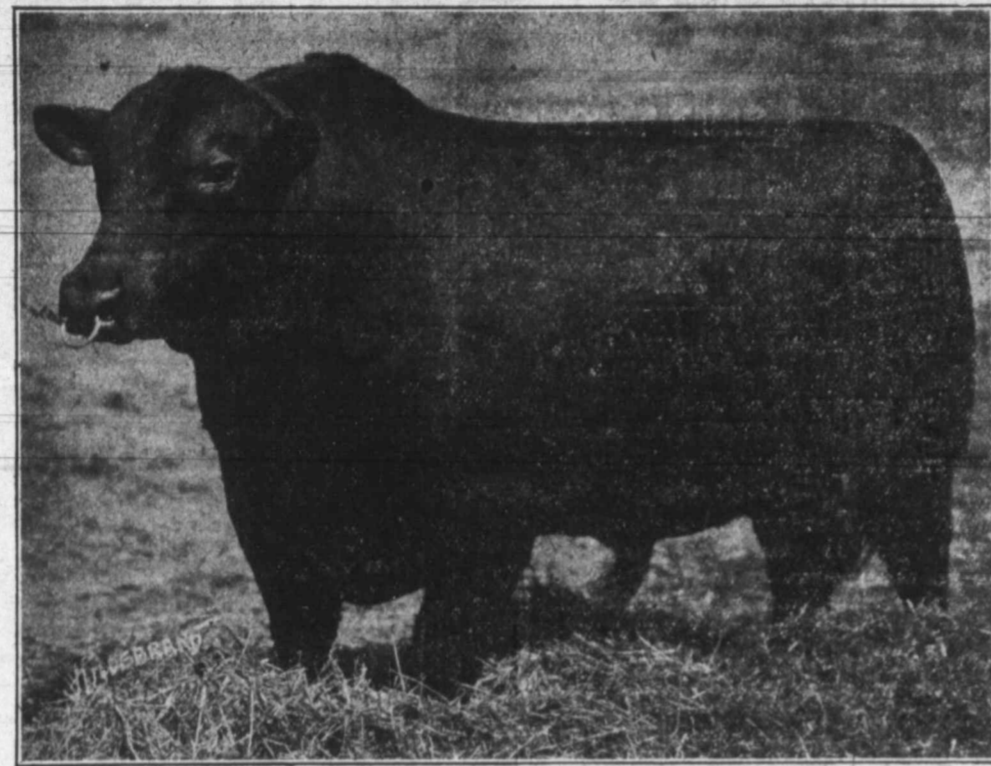
Midland stockmen are being hurt; so is the city of Midland, and badly. The above are, but a few who can't get shipping accommodations. Many are driving to other shipping points on the Santa Fe. Strange that the Santa Fe can supply all the cars needed, while the T. & P. seems able to get only a few, and on rare occasions.

Midland business men should get together and try to plan some relief. Their loss in trade is very heavy. We have no business organization, which is unfortunate at this time. We believe if the matter was put properly up to the right T. & P. officials, some good results might be obtained. Cattlemen have never before been so inconvenienced, and the loss to them never-faillingly signifies a loss to every commercial interest of our town and community.

OLD CONFEDERATES TO MEET IN WASHINGTON

It is expected soon that a subscription will be circulated to raise an amount sufficient to send the old confederate veterans to Washington this summer, that they may attend the reunion. The Reporter hopes liberal donations may be made. A majority of the veterans of Midland are unable to bear this expense themselves, nor any part of it. We think it would be a fine expression of appreciation of them for us to send every one of them who can go. We want have many chances to do this. It is our last chance, no doubt, with some of them, for the weight of years now rest heavily upon each. Those early sixties were heroic days, and every active southerner was then a hero. Let's send them to Washington, fellows. It won't be a big thing to do, but it will be a lot of joy to the hearts of several who are, for the valiancy of the intrepid sixties, are revered by the South and Southrons.

The G. F. Cowden & Son Herd Bull, Prizemere 199893



The picture herewith to the left is Prizemere, the wonderful prize-winning Angus bull now heading the herd of G. F. Cowden & Son. Until some months ago this herd was headed by Bomano 161618, a bull that had a national reputation among Angus breeders. Bomano was the sire of four calves which sold at auction at Atlantic, Iowa, April 9th, bringing an average of \$375, with the top at \$2000. G. F. Cowden & Son, in their registered herd, have 50 head of half brothers and half sisters, all sired by Bomano and out of cows just as good as mothered this high-priced stuff. Bomano has been succeeded as herd bull for the Cowdens by Prizemere, an undefeated champion in many contests. Messrs. Cowden think him a better bull than Bomano, others think so, too, and it must be so, however perfect may have been Bomano. The picture herewith flatters Prizemere in no particular.

MILLIONS ARE NOW IN MIDLAND BANKS

Comptroller's Call For Statement May 1st Found Our Institutions Strongest Ever

On May 1st the Comptroller called for a statement of the national banks of the country. Not before in the history of these institutions in Midland was a call ever issued when they were more flatteringly well prepared for it. Issuing a condensed report to its customers, the First National Bank adds a footnote, saying:

"We take a great deal of pleasure, and pride, in presenting to the Midland Country, for the first time in its history, a million dollar bank." Upon this call the footings of the institution total \$1,040,389.62, with deposits of \$802,495.32. The statement adds that four days later, May 4th, the deposits had jumped to \$937,345.88.

The Midland National shows, on the first, totals of \$800,721.56, with deposits of \$589,677.61, while the deposits three days later, May 3rd, amounted to \$715,498.80.

This is going some! As a matter of fact, we are disposed to ask some of our neighboring towns, who have bragged a lot recently about their financial affairs—among them Merkel—can you beat it? Of course you can't. Few towns with a population of five or ten thousand can approach it.

Midland only has 3000 population, a fraction less, perhaps, but she lines up financially, commercially, with the 10,000 class, and her banking institutions go still further. They compare very favorably with real city institutions.

Chas. and Oron Edwards returned Wednesday from Herford, where they went to turn over a bunch of cattle, 1200 head, sold some time ago. The other member of Edwards Bros., John, accompanied by his family, will return to Midland very shortly, they having closed out their holdings there.

Judge S. J. Isaacks was with us again the first of the week from El Paso; a brief stay of one day on professional business.

MIDLAND RECRUITS ALL DEPARTMENTS

Our Boys to Enlist for Army, Navy, Physicians, Aviation, and Other Corps

Last week we mentioned that Chas. Klapproth and Wilber Wimberly had volunteered and gone to the officers' training camps at Leon Springs. One other Midland boy was overlooked. Oliver Fannin, only son of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fannin, was the first Midland boy to volunteer, and he, too, is at Leon Springs. He was a law student at the Texas University, and is without doubt one of Midland's brightest, most promising young men. We wish him a brilliant career, one of service, but safety.

We did not mention, either, that the sons of C. E. Julian and Mr. Bradshaw, the latter local manager for Burton-Lingo Company, were already in the navy, nor the re-enlistment of Luke, son of Rev. and Mrs. J. W. Cowan. This latter young man had served four years in the Pacific fleet, where he established a wonderful reputation in athletics and other lines. He has enlisted now in the Atlantic fleet.

This week Dr. and Mrs. W. W. Lynch went to Dallas to look into the possibility of enlistment, the Doctor in the physicians' corps and Mrs. Lynch, who is a graduate nurse, in the Red Cross service.

Dr. J. F. Clark, dentist, also went to Dallas to see to enlistment, and Dr. L. B. Pemberton, too, has applied for enlistment, his application to be considered a little later.

We are further informed that a number of other Midland boys have applied for enlistment in other branches of the service, among them the aviation, engineering, and other corps, and that they are but waiting replies.

It may be stated here that the army bill, fixing the age limit for service at from 21 to 30 years, has at last been passed, or it is so stated in this morning's El Paso Herald. This suggests that the process of drafting, or selective conscription, will likely begin some time next week or the week after.

Try out The Reporter's classified ad. department. It gets results.

CHORAL CLUB TO GIVE CONCERT

Musical Organization of 40 Voices to Give Grand Concert Next Tuesday Evening

The lovers of music in Midland will be glad to learn that the Midland Choral Club will appear in a grand musical concert either in the opera house or in some other auditorium in the city next Tuesday evening. This organization is composed of something like forty of our best musicians, and its enviable reputation in the past as well as the excellent program which is being announced for this occasion will insure a full house. The program which is published below, contains such selections as the Hallelujah Chorus, from "The Messiah," Oh Hail Us ye Free, from "Ernani," and Ciro Pinski's "Good Night, Beloved," and is interspersed with solos, duets, readings and male and female choruses, the main feature of the program being Anderton's famous cantata, "The Wreck of the Hesperus."

