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CONSTRUCTION OF SEWER STARTS SOON

MAYOR BARRON IS BACK FROM SUCCESSFUL BUSINESS OF SELLING BONDS

Actual construction on Midland sewer system should be started within a month, according to Mayor T. Paul Barron, who has just returned from Austin and Kansas City in the interest of having the bonds approved and sold. The Attorney General's department found the bond issue to be right in every respect, and declared that Midland showed an unusually good financial statement. The tax rate is low in comparison to the assessed valuation, and the additional bonded indebtedness for constructing a sewer system will be a good investment.

It took only three hours for the Mayor to secure the approval of the Attorney General, and to have the bonds registered in the Comptroller's office; which is a good reason for sending a representative to Austin rather than to mail them. The officials about the capitol are more than anxious to accommodate visitors who are there on business, and are willing to put aside the regular routine of their work to save time for those who come to the Capitol.

The City Council, having investigated fully the cost of sending the bonds to the buyer, had discovered that it would be cheaper to send the representative on to Kansas City with the bonds than to express them, as they are just like that much currency. Consequently, Mayor Barron delivered the bonds to the Commerce Trust Company at their banking institution in Kansas City, and had received payment for them within two hours after his arrival in the city. He estimates that the trip saved something like three weeks or a month's time toward the actual construction of the sewer system, and the cost was only \$45.00 more than to have handled the procedure by mail and express.

The City Council will be worked overtime during the next few months, as there will be various measures to consider that require much thought, investigation and careful study. They declare that they are taking hold of the building of this much needed municipal department with the interest of the entire citizenship at heart, and will try to do the most good for the greatest number of people.

The Reporter reminds the citizens of Midland that these Aldermen and the Mayor serve the city without remuneration of any sort, and must necessarily take quite a good deal of time from their business and devote it to the affairs of the city. They openly invite suggestions and criticism from the citizens, and should be accorded the fullest co-operation in this big undertaking. Publicity will be given from time to time explaining how the sewer system will be built, and acquainting the citizens with the details of its construction.

Our Mayor—the youngest Mayor in Texas—he was dubbed by various newspapers whose reporters interviewed him—is to be congratulated upon the success of his entire mission. Not only that, but he secured for Midland a considerable amount of favorable publicity, a quality and quantity that alone were worth the expense of his trip, and from the heart right heartily we commend him upon his businesslike procedure.

Special Excursion To El Paso on 8th

Our clever depot agent, J. J. Hamlett, reports a special excursion on the T. & P. at 10 o'clock Friday night, Aug. 8th. It is a special train out of Dallas, and will arrive in El Paso at 8:45 Saturday morning, Aug. 9th. The round trip will cost only \$8.50 and you can have all day Saturday and Sunday in Juarez. The train leaves El Paso on return at 7 o'clock Sunday night.

As a matter of fact, industries operated politically for the favored few are paid for by the many through taxation. The average citizen may not realize this until he stops to figure it out—but he pays the bill just the same.

J. A. Haley made a business trip to Mineral Wells, Ft. Worth and other points last week.

PROSPERITY FOR MAN IN MIDLAND COUNTRY

PUBLICITY BY MIDLAND COUNTY C. OF C. IN TEXAS COMMERCIAL NEWS.

Accompanying a picture of a Midland County cotton patch, the following nice publicity was secured in the Texas Commercial News last week by Secretary Paul T. Vickers of the Midland County Chamber of Commerce:

That the Midland Country will be the next great cotton center of West Texas seems to be the prevalent opinion of land agents and colonization men as well as being the opinion of cotton farmers who have begun pouring into Midland.

Recent rains, averaging three inches in Midland County, have guaranteed from a half a bale on up according to the farmers. Land that cost the farmers only \$25 an acre promises to pay for itself and for another farm besides if the price remains at its present level and if present prospects are realized.

Farmers in this country can predict their crops with much greater accuracy than cotton farmers in the old cotton belts of the southern states. The boll weevil is absolutely unknown. Midland farmers know that no matter how much it rains, nor how favorable the weather for the multiplication of these pests, they will not be troubled by the boll weevil.

Midland and other West Texas farmers also know that their fields will not be taken by weeds and grass which so often ruins fields in East and Central Texas and other older cotton sections. Farmers who have been accustomed to working 40 acres in the old cotton belts, work 160 acres here with even less labor than required on 40 acres "back home".

Moreover, cotton farmers in this section of West Texas are not taking the gamble on dry and wet weather that farmers further east take. It was never known to rain too much in West Texas for cotton, but it takes much less rain than elsewhere. Drouths in the black land country mean cotton failures. Drouths here merely mean continual cultivation. Two months after a rainfall here, farmers who know how to keep a mulch on top of the ground can find soil wet enough to mold into a mud ball, three inches below the surface of the ground. Cotton continues growing, because the tap root struck down to moisture.

Hence, while the farmer further east doesn't know what his cotton will yield until he gathers it, the Midland farmer can estimate with a fair degree of accuracy what he will make before ever a boll is seen.

The Midland section is said to be the most widely advertised center in West Texas besides Amarillo, Plainview and Lubbock. Midland claims to have received more newspaper and magazine publicity through her chamber of commerce than any city in Texas with less than 20,000 population.

Inquiries are pouring in from farmers throughout the South. Many of these inquiries relate specifically to the C ranch, a body of land comprising 226,000 acres which has recently been cut into 1200 cotton farms. The C Ranch Cotton Lands Company of Midland will open two hotels on the ranch soon. More than 100 men will be employed in selling the land.

Local business men believe the population of Midland County will be doubled by November, 1925.

The two great factors in the sale of the cotton land are good production and cheap land. Cotton land may still be bought in Midland County at as low as \$15 an acre and \$25 an acre is about as high as unimproved land sells. Cheap lands, good production, high prices for cotton and nation-wide publicity promise to make Midland the next great cotton center of Texas.

Charles Wither living west of Midland netted \$58.33 an acre on his cotton after paying for the ginning and planting. He had expected to live and die a rancher, having never done anything in his life but ranch till cattle went so low he put in a small experimental farm. Now he says he will die a farmer.

Andrew Faaken, manager of the C Ranch, came here from Canada a few years ago. He had never seen a lock of cotton in his life till he struck the Panhandle and saw cotton fields

Voted Against Jim, Will Support Wife

Austin, July 30.—Former State Senator Paul D. Page of Bastrop announced Wednesday that although he had voted for the impeachment of former Governor James E. Ferguson, he will now cheerfully support Mrs. Ferguson in the primary run-off.

"I will not only support Mrs. Ferguson," said Senator Page, "but I propose to make speeches in her behalf in my section of the state. I believe that if Lynch Davidson had remained in second place, he would have overwhelmingly defeated Robertson, and I believe Mrs. Ferguson will win the nomination."

During the impeachment trial of Ferguson in the Senate, Page was one of Ferguson's main opponents and consistently voted for impeachment. He says now he has nothing against the former governor.

New Cucumber to Be Shown at Fairs

W. B. Driver, farmer living near Midland, is growing a species of cucumber which reaches 36 inches in length. He is now exhibiting one at the Chamber of Commerce office which is 31 inches long. This will be used in the Dallas, Colorado and West Texas fair exhibits.

The cucumber does not have to be peeled as does the regular variety. It makes good pickles, is fine eaten fresh with vinegar, salt and pepper, and when cooked tastes very similar to the squash. It is much more prolific and stands dry weather better than the ordinary cucumber.

through his Pullman window. He put 100 acres in cotton on the famous C ranch and made \$4000 from it. A thousand-acre experimental farm on the C has definitely proved how cotton flourishes there.

Cotton prospects in this part of West Texas are better this year than ever before at this time of year.

PREPARING HEAVY PUBLICITY CAMPAIGN

TWENTY-SIX WEST TEXAS PAPERS WILL TELL OF MIDLAND'S OPPORTUNITIES

Midland will be advertised in 26 different Texas newspapers through classified ad columns or through display advertisements, according to a decision of the directors of the Midland County Chamber of Commerce made at their meeting this week.

These advertisements will be run mainly in West Texas newspapers in order to attract West Texas farmers to the Midland Country. The ads will tell of the cheap cotton lands and their advantages, such as no boll weevil, no crab or burrah grass. Four dailies and 22 weeklies and semi-weeklies will be used in the publicity campaign.

Reading matter, which is expected to be run free of charge, will accompany the advertisements. Lists of names received through these ads will be turned over to real estate dealers after the Chamber of Commerce has mailed out literature and letters.

Midland people having friends elsewhere whom they would like to see move to Midland are asked to mail out literature which will be furnished free by the Chamber of Commerce, or if they will leave names of their friends, the literature will be mailed to them by the organization.

It is pointed out that now is the time for heavy publicity. Farmers are "laying their crops by" and are ready to seek greener fields.

S. R. McKinney and A. Q. Cooper accompanied by their families were among visitors to Midland the first of the week.

W. F. Scarborough was in the first of the week from his ranch in Winkler County. Reports range pretty dry, but cattle still in very good condition.

ELECTION SATURDAY HAS MANY SURPRISES

KLAPPROTH VICTORY WAS LAND SLIDE, GIBBS DEFEATED, TWO TIES.

It is probable that Robertson and Ferguson will be the candidates for governor in the second primary, and the issue will largely develop into pro and anti ku klux. It is too bad if Lynch Davidson can not run it off with Robertson.

The election last Saturday developed a number of surprises for many of us. We profoundly regret the defeat of our townsman, Judge Chas. Gibbs. The second primary race will be between Judge Jas. R. Harper and Judge Will H. Pelphrey, both of El Paso, for chief justice court of civil appeals, 8th district. Our latest information leads us to predict the election of Hon. Henry E. Webb of Odessa as our representative.

With the admission that The Reporter is a darn'd poor champion, that he's a bad guesser, and that we feel like we are a long time out of politics, that we have been sat upon, everlastingly "whammed," licked, "chewed up and spit out," lambasted and ungentlely jammed into a seat of the scorned, and that we have left to us but a good-humored and unconquerable grin, we have no comment to make upon the county election. We are just publishing the election returns, and let her go at that. Here they are:

U. S. Senator:	61
Jno. F. Maddox	466
Morris Sheppard	188
Fred W. Davis	12
Governor:	89
Thos. D. Barton	96
Felix D. Robertson	4
Miriam A. Ferguson	3
Geo. W. Dixon	22
V. A. Collins	3
Joe Burkett	70
T. W. Davidson	14
W. E. Pope	368
Lynch Davidson	256
Lieut. Governor:	75
Will C. Edwards	173
Jno. D. McCall	249
Wallace Malone	131
Barry Miller	317
Attorney General:	137
Edw. B. Ward	101
Dan Moody	111
Jno. C. Wall	71
J. M. Melson	61
Comptroller:	142
Don F. Smith	67
Tom Bell	227
O. D. Baker	783
A. J. Smith	778
Pat Maulden	349
S. H. Terrell	346
State Treasurer:	625
C. V. Terrell	124
State Supt. Public Instruction:	63
S. M. N. Marrs	183
Commissioner of Agriculture:	236
Robt. E. Sparkman	263
Geo. B. Terrell	288
Land Commissioner:	255
J. T. Robison	88
Will L. Sargeant	152
J. E. Binkley	301
R. R. Com. (6 year term):	791
Ed E. Weaver	59
J. C. Mason	1
Clarence E. Gilmore	1
R. R. Com. (4 year unexpired term):	1
Lon A. Smith	1
Robt. E. Speer	1
J. M. West	1
W. A. Nabors	1
R. R. Com. (2 year unexpired term):	1
Walter M. W. Splawn	1
Chief Justice Supreme Court:	1
C. M. Carleton	1
R. H. Buck	1
W. C. Wear	1
Associate Justice Court Criminal Appeals:	1
O. S. Latimore	1
Millard Eidson	1
Chief Justice Court of Civil Appeals,	1
8th Supreme Judicial District:	1
Will H. Pelphrey	1
James R. Harper	1
Chas. Gibbs	1
Congressman 16th Cong. District:	1
Claude B. Hudspeth	1
Senator of 29th Sen. Dist:	1
J. E. Quaid	1
Benj. F. Berkeley	1
Rep. 88th District:	1
Henry E. Webb	1
W. W. Stewart	1
Dist. Atty. 70th Judicial District:	1
Birge Holt	1
County Judge:	1
J. G. Hall	1
J. Wiley Taylor	1
Chas. Klapproth	1
County and District Clerk:	1
G. B. Dunagan	1
J. M. Gilmore	1

TO BE REPRESENTED AT BIG STATE FAIRS

MIDLAND COUNTY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE PREPARING PROGRAM.

The Midland County Chamber of Commerce is planning a big exhibit for various county and district fairs and probably the Dallas State Fair this year.

