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HALFF PROPOSES TO HOLD A FAIR

Plan That Would Show The World How Quickly Midland May Recover From Drouth

A general impression prevails in the east and all money centers of the country that it will take the drouth-stricken West anywhere from ten to twenty years to recover, and it is one of the very serious handicaps that we are now endeavoring to overcome. We who have been in the West for any considerable length of time know this report or general impression to be untrue. We have had drouth before, and have seen our country recover in a season. The late drouth, however, has been more serious than any other, augmented, as it has been, by the demoralizing effects of high prices, inadequate shipping facilities, war influences, etc., and a little more time will be required in which to recover. To come back to normal, one of the first things to be done is to re-establish confidence that money may be re-circulated in the West, and this re-establishment must come about, first through a manifestation of our own confidence and through our own efforts to prove to the world how good we know our country to be.

The seasons have come again, and we like the following letter from Henry M. Halff, which is addressed as—

"An Open Letter to The Midland Chapter of The American Red Cross:

"We the people of Midland have been repeatedly urged to do something for the school children this summer as a war measure so that their energies be directed in proper channels and incidentally assist in food conservation.

"There seems to be no one person here who is able to cope with this problem and there is no organization better able to handle it than the Midland Chapter of the American Red Cross.

"Therefore to them I make the following suggestion:

"Establish a school at the fair grounds for the school children of America. Get teachers either from the State or U. S. government. Put the school on a military basis. Teach them military subjects, agriculture and domestic science and particularly food conservation.

"And incidentally they will clean up the fair grounds.

"Then, with the aid of the Midland Chapter of the American Red Cross I will undertake to hold a fair in Midland this fall and accomplish several very worthy results, bearing in mind always that war work must predominate, and I would almost say that we would encourage only such work that will benefit the U. S. government in their war work.

"At the same time we would accomplish the following:

"We could compare the products of our farms and our ranches so as to assist our citizens to produce better crops and better stock.

"We would make some money for the Red Cross.

"Now, that may be a question to some but to me it seems certain.

"We would have no expense and if operated by the Red Cross we would be assured of a large attendance.

"I have mentioned this to several individuals but have been unable to get any action, so I am making a last attempt by presenting this before the people in The Midland Reporter.

"To accomplish the above immediate action must be taken. If the members of the Red Cross or the people of Midland are interested in the above, I am ready at any time to meet with them and discuss details.

"Yours respectfully,
"Henry M. Halff."

Wonder if Midland people are game to make a try to help themselves in this way? A good fair this fall, along about the first of October, would open the eyes of the world more effectively than anything we can think of. Could be pulled off with little trouble, too, and economically and consistently with plans of military conservation. "Look at Midland!" would be the amazed exclamation of the world outside. "They tell us of unprecedented drouth just passed out there. Who can believe it? You'll

JUDGE E. R. BRYAN TO SPEAK TONIGHT

Was Water-Bound at Big Lake Last Saturday and Date Necessarily Postponed

Judge E. R. Bryan had an engagement to speak in the court house in Midland last Saturday night, but he got water-bound at Big Lake and the engagement had to be postponed. Tonight, then, is the new date arranged for him to address the people on "The Truth About Ferguson." It is hoped that a large crowd will hear him.

Also he will tell you something about Gov. Hobby, whom he has met many times, and knows quite better than most of our people. You have heard about "German propaganda." Well, Judge Bryan may tell you something about "Ferguson propaganda." You hear fellows say: "Hobby don't amount to anything; he's a weakling; he hasn't got any sense; he's a tool; he's a traitor to his friends," etc., ad infinitum, ad nauseum. That sort of stuff is Ferguson propaganda. The fellows that make that sort of talk don't know, they haven't read. They haven't investigated and found out the truth of the matter, and not one of them can substantiate any of the vituperation or slighting remarks that they are prone to heap upon the heads of our government. It's Ferguson propaganda—no less—and the statements cannot be substantiated, for the reason that there is no truth in any of them.

Judge Bryan will tell you something about this, although his address will have to do primary with Jim Ferguson and his disgraceful fall from the high position as our chief executive to the depths and degradation, of moral culpability and cheap political chicanery. The artifice of

have to tell us some other story, friend. Midland don't bear the marks you just us about. She seems like she was just a few years ago; she just seems "Out where the world is in the making, where fewer hearts with despair are aching," where there's more of singing and less of sighing, where there's more of giving and less of buying, and a man makes friends without half trying."

"I think Chapman must have visited Midland just before he was inspired to write his immortal lines, "Out Where the West Begins."

JIM, WHERE DID YOU GET IT?

Say, Jim, don't you "hear them gentle voices calling" and don't you hear what they are saying?

Far away on Llano Estacado the tireless winds are mummuring through the fields of waving grain and their ceaseless song is, "Jim, where did you get it?"

And the fastnesses of Palo Pinto, where old Brazos hews it ragged pathway through the rocks, where yawning canyons crouch in their echoes gloom, waiting day after day for meridian suns to send brief shafts of light into their darkness to wake the noon-day chorus of bats and owls and hissing adders, "Jim, where did you get it?"

On the pathless prairies of Crosby and Haskell, the moonbeams chase the shadows and hissing breezes sway the nodding wildflowers, but that wild melody swelling from a distant tree is the voice of the mocking bird calling across the distance to Temple, "Jim, where did you get it?"

The tempest screams o'er angry waters and surging billows leap and howl and swell and roar and break at last upon the shore, while upon the wide-stretched pinions of the storm there comes the wild note of the raging sea, "Jim, where did you get it?"

The heavy clouds curtain the distant firmament and angry thunders shake the cooling torrents upon the thirsty land, and ever and anon the flashing lightning's quick finger pencils upon the frowning sky m letters of flame, "Jim, where did you get it?"

The soaring eagle screams it to the clouds, the lone wolf howls it to the mocking-echoes of the wilderness, the sleepless chanticleer calls it to the astral procession that moves along the shimmering highway that cleaves the arching sky, and their voices blend in the nocturnal chorus, "Jim, where did you get it?"

The Rio Grande sings it to the Mexic Gulf, the turgid tides of the swirling Red-pour it into the Mississippi, the Brazos races it in a line of winding silver upon the Texas landscape from the plains of Lamb to Brazorian dunes, the Colorado splashes it madly over the rocks of Burnet, the Trinity like a huge serpent writhes the uneven lines from the slopes of Jack down to the quiet bosom of the waiting bay, the Sabine whispers it to the Louisiana shores and all are always asking, "Jim, where did you get it?"

Out of the silence of the past's dead years, from the unforgotten blood that reddened the Alamo and drenched the earth at Goliad, from the distant cannon of San Jacinto, where men gave all and nothing took, there drift down the voices of the great, "Jim, where did you get it?"

It is the plaint of the earth and air and sea and sky, it is the voiceless message from the spirit land, it is an angry call of history robed in glory to a present blotched and drabbed with shame, it glares in fiery madness upon the leering vision of men who revel in the spoil of broken faith, who thrill with the sordid lust of gold, who riot in deeds that shame a people's shattered trust, who sneer at truth and honor crushed—it is "Mene, Mene, Tekel, Upharsin" seared upon the consciousness of an outraged people whose withering interpretation is, "Jim, where did you get it?"

Say, Jim, where did you get that \$156,500, anyway?

The people of Texas want to know.

this man is pretty evident to most of us, and Judge Bryan will prove it to any unbiased mind.

We trust the Ferguson adherents are not afraid to hear the truth about this man. However bitterly Judge Bryan may condemn the false, the decadent, the morally derelict, he himself is clean-minded, clean-spoken, and none need fear being offended, except

where the truth strikes deep into the quick.

Then give Judge Bryan a liberal hearing. Ladies, you are especially invited to hear him.

—Pledge The President—

Attorney Jno. B. Howard was with us Wednesday, on his return from a business trip to Fort Worth, to his home at Pecos.

