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The Discovery Well In Green Valley

Opening Up Great Oil Field in Trans Pecos Boon to Brewster and Presidio County Pioneers.

By Llew Davis, (El Paso Times)

The Green Valley field of Brewster and Presidio counties, in the middle of the famous Big Bend region of Trans-Pecos Texas, now in the grip of a sudden oil excitement, is almost sure to become the scene of intensive activity. In the opinion of many experienced oil men the field will rival the most famous fields of Oklahoma, Louisiana, North Central Texas and even the wonderful Tampico oil field. Indeed, in the phrase of local optimists, "it is to not only rival but will even surpass the great Mexican oil Golconda in the not distant future in production and long life."

Whether or not these predictions will be realized time and the drill alone can tell, but the discovery of oil in an entirely new and virgin wildcat field in the midst of a wide valley in the primeval solitude of West Texas, hundreds of miles beyond the fields of commercial production, is an event of transcendent importance in this time when eager scouts are scouring the earth for the liquid of gold, the supplies of which we are told are rapidly being exhausted.

Oil has actually been struck in the Wilson No. 1 on the Jim Wilson pasture. It is of the high grade paraffine, and with some asphalt base, which, in the opinion of experts, is one of the best features indicative of it being in the center of original big mother oil basin of West Texas, and not a migratory oil like that found in some other parts of the Trans-Pecos.

Brewster county oil did not migrate from other fields, but was formed and accumulated in its own arena. Beneath its ample bosom is a vast oil pool awaiting to be punctured by hundreds of drill holes. That this belief is strong is evidenced by the number of great standard rigs and derricks in the field near Marathon, and the strong financiers operating them.

Alpine Thronged with Visitors

The trip from El Paso to the new field is made over the G. H. & S. A. railroad eastward 230 miles to Alpine or Marfa, the former county seat of Brewster county and the latter the county seat of Presidio county, both flourishing little cities substantially built and growing rapidly, and about equi-distant from the Wilson well over fairly good roads. A few El Pasoans, very few I regret to say, made the journey to the well when the demonstration was made, although the Alpine chamber of commerce and the management had extended a general invitation. Malcoming up the first ascending hill and soon disappeared in the dense fog. The elevation of Alpine is about 5,100 feet, a mile high city. Soon we were rounding dizzy heights at least a thousand feet higher. For nearly 20 miles we traversed the mountain road in what reminded one of the country around Prescott, Ariz., for oaks, cedars and junipers dotted the landscape. Surely we thought this a strange region to look for oil where the formation was comprised of porphyries, andesites, rhyolites, schists and other rocks of igneous character. But as we passed the summit and began the decent we beheld to the southward the vast expanse of Green Valley, a regional field stretching toward the Mexican horizon to the south and west, and far to the east and northeast. Down down, we sailed into its ample bosom large enough and free enough from igneous intrusion to store pools of oil sufficient to supply the world for generations.

On the north and to our right were walls of stratified rock with folds, anticlinal and synclinal. One of these exposures bore a striking resemblance to the hull of a gigantic vessel, which should be called battle ship hill. Soon we went through a gate into the big ranch of W. W.

Turney, covering several hundred thousand acres, covered with luxuriant green grass, and whizzed past Turney's headquarters house and soon, journeying southwest, we entered the gate into Jim Wilson's big ranch. Next we saw the derrick of the oil well several miles farther westward.

Site of Well

Owing to an accident, in which the springs of our car had broken we were among the later arrivals. We came to another fenced enclosure nearly half a mile square, at the gate of which were posted notices: "No smoking allowed within this enclosure," "Danger," etc. Sorrowfully we threw our cigars away.

Fraser and myself went by railroad, but we found Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Turney and a few others had driven there in autos the night before. We left El Paso Wednesday night and arrived at Alpine at 5 o'clock Thursday morning. The morning was cold and soon a misty rain set in. The hotel was crowded with visitors and we were informed that all rooms had been engaged days ahead. We counted approximately a hundred autos lined up along the principal street, and the side walks were crowded with eager oil scouts and speculators. After a good breakfast the word was given to start for the well. Several scores of autos loaded with men and women went gaily scout-

The derrick was in the center of the quadrangle, and several small houses for drillers were on the left. To the north nearby was a large tank that had evidently been recently excavated by plows and scrapers, circular in shape, with earth embankments several feet high, capable of holding many thousand barrels of oil—a vast reservoir. Another noticeable thing was the distance of the boiler and engine from the derrick, several hundred feet to the west. The boiler and engine had hastily been moved from their first position near the well for safety, as the big gas bubbling up was ominous. In fact, it is stated, that the driller was so excited when he discovered that he had struck oil full of gas that he hastened to town and took out a policy of life insurance. For it was the first wildcat in that region and no one could tell what might happen should a giant gusher burst forth. Wayne Darling, the experienced driller, took no chances. The derrick is about 84 feet high, and the rig is a star 30.

Move Cameras on the Job

Between 60 and 70 autos were parked at a safe distance from the well while between 200 and 250 visitors busied themselves at luncheon. Driller Darling and his assistant, C. L. Winder, were forced to pose before the moving picture camera and a score of kodaks.

Then the engine started and the bailer was lowered into the hole which is 1,740 feet deep and cased down with 10 inch casing 1,500 feet. Impatiently, silently, and expectantly the crowd watched the cable lower and stop and slowly wind up. Minutes seemed hours. Would the bailer come up empty and bitter disappointment follow? Suddenly the little cable line showed black oil, fully thirty feet above the bailer, and the bailer shot up reeking with petroleum. Its contents poured into a large steel tank. Then another bailer came up full of oil and the cable marked 216 feet of oil, a shout went up that made the derrick tremble. The wildest excitement followed and hundreds of empty bottles and cans were filled, dozens of suits were smeared with oil and everybody's hands were black with the grease. Brewster county has an oil well! Cheers were given and repeated for the Arizonians who had brought in the first oil well and drillers who had drilled it in.

Paints Glowing Picture of Future

Dr. Ben F. Berkley of the Alpine State bank mounted a platform and in an eloquent address expressed the thanks and appreciation of the people of Brewster and Presidio counties for the people of Arizona and California who had brought in the first well, and pictured in glowing language what it meant for the future of the vast Trans-Pecos region. The clouds had opened and let the bright rays of the slowly descending sun dispel the gloom of the day, and throw a glamor over the beautiful landscape, green with a mantle of grass and dotted myriads of blue, purple and yellow wild flowers. Miles and miles away the distant mountains circling the wonderful basin of oil lent enchantment to the scene. Reluctantly the joyous crowd entered their cars and hiked homeward, while the engine continued puffing and the bailer lowered with its burden of the precious fluid that lights and moves the modern world.

The well is on the Jim Wilson pasture, Brewster county, within less than a mile of the east line of Presidio county. Both counties can claim the honor of having the first discovery oil well in that great region. Alpine and Marfa are rival claimants of the honor. Both will reap untold benefit from this discovery. Soon, it is believed, myriads of derricks will mar that beautiful landscape in the mad scramble for oil. Then will come the railroad to this new Golconda. The Kansas City, Mexico & Orient line is surveyed within a few miles of the Wilson well. Meanwhile pipe lines will be laid to the railroad and oil towns spring up in the different localities in Green Valley, according to Mr. Berkley.

But the development of a big oil field within 230 miles of El Paso means still more to the southwest. The people of Brewster and Presidio counties feel that they are part of El Paso and will never look to other cities for supplies or market. But El Paso must not neglect its opportunity and labor under the delusion that everything will fall into its lap, for Ft. Worth and San Antonio are already reaching their long tenacious that way to grab the coveted business.

History of the Wilson Well

The following is a brief statement of how the Wilson well was made possible. It will be noted that the men who did it are big men of Arizona, the State where they do big things:

In March 1919, Grant Jones, Lon Harmon and Dr. W. G. DeVore, all men of prominence in the Salt River valley of Arizona, and others associated with them, decided that they wanted a wildcat oil field in Texas. They asked L. G. Knipe, geologist and engineer, who had spent many years in geological field work thru the Trans-Pecos fields, to go and locate one of them. After long and careful study of the region he selected the Green Valley and a drilling contract was signed, taking effect July, 1919, upon the lands of Jim P. Wilson and W. W. Turney.

