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FIRST BALE OF BIG BEND COTTON.

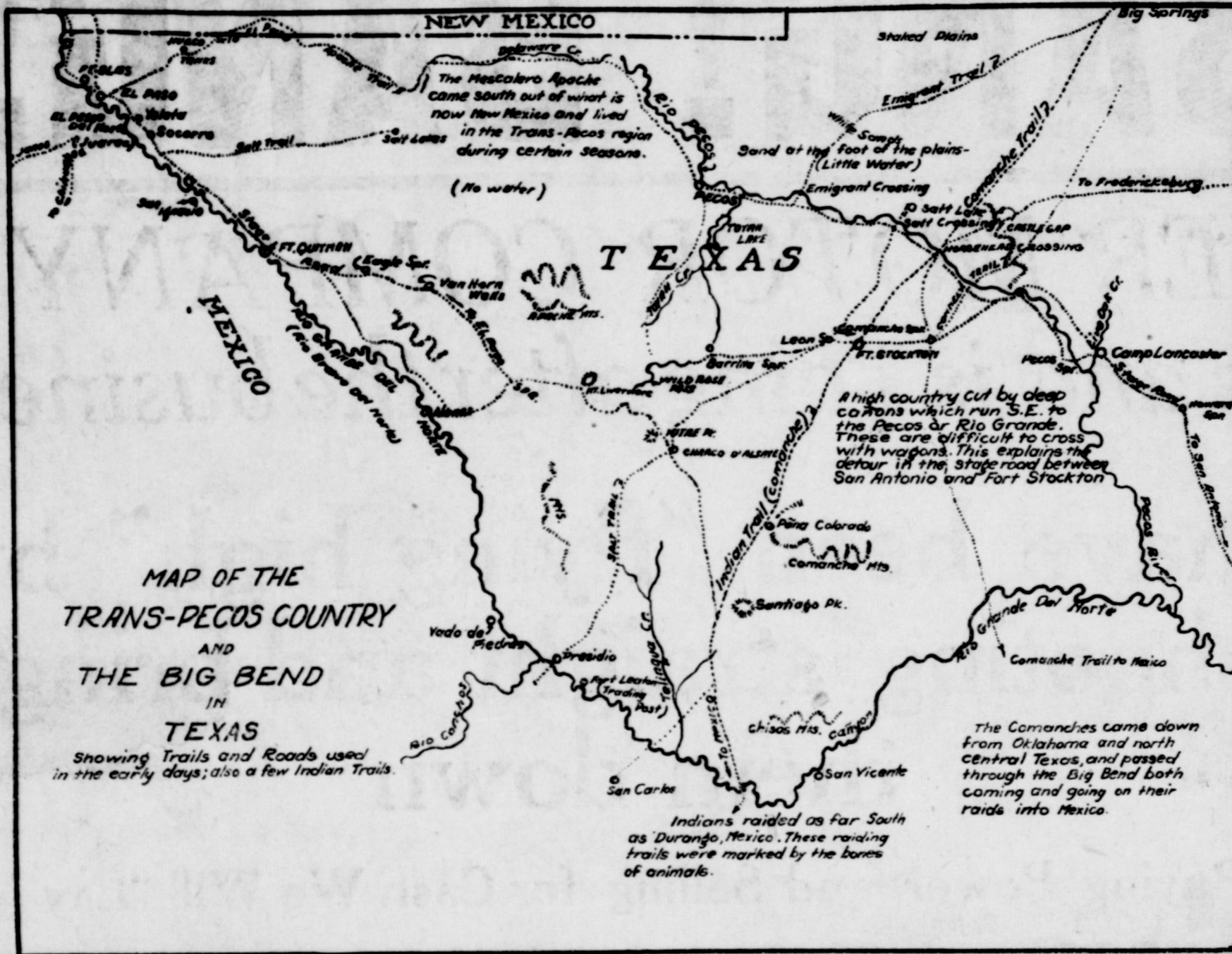
J. J. Kilpatrick, Sr., accompanied by his wife, were in the city yesterday from Candelaria. In this issue of the New Era appears an article in regard to the wonderful success of the Kilpatricks at Candelaria. A part of the article was unintentionally left out, and hence appears a number of unfinished paragraphs.