MAJ. W. W. LYNCH BURIED IN DALLAS

Masons of Midland Sent Representative From Lodge, Together with Beautiful Floral Offerings

News reached Midland last Monday morning, announcing the death of Major (our Doctor) W. W. Lynch, which occurred at the U. S. base hospital, Camp Sheridan, Montgomery, Ala., where he was stationed. Death came Sunday morning at 4 o'clock, after not an extended illness, he suffering of a complication of kidney trouble, medically termed Addison's Disease. Military services were held over the remains at Camp Sheridan, the body then being shipped to Dallas for interment, which took place Wednesday morning at 10 o'clock.

The funeral ceremony, preached by Dr. Slater, pastor of the First Christian church of Dallas, took place in the home of his sister, Mrs. A. C. Parker, and was attended by a large concourse of friends, who brought many beautiful floral offerings. The Masons of Midland also sent as their representative M. R. Hill, one of Maj. Lynch's many warm and personal friends.

At the grave the services were taken over by Pentington Lodge A. F. & M., and the services were beautifully solemn and impressive, and largely attended.

Dr. Lynch, as he is best known in Midland, had lived in Midland for perhaps fifteen years prior to the declaration of war, residing with us as a practicing physician, and he was loved by many indeed. Upon the declaration of war, despite his lucrative practice, he felt that he had to go, and he joined the medical reserve corps at El Paso. Since he was promoted to the rank of major, and at the time of death was in charge of the surgical department at Camp Sheridan.

Dr. Lynch was 45 years of age and leaves a wife and a son by a first wife. With these and other relatives The Reporter profoundly sympathizes, and many there are in Midland who are sorely grieved that he is no more. We anticipated his home-coming, a veteran of the war, and crowned with honors fairly, nobly won. The honors are his, for he had given all, and gave freely, life as a living sacrifice upon the altar of his country, and "greater honor hath no man."

AFTER THE RAINS CONDITIONS FINE

A Drive to the Country Tuesday Revealed How Readily We Recover From Drouth

Last Friday we closed our account of the rain at 2:15 in the afternoon, stating that it was still raining and that the heavy down-pour of the period seemed startling. It had, and it continued to rain intermittently throughout the day and night, the next day and Sunday morning, with the result that the whole country had, by far, the best soaking since 1908. It was great. It is estimated that the fall at Midland amounted to at least three inches, while over most all other parts of the country the precipitation was far greater. The results are wonderful.

Tuesday we had the pleasure of driving out northwest of town, some five or six miles, with B. C. Girdley, and drove over much of the 16-section pasture leased by Girdley & Nobles. The sight was entrancing. Though in this section the rain was lightest, the grass was even then luxuriant. The pastures look almost like waving wheat fields, and it is amazing how the cattle are responding, shedding their winter coats and putting on flesh. Girdley & Nobles have a splendid bunch of cattle out there, but a month ago they were poor and it didn't look as though many of them would pull through unless the rains came soon. The rains did come and now you can find good butcher stuff and in a few weeks they'll all be fat, whether it rains any more or not. Better still, we noted quite a number of fine young calves, here and yonder, all frisky and fat.

So comes the good report from all sections of the country. All the southwest, except perhaps between Pecos and El Paso, the rains have been generous and the range is as fine as in those days of yore, which famed the West in poetry and song.

In the vast country southeast and south, where the drouth has been unusually prolonged, the turf is partially killed, but there are few cattle there and only a short time will be needed for it to re-seed and with more rain this summer, by fall there will be no indications that there has ever been a drouth.

As the stockmen are profiting, so are the farmers. Many have in large crops, planted mostly to feed stuff, though a liberal acreage is planted to cotton, and most everything is up and growing, though some farmers will continue to plant until about July 1st. The crop prospects were never more favorable in the Midland Country, which leads us to the conclusion that feed expenditures this winter are most certain to be negligible.

The Midland Country, then, is on its way back to prosperity, has made a huge stride in that direction, in fact, and people are feeling wonderfully fine about it. We see no good reason why we should not now begin to plan a fair this fall. Think it over. There could be no better and quicker way in which to prove to the world that the Midland Country stands adversity and blooms as the rose at the first coming of the seasons.

—Pledge The President—

ANOTHER DANDY RAIN FELL LAST NIGHT

The country is getting too awfully wet and sloppy. People don't hardly know how to take it. About the easiest thing now is for it to rain. Supplementing the fine rains of last week another fell late yesterday evening and last night, which seemed to be especially heavy east and southeast. We did not learn the scope of country covered, but it was likely wide. Again it failed to extend very far northwest, ten to fifteen miles out it being very light. However the failure is not of particular interest, for all the country has been well moistened and there is every evidence that lots more is due to fall. All the country is now in good shape. There is, in fact, more grass than we have cattle for and the ranges, some of them, are in for a period of much needed rest.

—Pledge The President—

Judge Chas. Gibbs returned Wednesday from Pecos, where he conducted business in district court.

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OUR WEEKLY LETTER FROM CAMP TRAVIS

Interesting Feature of The Camp Now is The Disposition of Several "Conscientious Objectors"

While it is true that modern fighting calls for more brain power on the part of the individual soldier than fighting ever demanded before, yet it is also true that brawn is more indispensable also. In fact the American soldier has to be ready with his legs and arms as well as with his head. Emphasis is given to the necessity for physical prowess by a series of tests which have been carried out with the personnel of Camp Travis. The idea has been, not to discover athletes, but to grade the men according to their ability to use their bodies.

The tests have been divided into 5 classes: Muscular development, agility, jumping, scaling and climbing. Each of these classes contains a number of "events" and in each event the soldier endeavors to equal or better the mark set for the Class A man, dropping to Class B or Class C, according to the proportion by which he falls short of the mark. For instance, a Class A man must chin the horizontal bar fifteen times, a Class B man ten times and a Class C man five times.

Requirements for Class A are as follows: Chin up 15 times; dip 10 times; putting shot, 12 pounds, 20 feet; lift weight over head, either hand, 60 pounds; raising weight to chest with readiness, 100 pounds; put 100 pound weight on six foot bank; run 50 yards, in service uniform, without coat and equipment, 7 seconds; run 100 yards, same condition, 15 seconds; run 200 yards, 35 seconds; run half mile, 4 minutes; standing

broad jump, 7 feet; running broad jump, 12 feet; running high jump, 4 feet; vault fence, 5 1-2 feet; scale with readiness three times in quick succession a wall 5 feet high; scale twice, same conditions, a wall 7 feet high; climb 20 foot rope in 20 seconds.

The 165th Depot Brigade, Camp Travis, is host to 45 "conscientious objectors" whose consciences object to any form of labor whatever. They won't put on the uniform, they won't drill, they won't use a broom or a shovel or drive a wagon. But they eat. Indeed, they are said to be among the heartiest eaters in camp. Although they have been assured of non-combatant places in the army of democracy, they decline to show any signs of industry. As a result of their refusal to obey orders these men are now facing court-martial proceedings. There are 120 other men now in the Depot Brigade who do not believe in smiting the Hun, but they have seen their way clear to work for their keep while they are in Uncle Sam's pay, and are making themselves useful in a variety of ways at the war garden of the Depot Brigade, as wagoners, as cooks, stable guards and the like.

Confusion and missending of mail at any postoffices due to partial and incorrect addresses has reached such a point that the first assistant postmaster general at Washington has had to issue the following order: "Postmasters are hereby instructed to withhold from dispatch in the mails all ordinary, insured or C.O.D. parcels which are addressed to members of the regular army, national army or the national guard, but which are not specifically addressed to company and regiment or other military unit."

Great care should be taken that the number of the regiment and the letter of the company are given and are written legibly. Such care may determine whether your soldier correspondent gets the letter or package.

THE CONDITION OF CROPS IN TEXAS

Texas Industrial Congress Suggests Report Since June 8th Would Show Much Improvement

At Dallas, June 8th, The Texas Industrial Congress reports that Texas will produce large crops for 1918 despite the unusual drouth that has affected from one-half to one-third of the State. According to reports made for the Federal Food Administration through the Texas Industrial Congress on June 1st, decided crop improvement is evident since April 1st.