Farmers are urged to bring any specimens of green or canned vegetables, fruits or grains to the Chamber of Commerce office, where they will be labeled and exhibited to visitors till they are taken to the fairs.

Exhibits from Midland County are definitely known to have brought new farmers here from East, Central and West Texas. Farmers and others who would like to see Midland have a winning exhibit, and see new settlers brought out here are urged to help the Chamber of Commerce get an exhibit.

Articles wanted for the exhibit include either fresh or canned peaches, pears, plums, grapes, cherries, apricots, apples or any other fruit grown here. All kinds of vegetables and melons are wanted, such as beans, peas, turnips, cucumbers, squashes, pumpkins, citrons, cantaloupes, watermelons, potatoes, peanuts, cabbages and so on. Grains such as kafir, fetterita, sorghum, milo maize, barley, etc., are wanted. Cotton is wanted.

In fact, anything that a farmer or grower thinks would make a good agricultural exhibit will be welcomed. Unless the farmers and other growers volunteer to help and bring these products to the Chamber of Commerce office, it will be impossible to arrange a successful exhibit.

Midland County people can help to make an exhibit that will attract the attention of the whole state and make Midland people proud of their section of the state.

Some of these products should begin to come in now.

Stockmen Quoted By Country Gentleman

The "Country Gentleman" story by E. H. Taylor which appeared last week will be of interest to all cattlemen. Mr. Taylor referred to the C ranch, and quoted B. N. Aycock, W. R. Chancellor, Frank Elkin and W. W. Brunson.

Cattlemen who could not obtain copies of "The Country Gentleman" are invited to read the copies on file in the Chamber of Commerce office.

Those interested in cotton raising are invited to read "Cotton News" which carries a two-column Midland story, also on file.

W. H. Brunson was a business visitor to Ft. Worth during a part of last week.

You Protect Yourself

With Rubbers in rainy weather, an Overcoat for winter, insurance on your car, and take the sensible precautions in a matter-of-fact way, but SUPPOSE YOU GOT SICK, would not to be gratifying to have money in the bank?

Have you thought of death, sickness or calamity—the time when you need money most? You should be saving for that adversity now. Are you doing it?

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

MIDLAND, TEXAS

GRAIN AND COTTON TAKE BIG ADVANCE

MARKET FOR STOCKS AND BONDS ARE ALSO SHARING IN BUOYANCY.

Is it inflation or the result of an improved demand for the smaller supplies in prospect? This is the question presented by Theodore H. Price, New York financial expert and editor of Commerce and Finance. His weekly review continues:

This is the question that all thoughtful business men are asking as first one and then another staple commodity joins in the movement toward higher prices. Week before last this movement included grain, hog products, cotton, wool and coffee. Last week grain and cotton had another sensational advance and copper, zinc, lead and lumber were added to the list of things that have risen in value, while demand for steel improved considerably, though it is not yet reflected in price advances. Copper in particular seems to have drifted into a strong position as the relatively large offtake has so reduced supplies that consumers are becoming a little uneasy.

Grain Takes Rise

The rise in grain is due to the accelerated reports of a crop failure in the United States as well as in Canada and cotton is up on a Government report which has revived the fear of another famine crop, although its accuracy is seriously questioned by many experienced observers. If it should prove to be correct and the crop fails to deteriorate, the world's textile industry will indeed face a serious situation unless the cheaper linen or synthetic cotton of which there is so much talk shall be made available in quantity.

The market for stocks and bonds has shared in the general buoyancy. The rails, the public utility shares and the copper stocks have led in the order named. Many new railroad consolidations have been effected by the imaginative, and white noise of them has as yet been consummated they have at least served to advance prices.

Money Continues Easier

Money continues easier. Call loans outside the stock exchange have been made at 1 1/2 per cent and it is reported that "sixty-day" money has been obtainable at 2 1/4 per cent. The banks are reducing the interest allowed on credit balances and some are predicting that the Federal Reserve Bank of New York will surely cut its discount rate to 3 per cent.

These predictions seem to be unwarranted and it is advised that they should be received with reserve. If by any chance they should prove to be correct the effect will be to further inflame a speculative situation that is already highly inflated and should now be regarded with caution. Prices that are sufficiently high to be remunerative to the producer are always desirable and healthfully stimulating, but if the present upward movement is the first phase of the American gold inflation that so many economists have prophesied, the problem of charting a safe course for business becomes a very difficult one.

The indicators that will be the safest guides are the Federal Reserve ratio and the quotations for foreign exchange. When the first commences to fall and the latter rise to anywhere near parity a cessation of the golden flood by which we have been inundated will be foreshadowed and contraction will impend.

Rise in London Money

Thus far there is no suggestion

that either contingency is imminent, but the rise in the London money market and a sharp and inexplicable advance in sterling exchange last week are hints that should increase the vigilance of those whose duty it is to be on the lookout.

But these long distance views of a highly complex future need not disturb confidence in American business during the next few months.

Distributive trade is good and promises to be better for it takes time to diffuse the optimism which now pervades the speculative markets. It is, however, true that the farmers must harvest and sell at least a portion of their production before they can spend the profits which the recent advance in prices brought them. Merchants and manufacturers are, however, getting ready to supply the demand and the automobile industry, always alive to its opportunities, is again increasing production.

Dealers in lumber and building material are also more cheerful upon the theory that the increase in agricultural building will offset any decline in urban construction.

In so far as the domestic outlook is concerned the only dark spots that remain are the cotton manufacturing industry and the shoe and leather business. The depression in these two lines is due to causes that are almost fundamental. There is a shortage of cotton and silk, especially artificial silk which is gradually taking its place for women's clothing. Some very far reaching changes appear to be inevitable. They need not affect the whole business structure, but they will bear heavily upon parts of it.

Diminished Shoe Consumption

In so far as the shoe industry is concerned it appears to be a case of diminished consumption due to the fact that shoes last longer because one rides in motor cars. In time the demand will grow up to the production if no new factories are built. The shoe manufacturers of New England are meantime trying to reduce wages, but it seems doubtful whether the operatives will assent to the cut proposed.

Some hitches in the London negotiations that contemplate a loan of \$200,000,000 to Germany are also cited as reasons for caution. It is, however, doubtful whether they will amount to much. It is to the interest of every power involved that the loan should be made and the benefits that will accrue to all concerned as well as the bankers' commissions that are in sight are likely to act as lubricants for any friction that may develop.

Therefore there is but little in the shorter perspective that need give us much concern, however. We may view the more distant future and the deflation that will be inevitable when the upward movement now in progress shall have run its course.

The weekly statement of the Federal Reserve Banks shows an increase of \$7,000,000 in the gold held and the reserve ratio now stands at 83.3 as compared with 82.6 per cent a week ago. A further reduction of \$10,000,000 in earning assets was reported.

Good Scarcrow

After the epidemic had been checked an old negro protested vigorously when the health officers started to take down the sign they had put up on her house.

"Why don't you want us to take it down?" one of the officers asked. "Ere ain't be'n a bill collectah neah dis house sence dat sign was nailed up. You all please let it alone?"

Princely Make-up

She—"Aren't you wearing a costume to the mask ball tonight?"

He—"Yes, I'm going to wear my arm in a sling and go as the Prince of Wales."

MIDLAND COUNTY C. OF C. AND ITS DUTY

MANAGER WEST TEXAS ORGANIZATION OUTLINES ACTIVITIES.

Porter A. Whaley, manager West Texas Chamber of Commerce, has just addressed a communication to chambers of commerce generally, outlining the activities of such organizations, under the caption, "The Duty of the Commercial Organization." The Midland County Chamber of Commerce seems to have been struck with these suggestions and is weekly proving the truth of them considerably before they became voiced by Mr. Whaley, and The Reporter wonders why our whole citizenship is not lined up in its support. The eyes of the homeseeker back east were never so speculatively centered on this section as now. It comes about through the wonderful publicity secured by Sec'y. Paul T. Vickers and backed by his efficient, alert board of directors.

Our organization seems to have been inspired by everything voiced by Mr. Whaley, and it appears to us that it is rather an honor to be identified with the progressive activities that are calculated to benefit the Midland and the West Texas Chamber of Commerce has and always will be worthy of its name. It is a mark in the history of the welfare and the hope for substantial progress of this community.

The Midland County C. of C. is truly living up to Mr. Whaley's idea of the duty of the commercial organization, broad in scope as it is, and it is rather a pleasure to publish his communication as applying directly to our own activities. Mr. Whaley writes:

Why should a city have a commercial organization? Because if it lives up to its duties, it will be the most potent force in the community for progress. Its duties are to do anything and everything necessary for and incident to the upbuilding and the better building of the city and its environs. Its duty is not only to make a city grow but also to make it a better, a more sanitary, a prettier and a more enjoyable place in which to live.

Its province or field of work reaches out into every branch and takes cognizance of every phase of the city's life. The commercial interests, wholesale, retail and manufacturing; the professional interests, the government of city, county and state, the social side of the city's life where it touches the question of public morals and health; all of these and in truth every channel of activity comes under its practical eye.

The commercial organization has a first duty in that it must bring all of the elements of the entire community, county as well as city, together into one compact body working for the uplift of the community. It must teach the individual composing these elements the lesson of achievement through co-operation. It must arouse the citizenry from the old time lethargy to a quickened interest, and always and everywhere preach the gospel of sane, safe and sound development, unselfishness, public-spiritedness and civic pride. Its motto must be, "If it's good for the community, then let's have it." What helps the city as a whole, has a like beneficial effect upon everyone within its boundaries.

Not only the business and professional men make good "boosters," but also the young men, the clerks in the stores, the women both in the house and in the office or store, and the children in the schools. It is the duty of commercial organizations to so spread its propaganda of development as to obtain the efficient aid of all these forces. Many organizations secure much of their force and power from their women's auxiliaries. In campaigns for sanitation and beauty, their help is incalculable.

The commercial organization has a duty toward the city government which it can not afford to overlook in spite of the howls of the politician who knows his power is on the decline when business interests cast their microscopic eyes of investigation upon his maneuvers. Every effort should be made to work with the administration in an amicable way, but if this is not possible, it is the duty of the commercial organization to continue to interest itself in the affairs of city government.

The civic body has this right because its members are the heavy taxpayers, its business men make the city habitable. No city could exist without them. They are vital, and so, being vital, they have the first moral right to speak in the control and management of the city affairs.

It is the civic body's duty to interest itself in all legislative matters which may have an effect upon the

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city. The astute ability and acumen of the business mind is necessary for the successful handling of such questions as taxation. It needs a business head to work out the intricacies of financing great public improvements. The unselfish democracy of the commercial organization is needed to keep its finger on the pulse of the whole body politic.

It is the duty of the civic body to interest itself in education matters. Upon the schools depend the future ability and activity of the city's people. The civic body can and should exert its most wholesome influence for the continual development of the school system.

It is the duty of the commercial organization to give sound publicity to the city's advantages and to do everything in its power to eliminate all forms of detrimental publicity. It is its duty to endeavor in all right ways to attract new residents and new business and to assist in their location in all legitimate ways.

Not Always Handy

Before the dawn of the motor-car age a passing motorist picked up a farmer who had never before seen an automobile. The farmer was duly impressed and delighted. To impress him still more, the motorist put his foot on the accelerator and for six or seven miles they tore along like the wind. Then something went wrong with the steering-gear and they ran into a tree. The farmer and motorist alighted unhurt on a bank of moss. The car was not damaged.

"That was fine," said the farmer as he got up. "We sartinly went the pace. Tell me this, though—how do you stop her when there ain't no trees?"—The Baptist.

The New Game

Lois' and Dora's joyous shrieks from the yard attracted their mother's attention. Running out, she asked them what they were doing. "We're playing fire," cried Lois, almost breathless from excitement.

"Fire?" apprehensively. "And how do you play that?" "Oh, it's heaps of fun! Dora makes believe she's a door and I knock her down."

"Westward The Star of Empire Leads The Way"

This has been the slogan for near a hundred years. It is well to remember that John C. Calhoun, that maker of history; moulder of States; champion of the Nation's rights, was the one above all others who kept the State of Texas from falling into the clutch of English Diplomats, Embassadors from the Court of St. James.

Texas is in many ways incomparable to other States of the Union. Its excess on territorial lines gives to it a sense of largeness, prestige and power. It does many things that smaller States may not feel solid enough to compass.

People who feel the urge to travel, turn faces Eastward generally. As to Art, the cities along the Atlantic shore have more of the plastic and painters' results to show, as well as of majestic and ornate buildings. The West is coming into line.

After explorations on the Eastern shore, one returns to find in the largeness of this country, possibilities unlimited and being rapidly converted into certainties.