Plenty of Trouble for Driller

They assembled the rig and erected the derrick and Wayne Darling, who had drilled for the Arizonans in other fields, was sent to drill the well. Constant rain all last summer delayed work, and it was as late as November 17, 1919, that Wilson well No. 1 was spudded in. Darling had plenty of troubles and fishing for tools which were stuck once for 40 days. On Thursday afternoon, April 22, 1920, after running through soft shale for some distance at 1,740 feet, the 10½-inch tool struck something hard. Wayne pulled out his tools to clean the hole preparatory to going into a change of structure. To his astonishment when he pulled up the tools he saw that the last 40 ft. of the line was black with oil. As fast as his Ford could take him he drove to Alpine, 53 miles away, and sent a message over the wires to his Arizona employers, reading: "Shorty badly hurt; come down here by first train." Grant Jones, Dr. DeVore and Mr. Knipe answered the call and arrived at Alpine on No. 10 at 6 o'clock Saturday morning, and were met by Alfred Newell of Alpine who drove the party to the well post haste that afternoon. The sand bucket was dropped into the well, and the rest of the contents of the bucket were carefully poured back into the well. Profound secrecy followed as they had not secured all the acreage desired. But the secret leaked out and rumors flew over the country. These rumors

were stoutly denied, but, like Banquo's ghost they would not down. At last they admitted they had struck the oil and invited every one to come and witness the demonstration pulled off on last Thursday.

The drill had struck a hard cap rock which is evidently cracked so that the oil under strong gas pressure is forced up from below. They have taken every precaution. They have been unable to let down the 10½-inch casing lower than 1,500 ft. on account of an obstruction. This necessitates under-reaming and spearing, before the remaining 240 feet can be cased. They have drilled into this cap rock only five feet. When they drill the well they will invite visitors to witness the coming in of the first well in Brewster and Presidio Big Bend region. The event will be celebrated by a big barbecue and dance. This is scheduled to come off in about two weeks.

CHAMBER OF COM. MEETS

Board of Directors Inaugurate Movement For Expansion.

A small but enthusiastic meeting of the Board of Directors of the chamber of commerce was held on Saturday evening, May 29th. The following officers and directors were present: H. M. Fennell, vice-president, Presiding T. M. Wilson, F. L. Anderson, B. F. Lockley, J. S. Cook, Secretary.

After general discussion, it was unanimously agreed that there was an urgent and immediate need of the infusion of some PEP into the public spirited citizenship of the community. Spur-of-the-moment enthusiasm is never lacking, but for some unaccountable reason, it seems to be short lived, with the result that important matters, needing enthusiastic and continuous attention, are allowed to drag, and, in some instances die.

The sense of the meeting was that some steps should be taken to create and maintain, permanently, a spirit of progressiveness in the community. It was firmly believed by all those present that such absence of this spirit as exists is due principally to a lack of personal touch and communion between the community citizenship. It was further agreed that the situation would be much improved if, periodically, the business men, cattlemen, and others interested, would gather about a common board for luncheon, and to discuss matters of vital public interest.

It was therefore decided that, twice monthly, beginning Monday, June 7th, there would be held, under the auspices of the Marfa chamber of commerce, a luncheon, for the above described purposes. The luncheon scheduled for Monday, will be given in the War Camp Community Service Club rooms, from 12:30 to 1:30 P. M. There will be a nominal charge per plate, and those attending are assured of a well prepared and palatable repast. An opportunity will be thus afforded to each citizen to meet and know his neighbor, and to come face to face with the commercial and other problems which confront the community. It is an opportunity which no public spirited citizen can afford to miss. If you have a kick to register, come out in the open with it. Present your case at a time, and under conditions which will permit of a remedy being prescribed. This is not possible unless the matter is presented, properly, and at the proper time and place. If you have a boost, or a word of commendation to offer, let it be heard when and where it will bear fruit.

MR. AND MRS. T. W. SNYDER ENTERTAIN WEDDING PARTY

Mr. and Mrs. T. W. Snyder will entertain the Duddy-Parrish wedding party at dinner Monday evening at six o'clock at their home. The guests will include Misses Ruth Parrish, Lorene Settle, Elizabeth Fennell, Penelope Snyder, Evelyn Fitzgerald, Lucy Snyder, Messrs. John Duddy, Otho Joyce, Joe Mitchell, Ben Pruitt, and Rev. and Mrs. L. F. Parrish.

Texas Is Still Part of the Federal Union.

J. F. Wolters, Counsel For Farmers, Tells Dr. Marlatt Federal Highbrow, Where "To Head In."

Austin, Texas, May 30.—"Texas is still a part of the federal union and its people are still entitled to their rights under the federal constitution," declared J. F. Wolters, counsel for the farmers in the pink boll worm hearing, in a statement to the Houston Post Sunday evening. "Dr. Marlatt seems to have the idea that the federal and State governments should have power by executive of legislative act to adjudge, condemn and destroy property right without regard to the owner. Because 50 fields out of 4000 situated in nine different counties were found to contain 122 worms the courts would not permit for a minute the denying of the right to grow cotton in all of the fields nor permit the cotton grown in all of these fields to be destroyed."

Mr. Wolters said his statement was in reply to the one given out Saturday night by Charles L. Marlatt, chairman of the horticultural board. Those versed in the controversy are unanimously of the opinion that the stand taken by Mr. Wolters is unanswerable both from a practical and technical standpoint as well as from a legal position.

Compromise Bill Will Stand

"The Tillotson bill," said Mr. Wolters "which appears to appeal to Dr. Marlatt is a redraft of the present pink boll worm law, with a provision providing a method for compensation added. In view of the recent decision by the supreme court in the Stockwell case, this law could not be enforced. The bill prepared by Attorney General Cureton at the request of the committee, it is believed, will stand the acid test of judicial scrutiny.

"This bill provides for inspection of cotton fields, with powers to compel the owner to submit thereto, his rights being at the same time thoroughly safeguarded.

"If the pink boll worm is found a quarantine may be established with a zone of not exceeding five miles around the nearest point of infestation. This then constitutes a regulated zone.

"No cotton can be shipped outside of said zone except through a port. Seed can only be shipped to a designated oil mill under supervision of the commissioner of agriculture, and no hulls can be shipped until after fumigation by the authorities in accordance with approved methods by the commissioner of agriculture.

Cotton found infested may be destroyed and paid for by the State. It provides the only constitutional and legal means that can be created to accomplish that purpose.

Supplies a Just Method
 "It provides for the determination of the amount of compensation and time and method of payment in accordance with our laws providing for payment of owners of lands condemned for railroad right of ways and public roads. This system supplies a simple, speedy and just method to accomplish the purpose sought. Cotton having been ordered destroyed and the amount of compensation fixed by appraisers of the State, upon the payment of the amount to the owner by depositing the same with the clerk of the court to which the appraisers make their report, has the power to destroy the cotton. If the owner or the State is dissatisfied with the award, the appeal through the court may proceed but the only question left at issue is the amount of compensation.

"The bill provides that the cotton having been ordered destroyed, the owner can apply through a court to enjoin such destruction but upon trial the only issue shall be whether the pink boll worm infests the cotton. The necessity for the quarantine and destruction of the cotton, the presence of the pink boll worm having been established, cannot be

made a subject of inquiry by suit. "Cotton growing in a field having been found infested, destroyed and paid for, the growing of cotton in such field the succeeding year may be prohibited, the owner being compensated."

Citizen is Given His Day
 "The bill gives the citizen his day in court. This he must have. The methods provided afford speedy disposition of suits. All provisions are carefully guarded and worded, the language of the federal plant act and of the court being interpolated in an attempt to submit a bill which will stand the judicial test.

"As to the threat of a federal quarantine against the cotton and cotton products of the State of Texas attention is invited that it is and has always been the rule of the federal government when any particular locality of a State is infested to declare a quarantine against the entire State and then modify the same by excepting therefrom products from all sections or localities not infested.

"If the instant case it is proposed to apply a quarantine on cotton and its products produced outside of the actually allegedly infested territory where no menace exists the courts may be relied upon to give Texas speedy and effective relief. Texas is still a government of law not of men. Texas is still a part of the federal union and its people are still entitled to the protection of their rights under the federal constitution. This attempt to scare re-blooded Texans should make us laugh instead of even thinking of cringing.

Autocracy is Outlawed
 "Dr. Marlatt is a scientist, an entomologist. His idea appears to be that take government, State and federal, should have power by executive or administrative acts of official agents or employers to adjudge, condemn and destroy property rights without regard to the owner. Of course in Texas, according to well established fundamental principles which were reasserted by our supreme court a few weeks ago in the Stockwell case, this can not be done.

"The trouble attending any efforts on the part of Texans to get together with Dr. Marlatt on the subject under consideration is that he is making demands which under existing conditions and our constitution can not be complied with. He has so far evidenced any disposition to recognize the constitutional limitations under which our legislature must act. It appears impossible to impress him with the fact that under the constitution, the legislature can not enact a law denying the citizen the right to the use and enjoyment of his property or to condemn and destroy same, eventhough paid for, unless such property is actually infested with a pest that constitutes it a menace. Just because 50 fields out of 4000 situated in nine different counties were found to contain 122 worms, it is not believed for a minute that the courts would permit the right to grow cotton in all of the fields to be denied nor would they permit the cotton in all of the fields to be destroyed. When the legislative committee tendered him the bill drawn by the attorney general, which it is believed provides a constitutional method of procedure, he declined to make it a basis for discussion for the apparent reason that it does not in his opinion meet the scientific requirements.

