

THE ASSIGNMENT OF TEACHERS MADE

Public Schools Open Next Monday— Pupils Should Report Where Grades Are Taught

According to custom and in keeping with previous announcements, our public schools will open the session of 1917-18 Monday morning, Sept. 3rd, and the prospects are bright for a large enrollment and the most successful term in the history of the Midland public schools.

In the assignment of teachers and pupils, which appears below, it will be observed that five sections in the grades will not be carried at Central Ward. The following grades, because of the lack of room, will not be taught at Central Ward: High fifth grade, high and low fourth grades and high and low third grades.

The many friends of Miss Gladys Little will be glad to learn that she has accepted a position in our high school for next year and will be here to take up her work Monday. Miss Little will be assigned to the position of Spanish and general science in the high school, the position made vacant by the resignation of Miss Lucile Davis.

Below is given the assignment of the high school teachers and grade teachers to buildings, to departments, to grades and to half grades for the term of 1917-18. These assignments are tentative and may be changed at any time at the discretion of the superintendent and the board.

High School

W. W. Lackey, superintendent—Latin in the high school.

J. E. Nelson, principal—Mathematics, physics and chemistry.

N. Y. Henry—English and science. Miss Myrtle Tanner—History and algebra.

Miss Gladys Little—Spanish and general science. (Grammar School (Central Bldg.))

W. P. Coar, principal of the department—Arithmetic and seventh grade.

Miss Blanche Randle—English and high and low sixth grades.

Miss Beulah Graves—History and low fifth grade.

Miss Cammie Sue Green—High and low second grades.

Miss Lanu Harris—High and low first grades.

South Ward Building R. T. McCarter, principal—History and low seventh and high sixth grades.

Miss Beulah Talley—English and low sixth and high fifth grades.

Miss Edna Williams—Geography and low fifth and high fourth grades.

Miss Arnie Smith—Low fourth grade.

Miss Lorainne Davis—High third grade.

Miss Susie Brunson—High and low second grades.

Miss Est. V. Henkel—High and low first grades.

Joe B. Johnson, Gib Stovall and Floyd Barron were among the visitors to the Lovington picnic last week.

MIDLAND COLLEGE OPENS WEDNESDAY

Preparations Active in Arranging for an Attendance That Has Not Been Equalled in Past

Arrangements have been completed for the opening of the college at 10 a. m., Wednesday, Sept. 5th. The faculty will all be in place and there is the prospect of a fine attendance. Several of the teachers will arrive this week and some of the students are already on the ground.

The college has met the requirements for first class standing before the State Department of Education and the Texas Association of Colleges. There are three teachers who hold the A. M. degree and three who hold the A. B. from standard colleges and with two-fifths of their work completed towards the A. M.

College chemistry has been accredited by the Association of Texas Colleges. Only six other junior colleges in Texas have this distinction. The opening exercises will occur at the college auditorium Wednesday at 10 a. m.

An interesting, informal program will be rendered. All friends of higher education in our city are cordially invited to be present. The honor and day will not conflict with our public schools.

Midland unite to make the school year about to open one of the best in our history for both the college and the public schools. Sometimes it would seem that our people are neglecting a duty to this educational institution. They fail to appreciate its importance. Midland College is so located as to become an institution of not only great merit but of large attendance. Think of the wide scope of country it has to draw from. It does not take a vivid imagination to picture for it a future of educational brilliance, but even an indifferent reasoner can understand that that future will be, to a very great extent, measured by the attitude of our people toward it now.

Turn out, then, next Wednesday morning. Welcome the new teachers, and the old, and cause the student body to feel that their lot is cast in pleasant places for the next nine months.

Dr. J. F. Roberson was a business visitor from Fort Worth this week.

RAPID GROWTH OF RED CROSS MEMBERSHIP

Increasing at the rate of from 25,000 to 100,000 a day, membership of the American Red Cross has just passed the 3,500,000 mark. This is double the number of members on July 1st, when the total was 1,805,852.

At the beginning of the year, the total was 275,000.

The present membership of 3,532,289 is scattered among the 2,400 chapters of the American Red Cross which now are organized in all the principal cities and towns of the country.

In addition there are chapters in Alaska, Porto Rico, Cuba, Philippines, Hawaii, Canal Zone, Guam, Persia, Syria and Turkey.

Illinois leads all states in the number of Red Cross members according to today's figures, having 514,108 the first month. New York came second with 461,237 members and Pennsylvania third with 346,960 members.

The membership is divided among these several classes as follows: Patrons, 1,087; life members, 18,216; sustaining members, 12,144; contributing members, 16,827; subscribing members, 278,261; annual members, 3,191,754.

Texas has a membership of 34,081.

COURSES OF STUDY IN HIGH SCHOOL

More Elastic and Offering Opportunity for 22 1/2 Units of Affiliation with Universities

With the addition this year of a full course in biology, our high school will have 22 1/2 units of affiliation with the university of Texas and with every other university in the south. Last year we secured affiliation in general science, 1 unit, and a favorable report has been made on our trigonometry, which will give us an additional half unit.

This is a distinction which few schools can boast, and ours is to be congratulated upon its attainments. Courses of Study

With the addition of the new teacher in the high school last year, it became possible to extend the course of study somewhat and to offer more electives than had been possible with the number of instructors which the high school had had.

Our high school now offers three full four year courses: One called the ancient language course, or the Latin course; another called the modern language course, or the Spanish course, and the third called the science course. Sixteen full courses, including fourteen units of affiliation, will be required for graduation.

The high school courses are divided into required subjects and electives as follows:

Required Courses 10 English—4 courses. History—2 courses, one of which must be ancient history.

Mathematics—3 courses, these being the first three. Science—1 course.

Total required—10 courses. Electives 14 History—2 courses. Mathematics—1 course. Science—3 courses. Language—8 courses.

Total electives—14, from which pupils will be expected to take six. When domestic economy is introduced, one course in this subject may be selected as the science course required for graduation.

The courses of study for the high school arranged in groups are as follows:

Science Group English—4 courses. History—4 courses. Mathematics—4 courses. Science—4 courses.

This group will give sixteen full courses and 14 1/2 units of affiliation.

Modern Language Group English—4 courses. History—4 courses. Mathematics—4 courses. Spanish—4 courses.

This group will give sixteen full courses and 14 1/2 units of affiliation.

Pupils who wish to prepare for college will be advised in most instances to take more than the minimum requirement for graduation, and will likely select English, history, mathematics, a language and some of the sciences, graduating with more than sixteen courses and with more than fourteen units of affiliation.

Chemistry will be transferred from the eleventh grade to the tenth grade this year, and physics will be transferred from the tenth grade to the eleventh grade—changes which were announced during the term last year.

The next move will be to introduce courses in domestic economy, manual training and commercial art. It is grat-

MIDLAND COUNTY'S QUOTA SECURED

Local Exemption Board Examined 150 to Secure 38—64 in First Call 86 in Second

The Midland County exemption board this week finished its work in securing the county's quota to be passed to the district board at Fort Worth. There were 64 of the registrants called for examination first and 19 were secured from these. A second call was made, in which 86 registrants were summoned to appear, and from these 19 were secured, making a total of 38 to appear before the district board or to answer the call to service.

The first call for these registrants has been made, two to be entrained for San Antonio on September 5th, and since it had been known to them that they had been drafted, Tony Gable and Fred Rosabell Wells have been anxious to go. They called on the board again yesterday, requesting that they be permitted to go in the first call. Asked what they could do, they replied, "Anything! Just let us go. We'll make two good 'hands.' We'll show you. We are 'arin' to fight those Dutch, or do anything else the service may call on us for!"

Ah, but this is the spirit. These are the kind of fighters the country wants. No slackers in these two. It is refreshing, indeed, among so many who are doing everything and practicing all sorts of dodges to keep from going. God speed you, Tony and Fred. May you win honors and stand ever high in the esteem of your fellows. You will, we know, and may you be returned to us safely, looked upon as heroes in a cause that is altogether worthy.

Following are the 38 selected out of the 150 examined.

- 1. 258 Morgan Ed Cole, Jr. 3. 126 Tony Gable. 5. 309 Warren C. Morrow. 6. 43 Thomas L. Beauchamp. 8. 140 Fred Rosabell Wells. 12. 223 Daniel T. Ratliff. 17. 298 Kenton Simpson Boone. 22. 56 John Carl Anderson. 24. 54 James Herbert Norred. 27. 112 James Homer Epley. 28. 128 Carroll Dyer Holloway. 30. 6 James Hutton Truelove. 31. 93 George Hulan King. 34. 51 Lawrence Reynolds Bowles. 42. 320 Aaron Patton. 43. 121 Neal Dowell Staton. 49. 130 Jesse Wesley Nixon. 51. 175 Walter M. Green. 52. 300 Walter Boyd Preston. 65. 169 Jehu Jennings. 74. 211 Finley L. Leubetter. 77. 299 Burton O. Boone. 78. 58 William Henry Butler. 80. 19 James L. Hundie. 85. 136 Oswald Phillips. 97. 124 Gordon Barkley Wilkerson. 103. 52 Leonard Brooksie Pemberton. 104. 105 Elbert Lyle Trimble. 108. 205 Lee Plate. 109. 241 Jim Monroe Shelburne. 116. 114 Robert Emory Thomas. 133. 80 Lewis Clark Sharp, Jr. 135. 217 Lewis Edward Whiten. 138. 232 Foy Proctor. 141. 145 Thomas Rayburn Wilson. 144. 44 Johnnie Younger Francis. 132. 254 Goree K. Allison. 149. 26 Arthur Alonzo Seamans.

ifying to note the steady and rapid growth and improvement of our high school, which has long been recognized as one of the best high schools, not only in the State of Texas but in the entire South.

HALFF MADE DEAL FOR PROCTOR BROS.

Henry M. Halff last Monday made a very nice little deal in registered Herefords for Proctor Bros. He sold this firm to Nat Henderson, of Wichita Falls eight cows and two bulls, all registered Herefords, the price aggregating \$2100.

DEALS AGGREGATE MANY THOUSANDS

Will A. Martin and Girdley & Nobles The Buyers in Largest Deals of Late Months

The Reporter has not lately had the pleasure of reporting any very extensive activity among stockmen; for the reason, perhaps, that drouthy conditions have been a serious handicap to trading and our people have been busy taking care of what they had rather than in their usual customs of exchange and speculating as to market conditions. Naturally the result has been a dull season. Now, however, with the coming of fall rains, our stockmen show a disposition to venture again, and two deals we have in mind, to recount herewith, may be considered but the precursors of many such that are likely to follow.