Progression on all lines is placing this great State as the leader in the galaxy of all the States. What we see now is but the dawning of that which is to come in the pursuit and achievement of high aims, great purposes for the happiness and uplift of the Lone Star State.

One great aim is to bring up to the highest and best the curriculum of its schools and colleges. The tendency is toward eternal progression, and nowhere is it so strongly evidenced as in its various institutions of learning all over the State. Evolution is the watchword; progression the result.

"The mills of the gods grind slowly, But they grind exceedingly fine." "Auntie Sterling."

Readers of The Reporter will hear with regret of the late severe illness of Mrs. Ivan Stoker, in Abilene. Her mother, Mrs. W. H. Cowden, was with her. Also her sister, Mrs. Bernice Adams. Mrs. Stoker is recovering, and all will return to San Antonio.

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South Gets Liberal Dip Into Prosperity

Prosperity is not only knocking at the door of the Middle West and South, but is filling up the front yard. The remarkable rise in the price of all farm products has lifted the agricultural districts out of the slough in which they have been struggling since the war. The advance has increased the purchasing power of the farmer enormously. This affects every line of business. Wholesalers report increased orders and better collections. Weather conditions are favorable to splendid crops and the country is getting firmly on its feet. Summarized, the market increases are shown as follows:

In the last two months the advance in grain, cotton, hogs and other farm products has added nearly \$2,000,000,000 to the Nation's wealth. In that period cotton valuation has jumped \$200,000,000; wheat \$260,000,000; corn \$880,000,000, oats \$285,000,000, rye \$16,000,000, hogs \$100,000,000.

Saturday saw a seething grain market on the Chicago board. Foreigners sensing a grain shortage, are coming into the American market with heavy orders. The Russian wheat market is said to be a failure and the Canadian crop is admittedly very short. Wheat jumped 6 cents a bushel Saturday from its lowest point and closed with net advances of 3 1/2 to 4 1/2 cents. May delivery wheat went above \$1.42. Hogs advanced to practically a \$10 level. Two weeks ago they were selling at \$7.50 and the prediction was made that they would go to \$10 by October.

The South is getting a liberal dip into prosperity with cotton rising approximately \$18 a bale during the past week. Diversified farming in the South also lets the farmers in on the advance in meat products and corn. They also will get more for cane syrup and other Southern food products.

GETTING DOWN TO ESSENTIALS

A Yale player was teaching some cowboys how to play football. He explained the rules and ended as follows:

"Remember, fellows, if you can't kick the ball, kick a man on the other side. Now let's get busy. Where's the ball?"

One of the cowboys shouted: "Never mind the ball! Let's start the game!"

The Most Wholesome

appetizing foods and delicacies are still being served by us. The public demands the BEST, we serve the BEST.

Midland's Best Cook

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Cattle and Hogs Are Quoted Higher

Hogs made another sensational advance Monday and reached the \$10 mark, writes Chas. M. Pipkin in his general market report sent out from Kansas City the first of the week. His report continues: This gain took the general market \$3 above opening prices this month and to the highest position in several years past. Receipts are short of urgent requirements and indications are that further advances will prevail. Practically all classes of fat cattle were in active demand at strong to 25 cents higher prices. Lambs were steady and sheep steady to 25 cents lower.

Monday's Receipts
 Receipts Monday were 16,000 cattle, 7,000 hogs and 5,000 sheep, compared with 18,000 cattle, 10,000 hogs and 6,000 sheep a week ago, and 25,828 cattle, 12,535 hogs, and 9,075 sheep a year ago.

Beef Cattle
 Trade in fat cattle opened early at 15 to 25 cents higher prices. Killers took all the choice to prime steers offered at \$10 to \$10.75, and the good steers at \$9 to \$10. Plain to fair short fed classes sold at \$8.25 up. As soon as the fed classes were cleaned up killers and order buyers traded in grass fat kinds, largely at a 45 cent advance. Grass fat steers sold at \$4.50 to \$8.25. The general market is in a strong position. Cows and heifers were 10 to 25 cents higher, fed classes advancing the most. Killers were anxious for all classes. Grass fat cows sold more readily than for some time past. Veal calves were steady.

Stockers and Feeders
 Demand for stock and feeding cattle showed larger proportions and prices ruled unevenly higher, mostly 15 to 25 cents up. Much larger supplies could have been used. Improvement in the condition of corn is increasing inquiry.

Hogs
 Hog prices today advanced 50 to 80 cents and the top reached \$10.05. As prices work higher there is more urgency in demand and today's advance was the largest recorded on any one day since the market started up. Compared with early July prices are 35 higher and only on one or two previous occasions in the history of the hog market has a similar advance been scored in such a short

period. The bulk of the fat hogs sold at \$9.60 to \$10, packing sows \$8.65 to \$9 and stock hogs and pigs \$8 to \$8.25.

Sheep and Lambs
 Sheep were 25 cents lower and lambs steady. Colorado lambs sold at \$13 to \$13.25 and Oregon and native lambs up to \$12.75. They were fully steady. Some Colorado ewes at \$6.50 were quoted 25 cents lower.

Horses and Mules
 Trade in horses and mules remains quiet. Next Monday the regular auctions will be resumed, and there is considerable inquiry as to the kind and class of the offerings.

Texas Has Lots of Road Material

An abundance of good material for the construction of highways exists in Texas, according to G. A. Parkinson, assisting testing engineer in the Bureau of Economic Geology at the University of Texas. As an evidence of the progress of the good road program in Texas, during the last several months there have been received and tested by Mr. Parkinson a total of 850 samples of road building material since January 1, 1924. This exceeds the record for all of last year, Mr. Parkinson said. The samples have come from nearly every part of Texas where highway construction is proposed or in progress.

Another proof of the advancement that is being made in good roads construction is the big increase in the number of rock crushing plants. The demand for crushed rock is constantly increasing, it is asserted. Many of these plants are owned and operated by road contractors. There has also been a marked improvement in the strength of concrete used in public works in Texas, Mr. Parkinson declared. Formerly this material was not up to the approved standard, but this is no longer the case. There is said to be more or less boxity, however, in the quality of concrete, that is often used for private construction.

Mrs. Wm. E. Wallace was taken seriously ill while visiting in Dallas last week. Capt. Wallace was called to her bedside, and returned Wednesday morning, reporting his wife, much improved.

J. W. Storey was over this week from Stanton. He reports crops out that way very fine.

CITATION BY PUBLICATION

THE STATE OF TEXAS.
 To the Sheriff or Any Constable of Midland County—Greeting:
 You are Heroby Comanded to summon Dominguez Cuca Callaso, whose present residence and whereabouts are unknown, by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your County, if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the 70th Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest district to said 70th Judicial District, to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Midland County, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Midland, Texas, on the first Monday in September, A. D. 1924, the same being the first day of September, A. D. 1924, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 29th day of July, A. D. 1924, in a suit, numbered on the docket of the said Court No. 1703, wherein Abundio Callaso of Midland County, Texas, is plaintiff, and Dominguez Cuca Callaso, whose residence and whereabouts are unknown, to plaintiff, is defendant, and said petition alleging plaintiff is lawfully married to defendant, having married defendant in the year 1915 at Midland, Texas; that they lived together as a husband and wife until over three years ago when defendant left plaintiff and abandoned plaintiff and has since continuously abandoned plaintiff; that defendant at the time she abandoned plaintiff left with one Francisco Ibarra and has lived with him since she abandoned plaintiff. Plaintiff now asks for a decree of divorce dissolving the bonds of matrimony now existing between plaintiff and defendant, and asking for an absolute divorce from said defendant and for such other relief, special and general, in law and in equity that plaintiff may be justly entitled to.

Hergin Fall Not but have you before said Court, at its aforesaid regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Midland, Midland County, Texas, on this 29th day of July, A. D. 1924.

C. B. Dunagan, Clerk,
 District Court Midland
 County, Texas

The Reporter had a letter this week from our former townsman, T. J. O'Donnell. He will be remembered as the promoter of the Midland & Northwestern railroad. He is now at Hermosa Beach, near Los Angeles, Cal., and has his application in as construction inspector for the city of Los Angeles.

SAYS ORIENT STILL FACING BIG CRISIS

REVENUE NEEDED IN SPITE OF REHABILITATION REPORTS, WHALEY ASSERTS.

In spite of reports to the effect that the Orient Railway is to be sold, re-financed and rehabilitated, the line cannot continue in operation unless it is afforded sufficient freight and passenger revenue to defray actual operating expenses, according to Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, who was in Fort Worth Thursday of last week. This statement was made by Mr. Whaley following a recent tour of inspection of the line's Texas property, in company with Walter M. W. Splawn, State Railroad Commissioner, and A. H. Swenson, assistant auditor of the State Railroad Commission.

"People along the line may as well face the issue squarely," said Mr. Whaley. "No individual or corporation will finance a piece of property that has been steadily piling up an immense operating deficit during the fifteen years of its existence, and this is the case with the Orient. Its original cost was \$7,000,000, and during the last fifteen years its 465 miles of Texas line has created an actual operating deficit of \$4,906,000, or about 75 per cent of the original cost.

"Only the extraordinary co-operation of the Interstate Commerce Commission during the last eighteen months has enabled the Orient to operate at all," he declared. "In an effort to increase the road's revenue sufficiently to enable it to continue operation the commission allowed a raise of freight rates above those of the Wichita Valley a successful self-sustaining railroad paralleling the Orient for 150 miles through Central West Texas and yet the revenue does not meet the actual operating expenses. If the Interstate Commerce Commission were to withdraw its co-operation and justification for differential rates the Orient would be in a pitiful plight indeed."

The Federal Government lost \$3,000,000 in the operation of the Orient Railroad during Federal control, and since that time the War Finance Corporation, working in close co-operation with the Interstate Commerce Commission, has loaned the road \$2,500,000, according to Mr. Whaley. From these two funds the Orient has been enabled to take its accrued deficit and continue in operation, the last loan being secured by a receiver-ship certificate, operating as a first lien on the property, it was explained.

Various remedial measures have been put into effect, or suggested, in order that the territory through which the Orient runs might not be deprived of a very necessary line of transportation. Recently the Commissioners' Courts of the counties along the road have reduced the taxation valuation of the Orient's property to \$1,000 a mile. The Interstate Commerce Commission has allowed an increase in freight rates above those of other Texas railroads. As already mentioned, in the past the line has received considerable financial aid, from the Federal Government. At present reports are being spread from Alpine, El Paso and Kansas City to the effect that the road is to be sold, refinanced and rehabilitated. But all of these measures have proved or obviously will prove, fruitless, according to Mr. Whaley.

"If placed on the open market I doubt seriously that the line would bring \$1,000 a mile valuation set on it by the taxation bodies along the route," said the manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

In support of this statement he cited the instance of the receivership sale of the road at Wichita, Kan., in March, at which about \$3,000,000 was bid by parties who were subsequently unable to raise the money.

"After a tour of close inspection of the road and conditions along the route and much study of the problem, which is so vital to much of West Texas, I can see no hope for continued operation of the Orient. There is not sufficient freight and passenger revenue to sustain it, and until the territory served by it becomes further developed there is apparently no other means of its operation. We can not look for Federal aid for such a losing proposition, and certainly no private organization will undertake its operation."

Foxing the Wolf.
 Is Feinstein really such a good business man?

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 They had had one of their usual tiffs because hubby was home late for dinner. "You're always late," she said, indignantly. "You were late at the church the day we were married."

"Yes," he answered, bitterly, "but I wasn't late enough."

Misses Alma and Annie Lee Brunson left last week for Abilene, to enter business college.

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Statement to the Public.

To correct a popular misunderstanding, I desire to explain the unfortunate title of my book, just published by Coolidge-Hughes-Mellon Co., "Brains and Congressmen; a Study in Contrasts." This inexcusably awkward title was intended to imply that the book is in two parts, each part discussing an entirely distinct subject and presenting an entirely distinct contrast. Volume I discusses various Brains and contrasts them. Volume II discusses various members of the Congress and contrasts them. It is extremely regrettable that many people have received the impression that the book compares Brains with Congressmen and Congressmen with Brains, which would be ridiculous. (Signed) ALMOST ANY CITIZEN.

