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## WEST TEXAS IN NO WISE A BANKRUPT

Hit Hard by The Drouth But Will be in The Front With Coming Seasons

The Dallas News suggests that it would help the situation in the drouth stricken counties of the West if tractors were supplied for plowing. Many other suggestions are being offered. The plain facts are that West Texas needs rain. Give it plenty of rain and the people will do everything else that needs to be done. Without rain tractors and all the agricultural implements in the world will do no good. The West has been hard hit, about like the East gets it when there is too much rain, but there will be a change and the West will be back on the band wagon some day, happy and prosperous. Unfortunately, drouths do not excite the same consideration that storms and floods create, and as a consequence the people who most need help get nothing, for they have to wait before anybody gets into action. The majority of the people who are now in the section that has suffered the most from lack of rain are able to manage through some way if it rains in time for the 1918 crop.

About all the help the West has received was the special orders to rush empty cars out here to take the stock out of the country and the sending of feed for the stock that had to be paid for at high prices. Both helped and is perhaps all the assistance the West is entitled to. Anyway, it is about all that will be given, except some money put in the banks to be loaned on security that would get the money anywhere.—Abilene Reporter.

What would you? There is much in the Abilene Reporter's comment that is not consistent. It rather begs a question, with an attitude of no expectancy. If Taylor County is down and out on account of the drouth, why the devil don't you say so. But don't include all West Texas. We speak for Midland County. We like a lot of being down and out. We are not even ready to ask any government help.

Oh, yes; we've been hit by that self-same drouth; hit awfully hard. Added to that has been inefficient shipping service and on top of that we have sustained severe losses by reason of an almost unprecedented severe winter; but we are a long way from down and out. We are a long way from insolvency, even. At the same time, too, we have been hurt, in almost equal proportions to the drouth, by calamity howlers, whose tales of woe have gone forth into the money centers of the country, into wholesale centers, and have been emblazoned with scare heads to the material detriment of our heretofore splendid credit system.

In as much as it is true, The Midland Reporter does not object that the world know we have been hurt. We have no objection to the whole truth being known; and it certainly is bad enough. It is not so bad, however, that we are forced to call on the federal government for aid, for charity. West Texas now suffers a serious handicap, one that, even with good seasons, will take a year or two to recover from, but recover we will, just so surely as in the past princely fortunes have been made and the West became the mecca to which, with bended knee, its departing sons will ever look backward with fond and holy memories, trusting, praying that its beauties may again be enshrined in the springtime melodies of hope, that they may soon return to laugh light-heartedly at the gloom of the premonitions that now prevail.

We are in no wise cast down. Hurt, juggled about, buffeted and somewhat dazed by near-future uncertainties, yet will we breast the waves of adversity and our ship will come in, and will safely anchor in a harbor whose waters are clear and untroubled.

### LIBERAL SUBSCRIPTION TO CHARITY FUND

We are grateful, indeed, this week to friends, not only of our church, but of other denominations and of no denomination at all, for liberal contributions to a charity fund started by the Methodist church. Much distress has thereby been relieved, and I believe God richly rewards all such worthy enterprise.

J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

## SNOW SUNDAY NIGHT DID LITTLE DAMAGE

In the vicinity of Midland the snow that fell last Sunday night only covered the ground to a depth of about two inches. Thus it can hardly be counted a benefit by reason of moisture put in the ground. Neither is it accounted a detriment, for the reason that there was little wind and stock did not seriously suffer. On the other hand the fall in the vicinity of Midland seemed lighter than anywhere we have heard from. North, east, south and west the snow ranged to a depth of all the way to ten inches in some parts of the country—at Abilene, for instance.

Our esteemed countryman, W. A. Hutchison, reports four inches on his ranch 25 miles southeast. West at Toyah it was 6 to 8 inches deep. In Andrews and Gaines counties it ranged to 7 inches deep.

The moisture put out in the above places is calculated to do lots of good in a way of season for spring grass, while in no part of the country have we heard of any serious ill effects or losses as a result.

Again, it is encouraging that some moisture shows up. We are led to hope for better things for the coming spring.

### LECTURER TO BE HERE ON NEXT THURSDAY

Geo. T. Wilson, of Sweetwater, district chairman in charge of the sale of war savings certificates and thrift stamps, will be in Midland on next Thursday, January 31st, and will deliver an address, with a view to informing all persons on this subject. He has requested B. C. Girdley, Midland County chairman, to arrange a patriotic rally at some convenient place, which has as yet not been decided upon. Mr. Girdley, in turn requests these facts to be announced from all the pulpits Sunday, in our schools and at all other public gatherings. A special program of music and other entertainment will be arranged. This information only reached The Reporter this morning, too late for an elaborate comment. However it is vitally important and it is hoped that our people will be fully interested.

B. F. Floyd, ranching twenty miles east, was in this week and says that he had one of two losses on his horse ranch in cattle, but the bulk of his cattle are in Gaines County, and no losses are reported.

M. R. Ham, cowman from Shafter Lake was here Monday on business.

## SPECIAL RULING REGARDING FOODS

Advertising Must Not Urge The Purchase of Flour, Sugar and Other Commodities

The letter following herewith will be understood by readers of The Reporter. It is from E. A. Peden, Federal Food Administrator for Texas, and invites a new ruling with regard to the advertising of food stuffs. Mr. Peden writes:

The United States Food Administration has issued a special rule regarding advertising as follows:

"Any advertisement tending to induce consumers to increase their purchases of flour or sugar during the present national crisis is decidedly against public policy.

"This information has already been given with the suggestion that the press censor their advertisements."

There is also another law which absolutely prohibits the sale of combinations of food stuffs, and such advertisements make for a direct violation of this law.

The United States Food Administration is depending largely upon the co-operation of every industry throughout the country to insure its success and we know that you are more than willing to do your share, therefore we request that in the future when any advertising is submitted to you, that you edit the same carefully and strike out any advertisement of sugar or flour or any combination of sales of food commodity.

We write you so that your attention may be called to the seriousness of any infringement of the rules and regulation of the United States Food Administration. Of course, the Administration would dislike to take any harsh measures against any firm or individual but the conditions of the country regarding some of the essential food-stuffs is such that drastic measures are necessary.

It is the function and duty of the wholesale grocers to instruct the retail grocers upon the requirements of the Food Control Law and in many cases, where retailers are advertising the commodities which are prohibited in advertisements, it is due to the fact that they have not been properly acquainted with the law.

We want you to assist not only in spreading this information among your advertisers, but also to perform a service which will prevent your advertisers from being severely penalized.

As stated, we have no desire to work

## DELIVERY OF GOODS TO PARTIALLY STOP

In another place in this issue of The Reporter appears a quarter page advertisement for eight of the business establishments of the city, announcing that on and after next Monday, Jan. 28th, no deliveries of goods will be made which amount to less than \$5. These business establishments are Smith Bros., City Grocery Company, W. S. Hill Grain Store, Bob Hill Grain Store, Basham, Shepherd & Company, Midland Hardware Company, Wight & Anthony, and The Midland Mercantile Company.

This purpose on the part of these merchants is a decided innovation in Midland and The Reporter is disposed to reserve comment until we note somewhat how it is going to work. Decidedly we can see some very excellent features possible to it. In the course of severe competition the delivery business has been grossly imposed upon. How it is needless to say. A nickel's worth of this, that and the other thing, delivered to the widest stretches of our city has been not uncommon, and the array of facts in this connection is too ridiculous.

On the other hand there are arguments against the proposition. So true is this that some of our merchants have refused to adopt the new economy, advancing sundry reasons therefor. All agree that deliveries should be modified, regulated and reduced to less wastefulness, and The Reporter shall hope for something to come out of the new measure that will redound to the benefit of all concerned.

a hardship upon the newspapers and if you will see that these three provisions are observed, we are confident that your advertising will not suffer in the least.

Yours very truly,  
John H. Regan,  
Public Director.

### NEW TEXAS & PACIFIC PASSENGER SCHEDULE

The new passenger schedule, which went into effect last week and which we neglected to mention, is as follows:

Train No. 25—formerly No. 5—west bound, 11:15 a. m.  
Train No. 6, east bound, 4:50 p. m.  
Train No. 1, west bound, 2:50 a. m.  
Train No. 2, east bound, 4:10 a. m.

A. B. Austin, of Douglas, Ariz., is a guest in the home of H. M. Cauble and family.

## GRIP OF THE GREAT WAR IS TIGHTENING

So Writes Correspondent of National City Bank of New York to First National of Midland

With compliments of The First National Bank of Midland, The Reporter is in receipt of a very interesting pamphlet that is gotten out by the National City Bank of New York. "The Grip is Tightening," is the caption of one of its sub-headings, and a resume of these facts follow:

The grip of war upon the industries of the country has become more evident in the past month, the most pronounced demonstration being the action of the President in taking the railways completely under the government's control. The railways are the most important single factor in the industrial situation; every other industry has complained that it was limited by inadequate transportation service, and while this was the case it has seemed useless to apply the spur in other quarters. The advent of severe winter weather, which seriously reduces the capacity of the roads, brought matters to a crisis, and determined the President upon the course which he has taken.

Next to railway service, coal is the most vital necessity and the supply of this is so dependent upon transportation from day to day that when the latter fails it is difficult to say to what extent production is insufficient. The fact is that according to the figures compiled from month to month by the Geological survey the production of bituminous coal this year will be approximately 50,000,000 tons greater than in 1916, when it exceeded all previous records. There are practically no stocks out side of consumers' hands and the railroads have delivered this increased production. In view of the fact that the industries were working at full speed throughout 1916 it seems remarkable that the situation should be so much more acute at this time than a year ago. The draft for the army has reduced the labor supply, and the output of the iron furnaces, which is basic material for many industries and usually accepted as significant of general conditions, has been slightly less in 1917 than in 1915. Nevertheless, there is a serious shortage of coal, estimated by Director Garfield at 50,000,000 tons, and notwithstanding the great importance of getting full service out of ships, hundreds of ships have been delayed in Atlantic ports, waiting for coal.