Last week, then, Will A. Martin was a principal in a deal that would be considered an important one in any season of prosperity. Our information is that his deal with Bryant & Elkin Bros. aggregated in the neighborhood of \$130,000, involving the purchase of 1700 cows and bulls and about 1400 yearlings and calves. These cattle are of the black muley—Angus—type that has been specialized in by Bryant & Elkin Bros. for some years past.

We are pleased, too, to learn that the deal was negotiated by our townsman, J. E. Shumate, as agent, who doubtless has received a substantial commission as a result of his enterprise in bringing buyer and seller together.

Mr. Martin, we understand, has also lately purchased an extensive pasture out west, the property of J. M. Daugherty, so he will not lack range on which to run this fine string of stuff.

The second deal, referred to above, was made by Girdley & Nobles and involves the H. E. Cummins ranch and cattle, also located west from Midland. This ranch embraces 41 sections—largely leased—and in this deal there were 650 cows, 35 bulls, 250 yearling heifers, 25 steer yearlings, and about 500 calves, all of the Hereford type, and a herd said to be one of the most highly bred range herds in the west. This deal aggregated in the neighborhood of \$65,000.

We congratulate the parties above named in having engaged in these first big deals of the fall season, and wish for them, all around, suitable and satisfactory returns for the large sums invested and received.

CATTLE KILLED BY EATING GREEN SORGHUM

W. F. Anderson, whose place is two miles south of Midland, had a piece of very bad luck last Saturday, and features of it may serve as a warning to other stockmen. Mr. Anderson had driven 11 head of 2-year-old heifers up to the house, intending, we understand, to sell them. There was a small patch of sorghum at the house, scattering and a poor stand, and the stalks were only about a foot high. It was of no value as a crop, so Mr. Anderson turned the cattle in on it, while he went to get the 12th heifer, which had gotten away. He was gone but 30 minutes, yet on his return 10 of the cattle were down and 3 died before he could get relief for them from town. It is strange how this green stuff affected the cattle. Many stockmen, however, know of this danger, and claim that several other growths will act on cattle in this way at certain stages, among them Johnson grass, clover, sometimes alfalfa, and the several varieties of sorghum. It is a matter that may be heeded profitably by stockmen, especially as the drouth has resulted in a good many crop failures that may offer tempting grazing for stock.

M. & N. W. HAS REACHED FLOREY

The New Road Would Hurry on to Seminole But is Delayed on Account of Steel

A special Midland correspondent to the El Paso Times, in a recent issue of that paper, has given a considerable boost to the section of the country traversed by the Midland & Northwestern railroad, and to the new road itself. The report of this correspondent is substantially correct, and we reproduce it herewith.

Track laying on the Midland & Northwestern railway has reached the town of Florey on the line between Andrews and Gaines counties, a distance of 48 miles north of Midland. Train service between these points will be established pending reaching the terminus at Seminole, which is 17 miles from Florey. Florey is situated in one of the best corn belts in West Texas, and even this year with the continued dry spell, several thousand bushels of corn will be raised. The section of the country around Florey is a sandy land belt underlaid with a clay sub-soil which makes it a moisture-conserving soil, and every drop of rainfall is thereby saved for plant life. Florey has a wide territory to draw trade from. Towns like Monument and Lovington, N. M., having been placed several miles nearer a railroad will no doubt avail themselves of the shorter wagon haul and come to Florey to receive freight and do their shipping.

The trade territory along the line of the Midland & Northwestern railway has been visited by several good rains lately, insuring winter pasture, and although a great many cattle have been shipped out of this section on account of the dry weather, they have now begun to ship back and the Midland & Northwestern has had two small shipments for Fasken lately.

On account of the war conditions the management of the Midland & Northwestern have been badly hampered by not being able to get steel from the Texas & Pacific railway. The steel mills have now promised deliveries to the Texas & Pacific, and they in turn have promised prompt deliveries as soon as the steel is received.

The building of this short line of railway will afford transportation to a sparsely settled country that is bound to come to the front in the way of settlement and development. Some of the best corn land in Texas is situated in Andrews and Gaines counties. Fasken, the new town that was opened on the "C" ranch, 32 miles from Midland, is giving every promise of making a substantial little city, and with the opening up of 60,000 acres of the "C" ranch tributary to this town, Fasken should make one of the best towns in the South Plains country.

Florey is admirably situated in an agricultural section of West Texas celebrated for corn and hogs, but on account of not having transportation facilities development has been retarded. Now that the railroad has been constructed and in operation a new era will dawn on this community, and Florey corn, peanuts, sweet potatoes, melons and hogs will find the markets of Texas.

We find that there is nothing material that The Reporter could add to the above report. The management of the M. & N. W. is hopeful of receiving steel shortly, and then the road will be hurried to completion at its present terminus, Seminole.

RANCHMEN FROM UPTON COUNTY REPORT RAINS

Alvin Reed and S. P. Pool were visitors this week from Upton County. Mr. Pool reports a fine rain Tuesday night in the Dr. Hall, Jake Massingill and the Upland neighborhood. Mr. Reed also reports good showers; also the sale of a bunch of cows at \$50 and a bunch of calves at \$30 around.

The Store That Welcomes You

Come in and look our stock over, we want you to look at our merchandise whether you are ready to buy or not. Compare our prices, with quality considered, and you will be convinced that it is to your interest to trade with us.

Our Fall stock of Dry Goods is arriving daily and is composed of the best the market affords. You should visit our Ladies' Ready-to-Wear Department and see our line of Coats, Coat Suits, Dresses, Waists and Skirts. We can show you the handsomest lines that have ever been shown in Midland.

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We are selling almost every item in this store for less than the present wholesale prices. Our stock is large and is bought, we believe, at as low figures as any stock of goods anywhere in the whole southwest, and we expect to turn it at a fair margin of profit, no matter how much prices advance.

We expect to be in business next year, and the next year, and the next one, and on and on, and your confidence is worth more to us than a little extra profit right now.

New Fall Serges Specially Priced for one Week 65c

14 pieces 36-inch Storm Serge and French Serge in Navy, Plum, Black, Copen, Burgandy, Russian Green, and Taupe, specially priced for this first week of school, the yard **65c**
 10 pieces 36-inch all wool Storm Serge, in Taupe, Copen-Rose, Kelly Green, Russian Green, Navy, Chartruese and Flame, specially good for school coats and skirts—all wool, yard wide—the yard **1.00**
 6 pieces all wool, yard wide, French Serge, in Copen, Russian Green, Navy, Burgandy and Black, the yard **\$1.00**

Extra Values in School Handkerchiefs, 5c

37 dozen extra values in Misses' and Children's School Handkerchiefs, a splendid 10c number that we were lucky in being able to buy at a price that we can offer these at, each **5c**

32-inch Zephyr Ginghams, 25c

These 32-inch Zephyr Ginghams are so much better quality and prettier patterns than the ordinary ginghams that it is really economy to use this quality for school dresses. It shrinks very little and the colors are fast. A beautiful lot of new patterns, 32 inches wide, the yard **25c**
 We are still showing a good range of patterns in Ginghams at 12½c and 15c the yard, and when we tell you that the very same ginghams that we are selling at 12½c the yard is today costing 16½c the yard at the mills, you will appreciate the effort we are making to keep prices down. But if you are going to need anything in this price ginghams, buy them now, for when present stock is gone it will be impossible to sell any kind of gingham for less than 20c the yard.
 New stock of 32-inch Galateas and Devonshire Cloth at 25c and . . . **27½c**

Buster Brown Hose for boys and girls men and women 25c

This week brought the first two cases of fall numbers in Buster Brown Hose for boys and girls and for men and women. Girls' stockings in black and white, men's sox in black, white, tan and grey, all sizes, pair **25c**

Silk Poplins the same good quality as a year ago at 10c more, yard 60c

Last year we sold an almost unbelievable amount of a splendid quality of 36-inch Silk Poplin at 50c the yard. This goods has almost doubled in price today. By making our purchases early in the year we are able to offer this same good quality in Navy, Copen, Burgandy, Rose Pink, Blue and Taupe, for, the yard **60c**

Boys' School Shoes

Here is the real test of shoes. If they will wear a real live boy they can be pronounced GOOD SHOES. We confidently offer you this kind of shoes for the boys and at very reasonable prices, considering the way shoe prices have gone skyward.

Boys' Scouts, full vamp, viscolised sole, first grade upper stock, a shoe of real service, in sizes 8 1-2 to 13 1-2, the pair **\$2.25**
 In sizes 1 to 6, the pair **\$2.55**
 Stub-Proof, a boys' Gun Metal, lace or button, good quality upper stock, extra heavy viscolised soles, tell-tale tips that won't kick thru. Sizes 8 1-2 to 13, the pair **\$2.35**
 Sizes 13 1-2 to 2, the pair **\$2.50**
 Sizes 2 1-2 to 6, the pair **\$2.85**
 English Walker—A good quality Gun Metal English Walker with real oak soles, in sizes 2 to 6, the pair **\$3.50**
 12 cases of Girls' School Shoes in this week. Send the children here for shoes.

Ladies' New Fall Boots

This week brought the first shipment of new Fall Boots and we can truly offer these as remarkable values. We believe we can save you from \$1.50 to \$3.50 the pair.

One Grey Kid Lace Boot, 9-inch grey cloth top, covered heel, hand turned, the pair **\$7.50**
 One all Black Kid Lace Boot, 9-inch top turned sole, leather heel, the pair **\$8.50**
 One all White Kid Lace Boot, turned sole, 9-inch top, covered heel, the pair **\$9.50**
 One all Grey Kid Lace Boot, 9-inch slant top, the pair **\$12.50**
 One all Champagne Kid Lace Boot 9-inch top, the pair **\$10.00**
 One Dark Brown Kid Vamp, with Champagne Kid top, 9-inch boot, the pair **\$11.00**
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 He won respect and love of all who came within his sphere on earth,
 And as he grew in manly stature, traits of high character attained,
 Nor did he lack in evidence of a Christian's joyful faith.

Can earth forever hold in leash or bonds of love
 Our hearts dear treasures? God knoweth best

Where the lines of earth-life must sever, the golden bowl be broken
 Death, which is but a phase of life, steps o'er the threshold,
 Enters in and does the Master's bidding, the call to higher life,
 Nor years, nor grief unspokenable availeth aught, God's will be done.