"It appears to be a case where entomological science as interpreted by Dr. Marlatt and the constitution, as interpreted by the courts of Texas, are in conflict.

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You can hardly believe it? You think it must have been an accident, quite unusual in the service of the United States Post-office? You say such a thing could not be tolerated by the American people? It is not unusual, except for the man's extreme age. It is tolerated by the American people—by you and us—to our shame. Our postal laws, until we change them, treat all employees, high and low, letter-carrier, porter, clerk, and superintendent, in

most niggardly way. They work night and day, often in unwholesome quarters and under severe strain. Their minds are crowded with the endless details of an exacting system. Their bodies are racked and worn by harsh conditions and cruel burdens, and they are the lowest paid free workers in the United States. It is time for us all to know the facts and to see that quick justice is done.

Congress has been tooting into these facts, but Congress is not the "big employer" against whom the prophet Malachi thunders when he threatens swift judgment for "those that oppress the hireling in his wages." The bitter protest poured out to the Committee of Congress must ring in our ears and rouse us to action. Crowding the experience of thousands into a single sentence, a letter carrier from Camden, N. J., exclaimed "If you men really knew the want, and distress, and sorrow, and trouble that reach into the life of the poor letter carrier you would be up at night trying to find a remedy."

From every city and village of this great rich country and from every branch of the postal service have come these protests and appeals of fair play: "We are not able to provide our families with the necessities of life"—"Our wives and our children have to go to work in order to exist."—"If you compel men to be ill-fed and undernourished because of insufficient salary, it will have far reaching effect on the coming generation."—"We bought Liberty Bonds to help the Government and had to sell them at a loss to buy food."

Can we hear such things from the men who are working for us and not tingle with shame and indignation? Can we rest easily and take our own pleasure and comfort until we have first done all in our power for quick relief?

Consider the kind of man our post office demands as clerk. His work is highly specialized and complex; he must be skilled by long and intensive training and study, memorizing thousands of facts, intricate systems of classifications, and many methods used in banking, insurance, and commercial business. He must be familiar with the postal laws and regulations filling a volume of 1,700 sections. All this study and preparation must be in his own time and at

his own expense. And when he stands in his hard earned place, a full-quipped postal expert in the employ of the American people, he is paid less than the common unskilled labor on the streets. One of these experts, who after twenty-four years of postal service had acquired special knowledge and experience invaluable to the Government, testified, "I could go out as a milk-wagon driver and get \$50 a week, yet the Government pays me an average of about \$4 a day. The steadfast loyalty of such a man thru long years of pinching penury may be a splendid example of American patriotism, but not one of us can claim a like virtue if we fail to raise our voice against the continuance of such shameful parsimony."

But that isn't all. These meager salaries are constantly shrinking throughout the year. Any absence for sickness or other causes is penalized by forfeiture of pay. If death occurs in the family of the employee whether wife, child, or parent, not a day nor hour of absence with pay is allowed. Even the solemn hours of funeral rites can be taken only at the expense of the employee.

Letter carriers are converted into pack-animals and loaded down with burdens often weighing sixty to eighty pounds or more. Through driving rain or blizzard, in burning heat or stinging cold, they must cover their routes on schedule time. The stoutest often succumb to the inhuman strain; yet the highest salary they can earn, after years of smaller pay, is less than \$32 a week.

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superintendents at the head of the four main departments of the great New York Post-office is only \$3,360 a year, or less than \$65 a week, and not one of these men attained his position in less than twenty-seven years' service. The superintendents of the great railway terminal postal stations receive less than \$46 to \$56

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POST NEWS

PRESIDIO

We have had several hard rains within the past week. The country around has commenced to look green.

Baseball team is practicing each day now for the game with troop E. We expect to give them a good game.

The river is up about four feet, this is caused by the heavy rains and snow melting in the mountains. The men find great sport swimming in the strong current.

Fishing in the river is becoming quite popular here, several fine strings of catfish have been brought in.

Doughboys at this station are getting to be short timers, they expect to be relieved by the 3rd Inf. in about 2 weeks. The 600 mile hike to Laredo is causing much talk.

TROOP I

The troop is still firing on the target range, but expect to finish this week as we are now firing for record.

Our new neighbors the 3rd Inf. arrived yesterday and are getting settled in the new quarters.

The troop is now out of quarantine, after being restricted for about 2 weeks.

Sgt. Lilly has decided to go home from Greensboro. He will be discharged next week and will not come back to the troop.

TROOP K

Pvt. Piernot returned from the Horsehoer's school last week and the troop was glad to get him back.

The troop was supplied with a pool table today, and the men will feel at home now cause when they were at home and the states went dry why they had to lean on the sides of the tables in stead of the counter.

TROOP G

We have had the measles, locked up for three weeks.

Horseshoer Stovall left for home last week.

Pvt. Porkey states that he is a deep water sailor and that sand and cactus do not agree with him. He left Monday.

HOLLAND RANCH

We had a baseball game schedule to play in Valentine last Sunday but due to the heavy rains which we experienced a few days previous roads were not in very good shape and would not have been a very pleasant trip to ride 12 miles so the game was postponed until next Sunday. We hope the roads will be in better shape.

We have had two moving picture shows and they were greatly enjoyed.

Train Schedule on S. P. Changed

Changes in stopping points for Southern Pacific trains Nos. 101 and 102 have been announced in information received at the offices of the Southern Pacific lines here from Joseph Hellen, general passenger agent at Houston.

Train No. 101 will stop at all stations east of San Antonio to receive passengers destined to points west of El Paso, at all stations east of Houston to receive passengers destined to El Paso, and at Sierra Blanca to discharge passengers from points east thereof, and when so stopped will receive passengers destined to El Paso or points west.

Train No. 102 will stop at all points east of San Antonio to discharge passengers from points west of El Paso, and will stop at all points east of El Paso to receive passengers destined to Washington, D. C., and beyond.

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Marathon Notes By "Old Timer"

Mr. Editor:—

We are reliably informed by a resident of Marathon that that town is undergoing quite a boom in the oil business, and there is quite a number of leases changing hands daily at an advanced price. There is a great deal of money being expended within a radius of 20 miles of the town, there being several hundred thousand dollars worth of well drilling machinery on the ground. It is impossible to obtain an oil lease here on anything without paying a good round price for it. A year ago all sorts of leases could be had at from 10 to 35 cents per acre. Now, \$10.00 is about the lowest they are going at. The Alexander Syndicate are now at work on four wells in this immediate vicinity. Hargus well No. 1, located only about four miles out-east from the town, is down 2100 feet, the Skinner well No. 2, located about 6 miles north of town, is down 1200 feet, Montgomery well No. 3, located still further north is down 325 feet, and the Yarbrow well No. 4 is spudding.

The Marathon Oil Co., are working on two wells. The Gage well No. 1, is down 1000 feet and they are now setting casing, Gage well No. 2, is drilling in black sand and is down 700 feet. All these wells are equipped with standard deep well rigs, capable of going 3500 or 4000 feet. In addition to the above wells in Brewster county there is also the Wilson well being drilled by the Presidio Oil Co. now reported down 1740 feet, and the Kokernot well at Hooey, 750 feet. This town is considerable worked up at this time over the frequent fires that have occurred here. Some few weeks ago the warehouse and grain room of Ritchie Bros. was burned at two o'clock in the morning with a loss of something like \$5,000.00. Origin of the fire was never discovered. Last week Allie Davis' garage in which there were 12 automobiles, and which was constructed entirely of iron and cement, was burned with all the contents. Loss more than \$10,000.00. This week the Yarbrow hotel was burned, together with Mr. Luther Yarbrow's bungalow, adjoining it. This fire was exactly one week after the garage fire almost to a minute, and as there was no fire being used in the kitchen, where the

fire started, as the hotel was not running the dining room, as there was no oil or gasoline on the place, and as every part of the premises had been inspected only a few hours before, it began to look very queer. The loss on the hotel was about \$25,000 as nearly all the furniture was lost. It looks very much as though there might be a fire-bug in our midst. The town is improving some. A Commercial Club has been organized, and they are putting in some good work. A night watchman has been employed, a lot of fire hose has been purchased and the people are commencing to get ready to do something for the good of the town. The new Spruce building has almost been completed, and has been rented to some energetic parties who propose to start a small picture show, the chairs for which have already been received.

ARMS TO BORDER AGAIN CONTROLLED

Under instructions from the War Department contained in letters dated May 7, 1920, and May 17, 1920, shipment of arms and ammunition to border points will be controlled in accordance with the system which has until recently been in force since 1917. (See General Orders, No. 19, Headquarters Southern Department, May 6, 1917, as amended by General Orders, 36, Headquarters Southern Department June 18, 1917.) The sale of arms and ammunition will be controlled locally by commanding officers. Local dealers will be permitted to sell bona fide residents, ranch or mine owners in the United States, under the statement that the articles are for their protection and they will not be disposed of to irresponsible parties who may transfer them to Mexican soil.