Wheat acreage was greatly reduced in the wheat section, and heavy losses resulted from drouth and cold. The yield is rated at 55 per cent of normal, and the crop will net eight or nine million bushels, with the lower figure the more probable.

Despite a two and a half per cent reduction in cotton acreage, reports indicate a crop this year of 3,250,000 to 3,750,000 bales. If improvement reported continues the yield may even pass the four million bale mark. The Food Administration is gratified that Texas farmers, responding to the patriotic call for the production of food and feed-stuffs, should have actually reduced the cotton acreage in the face of the highest price known in recent years for cotton.

Corn acreage is normal; its condition is good and improving daily. The crop is now in the making; if present conditions continue the Texas corn crop will be between 126 and 135 million bushels, with the larger estimate the more reasonable at this time.

More grain sorghums, milo, kafir, feterita and Sudan grass, have been planted than ever before, and the condition of all averages 156 per cent of normal. The peanut acreage in 141 counties is 107 per cent of normal. Ninety per cent of the 600,000 or more home gardens have met the food requirements of their owners. The Texas Irish potato crop was 97 per cent of normal. Most of the crop was consumed by the growers but a million and a half bushels reached the market in 51 counties.

One-third of the counties have had sufficient rainfall, needing none on June 1st. Another third needed moderate and the remainder heavy rains. Weather reports show heavy precipitation in the dry territory since the reports were compiled. One-half the State reported the range in good condition; on April 1st, only one-sixth of the State had good range. At present range is bad in but one-fourth of the State, and rainfall has been reported in those counties within the present week.

Hogs and cattle continue to decrease in numbers. In the past year Texas has lost 27 per cent of its hogs and 12 per cent of its cattle. Northeast Texas alone has increased its number of hogs, having 104 per cent the number a year ago. It has also suffered least in loss of cattle, retaining 98 per cent of its stock of last year.

Shortage of farm labor, amounting to one-third of the normal, was reported in 200 counties. Correspondents in 100 of these report that tractors and other farm implements have partly offset the losses, averaging a replacement of 13 per cent, leaving a net loss of 20 per cent in labor in those counties. One million dollars is estimated as the amount invested in tractors and other implements.

Northeast Texas—Reports from Northeast Texas are the most favorable of the State; only four counties need moisture, and that in moderate amounts. Range conditions are good in all but five counties, and fair in that group. This section has the smallest cotton acreage in Texas, 93 per cent of normal; condition of the growing crop is 93 per cent normal, next to the highest in the State. Less than half of the counties undertook to grow wheat, with a probable yield of 86 per cent, and oats 98 per cent of normal. Corn and sorghum acreages exceed normal, and conditions of each are better than usual with daily improvement. The yield of each crop in this section is high compared with Texas as a whole, and this year will surpass the average. Peanuts have been planted more extensively than ever, 111 per cent of the usual acreage being reported. Home gardens more than met the demands of their owners and the potato yield in garden and field, has been 101 per cent normal. Cooke and Harrison counties have led in the number of bushels of potatoes marketed this spring. Houston, Hunt and Rusk counties also reported heavy marketing of potatoes. Two-thirds of the counties have more sweet potatoes than normal, the percentage for the section being 104. Campaigns for hog production have brought results in Camp County, where there has been an increase of hogs amount-

ing to 50 per cent. Nearly as large increases have occurred in Henderson and Cass and Red River counties. The number of cattle remains stationary. The loss of farm labor will be less felt in this section than other sections of the State, three-fourths of last year's supply being available.

Gulf Coast Counties. More than half of the Gulf Coast counties, have had sufficient rainfall. This territory includes counties south of a line from the corner of Angelina and Houston counties southwest to include Wilson county and thence south to the Rio Grande. The range is good in five-sixths of the counties, and among them are many with large numbers of cattle. This section has lost 16 per cent of its cattle and 21 per cent of its hogs. Thirteen counties report an oat yield, which was 103 per cent of normal. The cotton acreage is normal, and the condition is 99 per cent. Only one county in four has failed to increase its corn acreage, and the condition of crops is reported as 121 per cent. There is a labor shortage of about one-third the usual supply, met partly with Mexicans and partly with tractors. With a continuation of present prospects, a large corn crop will be produced, materially increasing the average yield per acre for the State. War gardens, Irish potatoes and peanuts have been more extensively planted than ever. The gardens have proven the most profitable in the State, while the yield of potatoes has also been heavy, Cameron County reporting the marketing of nearly half a million bushels. Brazoria, Hidalgo, Jasper, Matagorda and San Patricio counties have planted Tepary beans with excellent prospects of a large yield. The Tepary which has been called the "Texas navy bean," may be planted, with reasonable certainty of a good return, as late as August 15th.

Southwest Texas.—In Southwest Texas heavy rains have been needed in more than two-thirds of the counties and moderate rainfall in the remainder. In most places these rains fell this week. Range is good in but one-seventh of the section, which lies south of a line from El Paso to the northeast corner of Runtless County, and west of a line from that point to the southeast corner of McMullen County. On account of drouth, the wheat acreage has been insignificant and the yield of both wheat and oats nearly negligible; only five counties report the harvesting of wheat and seven report a yield of oats. The dry weather is also responsible for the heavier planting of cotton, corn, sorghums and peanuts in this section. The condition of each of these crops is yet low, though rains have fallen over the country since May 28th, and a report at this time would show considerable improvement of crops throughout southwest Texas. The number of cattle and hogs is about two-thirds what it was a year ago, and the labor available for farm work is reported as about 60 per cent of last year. Dimmitt, Maverick and Webb counties report tractors are meeting part of the labor losses. Dimmitt County has undertaken to grow Soy beans, and Webb and Atascosa are raising Tepary beans to some extent. With recent rain reports favorable, this section, heavily interested in stock raising, is sure to see a return of former prosperity.

Northwest Texas. Fifty-five per cent of the Northwest Texas counties were needing heavy rains on May 25; the remainder needed moderate moisture with the exception of five counties which had just enjoyed rains. The range in sixty per cent of the counties beginning with Tarrant and running west to El Paso, and north to Red River, was in bad condition. Since then the entire district has had good rains, with few exceptions. The drouth which extended over more than a year has reduced the wheat yield to about 25 per cent, and the oat crop to 44 per cent of normal. Thousands of acres of cereals were either plowed up and other crops planted, or will not be harvested at all. Another result of the drouth has been the heavier planting of cotton, milo, kafir, feterita and peanuts in this section. Forty per cent of last year's hogs have been lost through sale or shipment, while the lack of range has reduced the number of cattle to 75 per cent of what it was a year ago. War gardens were quite extensively planted earlier in the year, though the dry weather destroyed the value of one-third of them. Crosby, Hale, Lamb and Potter counties have begun growing Tepary beans, and Tarrant County has a sufficient acreage to determine its worth as a food crop in that county.

Central Texas.—Little rain is needed and range conditions are good in four fifths of the counties in Central Texas. This section includes the territory bounded by lines following county boundaries and including as corners, Taylor, Ellis, Madison and Bexar counties. The counties suffering most from dry weather are in the extreme west part of this section, and have had moderate to heavy rains since

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the reports were compiled. Despite the dry weather and the fact this is not rated as a wheat country, the yield will be 63 per cent normal. More wheat than usual was planted; upon its failure to mature, much of the land was replanted with corn, cotton sorghum and peanuts. The oat yield was also small, 66 per cent of normal. It is interesting to note that after the grain failure, and the consequent turning to cotton as a last resort, that the acreage of cotton in this section is now just 100 per cent of normal. Doubtless it would have been well below normal had the earlier planted crops matured. Cotton condition here is reported as 83 per cent now, which is above the average for the South, according to the U. S. government report. Home gardens were a notable success in some portions; elsewhere they were rated as a failure on account of lack of moisture. The acreage and yield of Irish potatoes and sweet potatoes are both about 10 per cent below normal. Soy beans and Tepary beans have been planted as field crops in Brown, Eastland, Gillespie, McLennan and Travis counties. The decrease in hogs amounts to 30 per cent; that of cattle was 25 per cent and the amount of farm labor available in this section is but two-thirds what it was last year. Less than 6 per cent of the labor loss has been met by the use of tractors and other farm implements; the total value of tractors bought during the year is estimated at \$115,000.