More definite announcement as to the place of this concert will be made later. The program follows:

O Hail Us, Ye Free (from "Ernani")—Verdi—Choral Club.
Bass solo, Hybras, the Cretan (El-liott)—E. P. Hornaday.

O For a Thousand Tongues (Excell)—Choral Club.
A Flower Romance (from Washington)—Warner—Women's voices.

Lest We Forget (Jordan)—Miss Lorena McCormick.

Mother Machree (Olcott-Bail-Cowan)—Misses Elma Graves and Alma Coman.

The Hallelujah Chorus (from "The Messiah")—Handel—Choral Club.
Reading—Miss Brown.

The Night of Rest (Parks)—Mens' voices.
Baritone solo, The Recessional (De-Koven)—N. Y. Henry.

Soprano and baritone duet, Hark, Hark, My Soul (Nevin)—Miss Pritchett and H. H. Hunter.

The Wreck of the Hesperus (cantata—Anderton)—Choral Club.
Vocal solo—Miss Pritchett.

Good-night, Good-night, Beloved (Ciro Pinski)—Choral Club.

REPRESENTATIVES MAKE FINE SHOWING

Though Not Winning First Places, High Among 32 Districts and Over 2200 Schools

Our representatives to Austin took high rank in the various contests in declamation, debate, spelling and athletics, and though not winning any first places, defeated more schools and more districts than were in the State meet last year. Last year there were only 20 districts; this year there were 32 districts, and our representatives ranked among the best. This is a distinction not to be depreciated when we remember that there were 2200 schools, in the University Interscholastic League this year and that over 800 representatives from the 32 districts of the State participated in the various contests at Austin.

There were 32 boys in the senior boys' declamation contest. These had their preliminaries Friday morning, all speaking on one program and without recess. Our boy, Oron Collins, made a fine showing in this contest, and, although the judges did not give him a place in the finals, many who heard the contest, among whom was our friend, Miss Bert Carter, said that he should by all means have been given a place. His rank was among the eight or ten best of the 32, which is far from bad.

Thirty-two teams participated in the debate, 16 being eliminated in the first round. It was the luck of our boys, Willie Epley and Reuben Collins, to draw one of the strongest teams to begin with. Frequently two of the strongest teams draw each other early in the contest, and of course one must be eliminated. At any rate, our team stood as well as those of something like twenty other districts, which in itself is an honor not to be despised.

The spelling contest was one of the hottest and most interesting of the meet. It was held in the House of Representatives and was participated in by 34 boys and girls, some of whom were 20 and 21 years of age. Notwithstanding the fact that the prescribed list and the entire state adopted spelling were exhausted, and then a special list of difficult words was taken up by the pronouncer, Dr. L. W. Payne, Coleman Puckett, made an excellent showing and was still on the floor when over half of the contestants were down.

The other event in which our representatives took part was the mile race, which was entered and run by Dulaney Ward. There were something like 25 or 30 in this race, and while Dulaney did not win the race, he made the other contestants realize that he was in it. The race was won by Goodnight, of Lubbock, whose time 4 minutes and 49 seconds. This boy won last year, and is a wonderful footed sprinting athlete. He left 30 other districts just where he left our representative, still in the race but wondering at his speed and wind.

This was indeed a great meet, and few schools, if any, took representatives in as many events and saw them do as well as Midland did from the Midland district. It is a good deal as Attorney General Looney said, in speaking of the benefits of the Interscholastic League: "After all, it is not the winning that counts for the most, but the training which the high school boys and girls of the State get out of it, and the experience of getting up against the pick of the State. This is a wonderful thing." We are proud of the showing made by our representatives and of the wide-spread benefit which has come to all the pupils of our city schools this year in declamation, debate, spelling and such other activities as they have engaged

THE DEATH OF JUDGE G. N. GENTRY

Comment by Hamilton Paper on Death of Former Representative From this District

Friends in Midland have expressed sympathy to Mrs. G. N. Gentry, one of our highly esteemed public school teachers upon the death of her husband, which occurred on the 19th of April. A further expression we publish, taken from the Hamilton Record, of April 26th. Judge Gentry, as many of our people know, was closely identified with the interests of West Texas, especially as a member of the legislature from this district, prior to the incumbency of Judge E. R. Bryan, the present member.

The Record's comment follows: The summons to rest has come to another man, Judge Geo. N. Gentry, whose name is indissolubly linked with the growth and development of Hamilton, and his death at his home in Pecos, Texas, April 19, at 7:55 in the evening has bowed many a heart in sorrow for the passing of the strong, upright, gentle man who moved among his people with a broad influence for good.

George Nicholas Gentry, only son of Frederic Browder and Rebecca Barnett Gentry, deceased, was born in Washington County, Texas, Aug. 29, 1845. He moved with his parents to Hamilton County in 1856, in 1860 joined the Texas rangers and served on the frontier for some 12 months. At the end of that time he joined the Confederate army serving to the end of the war in the company of Capt. J. J. Callan, of Menard, J. E. McCord's Frontier Regiment. It was said of him by Captain Callan that his services in the army was characteristic of the man, brave and loyal and obedient to every command. He was married in 1865 to Miss Clementina Snow, who bore him four children, two of whom Fred Gentry, of Pecos, and Stroud Gentry, of Crystal City, Texas, survive him. In 1874 he was married to Miss Sallie Day and to this union were born four children, three of whom survive him. They are Mrs. Ora Taylor, Miami, Arizona; Mrs. Ida Rogers, and Loss Gentry, of Artesia, N. M. In 1894 he wed Miss Rowena Ewin who survives him. Besides these he leaves two sisters, Mrs. E. E. Graves and Mrs. E. A. Shockley, of Ector County.

He moved to Pecos some ten years ago and had served one term as county judge, later becoming postmaster and serving up until his death. He was converted under the preaching of Rev. George W. Traett, of Dallas, and joined the Baptist church in Pecos a number of years ago, and had since lived a consecrated Christian life. His last days were spent in close communion with the Master in daily Bible reading and prayer.

The body, accompanied by Mrs. Gentry and Prof. T. B. Cooper, of Ft. Worth, arrived in Hamilton Saturday, April 21, at 1 o'clock, and was borne to the residence of Mrs. T. E. Graves, where at 3:30 o'clock in the afternoon funeral services were conducted by Rev. R. J. Fletcher, pastor of the Hamilton Baptist church, who paid beautiful tribute to the Christian life of Judge Gentry, and read comforting promises from the scriptures. After these services the remains were conveyed to the Graves-Gentry cemetery

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in connection with the University Interscholastic League. There were something like 400 who were in the contests in spelling and declamation this year in our schools alone, a record which it would be very difficult to duplicate in the State.

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U. S. GOVERNMENT WANTS INFORMATION

Austin, Texas, May 7.—Engineers of the United States army wish to secure at the earliest possible date complete information about available materials for road construction in the Southwest. The authorities of the University of Texas have been requested to collect this information and transmit it to Washington. To carry out this plan it is necessary to secure the names and addresses of owners and operators of plants producing crushed stone, gravel and sand in every county in Texas. Informa-

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The statement in part is as follows: "Sweet potatoes afford a food that is highly nutritious and palatable. Rated at per acre of land and per day of labor, there are few crops that can compare with this crop in point of food production."

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**PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE
STATE CONSTITUTION PROVIDING
FOR AND RELATING TO THE
CREATION OF CONSERVATION
DISTRICTS.**

Senate Joint Resolution No. 12
Proposing to amend Article 16 of the
Constitution of the State of Texas by
adding thereto at the end thereof an-
other section to be known as Section 59,
declaring: the conservation and preser-
vation of all the natural resources of
the State of Texas are public rights and
duties; providing for the creation of con-
servation districts, declaring such dis-
tricts bodies politic and corporate, de-
fining the authority of such districts,
and conferring upon the legislature au-
thority to pass laws with referenc-
thereto; declaring that the Legislature
shall have authority generally to legis-
late for the purpose of conserving the
natural resources of the State; fixing
the time for the election for the adop-
tion or rejection of said proposed con-
stitutional amendment; making certain
provisions for said election and the bal-
lots thereof and the methods thereof; di-
recting the issuance of the proclamation
thereof, prescribing certain duties of
the Governor of the State and making
an appropriation to defray the expenses
of said election.