Local dealers will be informed that before making requests to the commanding general, Southern Department, authorizing arms companies and railroads to effect the shipment of high powered arms and ammunition they should secure the approval of the local commanding officer, who will be guided by his estimate of the amount required for local protection.

By command of Major General Dickman.

W. A. Holbrook,
 Colonel General Staff
 Chief of Staff

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H. H. Kilpatrick, Editor
M. Wilkinson, Business Manager

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Marfa, Texas, June 4, 1920

We notice that Bro. Esterling of the Ozona Stockman, after holding down the office of Judge for some time, has resigned. Not many can stand prosperity, sudden riches often go to the head. But we never thought that "Kuz'n Bill" would lose his head if sudden riches came. His resignation however might have been caused from the fact that the position was filled more with honor than fat fees.

Are Post office employees human beings? On May 22 the Literary Digest published an article on this subject. It should be read by every interested in common justice—humanity. In this week's issue we are publishing this splendid article. Besides being the poorest paid class in the United States, excepting none, they are placed in the position where they are obliged to stand more "cussing" and mostly without cause. If the Mail is not distributed in 15 minutes after each train, someone cusses, if one fails to get a certain letter the Post Master is to blame, if his or her mail is not forwarded, the Post Master is the cause, etc.

Those Old Pants

Yes, let's economize and reduce the high prices. But we will not do so by wearing overalls and blue denim, \$10 shoes and \$15 silk shirts together. It is just dressing up for the play. Look in the closet and pull down your old pants. When the windows appear in the rear, have them curtained. Patched pants and old shoes will hit harder and test your moral courage better than this three minute act on the stage. When you have worn out your old pants and your old shoes, then, if necessary, wear overalls.—Marfa New Era.

Judge Kilpatrick, the talented editor of the New Era, is right, in the main; but we'd hesitate to advise our readers to "pull down their pants." If the women let me keep mine on at all I'll be satisfied.—Ozona Stockman.

Lest we Forget

It costs the American citizen 95 per cent more to live this year than it did in 1914, quite aside from individual taxes.

It costs 21 per cent more to live this year than last.

It cost 7 per cent more in March, 1920, than in November, 1919.

The board received replies to questions from 200 dry goods stores in 72 cities. All reported increase in prices of clothing since 1914, the lowest advance being 142 per cent and the highest 422 per cent.

During the last 12 months clothing cost has gone up 35 per cent (and during about the same period the woolen trust accumulated a net profit of over \$15,000,000, after making all deductions.)

Lately clothing is being reduced about 20 per cent.

Since 1914 percale has advanced from 7 1/2 cents a yard to 39 cents, or 422 per cent.

Muslin under wear has "only" gone up 142 per cent.

Other advances: Overcoats, 230 per cent; women's coats, 204 per cent; men's union suits, 211 per cent; overalls, 247 per cent; men's work shirts, 228 per cent; women's shoes, 209 per cent; women's kid gloves, 217 per cent.

Since November, 1919, an average advance of 25 per cent or more in gingham, knit underwear, women's stockings, coats, gloves and hats.

Same period, 17.9 per cent increase in costs of all clothing.

Foodstuffs, 100 per cent increase over 1914.

MARFA LODGE No. 596

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day evening in each month.

Visiting brethren are cordially invited to be present.

C. R. Sutton, W. M. J. W. Howell, Secretary.

MARFA CHAPTER No. 76

R. A. M. Chapter meets the fourth Thursday night in each month.

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HANS BRIAM

The merchant who has practically everything and will sell it to you for less.

Marfa, Texas.

January 1920, sugar cost 224 per cent more than in 1913, potatoes 218 per cent more.

Reports from 352 agencies in 158 cities to the board show average increase in rents 49 per cent over four years ago. Eight per cent of this since last November, and 22 per cent since March a year ago.

Fuel, heat, and light, during the four years have made about the same advance as rent, 49 per cent.

In 106 out of 148 cities car fares have been raised, ranging from an extra charge for transfers in New York to 140 per cent flat rate at Fall River.

Furniture and other house furnishings have advanced in cost, organization dues, church demands, insurance and medical care have shared the general rise.

Am I a Good Citizen?

"Keep out of politics!" is a warning given constantly to young men who show an inclination to interest themselves in public affairs. The civic standard is low in any community where a reputable citizen who seeks office encounters suspicion, reproach, or obloquy. The full powers confided to the people presuppose the participation of all citizens in the business of government.

Every citizen is in politics. The Constitution of the United States puts him there, and his conscience grants no exemptions.

I have heard men boast that they never perform jury service, or that they have a "pull" that gains them some other immunity. A corruptible public official finds his job unprofitable unless he is able to enter into partnership with another bad citizen.

If I am more concerned with my privileges and immunities than with my duties, I am skidding; I am on the way to becoming a bad citizen. If I neglect to vote because it is inconvenient to meet that obligation, or I assume that my neighbors will protect me with their ballots, I am a dodger and a slacker.

Blind confidence in government by good luck is bound to bring disaster. The constant vigilance and intelligent action of all the people is essential to enlightened, capable government.

Am I a good citizen? is the first question in the American catechism. Government is a complex business, but citizenship may be reduced to three essentials: understanding, loyalty, and service.

This morning I saw a boy scout walk into the middle of the street, pick up a piece of paper, and deposit it in the litter-box at the next corner. He didn't have to do that; it was my business quite as much as his. That lad exemplified the good citizenship that is always on the job.

In the rebuilding of the wall of Jerusalem, every man labored "over against his house." In like manner, an American citizen's duty to his country is immediate and personal, and lies at his own door.

When I say to myself, "I hold an inalienable partnership in this nation; its prosperity and happiness rest with me," then I have caught the spirit of true Americanism. Then indeed I am a worthy citizen of this mighty republic and a contributor to the forces that make for its perpetuity.

Found

A drayman or some one dropped on the streets near the Tigner residence, a sewing machine drawer containing a box with a variety of sewing machines things. The owner can call at New Era office and get his property.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

For Representative

We are authorized to announce V. I. Cargile as a candidate for the office of representative of the 117th District, subject to the action of the primaries, July, 1920.

For County Treasurer

The New Era is authorized to announce that Mrs. Eda J. Hubbard will be a candidate for Treasurer of Presidio County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary on the 24th of July, 1920.

For County Treasurer

The New Era is authorized to announce the candidacy of W. A. Wells for Treasurer of Presidio County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary.

For County Judge

The New Era is authorized to announce the candidacy of Judge K. C. Miller for re-election to the office of County Judge of Presidio County, subject to the action of the Democratic primary July 24, 1920.

For County Assessor

The New Era is authorized to announce the candidacy of H. W. Reynolds for re-election to the office of Assessor of Presidio County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July 24, 1920.

For Sheriff

The New Era is authorized to announce the candidacy of Ira W. Cline for re-election to the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Presidio County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July 24, 1920.

For County and District Clerk

The New Era is authorized to announce the candidacy of J. H. Fortner for re-election to the office of County and District Clerk of Presidio County, subject to the action of the Democratic Primary July, 24, 1920.

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TICK FREE TERRITORY INTEREST THREATENED

L. C. Brite, president of the Panhandle and Southwestern Stockmen's association received a wire several days ago from W. W. Wallace, chairman of the Live Stock Sanitary Commission, informing him that a bill had been introduced in the Texas Legislature, which if it should become a law would practically nullify the present tick eradication regulations, and permit the unrestricted movement of Southern cattle into tick free territory. Mr. Brite has wired Governor Hobby, Hon. R. E. Thompson, Senator Dick Dudley and Representative Adrial Pool and Walter Jones, protesting against the passage of the above attempted legislation, and stating that in his opinion such legislation would not only be disastrous to the interests of cattlemen located above the tick line, but also would prove a fruitful source of much strife and contention and probably would result in a state of bloodshed.

Texas Pioneer Passes

There died at San Antonio on June 1st, Judge Edward Pinkney Hill age 82. He is survived by his widow Mrs. Alice Allen Hill, and two daughters by a previous marriage, Miss Ruth Hill, f Loos Angles, and Miss Bessie Hill, of Berkley California.

Judge Hill resided in Houston for 32 years and during this time he held a commanding position in the business world. He was the leader of the bar there and at one time owned the Houston Post.

At the time of his death, although for some time he had made the St. Anthony hotel his headquarters, yet he claimed Fort Davis, as his home, having moved there and built a home soon after leaving Houston. He left a very large estate to the city of Houston.

Gleburne, June 2.—John H. Christman of Gleburne was 99 years old Thursday, May 27. He is the father of Mrs. W. H. Logan of this city and Bart Logan of San Antonio.

STOLEN

Wednesday morning Judge Miller went out to his front gate, where his auto was standing, and noticed that some enterprising thief had during the night jacked up the right rear wheel and taken it away. The New Era office is just opposite the Judge's residence, but one Ford in the family is sufficient, hence we plead "not guilty."