They in 1913 put in a gin and raised the first year about 40 bales of cotton. When the first bale was ginned—the first bale raised in the Big Bend—the picture—"First Bale, 1913—Candelaria," was taken. Sitting on the bale was his son, Hugh Hall Kilpatrick, now a grown young man, while standing by the side was his wife and daughter, Miss Harriet Kilpatrick.

The picture of the cotton team en route for Marfa was taken by Mr. L. G. Brite just as the train of seven wagons loaded with the Kilpatrick cotton neared his headquarters.

THE TRIANGLE CLUB.

The Triangle Club, or Missionary girls of the Christian church, are pushing steadily ahead. Their studies of home and foreign missions have given them renewed interest in the cause, and they are working very hard to meet their pledge, all hoping to make their gift greater than they originally planned. Their cooked food sale of last Saturday was quite a success and the missionary play "Kimono," which they are working on at this time they hope to present in such a way as will be educational and helpful to all. The proceeds from the play will be sent in to headquarters with the other money raised on their pledge for the missionary cause.



MARFA HISTORY CLUB.

The Marfa History Club held a regular meeting Tuesday afternoon at the Community House. The president, Mrs. C. R. Sutton, conducted a business period in which it was voted to send a delegate to the district convention of Women's Federated Clubs to be held in Colorado City April 9th-10th. Mrs. H. M. Barton and Mrs. C. E. Mead were elected as club delegates.

A review of the Robert Herrick book, "The Common Lot," was the work of the afternoon. Mrs. W. J. Yates as leader gave an interesting introduction. Well prepared papers by Mrs. K. C. Miller, Mrs. D. R. Dunkle, Mrs. Fischer were given and a lively discussion of the book was participated in by the club members present.

Delicious punch was served by Mrs. Sutton.

LOVE'S CATTLE RECOVERED.

Authentic word has just come out of Mexico in regard to the theft of Dick Love's cattle.

A number of bandits raided Love's cattle while he was absent from home. As soon as Pat Murphy and Jim Kilpatrick found it out, they rushed to Pueblito and reached there before the cattle had passed on trail in that vicinity. General Arondo gave them a posse to go after the bandits. When near the bandits they found 35 head of the Love cattle abandoned, but on catching up with the bandits driving the rest of the cattle the posse refused to fight, stating that their orders were only to trail them. Murphy and Kilpatrick then returned to Pueblito and General Arondo returned with them and soon overtook the bandits, who fled on the approach of the general and his crowd. All of the Love cattle were recovered, except about five head.

SUBSCRIBED FOR 50 COPIES.

A business man of Fabens informed the New Era this week that his firm subscribed for fifty copies, yearly subscriptions, for the Rio Grande Review, the paper published in that enterprising little city; that every business house and family in the town were supporters of the paper.

PIGEONS MAKE FLIGHT.

On Monday afternoon four homing pigeons were expressed to Van Horn by Tom Nevill, at which point the birds were released at 8:00 A. M. Tuesday and arrived at their home lot at 11:00 A. M.

This is only the third flight made by the birds, and the quick time in which the distance was covered augur well for the future value of the birds as "homers."

800 FEET DOWN.

The test well for oil on Sec. 123, T. & P. Railway lands, in Presidio county, now being drilled by Claude Byler, is now down 800 feet. There has been lately considerable delay in the work, caused by the lodgment of the drill bit in the hole, but this has been recovered and the work is now being rushed.

For any electrical repairing, see Gus Elmendorf, Jr. or call 83.

PRIVATE JOHNSON KILLED.

Several days ago, while riding a motorcycle, Private Johnson, attached to the quartermaster department, was thrown against a stob, shattering his shoulder. On Tuesday he died from his injuries. The body was sent Thursday to Spiro, Okla., his former home.

Mrs. Thompson gave a delightful bridge party Monday afternoon at her home at Camp Marfa.

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GRAND CANYON BELOW PRESIDIO

BIG BEND RICH IN MINERALS.