It is probable that over 75 per cent

## PAY YOUR POLL TAX BY THURSDAY NIGHT

This year there are to be a lot of interesting elections, county, state and city, and you are sure to want to exercise your franchise. Don't neglect your poll tax, then, both county and city, for you can vote in none of the elections without both poll tax receipts. And you can't pay them and make them effective if you pass the matter up until after next Thursday, January 31st. You can pay them any time, you understand, and likely you will have to, sooner or later, but the law has it that you must pay before February 1st if you are to secure your voting rights. Now, don't delay this matter any longer. Should you wait until February 1st, or after, a ten per cent penalty will be attached, so you see it will be better in every way to be prompt. Furthermore, during these last few days Sheriff Bradford is going to be awfully busy. Call at his office early, also at the office of the city secretary, and let these officials get these matters attended to before the final rush.

of the iron and steel production is directly or indirectly for war purposes, and perhaps 85 or 90 per cent of the copper. Lead production increased rapidly under the stimulus of high prices, and the general demand is now supplied at about 6 1-4 cents per pound, New York. About 45 per cent of the woolen and worsted spindles are running on government contracts. Gradually the war industries are encroaching upon other activities, attracting men, getting command of materials and obtaining a preference for such essentials as coal and railway service. The government has not gone to the point of naming non-essential industries, but has adopted the policy of converting such establishments, where practicable, to war work. This deals with all phases of the complicated problem in the most satisfactory manner. If an industry whose product may be classed as a luxury, or at least not in the class of war-time necessities, receives a government contract, the supply of the luxury is automatically shut off, but the employment of labor and disbursement of wages goes on as before. The new work is taken to the workmen, instead of their being obliged to hunt for it, possibly at a distance from their homes. The organization remains practically intact—instead of being broken up. Normal conditions in the community remain unchanged, and the general policy is so clearly to the economic advantage of the country that the government can well afford, even at some pains, to follow it, rather than let contracts which involve the creation of new industries from the ground up.

### The War Task

We assume that few people are so unreflecting as to believe that business can really go on "as usual" when the country is engaged in a great war, which takes millions of men from the ranks of labor and requires millions more to keep the armies supplied with equipment and subsistence.

The idea that the person who spends \$100 or \$1 needlessly, instead of lending it to the government, thereby enables some other person to lend it to the government, and so helps more than by lending it himself is made absurd by the mere statement. It is evident that the more the original sum is passed around, and the greater the number of people who must be paid for their services out of it, the smaller will be the remainder which can possibly reach the Treasury. The sum cannot possibly increase and is constantly diminished.

We take it that most of those who have shown concern about the effects of the plea for economy have been pleading for time for business to readjust itself from peace conditions to war conditions, in order that a period of disorganization and confusion might not intervene. In all discussion of the subject we have recognized this plea and emphasized the desirability of having the government assume the task of re-organizing the industries. But we have also recognized that with employment complete, wages high and general prosperity throughout the country, trade was bound to be in heavy volume, despite all that might be said for economy. Such has been the case, and pro-

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## WEEKLY SPECIALS

### GROCERY DEPARTMENT

#### Limited Coffee

For the coming week we will offer this coffee at

Only 90c per can

This is a fine grade of roasted coffee packed in 3-pound cans. If you like a good cup of coffee, you can't make a mistake by buying "Limited Coffee."

This coffee is roasted and packed by Walker-Smith Company of Texas,

#### A Real Bargain

Only 90c for a 3 lb. Can

We have a large quantity of this coffee on hand and want to close our present stock during the next week.

Don't Overlook This

Don't Overlook these Weekly Specials

### DRY GOODS DEPARTMENT

#### Bath Room Sets

PINK--BLUE--GOLD

Excellent quality, attractive designs. For the next week we will offer these at the following attractive prices:

7 piece sets only	\$4.00
5 piece sets only	\$3.00
3 piece sets one lot only	\$1.25
3 piece sets one lot only	\$1.00

You can't afford to miss this if you want a beautiful Bath Room Set. The above prices will move them. We want to sell the entire lot next week.

A Bargain You Can't Afford to Pass By

Don't Overlook these Weekly Specials

Grocery Phone No. 6

## THE MERCANTILE

Dry Goods Phone No. 284

"THE STORE THAT SAVES YOU MONEY"

**P**RESENT high prices of Dry Goods are not so bad when we compare them with those our fathers and grandfathers had to pay, and too, we expect a dollar is a lot easier gotten hold of today than it was in those days.

*The list below is a copy of a Wholesale Price List of September 7th, 1864*

All of us of the younger generation have heard our fathers tell of the time "during the war" when cotton brought "a dollar a pound," calico sold for 50 cents a yard, thread brought 25 cents a spool, and all the staple things that we are now accustomed to buy and sell at nominal figures were sold for fabulous sums. We have heard all this and accepted it as a matter of course, but few have realized the stress of circumstances that brought about these prices.

If we have lived in the South we have heard wonderful stories of shopping expeditions where preposterous sums were paid out for an insignificant number of simple articles of everyday use. There is an old story of a lady who went shopping, having with her a negro boy trundling a wheelbarrow loaded with bills, and herself carrying a small hand satchel in which she intended to bring home the things she purchased with it. This and similar stories are old, and we have heard them over and over and mentally set it down that folks during that time had a time of it, and in later years loved to stretch the blanket in order to get the most out of their experience.

**A RELIC OF THAT PERIOD**

The price list shown on this page is a relic of that historic time. It was issued in September, 1864, by Henry Bell & Son, of St. Louis, at a time when goods of all kinds were bought at their highest. Cotton was not only bringing "a dollar a pound" but was quoted at \$1.85, about the highest price ever reached in the history of the staple, and more than six times the price it is commanding today. Thread was not only bringing "25c a spool" but was sold at very nearly this figure at wholesale. Only the cheapest calicoes were sold at 50 cents, the better grades being nearer a dollar a yard. Amoskeag tick was quoted wholesale at \$1.10.

**PRICE LIST FOR THIS DAY ONLY**

<b>PRINTS</b>	White-Rocks..... 75	Geo. Washington..... 70	Barletts, 7-8..... 55	<b>DE LAINES</b>	Pacific..... \$ 55
Stifle and Son 4-4 Blue and White..... \$ 50	Spec. Power Loom, all..... 80	Live Oak..... 70	Hills Semper Idems..... 45	Hamilton..... 55	Manchester..... 55
Cocheos..... 50	Park Mill, No. 55..... 80	Rontaray..... 70	Blackstone, 4-4..... 45	All-Wool-French..... 50	
Merrimacks..... 50	Park Mill, No. 65..... 1.00	XL..... 80	Amazons, 4-4..... 55		
Hamiltons..... 50		Wintrop..... 55	Holyokes, 4-4..... 50	<b>CAMBRICS</b>	Potomacs..... \$ 33
Pacific..... 47	<b>CHECKS</b>	Ballroad..... 65	Warboos..... 60	Podre..... 33	Hudsons..... 33
Sprague's..... 47	Kennebecs..... \$ 35	Patapco..... 63	Waregans, B..... 55	Washingtons..... 35	Paper Camb..... 35
Sprague's Purple..... 47	Superior linen welt, No. 70..... 75	Park Mills..... 60	Plymouths..... 50		
Sprague's Pink..... 47	Shaker A.A..... 50	Shaker A.A..... 50	Green Co., G..... 50	<b>CANTON FLANNELS</b>	Hamiltons ble..... \$ 55
Sprague's Furnitures..... 47	Granel and Norris..... 80	Central Mills..... 50	Atlantic K 4-4..... 53	Hamiltons Bro..... 45	Pam Brooks..... 75
Sprague's Solid-Colors..... 47	Johnson Greens..... 75	Atlantic K 4-4..... 53	Greenville..... 45	Langdon..... 75	Bleach and Bro..... 75
Richmonds..... 44	Medias..... 70	Atlantic M 3-4..... 45	Hazewoods..... 40		
Americans..... 44	Mt Vernons..... 65	Atlantic M 3-4..... 45	Great Lakes..... 40	<b>SPPOOL COTTONS</b>	Coats..... \$2.12 1-2
Allen's..... 44	Washingtons..... 60	<b>FINE BROWNS</b>	Artics..... 40	No. 53, high colors..... \$2.00	No. 53, black..... 2.00
Dunnell's..... 44		Walthams, 40 inch..... 75	Ewan River..... 37 1-2	No. 32, black..... 1.25	
Lawrence..... 44	<b>STRIPES</b>	Blackstone, 40 inch..... 70	Roxbury's..... 37 1-2	<b>BLUE JEANS</b>	4-4 Blue Jeans..... \$1.50
Conestogo..... 44	York Mfg. Co..... \$ 80	Pawnee, 40 inch..... 70	Family..... 35	7-8 Blue Jeans..... 1.35	8-4 Blue Jeans..... 1.25
Sander's..... 44	Cumberland..... 48	Doechesters, 40 inch..... 70	Occums..... 33	3-4 Blue Jeans..... 1.00 1-15	Plaid and Striped Cot..... 70
Manchester's..... 44	Roanoke..... 48	Indian Orchard, 40 inch..... 70	Panamas..... 25	White Goods, Handkerchiefs, Hostery, Black Silks, Drab Etc., Cloths, Alpacos, Cassimeres, Bombazines, Irish Linens..... \$1.50 to 70	Hoop Skirts, Carpet Bags, Suspensers, Ribbons, Trimmings, Plaids, Lindsays, Buttons, Sattinets, Collars, Cotton Yellets, Chambray, Gingham, Flannels, Table Linens..... \$1.10
Empire Shirtings..... 44	Columbia..... 45	New Market..... 45	<b>COTTONADES</b>	York Co., Plains..... \$ 50	York Co., Plains..... 50
Greenie Mfg. Co..... 44	Napoleon..... 45	Great Falls, M..... 45	York Co., Plains..... 50	Huddelfeld..... 50	Blue Lemmas..... 50
Black and Whites..... 44	Amoskeag, A.C.A..... \$1.10	Atlantic N..... 52	Atlantic N..... 52	Joseph Ripka..... 50	Hamdens..... 75
Solid Blacks..... 44	Amoskeag, A..... 95	Reynolds, A..... 52	Indian Orchard, W..... 52	Everett..... 75	Nankkeen Twills..... 75
Harrops..... 42	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Naumkeag, S..... 52	Grafton..... 44	Nankkeen Plains..... 75	Nankenne..... 65
Calbott's..... 42	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Indian Orchard, W..... 52	Atlantic N..... 42	<b>DENIMS</b>	York..... \$1.00
Windsor..... 42	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Portsmouth, P..... 42	Potomacs..... 25	Charter Oak..... 65	Falls..... 50
Franklin's..... 40	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Potomacs..... 25	<b>MINEER FLANNELS</b>	Yovells..... 50	Huddelfeld..... 50
Washington's..... 40	Amoskeag, D..... 75	<b>CORSET JEANS</b>	OSNABURGS	Blue Lemmas..... 50	Hamdens..... 75
Pemberton's..... 40	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Colored and Bleached	Grahampton extra..... 35	Kentucky extra..... 35	Salem Browns..... 50
Dutchess B..... 40	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Drills..... 45c to \$ 65	Kentucky 3-4..... 30	<b>BAGS</b>	Hope, 2 Bu..... \$1.15
Mt. Verin's..... 40	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Drills..... 45c to \$ 65	Kentucky 3-4..... 30	Canal, 2 Bu..... 1.15	Union A, 2 Bu..... 90
Starks..... 38	Amoskeag, D..... 75	<b>BROWN DRILLS</b>	Drills..... 45c to \$ 65	Union B, 2 Bu..... 85	Sackings..... 75
Arnold's..... 38	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Oella..... 75	Drills..... 45c to \$ 65	For 3 bu. bags..... \$ 65	<b>BLEACHED COTTONS</b>
York's..... 38	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Acquia..... 75	Drills..... 45c to \$ 65	Barletts, 4-4..... 55	Lawrence 40 inch Bro..... 35
Cocheos..... 35	Amoskeag, D..... 75	Fitchville..... 60	Drills..... 45c to \$ 65		
<b>GINGHAMS</b>	Amoskeags..... \$ 75	Bay-State..... 60	<b>BROWN SHEETINGS</b>		
French Plaids..... \$ 75	Oella..... 75	Standards..... \$ 75	Standards..... \$ 75		
Scotch Plaids..... 75	Acquia..... 75	Savage..... 75	Laurels..... 75		
Small Checks..... 75	Fitchville..... 60	Patapco..... 75	Patapco..... 75		
Black Striped and Plaids..... 75	Bay-State..... 60	Arkerlight..... 80	Arkerlight..... 80		
Lancaster's..... 48	Standards..... \$ 75	Panuxit..... 75	Panuxit..... 75		
Langsaw's..... 48	Laurels..... 75	Dogberry..... 72 1-2	Dogberry..... 72 1-2		
Clintons..... 50	Savage..... 75				
<b>PLAID LINDSEYS</b>	Superior, No. 16..... \$ 50				
Superior, P..... 53	Superior, Power Loom..... 65				
Superior, Power Loom..... 65	Westerly..... 66				
Westerly..... 66					