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- ANNOUNCEMENTS**
- For the second Democratic-Primaries August 23, 1924.
 - For Chief Justice Court of Civil Appeals: JAS. R. HARPER
 - For County Judge: CHAS. L. KLAPPROTH (Re-election)
 - For District and County Clerk: C. B. DUNAGAN (Re-election)
 - For Sheriff and Tax Collector: A. C. FRANCIS (Re-election)
 - For Tax Assessor: NEWNIE W. ELLIS (Re-election)
 - ED DOZIER
 - For County Treasurer: B. W. LEE (Re-election)
 - MRS. LIZZIE QUINN
 - For Justice of Peace Precinct No. 1: I. W. TOWERS

Lynch Davidson to Wait Final Count

Lynch Davidson of Houston, candidate for the nomination for Governor of Texas, was a visitor in Dallas Wednesday. He declares that he is confident that he will be in the run-off in the second primary and that Mrs. Miriam Ferguson will not maintain her lead for second place as shown by the results tabulated up to this time.

Mr. Davidson said that he is sure that the official count, to be made by the State committee at its session in Dallas Aug. 11, will put him in the run-off.

The following statement was issued from his Dallas campaign headquarters:

"Answering the thousands upon thousands of inquiries received from friends all over the state, and the question in the minds of the people, as to what he thought would be the outcome of the close contest between himself and Mrs. Ferguson for second place in the gubernatorial race, Mr. Davidson stated that he is confident of winning.

"He stated that the tabulations made by the Texas Election Bureau would not finally determine the matter. Due to the closeness of the vote, he said, nothing short of an official vote would determine the status of himself and Mrs. Ferguson in the contest. So many counties over the state favorable to his candidacy have not yet reported that it would be a very easy matter to overcome the slight lead now held by Mrs. Ferguson.

"Mr. Davidson said that he believed an official count would develop that he was winner in the contest, and that nothing short of an official count, which takes place on Aug. 11 before the State executive committee, would settle the matter."

Gene and Gibb Cowden, together with their families, were up from their ranches south this week. Report range conditions getting pretty bad, account of dry weather.

Chas. D. Lovelace, of Fort Worth, was in Midland last week making plans for the running of excursions here to sell out some of the big ranches.

New Taxes Needed To Meet Deficit

There is now every indication that a deficit in the general revenue fund of the State Treasury will be averted until Sept. 1, the beginning of the fiscal year, according to State Treasurer C. V. Terrell. There is over \$250,000 in general revenue as a result of gross tax payments for the quarter ending June 20. It is expected that the total gross tax collections will be in excess of \$1,000,000, most of which goes to general revenue fund.

When the State goes on a deficit Sept. 1st it will remain in that condition until about March 1, 1925, when it will again be replenished by tax collections. This means that when the Thirty-ninth Legislature convenes the lawmakers will have to discuss their warrants. It is believed that such a situation will have the effect of spurring the lawmakers into finding new sources of revenue to be taxed, as it has been demonstrated that the constitutional limit of taxation now in operation will not produce sufficient funds for the operation of the government.

Anthrax Hits Some Texas Coast Counties

Anthrax raging in Tennessee, Arkansas and Mississippi has not left Texas untouched, according to Dr. Leon G. Cloud, state veterinarian, of Ft. Worth. There is considerable trouble in Orange, Hardin, Liberty and Jefferson counties which have been rigidly quarantined.

Because anthrax is a disease which attacks human beings and animals alike the precautions against it are severe, Dr. Cloud said.

A half a dozen deaths in Louisiana resulted from the disease in June and more than 20 persons have died in Mississippi, Arkansas and Tennessee, reports to Dr. Cloud show. More than 10,000 head of cattle have died.

Two precautions should be taken in Southeast Texas, Dr. Cloud urges. Bodies of dead animals should be burned immediately and well animals should be vaccinated.

Dr. R. H. Harrison Jr. and Dr. R. M. Smotherman, veterinarians of the State Livestock Sanitary Commission, have been sent to the infected area by J. E. Boog-Scott, chairman of the Commission, to combat the disease.

No deaths have resulted in the Texas area as yet and no definite figures have been forwarded to Ft. Worth as regards the number of cattle which have died.

Some days ago it was reported over 1,200 head had died.

Taxation and Tax-Exempt Income Report

The Federal Trade Commission recently submitted to the Senate a report of taxation and tax-exempt income.

The report shows the amount of tax-exempt securities now outstanding; estimates the amounts held by corporations and individuals and the taxes which might be collected from them, if they were taxable; shows the increases of indebtedness, national, state and local, and the purposes for which incurred; gives the aggregate tax burdens, national, state and local, and considers where the heaviest burdens lie.

The total amount of tax-exempt securities outstanding on December 31, 1922, was about \$32,000,000,000 and consisted of nearly \$12,000,000,000 of wholly tax-free and over \$20,000,000,000 of surtaxable securities. Of the wholly tax-free obligations, \$2,294,000,000 were federal and \$8,797,000,000 were state and local.

The general taxpayer must make up to the government the amounts which it loses through inability to tax the income from these billions and future issues of tax-exempt bonds.

Being a Big Man In a Small Town

Long ago, America's great philosopher, Emerson, wrote: "If a man preaches a better sermon than his neighbor, writes a better book, or builds a better mouse-trap; and though he live in the woods, the world will beat a path to his door."

The career of the Mayo Brothers in Rochester, Minnesota, of the Garver Brothers with their store in Strassburg, Ohio, and of other able men and women in small towns of the United States prove the truth of this aphorism, says an exchange.

Many of America's greatest men did not go to the city in search of fame and fortune—they brought the city to their doors. There is no question as to where opportunity is to be most easily grasped—in the big city or in the small town.

A few become rich in the city, but they win their fortunes at a price. Broken health, unstrung nerves, and an early old age tell the story of keen competitive strife. But the vast majority of young people who are lured out of their home towns by attractions of the big city simply join the great tide of humanity. They become known only to a few associates, swallowed up in the sea of people.

There is not a life to be envied. Many of them might have been big toads in their own little puddles, if they had remained at home, but instead, they have become little toads in the big puddle.

It is a fact that most of our great merchants, lawyers, authors, statesmen and many great doctors have achieved fame and fortune in small towns. There is a real reason for all this.

We will take two young of ordinary ability. Joe decides to go into the merchandising business in his home town. George accepts a position in a department store of the big city.

Now leap over an interval of twenty years, and you will find Joe with a fine store of his own, a knowledge of all parts of the business, and the respect of the people of his community.

At the same time you may find George holding a mere 'job.' He has been in the same department for years, he knows about little but one part of the big business. Nobody in the city except a very few personal friends knows that he exists. He has been under the direction of others so long that his initiative and independence have been destroyed. He is merely a cog in the big machine.

This is a common experience. Even most men who do achieve greatness in the city first acquired success in some small town.

New Plan Financing Large Land Sales

The Bishop Land Company at Seminole, says the Lubbock Plains Journal, has evolved a new plan of selling farm lands upon long time that is attracting more than passing interest throughout the United States in real estate and insurance circles. It is the combination of deferred payment plan of paying for the land with a life insurance policy included in the purchase price, guaranteeing the ownership of the property to the purchaser's family in case he dies before paying the place out.

It was worked out primarily to encourage the salaried man to purchase land on the small monthly payment plan. The contract is drawn to cover a ten-year term at so much per month. A short term life insurance policy is issued to the purchaser to cover the exact amount of the notes that he signs. This policy is reduced from time to time to keep the cost as low as possible with the full coverage and its total cost adds only a very small amount to the purchase price of the land.

It is certain that if the man lives he can pay out the contract price of the land and in case of his untimely death the insurance policy goes to pay out the remaining balance on the farm and a clear title to the place is delivered to his widow.

The plan has resulted in a large number of salaried men and wage earners buying small farms in Gaines and adjoining counties with the avowed intention of salting the places down for a final home in the old age of the couple buying them upon these favorable terms. The same plan will be applied to much of the land sold in other Plains counties according to the predictions of business men who have studied the plan carefully.

Jno. P. Howe returned Wednesday morning from a business trip to points in the Panhandle. He reports poor crops after you pass Lamesa. In some places farmers have abandoned their crops entirely.

R. E. Van Hues was in town yesterday from his ranch 20 miles southwest. Says the country is mighty dry, although a pretty fair rain fell on the north part of his pasture last Tuesday.

BAPTISTS REPORT ON MONEY DISTRIBUTED

DETAILED STATEMENT AS TO WHERE 75 MILLION CAMPAIGN COLLECTIONS HAVE GONE IS ISSUED

USE DISTRICT ASSOCIATIONS

Agency Nearest Local Churches Will Be Employed in Bringing About Fuller Development in Future Program



DR. C. E. BURTS
General Director, 1925 Program, Southern Baptists.

Indicating the objects to which the money collected on the Baptist 75 Million Campaign goes, the headquarters of that movement in Nashville has issued the following statement of the distribution of the \$53,777,854.43, representing the revised figures on the sum collected on that movement up to May 1, 1924: Foreign missions \$9,898,830.30; home missions \$5,787,820.09; state and associational missions \$9,093,769.27; Christian education \$14,849,083.51; hospitals \$2,672,892.43; orphanages \$4,464,985.87; ministerial relief \$1,570,856.94; expenses and fixed charges not otherwise absorbed \$2,091,603.56; special credits and miscellaneous items \$1,590,990.47; purchase and operation of state denominational papers \$62,200.32; foreign relief \$57,502.18; undistributed balance \$152,330.77; Home Mission Board special \$15,840; Foreign Mission Board special \$86,103; raised by churches on foreign fields and expended by them in work there \$1,068,390.68.

All Work Goes Forward

Every department of the general missionary, educational and benevolent work fostered by Southern Baptists has been greatly enlarged and strengthened by the campaign. It is reported, while a suggestion of the development that has come in the activities and liberality of the local churches as a result of this forward movement is furnished in the following statement of progress along general lines, furnished by the headquarters office:

Comparing the growth of the denomination during the five years preceding the Campaign with the five years since that program was projected it is shown that during the last five years the following advances were recorded over the previous corresponding period: 1582 more new churches organized, a gain of 229 per cent; 241,966 more new members gained, an advance of 66 per cent; 209,002 more baptisms administered, a gain of 27 per cent; 1,603 more new Sunday schools organized, a gain of 118 per cent; 354,737 more new Sunday school pupils enrolled, a gain of 132 per cent; \$35,086,970.83 more reported in gifts to missions and benevolences, a gain of 187 per cent; \$51,153,873.33 more noted in gifts to local church purposes, a gain of 95 per cent; \$84,417,351.55 more reported in gifts to all causes, a gain of 117 per cent; and \$57,147,004 advance shown in the value of local church property, a gain of 81 per cent.

Complete Collections Now

In the hope of completing the collection of all Campaign subscriptions by the close of this year and securing cash offerings from those Baptists who did not subscribe to the five-year program an intensive effort during the remainder of the summer and fall will be waged throughout the South under the general leadership of Dr. L. R. Scarborough, general director, with the co-operation of the various state mission offices and the officers and workers in the nearly 1,000 district associations. It is planned that the interests of the denomination shall be adequately set forth at all of these associations in their annual meetings in the hope that the delegates to the associations will in turn carry the message back to their local churches and secure the co-operation of these churches in fully completing the Campaign program so as to clear the way for the next forward program, beginning January 1, 1925.

Dr. C. E. Burts, former general secretary of the Baptist work in South Carolina, has assumed his duties as general director of the 1925 program and announces that he believes the program for next year can be most successfully launched by the satisfactory completion of the 75 Million Campaign during the remaining months of 1924. While making his plans for the projection of the new program, he is co-operating fully with Dr. Scarborough in the completion of the old one.

Announcing Special Sale Ladies Silk Hosiery

Beginning Friday, Aug. 8
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Midland May Send Exhibit to Abilene

Fair exhibits from Midland County and publicity are the two most important things the Midland County Chamber of Commerce can do this year, according to Porter A. Whaley, manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce.

To add weight to the request of the Midland County Chamber of Commerce that farmers and other growers bring to the office of the organization all vegetables, fruits, melons and grains which would do for exhibition purposes, the following letter from Mr. Whaley to the Chamber of Commerce is quoted:

"I note the attached clipping from the Dallas News telling of the large exhibit by the State Fair at Dallas. This is fine, and I also want to call your attention to the value I believe you will get out of sending the exhibit to the West Texas Fair at Abilene. It will be possible to send your exhibit to the Abilene Fair in whole or in part and then ship it on to Dallas. In my judgment quite a number of settlers for the Midland territory can be secured out of West Texas, and we will have our Exhibit Manager, Mr. Whiteaker, at Abilene to assist you in any way possible in putting up your exhibit."

Democracy To Be Found In Industry

Employees of the telephone industry now number over 350,000. In 1923 the company had 281,149 stockholders, about one-sixth of whom were employees of the Bell System.

Adding the number of employees of the Bell System who are not stockholders to the total number of stockholders, we find an army of 584,293 persons directly interested in the telephone industry. One hundred thousand additional employees of the Bell System are now paying for stock on the installment basis.