—Pledge The President—

RAINS REPORTED GOOD IN SCURRY

According to the Snyder Signal, last issue dated June 7th, good rains fell in Scurry County last week. The paper reports crop and stock conditions much improved and now quite promising.

FINE REPORTS OF THE RAIN AT ODESSA

The last issue of the Odessa Herald, published Saturday, June 8th, has the following report of recent and former late rainfalls:

So far, this year, this particular section of the Staked Plains has been blessed with a rainfall of 5.81 inches, and there's more in sight. That's not so worse, but it will be much better if the fructifying ague continues dropping down according to form for the other six months in the year.

It will mean plenty of grass and plenty of feed and forage crops, if the ranchmen muster up enterprising grit enough to plant and cultivate these crops.

In January one-half inch of rain fell; February's downfall supplemented this with another half inch. During March and April not a drop fell. On the 3rd day of May the rainfall measured 1 1-2 inches; on the 5th, 1 inch; on the 16th, 7-8 of an inch; on the 30th, 1-20 of an inch. It has, so far this month, rained three successive days—3-4 of an inch fell Thursday, 5-8 of an inch yesterday and 1-100 of an inch up to noon today.

For this accurate information the Herald is indebted to its good friend, Weather Observer J. H. Schlittler, who has a standard rain gauge and keeps an accurate record of the precipitation.

The showers of Thursday, yesterday and today, came right in the nick of time, and at this writing, 4:45 p. m., a briskly falling shower is on and the dark and lowering clouds in the west may veil the sun's total eclipse from Odessa's contingent of smoked glass gazers.

—Pledge The President—

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LETTERS FROM OUR SOLDIER BOYS

Somewhere in France. May 12th, 1918.

Mrs. W. H. Nixon, Dear Mother: This being Mother's Day, I am bound to write you a few words. Well I am now having a good time; I could not wish for anything more than I have got. There is only one place I had rather be than where I am—I guess you know where that is, for you know I learned to like my home before I joined the army.

Well, I guess you get awful tired of those West Texas rains, but I wish I could be in one of them for a minute for I haven't seen over six pretty days since I landed in France. We have more rain here than you do sand storms there, and I know you have a plenty of those, for Feltie tells me of them in her letters.

Well mother, you can rest easy about me for I am just as safe here as I would be if I were with you, but of course, I can't be as well contented, but just think of that day when we all come sailing home. You know we will not regret our trip; it may be a long time until that day, but I will not be ready to come home until the great victory is accomplished, if it be one month or six years, all I ask is to meet my mother when I get back home. So cheer up and brace up and get your irons ready to iron my coils this winter.

You ought to see me with my duckens on and my sleeves rolled up making biscuits for about 30 men; but biscuits is something we don't get very often over here; we use war bread and I have learned to like it.

I sure have a hard time with the French, trying to learn to talk to them. I have learned only a few words and how to count their money. I am going to send you one franc. One franc in American money is about 18 cents. I changed a \$20 bill into French money and had all my pockets full. Well, I guess you are tired of reading about this, so I will close for this time. Your son,

William A. Nixon.
 117 Supply Train, Co. D., A. E. F. via New York.

Mr. Jesse W. Nixon, Camp Travis. My dear brother: I will now take the pleasure of answering your highly appreciated letter I received a few days ago. I received a box of tobacco from home about a week ago and sure was glad to get it.

Well, you asked me if I had heard the guns yet. I guess I have. I have been close enough to see the Banrage fan and hear the shells burst and I have had two shells to burst over my head, and I have also got a smell of the gas, but not enough to hurt me. I am now far enough away from the front that I cannot hear the noise. I am cooking for about fifty men. They tell me you are a cook, what about it? Well, hoping to hear from you soon, I remain as ever your brother, Wm. A. Nixon. "Somewhere in France."

Kelley Field No. 1, Cooks Dept., San Antonio, Texas.

June 3, 1918. Dear home folks: I received your card yesterday. Have you gotten the photo I sent you? I had some smaller ones made and had that one enlarged from the smaller one. The boys said it looked just like me.

I am glad to hear from big sister and Sam and glad they are doing well. I know that wind storm was bad I haven't seen but two real wind storms since I left Midland. (and that is two years this month—June.) I would like to go back and enjoy another one. I had a letter from Uncle Marvin yesterday. He said everything was fine there at Fort Worth. I stayed all night with brother and Ola Mae last Saturday night. Ola Mae is much better, able to go to town. Brother got five days off when she was so sick.

There was a flying exhibition given here last Saturday for the benefit of the Red Cross. They did the loop-the-loop, tail-spin, flying up side down and in battle formation. There were 150 planes up at one time. They also had a parade and some speaking. It was all good.

All civilians had to pay a dollar to see it, and they took in about twenty thousand dollars. I think that was pretty good.

I think Marvin did mighty well at school. A lot of the boys from here are going home to work on the farms for a month. Well I don't know any more news so I will close with best wishes to all. Yours as ever,

John Scott Beachamp.
 N. B. You don't blame me for getting fat do you? Here is the menu: Change in menu. First change effective May 26th, 1918.

Sunday: (breakfast) Grape fruit, fried ham, scrambled eggs, bread, but-

ter and coffee. (Dinner) Stuffed olives, lettuce with salad dressing, cucumbers, roast chicken with dressing, asparagus cold, mashed sweet potatoes, giblet gravy, corn on cob, bread, butter, lemonade, ice cream and cake, peach pie, cheese and fruit salad. (Supper) Cold chicken, fruit salad, bread, butter, lemonade and cake.

Menu for Decoration Day. Second change effective May 30th, 1918:

Breakfast: Sliced oranges, ham, scrambled eggs, bread, butter and coffee.

Dinner: Queen olives, sliced tomatoes with salad dressing, fried chicken, candied sweet potatoes, string beans, cream squash, bread, butter, lemonade, chocolate layer cake, ice cream, peach pie and fruit salad.

Supper: Cold boiled ham, cream cheese, cold baked chicken, combination salad with dressing, fruit salad, asparagus, assorted candies, bread, butter and lemonade. J. S. B.

Shift No. 3—E. A. Paquin, mess sergeant.

Cooks—J. S. Beauchamp, 1st; W. Goime, 2nd; W. J. Law, 3rd.

C. A. Dunningan, captain Signal Corps, Mess Officer, 1st Training Brigade.

—w.s.s.—

UNIQUE THEATRE

A new comedian was flashed before the audience last Friday night in the person of Barney Benard, in "Phantom Fortunes." This comedy was in five reels and was something unusual in comedies, not the slap-stick variety, but a clean wholesome comedy with a deep plot.

The five reel feature on Saturday night entitled "The Rainbow Girl," was a beautiful romance depicting the discouragement of a poor composer who at last came into the limelight as a decided hit through the help of a sympathetic young girl, who was also a musician. It was a pretty and interesting feature and all were highly entertained. Geo. Over closed the evening's entertainment with one of his comedy skits that was a scream.