Gold N. Y. \$2.42 Haakell & Co., St. Louis selling rate \$2.45, Cotton \$1.85 per pound. Gentlemen:—Above we hand you our price current for this date, which is made up from our latest New York telegrams, should you be in want of any goods, we shall be pleased to have your order, which we will fill at the very lowest market value. As we have one of the largest and best assorted stocks of dry goods in the west, we feel confident that we can give you perfect satisfaction. We can send you any brand of goods above mentioned. Yours very truly, Sept. 7, 1864.

The same prints that sold in those days at 50c to \$1.00 the yard is to be had today at 12 1-2c to 15c the yard. We doubt that the 75c to \$1.00 the yard Gingham would compare in beauty or quality with what you can buy today for 25c the yard. Amoskeag, A. C. A. tick that wholesales at \$1.10 the yard, is to be had at about 45c the yard at retail today. The wholesale price of 9-4 Pepperell Sheetting was \$1.50 the yard and today you can buy it at retail for 42 1-2c the yard. Present prices of Dry Goods are high, but from all indications, they will not be lower for some time to come and this year more than ever.

**THIS CASH STORE WILL SAVE YOU MONEY**

Mail orders filled promptly and carefully, all post charges prepaid.

**WE WANT YOUR BUSINESS**

**Wadley-Patterson Company**

One Price, The Lowest, For Cash Only  
Midland, Texas

**WILL N. WADDELL TELLS OF FLORIDA**

Writes Our Townsman of Conditions That Should be of Interest to The Cowman

Most of our readers know Will N. Waddell. Besides having been interested in the cattle business in this section for many years and having many relatives here, he has been otherwise, in the past, identified prominently with the interests of the Midland Country, and the letter from him that we are publishing be-

low, we feel sure, will be of unusual interest. It is addressed to our townsman, Spence Jowell, and written at Jacksonville, Fla., under recent date. We publish it in full, as follows:

Dear Spence:

For a little diversion and surcease from toil and consideration of the drouthy conditions which I know prevail there, I thought perhaps you would enjoy reading about Florida as seen by your humble friend.

I came to Florida about the 21st of November for the purpose of spending the winter in the sunny south, which however, does not apply to this part of Florida, as the sun has not shone but about three days since I have been here. However I am advised by

the old timers, who as you know always have an excuse for weather conditions, that this has been the coldest and driest fall and winter they have had in a good many years. I have traveled in automobiles perhaps 1000 miles over the range belt of Florida. When I say the range belt I mean the country that is not under fence and is interspersed with prairie and timber and marsh lands and which from my observations is really the best cattle country in this State for the production of range cattle.

There are millions of acres of land in Florida lying outside that are being used by the Florida cowman just as we used the country in West Texas in an early day. And what I can't understand is why a country apparently as good as this country is for the production of live stock would remain undeveloped as long as this country has. Not only is the country undeveloped but the cattle as well show no signs of improvement. In fact I am led to believe that the cattle running on the ranges of Florida today are not as good as they were probably ten to twenty years ago, the reason being that it has cost nothing to graze them. Everybody's cattle run on the outside and when they sell any, they sell the tops or the ones they can get the most for, which leaves the undesirable end of the cattle on the range. This undesirable end in turn is inbred so that today they really represent a very small carcass and no degree of definite color. The average weight of the mature cow or steer will not average over 500 pounds. I think it would take a little spring to make them average that much. It seems that they do most of their growing after they are

two years old.

On the other hand I have traveled some in what would be called the stock farming parts of Florida and find some very good herds of Hereford and shorthorn cattle. I have satisfied myself that good cattle can be raised on the ranges of Florida with the exercise of a little judgment and the fencing up of the pastures so as to get the cattle under control and I have satisfied myself further that the cattle can be raised in Florida on the grass cheaper than they can be raised any other place on the map that I know anything about.

I am advised by these old timers that anywhere from three to eight acres is sufficient to sustain a cow the entire year, the variation depending upon the location, and in fact I have visited some ranches where they claim to have their land stocked with one head of cattle to every three or four acres, and their grass looked good and their cattle were in good flesh, looked healthy and all right. Under the present system of range conditions as I find them in Florida it costs the cattle owner about \$1. per head to have his calves marked and branded and his beef cattle, or what cattle he sells, loaded on the cars. The working people, commonly called "crackers," do this cow work, furnishing their own horses and feeding themselves and charging the owners of the cattle fifty cents for every calf they brand, and again when the owner of the cattle sells them, these same Florida "crackers" will gather his cattle for him, drive them to the railroad, load them on the cars for fifty cents per head in hands of 1000 head, but charging more per head in smaller bunches.

**To Our Customers and Friends**

We have been doing a cash business for the past eight months. But, during this time, we have taken quite a few HOLD tickets in different cases.

We have now decided to eliminate these HOLD tickets, and adhere strictly to the cash rule. This means that we must have the money over the counter for each and every purchase.

This is, no doubt, the best and most economical way of doing business for both you and ourselves, and we solicit your esteemed patronage on this basis.

If we are now holding any tickets for you, please call and settle same.

**Midland Hardware Co.**

**"A Square Deal to All"**

REMEMBER—Everything strictly cash after January, 1918.

**Beers**

—for your cheery little chafing dish party. A triumph in soft drinks that combines the tempting flavor of wholesome cereals and the appetizing tang of genuine Sazer Flaps. Devo for refreshing properties—best party—healthfulness. Serve cold.

ANHEUSER-BUSCH  
St. Louis, U. S. A.



The best New Year's Resolution—the one you will never regret—is

**The Starting**

of a bank account. Make the start with us. We offer you the best possible backing, not only in the strength of this Bank, but as much in the character and standing of the officers of this Bank. Besides,

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**PURCHASES OF OUR ALLES MADE HERE**

Most of the money advanced by the United States to the nations in Europe engaged in war with Germany is spent in this country for the products of our farms, mines and factories.

Under the arrangement made by the Secretary of the Treasury and approved by the President, these allied governments communicate their requirements for materials and supplies to a United States commission through their own designated purchasing agents in this country and the commission then renders its best efforts to obtain advantageous terms which are submitted to the purchasing agents.

By these means competitive bidding against the other allies and against the United States is avoided and the same terms and the same treatment our own Government receives is accorded to our allies.

It is expressly stipulated that no obligation or liability upon the United States shall be created by this arrangement. Our Government is simply lending its assistance to our allies in the spending here of the money we loaned them. The protection thus granted them is deserved, for they are doing the work which, if they do not do, must be done by America at the expense of American lives and American money.

**THE IMMENSE GOLD SUPPLY OF THE U. S.**

The gold monetary stock (coin and bullion used as money) in the United States on November 1, 1917, is estimated in Secretary McAdoo's annual report at \$3,041,500,000. The increase in the past 10 months has been \$174,500,000, and in the past three years \$1,236,500,000. In five years the portion of the world's gold monetary stock held by the United States has increased from approximately one-fifth to more than one-third.