Auntie Sterling.

PROMINENT OIL MAN WAS HERE THIS WEEK

L. E. Lassater, of Colorado City, representing the Consolidated Oil & Gas Company, which is a West Texas concern organized for the purpose of developing oil and gas in Howard, Mitchell, Nolan and Fisher counties. They are to drill twelve test wells in these counties and will control 65,000 acres of land, and if successful will be one of the largest companies in the State. This is the largest development ever undertaken in West Texas and if everything comes out all right will mean much to this part of the West. Mr. Lassater ordered the Reporter.

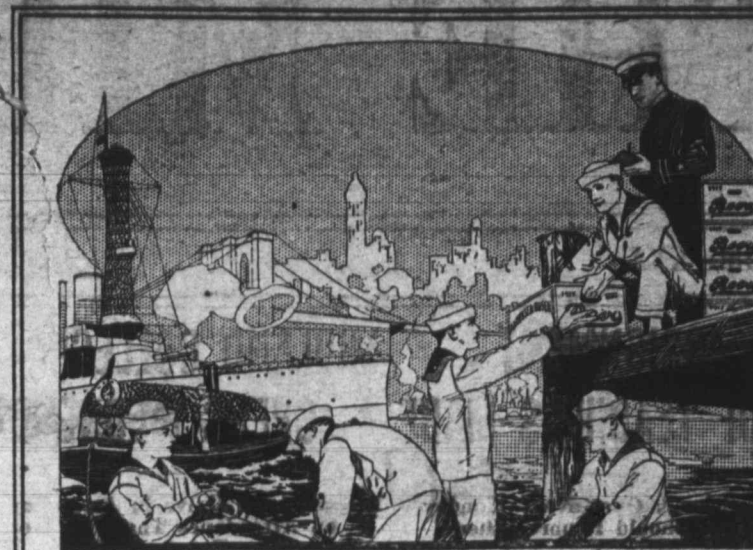
FORMER MIDLAND RESIDENTS VISIT HERE TUESDAY

Mrs. Billie White and two daughters, Misses Lola and Ada, of Roswell, N. M., were in Midland a few days this week, visiting Mrs. White's sister-in-law, Mrs. D. O. McCormick and family. They were former residents of Midland some years ago, and they are going through the country in their car having visited eastern points.

PARTIES ARE BORING FOR OIL NEAR IATAN

J. J. Miles was here this week from Big Spring and says that part of the country is still very dry. Mr. Miles also says they are boring for oil near Iatan, one well being 700 feet deep and prospects favorable.

Wm. Benton was in from the "JOY" ranch this week, 20 miles west of Shafter Lake, where he has been for the past five years, and reports stock and range in pretty fair condition.



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TUBERCULAR SUBJECT WAS SENT ON TO PECOS

A man by the name of Nelson, hailing from Tennessee, and in a most pitiable condition in the last stages of tuberculosis, stopped off in Midland last Monday. He asked our county officials for funds to help him get to Arizona. A ticket was purchased for him to Pecos and a little change was given him.

FRED COLLINS ENLISTS IN THE U. S. MARINES

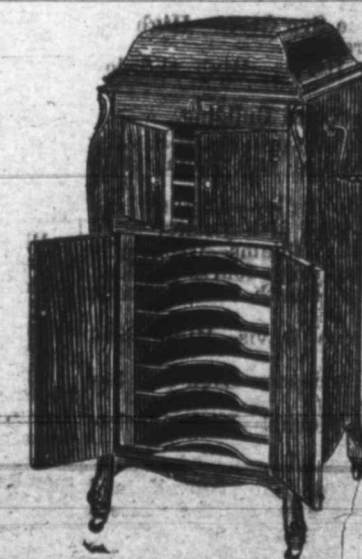
Fred, the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Collins, is now in South Carolina, having enlisted in the marines. Fred, in company with four others, stood the examination, the others failing to pass. We congratulate the young man and trust he will make a great showing and will return to us safe and so.



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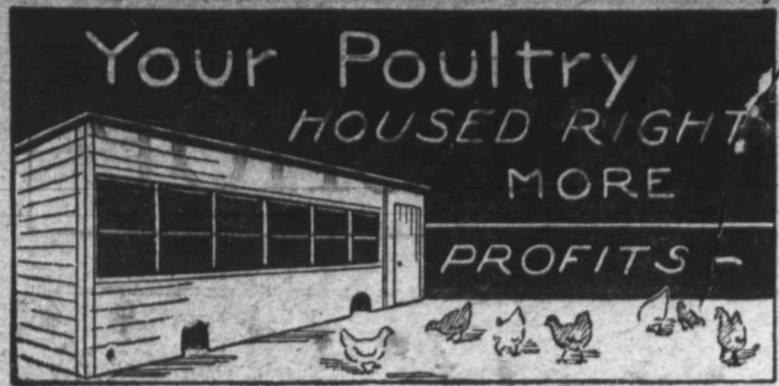
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AGRICULTURE TO BE GREATLY ADVANCED

Food Production Act, Distinguished From Food Control, a Law on August 10th.

The food production act was signed by the President and became a law on August 10th. This act is a distinctly different measure to that of food control, which also became a law on August 10th, and should not be confused therewith.

The food production act makes the following provisions:

Eleven million three hundred and forty-six thousand four hundred dollars to be used in stimulating production, for protecting and conserving foods, and for a survey of the country's food resources.

Staff of county agents to be increased until at least one agent will be stationed in practically every agricultural county in the United States that will co-operate with the department and the State agricultural college.

Women county agents for demonstration work in home economics to be increased in rural counties and similar agents to be placed in towns and cities for the first time.

Farm-help service to be extended in co-operation with United States Department of Labor to assist in bringing farmers and farm laborers together.

County-wide survey to be made of food on farms, in storage, in shops, and in homes. Estimates of family consumption of food to be made.

Extension of crop estimating to crops not hitherto reported and to include special inquiries to gather information on extraordinary farm conditions.

Hog and poultry production to be stimulated as far as practicable.

Increased production and conservation of dairy foods to be encouraged.

Animal diseases to be combated on larger scale.

Increased efforts to be made to combat insect pests of plants and animals.

Further steps to be taken to destroy animal pests and predatory animals which injure crops and kill live stock.

Work for the control of plant diseases to be extended.

Survey of seed supplies and needs to be made and results published so that farmers will be assisted in obtaining a sufficient supply of good seed. Seed to be purchased and sold to farmers by the department if necessary in restricted areas.

Demonstrations to be carried out in the proper handling, packing, shipping and marketing of perishable fruits and vegetables to decrease spoilage.

News service for various farm products to be extended so that producers and consumers can be better informed as to the supply and demand and can sell and buy with less expense, less spoilage, and less lost motion.

DOAN'S KIDNEY PILLS—THE SAME THAT MRS. WOLCOTT HAD. FOSTER-MILBURN CO., PROPS., BUFFALO, N. Y.

RETURNED HOME AFTER VISIT TO GALVESTON

Mr. and Mrs. A. B. Coleman and young son, Ray, returned home last Saturday night, after a visit at Dallas and Galveston. We are glad to report that Mrs. Coleman is feeling much better and has improved considerably.

MISS LANKFORD RETURNS TO FORT WORTH TO TEACH

Miss Nora Lankford returned to Fort Worth last Tuesday. She is one of the teachers in the public schools at that place. She was accompanied to Fort Worth by her brother, Evans Lankford and wife. Mr. Lankford will work near Fort Worth.

MAKING IMPROVEMENTS ON HOME ON NORTH SIDE

Miss Lydie G. Watson is having improvements made on her studio home on the north side, such as new porches, repairing the roof, floor, and painting and papering.

WE HAVE HEARD OF PRETTY GOOD RAINS HAVING FALLEN SOUTH AND NORTHWEST LAST MONDAY NIGHT

FRANCIS SHIPS CATTLE TO FORT WORTH MARKETS

S. M. Francis on last Saturday shipped two cars of cattle to the Fort Worth markets.

RETURNED LAST WEEK AFTER THREE MONTHS' ABSENCE

Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Harris returned last week from points in South Texas after an absence of three months and a half. They visited in Bell county, Austin, Waco, Lampasas and other places visiting friends and relatives.

GIVES GOOD REPORT FROM MIDLAND & N. W.

J. B. Tolbert, conductor on the Midland & Northwestern Railway, came in this week and reports the road gradually being put in splendid condition. Mr. Tolbert is an experienced railroad man who for several years was connected with the Illinois Central railroad.

HERE FROM OKLAHOMA TO BUY MIDLAND CATTLE

Fred Stuckey and J. R. Davis and son, V. A., stockmen from Oklahoma, are visitors to Midland this week. These gentlemen are here for the purpose of buying cows.

E. R. CREWS AND FAMILY, OF SEMINOLE, WERE IN TOWN TUESDAY

E. R. Crews and family, of Seminole, were in town Tuesday.

(Our Pleasure to Please—the House of Courtesy)
It is a frequent sight these days to see all the family grouped about the

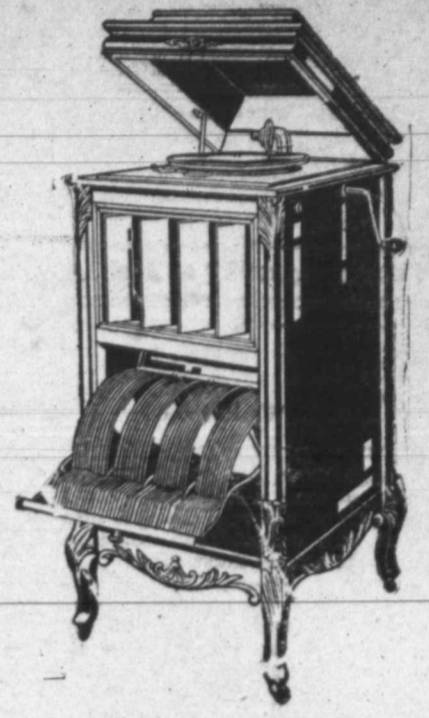
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REV. ERNEST QUICK HAS BEEN CALLED TO BONHAM

Rev. Ernest Quick, pastor of the Baptist church in Midland, who resigned his pastorate some four weeks ago to take effect on or before October 1st, will preach his last sermon in this city next Sunday. Bro. Quick has accepted a call to the First Baptist church at Bonham and will leave with his family for that place the latter part of next week. We understand that the Baptist church at Bonham is a very strong church, and we wish Bro. Quick and his family nothing but the very best in their new field of labor.