This company has a large number of stockholders than any other organization in the country and represents real "democracy" in industry.

Card of Thanks

We the undersigned wish to express our appreciation of the wonderful people of Midland. However inexpressibly grief-burdened our hearts were and are at the loss of our loved ones, we could not fail to note and feel the touch of human, comforting sympathy that radiated to us, distressed strangers in your midst. It is good to know there are people like this, and should you ever come to Tahoka we'll be your friends. God bless all of you.

Mrs. O. E. Humphreys,
Mrs. Nora Singleton,
H. W. Calaway and Family.

The Public Always Has to Pay the Bill

The Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway has issued a special compilation of the taxes it paid in 1923—a total of \$8,501,764 to the various states, or 5 per cent of the company's operating revenues.

If the radicals only knew it, that beats government ownership "all hollow," for in the case of this particular railroad the actuality is private ownership and responsibility and government appropriation of all the profits. For the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul had nothing left for dividends to its stockholders after it had paid operating expenses, taxes and other charges out of its revenues of 1923.

Under private ownership, American railroads pay into the treasuries \$1,000,000 a day in taxes.

In spite of such striking illustrations as this we see perpetual agitation such as now taking place in California and Washington to launch those states on gigantic programs for state owned power development enterprises.

The arguments of our socialist friends would be more convincing if they could point to any of their enterprises which have actually "reduced taxes."

Card of Thanks

The decision of the people seems to be adverse to my candidacy and I accept their verdict without resentment or ill feeling. I have never said anything during the campaign reflecting upon either of my opponents. So far as I am concerned, the friendly relations existing therefore are unimpaired.

If intolerance exists let us drive it from our hearts so that we may meet the future with clear vision and steadfast purpose.

Respectfully,
Warren G. Pemberton.

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LOST—Wire wheel for Ford car. Has casing on wheel. Lost between Colorado and Big Spring. Reward of \$5 for return of wheel and casing.—Elmer Bizzell, Midland, Texas. pd

FOR RENT—A four-room house in northwest Midland. Phone No. 100.—Mrs. C. G. McCall. 44-2tpd

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Uncle Sam Refuses to Stop Growing

If anybody fears that the country has stopped growing, his apprehensions are likely to be quieted by recent authoritative estimates made by the National Bureau of Economic Research, of our increases of population since the 1920 census. In these last four years, it seems, our population has increased by 7,115,000, which is practically equivalent to our entire population in 1810, and has reached a total of 112,826,000. If the increases continue at this rate, observes the Philadelphia Public Ledger, "many a man now alive will see the day when the population crosses the two million mark."

Looking over our census history it is seen that we started out with a population of a little less than four million in 1790; that we kept growing each ten years at the rate of about 35 per cent; in 1870; then from 1870 to 1900 the rate of growth dropped to 25 per cent; in 1900 and 1910 we were gaining at the rate of only about 20 per cent, and the 1920 census showed less than 15 per cent increase over 1910. This fact, we read in the News-Bulletin of the National Bureau of Economic Research, "led many persons to anticipate that in the future we might look forward to a rate population expansion considerably lower than that experienced during the last century." But "such expectations have been rudely shattered by the events of the last four years and especially by what occurred in the last part of 1923, in which period the rate of population growth was unusually high." In those six months there was a net increase, according to the Bureau's figures, of 1,162,000, a growth "greater than in any other half year during the last two decades, and probably greater than any six months period in the nation's history." The gain for the entire year was 1,943,000. It seems that "the average gain during the last four years was 1,778,750 a year, as compared with an average increase of 1,418,100 during the decade 1910-1920." Dr. Wilford L. King, who supervised the computations, explains this unusual increase as due to two facts: "first, a very heavy recorded excess of immigration and over emigration which increased our population 505,000; and second, by the fact that the death rate was as low as has ever been recorded."

Dept. Agriculture Weather Report

The U. S. department of agriculture, weather bureau at Amarillo, sends out the following report of crops and ranges and weather influences on livestock, dated July 31st: Amarillo District: Over the northern Plains the weather was generally cloudy with local rains at Spearman, Pampa, White Deer, Panhandle, Canyon and Heford and over the south Plains partly cloudy to cloudy weather with fairly good rains at Muleshoe and Plainview and scattered showers of a local nature at a few other points. Temperature ranged from 102 to 64 degrees. Over the Pecos valley rain occurred at Carlsbad, Mountainair, Clovis and Melrose to Vaughn, Huletts and Roswell. The ranges over eastern New Mexico are improving, and in the Panhandle section are about stationary. Livestock fair to good condition.

Weather and crop report: Temperatures during the week were an average with abundant sunshine and scattered showers accompanied by heavy hail from Bushland to Wildorado in the northwest section. Harvesting of wheat and oats about complete. More moisture needed for ranges and feed crops.

Telegraphic summaries of the effect on weather on ranges and livestock: Arizona: Moderate to heavy rainfall caused steady improvement over the ranges, and in stock water supply. Livestock and ranges fair to excellent ranges greatly improved. Utah: condition. Western New Mexico: Showers in some localities are helpful, but drought continues over most of the state with continued deterioration. Ranges and livestock in fair condition. Wyoming: Dryness favored cutting wild hay, rye, wheat, but range meadows drying badly in south, except mountains. Ranges fair to excellent condition in north. Few livestock shipments.

J. A. Murphy, Jr., and wife, the latter until recently Miss Geraldine Cowden, arrived in Midland last Wednesday for a visit to relatives and friends of the bride.

Mayor T. Paul Barron went to Austin last week to get Midland's sewer bonds approved and from there went to Kansas City to arrange for the money to be used in building the sewer system.

HUSBANDS DROWN IN PRESENCE OF WIVES

BEARD LAKE, PROPOSED STATE
PARK SITE, CLAIMS
FIRST VICTIMS.

On Tuesday afternoon, about 3 o'clock, a party of pleasure-seekers arrived at Beard Lake, some 23 miles north of Midland, in the "C" ranch. They were from Tahoka, O. E. Humphreys and wife and N. T. Singleton, wife and five children. It was Mrs. Humphreys' birthday, and they came to camp, spend a few days, catch some fish, and make of it a general occasion of festivity.

Their stay was brief and of unutterable, heart-rending tragedy.

The two men, soon after their arrival, discovered the old boat that has been used so much by Midland people. There were two of those narrow necks of water between them and the boat. They went around one of the points of water, but decided to wade the other.

It did not seem deep. The younger, Mr. Humphreys, took cramps and called to the other for help. Before Mr. Singleton got to him he seemed all right, laughed and started ahead. Almost immediately the cramp struck him again, and when Mr. Singleton got to him, Humphreys seemed to throw his arms about the other's neck. The water was deep a step or two beyond, into which they seemed to stagger. They did not come up again; drowned before the eyes of their horrified wives.

A man in a car was some distance around the lake, and hurried to the distressed. There was nothing to be done for the drowned men, and he carried the almost crazed ladies and children to "C" headquarters, and there the news was telephoned to Midland. About 50 of our men and boys hurried out there.

It is not easy to describe the gallant, heroic, self-sacrificing efforts of these men and boys to recover the bodies. Some of them, Frank Flood, "Cat" Currie, "Cotton" Ward, Arthur Wells, Ed Dozier, and a dozen others, were in the water for hours and hours, swimming, diving, boating, and employing every possible expedient to recover the bodies. All these efforts were apparently in vain, although "Cotton" Ward claimed and his actions evidenced that he had at one time touched one of the bodies.

Some of the boys went to "C" headquarters, made hooks and fastened them to sucker rods. With these implements the bodies were soon after recovered and landed. The bodies had been in the water about nine and a half hours, being recovered about 1:30 o'clock Wednesday morning.

Undertaker Newnie W. Ellis took charge of the remains. They were brought to Midland and he spent the balance of the night embalming them.

Other relatives of deceased, H. W. Calaway, father of Mrs. Humphreys, and Guy LeMond and wife, the latter a sister of Mrs. Humphreys, and some others arrived from Tahoka during the day. All departed about 5 o'clock Wednesday afternoon for Tahoka where the funerals took place.

Midland people were feelingly sympathetic and did all in their power in ministering in sympathy and kindly acts toward the bereaved strangers. And the saddened visitors were indeed appreciative—their expression of appreciation appears elsewhere—and the last word of the father-in-law of Mr. Humphreys, Mr. Calaway, was, "if you ever come to Tahoka we'll be your friends."

Midland people were drawn close to these heart-broken visitors, strangers though they were, and the whole host of them join The Reporter in an expression of profound sympathy to all who are bereaved.

Woman and Man Hurt West of Town

On Monday afternoon a man and woman driving from California to Cleburne, Texas, wrecked their car, a new Super-6 sedan, just west of Warfield, near the S. R. McKinney ranch, and on the highway. Reports are to effect that they were making terrific speed, and the car evidenced that fact. It was practically a total wreck.

The woman was hurt most, and is still in Odessa, under the care of a physician. The man, however, was hurt badly enough, and so bandaged as to be hardly recognizable, although he was up after a day or two.

Both, we understand, were unconscious for 24 hours or more after the accident. The woman is evidently hurt internally, although she has a good chance for recovery.

Two Heads.
When he proposed, he lost his head.
Which fact he quickly told her.
She didn't mind, for she instead
Put her head on his shoulder.

Some Rain About Midland This Week

On Tuesday last a pretty fair shower fell on the Curtis place and a part of the Geo. G. Gray ranch north. Wednesday Midland had enough rain to settle the dust, run off the house, etc.

However a fine rain is reported out Odessa way and to the northwest. Two inches or more fell at the Ratliff ranch 40 or 50 miles northwest, also on the Clabber Hill and Wolcott ranches.

A general rain is badly needed in the Midland Country to make grass for the ranges, although little or none is especially needed for cotton and some other crops.

Released by Papa.

The little son of a great movie producer asked for a bed-time story.

"Tell me about the cow that jumped over the moon, papa," said he. "I'm not a bit sleepy."

Whereupon the great movie producer, drawing up his chair, told as follows:

"Story of the Cow That Jumped Over the Moon. Released by Papa. Copyright, Mother Goose. Entered at Stationers' Hall, London, 1688. Illustrations by Kate Greenway. Decorations by Penn and Wash. Sub-titles by Ivory Beane. Published by Juvenile Guff Co., Chicago. Type of the American Type Foundry. Plates by the Coppershell Electro Co. Printed by the Flatbed Press, Boston. Proof read by Flanagan. Corrections made by Bill McLeod. Binding by Jacket, Glue & Co., Yonkers. Trucking by Al Smith. Book put out to trade by Whopper Bros., New York. Serial rights reserved. Passed by the Board of Censors. License Number 45983. Hey, diddle, diddle, the cat and the fiddle, the cow."

The breathing in the crib was suspiciously regular.

"The little lad is asleep," murmured the great movie producer. "And he wasn't tired."

Patrons of the movies could have told what made him tired.

The Reporter office has two new Remington Portable typewriters. The last word in portable writing machines. We'd like to sell 'em.

Alleged Veterans' Publications Used to Appeal to Sympathy of Patriotic Citizens.

The sale of fake "veteran" magazines and publications has cost the public more than \$5,000,000 within a period of fourteen months, according to information received by the American Legion which has issued a warning against the operations of promoters of the spurious publications.

Publishers often use the name "veteran" to persuade the public that former service men get part of the proceeds of sales. Their salesmen do not hesitate to use the disabled and wounded plea. Investigations by the Legion and other Veterans' organizations and the Department of Justice have disclosed that entire proceeds of publications go into the pockets of persons who did not serve in the war, and who capitalize the patriotism of the American public and the reputation of World war fighters to enrich themselves.

Salesmen often peddle the publications with the plea of "help ex-soldiers"; "proceeds help disabled men"; "wounded myself in France, and cannot get a job." In some cases it was found to be the "game" for publishers to disown agents soliciting advance subscriptions. Other agents were found to have bought and worn "wound buttons" from private concerns. Many peddlers who have been arrested admitted that they were not former service men. By using the "help-the-boys-who-fought-for-you" plea, they have disposed of magazines, some at 25 cents a copy, their profit ranging from 17 to 19 cents.

In a number of cases salesmen have represented their publications as endorsed by the American Legion, which is untrue.

American Legion posts in all sections of the country are urged to give publicity to these sales in order to protect patriotic citizens in their communities.

Millard Eidson, wife and son left the latter part of the week for a visit to Corpus Christi.

J. E. Hill and family returned the first of the week from a very pleasant visit to points in Colorado.

Mr. and Mrs. Brewer, of Tucson, Ariz., were guests this week of Mr. and Mrs. Millard Eidson.

Miss Jerra Edwards returned to Abilene this week after a visit with her parents. She is a student in business college in Abilene.