O. B. Holt came home the first of the week after a two weeks' absence on his ranch, and says that he has had only a few losses.

C. A. Slater, of Kansas City, Mo., was a business visitor this week.

**BILLION DOLLARS IN POULTRY INDUSTRY**

This Staggering Sum Represents the Annual Receipts of the American Poultrymen

Few readers of this paper, doubtless, are aware that the poultry industry of America has reached the almost inconceivable sum of a billion dollars a year. But it is a fact, according to government statistics. This amount is greater than that of oats, wheat or cotton, and all the gold and silver mined in one year would not begin to pay the poultry raisers for their products. Yet in spite of this enormous production, we import each year from foreign countries large quantities of both eggs and poultry. Not only is the demand for eggs and poultry increasing more rapidly than the supply, but prices are better than they have ever been and getting higher all the time. As the cattle ranges of the west become more restricted and the number of beef animals diminish there will remain an even larger demand for poultry, for it is to poultry and eggs that the American people will eventually have to look largely for their meat supply, especially in view of the fact that the bulk of our red meat supply will be required for the maintenance of our soldiers in the field and those of our allies in the world war.

Our government is calling for the production of more poultry and eggs as a war measure and is putting forth every effort to enlighten the people upon the successful pursuit of this industry. Experiments are being conducted on a big scale by both State and Federal governments, bulletins are being issued by multiplied thousands giving all needed information upon the subject, and these are free for the asking. So there is no longer excuse for any man or woman to remain in ignorance as to how to make Biddy perform in a profitable manner.

Here is an opportunity for every householder to do his bit. Even if only enough is produced for home consumption, it means that much of other meats saved for our soldiers and our allies.

The high cost of feed is the discouraging element at the present time, but this obstacle may be overcome by intelligent feeding and a proper selection of fowls. First of all, it is necessary to cull the flocks of old stock, mongrels and drones that refuse to lay and substitute therefor pure-bred stock of a strain that can be depended upon to lay under proper feeding and housing conditions. Bulletins covering these matters in detail may be had free by addressing the Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C., or A. & M. College of Texas.

Too often the failure of a hen to lay is attributable directly to improper feeding. Comparatively few know the value or constituents of a balanced ration for maximum egg production, and herein lies the secret of many failures. If you are feeding your hens a mixture that produces 100 yolks for every 50 whites, then it is possible for the hen to lay only 50 eggs, while the remaining 50 yolks are absorbed by the body.

The following war-time ration, which omits the use of wheat on account of its high price, is recommended by the Missouri State Poultry Experiment Station after thorough tests:

Scratch Grain	Yolks		Whites
	200 lbs. corn	510	
Mash Feed			
20 lbs. shorts	41	44	
20 lbs. bran	31	41	
20 lbs. oats	39	31	
20 lbs corn meal	52	28	
26 lbs meat scrap	27	288	
306	700	700	

The grain should be fed at morning, all the fowls will clean up in about twenty minutes and the mash feed kept before them at all times. In this way they will consume about equal parts of the feed.

One and one-half pounds of salt and five pounds of bone meal may be added to the above mixture. Cotton seed meal may be substituted for the beef scrap in the mash mixture. Oyster shell or other lime substance should be supplied for the formation of egg shell, especially if the hens are confined, and green food is essential. Be a "poultry crank" and help win the war and, incidentally, help yourself.

B. P. Harrison.  
 Midland Texas.

E. C. Shannon was a business visitor this week from Merkel.

J. W. Belcher, of Cleburn, stopped off here this week on his way to Eunice, N. M.



**The Basis of Rates**

The past few years the cost of equipment and of labor have been constantly increasing while there has been no increase in telephone rates—in fact, some rates have voluntarily reduced.

We do not believe any telephone company can furnish, nor the public obtain, permanent and efficient service without a fair profit.

The public is our only source of revenue and any increased taxes, material or labor costs must always be met by the telephone users, either directly or indirectly.

We have always endeavored to adjust our telephone rates to make it possible for everyone to be connected who would add to the value of the service, thus giving the greatest good to the greatest number.

We believe that the public is best served by our charging rates that will afford us enough money to maintain and operate our system properly, furnish a sufficient surplus fund with which to rebuild or restore parts of the plant when worn out, and earn a fair rate of interest for the men and women who have their savings invested in our property.

**The Western Telephone Co.**

MRS. A. R. TOBY DIED IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

C. A. Toby and wife, of Cooper, N. M., were in Midland this week doing some shopping. He reports that his cousin, our former townsman, A. R. Toby, lost his wife recently after a short illness, in Washington, D. C. The Reporter extends condolence to the bereaved.

W. A. Ricker and E. W. Pond, were business visitors this week from Sweetwater.

**Notice of Dissolution**

Notice is hereby given that the firm of J. H. Barron & Son was dissolved on the first day of January, 1918, Elliott H. Barron retiring from said firm on account of going into the United States Army. All accounts due to said firm are payable to J. H. Barron, his successor, and all accounts owing by said firm will be settled by him.  
 J. H. Barron,  
 Elliott H. Barron.  
 adv. 16-4t.

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**WAR ECONOMY**

Prompted by recommendations of the United States Food Administration, the following retail merchants of Midland:

- |                       |                        |
|-----------------------|------------------------|
| Smith Bros.           | Midland Hardware Co.   |
| Wight & Anthony       | City Grocery Co.       |
| Basham-Shepherd & Co. | J. E. (Bob) Hill       |
|                       | W. S. Hill             |
|                       | Midland Mercantile Co. |

**After Monday, January 28th**

**Will No Longer Make Deliveries of Goods** which amount to less than \$5.00 to any one purchaser. This is a war economy. It is a compliance with government recommendations and all persons should cheerfully accept this ruling by Midland merchants. Remember, then, that

**On and After Jan. 28th**

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**MAXWELL**  
 Most Miles per Gallon — Most Miles on Tires

**Economize Wisely**  
**—A Maxwell Car Will Help**

Waste is often committed when the intention is to economize.  
 A Maxwell car, famous for its economy, will cost you only a few dollars a month to operate and maintain.

Which is the real economy:

- (1) To use the car and save time, strength, and mental vigor?
- (2) To do without the car, lose time in your business, lose the health gained from motoring, and worry yourself into illness?

Use of a Maxwell car will give you self confidence.  
 Your neighbors and associates will get mental inspiration from you.  
 As wave circles widen when a pebble hits the water, so will your good example benefit your entire community.  
 Save—yes; but do it sensibly, and let the Maxwell help.

Touring Car \$745; Roadster \$745; Coupe \$1095  
 Berline \$1095; Sedan with Wire Wheels \$1195  
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FRIDAY, JAN. 25, 1918

Announcements

All candidates announcing in this column, do so subject to the action of the Democratic primary on July 27th...

For Sheriff and Tax Collector: W. E. BRADFORD SAM PRESTON

PART OF EXEMPTION BOARD HAS RESIGNED

Feeling that they had faithfully served the people for several months and that most of the work—and most of the cussin's—had been accomplished...

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Several weeks ago, when Midland's quota was declared to be \$500 for the raising of \$35,000,000 for the Y. M. C. A. War Work Fund...

OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM CAMP TRAVIS

No Suffering There From Recent Cold Spell and Soldier Boys Enjoy Camp Life

"No mind that has not been educated to taking in information readily," says Lieut. Col. E. E. Haskell...

Among the features of the camp for the first week is the fact that thus far not a single man has tired and asked to be dropped out...

Candidates have the benefit, not only of their previous training in the fundamental infantry drill...

Those who find the course too hard and fall behind, will not be summarily kicked out...

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Presbyterian Church

Visitors at any of the services of this church will be cordially welcomed and a hearty invitation is extended to work and worship with us.

The following is the order of worship for the week:

Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.—J. H. Ramsay, Supt.

Morning worship at 11. Subject of the sermon will be Foreign Missions.

Evening worship at 7:30.

Prayermeeting Wednesday evening at 7:30.

Choir practice Saturday evening at 7:15 at the home of Mrs. Ella Youngblood.

Wm. H. Foster, Pastor.

Christian Church

Bible school meets at 9:30 a. m.

Preaching morning and evening; morning topic, "The New Testament Church;" at night the third lecture of a series, "John Wesley, The English Reformer."

All cordially invited.

Christian Church

April 5th. Ratings of all men in camp, with recommendations for commissions by a board headed by the Camp Commander...

The recent cold spell found no suffering at Camp Travis. The soldiers of the National Army in training there have reached that physical condition where, with ordinary precaution, excessive coverings and heatings is not required to keep them comfortable.

However, there was plenty of coal, wood, covering and good exercise to keep the blood circulating.

An example of the splendid physical condition of the men, coupled with their morale, was shown in the avidity with which they devoured the drill work of the days when the first snow and ice for many years covered the drill grounds in and about Camp Travis.

Within the barracks the men were comfortable. There were fires in the bunk rooms and fires in the bath houses.

Not a single portion of the regular existence of the soldier was interfered with, and not a man was the sufferer because of the cold winds and wet grounds.

If you want wood or coal, phone 216 or 270; but it takes cash to get it.

Attorney Jno. B. Howard, of Pecos, is with us, the latter part of the week, on professional business.

What Society is doing. Illustration of a woman in a hat and a man with a camera. Text: What Society is doing. By Lydie G. Watson, Phone 88.

IN MEMORIAM

Mr. Edward M. Bridwell

The sad intelligence just reached Midland friends this week of the death of Mr. Edward Bridwell, which occurred at Sweetwater Jan. 5th. His death was not wholly unexpected as he had been a sufferer for a number of years and had traveled all over the West, vainly seeking health.

Red Cross Work

The Red Cross workers have made a very commendable showing this week. We have not had reports from all the days, but the following looks good:

Friday, Jan. 18th—Work done in sewing room, 5 suits pajamas, 1 con-

complimentary Party

A merry company of girls and boys were the guests of Miss Susie Graves Friday evening, when she entertained the senior class of the high school, and a few invited friends, honoring her cousin, Mr. Sam Hendricks, who is leaving Midland to enter school in Ft. Worth.