UNCLE GEORGE MCCLINTIC CELEBRATES 76TH BIRTHDAY

At his ranch home, 17 miles southeast of Midland, on August 24th, Uncle George McClintic celebrated his 76th birthday. A large number of his friends were present to congratulate Uncle George and to partake of the bountiful dinner prepared by Mother McClintic. The Reporter adds its congratulations and wishes for this good citizen many more years of usefulness.

VISITED GRANDPARENTS AT COLEMAN, TEXAS

Martin and Marguerite Bradford, children of Sheriff W. E. Bradford, returned Monday from a pleasant visit to their grand parents at Coleman.

WOLVES AND SKUNKS COMMIT DEPREDATIONS

Mother McClintic was in Saturday from the McClintic ranch in the Fighting Hollow settlement. She reports very little rain in that locality and that most of the farmers have abandoned their farms temporarily to look for work in other sections. She says that coyotes and skunks are depredating on poultry in that vicinity to an alarming degree, one neighbor having lost sixty turkeys in one night recently from the activities of these varmints. Twenty-two skunks were killed on the McClintic ranch last week, eleven of them being killed in one day by Chas. McClintic.

WAS IN HOUSTON DURING RIOT OF NEGRO SOLDIERS

O. P. Buchanan and family returned the latter part of last week from Houston in their car. They were in Houston during the rioting of the negro soldiers and Mr. Buchanan gives an interesting account of the affair. Seventeen white people were killed before the negroes were subdued.

TRAIN LOAD OF BAD NEGROES PASSED THROUGH

The company of negro soldiers to which the recent Houston rioters belonged passed through Midland early Monday morning en route to Columbus, N. M., where they will do border duty.

J. A. PRIEST AND WIFE, OF BRECKENRIDGE, WERE REGISTERED AT THE LIANO THIS WEEK

J. A. Priest and wife, of Breckenridge, were registered at the Liano this week.

BIT OF CONDESCENSION ON THE KAISER'S PART

A service man on leave from the front tells the following amusing, if slightly irreverent, story, says an English Weekly:

Bethmann-Hollweg had been delegated by his Kaiser with a special mission to heaven. He knocked at the gate, and an angel opened the door. Bethmann-Hollweg asked permission to speak to le bon Dieu. "Impossible," said the angel. "He is busy—very busy."

The ambassador of Wilhelm II expressed his disappointment. "How unfortunate," said he, "for I have an announcement of the greatest importance to communicate to the Almighty from my master."

"And what is that?" asked the angel. "Well," replied the envoy, "it is this: My master, the Kaiser, has charged me to announce to the Almighty that he has just conferred noble rank upon Him, and hereafter He can call himself Von Gott."

COWS BOUGHT HERE SHIPPED TO ARIZONA

W. W. Cook last week bought 200 cows from J. V. Stokes and 100 from A. J. Norwood. We were not informed as to the prices paid, other than that they were satisfactory to all concerned. The cattle purchased by Mr. Cook were shipped to his ranch near Phoenix, Arizona.

Frank Wolcott was in from the ranch this week and reports pretty good rains.

FROM COAST TO COAST

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Social Affairs

By L. G. W., Phone 88

A Thought For Today.—If instead of a gem, or even a flower, we could cast the gift of a lovely thought into the heart of a friend, that would be giving as the angels must give.

With this issue we again make our graceful but modest bow as the society editor of The Reporter. We have always felt justly proud of the social life of our little "Queen City of the Plains," thus it will be our ambition to make this page one of supreme interest to our entire citizenship. To do this with any degree of efficiency, we must ask the co-operation of all our friends. It is an utter impossibility for us to keep apprised of all the social happenings of busy Midland, with its gaiety in all its fantastic forms; so we urge you to keep us informed of any arrival, departure, party, or club meeting of which you may be cognizant. The success of this department demands alertness, energy, efficiency and co-operation, so "do your bit" and help us keep fit.

Owing to the shadows that have been so persistently hovering over our town during the past ten days, uniting all our hearts in one common bond of sympathy and love, there have been no social events. Miss Mozelle Cowden and her charming guests, Misses Leila Cowden, of Abilene, and Lena Shotridge, of Bonham, have been the honorees of many delightful informal affairs. Swimming parties, spend-the-days, picture shows and luncheon engagements have kept every available moment crowded from early morning until late at night.

Coffee-Fannin — Lieutenant Oliver William Fannin, who has been on a ten days' furlough visiting his parents in our city, went on a "hike" to Big Spring Sunday evening, August 26, where he was quietly married to Miss Ollie Coffee, a prominent young lady of that city. After the beautifully impressive ceremony that made their two brave young hearts one, they boarded the Sunshine Special for Nogales, Arizona, where Lieutenant Fannin is stationed for the present with the 35th Infantry, regular army. This union is the beautiful culmination of a courtship that has been enjoyed during the four years in which

they were fellow-students in the State University. The bride is the daughter of a prominent stockman of Big Spring. She is an alumna of the State University, having received her A. B. degree last year. Lieutenant Fannin, or "Oliver," as he is familiarly and lovingly known in Midland, is the son and only child of Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Fannin, and a young man of such sterling worth and superior intellectual attainments that all Midland has felt pardonable pride in his achievements. In the bright lexicon of his youth there has been no such word as fail, for success has attended his every effort. Congratulations and loving wishes from scores of admiring friends attend this young couple as with brave hearts and true they start on life's journey together.

A Pleasant Outing
 One of the most pleasant outings of the picnic months was had by the following party of congenial friends last week, when they attended a picnic at Lovington, N. M.: Misses Alma Brunson, Thelma White, Chachie Holloway, Mr. Sam Preston and family; Messrs. Jay Wooldridge, Guy Cowden, Rowe Pollard, Floyd Barron, George Cowden, Earl Moran, and Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Wallace.

Celebrates Birthday with Party
 Last week little Glorain Crossett was the happy hostess to a party of "wee-wees" in honor of her birthday. One charming feature of the festivities were the dainty and suitable gifts with which the little honoree was presented. After a short motor ride the merry guests returned and joyously exclaimed over the luncheon consisting of sandwiches, watermelon, jello, cake and fudge spread so attractively on the lawn. After thanking the little honoree and wishing for her many more birthdays the guests, Elizabeth Smith, Myrtha Foster, Minnie Warren Pemberton, Annie Laura Hicks, and Mary Lou Edwards were taken to their homes, tired but very happy little girls.

A Surprise Party
 At the Presbyterian manse, the home of the new Presbyterian minister, Mr. and Mrs. Wm. H. Foster, a surprise-farewell party was given in honor of Dr. J. Frank Clark and wife, who will soon leave us, the Doctor having received his commission as first lieutenant in the dental corps in the army. The evening was delightful and was spent in music furnished by Mr. and Mrs. Foster, who sang some beautiful duets, and Messrs. W. K. and William Sinclair and Ned Watson, who furnished some beautiful string music. Miss Roberts Hearty presided at the punch bowl and all expressed themselves as having enjoyed every moment of the evening's festivities. This entertainment was given last evening.

Miss Lena Kate Baker, who has been visiting in various points in East Texas since last spring, returned home last Saturday night, to the great pleasure of her many young friends.

NOTICE—I will begin a kindergarten-primary class September 3rd. Am a graduate of the Dallas Kindergarten Training School, which is affiliated with the Chicago University, and have made a special study of primary work. Will teach in Mr. Claude Hearrell's rent house, which is on his corner block. Terms, \$4.00 per month. For further information call 282. Miss Margaret Jones.

Mrs. W. E. Wallace returned on Thursday of last week from a visit to Clovis, N. M.

Miss Minnie Cole, of Zephria, Texas, has been a guest of the Misses Shaw this week.

Miss Minnie Coffin, of Hereford, arrived Saturday to be a late summer guest of Mrs. John Edwards.

Mrs. Jim Williams returned Monday from a pleasant outing at Seminole and points in New Mexico.

Mrs. O. P. Buchanan and children returned Saturday from a month's visit to friends in Houston.

Miss Mozelle Cowden will leave soon for Nashville, Tenn., where she will matriculate in Ward-Belmont College.

Miss Ada Allen, who has been a guest of her cousin, Mr. C. P. Benedict, returned to her home in Ballinger Monday.

Mrs. Frank Gary and daughter, Miss Lillian Francis, of Big Spring, have been guests of Midland friends this week.

Miss Corinne Omahundro, who had been visiting her sister, Mrs. W. H. Foster, returned to her home in Whitesboro, last Monday.

Miss Lucile Bruton, one of Midland's most popular visitors, and Mr. Fred Bruton, of Comanche, have been the guests of their sister, Mrs. W. L. Holmesly, this week.

The members of the Epworth League, of the Methodist church, enjoyed a delightful moonlight picnic out at the Judge Bryan place, northeast of the city last Tuesday evening.

Miss Lydie G. Watson will open both her North and South side studios next week and will be glad to meet her old pupils as well as any new ones who are thinking of studying music during this school term.

Mrs. Clyde Ingham, of Cherryville, Kansas, will arrive this week for a visit to her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Ingham. She will be accompanied by Miss Annie Mae Ingham, who since last March has been visiting extensively throughout the west.

REPORT GOOD SHOWERS IN REAGAN COUNTY

A. C. Roberts was in Midland this week from the "Bar T" ranch in Reagan County. He reports fine-showers recently in that section of the country.

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MAGGIE McCORMICK

IS AGAIN AGENT FOR THE TEXAS COMPANY

Two or three years ago Harry Ramsey sold out his varied business in Midland and went to farming. He has not struck it very successfully

along this line, and so he is gradually drifting back into the several lines in which he was so long identified. This week he again secured the agency for the Texas Company, which was one of his principal strongholds. He is again in the fuel business and has a

wagon yard. We predict and hope for him renewed success.

Miss Lena Kate Baker returned Saturday from a visit to friends and relatives in Texarkana and Naples.

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On September first we practically close our books.

We will sell at one price for CASH--at the lowest possible margin of profit.