The big industrial edition is coming soon.

Willard

THERE'S one way you can be certain of battery newness and of a battery that will put an end to re-insulation worry. Just make sure the battery you buy is a Bone Dry Willard with the Threaded Rubber trade mark on the box.

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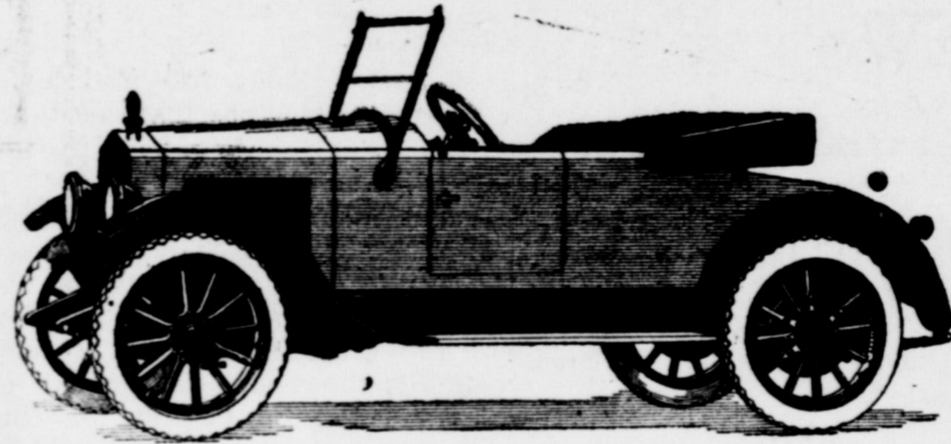


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That is why so many women are Essex owners. They appreciate its safety, too. Its controls are simple and instantaneous. It makes fast time, with security, even in difficult traffic.

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Essex won recognition on the issue of finest quality without useless weight and size. That issue is uppermost today.

You will take pride in your Essex from the first. Its beauty, luxurious fittings and its performance give it distinction everywhere. And time will increase your respect for it. You will come to rely absolutely on its dependability. You will find it always ready for any demands you may make.

These are reasons why Essex set a world's sales record in its first year. And orders are now so far ahead of it is certain even that unrivalled mark will be surpassed this year.

Thousands realizing this, are placing their orders now. We advise that you do the same, to avoid disappointment.

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Locals and Personalz

Dr. G. W. Beakley was in the city Monday.

Boys' shoes at special price, \$2.90 per pair, at H. W. Schutze's.

Miss Olive Wease is in El Paso visiting relatives.

The smallest "Big Business" in Marfa is H. W. Schutze's.

Mrs. Mayme Caples returned Wednesday to her home in El Paso.

Mrs. J. S. Howard of El Paso was in Marfa Wednesday.

For Singer Sewing Machines and machine parts, Phone 261.

Rev. A. S. Carver, who is principal of Oakland Academy, Bexar County, is in the city on a visit to relatives.

Milady's Shoppe reduction sale of all their stock, begins Monday the 7th continuing all the week.

Bowie Cline returned last Saturday from Dallas, where he has been attending school.

H. W. Schutze expects in a short time to move his news stand out of the post office building.

Near a Cadillac gingham dress and you will be happy. Milady's Shoppe. Big reduction for cash only.

Jack Knight and family returned Wednesday from a fishing trip to the Devil's river country.

Our entire stock of silk shirts at prices that will surprise you. Mitchell-Gillett D. G. Co.

Mrs. H. E. Hall came in Thursday from Niagara Falls, N. Y., to visit her daughter, Mrs. W. R. Ake.

Mrs. E. Swartout and daughter left on No. 9 Thursday morning for El Paso.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—Six hundred dollar piano at a bargain for cash or will trade for city lot, well located. Call New Era Office.

Miss Leona Adams after two months visit to points on the California Coast returned home Saturday.

Mrs. Wease left several days ago to visit friends at Ryan. From there she expects to visit in El Paso for several weeks.

J. B. Bean, the contractor, accompanied by his family is on a fishing trip, and expect to be absent several weeks.

"Should a Husband Forgive?" Decide for yourself when you see the picture at the Popular Theater Monday and Tuesday nights.

Visit Milady's Shoppe during the coming week and take advantage of the low prices on first quality goods on sale at this popular store.

A. M. Avant returned Tuesday from the Democratic Convention. He had the honor of representing the 25th district on the platform and resolution committee.

BISHOP-ROSSON CO. has just received Cane, Kaffir, Maize and Corn Seed, now is the time to purchase and plant.

Phone 202

You will be in a position to judge "Should a Husband Forgive," when you see some of the tense situations in the picture at the Popular Theater Monday and Tuesday nights.

"Want to buy in Presidio County cheap fee acreage direct from owner. Address, N. E. Clapp, 1911 Park Ave. Dallas, Texas

The Popular Theater is Putting on one of the most thrilling dramas of the time, "Should a Husband Forgive?" Monday and Tuesday nights. Don't fail to see it.

The big reduction sale on at Milady's Shoppe will save you money if you visit there, the coming week. Everything goes at a reduction for cash only.

"Should a Husband Forgive?" Will be shown at the Popular Theater Monday and Tuesday nights. This is one of the greatest and most thrilling dramas to the day. Be sure you see it.

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Phone 202

Rev. J. J. Maurer is away on a visit to Southern Texas, to visit his son John who resides at McAllen. The New Era hopes the climate there will agree with him, but hope to see him back again.

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Phone 202

Big reduction sale on all goods for cash only at Milady's Shoppe. This sale will include, Cadillac gingham dresses, all Fisk Gold Medal and King Bee hats, suits, dresses, skirts, Blouses and petticoats.

Mr. and Mrs. Hans Briam accompanied by their children left last week for San Antonio where they will visit for a few days and from there they expect to go to Corpus Christi, where they will spend the summer.

William Bishop and family are back from their fishing trip at the Devil's river. Bill says the fish would not bite, specially the suckers. The next time he will go down on the Rio Grande in Presidio County where there is real fishing.

Invitation

Reverend and Mrs. L. Fletcher Parrish cordially invite their friends of Marfa to be present at the marriage of their daughter, Ruth Elizabeth, to Mr. John Aaron Duddy, of Birmingham, Alabama, on Tuesday evening June 8th, at seven o'clock at the Methodist church.

Mr. George Stead and family, of Del Rio came in on No. 9 Thursday morning. George about 25 years ago landed in Marfa from England, and finally married one of our popular Marfa girls about 15 years ago, Miss Jimmie Farmer, a sister of Mrs. George Collie. He has been an engineer for a number of years running out from Del Rio. The New Era is always glad to welcome him and family to his old home on their visits here.

Big Reduction Sale.

Beginning next Monday, Milady's Shoppe will put on a big reduction sale for cash only, and the entire stock will go in this sale. The manager Mrs. Hogan, is making every effort to carry the class of goods that the ladies of Marfa want, and has so far succeeded, but the stock is too large, and in order to reduce it, she decided on this sale and will place the entire stock on the counter at a greatly reduced price. The ladies of Marfa should take advantage of this opportunity to supply their needs in this line.

Judge W. W. Bogel now residing in San Antonio, came in Wednesday on a visit to his boys, and to look after his large interests in Presidio County. The Judge has heard so much about the Wilson oil well, and since his ranch is not far from this territory, it is suspected another object in coming out was to study the geology of the San Estevan Valley. It is almost identical in formation with the Green Valley country where the Wilson well is located.

Inflation Table

J. L. Fisher representing United States Tire Co., of El Paso, was in Marfa Thursday. He left some inflation tables with the local representative—the Alamo Lumber Co., which shows the correct amount of air pressure for tires. It is something of general interest and usefulness to the auto owners:

Inflation Table	
The correct amount of air pressure for your tires.	
Fabric Tires for Passenger Cars	
Tire size 3". Max. load per tire 375	Corresponding air pressure 45.
Tire size 3 1/2". Max. load per tire 570.	Corresponding air pressure 55.
Tire size 4". Max. load per tire 815.	Corresponding air pressure 65.
Tire size 4 1/2". Max. load per tire 1100.	Corresponding air pressure 75.
Tire size 5". Max. load per tire 1500.	Corresponding air pressure 85.
Cord tires for Passenger Cars	
Max. load per tire 400.	Corresponding air pressure 50.
Max. load per tire 600.	Corresponding air pressure 60.
Max. load per tire 850.	Corresponding air pressure 70.
Max. load per tire 1200.	Corresponding air pressure 80.
Max. load per tire 1700.	Corresponding air pressure 90.

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Slumber Party

Misses Aline Duty and Ruth Parrish honorees at slumber party. On Wednesday night, June 2nd, Miss Elizabeth Fennell entertained with a slumber party in honor of Miss Aline Duty, who left on Thursday morning for San Antonio, and Miss Ruth Parrish, who leaves soon for Birmingham, Alabama.