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Knowledge plus Training is Power. Business is King! If We Sit by Your Own Fireside. National Business College. FORT WORTH or WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS.

Hill-Yates

At the home of the bride's mother, Mrs. Mary E. Hill, the wedding of Miss Lela Hill and Mr. I. G. Yates, Jr., was solemnized last Saturday morning. The ceremony was performed by Rev. J. T. McKissick of the Christian church, and only the immediate relatives of the bride witnessing the sacred service.

Methodist Missionary Society

We inadvertently omitted to give an account of a meeting of some note in Methodist circles recently, when we did not mention the very pleasant and profitable meeting that the Missionary Society had with Mrs. O. B. Holt. It was the regular installation service. Bro. Cowan conducting the ceremony and the following officers were installed: Mrs. W. H. Brunson, president; Miss Ethel Moore, 1st vice president; Mrs. Phil Scharbauer, 2nd vice president; Mrs. Theo Ray recording secretary; Mrs. C. P. Benedict, treasurer; Mrs. J. P. Rankin, corresponding secretary; Mrs. John Haley, superintendent Study Class; Mrs. O. B. Holt, superintendent of Social Service; Mr. J. W. Cowan, agent for Voice.

The F. S. M. Club

The girls of the F. S. M. Club had a most delightful meeting Wednesday afternoon, in the beautiful new home of Miss Juliet Wolcott. Election of officers occupied the first hour with the following result:

President, Miss Eddie Taylor; vice president, Miss Ola Epley; secretary-treasurer, Miss Bessie Cowden; reporter, Miss Thelma White.

Five hundred was the principle diversion of the afternoon, making the hours speed merrily by. Miss Lucile Horton received the club pin, as a trophy for winning the greatest number of games. At the conclusion of the afternoon Miss Wolcott refreshed her guests with delicious sandwiches and salad. Those enjoying the delightful hospitality besides the club members were: Mesdames Shumate, Ligon, Chancellor, Hyatt, Joe Youngblood, Wolcott, Misses Fannie Glenn Pember-ton and Susie Graves.

Dr. J. F. Haley

Dr. J. F. Haley made a professional visit to Monahans Tuesday.

Mrs. F. E. Rankin

Mrs. F. E. Rankin, after an extended visit to Fort Worth and Weatherford, returned home Monday.

The Ladies' Store. Large Corsets, Children's Hats, Corset Sale Continues. Bank stock for cattle. F. E. National Bank. WANTED: small residence. Must be ideal in every way. Call at Reporter office.

CLASS ADVERTISING. Rates, five cents per line per week. No ad less than 25 cents. Cash in advance. FOR SALE: Majestic stove, 3 library things in furniture. Mrs. J. M. Jemison. FOR SALE: Automobile for sale. FOR SALE: 19 automobile for sale. FURNISHINGS. ROOMS: For 1 Bath, electric light only 1-2 block on Wall Street, 224. LOST: Saturday Odessa and Warfield-Savage gun. Cowden, at Midland. FOUND: Old suit of road, 20 miles Has name, "T. E. it. Owner may cents for this no. MISCELLANEOUS. FOR SALE: 19 automobile for sale. BUSINESS. PASTURAGE: of cattle to May miles southwest furnish help to old grass and produced by lat sections fenced Manning, Midland. REGISTERED: sey, a fine individual. At the old Gwyn, owner. Cold weather crank your head Coleman & A. L. a special magnet, and it out you having it. ON HAND: Tv and a car of price remember that time-and-pay-it sacks, chickens J. Stringer, photo. STRAYED: On branded "Seven eral reward. W National Bank. Bank stock for cattle. F. E. WANTED: small residence. Must be ideal in every way. Call at Reporter office. Large Corsets. I have for sale buys in New Mex have grass and to remain long on RANCH NO. About 90,000 acres, plenty of barns, windmills, condition. This horses, about 1.6 RANCH NO. Consists of 35.00 is deeded land State land. All finer pasture for plentiful every State. About of good, cultivable ranch house. Call on to appreciate P. F. McCANN. B. F. Practitioner. Tom T. Garr. GARRARD. Practitioner. As usual, to Buchanan will Practice limits of eye, ear, nose fitting of glass Dr. Tigner.

**CLASSIFIED ADVERTISEMENTS**

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

**FOR SALE—REAL ESTATE**

**FOR SALE**—All my household furniture. Majestic range, 4 heating stoves, 3 library tables, and everything in furniture line. Phone 224, Mrs. J. M. Jamison. 16-1f

**FOR SALE—MISCELLANEOUS**

**FOR SALE**—640 acres mile and a half from Upland. To sacrifice account of illness for only \$150 bonus. Act quick. Box 44, Big Lake, Tex. 14-3t

**FOR SALE AT A BARGAIN**—The 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

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

**FOR SALE**—1916 model 6-cylinder automobile for sale at a bargain. Midland Storage Battery Co. 9-1f

**FURNISHED ROOMS**

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

**LOST AND FOUND**

**LOST**—Saturday, Nov. 24th, between Odessa and Warfield, a 25-high-powered Savage gun. Return to "Chunky" Cowden, at Midland for suitable reward. 8-1f

**FOUND**—Old suit case, on Stiles avenue road, 20 miles south of Midland. Has name, "T. B. Wilson," written on it. Owner may recover by paying 25 cents for this notice. 8-1f

**MISCELLANEOUS WANTS**

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**BUSINESS NOTICES**

**PASTURAGE**—Can pasture 500 head of cattle to May 1st at my ranch 27 miles southwest of Midland. Can also furnish help to few cattle. Plenty of old grass and fairly good late grass produced by late fall rains. Twenty sections fenced in four pastures. Will Manning, Midland, Texas. 15-1f

**REGISTERED BOAR**—A Duroc-Jersey, a fine individual. You will like him. At the old McClure yard. S. H. Gwyn, owner. 9-1f

Cold weather is coming. Don't crank your head off on that Ford Coleman & Allen have just installed a special machine for re-charging magnets, and it does the work without you having to take down your motor. adv52-1f

**ON HAND**—Two cars of rice straw and a car of prairie hay. Also please remember that I buy hides all the time and pay the cash. Also burlap sacks, chickens and turkeys. C. M. J. Stringer, phone 123. 14-1f

**STRAYED**—One 2-year-old heifer branded "Seven Bar" on left hip. Liberal reward. W. R. Chancellor, First National Bank. 1t

Bank stock at book value to trade for cattle. F. F. Elkin. adv

**WANTED TO RENT**

**WANT TO RENT**—Some rooms or small residence already furnished. Must be ideal in every way and reasonably close to town. See R. E. Truly at Reporter office.

**Large Cattle Ranches**

**FOR SALE**  
I have for sale two ranches. The best buys in New Mexico. Both bargains, and have grass and water and are too good to remain long on the market.  
**RANCH NO. 1**—PRICE \$125,000.00. Leased land. Range in four townships. About 90,000 acres, good grass and chumise, plenty of water, ranch houses, barns, windmills, and equipment in good condition. Thirty-four head of work horses, about 1,500 head of cattle.  
**RANCH NO. 2**—PRICE \$175,000.00. Consists of 35,000 acres, of which 29,000 is deeded land and about 6,000 leased State land. All fenced, good grass, water, finer pasture for fattening steers in the plentiful every two or three miles. State. About one-fourth of this land is good, cultivable land; good nine-room ranch house. You must see these propositions to appreciate them.  
P. F. McCanna, Albuquerque, N. M. adv 15-2t

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As usual, tomorrow, Saturday, Dr. Buchanan will be in his Midland office. Practice limited exclusively to disease of eye, ear, nose and throat and the fitting of glasses. Office next door to Dr. Tigner. adv

**GRIP-OF THE GREAT WAR IS TIGHTENING**

(Continued from page 1)

bably will continue to be. The impulse to spend and habit of spending do not yield readily to mere economic argument.

However, now that the holiday trade season is past, and the critical state of the industrial situation and its relation to our war preparations is more apparent than ever, perhaps there will be more general recognition of the sober truth that every day lost in organizing the industrial forces of this country behind the army means peril to the allied cause, delay in getting our army into effective action, and prolongation of the war with all that means in loss of life and treasure.

**DO IT NOW**

**Midland People Should Not Wait Until It Is Too Late**

The appalling death rate from kidney disease is due largely to the fact that the little kidney troubles are usually neglected until they become serious. The slight symptoms often give place to chronic disorders and the sufferer may slip gradually into some serious form of kidney complaint.

If you suffer from headache, dizziness, dizzy spells; if the kidney secretions are irregular of passage and unnatural, do not delay. Help the kidneys at once.

Doan's Kidney Pills are especially for kidney disorders—they act where others fail. Over one hundred thousand people have recommended them. Here's a case at home.

Mrs. W. P. Nugent, Main St., Midland, says: "I have used Doan's Kidney Pills off and on for several years. I have procured them at Taylor & Son's drug store, and they have done me more good than anything else I ever got. My back has always given me the most pain. At times it has ached and been so stiff I could hardly bend one way or the other. My kidneys acted too frequently which greatly annoyed me. I had headaches and dizzy spells and black spots floated before my eyes. Whenever I feel this way, I use Doan's Kidney Pills and a box or two cures the attack." Price 60c, at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mrs. Nugent had. Foster-Milburn Co., Props., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 16-2t

**MIDLAND HIGH SCHOOL LITERARY SOCIETY**  
The following program will be rendered by the high school literary society on Jan. 25th, 1918:  
Chorus, "Like as a Hart" (John A. West)—High School.  
Reading "19th Psalm (Bible)—High School."  
Piano solo, "Polonaise in A" (Chopin)—Eleanor Connell.  
Reading, Selected—Hallie Rhea Jewell.  
Two part song "Come Unto Me and Rest" (Bonar)—Mittie Ingham, Lena Kate Baker, Eileen Harrison, Brookie Lee.  
Debate—Resolved that military training should be established in all high schools in the United States. Affirmative—Ruby Willis and Bert Wakefield; negative—Clella Denton and Wielif Curtis.  
Bass solo, "No. 16, The Ormorer's Song" from "Robin Hood" (DeKoven)—W. W. Lackey.  
Critic's report.