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WITH THE CHURCHES

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

Presbyterian Church

With the month of August gone, the summer of 1917 is history. September comes and with it begins the fall. There seems to be something in the very name of the month that suggests the quietness of the autumn. However, life, other than nature, begins to throw off the sluggishness of summer and activity is resumed everywhere. When you begin your autumnal activity, why not get a little more of it in your church work? Certainly it is needed there as well as elsewhere. Following are the services for Sunday:

Sunday School at 10 a. m.
Morning worship at 11 a. m. Subject of the sermons in the morning and evening, "The Power and Program of the Christian Church." In the morning the sermon shall deal with the power of the Christian church.
Evening worship at 8:15.
Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.
The public is cordially invited to these services.

Wm. H. Foster

Methodist Church

The pastor has returned from his vacation and will reach Sunday at the usual hour.
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.
Epworth League at 7:15 p. m.
Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 8:15.
J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

Christian Church

Preaching at usual hours by the regular minister. Junior Endeavor at 2 p. m. and Senior Endeavor at 7:15 p. m. Officers meet at 2:30 p. m. Convocation services on the 9th.
J. T. McKissick.

Baptist Church

9:45 a. m. Bible school.
11 a. m. Message to the Church.
8 p. m. at Makes a Christian. Strangers and visitors welcomed.
Ernest Quick, Pastor.

FRIENDS IN DUBLIN RETURNED LAST WEEK

Walter Jerden returned from the city of last week from a visit to his parents and relatives in Dublin. He was accompanied by his aunt, Northcutt, who is in this week on the ranch of L. I. Creek.

Wm. A. Wall of Abilene, was a business visitor Tuesday

UNIQUE AIRDOME

Some swell features are booked for September, with such screen stars as have been seen in the past in Triangle productions. The management is making every effort to please the patrons of this theatre and with the coming attractions will no doubt reap a good harvest for his efforts in good crowds.

Regardless of the inclement weather this week, good crowds have been in attendance. Last Tuesday night it was so damp and cool they had to move into winter quarters for the evening. A first class program was shown. Marie Doro in Lost and Won, was the Paramount feature and this little nymph of the screen was a darling in the role of a news girl and thence into a society belle.

Last Friday night was an exceptionally good feature night and a pretty good crowd was in attendance, all expressing themselves as being well pleased.

The Great Secret with Beverly Bayne and Francis X. Bushman on Monday night, and Mrs. Vernon Castle in Patria on Wednesday night, the popular serials, are nearing the close and excitement is rife as to the outcome.

A good feature is on tonight, Friday, and a large crowd should be in attendance, as these Paramount features are too good to miss.

VERY GRATEFUL ACKNOWLEDGMENT

Out of the innermost depths of our grateful hearts, we wish to thus publicly express our appreciation and gratitude to each and every one of those dear friends who have so bravely and unselfishly ministered to us during the dark days through which we are now passing. The holy scriptures hath said, "A faithful friend is a strong defense, and he who hath found him hath found a treasure." We realize as never before that we have indeed this crown of life. While we feel almost inconsolable at the tragic going of our precious son and brother, Straughan, yet his young friends and ours have displayed so much tenderness, sympathy and loving kindness, that you have done much to subdue our gloom, make our grief less deep and our sorrow less poignant.

May "He who tempers the wind to the shorn lamb" crown your lives with Heaven's richest, choicest blessings in our earnest prayer.

Gratefully,
Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Cowden,
Mr. and Mrs. Elliott Cowden,
Miss Fay Cowden,
Mr. Clyde Cowden.

SHIPPED CATTLE TO OKLAHOMA FOR GRASS

J. R. Davis last Tuesday shipped four cars of cattle to Oklahoma. These cattle were shipped there to put on grass.

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—Ranch 15 miles from El Paso, Texas, in New Mexico on E. F. & S. W. R. R.; 30 sections good grass and water; has had good recent rains and grass capable of running 600 to 800 a year. Improvements \$5,500. Price \$7,000. If interested better wire me. May sell any day. Jno. R. James, 819 Florence St., El Paso, Texas. 47-21-p.

IRRIGATED LANDS FOR SALE—140 acres, 60 acres in cultivation, with good water right, \$60 per acre; 30 acres, 20 in cultivation, good water right, \$50 per acre; some large ranches with cattle. Address A. Watson, Real Estate, North Delta, Col. 44-41-p.

OREGON & CALIFORNIA RAILROAD CO. GRANT LANDS—Legal fight over land at last ended. Title re-vested in United States. Land, by Act of Congress, ordered to be opened under homestead laws for settlement and sale. Two million three hundred thousand acres. Contain- ing some of the best timber and agricultural lands left in United States. Large copyrighted map showing land by townships and sections, laws covering same and description of soil, climate, rainfall, elevations, temperature, etc., postpaid one dollar. Grant Lands Locating Co., Portland, Oregon. 41-12t.

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 out of prize-winning stock, either sex, at \$25 each. Henry M. Half, Box 306, Midland, Texas. 29-1f

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FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS

FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN—Sweetest toned player-piano, we have ever seen; in perfect condition. It will pay you to investigate, whether you want to buy or not. City Drug Store. 47-1f

FOR SALE—Four burner oil stove at a bargain. Telephone 425 11-1p

WOOD—See W. L. Clark or phone 285 for wood. 40-1f

BUSINESS NOTICES

REWARD OFFERED—I will pay \$50 reward for information leading to the conviction of any one stealing any cattle in Glasscock County, in the following brands: Cross on right hip, S on jaw; Circle on right hip and jaw. Henry Wraga, Garden City, Texas. 42-51-p

BLACKLEG GERM FREE VACCINE 35c per dose, made by Dr. Haslam, formerly of Kansas Agricultural College but now of Purity Biological Laboratories of Sioux City, Iowa. As to its efficiency, ask any that have used this serum. C. Holzgraf, Agent. 45-41-pd

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FURNISHED ROOMS

ROOM FOR RENT—to desirable lady or gentleman. Electric lights, hot and cold water in bath room. Write Box 506 or phone 361. 46-1f

ROOMS—For light housekeeping. Bath, electric lights, telephone, etc. only 1-2 block east of Llano Hotel on Wall Street. Mrs. Jemison, phone 224. 41-1f

HELP WANTED

WANTED—A good strong girl or woman to help in the kitchen at the college. J. H. Wilhite, phone 35-Y. 46-1f

MISCELLANEOUS WANTS

WANTED—Six hundred head of stock cattle to winter on the shore. Plenty of good feed and water. If interested, communicate with Phil Breedlove, Abilene, Texas. 47-5t

LOST AND FOUND

LOST—A purse containing a smaller purse, a \$5 bill, a bank book and transportation over the T. & P., the Orient, Canadian Pacific, and M. & N. W. The finder will be suitably rewarded by returning same to the offices of the M. & N. W., phone 208.

LOST—A plain black kid slipper. Return to Mrs. J. H. Ramsay, or phone 390.

"JUST TELL 'EM WE HAD ANOTHER GOOD RAIN"

"Tell us a bit of news, Mr. Benedict." So did The Reporterman, asking C. P. Benedict one day this week, when we noticed an unusually cheerful grin on his face. "Just tell 'em we had another good rain, that's the best news I know of," he replied. Further questioning developed several good facts. Mr. Benedict's ranch is fifteen miles south of town and he has had several good showers along during the past several weeks. Furthermore he has not been overstocked and he has fed nothing since early spring. Now comes along a dang- good rain and he is fixed all right for the winter. His cattle are in good shape and the late rain is bringing the grass like springtime.

INSTRUCTING ALL EXEMPTION BOARDS

Power Given to Local Boards to Use Their Own Judgment in Sending Selections

With reference to the movement of selective conscripts to training camps, which begins September 5th, the local exemption board of Midland has received the following self-explanatory communication from Adjutant General Hutchings.

1st. The congestion of traffic that will be entailed in the early part of September by the movement of the National Guard into training camps makes it inadvisable to attempt to move any large percentage of the National Army on September 5th. For this reason the War Department has communicated the following schedule of movements of the National Army to the Provost Marshal General: Five per cent of the quota of each state beginning September 5th, forty per cent beginning September 19th, forty per cent beginning October 3rd, the remaining fifteen per cent as soon thereafter as practicable.

2nd. The object of calling five per cent is to place in the camps enough men to form a skeleton organization to assist in receiving and assimilating the large contingents. For this reason it is required that local boards send only white men and so far as practicable they send men with some military experience or cooks. In making this selection order numbers are not controlling, but great care must be taken not to send men whose order of call is so late that they will not be within the quota of the boards. The careful selection of these men will be of great assistance to the orderly organization of the National Army, and it is hoped that local boards will act with this end in view.

3rd. In order that it may not be necessary to make any special railway arrangements and to prevent a congestion of normal railway traffic, local boards should be instructed to send approximately one per cent of their quotas on each of five successive days beginning September 5th. It is

thought that every board in the country will have available at least five per cent of its quota by September 5th and, therefore, that it will not be necessary for the Adjutant General of the State to call upon any board for any more or less per cent.

4th. Since no special traffic arrangements are necessary, the Adjutant General of the State may leave to local boards the routing of their men, requiring such boards to send the small daily groups by the shortest usually traveled route to Camp Travis at San Antonio, Texas.

5th. The provisions of sections two, three, four, five, seven, thirteen, fifteen, and seventeen to twenty-one of the mobilization regulations must be complied with, but the local boards are authorized to prescribe such modifications of the other sections of these regulations as will best accommodate them to the assembly and movement of these small groups of men. Practically all that will ordinarily be necessary is for the local boards to select their men, call them for military duty, provide for their subsistence and lodging and transportation and dispatch them by the shortest practicable route to the mobilization camp. In so far as section five requires an initial assembly not less than twelve hours before train time, that section may also be modified in the discretion of the local boards for the purpose of the present movement.

6th. The movement on September 19th will be governed by mobilization regulations. The change of schedule indicated herein will give ample time for study of that plan and for change of suggestion necessary to meet local conditions.

7th. There will be mailed to you from this department specific directions as to the number of men to be sent by your board and the exact dates on which they are to be entrained.

NOT MUCH RAIN IN MARTIN COUNTY

Some parts of Martin County have been visited by pretty good showers in late weeks; others remain extremely dry. This condition prevails in Midland County. P. W. Moore, in this week from his Martin County ranch, reports but little rain and conditions are very unfavorable for the approach- ing winter.

AMERICAN PEOPLE SECOND TO NO OTHER

In strong contrast to their neighbors, the French across the English channel, the masses of the English people a few years ago were proverbially a spendthrift rather than a saving race. But the great war has wrought a change.