Section 1. That Article 16 of the Con-
stitution of the State of Texas be amended
by adding thereto at the end thereof
another section to be known as Section
59, and which shall read as follows:
Section 59a. The conservation and de-
velopment of all of the natural resources
of this State, including the control, stor-
ing, preservation and distribution of its
storm and flood waters, the waters of
its rivers and streams, for irrigation,
power and all other useful purposes, the
reclamation and irrigation of its arid
and semi-arid and other lands need-
ing irrigation, the reclamation and drain-
age of its over-flowed lands and other
lands needing drainage, the conserva-
tion and development of its fore, water
and hydro-electric power, the naviga-
tion of its inland and coastal waters,
and the preservation and conservation
of all such natural resources of the
State are each and all hereby declared
public rights and duties; and the Leg-
islature shall pass all such laws as may
be appropriate therefor.

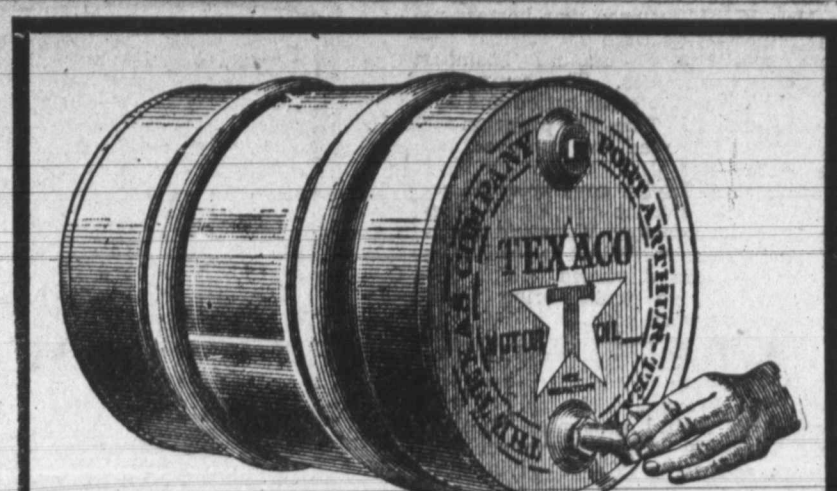
(b) There may be created within the
State of Texas, or the State may be di-
vided into, such number of conservation
and reclamation districts as may be de-
termined to be essential to the accom-
plishment of the purpose of this amend-
ment to the constitution, which district
shall be created by the legislature, and
shall be a body politic and corporate with
powers of government and with the au-
thority to exercise such rights, privileges
and functions concerning the subject mat-
ter of this amendment as may be confer-
red by law.
(c) The Legislature shall authorize
all such indebtedness as may be neces-
sary to provide all improvements and
the maintenance thereof requisite to the
achievement of the purpose of this
amendment, and all such indebtedness
may be evidenced by bonds of such con-
servation and reclamation districts, to
be issued under such regulations as may
be prescribed by law and shall also au-
thorize the levy and collection within
such districts of all such taxes, con-
tributions, and assessments, as may be
necessary for the payment of such bonds,
and also for the maintenance of such dis-
tricts and improvements, and such in-
debtedness shall be lien upon the property
assessed for the payment thereof; provid-
ed the Legislature shall not authorize
the issuance of any bonds or provide for
any indebtedness against any reclama-
tion district unless such proposition shall
first be submitted to the qualified pro-
perty taxing voters of such district
and the proposition adopted.
Section 2. The foregoing constitution-

al amendment shall be submitted to a
vote of the qualified electors for mem-
bers of the Legislature at an election to
be held for such purpose on the Third
Tuesday in August, A. D. 1917, the same
being the 21st day of August, A. D.,
1917; at said election the vote shall be
by official ballot which shall have print-
ed or written thereon the words, "For
the amendment to Article 16 of the con-
stitution of the State of Texas providing
for conservation districts, the creation
of such districts and their government
and regulation," and also the words,
"Against the amendment to Article 16
of the constitution of the State of Texas
providing for conservation districts, the
creation of such districts and their gov-
ernment and regulation." All voters fav-
oring this proposed constitutional amend-
ment shall erase the words "Against the
amendment to Article 16 of the constitu-
tion of the State of Texas providing for
conservation districts, the creation of
such districts and their government regu-
lation," and those opposing it shall
erase the words, "For the amendment to
Article 16 of the constitution of the
State of Texas providing for conserva-
tion districts, the creation of such dis-
tricts, and their government and regu-
lation," which said erasures shall be
made by making a mark with pencil or
pen through said words. All ballots cast
as above provided shall be counted and
cast for or against this proposed amend-
ment, and if a majority of the votes cast
shall be for the amendment it shall be
declared adopted; if a majority of the
votes cast shall be against the amend-
ment said amendment shall be lost. All
the provisions of the general election
laws as amended and in force at the
time said election is held shall govern
in all respects as to qualifications of
electors, the method of holding such
election and be made applicable.
Section 3. The Governor of this State
is hereby directed to issue the necessary
proclamation for said election and to
have the same published as required by
the constitution and laws of this State.
Section 4. The sum of Five Thousand
(\$5,000.00) Dollars or so much thereof as
may be necessary is hereby appropriated
out of any funds in the State Treasury
not otherwise appropriated to defray the
expenses of such proclamation, publica-
tion and election.
C. J. BARTLETT,
Secretary of State,
adv 31-4t

W. J. Wooten, whose place is near
Judkins, was in this week. Reports
fair range conditions, though it is
awfully dry.

**THE ADVANTAGE OF
BLACK-EYED PEAS**

That Texas sends out of Texas an-
nually the sum of \$3,500,000 as a
purchase price for black-eyed peas to
be eaten by Texas people, is the in-
formation contained in a statement
made recently by Prof. T. S. Minter,
of the State Department of Agricul-
ture, in discussing the food situation.
Unfortunately, in a considerable
portion of Texas the recent drought



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blighted a large acreage of grain,
which is being plowed up. Instead of
planting this land to cotton, Mr. Min-
ter urges the planting of food crops,

and suggests the availability of va-
rious varieties of peas and beans. The
prices of these commodities are very
high and money can be made at grow-
ing them, according to Mr. Minter.
Mr. Minter said in part: "The black
lands of Texas will raise any kind of
peas and beans. Of peas, there are
several well known varieties and of
beans two varieties are now quite pop-
ular—the soy and the velvet. Both
are prolific producers and marvelous
in their capacity of producing pas-
torage for hogs, cattle, horses, etc.
The soy bean is also a good table
bean. Beans and peas may be canned
when green and threshed when fully
ripened. On account of the present
high prices their growing would prove
profitable."

T. O. Midkiff has bought the 7-
section ranch of J. M. Fletcher, lo-
cated 30 miles south. Four sections
of the land are leased and three are pat-
ented. Prices not given. The land
joins Mr. Midkiff's other holdings.

D. M. Price, of Crockett County,
was a business visitor to Midland on
last Wednesday.

J. L. Johnson was in Midland Tues-
day, on his way to his ranch northwest
of Odessa. We were pleased to have
him renew his subscription to The Re-
porter.

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C. C. WATSON, Editor and Proprietor

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FRIDAY, MAY 11th, 1917

We venture that our good friend, T. B. Wadley, has the best garden in Midland. It is the best we know about. From it today we had turnips, mustard, lettuce, radishes and onions, all just the nicest, and so crisp and fresh. A treat from this old friend, and it is the third. Our thanks, warm and appreciative.

Z. K. Campbell, of San Antonio, was in Midland this week. He is a friend of T. A. Sacra and Geo. Harris.

Joe Ragsdale is recently back from a trip to Lamesa, where he went to ship 700 3-year-old steers for O. P. Jones, of Shamrock. They were shipped to Kansas pastures for grass.

We are very glad to report J. E. Mabry now improving. He has been quite ill for six weeks past.

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In Society



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

A Wedding on the Ranch

Miss Nannie Driver, who lives near Waco, has been visiting on the ranch of her uncle, J. W. Driver, for some time. On Monday afternoon Rev. J. T. McKissick, pastor of the Christian church, accompanied by his wife and children, drove out and performed the marriage ceremony which joined the lives and fortunes of this estimable young lady and Mr. W. A. Lamb, who within the last few days had come out for a visit. This happy young couple after a few days longer on the ranch will leave for their future home in Cooley, followed by the good wishes of many friends.