**DEMURRAGE RULES EFFECTIVE MONDAY**  
Agent J. A. Dowdy, of the T. & P., Midland, informs The Reporter of the following new demurrage rules, which became effective last Monday, January 21st:  
Per car, 1st day, \$3; second day, \$4; 3rd day, \$5; 4th day, \$6; 5th day, \$7; 6th day, \$8; 7th day, \$9; and \$10 per day for each succeeding day thereafter.  
This is a very important ruling and receivers of freight should be very prompt in unloading their cars.  
Hooverize. Don't pay the railroad any more than you have to in this way.

**WADLEY-PATTERSON'S UNIQUE ADVERTISEMENT**

The regular advertisement of Wadley-Patterson this week, on page two, is rather unique. It compares the prices of now and 54 years ago, 1864, and suggests how much easier a dollar is to get hold of now than then. But read the advertisement. It tells its own story.  
Clarence Scharbauer returned this week from a general tour of the several ranches of the Scharbauer Cattle Company. He reports only light losses anywhere.  
J. B. Tubbs, ranchman from near Grandfalls, was here this week. He reports a fine snow lately and light losses in stock.  
Dick Dillard is here now from Kenton, Okla., to visit his brother, Tar, who was lately operated on for appendicitis. Tar is getting along nicely. Dick has sold out in Oklahoma. †

**OUR MARKET REPORT FROM KANSAS CITY**

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan. 21, 1918.—Cattle receipts today were 16000 head, bulk of which were steers, market averaged steady. Hogs today 11000, market steady to 5 lower, top \$16.35. Sheep and lambs today 10000, market 25 to 40 lower, top lambs \$16.50.

**Beef Cattle.**

With somewhat improved railroad facilities over last week about twice as many cattle arrived today as on Monday a week ago. Beef cattle sold at about steady prices top steers sold at \$12.75. The top last week was \$13.30. Colorado pulp fed steers sold mostly between \$11.25 and \$12.00. Butcher cattle were scarce in proportion to the receipts, and they were mostly of the common grades, range cows \$7 to \$9.50 best native cows up to \$10.50, veal calves steady, sales up to \$14.00.

**Stockers and Feeders.**

There was fairly good demand for choice classes, but on medium to plain kinds market was slow at steady prices. As most of the offerings here were of the beef class there was not much trading done in the stocker and feeder market. Some stockers sold for \$10.50 and some feeders brought the same price. Most of the sales were made between \$8.25 and \$10.50.

**Hogs**

The hog market today active and nearly everything sold at steady to 5 lower prices, butcher hogs selling up to \$16.30 and most of the heavy packing hogs selling from \$16.25 to \$16.35 and the bulk of all sales was \$16.10 to \$16.30. Pigs sell at \$13.25 to \$15.00. The five leading markets show a decrease of hogs to date under last year of 334000.

**Sheep and Lambs**

All markets had a liberal run of sheep and lambs today. Market was slow and most of the offerings selling at 25 to 40 lower prices. Packers say sheep coolers are filled and railroads are unable to furnish refrigerator cars. Some western lambs sold to packers at \$16.25 and a string of western ewe lambs sold at \$16.50 for feeders. Western sheep and lambs predominated there being very little native stuff here. Fat ewes are worth up to \$12.00 wethers \$12.75, yearlings \$14.50 and bulk of fat lambs sell from \$15.75 to \$16.50.

J. A. Rickart,  
Market Correspondent.

**CAMP TRAVIS BOYS GIVEN MOTOR TRUCKS**

Here is a word from V. H. Cavin, of Camp Travis. It is self-explanatory: "My company has been in a considerable flurry for the last few days, because the men were put to operating motor trucks for the first time. Some of the men who would feel perfectly at home with a pair of reins and a black-snake whip in their hands, became highly excited as soon as they got behind a steering wheel. They remarked that they could handle anything with two long ears and a loud bray, but that a gasoline engine on four wheels was too much for them. They appeared to like it better, however, than the usual squads east and west.  
"You can't beat this San Antonio weather. Last Wednesday afternoon we came in from drill with sweat running off our bodies in seventeen different directions, and twenty-four hours later a man had to be detailed to stay up all night to keep the fire burning in the lavatories to prevent the water pipes from freezing. Incidentally I happened to be the man who was detailed to this delightful duty.  
"Wishing all my Midland County friends the best of luck, I am,  
"V. H. Cavin."

**First Quarterly Conference**

The first quarterly conference for this conference year will be held at the Methodist church by Rev. J. M. Perry, P. E., on Saturday, the 26th inst. Bro. Perry will also preach for us Sunday at 11 a. m. and 7:30 p. m. All the usual services will be held on Sunday and the following week. All are cordially invited to attend.  
J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

**H. L. JARBOE, JR., A DISTINGUISHED VISITOR**

A distinguished visitor to our city this week was H. L. Jarboe, Jr., president of the Drivers' National Bank of Kansas City. Mr. Jarboe's institution has considerable financial interests in this section, and his visit was in this connection.

The way to avoid coalless days or woodless days is to pay cash on delivery. Midland Fuel Company, phone 216 or 270. adv16-1f

B. A. Woods and Jack Wheatley, of Deming, N. M., were business visitors this week.



**Now is the Time to Buy Furniture & Floor Coverings**

if you want to save money—prices on all lines are liable to advance very materially in the near future, so we advise all our friends and customers that intend buying anything in our line, any ways soon, to buy now before the price gets any higher. As you know we have anything you need in Furniture, Art Squares and other floor coverings.

We also have a few pianos, some slightly used, and second-hand, that we wish to dispose of at almost give-away-prices, with terms that anybody can meet, some terms as low as \$5.00 down and \$1.25 per week.

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**GERMAN ALIEN ENEMIES ARE TO BE REGISTERED**

The Attorney General has requested the Post Office Department to execute the details of registration of all German Alien Enemies, and in the smaller places same will be conducted at the post office. This is to request that all German Alien Enemies, residing or domiciled within the delivery of the Midland post office, to call and register, beginning February 5th to 9th, inclusive.  
Postmaster, Midland, Texas.

**CAPT W. W. LYNCH PROMOTED TO MAJOR**

Midland is altogether proud of her soldier boys, has been since the very first contingent volunteered, and when one of them is unusually honored by promotion or otherwise, The Reporter is more than pleased to know and speak of it. Capt. W. W. Lynch, who has been in the medical reserve corps at El Paso, was recently promoted and is now a major. No honor that has come to a Midland boy recently has given us more pleasure.

We would like to accomodate everybody, but can not possibly do so. Midland Fuel Company. adv16-1f  
No wood or coal will be unloaded unless paid for on delivery. Midland Fuel Company, phone 216 or 270. adv 16-1f

J. E. Bentley, of the City Drug Store, left Wednesday for a business trip to Dallas.  
Buy your oil in barrel lots and save money. W. H. Spaulding. adv15-1f  
C. Hale returned last week from a visit to Dallas, Waco and Bonham, at which places he spent a few days on business.

When you buy a Racine tire you buy service, not replacements. W. H. Spaulding. adv15-1f  
Our esteemed friend, M. S. Doss, of Seminole, was a visitor to Midland this week. He reports some losses in livestock during the recent severe weather, but also a fine season on the ground from the heavy snow out there.

J. F. Hickox, ranching in Gaines County, near Seminole, was a visitor to Midland this week. He reports a 5-inch snow and light losses in stock.

M. M. Fisher, stockman from Andrews County, was with us this week, on business.

L. W. Veach, of Roswell, N. M., is here this week, a guest in the home of his sister, Mrs. J. H. Potter.

T. M. Moore, cowman of Andrews County, was a business visitor this week. He reports few losses as a result of the late cold and snow.

S. W. Estes came home Wednesday from his ranch west, where he spent the past two weeks. He reports only light losses in cattle during recent bad weather.

Mrs. S. O. Richardson, abstractor at the county clerk's office, is in Dallas this week on business.

R. A. Henson was called to Stanton this week on account of the death of his uncle, R. N. Henson, who died last Tuesday on his farm 18 miles northeast of Midland. We regret exceedingly to hear of the death, and tender sympathy to all bereaved.

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**AN IDLE DOLLAR IS KAISER'S ALLY**

WAR SAVINGS STAMPS ARE TWO-FOLD—TEACH THRIFT AND HELP NATION TO SUPPLY HER NEEDS.

Mr. Frank Vanderlip, Chairman of the War Savings Committee, said in his Dallas address: "There are just three things you can do with a dollar: you can hoard it; you can spend it, or you can invest it. Now a hoarded dollar is a slacker dollar and it is not doing anything, but a dollar that is spent foolishly is the dollar that means you are competing with the Government for labor and material—it is a traitor dollar; it is the ally of Germany. There is nothing the Kaiser would like better than to see us going on with pleasure as usual, with comfort and luxury as usual; he would see us go on, demanding the things that prosperity has led us to think we want, to think that we can afford. We must wake up to the fact that the nation cannot afford to permit us to do the things that we have been able to do. We hear a lot of talk about a united nation, but we must have a united nation, united to the point of sacrifice, trained to self discipline and to see that democracy does not mean a Government in which we play no part. We are beginning to understand that we have a personal responsibility, every man, every woman, and every child, to help win the war. Now what are these War Savings Stamps you have seen them in the windows; you have read something about them. They are little things; they cost a quarter, or \$4.12, and we expect to raise \$2,000,000,000 from them—the greatest financial transaction ever carried through in this country. Now what is back of it? One thing is that we are going to teach thrift to the whole nation and to a nation that needs it terribly. We are going to have 30,000,000 stockholders in the United States. If we are really to teach thrift, really build up character so that it will stand self-discipline, make men and women and boys and girls ready to forego the thing of the moment that they may desire so that they may have something of greater value in the future, stimulate industry, encourage those old homely virtues, the virtues by which is to be measured the strength of the nation, then I believe we shall have gone a long way toward compensating us for the money cost of the war."