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A PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

MIDLAND COULD HAVE SUCH
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CONDITIONS

Dr. H. Garst, Director of the Bureau of Child Hygiene of the State Board of Health, makes the announcement that there is at the present time money available for the establishment of a Public Nursing Service in a few more counties of the state.

County nurses now employed by the state are doing splendid work in safeguarding the health of mothers and infants. Much school work is also done by these nurses, physical inspections being made of school children in the primary grades with the co-operation of local physicians, and defects found being reported to parents for correction. The results of these examinations show that quite a large per cent of school children are suffering from minor defects of eye, nose or throat, which can be easily remedied. Others are found to be underweight and a corrective diet is recommended. There is also quite a number of children who are found to be in the first stages of tuberculosis or other serious disease, which, if not checked, would perhaps end fatally.

Perhaps you are interested in securing this nursing service for your county. This can be done by having your Commissioners' Court comply with the following conditions:

1. Appropriate \$1500.00 for a twelve months' service with the understanding that the State Board of Health, through the Bureau of Child Hygiene, apportion a like amount to the county's service. The State will under no circumstances be expected to expend a greater sum of money than the county expends in the service. Any unexpended funds revert to the source of origin at the end of the year.

2. Appoint a committee of citizens who are qualified and willing to assist the nurse in her work as outlined by the Bureau of Child Hygiene. (At least one of these committee members shall be a doctor, preferably selected by the County Medical Society.)

3. This work to be county-wide, but that the activities be not carried on in a city exceeding 10,000 in population, except that the nurse may act in an advisory capacity.

4. Employ a public health nurse whose qualifications meet with the requirements of the Bureau of Child Hygiene.

5. The supervision and direction of the service be under the Bureau of Child Hygiene, and that the plan of work comply with the Maternity and Infancy Act as administered by the Bureau of Child Hygiene. This plan requires that at least half of the nurse's time be devoted to educational work in the interest of welfare of M. & I. The remaining time to an educational public health nursing program to be agreed upon by the committee and the nurse and approved by the Bureau.

6. Provide office facilities for the nursing headquarter, and a car for transportation as provided for in the budget.

When Silence Is Not Golden.

"The people have ceased to discuss those scandalous disclosures."

"I've noticed that," answered Senator Sorghum.

"Evidently they have decided to forget the matter."

"You can't always tell about things like that. When a man avoids a topic of conversation, it may mean two things: that he is no longer interested, or else he doesn't want to get any madder about it than he already is."

Frank Elkin returned Thursday from a business trip to Lubbock.

TEXAS CROP VALUES HIGHEST IN UNION

STATE PRODUCES 11 PER CENT
ALL FARM PRODUCTS IN
THE COUNTRY.

The economic power of Texas is greater than that of any other American State, a fact which accounts for the constancy of prosperous conditions here, regardless of the situation in other sections of the country, says the Semi-Weekly Farm News. The world must have the cotton, the grain, the cattle, the lumber, the oil and other mineral products of Texas, and the increasing volume of these essential products compels a stream of wealth into the states that guarantees its economic future, continues the News.

Eleven per cent of the farm crop values of the United States in 1923 were produced in Texas, Government reports show. In simpler language, this state produced about one-ninth of all the farm wealth of the forty-eight states of the United States, with total value of \$1,064,775,000. This is more by over a half a billion dollars—\$558,855,000—more than the farm production of the second State, Iowa. The value of Texas crops last year was some \$2,000,000 higher than in the highest preceding year of 1919, when prices were at their peak.

Last year Texas is shown by Government statistics to have produced 42 per cent of the entire cotton crop of the United States, a crop which sold, including the seed, for something like \$600,000,000. Estimates of the Department of Agriculture puts the wheat crop of 1923 at more than 16,000,000 bushels, a record which will be exceeded by perhaps 4,000,000 in 1924; the corn crop was 151,750,000 bushels, the oat crop more than 40,000,000 bushels, barley more than 2,000,000 bushels, the hay crop 987,000 tons, wild hay, 201,000 tons, broom corn—a highly valuable product—5,700 tons, and the rice crop 987,000 tons, wild hay, 201,000 good crops of Irish and sweet potatoes, ribbon cane, sorghum, peanuts, garden vegetables and berries and fruits.

No account is here taken of the value of live stock, poultry, dairy products to the value of millions, wool, horticultural products and numerous other commodities from farm and ranch. In 1923 Texas oil production amounted to 77,530,282 barrels with a value of \$134,586,000. All of these items are wholly exclusive of manufacturing, representing only the production of new wealth from the land. In almost every instance the production is expected to be increased materially this year. Prices are as good or better for every commodity named than a year ago, hence the return to the States will be materially larger now than then.

Body Disinterred After Ten Years

The body of our former townman, Mr. Geo. P. Lynch, was exhumed here last Tuesday and the remains shipped to Dallas for re-interment. Mr. Lynch died in California about ten years ago, and was buried in the Midland cemetery. His daughter, Mrs. A. C. Parker, ordered the removal, and the matter was in charge of Undertaker Newnie W. Ellis. Mr. Lynch will further be remembered as the father of our former townspeople, Dr. W. W. and Morris Lynch, both deceased.

Help Needed.

In Scotland recently, a man caught a salmon weighing sixty pounds. American papers please exaggerate—London Opinion.

Dr. Garland Wilson was a business visitor to Midland on Tuesday, last.

HOPPER INVASION OF FIFTY YEARS AGO

WRITER IN FARM AND RANCH
SAYS THIS YEAR WORSE
SINCE 1874.

C. M. Sarchet, in Farm and Ranch, tells of the grasshopper invasion of 50 years ago, and says this year has been the most destructive since then. Mr. Sarchet says that in '74 "they came by the millions, sweeping every crop with the destruction of fire."

Following is the story as it appeared in the last issue of Farm and Ranch:

The invasion of grasshoppers this season throughout the Southwest and in Oklahoma and Kansas in particular is the greatest since the memorable grasshopper year in Kansas, fifty years ago, many years ahead of the opening of old Oklahoma to settlement in 1889. Old-timers remember the grasshopper pest swept over Northern Oklahoma at that time, but there were then no crops, this being a cattle grazing domain exclusively. The grasshoppers are disastrous this year to a certain extent, but nothing to be compared with the ravages committed a half century ago. Then the struggling settlers of Kansas, whose growing crops so bravely faced the burning skies, were visited with an invasion which leveled to the ground their efforts of the entire year and fixed a date to reckon from through all the adventurous pioneer days. It was the long-remembered grasshopper invasion of 1874, which, coupled with the drought of that spring, almost spelled starvation for the early families of the state.

The enemy arrived in the Wichita locality August 8th, 1874. On Thursday, July 30, a Wichita paper printed this dismal warning of impending disaster: "A report reaches us that Wednesday afternoon a stream of Minnesota grasshoppers about twenty miles wide and millions deep, passed about thirty miles west of us in the direction of the Gulf, last Monday. They destroyed, our informant says, everything green for the distance of twenty miles wide. We hope there is some mistake."

Was a Greenish Light
But the anxious settlers discovered there was no mistake. Winds from the north, a peculiar thing for a Kansas summer, had been blowing for several days preceding the onslaught. On Monday morning, August 8, a peculiar greenish light seemed to be spread over the country, a light which was almost iridescent and gleaming like light seen through the thin veins of an insect's wings. By 10 o'clock in the morning the sky was black as with an approaching storm and the sun was obscured from sight by the countless thousands of locusts.

"There were billions of 'em," declared one of the old settlers who witnessed the sight.
They dropped straggling to the ground in the beginning, like the first large snowflakes of a violent snow-storm, and then with such increasing violence that by noon the ground was covered for miles with a layer of writhing locusts two or three inches deep.

They came in a glittering, fluttering mass, which stretched for miles across, settling and moving on across the entire state, and leaving behind them stripped trees, corn which lacked its leaves, devastated gardens and rank destruction. They are even said to have eaten the peaches from the trees, leaving only the bare pits attached to the tree limb. An apron left hanging upon a clothes line was riddled with holes by the insects in an attempt to gain a taste of the cherry juice which stained the front of the garment.

Their march was swift and deadly. One resident tells of building a fire when the insects first appeared in the sky, in an attempt to smoke them away. Before the fire could begin and the smoke ascend into the air, the grasshoppers had cleaned up everything in sight.

Hundreds could be crushed under foot, but there were more hundreds to take the place of those which had been trampled upon. While few gained entrance to the houses, the dull thud and clatter as they flung themselves against the window panes were a constant reminder of their presence.

Children were set to skimming the insects from the wells to keep the dead things from polluting the water. Blackened stalks of corn and fields as bare as they are in the dead of winter were mute reminders of the presence of the destroyers, after they had gone on upon their deadly way across the country.

A newspaper of that day said: "We have met the enemy and—we are theirs. They came in countless numbers and began their work of devastation. A person who has never seen them, as they came upon this county, can have no just conception

of their number, nor of the incredibly short time it takes for them to clean out a field of corn. They came about 10 o'clock. At noon the work of destruction was on. At night the country looked as though a seething fire had passed over it. It looked like the fag end of hard times."

Ate All, Then Left

The grasshoppers, after they had eaten every living green bit of food in sight, took flight again and moving on southward, were probably all drowned in the Gulf of Mexico at a later date, having left their trail of havoc behind them. The whole period of devastation covered less than a week, although many of the insects remained in the country until they were killed by the frost.

So serious were the effects of the invasion that Governor Osborne called a special session of the legislature to afford relief.

Through the Kansas Central Relief Committee, financed by a special state bond issue, \$73,863.47 in cash was disbursed. In addition the committee handled 265 carloads of provisions of all kinds, the total value of the assistance rendered being \$235,108.47. This included 32,614 rations and clothing for 8,077 men, 9,758 women and 16,452 children.

The eggs deposited by the locusts in 1874 hatched out the following spring and caused much destruction in 1875, but nothing to compare with that of 1874. After that year and up to the present time, no such glittering army has ever come to obscure the blazing sun of Kansas from the faces of her people or to interfere with the celebration of what is this year the golden jubilee year of celebration of the grasshopper invasion of 1874—fifty years ago.

Shaver Says Klan Is Campaign Issue

Clem L. Shaver, chairman of the Democratic National Committee, in his first formal interview with newspaper men at the headquarters of John W. Davis, the Democratic presidential nominee said that he believed the Ku Klux Klan will be an issue during the campaign in "spots, determined by local conditions." He added that whether the national campaign would take cognizance of the question was a problem for the nominee himself to decide. Chairman Shaver also announced that Candidate Davis would "sometime during the campaign, certainly go West" and that Tuesday he would find a location in New York for the opening of Eastern campaign headquarters. Other headquarters, he said, would be opened in Chicago and regional offices in other places. Asked if he would discuss with Gov. Alfred E. Smith the question of whether the latter should stand for re-election, Chairman Shaver said:

"I, of course, expected to see the Governor, but will not talk to him about his candidacy. That is a matter for local determination."

"The Ku Klux Klan will be an issue in spots," Mr. Shaver said, "which spots to be determined by local conditions. But I think the state platforms will take care of it in those places."

Chairman Shaver said that the members of the party's board of campaign strategy have already been selected, but that he was not ready to announce their names.

He gave assurances that women would have places on this board as they "vote and I would not like to be the one to ignore them." The board, he explained, would not be composed of members from each state, as this would conflict with the national committee, which is so composed.

On the matter of choice of campaign manager, Mr. Shaver said: "There are probably a dozen men now under consideration for Eastern manager," adding in reply to a question, "Franklin D. Roosevelt's name has to be considered."

Chamber Commerce Wants Its Property

Where are the jars and other glass containers used during fair exhibits in Midland?

In former years exhibits have been made at the Midland County Fair. The Chamber of Commerce or some other organization owned some glass jars and other glass containers used for exhibiting fruits and vegetables. These containers are badly needed now. If anyone knows where these are, he is asked to notify the Chamber of Commerce office.

Electric light and power companies are furnishing service to approximately 2 1/4 per cent or 164,347 of the 6,500,000 farmers in the United States, according to report of rural electric service committee of the National Electric Light Association.

Robt. Currie, ranching 20 odd miles southwest, was in town the first of the week. He reports no rain and the country pretty dry.



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In past nine years more than 100,000 permanent federal officials have been added to the rolls—increasing cost \$195,591,000.

State official payrolls have been increased in numbers and cost so that altogether one out of every twelve workers is a government employee. Additional laws enacted by congress and State legislatures all increase taxes and take money away from the producing citizen.

It has been the slogan of the last two presidents that government payrolls must be cut down in numbers.

Pennsylvania, Illinois, Washington and Idaho have consolidated boards and commissions and materially cut their overhead.