After the picture show the guests returned to the Fennell home to slumber (?) until the wee small hours of morn when Miss Duty was accompanied to the train.

Those who enjoyed it were: the honorees, Misses Aline Duty and Ruth Parrish, and the Misses Lorene Suttle, Penelope Snyder and Elizabeth Fennell.

AMERICAN LEGION WILL STAGE BIG CARNIVAL

The American Legion Post No. 151 will hold a big get together week beginning June 8th, at Marfa, and have engaged the old time favorites De Kreko Bros. Shows to furnish all the amusement features. Mr. Jean De Kreko, the manager, after many years of experience in the out door show world, and of studying the people's wants has collected an aggregation of entertainment features that are sure to appeal to the amusement loving people. He has departed from the old show worn show ideas, and every attraction is strictly up to the minute. There are absolutely no immoral shows connected with the De Kreko organization, catering to the better class of patrons. Of the many shows, one can especially be commended, entitled: "Thelma" rightfully termed the show beautiful. This is a favorite attraction for the society people, consisting of beautiful songs, quaint dances interspersed with scenes from ancient Greek Mythology. It makes an evening well spent in viewing this beautiful attraction.

Then there is the big attraction, the "Dixieland" Minstrels, composed of a troupe of genuine South Carolina darkies, furnishing an evening of merriment, consisting of coon shouters, buck and wing dancers, cake walkers, scenes from the sunny Southland, an entertainment well worth while. Then there is the Mechanical city, showing an exact reproduction of a beautiful little city nestled among the faraway Alps. A perfect working automatic city showing the ingenuity of man, in perfecting this wonderful piece of mechanism.

The big circus side show is another attraction of real merit where Prof. Wilson in his many years of travel in foreign lands has collected many strange and curious animals, and all are on exhibition with De Kreko Bros. shows. The children's favorite, a beautiful riding gallery, mammoth steel ferris wheel. Music will be furnished by Prof. Andre Cariolis concert band. As a special added attraction for this date only the management has secured at a big additional expense, Mons Louis Lezer, the acknowledged king of all high wire performers. Mr. Lezer will give his wonderful thrilling exhibition daily on the De Kreko Bros. show grounds at Marfa, June 8, 9, 10, 11 and 12.

All under the supervision of the American Legion Post No. 151.

At The Queen

Anita Stewart in "Combat" tonight (Friday) and "The Thirteenth Commandment" Saturday night will be screened at the Queen Theatre for your approval. Both these shows are of the first class variety.

YOU

Public Spirited Citizens

The first semi-monthly Chamber of Commerce

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CLUB ROOMS

Monday, June 7th, from 12:30 to 1:30 P. M.

Come out and see what can be accomplished when everybody pulls Together.

Incidentally, there will be something Good to eat.

Don't forget the day and hour

All Citizens Cordially Invited



A Maxwell is built to be light in weight

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"THE PROSPECTOR'S VENGEANCE" Universal Western Mildred Moore and Pat O'Malley

"A JAZZ JANITOR" Rainbow Comedy

MONDAY & TUESDAY

"SHOULD A HUSBAND FORGIVE?" WEDNESDAY

"FAITH" A Fox Feature

PATHE REVIEW

"BOUND AND GAGGED" THURSDAY

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PERSONAL

Wallace Nipper, of Uvalde, is visiting relatives here.

Mrs. A. M. Porter and children are visiting the Bunton ranch.

Dr. Albert Johns, of Shafter, was a visitor the first of the week.

Billionaire Tom Golby, the quicksilver King, was a visitor to Marfa this week.

H. W. McGuirk has been up from the ranch this week getting a touch of flugh life.

Offie Finley and wife, J. O. Shelly and Miss Cooke, were in from the ranch yesterday.

Mrs. S. A. Hurley is here from Austin, on a visit to her daughter, Mrs. W. G. Lempert.

R. L. Livingston and wife spent a few days on Mr. Livingston's ranch near Valentine, this week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Zeigler, of Longview, are here visiting Mrs. Scaife, Mrs. Ziegler's stepmother.

George Wilson and wife, of Alexandria, La. are here for the benefit of Mrs. Wilson's health, at the Marfa House.

Dr. W. T. Jones, of Yoakum, is here looking around for health and a location. The doctor is very favorable impressed with Marfa.

Luke Dowe, captain of the mounted inspectors has been on a visit to the river passing through Thursday night on his way to Marathon.

Mrs. A. J. Monagin and child came up from Alpine Thursday morning, where they have been visiting Mrs. Monagin's parents for several weeks.

Mr. and Mrs. Gillett and Miss Gillett, of Pearshall, Texas, father, mother and sister of Mr. Frank Gillett, are here on a visit to remain several weeks.

LOCAL NEWS

Bob Finley has sold out his ranch and is running a butcher shop in El Paso.

Rev. John Gillett will preach at the Methodist church Sunday morning. All cordially invited to attend.

Preaching at the Christian Church Sunday. Morning subject: "Rightly Dividing the Words of Truth," evening subject: "Hope".

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The County Commissioner's court met this week as a board of equalization and approved a large number of inventories, and ordered a large number of notices sent to parties to appear before the board on July 2nd, and show cause why their assessments should not be raised. Judge Kilpatrick and Commissioners Gillett, Normand and Britte were present.

Mr. Tom Golby, the indefatigable young man who went into the Terlingua mining district a year or two ago and made mother earth yield him up a fortune, has been in Marfa a few days this week visiting his sister, who has been quite ill. Tom is not saying much, but it is generally conceded by those who have visited the mines that he and Mr. Sharpe and Messrs. James and Bert Normand have got about all they care for in this world in sight, on their claim there. The men are at work now on the new furnace, and when it is completed they will commence turning some of their very rich cinnabar into quicksilver. Tom certainly deserves success for he has stayed with the proposition through thick and thin.

The San Carlos Shooting.

V. Hogan brought down from Pajaris, on the river, one Pancho Sepata, and Joe and Court Marley and Sam Geasling, on last Saturday, all of whom were implicated in the fight that took place two miles west of the coal mines last week.

Joe Marley, Court Marley, Sam Geasling and D. Graves were riding down the coal mines road and met Pancho Sepata and Ynes Rio, and Joe Marley asked Court Marley to speak to them, as he could not speak Mexican. At this juncture the Mexicans pulled their guns and went to shooting at them, and the result was that Ynes Rio was killed, D. Graves was killed and Pancho Sepata was wounded in the arm.

This came about from the fact that some calves belonging to the Marley's had been discovered in Manuel Sepata's pen cut off from their mothers.

V. Hogan, Joel Finley, and Rangers Brooks and Platt followed Pancho Sepata to where he crossed the river and went into a house on the other side. They finally, after a good deal of argument, persuaded him to cross to this side for the purpose of getting medical treatment for his wounded arm, which was in a very bad shape. D. Graves was buried in Van Horn and the dead Mexican was buried in Old Fort Pajaris on the other side. The Mexican lived three days and the American lived three hours.

The wounded Mexican, Pancho Sepata, was brought to Marfa and received medical treatment at the hands of Dr. Landegren, after which he was placed in jail. The examining trial was held on Saturday evening before justice Shields, and Joe Marley, Court Marley, Sam Geasling and the Mexican, Pancho, were placed under a bond of \$1000 each to await the action of the grand jury. The Americans gave bond and the Mexican is still in jail under medical treatment.

The Polvo Robbery

In a former issue we published an account of the assault on Dr. S. J. Hensley, at his store in Polvo, but owing to naeagre facts obtainable at the time, we were unable to give the particulars. The doctor was in town this week, and we got his version of the assault. The doctor said:

"On the 16th, May,—I was in my store when a neighbor came in and entertained me in conversation; his name is Concepcion Lujan, and he asked me to give him a remedy for his sister, who was sick. I was giving him the remedy when he asked me to do some figuring for him on a contract he expected to make with Mr. John Humphris.

While figuring out his proposition an unknown Mexican came in and stood beside the counter.

Supposing him to be a customer I turned to him and asked him what he wanted. While thus engaged, a masked man jumped into the store with carbine in his hands and said surrender, at the same time throwing his gun down on me. I dropped down behind the counter and at this moment the unknown Mexican jumped on the counter and put his pistol down against my head and told me not to move. The masked man then came around behind the counter and they tied my hands behind me and put a blind over my eyes, with threats made me give up what money I had, they also carried away a case of surgical instruments, and a pistol, altogether amounting to the value of three hundred dollars. My wife was chased out of the house at the muzzle of a carbine."

Charles Raymond is in jail here, accused of being the principal in the robbery, and his bond is placed at \$6000.