A Visitor From El Paso

Mrs. W. M. Fairley, of El Paso, who formerly lived in Midland, visited Mrs. Margaret D. Watts and mother, Mrs. Deardorff, for the week-end, arriving on Friday and leaving Monday. On Saturday afternoon a number of former friends of Mrs. Fairley and of the friends of her hostess, called, renewing friendships or forming new ones. The entire visit was a delightful one for the visitor as well as for her friends here.

A Pleasant Dance

The young men of the city tendered a dance to Miss Louise Oberthier at Hotel Llano last evening, as a farewell courtesy. Miss Oberthier has been visiting in the Holsasley home for two weeks and has made many friends among the young people, who regret that she leaves so soon for her home in Hereford.

The Priscilla Club

Mrs. H. Klapproth entertained the Priscilla Club Wednesday afternoon, at which time there was a full attendance. The afternoon was spent with different kinds of fancy work and passed away swiftly. A delicious two course luncheon, first a salad course then an ice course was served. The extra guests were Mesdames Warren Pemberton, J. T. White and C. C. Watson.

Wednesday Club

The regular meeting of the Wednesday Club was held with Mrs. J. A. Haley, at which time the lesson was about Panama. Mrs. Haley led the discussion on Panama and the canal, then followed another interesting feature of the program on "Roosevelt and the Columbian Treaty." During the social session, delicious refreshments were served.

Ninety-Nine Club

Mrs. W. H. Brunson was hostess to the Ninety-Nine Club on Tuesday afternoon when the annual business meeting took place. The committee on revision of the constitution and by-laws reported. Then the program for next year was read and approved, after which Mrs. J. T. White and Miss Fannie Bess Taylor gave splendid reports of the district meeting held recently in Sweetwater. Ways and means of doing some efficient work along civic lines were discussed, which discussion will, no doubt, bring about some active work soon.

Misses Iris Estes and Bessie Reynolds, graduate pupils in oratory under Miss Lera Brown, of the college, appeared in recital programs Tuesday and Thursday evenings respectively. Fuller comment will be given next week.

Miss Leona McCormick, graduate pupil of Miss Lera Brown, of the oratory department of Midland College, will appear in recital Wednesday evening, May 16th, at 8:30 o'clock, at the Christian church. Her readings will be from De Mille Burton's "Strongheart," the story of an Indian and the conflict between his race and ours. The public is cordially invited.

Miss Thelma White left yesterday evening for Sherman, where she will attend commencement at Kidd-Key, at which institution she was a graduate last year. She will visit there and at other points until after the 21st inst.

RETURNS HOME FROM S. M. U., DALLAS

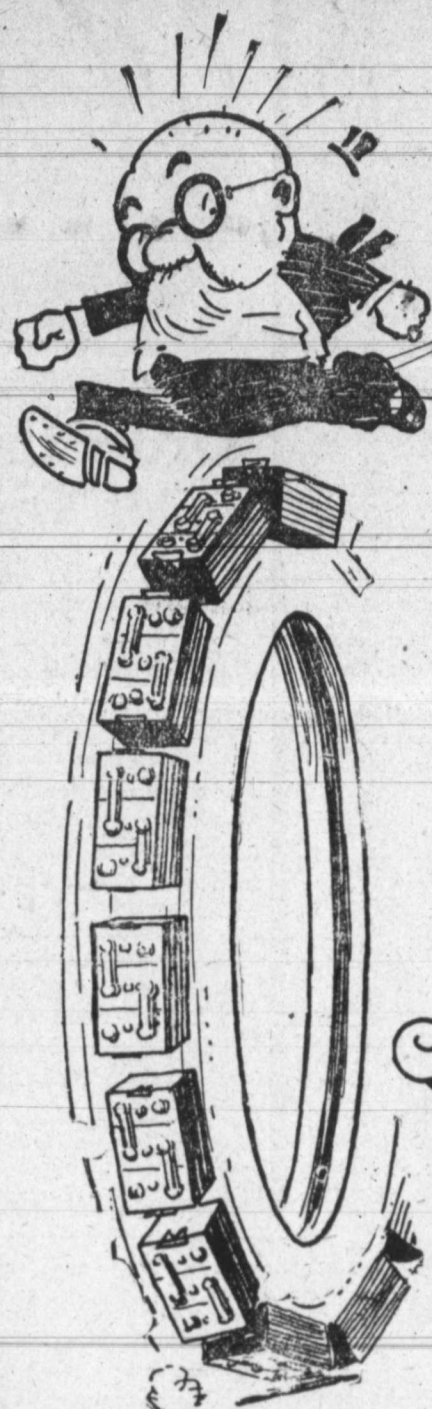
Tom Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. T. S. Patterson, returned this week from S. M. U., Dallas, where he has been in school. Tom says that so many of the boys are enlisting in the army that it is knocking a big hole in the school, and that he would have enlisted himself but was not old enough. Tom also says that forty boys out of his dormitory have enlisted in the army.

REFUSES TO LET SON JOIN U. S. CAVALRY

San Angelo, Texas April 30.—Mrs. James M. Perry refused to allow Roland Perry, her 19-year-old son, to join the army, after the young man had enlisted in the cavalry. Rev. J. M. Perry is presiding elder of the Methodist church in this district, and at one time lived in Houston. Whether or not Perry will be forced into the service will not be decided until the recruiting office can receive instructions from headquarters.—Houston Post.

Mr. Perry was pastor of the Methodist church in Midland just prior to his present incumbency.

J. P. Glenn, former ranchman of Glasscock County, was a business visitor to Midland Wednesday. Says cattle wintered well and there is a good calf crop, but the range is very dry.



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BONE HAIR PINS
Six in package, 90c; now 18c.

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At \$1.00 in which we have sizes 24, 25, 28.
At \$1.25, we have sizes 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29.

Mme. Lyra Corsets Back Laced Five Specials

One corset, size 26, regular \$3.50, now \$1.75
One corset, size 25, regular \$3.50, now \$1.75
One corset brocade, size 24, regular \$5.00, now \$3.00
One corset brocade, size 28, regular \$5.00, now \$3.00
One corset brocade, size 24, regular \$7.50, now \$4.00

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Great May Sale

Of Spring Styles at Less Than Early Season Prices

We aim to make this month of May the largest business month of this season, with smaller profits and more sales—sharing the profits with our customers. The following list of ladies' wearing apparel will be found displayed during this month.

The very latest ideas in Millinery, Dresses, suitable for all wear, Suits, Coats, Skirts, Fancy Blouses, Niagara Maid Silk Hosiery and Gloves, also Simmons well wearing Kid Gloves, Frolaset Corsets and accessories as Brassiers, Camisoles, Sanitary Belts, Etc.

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.

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The odds in styles and sizes on sale as follows:
If you find your size and style you get a great bargain.

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- One corset, medium bust, size 31, \$5.00, now \$2.50
- 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
- One corset, low bust brocade, size 23, \$10.00, now \$5.00
- One corset, medium brocade, size 25, \$30.00, now \$15.00

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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,

MIDLAND HARDWARE CO.

WITH THE CHURCHES

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

BAPTIST CHURCH

Mothers Day

9:45 a. m., Bible school.
11 a. m., sermon, "Our Mother."
7 p. m., Senior B. Y. P. U.
8 p. m., preaching, "Seven Kinds of Mothers Whose Children May Go Wrong."
Every man ought to hear this sermon and every woman ought to hear a sermon on the kind of fathers whose children may go wrong.

Prof. Hornaday will sing "Rocked in the Cradle of the Deep." Other special music at both services. This is to be "Mothers Day" and all are urged to be invited. Let everybody honor mother by going to church. Look for special musical program.
Ernest Quick, Pastor.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Mothers Day at the Christian church next Sunday. The pastor has a special sermon for the occasion at the morning hour and there will be

appropriate music. Other services of the day will be as usual. The public is extended a cordial invitation upon all occasions.
J. T. McKissick, Pastor.

EPWORTH LEAGUE

Subject, "Growing as Christ Grew."
Leader—Miss Judith Clark.
Song service.
Prayer—Matt Armstrong.
Scripture lesson, Luke 2:41-52.
Responsive reading, Psalm 51.
Introduction by the leader.
Recitation, "I think When I Read That Sweet Story of Old"—Ruth Terry.
Address—Duncan Garner.
Vocal solo—N. Y. Henry.
Address by Junior League Supt.
Prayer for the religious life of children and youth.—Mrs. Henry Stillwell.
Song.
Address—Minerva Towers.
Address—Bro. Cowan.
Roll call answered by scripture quotations.
Announcements and benediction.