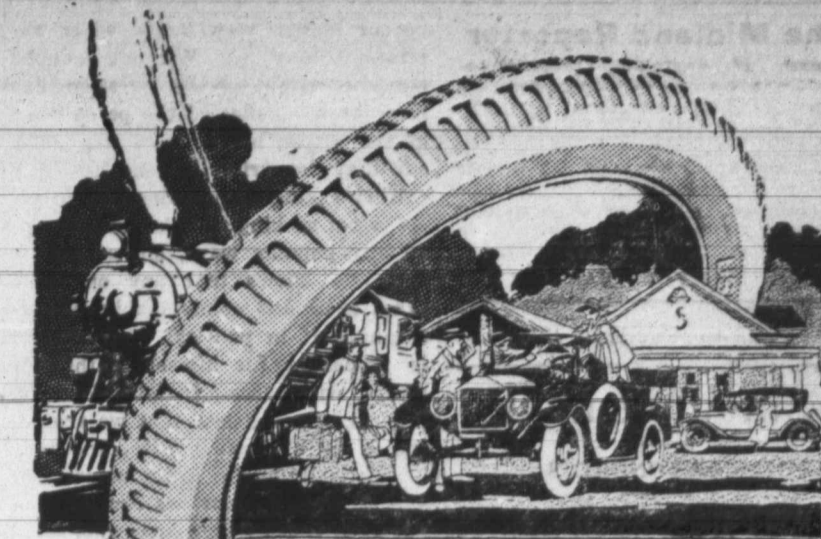
Helen Holmes in "The Railroad Raiders" is now coming to a climax, and the audience is held in breathless attention each Monday evening. We have not learned whether the management has booked another serial or not, but we would suggest that he should again book Marie Walcamp in a serial, as she is a decided favorite in Midland.

Another big feature is on tonight and tomorrow night. Tonight, Friday we are to have Anita Stewart in "The Combat." We have all seen this noted actress perform in Midland so let's all be there.

—Pledge The President—
SEPARATE ROOSTER FROM FLOCK DURING SUMMER

Five million dollars worth of eggs spoiled in Missouri last year according to a bulletin of the Missouri College of Agriculture. Most of this loss occurred during last summer when fertile eggs were being placed on the market. A large part of the eggs lost, therefore, are due to the spoilage of the fertile eggs during hot weather. Poultry interests are urging that roosters be disposed of, or separated from the laying flock during the summer time, after all of the eggs necessary for hatching have been produced. Roosters which are not needed should be sold or eaten, so that the feed which they would ordinarily consume could be saved. The University of Missouri College of Agriculture recommends that roosters which are to be kept for next season's breeding be placed in a pen and kept away from the laying flock throughout the hot weather.

The rooster is of no service after the hatching season is over, but his presence in the flock will cause millions of dollars of loss to the poultry business during warm weather. Fertile eggs spoil very easily when the temperature is favorable. In hot weather it is almost impossible to keep fertile eggs without spoilage. The fertile eggs are not nearly so hard to keep from spoiling.



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Why is it that United States Tires are setting new records for mileage and serviceability?

Why is it that the sales of these tires are constantly mounting by leaps and bounds?

The answer is found in the factories where United States Tires are made.

Standards of construction for these tires are higher than ever before known in the tire industry.

Makers of tire fabrics tell us that the standards we have given them for United States-Tire fabrics are higher than any previously known.

Likewise through every process of construction from crude rubber to finished tires—we have set new and higher standards everywhere.

These standards work out on your car in the practical economy demanded by war-times.

United States Tires will raise any car to higher efficiency.

There is a type to suit every condition of service.

The nearest United States Sales and Service Depot dealer will cheerfully aid in selecting right tires for your requirements.

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Midland Auto Co.

FINE RAINS DOWN ON THE PECOS RIVER

W. H. Cowden & Sons have a very large ranch on the Pecos river, 65 miles a little west of south from Midland. It comprises the old Aycock and Edwards Bros. ranches. A word from Mr. Cowden Wednesday was to effect that he had heard from all that section, with very gratifying results. It would seem that the rain in that direction has extended beyond Fort Stockton and over all regions intervening, and in sufficient quantity to insure plenty of grass.

Notice of Filing Annual and Final Exhibits

State of Texas, County of Midland.

To all creditors, heirs, devisees and legatees, and to all others interested in the estate of Henry McClintic, deceased:

You are hereby notified that in the estate of Henry McClintic, deceased, No. 79, pending in the county court of Midland County, Texas, George McClintic, executor of such estate has on this 26th day of March, 1918, filed his annual reports for the years January 1st, 1915, to January 1st, 1916; January 1st, 1916, to January 1st, 1917; January 1st, 1917, to January 1st, 1918; and his final exhibit under oath as required by law, and that such exhibits will be examined by the judge of said court at the next regular term thereof opening on the second Monday in July, to-wit, the 8th day of July, 1918, who shall approve the same if found to be correct.

Witness, W. J. Sparks, clerk of the county court of Midland County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office this 6th day of June, 1918. (Seal) W. J. Sparks, Clerk of the county court of Midland County, Texas.

Issued this 6th day of June, 1918. (Seal) W. J. Sparks, Clerk of the County Court of Midland County, Texas. adv 35-3t

Sheriff's Sale

Notice is hereby given, that by virtue of a certain order of sale issued by the clerk of the county court of Midland county, on the 4th day of June, 1918, in a certain cause wherein Stokes & Wolcott, plaintiffs, and J. O. Bell is defendant, in which cause a judgment was rendered on the 26th day of May, 1918, in favor of the said plaintiffs Stokes & Wolcott, against said defendant, J. O. Bell, for the sum of three hundred forty-one and 52/100 (\$341.52) dollars, with interest thereon at the rate of 10 per centum per annum from date of judgment, together with all costs of suit, I have levied upon, and will, on the third Tuesday in June, 1918, at the south-east corner of the court house square in front of the court house door, within legal hours, proceed to sell for cash to the highest bidder, all the right, title and interest of J. O. Bell, in and to the following described personal property, levied upon as the property of J. O. Bell, to-wit: One Buick automobile, Model C. 25, Frame No. 139253.

The above sale to be made by me to satisfy the above described judgment for three hundred forty-one and 52/100 (\$341.52) dollars, in favor of Stokes & Wolcott with the costs of said suit,

and the proceeds applied to the satisfaction thereof.

W. E. Bradford, Sheriff Midland County, Texas, adv 35-2t

—Pledge The President—
Chronic Constipation

Perhaps you have never thought of it, but this disorder is due to a lack of moisture in the residual matter of the food. If you will drink an abundance of water, eat raw fruits and take lots of outdoor exercise, you may be able eventually to overcome it entirely. In the meantime use the most mild and gentle laxatives. Strong and harsh cathartics take too much water out of the system and make a bad matter worse. Chamberlain's Tablets are easy and pleasant to take, and most agreeable in effect. Give them a trial. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son. Int.

—Pledge The President—
Lame Back Relieved

For a lame back apply Chamberlain's Liniment twice a day and massage the muscles of the back over the seat of pain thoroughly at each application. For sale by C. A. Taylor & Son.

BIG SPRING MARBLE AND GRANITE WORKS

Big Spring, Texas
 M. G. CATTER, Proprietor
 Manufacturer of
 High Grade Monuments
 Headstones, Curbing, Markers, Etc.
 See Our Designs and Prices Before Placing Your Order
 A post card will bring the proprietor to see you

DON'T Slow Up Advertising NOW

Never has there been a time when the public looked more keenly for **MERCHANDISING NEWS** than now.

Never has there been a time more auspicious for the enterprising tradesman to secure his full share of trade than now.

People must continue to eat, to wear and to use.

The tendency is to cut out luxuries, and luxuries are only a relatively small proportion of your business. For every luxury cut out you have a chance to increase your movement of staples.

How short-sighted is the policy of reducing advertising expense to "save money" You will only lose trade. You will only lose prestige.

Advertise to increase sales and make more money; don't cut it out to save money.

Study your advertising as you never did before—do it wisely and well.

Be prosperous and let the people know that you are prosperous.

Success was NEVER achieved by stopping advertising or by wearing old clothes and talking pessimism.

Be Wise---and Advertise
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Automobile Supplies and
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ORON EDWARDS IS NOW AT PARIS ISLAND

He didn't have to go, did Oron Edwards, but he went, just the same. He is nearly 33 years of age, nearly two years over the draft age, but his patriotism prompted, the Americanism in him urged him on, and he was thrilled with the heroic deeds of his brothers, who are "over there," fighting that the world may be made safe for Democracy. And so he went. Some three weeks ago he left, but remarked: "Don't say anything about it until I have been accepted. I am going to volunteer and if I am accepted, then you can say what you please. I am going in for no particular place. Just going to offer to make 'em a hand, and wherever they put me will be all right."