American settlers, farmers and miners, now pouring into the upper valley of the Rio Grande are realizing the "Sueno de Oro", or dream of gold, that lured La Vaca and other Spanish conquistadores and their picturesque bands of gentlemen-adventurers and soldiers-of-fortune from the southwestern coast of Mexico, up over the high passes of the Sierra Grande mountains to the Big Bend country, in the middle of the sixteenth century. But the modern Americans, exploiting the natural and mineral wealth are making that dream come true, where the Spaniards, led on by the fictions of the buried treasures of the Montezumas in the northern mountains, lost their way, fainted and died from thirst on the high deserts, or wandered to a bleak finish in the wastes of the mountains.

Not hopes of golden bullion, hidden away in secret places, but cotton crops averaging nine-tenths of a bale to the acre, and attaining two bales to the acre, have turned out to be the real prize of the Presidio district.

Silver and Mercury Galena. Millions of times more valuable, literally, than the gold cargoes of the galleons that sailed the Spanish main in those romantic medieval days of blood, piracy, conquest and rapine, are the commercial and industrial treasures being opened by the laterday Anglo Saxons and Celts in this wonderland of the twentieth century.

One silver mine, named for the late General William Shafter, of Indian war and Spanish war fame, who bought the property when stationed as a young lieutenant in the pioneer days of the Trans-Pecos at the Ft. Davis cavalry post, has produced upwards of \$10,000,000 in easy profits from huge deposits of rich silver ore carried in a limestone formation. This is said to be the only property in America that has operated its mine and mill night and day for 42 years without a shutdown.

The Chisos quicksilver mines at Terlingua, in Brewster county, is the greatest producer in the world today, having hung up a rec-

ord of more than \$10,000,000 in profits in the first ten years of its existence, with enormous bodies of ore still to be worked.

Whereas its only two rivals—the Almaden in Spain and the Indian in Italy—are old and reaching the point of exhaustion of their quicksilver ores the Chisos has barely started.

And this region has, comparatively speaking, been scarcely scratched for silver, mercury and other wealth. The opportunities for the energetic prospector are practically innumerable and experienced mining men predict an excitement after another in various parts of the Big Bend and northern Chihuahua, that will eclipse the mad rush of Goldfield, Cripple Creek, Aspen, Telluride, Silverton, Creede, the Klondike and the days of '49 in California.

Smelters on the Rio Grande. With "all the lime outdoors" on hand ready for fluxing, and all the waters in the Rio Grande and the Rio Conchos available for smelters built on their banks, while beds of the finest lignite coal in measures of incalculable proportions can be cheaply mined and pushed to the doors of the roasting ovens, a new era of intensive reduction and refining of rare base metals is swiftly and surely dawning in the Presidio district.

The fuel problem has actually solved itself, because exposures of coal may be actually seen on the surface over large areas, and transportation is comparatively easy and cheap from the mines.

The Gateway to Asia. Presidio is strategically situated as the natural gateway to Asia from the agricultural, livestock and shipping regions of the Mississippi and Missouri river valleys, as well as from the manufacturing centers of the northern and eastern states.

For with the completion of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad from Alpine, (a distance of 90 miles to Presidio) to connect with the already constructed line at Falomir Mexico and thence to Topolobampo, in Sinaloa, on the west coast, the production of the middle west and of the New England states will be brought 4,000 miles closer to the Asiatic markets.

All of this commerce will be handled through Presidio.

Topolobampo is the largest landlocked harbor on the globe. Ships sail from Topolobampo on a straight east line for Shanghai, Hong Kong, Yokohama, Manila and the straits settlement below the tip of India, while the routes from the northern harbors of Seattle, Portland, San Francisco, Los Angeles and San Diego are at as much a distance disadvantage in comparison to the route from Topolobampo as the hypotenuse of a right angle triangle is to one of the equilateral legs.

Engineers, economists, manufacturing and traffic experts freely declare that in their opinion Presidio inevitably will develop into the queen metropolis of Southwestern America.

PRESIDIO VALLEY LANDS.

Half a dozen irrigation projects, so vast in the scope of their potentialities as to challenge the imagination, yet so simple and feasible from an engineering standpoint as to render their consummation easily practicable under the tutelage of American capital and enterprise, are under contemplation on the great Conchos river, which heads in the high Sierras of Northern Mexico and empties into the Rio Grande three and one-half miles above the city of Presidio, near the surveyed crossing of the Orient railroad from Kansas City to Topolobampo.