Capt. Jas. Rhea, son of our esteemed townspeople, Capt. and Mrs. J. B. Rhea, was in Midland the latter part of last week, only for a day to visit his parents. The Captain is to be promoted to Major, and may be stationed at the training camp near Little Rock, Ark.

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 OR TRADE—Having to leave Alpine I offer my home place, 565 acres, one mile from high school campus; \$2000 residence, garage, barn and other out buildings; about 700 fruit trees, 200 grape vines, farm of 15 acres, two large tanks stocked with cat fish; pumping plant 80 gallons per minute; get 10 cents per head per day pasturing horses; good view; an ideal home. Would consider good residence in Midland, or ranch land and pay difference. W. H. Funk, Alpine, Texas. 31-3t-pd

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. Crowley, Box 143, Midland, Texas. 30-4tpd

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FOR SALE—LIVE STOCK

FOR SALE—A few good Jersey milk cows, fresh in milk. Also some sorghum seed, hand threshed. Apply to W. L. Clark, phone 285. 31-4t pd

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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

YOUR VETERINARY WORK—Will be appreciated and handled with the best of care. Office phone 270, at Tom Norris transfer. Residence phone 441. —Dr. J. A. McBee. V. S. 1t pd

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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—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.

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NOTED SINGER HERE TOMORROW

Miss Ida Gardner Will Give Recital in the Christian Church Tomorrow Evening

Is it possible for a singer to sing a duet with herself?
Can a living voice and the same voice reproduced on an instrument be so identical in tone quality that they cannot be distinguished, one from the other?

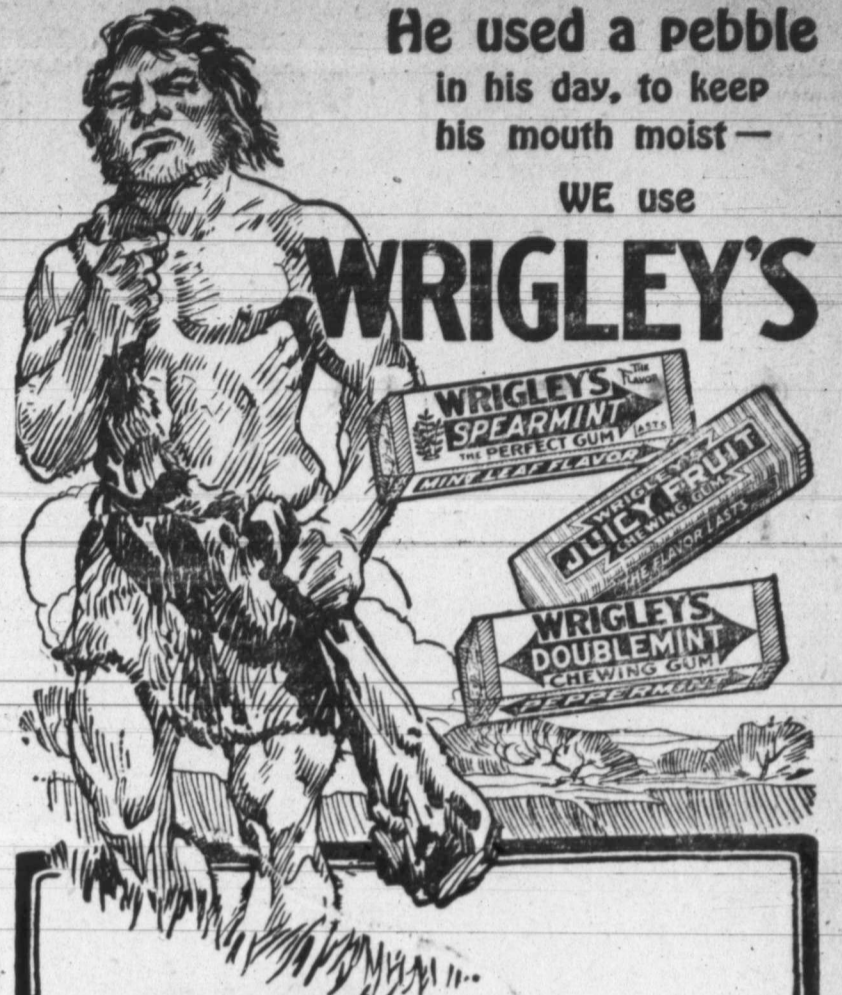


Miss Ida Gardner
Has science achieved a triumph that marks the dawn of a new day in the art of music?

These are some of the questions—questions in which every person of culture must take a deep interest—that will be answered at the exclusive music recital to be given at the Christian church, on Saturday evening, at eight-thirty, May 12th. Invitations to this affair, at which Miss Ida Gardner, the brilliant and beautiful concert contralto, will sing, have been received by many prominent musicians of this city and interest in the coming affair seems to be keen in musical circles. The appearance of Miss Gardner alone, of course, would be sufficient to arouse the enthusiasm of music lovers here, but the fact that she will lend her superb voice to the laudable work of revealing conclusively that the marvelous achievement of the Re-Creation of musical sounds has been attained adds immeasurable interest to the occasion.

In the coming recital, which is being awaited eagerly by those who are fortunate enough to hold cards of admission, Miss Gardner will sing in companionship with her voice as re-created by the New Edison, to enable those in the audience to judge whether or not the living voice can be made to live forever. A superb program has been arranged—a program that will reveal all the fascinating qualities of the dulcet voice of the young contralto. At times her living voice will be heard alone; at times she will sing in unison with her re-created voice; at times she will sing duets with herself, carrying one part of a song with her living voice and the other part with her re-created voice. The audience will try to pick the two golden threads of tone apart—to say which one lives for a moment and which has been made immortal. Can it be done? Miss Gardner will answer the question in the most unique recital. From both artistic and scientific standpoints that has ever been given in this city.

W. D. and C. C. Ellis and W. C. Weyman returned Wednesday night from an extended stay in San Antonio and other points in South Texas.



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In the latter part of April a deal was closed whereby the firm of W. H. Spaulding & Sons became distributors for Lexington cars. This firm will continue their Cadillac sales as heretofore and will sell the Lexington "Minute Man Six" in connection with the other business.

The new agency covers ten counties in the Midland territory and the outlook for business is pleasing. Mr. H. F. Hardin will take the field at once as salesman for the above firm and will look after sales throughout the territory.

After a careful investigation of the various priced cars the firm has decided on the Lexington car as being the best value in its class.

The car throughout is of the most approved construction and all equipment is of the best, including Westinghouse starter, Willard storage bat-

tery, Continental Red Seal motor and full floating rear axle with spiral bevel gears in differential.

The car will be furnished both in the roomy five passenger body style and the popular type of Clubster.

A shipment of cars is now enroute from the factory to Midland and is expected to arrive about the 15th.

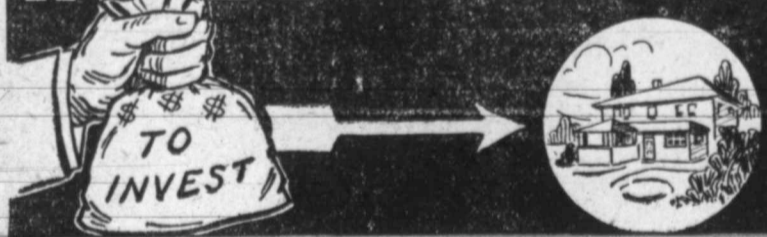
The price of the new car will be \$1375 delivered, with full equipment including power tire pump, large size motometer, and extra tire in demountable rim.

OPERA HOUSE

Bible lesson at 10 a. m., Sunday. Preaching at 11 a. m., by L. T. Robertson. Everybody be on time. C. A. Stark.

J. C. Ainsworth, who ranches in Andrews County, was in Midland Wednesday, on business. Reports range dry. Otherwise conditions are fair.