Now, isn't that the spirit? It is the spirit that is right now scaring the everlasting liver out of those boches on the Western front of France—it is the true American spirit.

No young man, perhaps, in all the Midland Country had more to keep him at home, from a material point of view, than Oron Edwards, and he might have claimed exemption for a number of reasons. He has splendid ranch interests and is independently wealthy, and the future for him was rose-hued, cloudless.

But these things weighed not against his patriotism, and so—he's gone.

'Rab for him! And God bless the spirit that prompted him, and may it be fostered in an hundred million breasts until at last the world is safe instead.

—Pledge The President—

DROUTH IS "JOLTED" IN PECOS COUNTRY

A brief editorial "squib" in the Pecos Enterprise, with reference to the recent rain, is not exactly clear, but, supplementing it with reports we have had from the Pecos country from other sources, the drouth has had an assault made upon it and with telling effect. The Pecos paper says:

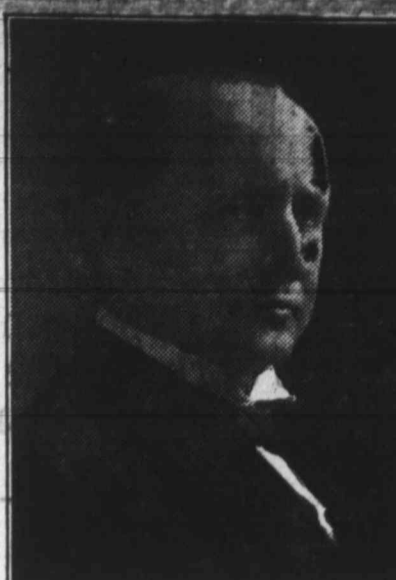
"Like the press reports of all uprisings, when there is a dearth or real news, 'The backbone of the drouth in this section is broken,' but he's hobbling around on crutches and needs about four more jolts."

If the "jolts" have not come yet they will. The west is bound to bloom again and come again into its wonderful own. We mean, too, all of the west.

—Pledge The President—

REPORTS FINE CONDITIONS AT DALHART

At Dalhart, or near there, has, this spring, as is usual, been the principal objective point with most Midland stockmen in trying to place their cattle during the recent drouth, and, all along, it seems to have been very desirable. Among the number who were successful in placing their herds up there was W. W. Brunson, who returned from there last Saturday. He gave an exceedingly fine report. Says grass is as fine as could be and stock of all kinds in prime condition. He reports further that it had begun to get pretty dry at Amarillo, but that the great rains of last week were visited upon that section and it is now all right.



CLARENCE E. GILMORE FOR RAILROAD COMMISSIONER

Clarence E. Gilmore, of Willis Point, Van Zandt County, announcing his candidacy for Railroad Commissioner of Texas as at the Democratic primary, says he is entitled to be considered as a candidate for re-election. That the Supreme Court of Texas held in the injunction proceedings instituted by him that the name of his opponent had no lawful place on the ticket as the nominee of the Democratic party, the committee had no authority to make the nomination and that he had the lawful right to make the race as a Democrat unopposed by such unlawful conduct. He calls attention to the fact that the opinion of the Supreme Court was not rendered until Saturday before the general election on Tuesday and that in contempt of the injunction his opponent's name had been certified to the various counties as the Democratic nominee, the tickets printed and distributed. Since but two days intervened, only fifty-two counties corrected the error, giving the voters a legal ballot and in these he received nearly two votes to his opponent's one, carrying practically all of them. He says he is sure the Democracy of Texas will not stand for such unlawful conduct and such contempt for the constituted authorities.

Mr. Gilmore is forty-five years of age, born and reared on the farm, owned and edited the Willis Point Chronicle for eighteen years and for the last six years has been actively engaged in the practice of law. He served three terms in the Legislature, during which time he was chairman of the penitentiary investigating committee, which made a searching investigation of the penal institutions of the state and aided in the enactment of wholesome prison reforms.

His practical business experience, his untiring energy and thorough study and understanding of every problem he deals with, and his study of problems which confront the Railroad Commission, equip him, he says, for the duties of this position.

His home people, who have known him longest, vouch for him absolutely.

—W.S.S.—

ENDORSED AT HOME

Such Proof as This Should Convince Any Midland Citizen

The public endorsement of a local citizen is the best proof that can be produced. None better, none stronger can be had. When a man comes forward and testifies to his fellow-citizens, addresses his friends and neighbors, you may be sure he is thoroughly convinced or he would not do so. Telling one's experience when it is for the public good is an act of kindness that should be appreciated. The following statement given by a resident of Midland adds one more to the many cases of home endorsement which are being published about Doan's Kidney Pills. Read it.

W. T. Holcombe, Big Springs St., Midland, says: "Last spring I was troubled with my kidneys. They were weak and I had a steady, dull ache through the small of my back. The secretions were highly colored and passed too frequently, bothering me a great deal at night. I had read a lot about Doan's Kidney Pills and got a box at Taylor & Son's drug store. They cured me and I haven't been troubled since."

Price 50c at all dealers. Don't simply ask for a kidney remedy—get Doan's Kidney Pills—the same that Mr. Holcombe had. Foster-Milburn Co., Mfgs., Buffalo, N. Y. adv 36-2t

—Pledge The President—

L. C. ROBERTSON A VISITOR TO LUBBOCK

L. C. Robertson, of Midland, was here Monday and Tuesday, a guest of his son. He was enroute to Enid, Oklahoma, where he has a contract to do some work. Mr. Robertson formerly resided in Lubbock and has many friends here who were glad to see him again.—Lubbock Avalanche.

WAR SAVINGS CAMPAIGN, SAYS PRES. WILSON, BASIS OF GOVERNMENT'S WAR-TIME FINANCIAL PROGRAM



THE War Savings Campaign is the foundation on which the Government has based its entire war-time financial program. In the measure that the lesson of saving is learned and practiced by all the people, both President Wilson and Secretary William G. McAdoo have emphatically declared, in just that measure will the Government float the bond issues that may be necessary in the future.

—Pledge the President—

UNITED States Senator Charles A. Culberson has emphatically declared: "In the measure that our people learn the lesson of economy that the Government is teaching today by the War Savings Stamp method, thereby releasing materials and labor vitally essential to the winning of the war, in just that measure will our arms prosper abroad and our fortunes better themselves over here. Intelligent frugality has become a National and a personal duty."

—Pledge the President—

W. F. DOUGHTY, State Superintendent of Public Instruction for Texas, sees in the War Savings Campaign the greatest possible opportunity ever presented to Texans.

—Pledge the President—

TEXAS cattlemen, barons of the Lone Star plains, are urged by James Callan, President of the Cattle Raisers' Association, not only to keep on feeding the "boys over there" but to invest all they can in War Savings Stamps so the Samnies can feed the Hun's bully bullets.

—Pledge the President—

TEXAS people Hon. Morris Shepard, United States Senator, sends this message: "Texas has a big job cut out for it. Between now and December 31 the people of the biggest State in the Union are called upon to invest \$91,000,000 in War Savings Stamps. Texans will do it, too. Texas people have the habit of doing big things in a big way. 'I wish I could be down there and help in the War Savings Campaign. It is the greatest movement ever started. It means victory for America and prosperity for Americans. The War Savings Campaign is fundamental. Not only must the actual money be raised, but economy, the main-spring of our whole economic plan, must be learned and practiced. Saving means victory. Let's put Texas away over.'"