The biggest of these projects is familiarly known as "the Mesquite Boquillos" from the Spanish name of the high exit where the Conchos river leaves the Sierra Grande mountains for the Rio Grande valley.

At this exit, or end of the Mesquite canyon of the Conchos, there is located a natural dam-site with a natural spill-way about 200 feet high. As the canyon walls at, and for many miles above this opening in the Sierra Grande mountains are from 1,600 to 2,000 feet high, a dam of any desired height could be built, the limit in height being governed only by the amount of available money for that purpose. Indeed, engineers aver that a dam one thousand feet high would be practicable at this point.

On the Mexican side of the Rio Grande, varying in width from 50 to 100 miles there are many millions of acres of fertile land that can be bought cheap, and could be watered by canals and laterals from this Mesquite Boquillos project.

Aside from the Conchos, which is one of the greatest river systems on the American continent, there is no stream of irrigational value that comes into the Rio Grande in all the territory westward from Presidio to Brownsville, on the Mexican side of the border.

This Conchos water can be used to irrigate the vast strip lying between the north slope of the Sierra Grande mountains and the Rio Grande, and extending for hundreds of miles southeastward from Presidio toward the Gulf.

Stupendous Power Resources. In addition to furnishing irrigation for this rich, undeveloped agricultural empire, the Mesquite Boquillo project would also generate electric light and cheap power for the cities of Chihuahua, Juarez, Ojinaga, and other communities on the Mexican side, and for El Paso, Presidio and all the new towns springing up in the Rio Grande valley.

his hydro-electric power plant would also give low cost power to run drilling, hoisting, and compressing machinery in the mines in the Mexican state of Chihuahua and in the great Big Bend country, including Presidio and Brewster counties, on the Texas side of the Rio Grande. Mining engineers and geologists aver that in this part of North Mexico and Southwest Texas is the most highly mineralized zone on earth, so far barely scratched and rich in gold, silver, mercury, coal, oil and gas.

Pushing Private Projects.

Big electrical power interests in the United States are displaying keen interest in five private projects capable of easy development for hydro-electric power and irrigation of several millions of acres of fertile lands along the Conchos river itself, in the great valley extending from the Sierra Grande mountains to the Rio Grande river.

Exhaustive investigations have been made by engineers, and detailed records have been kept by meteorologists regarding the flow of the waters in both the Rio Grande and the Conchos. A synopsis of these data shows that about 75 percent of the total volume of waters passing down the Rio Grande at all seasons of the year comes from the

Conchos.

The five main projects on the Conchos come within the confines of the famous Alamo anch, on which a highly favorable report was submitted after detailed reconnaissance by Geo. W. Dithridge, an eminent consulting engineer of Hillis, Long Island, N. Y.

At one place there is a fall of 78 feet in the Conchos, half way between San Juan and the ranch house on the Alamo ranch, which embraces 60,000 acres, of which 8,000 acres is irrigable, 30 miles from Presidio and about 15 miles from Las Norias station on the Orient railroad survey. This 78-foot waterfall in the Conchos is available for innumerable large turbines for the generation of electric power and lights without the preliminaries of a dam; though the fall could be correspondingly increased to any desired height by the addition of a dam over and above the natural fall.

There are two other potential projects of enormous magnitude. In this region of the river, there are two great canyons opening between walls up to 2,000 feet high. In the West Boquillo there is a natural dam-site. In the East Boquillo a dam can be put in 1,000 feet high, in a huge gash in the mountains.

These are three other good dam sites for hydro-electric and irrigation project in the Conchos, on the Alamo ranch.

Approved by Millions.