Every state in the Union and every department of the Federal government could probably trim at least 25 per cent off its overhead.

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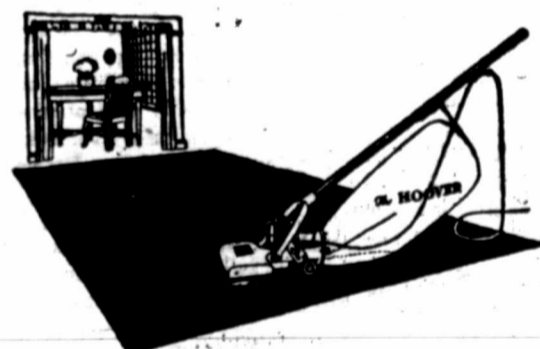
Chew it after every meal

It stimulates appetite and aids digestion. It makes your food do you more good. Note how it relieves that stuffy feeling after hearty eating.

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The jobholder is the backbone of every political party. Jobs are the currency in which party debts are paid. This currency is at present inflated—we have too many job holders eating up tax funds.



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To many housewives summer is no different from any other time of the year, for they are far too busy with their household problems to find time for rest and recreation. But across the street—or, maybe, next door—summer means "the playtime of the year" to those who have learned how to simplify their cleaning tasks with a Hoover.

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TEXAS WEEKLY INDUSTRIAL LOG

There is, with a safeguarded economic stability, a spirit in the people which will insist upon a clean national household from cellar to attic. Safe and sane policies, state and national, make the United States the safest investment in the world today.

Jacksonville—New gin being erected in western suburb on I. G. N. railroad.

Paris—\$150,000 federal building being constructed in this city.

San Antonio—Independent school district No. 18 planning erection of \$100,000 schoolhouse.

Dudley—Dudley Oil & Gas Co. to let contract for 6 new wells in local field.

San Antonio—Contract to be awarded for construction of \$75,000 Catholic church in Alamo Heights.

Mercedes—New road being built between this city and Santa Maria will cut distance by 1 1/2 miles.

Houston—Guaranty National Bank to replace old building at 306 Main street with 3-story marble structure.

Victoria—Victoria county planning \$750,000 bond issue for road improvements.

Deepwater—Work on extension of Public Belt railroad started.

Dallas—Forty-eight room apartment building to be put up on Swiss avenue at cost of \$45,000.

Houston—Paving contracts involving total of \$116,377 and covering 4 projects awarded by city council.

Waco—Austin avenue Methodist congregation to construct \$250,000 church building.

Laredo—Work being rushed on improvement of Highway No. 12 extending from city limits to La Salle county line.

Big Lake—No. 10 well in local field comes in making 2,760 barrels per day.

Dallas—South Dallas Christian Church congregation planning erection of \$35,000 Sunday school building.

Houston—Athens Pottery Company to open local branch with capacity of 30,000 flower pots per day.

Mexia—North end of Kaufman street being paved by public subscription.

El Paso—El Paso Union Stockyards building \$15,000 commercial horse and mule sheds.

San Antonio—Zarzamora street to be paved from Gaudaloupe street to Southern Pacific railroad tracks.

Houston—Only 7 miles of right-of-way yet to be obtained by Houston-Beaumont-Orange Interurban Railway Company. \$5,000,000 bond issue sold and contract awarded for construction of road.

McKinney—Highway to be retopped from this city to Plano.

Austin—Oil well flowing 2700 barrels daily brought in on state university land in Reagan county.

San Angelo—225,000 lbs. of 1924 wool sold at prices ranging from 35 to 38 cents a lb.

Van Alstyne—Foundation work

VOGUE BEAUTY SHOPPE

While in Big Spring call at the Vogue Beauty Shoppe, the best equipment and experienced operator in the West. In Chamber of Commerce Building.

Madam De Lafosse
Manager

started for erection of 100,000-gallon water tower.

Big Spring—Stone's bottling plant opened for the manufacture of all kinds of beverages.

Dallas—Contract awarded at \$173,730 for Cadiz street sewer work.

Bastrop—Bastrop Cotton Mills, recently organized, planning construction of \$500,000 mill.

Greenville—New structure to replace store building destroyed by fire.

Manchester—Texas Chemical Company to build complete fertilizer plant on local site of Houston Ship channel.

Houston—Harris County school for boys to be erected at estimated cost of \$90,000.

San Antonio—San Antonio Builders' Exchange Building Company starts work on \$150,000 10-story building.

Oil pipe line runs in Texas for May totaled 11,621,919 barrels.

Houston—Houston, Beaumont and Orange interurban considering plans for extension of lines to Lake Charles La.

Sabinal—Clark Oil Company spuds in test well on Florea ranch north of city.

Fire Losses That Are Preventable

In some of the western states fire losses of preventable causes or causes partly preventable, far exceed losses per capita in eastern states.

This is probably due to a smaller percentage of fireproof construction and also less efficient water supply and fire fighting apparatus.

For instance, in Oregon the losses from fire laid to carelessness and those originating from partly preventable causes totaled \$19,275,000 in 7 years past.

These figures of the State Insurance Commissioner, on basis of 750,000 population, would indicate over \$16 per capita annual fire loss.

In some of the western states, the annual per capita fire loss is shown to be rapidly increasing. Oregon losses aggregating \$8,213,532 during 1923 with insurance paid of \$5,357,487 during 1923.

On the basis of per capita losses in Oregon over a period of 7 years, fire losses from all causes in the United States would total \$1,670,000,000.

This total far exceeds actual losses in the United States and proves that per capita losses in Oregon far exceed average per capita loss in the 48 states.

Complaint is often heard that insurance rates in one section of the country are lower than in another section. The reason for this is shown by the per capita loss average in Oregon compared with per capita loss in other states. The rates should be highest where the risk is greatest.

Otherwise the careful citizen in one state or city pays for the carelessness of the reckless citizen in another state or city. A continued high loss ratio means eventually higher insurance rates, and vice versa.

Off and On.

"You give your clerks two weeks vacation every year, don't you, Mr. Tintack?" asked the friend.

"A month," grunted the eminent hardware dealer.

"A month?"

"Yes. Two weeks when I go on my vacation and two weeks when they go on theirs."

Practical Nurse Tells

Mrs. N. E. Snow, of Route 1, near Paris, Tenn., tells the story of her experience as follows:

"I am 62 years old and I have been a practical nurse for more than 20 years, taking mostly maternity cases. One of my daughters suffered from cramping at . . . She would just bend double and have to go to bed."

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

was recommended to her and she only had to take about two bottles, when she hardly knew that it was . . . she suffered so little pain.

"My youngest daughter was run-down, weak and nervous, and looked like she didn't have a bit of blood left—just a walking skeleton, no appetite and tired all the time. I gave her two bottles of Cardui. It built her up and she began eating and soon gained in weight and has been so well since."

Cardui, the Woman's Tonic, has helped suffering women for over forty years. At all druggists.

THE PASSING DAY

By Will H. Mayes, Department of Journalism, University of Texas

Two hundred and thirty-five members of the Boys' and Girls' Clubs of Shelby County were in Austin recently for a day and two nights. They were making a thousand-mile itinerary of Texas and stopped to get acquainted with the capital of their state. Many of them had never been out of their home county in East Texas before starting on this trip. Most of them earned the money with which to pay the incidental expenses of the fifteen day automobile trip, and most of the food used was grown and canned by the boys and girls. The girls made the clothing they wore.

As an educational tour nothing quite like it or quite so helpful has ever been undertaken before. These youngsters are of an age when investigation, discovery, is like to be the keenest interest in their lives. Nothing that came within their sight escaped them; nothing that was said to them was unheard, everything will be remembered. Not only will they know and love their state better, but they will talk about it to the people back home. Shelby County will hereafter feel that it is in Texas, rather than on the border between Louisiana and Texas. The girls and boys will fire the people at home with their enthusiasm, and pride in Texas will be intensified.

The trip provided for a four day stay at the A. & M. College to be spent in an intensive study of farm and home problems and in meeting prize winning boys and girls from all over Texas. What a wonderful opportunity! There several thousand of Texas' brightest young country people will learn from each other something of what the boys and girls throughout the state are doing. The competition for honors will be great, but the rivalry will put the contestants on their metal. The Shelby County contingent, themselves local prize winners, will be fired with an ambition to excel in whatever they do, and the ambition, once thoroughly aroused, seldom dies.

A feature of the trip that attracted much attention was that at each place where the party camped for the night, it served a feast of Shelby County products grown and canned by the boys and girls making the tour. No Texan ever ate a better dinner of nourishing, wholesome, body-building food. It illustrated that East Texas can feed itself with the best food and at slight expense, even through long sessions of drought or flood. All East Texas needs to do is to grow a sufficient variety of easily grown food products, can them, and live in luxury. The soil does its part; the seasons are favorable; it is only up to the people to be reasonably thrifty and energetic.

But the lesson should be worth more to West Texas than to the eastern part of the state. West Texas has periods of drought in which little food-stuffs are raised. With sufficient regular rainfall so much is grown that a large part of it is wasted. There is not a county in all that great section of the state in which enough food could not be canned to tide over a drought of several years' duration. But aside from that, it must be nice to go to one's very own pantry at any time of the year and get cans of fresh vegetables and fruits of all kinds, and beef and spring chicken as good as that fresh from the market house. The time will come when most Texas farmers will have on hand at all times at least a year's supply of canned foods.

In almost every county in Texas barbecues and picnics have been held this month attended by thousands to hear political speeches and empty promises. Even small communities have spent hundreds of dollars in such gatherings. It is good to get the people together even in political meetings, but if one-half of the energy spent in political gatherings could be devoted to community improvement, Texas would soon become a most wonderful state. If the people would only take that interest in affairs for their own improvement, that they take for advancing the political interests for candidates for office, Texas development would be magical. Let it be hoped that some day Texas citizens may come to regard other things as of at least equal importance with politics.

Speeding Up Production.

An old chinaman delivering laundry in a mining camp, heard a noise and saw a huge brown bear sniffing his boots in the newly fallen snow. "Whish!" he gasped. "You like my tracks, I makee some more."



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		4-pass. Coach	1585
		2-pass. Double Service Coupe	1475
Master Sixes		Master Sixes	
2-pass. Roadster	\$1365	5-pass. Sedan	\$1725
5-pass. Touring	1395	7-pass. Sedan	1425
7-pass. Touring	1625	5-pass. Pittsburgh Sedan	1750
2-pass. Sport Roadster	1750	4-pass. Coach	1725
4-pass. Sport Touring	1800	5-p. X. Coupe	1725
		7-pass. Limousine	2525
		Town Car	4045
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History of Boll Weevil Interesting

The cotton boll weevil is originally Mexican, having been found around Monclava, State of Coahuila, Mexico, where as early as 1856 or 1862 it did so much damage to cotton that cotton growing there was abandoned.

In 1885, Dietz, W. G., reported the boll weevil in Texas, but this was later found to be incorrect.

In 1892 the cotton boll weevil made its appearance in the vicinity of Matamoros, Mexico, and shortly thereafter crossed the river into Texas at a point near Brownsville.

In 1894 Townsend, C. H. T., of the United States Department of Agriculture, made the first formal report of boll weevil infestation of Texas, having investigated the matter and found infestation in the region near Brownsville.

In 1894 it had spread northward from Brownsville to San Diego, Alice, Corpus Christi, Beeville, Pearsall, Sabinal, and almost to San Antonio.

In 1895 it extended its range to San Antonio and eastward to Caero, Victoria and Wharton.

In 1896 it extended northeast from San Antonio to Seguin, but made no other extensive spread that year because of severe drought.

In 1897 it made little spread, but did considerable damage in the infested area.

In 1902 it had spread as far as Burnet, Lampasas, Bosque, Hill, Ellis, Henderson, Anderson, Trinity and Hardin counties.

In 1903 it reached the Louisiana State line.

In 1905 it had spread northward to the Red River and eastward, infesting about one-half of the state of Louisiana.

In 1916 it had spread eastward to the Atlantic coast.

In 1919 it had reached the northern limit of the cotton belt in Oklahoma.

In 1922 it had infested practically the entire cotton growing region of the United States. The only extensive uninfested territory lies in West and Northwest Texas, this area being about the size of the State of Kansas.

Records of the infestation toward the north west from year to year since 1910, compiled by the Bureau of Entomology of the United States Department of Agriculture, show that the boll weevil had practically reached its northwestern limit of infestation in 1910.

Take Calotabs for the liver



Beware of imitations. See package the genuine in 10c and 35c packages bearing above trade mark.

Roy Parks and wife are home again after a sojourn of some weeks in Ft. Worth and other points east.