In the year 1916, although purchasing billions of dollars of war bonds, the small savings banks depositors in England increased their deposits over sixty million dollars.

It was patriotism that started this great change in the people of the nation. The English people started saving their money because they saw that it meant saving England. But thrift and economy begot thrift and economy. They economized and saved for their own sake as well as for England's sake. Not only did they save money but they economized in food, in fuel, in dress, in luxuries. More than one million English workers were purchasers, in the second great war loan of Great Britain, and eight million subscribed to their last war loan.

The question whether the civilian population should economize and do without certain things or the soldiers and sailors be denied things necessary for their effectiveness and safety was answered in no uncertain or unpatriotic way by the masses of the English people. They did their bit in financing their country.

Neither in ability nor in patriotism are the American people second to the English or the French or the German or any other nation. The Liberty Loan is at once an appeal and a pride. It appeals to their patriotism and their civic pride; it is an opportunity to save and an opportunity too serve their country.

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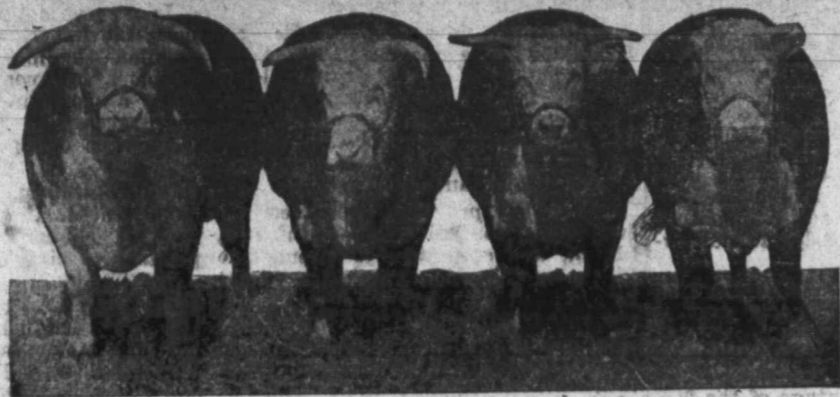
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- Junior Yearlings.....First on MILLY BELLE
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A. W. Wight and Misses Wight and Attorney H. Henderson, of Wichita Jones, of Odessa, were in the city Falls, was here this week, in the market for Hereford cows.

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THE PRO-GERMANS AS STATE PRESS SEES THEM

Of all the splendid talent that is evident, from day to day, in the columns of the Dallas News, none, we feel, is so much to be admired as the department of State Press, edited by J. J. Taylor. A stronger statement than this, even, may be made: We doubt that there is a writer in all the State who is so much esteemed. The reasons for this are legion, all summed up, however, in that he is a four-square American, clean, strong, and ever ready to express a fearless opinion on any and all subjects. He is just as right in his pro-German sentiment as he is in hundreds of other subjects that he thinks and writes on daily, and the Dallas News is more than worth the price for Taylor's daily comments alone. Following is a recent expression of his unqualified Americanism and evidences samples of reasons why we so much like him:

"A pro-German patron, who seeks to hide his shame by disclaiming any German kinship, writes in to ask why State Press does not deal as vigorously with royal personages of England, Italy, Russia and the 'mock republic' of France as with the Kaiser and his swarm of princely upstarts. If our pro-German patron were a very bright man he would understand that State Press despises the German princes and princelings, for one reason, because they are enemies of America. The British royalties are, to be sure, a cheap lot on the average, but they have little or no political power; and the same is true of the Italian, Russian and other royalties. The hereditary privilege is so there is no chance for a quarrel there. The 'mock republic' of France, which long ago disowned and disestablished its monarchy, and dismissed its pretentious overlords with a swift kick, is today the most admired nation on earth—admired not only for its militant democracy, but for its vast resourcefulness on the battlefield and in its national administration. For any so-called American to speak disrespectfully of France at this moment is to align himself with that stupid and envious and craven contingent which prefers surrender to resistance in this world-wide war against the sort of 'All-Highest War Lordism' for which the Teuton nations stand. To disperse France, with its free peoples, self-made laws, self-elected representatives, personal liberty, national thrift, artistic impulses, civic refinements, universal literature and military aptitude, and in the same breath praise Germany with its ruffian militarists, its braggart Emperor, its tinselled courtiers subsisting on the public treasury, its caste rule, its three-class ballot, its domineering industrial magnates, its shackled press, its ever present police, its bloodthirsty professors, its spurred and booted junkers and its eternal greed for beer—to compare France and Germany to the disadvantage of the former is to convict oneself of sheer stupidity, seasoned with temperamental treason. Our Revolutionary War had its one Benedict Arnold. Our present war promises to develop a drove of lesser traitors. What is the use of mincing words concerning so serious a matter?"

RETURNS TO SAN DIEGO AFTER TWO WEEKS' VISIT

Chas. F. O'Neil and family, after a visit of two weeks in and around Midland to old friends and relatives, left Tuesday for their home in San Diego, California. They went overland in their car.

OUR MARKET LETTER FROM KANSAS CITY

Kansas City Stock Yards, August 27th, 1917. Cattle received today 20,000 head, market strong to 20 higher, top steers \$15, a new high record. Hogs today 5,000, market steady with last Friday, top \$18.80, 30 cents above top reported from Chicago. Sheep and lambs today 5,000, market steady, lambs to killers \$16.50.

Beef Cattle.
Choice natives sold at steady, top \$15, weighty grass cattle 10 to 20 higher, with a good demand for fleshy feeders, who outbid packers on several lots and got them at \$12.85 to \$13.25, packers paying up to \$13.20 for others. Light weight grass cattle sold 15 to 25 higher, medium weight Kansas and Oklahoma steers at \$9 to \$10.50, light Oklahoma steers at \$6.75 to \$8.75, some at the latter price considered 25 higher. Cows and heifers remained dull till the close of last week, but are selling better today, at \$6.50 to \$10 for cows, choice fed heifers quotable up to \$13, veal calves \$12.50 and Kansas and Oklahoma owners are holding cattle back, as grass is as good now as it ordinarily is in May.

Stockers and Feeders.
Buyers were in larger attendance last week, and cleared up the yards close. Good fall pastures are stimulating trade in stock cattle, and good corn prospects are inducing the purchase of feeding steers. Stock steers sell mainly at \$7.25 to \$8.50, feeding steers \$8 to \$10, fleshy feeders upwards to \$13.25 today, stock cows and heifers \$6.25 to \$8.

Hogs.
The top price today, \$17.80, was paid for hogs weighing 240 pounds, other medium weight hogs at \$17.75, and choice heavy hogs worth as much though none were here today. Best lots sold at \$17.25, and bulk of sales was at \$16.50 to \$17.50. Receipts are so light that very little attention is paid to outside markets, top here recently frequently being a quarter above top in Chicago, including today, and far above other river markets. The hog market is in an uncertain position, and buyers at shipping points are having to do some tall guessing to come out even. However, most of the foam was removed last week, and more stable markets are booked for this week with strength dominating the situation.

Sheep and Lambs.
Prices were unchanged today, Arizona lambs to killers at \$16.40, with the ewe lambs sorted out to a country buyer at \$16.75, Colorado lambs to killers at \$16.50, medium class native spring lambs \$15.85 to \$16.10. Choice western feeding lambs are worth \$15.75 to \$16.75. Breeding ewes sell at \$12 to \$15, with choice yearlings and twos recently up to \$16. Old fat ewes sell at \$8.50 to \$10, old feeding ewes \$6.50 to \$8.50.

J. A. RICKART,
Market Correspondent.

SHERIFF'S SALE

(Real Estate)
The State of Texas,
County of Midland.
Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Hill County on the 24th day of July, A. D. 1917, by Clay Bedell, clerk of said court, for the sum of Seventeen Hundred Twenty and 20/100 (\$1720.20) Dollars and costs of suit, under a judgment in favor of J. W. Harper in a certain cause in said court, No. 10386, and styled J. W. Harper vs. J. D. Honea, et al, placed in my hands for service, I, W. E. Bradford, as sheriff of Midland County, Texas, did on the 2nd day of August, 1917, levy on certain real estate situated in Midland county, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: All that certain lot, tract or parcel of land situated in Midland county, in the State of Texas, about 15 miles south, 41 degrees west from the town of Midland, known as the Texas & Pacific Railway Co. Survey No. three (3), Block forty-one (41), the same containing six hundred and forty acres, more or less. It being the same tract of land conveyed by virtue of Certificate No. 3429 issued to the T. & P. Ry. Co. by the Commissioner of the General Land Office of the State of Texas May 25th, 1876, and patented to the T. & P. Ry. Co. on the 9th day of December, 1884, by Patent No. 503, Vol. 83, the said patent being of record in the Records of Deeds of Midland County, Texas, on page 6, and levied upon as the property of W. J. Williamson, and that on the first Tuesday in September, 1917, the same being the 4th day of said month, at the court house door of Midland county, in the town of Midland, Texas, between the hours of 10 a. m. and 4 p. m., by virtue of said levy and said order of sale, I will sell said above described real estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said W. J. Williamson and Delina Williamson.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Midland Reporter, a newspaper published in Midland county.

Witness my hand, this 3rd day of August, 1917.
W. E. BRADFORD,
45-3t Sheriff Midland County, Texas.

WENT TO PORT ARTHUR TO TAKE CHARGE OF SHOP

Sam Cole, proprietor of the Gen. Barber Shop here, left the latter part of last week for Port Arthur, Texas, where he will take charge of a shop that he owns at that place. Mr. Cole left his family here and will return to Midland in a few months. He will continue to run his shop here.

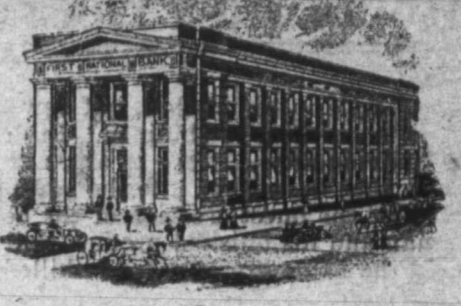
REV. COWAN AND FAMILY BACK AFTER VACATION

Rev. J. W. Cowan, wife and daughter, Miss Alma, and Miss Ruby Cauthen, have returned from a three weeks' vacation spent in Mineral Wells. They visited several other places, but spent most of the time in Mineral Wells for the benefit of the waters there, and all returned feeling much better.

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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.