**ONE HUNDRED DOLLAR PRIZE FOR THE BEST ESSAY ON THRIFT.**

Louis Lipsitz, State Director, War Savings Committee, will give on April 15th, 1918, a War Savings Certificate of \$100.00 for the best essay on Thrift written by any child in school in Texas. Mr. Lipsitz says: "In nearly every county the County Chairmen of War Savings are giving prizes for the best essay written by any school child in Texas, and the essays which take the county prize will compete for the state prize. I am extremely anxious that the 1,200,000 school children learn the basic lesson of thrift and economy. If this can be accomplished, it means the solution of the present economic difficulties of our nation. If thrift is studied and practiced, the great demand for goods and service for running the war will be easily met, so I expect that school children will study thrift and practice it. The County Chairmen will give their prize, select the best essay in the county and send it to me in a letter by April 1st, and of the prize essays from each of the 253 counties, I will have a committee to select the best one, which will receive the \$100 prize. I suggest that these essays be not longer than 500 words—that the age of the child be indicated; that they be written in ink, on one side of the paper, by the child competing, with a signed statement that the child received no help in composing the essay, that is, I want it to be the result of the original thought of the child after he or she has studied thoroughly the literature that is obtainable everywhere on the general subject of thrift."

**THRIFT STAMPS FOR TIPS.**

In all of the hotels and restaurants in Texas a new plan is being inaugurated by Jesse Johnson, one of the Captains in Dallas, working continuously on the sale of War Savings and Thrift Stamps. Mr. Johnson says: "Instead of giving a Pullman porter or waiter a quarter, the thing to do is to say 'have you a thrift card?' If he has, give him a thrift stamp instead of a quarter, and if not, give him a card with a stamp on it. This starts him in the War Savings idea and impresses him with the necessity for co-operation on the part of every person, regardless of wealth or station."

**BARGAINS IN STAMPS.**

Mr. Frank A. Vanderlip, formerly President of the National City Bank of New York City, and now Chairman of the National War Savings Committee, said in his speech in Dallas on December 16th: "This is the first time in history when the United States Government ever offered any-

thing at bargain prices," and explained that the plan of the Government in selling War Savings Stamps reads like an Oklahoma Oil Well advertisement,—the selling price of a \$5.00 stamp being \$4.12 in January, \$4.13 in February and the price raised one cent per month all during the year. "This should especially appeal to the women," said Mr. Vanderlip, "and cause them to buy now rather than put it off because they cost more than the months go by."

**\$5.00 BILLS SELLING AT \$4.12.**

"The United States Government is selling \$5.00 War Savings Stamps at \$4.12 in January, \$4.13 in February, raising the price one cent per month throughout the year," said Louis Lipsitz, State Director of the War Savings Committee, "and I want to impress the fact that a \$5.00 bill today will not buy as much or as many of the pleasures of life for which we save money as will a War Savings Stamp when it matures January 1st, 1923. The war cannot be fought with paper money; we cannot wag up a \$5.00 bill and shoot it at the Kaiser and do any damage; that bill is merely a demand for wheat, or wool, or gasoline, or some other material which our Government actually needs to successfully win the war, so the wise thing for us to do is not to spend money now but loan it to our Government, get 4% interest compounded quarterly for it, and then five years from now, the Government will cash the stamp and we will have the money to spend—then it will buy more of the things which we want than it will today so that we can spend later. It is not only good sense but it is patriotic as well to buy War Savings Stamps."

**A NOVEL SCHEME SUGGESTED.**

R. H. Alexander, County Chairman for Coleman County on War Savings work, has put in practice a new scheme to interest school children on the subject of War Savings Stamps. Mr. Louis Lipsitz, State Director, says: "I endorse Mr. Alexander's idea and suggest that in every school a picture of the Kaiser be drawn and put up in the school room. Every child who buys a 25-cent Thrift Stamp is entitled to stick a pin in the Kaiser's picture and this will be a demonstration of the activity of school children in blotting out Kaiserism and autocracy and showing in a graphic way that the 25-cent piece saved and loaned to the Government in the purchase of a Thrift Stamp is going to help to save the child from autocracy and poverty."

**SAVE THE CHILD FROM AUTOCRACY AND POVERTY.**

This is the new slogan of the War Savings Committee engaged in selling \$91,000,000 of War Savings Stamps in Texas. The Federal Government wants every man, woman and child to save and invest their savings in stamps. These stamps mature January 1st, 1923, and earn an interest rate of 4% compounded quarterly. This is not only the best investment possible in war times, but also as President Wilson has said, "is intended to correct our unpardonable habits of waste and extravagance." The great thing to be accomplished is to teach thrift from every pulpit, teach it in every school and practice it in the home. This is war work in which all may join; it not only helps win the war which saves our children from autocracy but it saves them from poverty as well.

**ENGLAND SAVES \$650,000,000 A YEAR.**

The working people of Great Britain are doing their utmost to help win the war by denying themselves every luxury and loaning the money saved to their Government. The English plan of War Savings Stamps is very much like ours. In the past eighteen months the English people have not only bought \$650,000,000 worth of stamps, but the new spirit of thrift has caused savings-bank deposits to increase over 100%. There are great signs up all over England, reading, "It is not good form to dress extravagantly," and a woman or man who appears on the street whose dress indicates extravagance, is not only subject to criticism, but in many cases have been attacked and beaten.

**WAR SAVINGS SCHEMES.**

In Amarillo, each boy who pledges himself to buy Thrift Stamps, receives a poster to hang up in his window, reading, "Thrift boy here, I am working for Uncle Sam,"—then he gets a card signed by Mr. Mayer, Chairman of the Potter County Division which shows he is a member of the army of boys in Amarillo who are ready and anxious to work; who need everything they can get to do and who have promised to save that money for Uncle Sam.

Abe Sobel, a twelve-year-old newsboy at Beaumont, Tex., won the \$5.00 prize offered by County Chairman Jas. F. Weed, in the Thrift Contest there last week. In five days he earned \$3.79. The only requirement stipulated in Mr. Weed's prize who won must earn the money and submit a statement showing how he earned it. Abe was the first boy to turn in his results, and as a consequence, he now owns two Government securities that in 1923 will be worth \$10.00.

**UNIQUE THEATRE**

Inclement weather, sickness, and many other conflicting maladies has hampered their progress of the Unique this week and last, but a large crowd was present last Monday night to see "Red Ace," the serial starring Marie Walcamp. This daring heroine of the silent drama will always pull the crowds.

"Laugh and the world laughs with you," etc., is a true saying and proven last Tuesday night when Farnum would "Try It Once." This comedian with the contagious smile kept the audience in high good humor from the very first to the fifth and last reel. It was another Bluebird feature that is becoming so popular in Midland.

Tonight, Friday, "With the Stars and Stripes in France." This shows our Sammies at play and at work in France. "Treat a Miss, but don't miss a treat," see this for it is the first of its kind ever shown in Midland and will be highly entertaining as well as a great source of entertainment. The admission will be 15 and 5 cents and the Unique will pay the war tax.

Next Monday night "Draft 258," under the auspices of the local Red Cross will be the special feature. This is another military picture, a companion to "The Slacker," and will be well worth your time to see it. Help the Red Cross by a liberal patronage, and thus show your true patriotism.

The management informs us that a new program, a feature program, is being booked and among the feature companies the Jewel Company is numbered. The Universal corporation has changed its tactics and from now on will send nothing out but four and five reels with the exception of comedies.

**MIDLAND & NORTHWESTERN RAILWAY COMPANY WILL ASSIST FUEL ADMINISTRATION**

Owing to the coal shortage, the Midland & Northwestern Railway will operate trains tri-weekly, beginning Monday, January 28th, leaving Midland on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays at 8:00 a. m.

We have on hand a supply of coal that would operate our trains regularly until March 1st, but we can get no assurance from the coal companies when we can get any more coal, and we can handle the freight we receive by operating our trains every other day, without inconvenience to any one.

**We shall run our mixed train for freight and passenger service on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.**

The Texas & Pacific Railway Company only operate their local train on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, and running our train on the days designated we shall be able to handle your local freight received from the Texas & Pacific points without delay.

To the stockmen we will say, that we are ready and willing at all times to assist you in any way we can in the movement of your live stock, and will run extra trains to take care of cattle movement then necessary.

Pres. O'Donnell is in Dallas this week, rushing up steel for the completion of our line to Seminole. Have just received a telegram from him stating he thought there was a good chance to get the steel if he could get an order from the director general of railways authorizing the people from whom we have the steel contracted from to turn it over to us, so Pres. O'Donnell is leaving Dallas for Washington, D. C., to get an order to that effect from Director General McAdoo.

**Here is hoping that he may be successful in his efforts, and we shall get into Seminole in the early spring.**

It will not take long to complete our road into Seminole, owing to the fact that we have the grade completed and our ties, bolts, spikes, etc., all on the ground to begin construction at once.

**Bert Ramsay, Supt.**

Buy your oil in barrel lots and save money. **W. H. Spaulding, adv 13-2t**

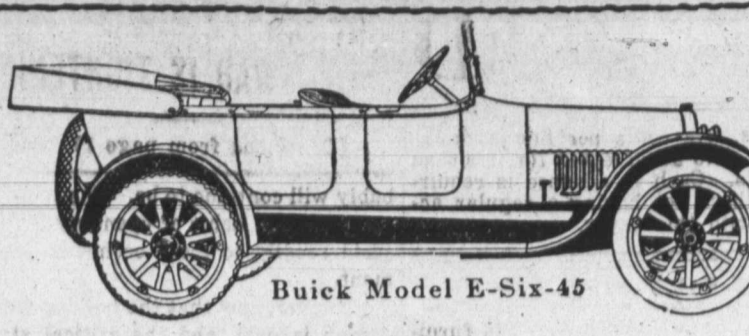
**PAY YOUR STATE HIGHWAY LICENSE**

Your State highway license is past due. This is to warn all persons who have not attended to this matter that they are liable to fine. Do not neglect it further.