—Pledge the President—

IF he would protect himself and the markets for his agricultural products, every Texas farmer has a big part to play in the War Savings Campaign. D. E. Lyday of Fort Worth, President of the Farmers' Educational and Co-operative Union, stresses the reasons why Texas farmers should invest to the very limit of their ability in War Savings Stamps: "In 1917 our total exports to Great Britain, France, Belgium and Italy amounted to \$3,457,000,000 in round numbers," Mr. Lyday says. "Our exports to these countries constitute more than half of our export trade with the entire world. In these exports is represented the surplus product of our farms and ranches. If we fail to back up the Government with our money these products will not be exported, but will rot or go to waste on our own soil. Labor will be thrown out of employment. Our production has always exceeded our home demand and, if we are denied foreign markets and attempt to sell the whole of our farm products at home, the result will be demoralized prices with returns far below the cost of production and consequent injury to every man, woman and child in Texas and the United States. No one will suffer greater injury than our farmers and cotton growers."

—Pledge the President—

THE Government looks to the women of Texas for much support in driving home the teachings of the War Savings Campaign.

—Pledge the President—

"To every Texas woman the Government has assigned the role of Joan of Arc," declares Mrs. Percy V. Pennybacker, former President of the National Federation of Women's Clubs. "The French maid saved the land of the Tri-color. Texas women are called upon to save with an economic hand that their funds, invested in War Savings Stamps, may perform their full office."

—Pledge the President—

"Let us one and all save—save and save for the safety of our Lone Star ads fighting for us in Europe."

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Capital, Surplus and Undivided Profits \$229,832.23
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Good Service Means promptness, accuracy, full weight, cleanliness, wholesomeness and a square deal all the time, according to our interpretation, and this is the kind of service we try to give. We appreciate your business. Cash Market & Bakery. J. A. ANDREWS, Proprietor. 300—PHONES—71

THE BIG RANKIN DRAW WIDE STREAM OF WATER. Mrs. Jno. E. Johnston had word Tuesday, from their ranch at Rankin, and the news was all good. It seemed to have rained down there at least for 36 hours and lots of water fell. Reports indicate that the whole country is flooded. The big draw between Upland and Rankin, up to the time Mrs. Johnston heard from it, had been running like a big creek, and it takes lots of water to produce this effect.

Why Suffer? Mrs. J. A. Cox, of Alderson, W. Va., writes: "My daughter... suffered terribly. She could not turn in bed... the doctors gave her up, and we brought her home to die. She had suffered so much at... time. Flaying heard of Cardui, we got it for her." CARDUI The Woman's Tonic. "In a few days, she began to improve." Mrs. Cox continues, "and had no trouble at... Cardui cured her, and we sing its praises everywhere." We receive many thousands of similar letters every year, telling of the good Cardui has done for women who suffer from complaints so common to their sex. It should do you good, too. Try Cardui. E-77

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Listen!

Waste and extravagance is the father of poverty, Thrift the mother of prosperity.

Build You a Home

ROCKWELL BROS. & CO.

(Midland Lumber Company)

OUR FIRST SUCCESS IN STREET BUILDING

Our people are now congratulating City Marshal Jno. Winburn, upon his success in street building, the first that Midland has ever really enjoyed. One block on Wall Street and two blocks on the street just west from Main have been worked over by him in the past few weeks, and The Reporter has waited to see them tried out, are commenting upon the results. It was expected that the cars would cut them all to pieces during the recent rain, but nothing of the kind happened. M. E. Burns is a good roads enthusiast and Mr. Winburn has been in consultation with him frequently, and the two seem to have solved the problem of at least temporary good streets.

The process is to mix sand and dobe dirt in certain proportions, put it on the streets and wet and roll it. A street results that is admirable, did not "chug up" during the recent wet and shows no symptoms of "blowing."

Nothing has been done with Main Street yet, and other than to drag it when it rains, it may be left alone until such time as the council may see fit to order it paved. In the meantime the money the council is now spending seems to be getting good results, and for the first time we hear expressions of pleasure by the people in an expenditure of this sort.

Goodyear now equip more new cars than any other make combined. Western Auto Supply Company carry a full line.

Miss Minerva Lawrence, government expert, at the Red Cross sewing rooms every day next week. First lecture at 3 p. m., Monday.

YOUNG BOY INJURED HAD LEG AMPUTATED

Tuesday, just before noon, Fayette, the 14-year-old son of Mrs. W. L. Clark, was running a cultivator on their farm a mile northeast of Midland. Some way his leg got caught and when he was rescued it was almost severed at the knee. The physician summoned recognized no chance to save the limb and it was amputated between the knee and hip, about half way. This morning the little fellow is reported getting along nicely, though at first he suffered untold agony. We profoundly sympathize with Mrs. Clark, too, who only a few weeks ago lost her husband.

SPECIAL SERVICES AT METHODIST CHURCH

The pastor, Rev. J. W. Cowan, requests that special announcement be made of the services at the Methodist church Sunday at the 11 o'clock hour. The subject will be "Blessings Resulting From the War." At the conclusion of the sermon Judge E. R. Bryan will deliver a 4-minute address. Everybody cordially invited to be present.

COYLE-CORDILL ARE NOW IN NEW QUARTERS

Phoenix-like, the Coyle-Cordill Motor Company has sprung from the ashes (or explosion) of three weeks ago, and is now bigger than ever. They have taken over the lease on the old Cole Motor Company building, recently occupied by the Price Auto Company, and now have splendidly commodious quarters. Besides their stock of cars and accessories their repair department has been much enlarged, and the company is now able to look after all your wants. See their advertisement elsewhere.

REPORT OF SURGICAL DRESSINGS FOR MAY

This report should have been published last week but was delayed on account of the illness of the supervisor, Miss Fannie Bess Taylor. The following list gives the names of the workers and the number of hours of work done by each of them:

- Mrs. Ben Allen.....24 1/2
- Mittie Lee Allen.....2 1/2
- Christina Allen.....18 1/2
- Mrs. W. W. Brunson.....22 1/2
- Mrs. Eugene Cowden.....5
- Mrs. Elliott Cowden.....3
- Mrs. W. H. Cowden.....9 1/2
- Mrs. Frank Cowden.....2
- Mrs. Ed Callaway.....13 1/2
- Mrs. J. M. Caldwell.....3 1/2
- Mrs. Jack Cowden.....7
- Miss Blanche Dunagan.....2 1/2
- Mrs. J. M. DeArmond.....6 1/2
- Miss Ola Epley.....2 1/2
- Mrs. Millard Eidson.....15 1/2
- Mrs. W. D. Ellis.....3
- Mrs. C. M. Goldsmith.....8
- Mrs. B. C. Girdley.....3 1/2
- Mrs. Chas. Gibbs.....2 1/2
- Miss Elma Graves.....6
- Miss Beulah Graves.....11
- Mrs. O. B. Holt.....34
- Mrs. Ray Hyatt.....2 1/2
- Miss Lucile Horton.....9
- Miss Edna Harris.....16 1/2
- Mrs. Jno. Haley.....9 1/2
- Mrs. Henry M. Half.....12 1/2
- Mrs. J. R. Johnston.....5 1/2
- Miss Henrietta King.....17 1/2
- Mrs. Frank McCormick.....8 1/2
- Miss Maurine Pollard.....2
- Miss Nadine Pollard.....5 1/2
- Mrs. Lizzie Quinn.....60
- Miss Ette Rankin.....2
- Mrs. Homer Rowe.....2 1/2
- Mrs. Phil Scharbauer.....41
- Mrs. Clarence Scharbauer.....16 1/2
- Miss Myrtle Tanner.....32
- Miss Cordelia Taylor.....2
- Mrs. Vest.....8 1/2
- Mrs. Geo. Wolcott.....2 1/2
- Miss Edna Williams.....9
- Miss Blanche Randle.....9
- Miss Cammie Sue Green.....6
- Miss Henkel.....6