INVESTMENTS



Some folks apparently are getting rich with great ease. In fact, they are the ones who commenced

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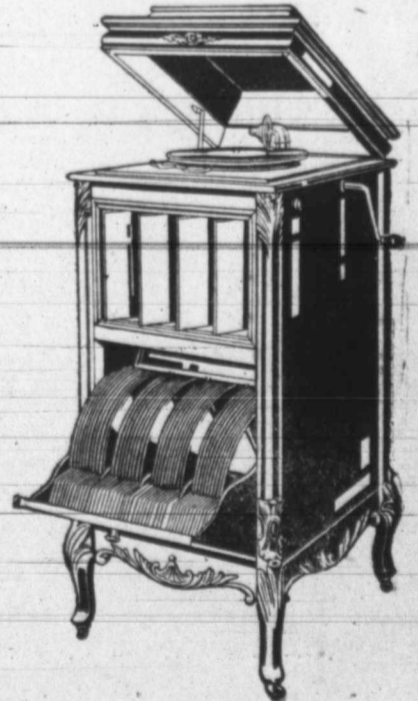
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**THE MOTHERS CLUB
ELECTS OFFICERS**

Last Meeting of Fiscal Year Held
Last Friday with Important
Work Outlined

The Mothers Club held its last meeting for this year in the high school auditorium Friday, May 4th, at 4 p. m., Mrs. John Haley, the president, presiding.

The committee on organization to induce boys to stop smoking reported that they had arranged to have some good lectures for the boys at an early date, and to perfect an organization to provide amusement and recreation for the boys, in an effort to induce them to quit smoking.

The committee on amending the constitution and by-laws recommended that article five of the constitution be amended to read as follows:

"Officers shall be elected annually, the election to be at the April meeting of the club."

The club voted to again offer a prize to the graduating girls for the simplest dress, costing not more than \$5.00, as has been done by the club for several years. The rules governing the contest last year will be observed this year.

The club voted to have a better baby contest during the next meeting of the Midland Fair, and to make better preparation and provision for all babies in the nearby counties; to have a warm room for the babies, and plenty of time for the work. Each mother in Midland and adjoining counties is urged to begin now to plan to enter her baby in this contest. Only one prize will be given,

same being to the child showing the greatest improvement since last year. This, of course, will not include babies not examined last year, but will not exclude them from the benefits of the contest.

The president read a letter from Miss Blodgett of the State University, asking that the club observe Baby Week, May 1st to May 6th.

The club decided to study a course from the university on "Home Economics," the course to begin in September. The club will be furnished a lecture from the university some time during the early part of October. A library is also furnished with the course and it is thought that this will be a very helpful study, and every home-maker, especially every member of the Mothers Club, is urged to take advantage of these lessons.

This being the last meeting of the year, the officers were elected for next year, same being as follows:

President, Mrs. John A. Haley.
Vice-president, Mrs. Lester C. Majors.
Secretary-treasurer, Mrs. Pearl Rankin.

A committee was appointed to devise a plan for raising money to meet the obligations, and to be ready for the Better Baby contest.

It is hoped that all mothers will take a greater interest in the work of the Mothers Club during the coming year. Come and help us; in doing so you will receive much benefit.

Mrs. John Haley, President
Mrs. L. C. Majors, Secy pro tem

Note the advertisement of The Ladies' Store. Some splendid bargains are offered. The ad is an attractive half page.

B. T. Hill and Jno. Richards and wife were visitors Tuesday from Stanton, to do some shopping.



Ida
Gardner

The American Contralto with
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Since her return to this country, Miss Gardner's career has been one continuous success.

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Saturday Night, May 12th, at Christian Church

Music's Re-Creation! A reproduction of the human voice from the phonograph which the ear cannot distinguish from the living voice! Has Mr. Edison accomplished this miracle, at last? Come—hear this astonishing test—and judge.

Miss Ida Gardner, the popular concert contralto will be here at Mr. Edison's request, to offer you the only evidence by which you can really judge.

She will sing side by side with Mr. Edison's re-creation of her voice! See if you can tell, without watching the motion of Miss Gardner's lips, which is the living voice and which the re-creation.



Many famous artists have made these "Tone Tests." Read what the papers say:

"Impossible to distinguish between the singer's living voice and its re-creation by the instrument that bears the stamp of Edison's genius."
Boston Herald, Nov. 19th, 1915.

"The ear could not tell when it was listening to the phonograph alone. Only the eye could discover the truth by noting when the singer's mouth was open or closed."
N. Y. Evening Mail, May 3rd, 1916.

"It was virtually impossible to distinguish between the real voice and the Re-Created voice of the singer."
Philadelphia Evening Telegram, April 28th, 1916

"Christine Miller, herself, and Christine Miller on the Edison, sang side by side. The two voices were so identical that when one or the other stopped it was impossible to detect it in the audience."
Cleveland Leader, Sept. 23rd, 1915.

"Not possible to tell one from the other."
Detroit Free Press, Oct. 12th, 1915.

What Is Your Judgment?

Mr. Edison insists upon this unique and daring test. For it tells more than the most vivid words can express. Its convincing frankness sweeps away all doubt. Mr. Edison wants your true judgment of his new musical art. He wants the judgment of every music-lover. Has he re-created music? Has he eliminated all mechanical blemish? Has he preserved the living tones in all their reality?

He puts the original and his recreation before you—side by side. He hides nothing. Asks no allowances. He dares to make the vital test that no one else but he has ever ventured. And he asks you to decide.

Call or Write for Complimentary Tickets

We want all music lovers in this community to hear this interesting and convincing test. Complimentary tickets will be distributed to those who apply in person at our store or by mail. You and your friends are urged to attend. We advise you to apply early before all tickets are exhausted.

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First National Bank
MIDLAND, TEXAS



Condition on May 1st, 1917

Capital, Surplus and Undivided
Profits

\$212,894.30

Deposits

\$802,495.32

Total Resources

\$1,040,389.62

CAPITAL ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

SURPLUS ONE HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLARS

**EXEMPTION FOR
COWBOYS IS ASKED**

Congressman Blanton last Monday appealed to President Wilson and Secretary of War Baker to have cowboys included in classes exempt from military service because of greater service furnished the nation in other than military capacities. Blanton's request is based on a letter and telegram received from James Callan, president

of the Texas Cattle Raisers' Association, and other prominent Texas cattlemen. He has enlisted the aid of Senators Sheppard and Culberson, Senator Kendrick, of Wyoming, a former Texas cowboy, and other Texas congressmen.

"The drafting of cowboys indiscriminately into the army," President Callan declared, "would be serious, for it would have a tendency to curtail production of beef and horses, both necessities of war. Old men or women can't break wild horses or handle semi-wild cattle. The young men

actively engaged in this work ought to stay there for the best interests of their country."

He added that it takes longer to train a man in the handling of cattle on the range than it does to train a soldier. Callan points out also that Texas cattlemen are needed at home to perform scout duty along the Mexican border to supplement the efforts of the regular army.

"I present this as a matter of duty and in the interest of efficiency and I think those directing the levies ought to take time to consider," Callan said,

in conclusion. Congressman Blanton intends to do all possible to have the suggestion adopted by military authorities.

Bill Benton came in Monday from Kent County, to receive 200 cows that he will trail through to the Joe Jay ranch in the northwest part of Andrews County.


Joe Phillips was here from Andrews County the first of the week, on business. He ordered The Reporter sent to his mother at Hamlin.

Paramount Pictures

Unique Theatre

MONDAY, MAY 14th
 BILLIE BURKE in the 16th episode of the Society serial
"GLORIA'S ROMANCE"
 A Rex production featuring FRANCIS MARION and
 CLAIRE McDOWELL,
"THE RENTED MAN"
 An Imp drama with EDITH ROBERTS and MALCOLM BLEVINS.
"EVIL HANDS"

TUESDAY, MAY 15th



A PARAMOUNT production with beautiful
 MARIE DORO
"THE LASH"
 PARAMOUNT-BRAY Cartoon-Comedy

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16th
 CHARLES RICHMAN, DOROTHY KELLY and ARLINE PRETTY
 in the thrilling serial
"THE SECRET KINGDOM"
 A Victor Comedy-drama with FLORA PARKER DeHAVEN and
 CALVERT CARTER
"A NOVEL ROMANCE"
 An L-KO Comedy scream with the funny DAN RUSSELL,
"SPIKE'S BIZZY BIKE"

THURSDAY, MAY 17th
 FRANCIS FORD and GRACE CUNARD in the mysterious
 UNIVERSAL Serial,
"THE PURPLE MASK"
 A 101-Bison Feature with JACK FORD and JEAN HATHAWAY
"THE TORNADO"
 A Powers split-reel cartoon comedy and educational,
"MR. FULLER PEP"
 —an old bird pays him a visit, and
"THE LAND OF BUDDHA"

FRIDAY, MAY 18th



Olivèr Morosco presents VIVIAN MARTIN
 in
"HER FATHER'S SON"
 Another BLACK DIAMOND Comedy