THOUSANDS OF WOMEN LIVE IN SILENT MISERY

Because They Are Suffering From Female Troubles That Can Be Easily Overcome.

All over Alabama women by the thousands are living in misery, suffering from the many ills peculiar to their sex, when they might be enjoying the glorious feeling of health that brings to them beauty, energy and happiness, by simply profiting by the experience of others all over the country who have used Stella Vitae and found relief. Mrs. Mary A. Stiles, Route 1, Jopka, Ala., says: "I was so weak and run down that I was hardly fit for a thing. Headaches worried me and I felt tired and worn out all the time. I took Stella Vitae and soon felt better, and now I am all right again and today am happy and feeling good all the time." It is not claimed that Stella Vitae will overcome disease in every case. But in order that every woman may have the opportunity of finding out for herself whether or not Stella Vitae will benefit her, the purchase price will be returned if it fails to bring relief.



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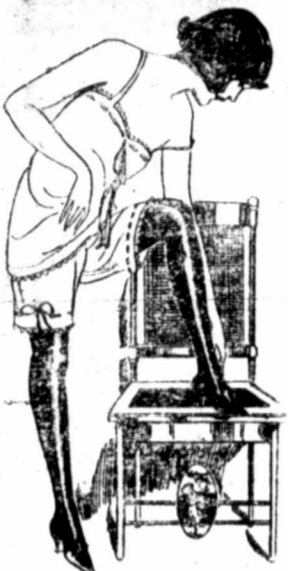
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Recharging Ford Batteries One Dollar.—Chas. E. Lange, "The Battery Man."

B. F. Denton and wife and their two sons, Erle and Raymon, are here from Kerrville, visiting Mrs. Denton's brothers, Frank and Andrew Norwood and their families, and Mr. and Mrs. W. J. Glenn. Mr. Denton is a nephew of Mrs. Glenn. They will also visit a son at Tyrone, N. M., before returning home.

Miss Lydie G. Watson of Galloway College, Searcy, Arkansas, Landon's Conservatory, Dallas, Texas, and American Conservatory, Chicago, Illinois, will open her studio September 1st. Those desiring to seriously study music will confer with her. She will be pleased to receive her old students and new ones given special attention.

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Good Man As American Legion Commander

With an idea of placing the organization of the American Legion in Texas on a business-like basis, and doing away with all personalities and cliques in the management of its affairs and election of officers, the members of Parramore Post No. 57 have recently announced a platform on which the candidacy of Robert M. Wagstaff of Abilene for the position of state commander will be openly based by the Abilene post. The drawing of a platform for a candidate for state commander is an innovation in Legion circles, and Mr. Wagstaff, who is a West Texas man, a member of one of West Texas' oldest law firms, and served as a captain in the A. E. F., pledges himself to the platform to the letter.

Mr. Wagstaff also stated that if chosen as Texas' ranking officer in the American Legion, he planned to give practically all of his time for the year to the work; he would spend almost every week-end at the state office in Dallas, would visit Washington while Congress is in session, and would visit local posts in all parts of the state.

The Wagstaff platform recently issued by the Parramore Post, which is one of the largest posts in point of membership in Texas, has three main planks: membership, disabled veterans and Americanization. The first includes an effort to increase the membership of the Legion, for greater state and national efficiency, employment of a paid organizer to give entire time to organization of new posts, and assistance of posts that have become inactive. The second plank includes a promise of close supervision of the work of the Veterans' Bureau in Texas, and a keeping in touch with the headquarters at Washington, active support of the legislative committee of the state organization in carrying out this work of the Legion. The third plank gives hearty endorsement and promise of every assistance in carrying out the campaign for Americanization and education outlined by the national organization.

Card of Thanks

I take this means to offer my most sincere thanks to the voters of Midland County for their support in the first primary last Saturday. I was very glad that my vote was sufficient to put me in the second primary by tying the present incumbent. I am doing my best to be elected and I want to thank my friends who gave me their support this time and solidified the votes and influence of all other voters. I will surely appreciate it, and if I win I promise you that you will have no cause to regret making me your tax assessor.

Ed Dozier.

To the Voters of Midland County

Words cannot express to those who voted for me my heartfelt thanks and deepest appreciation for the victory which you gave me in last Saturday's election. I never felt happier in my life than I did last Saturday night when informed of the big majority that I had won by. Of course I felt good at having won the nomination for re-election but what made me feel best of all was that such a majority of the citizens of this county, by their vote, expressed their confidence and faith in me, despite the hard fight made against me. A clear vindication and an almost unanimous stamp of approval upon my work as County Judge and upon the work of the Commissioners' Court was expressed by the voters last Saturday. Again I thank you and I only hope and trust that my life, conduct and official actions in the future will always be in just that manner that will meet with your approval as it has in the past.

I hold not the slightest enmity or hard feeling against those who did not vote for me, but on the contrary I consider them my friends and hope they feel the same towards me.

Chas. L. Klapproth, County Judge of Midland County, Texas

Geo. Harris, a former citizen of Midland, was with us this morning from Pecos. He left for home on the 10:30 train west.

Pernie Hill returned Wednesday morning from Burbanks, Okla., where he is pasturing a considerable bunch of cattle. He reports conditions up there very fine, but that it is dry between here and there.

Fisher Pollard, county and district clerk of Andrews County, was a visitor on the first of the week. He had no opponent and so his re-election was not an exciting event. He reports range and farm conditions out his way very good, though it is getting pretty dry.

ROBERT E. RANKIN DIED TUESDAY NIGHT

WAS FORMER MIDLAND CITIZEN AND SUPERINTENDENT OF OUR CITY SCHOOLS.

Although it was generally known among his friends here that our former citizen, Robert Erwin Rankin, had been in poor health for a long time, nevertheless news of his death last Tuesday night came to us as a shock and filled the hearts of many with inexpressible sorrow. Especially do we sympathize with the bereaved wife, mother, sister, and brothers.

Mr. Rankin's wife is a daughter of our townsman, "Uncle Chris" Scharbauer. Aside from this he was very highly esteemed for his own personal worth, and his passing is counted as a distinct and direct loss to hundreds of friends all over this section of West Texas.

The following account of his passing is taken from Wednesday's issue of the Abilene Morning News:

"R. E. Rankin, 56, a resident of Abilene for the past sixteen years who served eight years as postmaster, died at 11 o'clock Tuesday night after two years of ill health. Funeral services will be conducted from the family home, 248 Osage street, at 10 o'clock Thursday morning by Dr. J. C. Burkett assisted by Rev. L. N. Stuckey.

"Mr. Rankin was born in Bell Buckle, Tennessee, March 13, 1868. He was educated at Webb School, Bell Buckle, Tenn., and Leland Stanford University, Cal. He moved to Midland, Texas, about twenty-nine years ago and was superintendent of the Midland schools for five years. Later he was engaged in the cattle business at Midland. He moved to Abilene about sixteen years ago and has been active in constructive interest of the community. He was head of the Abilene postoffice for eight years. He retired as postmaster a few months ago.

"Mr. Rankin has been a consistent member of the Methodist church for about forty years. He was converted at the age of sixteen and joined the Methodist church soon after. He was an active member of the St. Paul Methodist church here. He was also a member of the Knights of Pythias lodge.

"The funeral services will be conducted by Dr. J. C. Burkett, an old friend of the family and Rev. L. N. Stuckey, pastor of the deceased.

"Active pallbearers will be George Minter, Dr. R. P. Glenn, Dr. T. B. Bass, D. D. Parramore, T. P. Davidson and S. M. Jay.

"Honorary pallbearers named are: J. M. Wagstaff, Baylor Crawford, A. E. Pool, Mack L. Wyatt, W. J. Fulwiler, Henry Bass, R. L. Bland, R. G. Hall, H. A. Hillett and W. C. Lasley.

"The deceased is survived by his widow and one son, Robert Rankin, of Abilene, mother, Mrs. Laura Rankin, one sister, Effie Rankin, and two brothers, Grey Rankin and Horace Rankin, all of Midland."

These two brothers used to live in Midland, but have not in a number of years past. Mrs. Rankin, the mother, and Miss Effie, the sister, left immediately for Abilene to be present at the funeral, which took place as stated by the Abilene News on yesterday morning at 10 o'clock.

Revival Meeting at Prairie Lee School

At Prairie Lee school house six miles east of Midland, on Friday night, August 1st—that is tonight—an old-time revival meeting will begin. Just the gospel will be preached, the following being some of the subjects:

- 1. Salvation for the sinner.
- 2. Divine healing for the sick, through faith in Jesus.
- 3. Baptism of the Holy Ghost for believers.
- 4. And the soon coming of Christ for the church.

These four great truths will be clearly expounded from the gospel. Come; bring the sick. Jesus still heals both soul and body. Psalms 103:3; James 5:13-17.

Special music and singing by Mrs. Gracie Sharp, of Wichita Falls.

Come; camp on the ground. Evangelistic services every night at 8:30. Rev. W. D. Hall, Big Spring, Texas.

Judge J. T. Cross was a visitor the first of the week from Odessa. He was defeated in the election last Saturday in his candidacy for re-election as county judge, our former townsman, T. J. Hendrick, winning by a substantial majority. Judge Cross leaves the office with a splendid record, The Reporter having been pleased to congratulate him on it in former counts. His record in the conduct of Bankhead Highway business for Ector County is something to be proud of.

Homer Epley is home from a week-end trip to Abilene.

PEOPLE DON'T WEAR GLASSES—

For the purpose of seeing as well as possible either in the distance or close-up. Not always. Sometimes the Optometrist cuts down on a person's vision in order to secure comfortable vision. And that (comfortable vision) is the purpose of all examinations by the Optometrist. If you aren't seeing with comfort, be a patient of ours.

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An Afternoon With Mrs. John Dublin

One of the largest parties of the season was the one last Wednesday afternoon when Mrs. John Dublin entertained with nine tables of bridge. The home in West Midland was attractive with daisies and roses, the motif of yellow and white prevailing. The tables were artistically arranged and upon arrival, assisted by Mrs. Leon Bryant, the guests were served with chicken sandwiches, green olives, fruit salad with whipped cream, potato chips and iced mint tea.

Mrs. Allen Tolbert was the recipient of high score, an attractive ivory serving tray, and Mrs. Hugh Gogans winning the "cut", a hand-painted yellow flower holder. Low score prize was presented to Mrs. Oran Collins.

At the conclusion of the games yellow and white brick cream and delicious angel food cake with yellow icing completed the refreshments.

A Guest.

Card of Thanks

I am deeply grateful to my friends who supported me so loyally in the election last Saturday. I am happy indeed to be in the run-off primary August 23rd, and sincerely hope to win out then. I assure you I will profoundly appreciate your further support, and if elected will do all in my power to make an efficient, worthy county treasurer.

Mrs. Lizzie Quinn.

We congratulate our young townsman, Welf Curtis, upon being one of 60 applicants for admission to the medical department of the Texas University at Galveston who were admitted. Since the war there has been a rush of applicants, and the number of acceptances had to be limited to 60. It is a pleasure to know our young townsman's studies will not be delayed or interrupted.

Thomas Schrock, who has been visiting his parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. M. Schrock, returned to Dallas this week in which city he has been employed for some time.

One of our prominent ranchmen-farmers this week predicted that Midland County would harvest this year four or five thousand bales of cotton. Listens good.

CHURCH NOTICES

CATHOLIC CHURCH

Mass will be on every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the month. Beginning of mass at 10 a. m.

CHRISTIAN CHURCH

Sunday School 9:45 a. m. Communion 11 a. m. Preaching 11:15 a. m. and 8:15 p. m.

Morning Subject—"Resurrection and Ascension of Christ." Evening Subject—"Paul's Conduct at Thessalonica." A welcome awaits all. Please report the sick.

W. B. Blount, Pastor. Phone 133.

METHODIST CHURCH

The regular schedule of services will be observed at the Methodist church next Sunday.

L. U. Spellmann.

BAPTIST CHURCH

All regular services will be held at the Baptist church next Sunday. The pastor will preach in the morning on "Forsaking Christ," and in the evening on "Envy's Evil Work."

The Young Men's Bible Class will meet at the Rialto Theatre at ten o'clock.

Prayer meeting and business meeting next Wednesday evening at 8:30. W. S. Garnett, Pastor.

Recharging Ford Batteries One Dollar.—Chas. E. Lange, "The Battery Man."

Card of Thanks

To those kind friends who gave me their loyal support in the recent Primary Election I wish to convey my heartfelt thanks. To those who saw fit to oppose, I utter no complaint as your right of suffrage gave you the privilege. Knowing that I ran a fair, square, clean race and harmed no person by thought, word or deed, I am as ever,

Yours sincerely, J. M. Gilmore.

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