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Quarterly Conference

The third Quarterly Conference for the Marfa Methodist Church was held on Wednesday night, following a strong sermon by the Rev. Clyde K. Campbell, Presiding Elder of the El Paso district. All reports at the Conference revealed the fact that the church is in excellent condition concerning its finances and that all organizations of the church were in the midst of a healthy growth. The pastor, Rev. Fletcher Parrish is reported to have made splendid improvements in his health during his vacation, and will take up the work after Rev. E. C. Morgan, Associate Pastor, leaves for his home in June. Rev. Mr. Morgan has filled the pastorate most admirably for three months preaching to large congregations each Sunday, and his stay in Marfa has been most pleasant for the citizens who knew him in other years while he was pastor of this charge. Mr. Morgan will preach his last sermon to the Methodist congregation on the first Sunday in June, he will then return to his family in California.

Resolutions

of appreciation passed by the Quarterly Conference in session at the Methodist church. Whereas, the sickness of our pastor having kept him out of the pulpit for the space of three months, and the Rev. E. C. Morgan has been most successfully leading us as associate pastor during this time, and is now about to leave us to return to his family in California, therefore;

Resolved first, that we greatly appreciate his staying among us, and

the helpful and instructive ministry he has rendered the congregation both in his visitations from house to house and his helpful gospel sermons from our pulpit; That when he leaves us he will carry with him our love prayers and best wishes for himself and family, and that God may open to him a field in which he will have an opportunity to continue the use of his splendid talents as a minister of Christ.

Second, that a copy of these resolutions be read at the morning service on the first Sunday in June, a copy furnished to Bro. Morgan, and recorded on the minutes of this Quarterly Conference.

Signed, L. F. Parrish, J. C. Orgain, Vice Chairman, W. B. Mitchell, J. H. Livingston, E. R. Mabry, J. B. Scott.

Resolution on the death of Mr. W. F. Mitchell, adopted by the Quarterly Conference of the Marfa Methodist Church while in session this week.

Whereas, in order of Divine Providence, one of the charter members of our church, Brother W. F. Mitchell, has been removed from our midst by the hand of death, and our hearts have been deeply moved thereby, therefore;

Resolved, 1st; That in his death we have lost one of nature's noblemen a generous friend, a genial companion, a man of true and honest purpose, of pure mind and of sound judgment, faithful in matters of trust and an earnest christian worker. 2nd. That we treasure the memory of his christian life, his wise councils, and his zeal for the cause of Christ, which was manifested by his long and useful career

as an active member and chairman of the official board of this church. 3rd. That we deeply sympathize with his children and grandchildren, who keenly feel their loss, and we earnestly beseech the Father in Heaven to grant them consolation they so much need.

4th. That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this Quarterly Conference, and that they be published in the New Era.

Signed
J. C. Orgain,
Vice Chairman

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Pre-Nuptial Announcement

The marriage of Miss Ruth Parrish of this city and Mr. John Duddy of Birmingham, Alabama, will be solemnized on the evening of June 8th at seven o'clock at the Methodist church. Miss Penelope Snyder will be maid of honor and the bridesmaids will be Misses Lorene Settle and Elizabeth Fennell. The groomsmen will be Messrs Joe Mitchell and Otho Joyce. The groom will be attended by Mr. Ben Pruitt. The bride will be given in marriage by her father, and the Reverend Clyde K. Cambell, of El Paso will officiate. Preceding the ceremony Mrs. M. R. Mahon and Mr. Allbritten will render solos, and Mrs. J. C. Orgain will play the wedding march. Immediately following the ceremony the bride and groom will leave for Birmingham, Alabama, where they will reside in the future.

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The Reynolds boys, Wood, James and Howard came in last Friday from Dallas where they have been in school.

APPOINTMENT OF TEMPORARY GUARDIAN

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Presidio County.—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of the notice in the County of Presidio, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of the first day of publication before the return hereof:

Notice of appointment of Temporary Guardian,
The State of Texas,
To all persons interested in the welfare of Gladys Lindsay, a Minor: Karl H. Word was by the County Court of Presidio County, Texas, was duly appointed Temporary Guardian of the person and estate of said minor, which appointment will be made permanent, unless the same shall be successfully contested at the next term of said Court, commencing on the first Monday in June A. D. 1920, the same being the 7th day of June A. D. 1920, at the Court House thereof, in Marfa, Texas, at which time all persons interested in the welfare of said Minor—may appear and contest such appointment, if they see proper to do so.

Herein fail not, But have you before said Court, on the first day of the next term thereof, this Writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Witness, J. H. Fortner, Clerk of the County Court of Presidio County. Given under my hand and seal of said Court, at office in Marfa, this the 17th day of March A. D. 1920.
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At the evening hour the pastor will discuss "Sin." The fact of it "The Origin of It;" "The Nature of It, and Its Results."

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Morning subject—"Paul and Silas in Jail." Many beautiful and comforting lessons are found in this old story. An effort will be made to bring out the spiritual side of the subject.

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Sunday Services, June 6th.

Holy Communion at 8 A. M.

Church School at 10 A. M.

Holy Communion with meditation and church instruction at 11 A. M.

Evensong with Address at 7:30 P. M.

All are invited to attend these services.

Strangers in town especially welcome.

The Rector will be in Alpine, Fort Stockton and Hovey this coming week and will conduct services in these places.

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Appointed Lay Reader in Episcopal Church

Bishop Howden of New Mexico has delegated Mr. Edmond J. de Caux, formerly of Houston, Texas, and now engaged in business in Marfa, to act as Lay Reader in Saint Paul's Episcopal Church under the supervision of the Rector. Mr. de Caux, while in Houston, served as Lay Reader in Christ Episcopal Church. He will assist in the services at Saint Paul's, Marfa.

To Begin Another Course in Church Instruction.

Next Sunday morning at the eleven o'clock service the Rev. Clarence S. McClellan will begin in St. Paul's Episcopal Church a series of Church Instructions based on the new and much discussed book by Bishop Charles Fiske of New York, "The Faith by which we live." The subject for the instruction next Sunday will be the first chapter of this book, "Creed and Conduct." Other topics to follow will be "Infant Baptism," "Confirmation," "Choosing a Church," "Apostolic Succession," "Some Bible Problems" and "The Certainty of Future Life." Members of the congregation are to procure Bishop Fiske's book and read and study it during the week. The Instructions will closely follow each chapter of the book and will be ten minutes long.

All Set For Dallas

Plans are being finally formulated for the great Texas C. E. Convention at Dallas. The delegates from Western District are planning to go in a body as near as possible. According to present arrangements, delegates from Alpine and Stockton will

leave on Tuesday June 8th, on No. 9, meeting the Marfa and Fort Davis delegates at Marfa, picking up more delegates at Valentine. At Sierra Blanca the entire delegation from Western District, both from the East end of the District and from El Paso, will board the T. & P. thus journeying to Dallas, where on Wednesday night the 1920 State Convention will begin its session.

It is the plan of those in charge to ask the delegates to have some article of dress suggestive of the Mexicans, as this District is distinctly on the Mexican border. In addition, banners and placards will be displayed, during the parade and meetings, showing what Western District has accomplished. About forty delegates have registered, to date, from Western District.

Church Observed Memorial Day

Last Sunday, Memorial Day, was commemorated in Saint Paul's.

Episcopal Church by a special patriotic service in the evening beginning at 7:30. The Rector spoke on the theme—"The Blessed Dead." The following was the order of the religious service.

Hymn 194 Church Hymnal—"God of our Fathers."

Sentences from Order of Evening Prayer.

Lord's Prayer.

Psalm 46.

Lesson—Ecclesiasticus 44:1-15.

Hymn "Faith of our Fathers."

Creed and Prayers.

Hymn "Battle Hymn of Republic."

Notices and Reading of Lincoln's "Gettysburg Address".

Hymn "America".

Sermon Text, Rev. 13-14, "The Blessed Dead."

Offertory.

Prayers and Benediction.

Hymn "Star Spangled Banner."

During the day the flag on the Rectory Lawn pole was half mast to commemorate Memorial day and in accordance with the regulations of the Government concerning the displaying of flags on Memorial Day.

ARE POST OFFICE EMPLOYEES HUMAN BEINGS

(Continued from page 2)

in five months. False economy is destroying all efficiency and threatening a collapse of the service. Time and energy that ought to be given to handling the mail is diverted to instructing and managing a shifting, dissatisfied organization. The same thing is true in all parts of the country. Our indifference and neglect as the "big employer" of the post-office workers is recoiling on our own heads.

The Literary Digest has made thorough investigation of the facts and is making this brief, urgent statement to its more than two million readers because many times they have responded nobly to appeals for worthy action as Americans, and now is the time for such action. Congress is not to blame for the existing conditions. The men now sitting in the Capitol at Washington are human beings like the rest of us. They have warm hearts and ready sympathy and as keen a sense of justice as any American citizen can have. The blame and the shame for this pitiful injustice to the nation's postal employees are ours as a people. It is yours who read this page. It is ours who write and publish it. The change of policy from a brutal stinginess or careless indifference to a fair and liberal American policy must be wrought by us, the Americans who always love fair play.