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**FT. WORTH-EL PASO
HIGHWAY NEWS NOTES**

The members of the State Highway Commission, the State Highway engineer, and an engineer from the office of the U. S. Bureau of Public Roads made an inspection trip over the Fort Worth-El Paso Highway last week between El Paso and Abilene, also going over the north prairie between Abilene and Mineral Wells. A close inspection was made of the Monahans sands, and much interest attached to the announcements of the State Highway engineer, and Chairman Hancock, the former stating that these sands could be built across, and the latter that they would be built across. Chairman Hancock also said that his department was ready to start on their part of the work at once, and that Ward County would be given more aid than any other county on the high way between El Paso and Texarkana. This aid is available for Ward County at once. This was good news, not only for Ward County, but for the members of our association who have assured Ward County that this aid would be obtained for them. Chairman Hancock was assured in a number of counties, that bond issues would be authorized in the near future to take care of their part of the work as well as to build lateral roads. This money will greatly relieve the financial pressure in a number of counties, where crops are very short, and by giving work to farmers who will need this help to tide them over another year. W. B. Starr, Secretary.

**ACCEPTS POSITION WITH
MIDLAND LIGHT COMPANY**
C. D. Adams arrived this week from Abilene, and has accepted a position as electrician with the Midland Light Company. We extend him a cordial welcome to our city.

Miss Henkel, one of our public school teachers, returned Thursday from Fort Stockton, where she spent the summer.

Any Doctor
will tell you a fellow's condition won't last forever, and in these strenuous times it needs a good overhauling occasionally.

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**INSURANCE FOR OUR
SOLDIERS AND SAILORS**

That a nation owes much to its citizens who have fought its battles and to their families when they have been killed or injured so as to destroy or impair their capacity to provide for their families has always been recognized by the United States. This just and generous policy of our country as administered under our pension system has been unduly costly and has not always been just. One of the proposed uses of the proceeds of the Liberty Loan is to give life and indemnity insurance to our soldiers and sailors and to provide allowances to their dependent families while they are in the ranks.

The plan worked out by Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo and his coadjutors and approved by the President has been embodied in a bill which is now pending in Congress. As to the justness and righteousness of this insurance of our fighting men Secretary McAdoo says: "Military service in the United States is obligatory; those who imperil themselves have no election. The insurance companies do not and cannot permit this to effect their calculations. They must protect themselves by charging premiums so high that they are secured against loss no matter how severe the rate of mortality may be. Consequently the very men who are called into the service because their physical condition is of the best and who as civilians would for that reason be able to secure the most favorable insurance rates in peace time, are denied as soldiers the necessary life insurance to enable them to protect their families and dependents. The extra hazardous risks of war puts insurance entirely beyond the reach of the conscripted soldier."

"The government which subjects these men to this insurmountable discrimination should itself supply insurance to soldiers at cost and upon the peace basis. It would in fact be dastardly and un-American if the government should penalize the soldier who is forced to render the highest duty of the citizen, by failing to provide for him war insurance upon peace terms and at a net cost. The pay of the enlisted men in the Army and Navy is less than the wages and salaries generally earned in private life and government insurance is an essential war and emergency measure inaugurated for the specific benefit of our military forces and can not and should not be conducted for profit.

"This legislation will be a great step forward in the recognition of the Republic's duty to its heroes. It deserves earnest and vigorous support of the country. The United States should set the highest example of all the nations in the treatment of those who do and die for their country and for world freedom."

**MADE GOOD THE TITLE
"THE COMMAND OF DEATH"**

Let the world stand with bared heads in honor of those 200 Russian girls who went off to war for the sake of their fatherland. They called themselves "The Command of Death," and they made good their title to the name. Fifty of the 200 remain—the story of the rest is told in the casualty list.

Near Smorgon, on the northern front, they "went over the top" and charged the enemy. They held their short line when men were deserting on either side of them.

"Futile," does somebody say? Perhaps, from a cold, military standpoint. What could 200 women do against Germany? Little, if you measure it by the scale of ponderables.

But shall not the immortal story of these 200 women inspire the world? Shall it not shame the indifferent and half-hearted among the men of all free nations into playing the role of men?

Measured by the scale of spiritual values, the deeds of these women who shrank from the sight of a corpse, but did not quail when facing wounds and death for themselves, have a worth beyond estimate. — Chicago Evening Post.

**A FAMILY
MEDICINE**

In Her Mother's Home, Says This Georgia Lady, Regarding Black-Draught, Relief From Headache, Malaria, Chills, Etc.

Negold, Ga.—Mrs. Chas. Gaston, in place, writes: "I am a user of Black-Draught; in fact, one of our family medicines. So in my mother's home, when I was a child. When any of us children complained of headache, usually caused by constipation, she gave us a dose of Black-Draught, which would rectify the trouble. Often in the Spring we would have malaria and chills, or troubles of this kind, we would take Black-Draught pretty regular until the liver acted well, and we would soon be up and around again. We would not be without it, for it certainly has saved us lots of doctor bills. Just a dose of Black-Draught, when not so well saves a lot of days in bed."

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**BECOMES CENTER OF
POLITICAL ECONOMY**

Brief Exposition of Plans Whereby U. S. Will Pay Back Its Liberty Loan Bonds.

The argument has been advanced that the wealth and resources of the United States are impaired to the extent of all the money spent by the government for war purposes. The argument is very unsound. There is a sharp contrast between cost to the government and cost to the people of the country.

The United States has sold two billion dollars worth of Liberty Loan Bonds to the people of the United States and therefore owes two billion dollars more than it did a few months ago. When the money for the bonds has been collected in full and been expended in full the matter will stand in this shape:

The people of the United States will have loaned to their government two billion dollars in return for which they will have received two billion dollars worth of Liberty Loan Bonds which is as valuable security as the world affords. Moreover, they will have in their pockets or their banks the two billion dollars which they loaned their government. The government will have expended part of this money itself and those European nations engaged in war with Germany, whose obligations our government has purchased with part of the money realized from the sale of Liberty Loan Bonds, will have expended the other part and all of it will have been spent in America for American products and in payment of American wages.

The resources of the nation, its capital stock, so to speak, will not have been impaired at all. Our farms, our mines, our factories, in fact all of our fixed property and industries will remain intact. Our people will simply have sold some of the annual products of the country, the products of its farms, the products of its mines and products of its factories.

Thus the government will have value received for the money it borrowed from the people and the people will have value received for the money they loaned the government and the products they sold the government and the European nations engaged in war with Germany. As Secretary of the Treasury McAdoo has expressed it—"All of this financing is largely merely a matter of shifting credits. All of the money will remain in this country and will not involve any loss of gold or any loss of values."

Of course, the United States is going to pay these bonds at maturity and is going to pay interest on them in the meanwhile. It is going to pay part with the money it will later collect from our debtor European governments engaged in war with Germany; it is going to pay part with money raised by taxation. It is not going to pay them out of the capital of the people of the United States. The money is to come from the annual income and production of the country which now amount to fifty billions. The yearly agricultural production of the United States is more than ten billion dollars and the mineral production three billions. The profits of converting raw material into finished products amount annually to ten billion dollars. These are just some of our main sources of annual income.

The raising of money by the sale of bonds and the expenditure of that money for purposes of war are not going to injure or destroy the productive capacity of our fields, factories, or mines. There is waste in war, and a great deal of waste, but war is not all waste. The actual waste in this war may be more than made up by the speeding up of our industries under the stimulus of the war.

There is going to be loss by reason of this war—wealth shot away in battle and wealth sunk at sea. And there is going to be loss of some of America's bravest sons. But the price is one that America is willing to pay, that her fighting men and her people are willing to pay, for the maintenance of our rights and of our national honor, the cause of democracy, the preservation of liberty and civilization and humanity. The loss caused by war will be small, indeed, compared to the worth of these things, to America and to the world.

**IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT
OF THE ODESSA SCHOOLS**

Prof. W. C. Baker, of Knox City, was in Midland last Monday. Prof. Baker is the new superintendent of the Odessa schools. He says they have a faculty of eight teachers this year and have about \$1800 in the treasury, and have added \$400 worth of equipment and will strive to make the 1917-18 term the best in the history of Odessa. The Reporter had a long talk with Prof. Baker and found him to be an entertaining conversationalist, enthusiastic in his school work and informed upon the topics of the day. We congratulate Odessa on securing such a competent superintendent as Prof. Baker.

**WENT TO NEW MEXICO ON
BUSINESS FOR COMPANY**

Dee McCormick, the bustling young bookkeeper for the Midland Hardware Co., returned Monday from Seminole and points in New Mexico, where he went to attend to some business for the company. He incidentally attended the picnic at Lovington, N. M., last week.

**ACCEPTS POSITION WITH
THE LADIES' STORE**

Miss Katherine Wilburn, of St. Louis, Mo., arrived last Monday and has accepted a position as trimmer in the Ladies' Store. Miss Margie McCormick, proprietor. Miss Wilburn comes highly recommended as a milliner, and we extend to her a cordial welcome to our city.

John Reynolds is able to be out again after being laid up for sixteen days with a broken leg.

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**RETURNS TO HER SCHOOL
NEAR EL PASO, SUNDAY**
Miss Bess Luther, daughter of Mrs. Irene Luther, after spending the vacation here, returned to Ysleta, near El Paso, Sunday. Miss Luther is teacher in a school near that place.

**YOUNG MINISTER OF
FRANKSTON VISITS HERE**
Everett Karnegey, of Frankston, Texas, visited friends in Midland last Sunday. Mr. Karnegey is a graduate of S. M. U., Dallas, and is a young Methodist minister.

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THE REPORTER'S FRIEND OVER AT MT. PLEASANT

Mt. Pleasant must be a pleasant place in which to live. We are sure of it, for it has as a feature of its environment the citizenship of J. W. McClintock, and we know Mr. McClintock is a good man, a good neighbor, and a good friend. This combination in citizenship would make even desert places happy habitats, but Mt. Pleasant is not that sort of a place at all. We have indubitable proof thereof, and we have like proof that Mr. McClintock is all we claim for him. Big hearted, too, we know him to be, for here is the postscript from a letter we received from him last week: "I receive The Reporter every Monday and thoroughly enjoy reading it." That is a kind expression; but that is not the extent of his kindness. The body of his letter says "I send you today a basket of peaches, of the Chinese cling variety. Hope they will reach you in good shape. I had intended sending you Elbertas, but my crop of Elbertas failed. We have good crops of everything, but too much rain for cotton." There now; is this not proof that Mt. Pleasant is very pleasant. Too much rain for cotton or anything else sounds strange to us, but it sounds delightful. And, too, those peaches, of the Chinese cling variety, add a consciousness to our suspicions of the pleasantness of Mt. Pleasant that is all but irresistible.