SATURDAY, MAY 19th
 A Goldseal 3-reel Feature with ELIZABETH RISDON and
 FREDERICK GROVER,
"DESPERATION"
 A BIG V Comedy with HUGHEY MACK and PATSY DeFORREST,
"RIPS AND RUSHES"
 FRANK DANIELS, the man with a million laughs, in
"CAPTAIN JINKS' KIDS"



Hugh Campbell was in Midland this week. He has sold his holdings in Winkler County and will locate in Runtells County, where he has purchased 827 acres of land. He paid \$27.50 per acre.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS,
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Midland County—GREETING:
 You are hereby commanded to summon H. K. Tarvin by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county. If there be a newspaper published in said judicial district, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th judicial district, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be holden at the court house thereof at 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 8th day of January, 1917, in a 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, and wherein it is alleged that the plaintiff sues W. J. Moran and Annie Moran to obtain judgment upon one certain promissory note or bond executed on or about the first day of March, 1915, for the sum of \$3,000.00, payable to the order of the plaintiff, Leonard Taylor, on the first day of March, 1918, with interest thereon from date at 8 per cent per annum, payable annually, according to the terms of three notes as thereto attached, each for the sum of \$200.00, also on or about March 1st, 1915, W. J. Moran and Annie Moran made, executed and delivered their certain promissory note to J. C. Taylor for the sum of \$150.00, dated March 1st, 1915, and due and payable in installments of \$50.00 each, on the first day of July, 1916 and first day of March, 1917, and first day of March, 1918, without interest, and containing a provision that if any installment of interest was not paid when due, as herein provided, in the note made to Leonard Taylor, that then both principal and all amounts of interest shall become due and payable at the option of the owner and holder.

Plaintiff further alleges that the first note described above was secured by first mortgage executed by the said W. J. Moran and Annie Moran as evidenced by a deed of trust in favor of J. C. Taylor as trustee and conveying Survey No. G. H. T. Sapp, Grant, located by virtue of Certificate No. 1439, containing 1077 acres of land in Upton County, Texas, with the usual provisions contained in said deed of trust is duly recorded in Volume 3, page 139, et seq. Deed of Trust Records of Upton County, Texas, and that thereby a lien was created upon said land for the purpose of securing the payment of the principal note or bond of \$3,000.00 hereinbefore mentioned.

Plaintiff further alleges a second mortgage upon the same property to secure a note for the sum of \$150.00, the same as hereinbefore mentioned, and that he has become by purchase and transfer the owner and holder of said second note as well as the first note.

Plaintiff further alleges that the installment of interest maturing on March 1st, 1916, is past due and payable, and that all said indebtedness has been declared due and that he as substitute trustee sold out said piece of property for which he obtained the sum of \$100.00 and that sale thereof was made to Leonard Taylor.

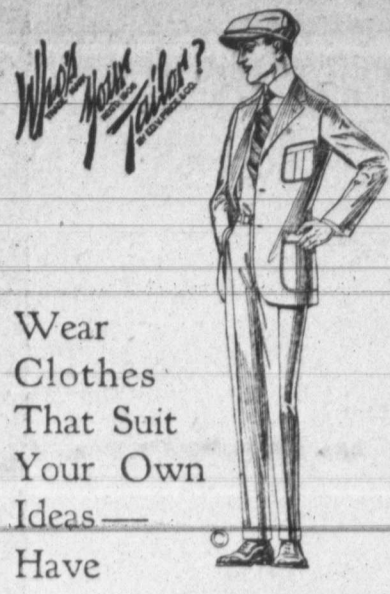
Plaintiff also alleges that H. K. Tarvin is claiming some interest in said land by means conveyance from the said W. J. Moran and Annie Moran, and that he is made a party hereto for the purpose of determining his rights and interest in the premises.

Plaintiff further alleges that on account of said land, he has been out the sum of \$4.95 as taxes, penalties and costs for the year 1915, and taxes for the year 1916, and that he has paid the same \$47.25 as interest due the State of Texas on purchase money unpaid and owing, and that he was out the expense of advertising trustee's sale, \$12 and also attorney's fees and expenses of substitute trustee in making sale of \$178.00, that these items of expense were items incurred in connection with said sale and were provided for in said obligation and in said deed of trust and were incurred by plaintiff on or about the first day of December, 1916, and on which obligation plaintiff sues.

Plaintiff prays for judgment for his debt against said W. J. Moran and Annie Moran and for the confirmation of the title already had by virtue of the sale under said trust, he has paid the same alternative for judgment against W. J. Moran and Annie Moran and against all of the defendants for foreclosure of his said lien in case the court should hold that for any reason the said sale heretofore made by the substitute trustee was invalid and prays for due order of sale and application of proceeds and for general relief.

Herein full not, but have before said court on the first day of the next term thereof, this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness W. J. SPARKS, clerk of the district court of Midland County.
 Given under my hand and seal of said court, in the town of Midland, this first day of May, 1917.
 W. J. SPARKS,
 Clerk District Court, Midland County.
 Issued this 1st day of May, 1917.
 W. J. SPARKS,
 Clerk District Court, Midland County.
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 AT THE UNIQUE

A large crowd attended the matinee and night show of "The Eagle's Wings" last Saturday. This feature was on the preadness question and in many respects was equally as good if not superior to other pictures on this subject that has been shown in our city. It showed the moulding of the great shells and munitions in the arsenals of the United States, and displayed many items of interest in these great factories. One scene in this picture was a feature within itself. It showed the raid at Columbus, N. M., as it actually happened and it was spectacular to the highest degree.

The management moved into the audience the first of the week, but on account of the sudden cold snap had to go back to the winter quarters again. They will move into the air-dome just as soon as the weather will permit. All week the Unique has showed to capacity houses, and well they might, for the pictures have been unusually good. Many new faces are appearing nightly now, and new favorites are springing into action. The two serials, "The Purple Mask," and the "Secret Kingdom" and the great society serial, "Gloria's Romance" in popularity. These serials are rapidly drawing to a close and the management has booked a new one to receive its first audience on the night of June the 11th, the night that Gloria's Romance ends. This is entitled "The Great Secret," starring Francis X. Bushman and Beverly Bayne. These two great screen artists need no introduction to Midland fans, for they both have been seen to advantage time and again.

Last Tuesday night Mr. and Mrs. Waldron, the famous dancers, who brought the popular "tango" dance to America, were seen in a Paramount production. This was one of the most interesting and beautiful pictures ever witnessed at this theatre, and a most appreciative audience was in attendance.

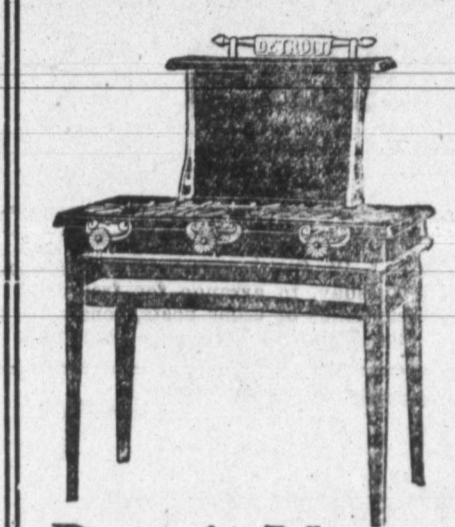
The management has a new scheme on foot, of which we will not make mention at present, but it is a good one and one that all will be delighted with when it is made public.

Remember tonight is Paramount night and a rich story with a popular star is the program, ending up with a red-hot comedy. Come early and get a good seat.

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.



Detroit Vapor
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Have a cool kitchen this summer, cut the fuel cost one fourth; avoid replacing wicks or rings, and get city gas range results in your kitchen. See this remarkably well built, simple and safe stove.

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Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Anderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... the doctors gave her up, and we brought her home to die. She had suffered so much at... time, having heard of Cardui, we got it for her."

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 The Woman's Tonic

"In a few days, she began to improve," Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere. We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, full of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should do you good, too. Try Cardui." E-77

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.

J. J. Gray, ranching 35 miles west of Jal, N. M., was here Monday, on business. Reports pretty good grass but no rain yet.

You Owe

it to your family to protect them from

The Fly

We can furnish your SCREEN needs

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

(Midland Lumber Company)

Miss Maggie McCormick, proprietor of The Ladies Store, has a special May sale on. It is interesting. Read her half page ad.