Write to your Congressman and both of your Senators, every one of you men and women who has a heart and an active sense of human justice. Don't put it off; the time before Congress will adjourn is short. Urge them to give their most ardent support to the bill putting into immediate effect a substantial increase of salaries throughout the entire postal service of the United States. Congress will gladly and quickly pass this bill, when the American people rally to its support. If you don't know the names of your Congressman and Senators, ask your letter-carrier, or postmaster, or banker. Let all business houses be heard from, and all civic societies and fraternal orders. Rescue these postal toilers from penury and narrow lives and set them on their feet as American citizens who need not suffer nor be ashamed of their service of us all.

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ADDITIONAL CHURCH NEWS

Methodist Church

Morning service. General rules will be read and the regular Sacramental Service observed. (No sermon.)

Evening Service. Sermon, "The Church Glorious."

No Wednesday evening prayer meeting, on account of the Marriage Services on Tuesday and Friday.

W. F. Parrish
E. C. Morgan

MEMORIAL DAY EXERCISES AT MARFA CEMETARY

Last Sunday morning an interesting program was given by the Fifth Cavalry at the Cemetery. A number of citizens were present and many of the ladies brought beautiful flowers for the graves of the dead.

PROGRAM

1. Fifth Cavalry band "America".
2. Strewing the flowers on graves of honored dead, band playing "Nearer My God To Thee."
3. Prayer by Dr. King.
4. Singing.
5. Address by Dr. King.
6. Singing.
7. "Star Spangled Banner," Fifth Cavalry band.
8. Taps.
9. Benediction.

Rains Benefit Range in Texas

Reports received from correspondents of the Panhandle & Southwestern Stockmen's association at the offices of the association in El Paso, indicate the Texas cattle situation in the last week was boosted a notch or two through the favorable weather conditions. Good rains were reported in the districts about Marfa and Pecos, and one-half inch of precipitation at Midland. The range is said to be in excellent condition. No rain was reported at Clarendon, but both range and cattle were reported in good condition.

Shipment of cattle from Texas points in the week ending Saturday, May 29, were reported as follows:

A. R. Letts, Estelene to Perico, 25 cars; R. H. Muir, Leila Lake to Marathon, one car; C. D. Dewey, Clarendon to Fort Worth, two cars; H. W. Reynolds, Marfa to Fort Stockton, four cars; Kingston & Sons, Toyahvale to El Paso, one car; Finley & Anderson, Pecos to Ft. Worth, two cars; H. Christon, Pecos to El Paso, one car; J. H. Nations, Toyah to Kansas City, two cars; G. M. Benson, Toyahvale to Ft. Worth, 4 cars; John Means, Toyah to Ft. Worth, nine cars; Thornton & Co., Toyah to Ft. Worth, five cars; Fancher & Sons, Toyah to Ft. Worth, one car; Reynolds Cattle Co., Kient to Ft. Worth, six cars; J. T. McElroy, Odessa to Ft. Worth, six cars; W. H. Scanes, Midland to Ft. Worth, two cars; O. P. Jones, Midland to Ft. Worth, six cars; Bud Ester, Midland to Fort Worth, one car; H. T. Hill, Midland, to New Orleans, three cars; W. M. Bryant Midland to Ft. Worth, four cars; A. D. Carpenter, Midland to St. Paul, Tex., two cars of stock horses; J. M. Gist, Odessa to Ft. Worth, one car; Elkin Bros., Midland to Fort Worth, four cars.—El Paso Herald.

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DRILLING OF NEW BREWSTER CO. WELLS TO BE STARTED

Alpine, Texas, May 31.—Two oil companies are to build offices in Alpine at once, having bought property for that purpose. Alpine is the headquarters of the Presidio Oil & Gas company, whose Wilson well No. 1, 53 miles south of here, was bailed last Thursday.

The Chamber of commerce has set a force of men to work to keep in good shape the roads leading from Alpine to the Wilson well.

Many large tracts of land have been bought in fee and others leased in all parts of Brewster county with a view of development for oil. Drilling will be started in several new locations. Eight wells are now being drilled.

With casing lowered in the Wilson well, the operators are prepared to drill in. Oil rose in the well 50 feet in two days, making a total of over 300 feet of oil, it is estimated. Cementing work starts at once.

L. G. Knipe, the geologist, who located the Wilson well, has spent 23 years west of the Pecos, gathering data.

At The Popular

"Evangeline" was featured at the Popular Theater Monday and Tuesday nights this week and was greeted by a full house of movie fans each night. This picture is a Fox super and is an adaptation from the immortal Longfellow's poem, Evangeline.

The "Shark" Wednesday was another good one. In this picture there was action and plenty of it and that is what real men wish to see. The "Shark" was a good one all we want is more of the same class.

Marfa Ready for Oil Rush

Activities of the Presidio Oil Co., in acquiring acreage around the company's Wilson No. 1 well, in the Green Valley, 50 miles southeast of here, is cited as indicative of big development in the Big Bend country. The company is said to have invested approximately three-quarters of a million dollars in acreage alone since the discovery of oil in its well. Offset leases are changing hands rapidly at prices declared to be higher than ever known in other than proved fields, according to J. S. Cook, of the Marfa chamber of commerce.

The Wilson well is easily accessible from both Marfa and Alpine. These towns will be able to combine their forces in taking care of any rush resultant from an oil boom.

The road from Marfa to the new oil field is in good condition. The trip can be made easily by automobile in three hours. Plans are under way for improvement of the road and a new route which will be shorter by about eight miles than the present route, is contemplated. This work will be begun at once.

Both Alpine and Marfa have live chambers of commerce. The one at Marfa is under direction of Mr. Cook as secretary and that at Alpine in charge of J. E. Pouncey.

SHERIFF'S SALE Real Estate

The state of Texas, County of Presidio

By virtue of an order of sale, issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bexar County, 73rd Judicial District of Texas, on the 21st day of May, 1920, by the Clerk thereof, in the case of

W. F. Courtenay
vs
C. E. Fitzgerald, et al.

No. B 21, 612
and to me as sheriff directed and delivered, I will proceed to sell to the highest bidder, for cash, between the hours of 10:00 o'clock A. M. and 4:00 o'clock P. M. on Tuesday July 6th, 1920, it being the first Tuesday of said month, before the Court House door of Presidio County, in the city of Marfa, the following described property situated in the County of Presidio and State of Texas, to-wit:

Sr. No.	Grantee	Acreage
495	Stephen Jett	1020
38	L. Wilkern	160
2	H. & T. C. R. R. Co.	640
33	Manuel Tarin	53 1/3
34	Manuel Tarin	213 1/3
187	Mattias Cubier	160
186	Mattias Cubier	106 2/3

Total 2353 1/3
Levied on the 27th day of May 1920 and to be sold to satisfy a judgment dated the 18th day of February, 1920, and recorded in the minutes of said Court in Vol. 8, pages 182 and 183, in favor of W. F. Courtenay against C. E. Fitzgerald for the sum of Sixty-Five Thousand, Three Hundred and three and 30/100 (65,303.30) with interest thereon at the rate of ten per cent per annum, from the 18th day of February, A. D. 1920, until paid, and all costs of suit, and the further costs of sales, together with a foreclosure of vendor's Lien against C. E. Fitzgerald, J. B. Arnold and R. H. McCracken, as the said lien existed on the 5th day of March, 1920.
Given under my hand this 27th day of May, A. D. 1920.
Ira W. Cline,
Sheriff of Presidio County, Texas.

And It Rained

The immense luminous circle around the sun which was observed Tuesday about noon was viewed with amazement by Marfa citizens. Dire calamities ranging from total destruction of the earth to furious atmospheric disturbance were freely predicted by local semi-astrologers. However, it remained for the office boy of the New Era to diagnose the situation by predicting rain in a few hours, and it rained.

NOTICE IN PROBATE

The State of Texas,
To the Sheriff or any Constable of Presidio County—Greeting:
You are hereby Commanded to cause the following notice to be published in a newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published for a period of not less than one year preceding the date of notice in the County of Presidio, State of Texas, and you shall cause said notice to be printed at least once each week for the period of ten days exclusive of

the first day of publication before the return day hereof:

NOTICE

The State of Texas.

To all persons interested in the estate of Maud E. Fleming, Deceased, J. D. Fleming has filed in the County Court of Presidio County, an application for Letters of Administration Estate of Maud E. Fleming which will be heard on the first Monday in June, 1920, same being the 7th day of June, 1920, the next term of said court which commences on said 7th day of June, 1920, at the Court House thereof, in the city of Marfa, Texas, at which times all persons interested in said Estate may appear and contest said application, if they see proper.

Herein Fail Not, under penalty of the law, and of this Writ make due return.

Given under my hand and seal of office, in the city of Marfa, Texas, the 16th day of March, A. D. 1920.
Attest: J. H. FORTNER,
Clerk County Court, Presidio County.

Dr Hoffman is off to the Devil's River country after fish. He is with the J. B. Bean party.

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