Mr. McClintock, we have been in Midland eighteen years. Really this would seem long enough to stay in one place. We haven't decided to move, yet; but when we do, we shall certainly investigate you and Mt. Pleasant. We will.

GREATLY ENJOYED VISITING IN COLORADO

W. H. Spaulding and wife and son, Herman, and daughter, Mrs. Ben Allen, returned last Friday from an auto trip to Colorado. The party left Midland August 1st, in Mr. Spaulding's Lexington car. They spent four days in Denver, making many mountain drives and enjoying the splendid climate and beautiful scenery of that country. On the return trip a great deal of rain and mud were encountered, but the little Lexington performed splendidly and to the pleasure of all. Mr. Spaulding reports the condition of the country from Plainview to Denver very fine. Grass and crops are abundant and prosperity seems to prevail to an unusual degree. The trip, Mr. Spaulding reports, in every respect a most enjoyable one.

WANT TO LOCATE WIFE US FROM SHAFER LAKE

Joe Jay was in Midland this week from his ranch 15 miles northwest of Shafter Lake. He was looking for a rent house, that he might move his family to Midland.

G. F. COWDEN IS NOW SOMEWHAT IMPROVED

Our esteemed townsman, G. F. Cowden, who last week was stricken of paralysis, has been in a very critical condition ever since. He has been unable to speak and scarcely to move. It is a pleasure, however, to learn today that his condition is somewhat more encouraging. He looks brighter and stronger. We most sincerely hope soon to hear of his more rapid improvement.

JUDGE CUNNINGHAM HERE ON HAMPTON CASE

Judge J. F. Cunningham, of Abilene, was in Midland several days this week to look into the case of Edgewood Hampton, who is held on charge of killing Eugene Balthazier last Friday morning. As a criminal lawyer Judge Cunningham has no peer in all the west. For 31 years he has made this branch of the profession a specialty, and is wonderfully gifted. He has been retained in the Hampton defense.

GOOD RAINS SOUTH IN STILES NEIGHBORHOOD

Frank Ingham's ranch is 50 miles south of Midland, near Stiles. Upon hearing of fine rains down there this week, The Reporter accosted Mr. Ingham. He was very conservative in his report, but admitted that it is probable that several good showers have fallen down there during the past few days. Reports are quite encouraging.

VISITED THIS WEEK FORT WORTH-DALLAS

B. C. Girdley made a brief business trip to Fort Worth and Dallas, returning Tuesday, on No. 5. He was accompanied by his wife and little son, Freddie.

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LIST OF PETIT JURORS

The Reporter Made Error Last Week—Petit Jurors to Serve 1st and 2nd Weeks

Last week The Reporter stated that the petit jurors, summoned to serve in the term of district court which begins next Monday, September 3rd, would be required to serve the second and third weeks. This was a mistake. In the past it has been the custom to try non-jury cases the first week, but Judge Gibbs has reversed this order and jury cases will be heard first. Monday next, then, the court will organize and the petit jurors, to serve the first week, will be expected to be on hand Tuesday morning, at the usual hour. Following are the lists of the several jurors announced:

Grand Jury
Dick Lee W. H. Spaulding
W. L. Holmsley J. M. King
Burl Holloway H. M. Horton
J. H. Barron J. L. Veazey
J. E. Hill A. B. Estes
Jax M. Cowden W. W. Brunson
B. N. Aycock S. R. Preston
B. W. Floyd C. B. Dunagan

Petit Jurors—First Week
T. R. Volliva C. A. Stark
C. A. Goldsmith A. P. Hill
J. V. Stokes Ned Watson
G. W. Miller R. W. Cowden
Henry M. Hall Leonard Prothro
W. O. Hale W. P. Nugent,
J. M. Prothro D. L. Hutt
W. S. Hill O. W. Ligon
W. F. Scarborough J. A. Nance
S. M. Francis C. W. Hearrell
A. J. Odell E. M. Langford
N. A. Hammack Oscar Willingham
Howard Hooper J. T. Ragsdale
R. D. Scruggs Chas. Sinclair
Will Roller C. P. Wakefield
S. L. McClure Allen Wallace
J. A. Hendricks Burton Brown
C. B. Herrmann B. F. Whitefield

Petit Jurors—Second Week
H. W. Montgomery C. S. Karkalits
W. T. Locklar E. H. Smith
W. C. Wulfjen Addison Wadley
W. W. Wimberley M. F. Yarbrough
B. O. Boone Chas. McClintic
C. E. Julian F. H. Wilmoth
J. O. Reynolds Will Brunson
Frank Youngblood R. A. Young
W. T. Holcomb Oliver Luther
W. H. Thompson E. B. Haizlip
J. A. Johnson H. M. Wight
John Tolbert T. D. Jones
Anson Coughran T. J. Miles
C. A. Tyner Henry Mitchell
R. W. Aycock J. E. Witcher
J. S. Tinsell E. C. Lawrence
Geo. D. Elliott M. R. Hill
W. H. Tucker

THE MASSEYS HAPPILY LOCATED AT ROSWELL

W. C. Massey, who lately moved with his family from Midland to Roswell, N. M., this week writes to have his paper sent to his new address. He adds: "We think Roswell a beautiful place, and pleasant to live in. We have a 75-section pasture located 25 miles northwest. It is stocked with sheep and cattle. We have had plenty of rain, grass is good, and stock doing finely." This is good news, and we wish the Masseys much prosperity in their new home.

M. & N. W. DELAYED BY LACK OF STEEL

This week the M. & N. W. unloaded from the T. & P. 50 cars of ties, which is enough to finish the road into Seminole. Account of cotton picking time however, it is hard for the T. & P. to get laborers to take up steel intended for the M. & N. W. This week, though, the M. & N. W. sends to the T. & P. 75 of their laborers, and it is hoped the steel may, by them, soon be released. The new road is only 17 miles out from Seminole, now, and it could be rapidly finished if the steel were available. It may be added that the new depot at Midland is nearing completion, and is a very attractive little building.

IS NEW SUPERINTENDENT OF THE ODESSA SCHOOLS

Prof. W. C. Baker, of Knox City, was in Midland last Monday. Prof. Baker is the new superintendent of the Odessa schools. He says they have a faculty of eight teachers this year and have about \$1800 in the treasury, and have added \$400 worth of equipment and will strive to make the 1917-18 term the best in the history of Odessa. The Reporter man had a long talk with Prof. Baker and found him to be an entertaining conversationalist, enthusiastic in his school work and informed upon the topics of the day. We congratulate Odessa on securing such a competent superintendent as Prof. Baker.

We are glad to see A. Barh out again. He recently sustained an operation for appendicitis.

M. M. Fisher was a business visitor yesterday from Andrews County. Besides a fair range, he reports the recent sale of 50 yearlings to R. Cruise at \$37.50 around.

Little Miss Evelyn, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Scarborough, returned last Wednesday from Plainview, where she spent some time visiting her sister, Mrs. Smith.

Dr. Aronson arrived yesterday, a day later than his announcement. He is at Rhea Cottage and will remain several days, to serve those who wish glasses fitted.

Dick Arnett, government inspector, returned this week from a business trip to Fort Worth. On his return he stopped at Sweetwater and very pleasantly spent a day visiting relatives and friends.

N. N. Rogers, of Post City, was here this week on business.

E. R. Crews and family, of Seminole, were in town Tuesday.

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HOME AGAIN AFTER PROSPECTING NORTHWEST

Had you noticed that things have been dull around Midland lately? Well, it is different now. Lige Davis is back home after ten days spent prospecting for grass northwest, around Carlsbad, Roswell and other points. Said he didn't have much luck, but we'd bet something he had a lot of fun. He always does. Watch him. He's wary, fly-foxy. He'll hang on to you and you-looking. Really, he is a surprising sort of a fellow. We'd like to tell of on him, but are afraid of the consequences.

Later—Goldsmith says he knows when Lige got in on the above occasion and that he didn't walk right and that the hour was an early one, and that there was something suspicious about it all. Lige says "Goldy" has quit smoking and that some time ago he quit something else, and that "Goldy," too, is a suspicious character. "We don't know. Truly we don't." "Goldy" says he has quit associating with Lige and Lige says he has quit associating with "Goldy," and "Benjie" has "cut" both of 'em, dead. We are a "pore" newspaperman. We don't know what to believe!

E. M. Anderson, of Brownwood, was here the first of the week prospecting.

THE LAST WARNING GIVEN TO AUTOISTS

It is both a state and city law that all automobiles and motor vehicles shall be provided with tail lights and dimmers for the front lights. The laws governing automobiles, such as dimmers, tail lights, speed mufflers, etc., from this time on are going to be enforced to the letter. There will be no speeding or exceeding speed limits in city limits, and mufflers must be closed, all under penalty of arrest and fines.

NOT ENOUGH RAIN SOUTH TO MAKE GRASS

W. H. Cowden came in Wednesday from his ranch south, near the Pecos river. He reports some pretty fair showers lately, but it has been dry so long that lots of rain will be needed to make winter grass. This is the general report from most sections of the country south, and it is now getting so late in the year that hope for sufficient grass is rather slim. However, winter weeds make up a good bet, and there is yet lots of hope for the coming winter.

Superintendent W. W. Lackey spent last Sunday in Big Spring.

HAD GOOD PRICES ON FORT WORTH MARKETS

S. M. Francis visited Fort Worth the first of the week, returning home Wednesday. He went to the city with two cars of canner cows and calves, for which he received very satisfactory prices.

VISITED SON AND FAMILY IN MIDLAND

Mrs. J. T. Peadar, was the guest of and family, had been on relatives in and stopped off for her home M. Wulfgen, Leavell and and stopped off for days. She left for

WILL VISIT HOME BEFORE GOING TO WAR

Chester Bell, an employe of J. Tom White, on the latter's Gaines County ranch, was in Midland this week on his way to Hannibal, Mo., toatives. The young man drafted into service of States and is making a visit ne is called upon for duty. Lee Barber, a sheep Colorado City, was a bus this week.

J. K. Cauthen, of AV M., was a visitor to his Cauthen, and family, this week.

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