J. W. Smith was in from Seminole Tuesday, to arrange for freighting 5 car loads of cedar posts, consigned to the Seminole Telephone Company.

Your Market Value Rises When You're Custom Tailored

And it costs no added premium at our store.

Our "custom-tailored-to-measure" suits are a success formula. There's a springy step and a perky head in every one.

Step into the "well-dressed" circle. Get that "personality" touch to your attire.

In our store we have brought "custom tailored" prices down to earth. Come in and let our expert diagram you for a real made-to-measure. You will save money in the long run.



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PHONE 30.

Continental Tailoring gives you the countersign into the Well Dressed Circle.



HATS!

NICE HATS AT YOUR OWN PRICE!

Ladies, we mean it---come and select one.

Other nice things, almost equally low priced.

Always Rich and Rare Bargains at the

Midland Variety Store

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THE SIXTEENTH'S PEEVISH MEMBER

Blanton Resents an Interference with His Congressional Activities Even by Parties Concerned

Some two weeks ago, possibly three, upon learning that Congressman Thos. L. Blanton had offered a bill appropriating certain funds for Federal buildings in several West Texas towns, Big Spring included, President A. C. Murray, of the Big Spring Chamber of Commerce, wired this member from the 16th district to leave Big Spring out of his calculations. The wire was in no wise offensive, stating merely that as the country now faces a war crisis the time for such expenditures was not now opportune, and that Big Spring was too patriotic to care for such favors at such a time. The Reporter is in receipt of a copy of Mr. Blanton's reply to the said telegram. It is characteristic, but too voluminous for publication in full. Excerpts will suffice the reader. In part and under date, April 25th, at Washington, he writes:

"I have your 'grand-stand' telegram of this date, stating that you are surprised that I have introduced a Bill to allow Big Spring a Federal Building, and asking that I withdraw it.

"You may be surprised at what I have done, but I am not a bit surprised at what you, and the little gang of political ringsters who influenced this telegram, have done, for I expected just such ingratitude and want of appreciation. You are going to be surprised still more at what I do, for I am going to give you a class of representation that you are not used to, and which you do not deserve."

Here follows a lengthy justification of his measures, together with a quotation from the 15th plank of his platform, neither of which is interesting. He points out to Mr. Murray, however, that

"You did not elect me, and I owe you nothing, politically or otherwise. I do owe a duty and sacred obligation to Big Spring, even though you live there, and I am filling it by carrying out my platform promises."

And the peeved law-maker finishes a lengthy tirade in this wise: "If it were not for the fact that it would be punishing innocent citizens who don't endorse your ungrateful telegram, I would substitute the City of Coahoma, for God knows, it more justly deserves it."

The Sixteenth should be proud of its member. His characteristic choice of epithets, however, and "bully-raging" tactics failed to ruffle the party to whom they were addressed, and The Reporter calls attention to Mr. Murray's dignified reply—dignified, yet, as it should have been, couched to appease the congressman's childish peevishness. Mr. Murray's letter is more readable. It is far more elevated. It was written by a bigger man than the one instigated by the congressman from the "Jumbo District" of Texas. We reproduce it in full. It was written at Big Spring under date, May 2nd, and follows:

"Your letter of the 25th ult., addressed to the secretary of this Chamber of Commerce, has been handed to me.

"We regret that you misunderstood our telegram, and assure you that it was far from our thought to make a 'grand-stand' play. In our countrywide way we had gathered the impression that it was the expressed desire of President Wilson that the whole Nation should economize, so as to conserve our money, our material and our labor for war purposes. However, you, being in Washington and a member of Congress, are doubtless better informed, and you will please pardon our ignorance in the matter.

"The fifteenth plank in your personal platform, to which you call attention, is excellent so far as your desire to curb extravagance is concerned. May we, in our humble way, suggest that the appropriations for Federal buildings should be based on the requirements of the community served, and not on the snap judgment of an individual. The individual is often prejudiced or may be has not time to make a thorough investigation of the matter, or he may be smarting from what he may consider the unpunished crime of some voters in a community, who, in their ignorance, opposed him. In our judgment, local conditions should be thoroughly investigated, and allowance made for the natural growth of the community in the reasonably near future, and then an appropriation requested for enough money to provide a Federal building sufficient to meet the requirements of that community, and no more.

"We believe, that during this crisis, all of the efforts of the Government should be devoted to solving the many problems that confront it, and that our petty local affairs should not be considered. You say we show lack of appreciation of your kind of representation. Do we? Mr. Blanton, we shall consider your kind of representation very undesirable, if you attempt to force through a bill from which we will benefit even in the small amount of \$15,000.00 at this time. You state you have supported the plans and policies of President Wilson, and we applaud you for it. However, do not permit your zeal to serve your loyal friends here influence your good judgment. Continue to follow President Wilson's lead, and preach and practice economy. We do not require or desire donations for even necessities at this time, and we abhor 'Pork'.

"May we also suggest to you that it might be considered extravagant, and would surely be lack of economy, to construct a Federal building here

Your Money's Worth

---that's what we give you in every purchase

Do You Know, that we are selling Shoes in Staple Numbers at Wholesale Cost, on basis of present prices?

Do You Know, that every article of Staple Merchandise in our stock now can be bought at a saving of 15 to 50 per cent figured on present day prices?

We advise our customers to buy as usual. "Business as Usual" is the Slogan of the Manufacturers and Wholesalers and we feel confident that the situation will warrant such a condition.

We will have special bargains in odds and ends in all lines and assure you that it will be to the interest of every person to watch our Bargain Opportunities.

Come in Friday and Saturday and see what we have, also remember that Mrs. Prichard of the International Corset Co. ("La Camille") is here giving demonstrations and Personal Fittings.

"Everybody's"

"Midland's Quality Store"

or elsewhere, while the cost of material is so high?

"Is it not also a fact that practically all of the available labor, skilled and unskilled, will be required for war purposes, either directly or indirectly?"

"The telegram to which you referred was drafted by me, and I was neither influenced nor consulted by any other person. After it was written I showed it to the members of our executive committee, and they approved it.

"For your information, I do not belong to any 'gang of political ringsters' as you infer, neither do I actively participate in any political movement, but I vote for the man who in my judgment has the necessary qualifications of business ability, broadness of mind, and cool headed common sense, to properly become our representative in Congress. Did I vote for you?"

"The language which you used in your letter to us is inexcusable, and almost unparadonable, and regrettable as coming from a member of Congress. We appreciate that you must have been under a great mental strain at the time our message was received by you, or otherwise you would have written us a kindly letter, and would not have described us as being such terrible persons. We trust that you have fully recovered your normal poise by this time.

"You state that God knows that Coahoma deserves a Federal building, and we are glad. At the proper time, when the war is over, we sincerely trust that our good neighbors will get all that they deserve, and we shall glory in their good fortune.

"Mr. Blanton, we have no hard feelings against you, and did not know that you had a little war of your own on here. Could not a peace be brought about, so that you could direct all of your resources toward winning the world war?"

"Very truly yours,
A. C. Murray, President."

THE DEATH OF JUDGE G. N. GENTRY

(Continued from page 1)
where the Albert Sidney Johnson Camp, U. C. V. took charge, and with beautiful and impressive ceremonies concluded the burial rites, the grave being draped in the Confederate and United States flags. The floral offerings were magnificent and profuse. The funeral cortege was said to have been one of the longest ever seen in Hamilton. And while the body lay in state at the Graves home hundreds of old time friends passed around the bier for a last look at the noble face of their dead friend. Another notable incident in connection with this burial was that it occurred on San Jacinto Day, the father of Judge Gentry having fought in the battle of San Jacinto 75 years before.

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 a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any 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 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 held 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 10th day of May, A. D. 1917.

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

B. F. Whitefield, of The Mercantile, and Addison Wadley, of the Wadley-Patterson Company, returned yesterday from Fort Worth, where they were attendant upon the convention of the Retail Merchants Association.

We are authorized to announce that Miss Eunice Allen will give her graduating recital in piano on May 15th at 8:30 p. m., in the auditorium at Midland College. An excellent program has been arranged for the occasion.

J. B. Smith, brother of our townsmen, J. V. and N. R. Smith, arrived in Midland this week from Brewster, Okla. He will assist his brothers for some time in their grocery business.

W. S. Ratliff was with us a day or two this week from his Ector County ranch. Gave a fair report, other than a dry range.

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

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the officers and directors of this company are experienced handlers of cattle, and are, therefore, able to render the best possible service.

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