**W. E. Bradford, Sheriff.**

**Chamberlain's Cough Remedy**

Before using this preparation for a cough or cold you may wish to know what it has done for others. Mrs. O. Cook, Macon, Ill., writes, "I have found it gives the quickest relief of any cough remedy I have ever used." Mrs. James A. Knott, Chillicothe, Mo., says "Chamberlain's Cough Remedy cannot be beat for coughs and colds." H. J. Moore, Oval, Pa., says "I have used Chamberlain's Cough Remedy on several occasions when I was suffering with a settled cold upon the chest and it has always brought about a cure." For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son, 1 mt



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**EGGS FOR HATCHING.**—After January 1st, I will offer eggs from grand matings at \$3.00 and \$5.00 per setting of 15. Book orders now to insure getting them as the supply will be limited. Get a start on these grand birds and you will never regret it. ALL MY SPARE COCKERELS HAVE BEEN SOLD.

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DELINQUENT TAX LIST CITY OF MIDLAND

List of Lands, Lots, or Parts of Lots, Returned Delinquent for the Years 1912 to 1916 inclusive

Table with multiple columns listing property owners, addresses, and tax amounts. Includes entries for Callaway, E. Midland, various Hines, Brennard, Haley Heights, and many others.

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Friday, Jan. DELINQUENT CITY List of Lands Returned 1912 (Continued) 1915-Unknown, Southern addition, 10-11-12 of block 103; total taxes... 1.12



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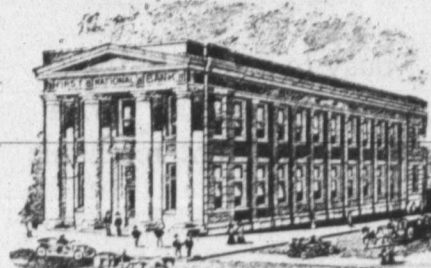
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### BEN STANLEY RETURNED FROM CAMP KEARNEY

Ben, son of Mr. and Mrs. B. F. Stanley, returned this week from Camp Kearney, California, where he has been in the U. S. army. Ben volunteered his services nine months ago when war was first declared, and since that time has served his country well, but on account of defective heart action he has been discharged and is now at home to stay. Ben gives a glowing report of the boys who vol-

unteered; he was bunk mate with Drift Shepherd, and says while he is glad to see the folks at home again, still he would rather have stayed in the army and got a chance to go to France with the rest, and to some actual fighting for his country. We believe that Ben is sincere, for he was one of the ones who did not wait for the draft but offered himself before any draft was thought of and went away with the other young patriots from Midland at the first bugle call. Such patriotism as this is what we call "a soldier by choice."

### "Tricks in Trade"

You've heard that expression. There is no trick, however, when you buy building materials of us. We simply sell you **Lumber, Paints, Brick, Lime and Cement, Ranch Fencing Supplies, etc.**, and back up everything with an iron-clad guarantee. Our prices are right, too.

### Are You Going to Build?

Better figure with us. We are more than likely to save you a pretty penny in this day of necessary economy.

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THIRTY-ONE YEARS IN MIDLAND  
Lee Bradshaw, Local Manager

### NEWS FROM ANDREWS By Mrs. "X"

A few couples enjoyed a 42 party at the home of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Brown, Saturday evening. Several piano selections were rendered by Miss Fannie Moxley, after which the guitar was brought forth and a few songs were sung by Mesdames Sims and Brown. All gathered 'round the fire and talked of the days when Andrews was first Andrews and of the many pleasant parties and moonlight picnics in the good old days when the two-horse wagon, filled with the freshly mown hay, was the popular mode of conveyance of the day. A gust of north wind reminded them that the predicted blizzard was on hand and that Jack Frost would be the leading citizen for the next few days. The guests departed, all declaring they had spent a very pleasant evening.

The meeting of the Embroidery Club Thursday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, with Mesdames Sims and Brown as hostesses, proved a very pleasant assemblage of this congenial club. The guests brought handiwork and chatted in a cheerful manner, exchanging pleasantries in rhythm to the swiftly flying needles. The hostesses "Hooverized" by serving tea and wafers, which terminated another pleasant meeting of the Embroidery Club.

Rev. L. D. Nance, field secretary of the Northwest Texas Conference, conducted a Sunday School institute here on the 18th and 19th. Considering the weather the attendance was very good and much interest was manifested.

The whole earth was covered with snow on Monday. It is expected that this snow will be of some benefit to the country as it did not drift as before.

A. N. Brown received the sad intelligence this week of the death of his uncle, Judge R. S. Neblett, of Corsicana, who died at the sanitarium at Temple on Jan. 18th.

Cliff Newland, manager of the Elkin ranch was taken to Midland last Thursday for an operation for appendicitis.

Dr. Alhman's stock of drugs has arrived and been opened up. We are glad to have a drug store in Andrews again.

Misses Lightfoot, Moxley and Williams, Smith Umberson and Willard Price, motored over to Florey Saturday.

Ben and Dewey Gilbert, of Florey, were in Andrews this week and left for Portales, N. M., on Tuesday.

Judge T. M. Smith, Jno. M. Speed and C. W. Hart left Tuesday for Portales, N. M., to visit their ranch.

C. W. Logsdon moved here the past week from Abilene, and has located on his ranch northwest of Andrews.

Reports from Midland indicate that Tar Dillard is improving. This is very pleasing news to his many friends.

Mr. Floyd, of Midland, passed through Andrews Monday, on his way to Seminole.

Mrs. Hunter Irwin and Miss Stamey, of Shafter Lake, were here Saturday visiting friends.

Mrs. Jno. Speed went to Florey last week for a short visit on their ranch.

Andrew King, of Cobb, was transacting business here one day last week.

Burl Holloway, of Midland, was here last week transacting business.

John McCaleb, of Alabama, is visiting his uncle, Prof. F. D. Rogers.

John Castleberry, of Florey, was a visitor in Andrews Saturday.

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Wilson are visiting Mrs. Jno. Speed at Florey.

Ed Caviner was in from his ranch this week visiting his family.

John Knight has returned from a visit to Jal, N. M.

Hayden Miles, of Jal, N. M., was here last week.

Mary Grace Price is on the sick list this week.

On and after Jan. 28, 1918, we will not deliver less than one-half cord of wood or one-half ton of coal. Midland Fuel Company, phone 216 or 276. adv 15-1f

Giles Connell, merchant and stockman from Judkins, was in this week and reports a good snow.

# EVERYBODY'S Stock Reducing Sale

## Is Still on and will Continue Until Feb. 1

As announced in this paper, I have bought my son's interest in the business. He has "answered his country's call"---has enlisted---and won't be back till it's over---over there

To meet the heavy demands that are being made upon us for money, we are now selling many things cheaper than can be bought today at wholesale.

### See our South Window for Special Prices on Ladies' Ready-to-Wear

You save half on any Dress, Coat or Coat Suit. In the balcony we are offering many good things that may be altered or made over, which can be bought for less than cost of the material.

### Men's Wear is Yet Being Sacrificed

Come in and see the great bargains. We will have on sale next week some broken lots in Women's and Children's Boots and shoes.

### Closing Bargains all Through the Store Come to See Us

# EVERYBODY'S

J. H. BARRON, Proprietor

### EDUCATIONAL COLUMN

Edited by  
Supt. W. W. Lackey in co-operation with the Department of Extension, University of Texas

I desire to call the attention of the schools of the county to the helpful work that is being done by the University Interscholastic League, and to urge all schools to become members of this organization.

The particular service which this League is capable of offering the schools is the organization of contests in oratory, debating, spelling, essay-writing, and in all forms of athletics. It is recognized by all educational authorities that contests have a wonderful educational value, but the problem has always been to guard against abuses which grow up inevitably when school contests do not have intelligent supervision. This supervision is furnished by the authorities in charge of the Interscholastic League.

In the first place, the most approved rules for the various contests are drawn up and published in bulletin form and are distributed free of charge to all schools which become members of the League. Thus the schools of the county, the districts and the entire state have uniform rules under which to conduct the various contests, and fair play is secured for all. Rigid scholarship requirements are laid down in the rules so that there is no danger of the contests developing such interest that they will detract in any way from the regular work of the schools. Indeed, the rules are so arranged that they aid the regular work rather than detract from it, as the ambitious pupils are anxious to participate and win honors and distinction in the League contests, and therefore are spurred on to do their regular school work properly and make satisfactory grades so as to be eligible under the rules to participation in the contests.

In the second place, it has been demonstrated in various counties and communities where this work has been organized in Texas during the last six years, that it proves a valuable aid to the teacher in enlisting the support and interest of the patrons in the school. Too much emphasis cannot be laid upon this point. The school is not so much what the teacher makes it, as what the patrons make it. An efficient school demands team-work on the part of the whole community. The Interscholastic League contests invariably hold the interest of the whole community, and bring parents, pupils and teachers all together in an effort to put the school "on the map," so to speak.

The cost to the school is merely nominal. The membership fee for one and two-teacher schools is only one dollar per year; that of schools having three or more teachers located in a district whose white scholastic population is not more than six hundred, two dollars; Class A high schools, that is high schools located in communities having more than 600 white scholastics, pay a membership fee of three dollars. This money is all used in giving rebates on railroad fare of League contestants who win in the district meets over the state, and go to Austin to participate in the great yearly state meet of the League. In these state meets there are between five hundred and a thousand contestants each year, and the prospect of having this trip and contesting with the best the whole state can furnish

each year has proven a powerful stimulus to students in the 3,000 schools of the League to do their utmost.

I would like to see every school in this county a member of this League. All the descriptive bulletins giving methods of organizing the contests, and the rules and regulations under which they are conducted, may be obtained from the Department of Extension, University of Texas, Austin, Texas.

### Notice to Debtors

Notice is hereby given that the Western Auto Company has changed hands, K. E. Nutt, Allen Tolbert, and Chas. Kerr selling to Clayton Bros., and all persons owing the above-named, composing the old firm, are requested to pay immediately. The accounts of the outgoing parties must be closed, otherwise we will be subjected to very great inconvenience. Parties owing us will please give this matter prompt attention.

K. E. Nutt,  
Allen Tolbert,  
Chas. Kerr.

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