- #### School Girls' List
- Carolyn Caldwell.....3
 - Mabel Holt.....4 1/2
 - Helena Henson.....2
 - Alice Haley.....2 1/2
 - Hazel Hollingsworth.....2
 - Annie Lee King.....5
 - Irene Mabry.....2 1/2
 - Viola Puckett.....21
 - Fay Taylor.....2
 - Beulah Taylor.....1 1/2
 - Quintie Thomas.....1 1/2
 - Ruby Willis.....3 1/2
 - Lillie B. Williams.....11 1/2
- More than 2,200 articles were made and 1,400 shipped. The attendance has been exceptionally good for the past two weeks, but all ladies and girls who can do so are invited to help any afternoon between 3 and 6.
- Pledge The President—
- ### GATES REPORTS FINE RAIN AT HIS RANCH
- Will Gates, one of the commissioners of Andrews County, whose ranch is northwest of Andrews, was in this week. He reports that in his immediate vicinity there was no very heavy rain, not heavy enough to put out surface water, but there was plenty of it for grass and crops. It rained a long time, slowly and the ground was thoroughly wet. In most parts of the county it was harder and most surface tanks were filled. This is a general report. In a few sections of the Midland Country the rain fell slowly, but in quantity sufficient for grass and crops. In most sections the rain was heavy and much surface water was put out.
- Pledge The President—
- ### BACK AFTER ABSENCE SINCE LAST DECEMBER
- O. P. Buchanan and family returned home last Wednesday night from Houston, where they have been since last December. They made the return trip in their car, and Mr. Buchanan reports all the country, nearly well soaked from late rains and all creeks and rivers up. He has most of his cattle in Oklahoma and will visit there some time soon. The children attended school at Houston the past term.
- Pledge The President—
- Wm. Boddie, Esq., attorney-at-law, has returned to Midland from a month's visit to his former home in the east. He may be found in his offices in the First National Bank building, or his rooms in the Llano Hotel.
- Pledge The President—
- J. Tom White came in yesterday from his Gaines County ranch. His report is the finest imaginable. Says the grass was never better and they have had all the rain they had any need for.
- Pledge The President—
- Be sure to hear the lectures next week, to be delivered every day by Miss Minerva Lawrence. She is a government expert, coming from the State University.

Straw Hat Time

We are offering you an opportunity to buy your Straw or Panama Hat early in the season at a sale price. Come in and see the assortment.

\$1.50 to \$3.00 Straw Hats are going at	\$1.00
3.50 Panama Hats are going at	2.00
4.50 Panama Hats are going at	3.00
5.00 Panama Hats are going at	3.50
6.00 Panama Hats are going at	4.00
8.50 Balibuntal Straws are going at	5.00

Take advantage of this and get a hat that will put the joy in hot weather

Embroidery and Lace Sale

If it is Embroidery you want, you can get some pretty patterns in values from 12 1-2c to 35c at the remarkable price of 10 cents

We have a wide variety of laces on sale at 5c. We are closing these out because we do not want to carry a large stock in any line of merchandise

Before the War Prices

We still have **fifty cent Shirts, seventy-five cent Shirts, and Overalls for a dollar and seventy-five cents.** These prices will not last long, but while they are here you can take advantage of them and save money.

Buy at this Store and Save \$\$

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SUNDAY AT THE CHURCHES

Methodist Church

Following are the services for the coming week:
Sunday School at 9:45 a. m.
Preaching at 11 a. m.
Junior League at 2:30 p. m.
Senior League at 7:30 p. m.
Evening service at 9 o'clock.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock.
All are most cordially invited.
Run-ty J. W. Cowan, Pastor.

Presbyterian Church

Strangers in the city are cordially invited to the hours of worship at this church on the following Sabbath.
Sunday-school at 10 a. m. All the members should remember to be present and on time next Sunday, not forgetting the contest with the Post Sunday-school. Post is ahead of us up to date.
Morning worship at 11 o'clock. The subject of the sermon, "The Basis of Service."
Evening worship at 9 o'clock. Subject of sermon, "The Good Samaritan."
Junior C. E. at 4 p. m., Miss Roberta Heatley, supt.
Prayer meeting Wednesday evening at 9 o'clock.
W. H. Foster.

Baptist Church

Sunday-school at 9:45 a. m., Jno. M. Cowden, Supt.
Preaching service at 11 a. m. The pastor will speak at this hour on "The Qualifications of a Good Soldier."
The Sunbeams and Senior B. Y. P. U. will meet as usual in the afternoon.
Evening service begins promptly at 8:45. Fifteen minutes will be devoted to song and praise. The subject for this hour will be, "A Spineless Official."
We are glad to report a good prayer meeting on last Wednesday evening. All who came seemed to enjoy the hour. If you have been neglecting this service, get the habit, for there is no more important service of the church than the prayer meeting. The service just lasts one hour, and is not permitted to drag one moment. We want 75 in service next Wednesday evening—you be one of that number, won't you?
O. J. Hall, Pastor.

B. Y. P. U.

Leader—Bob Scruggs.
Scripture readings:
Matt. 9:1-13—Lady Connell.
Matt. 12:1-8—Mervin Holcombe.
Matt. 4:18-22—James Harrison.
Matt. 9:2-8—Ben Wall.
The Call of Country and the Call of Christ—Leora Bell.
Piano solo—Eleanor Connell.
Why Should we Yield the Right Kind of Obedience to Christ?—Mrs. Nelson.
Making Christ Known—Open discussion.
—Pledge The President—

Our esteemed old townsman, E. H. Estes, called on us Wednesday, to renew his subscription to The Reporter. His ranch is 16 miles southwest. He reports all the rain that is needed at this time, and cattle getting into flesh very rapidly.

DR. TIGNER GOES TO TEMPLE NEXT SUNDAY

Dr. C. H. Tigner will leave next Sunday for Temple, where he will join his wife and children and remain the balance of the month. Mrs. Tigner and children have already been there a month, visit Mrs. Tigner's sister.
—Pledge The President—

PRIVATE OFFICE IN THE FIRST NATIONAL ANNEX

Clayton Bros. have secured the last room on the ground floor of the First National Annex, and have fitted up a nice office for the transaction of their own private business. The place was last occupied by the Boggs Puncture Proof Tube Company.
—Pledge The President—

O. F. Wells and wife are here from Seminele this week. Mrs. Wells being brought in for medical attention.

Music a Real Necessity in Time of War

NOT only to the man at the camp, on the ship, at the front, come times of loneliness and discouragement. Those who must remain at home, to go about the daily task, heartsick at the spirit of brute force which has wellnigh overcome civilization, and at the overthrowing of ideals in which they trusted, have their share of the world burden. And to them must we bring constantly the refreshment of soul and the inspiration which come from contact with the highest forms of music.

This is what the President of the Symphony Society of New York said in a recent report to the Directors.

Music has justified itself as a factor of real service in this hour of trial. The government recognizes its value by encouraging singing in the camps. It is no longer considered a non-essential luxury.

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Attention Red Cross Members and Loyal Citizens of Midland and surrounding country: **If you will help us to make our sales reach \$100,000 in the next twelve months, we will donate \$1,000 to the Red Cross.**

From June the 15th we are starting our yearly \$100,000 sale. We made up our minds to do our business for the benefit of winning the war, too, not less than for ourselves. We must set aside selfishness. Every loyal and tolerant citizen, who is helping to raise the \$100,000 sale during the year, is helping to win the war. We consider it unnecessary to advertise our motto, "Sell Cheap, treat right, prompt delivery," etc., as we consider it unnecessary for a candidate for Congress to put his candidacy on a platform of 100 per cent Americanism. If you sell higher, people will buy where they can get goods cheaper. If you don't deliver in time, people will buy where they can get goods delivered in time. If you treat everybody wrong, people will buy where they are treated right, etc. So you must sell cheap, deliver promptly and treat right in order to keep your trade. What we want to do is to call your attention to the fact that at the same time when you buy your groceries cheap, they are promptly delivered and you are treated as right as anywhere. You are also doing a great thing to your "Mother of Mercy." Join the army and start from now. Our correct amount of sale will be accounted for by the Midland banks. We made up our mind to work by ourselves and save expenses of help that we may help the Red Cross.

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