In a written opinion on the Dithridge report and the proposed Conchos prospect, W. T. Millington, a noted engineer, who built the Orient railroad, and now lives in Presidio, says: "It is doubly interesting to me, as I have inspected the property and the dam-sites with a view to such development. Back in 1904 while locating engineer for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railway, I was directed to inspect the Rio Conchos, some four miles above the crossing of the present constructed Orient railway, to the confluence with the Rio Grande, with a view to water power development. My report then stated in a casual way that the canyons of El lamo presented great opportunities for storage. In May, 1908, I was employed by the International Boundary Commission of the United States and Mexico to measure the flow of the Rio Conchos and Rio Grande, and I continued in that capacity, with the exception of one interruption caused by the Mexican revolution, up to April, 1920. And the data as given by Mr. Dithridge regarding the measurements of these rivers are taken from the records on file with the International Boundary Commission and are worthy of credence. In June, 1910, in company with Mr. W. W. Follett, consulting engineer for the American section of the Boundary Commission, and also consulting engineer for the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad, land interests and water power development, we made an inspection of El Alamo for the Orient company. The Orient Orient people were not only interested in the proposition of an immense irrigation system, but also in the potentiality of the water power development. The Orient people had in mind with the completion of the Orient railway from Alpine to the Rio Grande, crossing near Presidio, just below the mouth of the Rio Conchos, and then connecting with the present constructed road at Falomir, Mexico, that the growing and prosperous border town would be situated at the crossing of the Rio Grande. Then this town could acquire cheap power, light and heat by the harnessing of the waters of the Rio Conchos. Mr. Follett's report was indeed favorable and interesting. But in the fall of 1910 the Madero revolution became active and Presidio, Texas, became the hot bed of activities, thus putting an end to the Orient company's contemplated construction and development and all legitimate enterprises. However, conditions at this time were very promising for peace and the Orient has announced that with the recognition of Mexico by the United States, they will at once close the gap between Alpine and Falomir. It is to their interest to do so, and one can reasonably expect they will do it."

PRESIDIO-ORIENT. When It Comes.

With the anticipated early completion of the Kansas City, Mexico & Orient railroad from its present southern terminus at Alpine, Texas, through Presidio, and thence Southeastward to Topolobampo, Mexico, great activity is being manifested in Presidio and the surrounding country. Presidio's geographical position

gives it strategic command, as an important port of entry, of a huge empire, inconceivably rich in mineral and agricultural resources, which will be opened in Southwest Texas and Northern Mexico by the Orient railroad.

Several vast irrigation projects are in contemplation both above and below Presidio, on the Rio Grande, on the American side, and on the Conchos river, one of the largest streams in Mexico, which empties into the Rio Grande only three and one-half miles above Presidio.

One of these projects entails co-operation between the governments of the United States and Mexico, but relations between Washington and the Obregon government are so cordial that no difficulty is expected on this score. It is proposed to build the highest dam in the world, one thousand feet high, in Santa Helena canyon, backing up the waters for many miles between solid rock walls in the Grand Canyon of the Rio Grande, thus affording storage for more than 50,000,000 acre-feet of water. The Assouan dam on the Nile, built by the British in Egypt, at present the greatest on earth, holds back 3,500,000 acre-feet of water. The proposed Boulder dam in the Colorado river would store 32,000,000 acre-feet. The walls of the Boulder Canyon are to be bound together with a dam 750 feet above rock and 1,000 feet wide at the top.

The Presidio district project would irrigate many millions of acres of the richest lands on earth, on both sides of the Rio Grande, extending down that stream for hundreds of miles, and would afford new homes and livelihood to tens of thousands of families.

Preliminary estimates by engineers indicate that the ultimate cost of building this highest of all dams and of constructing the network of canals and laterals for the distribution system, would be about \$60,000,000.

Several other irrigation projects of magnificent proportions are being planned for the Conchos river, where millions of acres of land lying on comparatively low benches can be watered easily by canals brought down from the upper reaches of the Conchos. Americans are heavily interested in enormous tracts of from 50,000 to 4,000,000 acres, in the State of Chihuahua, that would be made irrigable by these Conchos projects.

A stampede is on for the almost unbelievable fertile agricultural lands in the Presidio district, especially those bordering on or close to the Rio Grande. Only within the last year these lands have proven themselves to be the finest cotton growing lands in the world. The local residents, most of them old cowmen, who essayed the first experiments in raising cotton here, had no experience in this line. But despite this disadvantage some of the results were truly remarkable. In one instance, the superintendent of the Chisos mine (which is the greatest quicksilver property in the world and has taken out over \$10,000,000 in less than 10 years' operation), raised ten bales of cotton on a little patch of five acres. The Carrasco Brothers at Polvo made 60 bales off 100 acres, this being the first year they raised cotton on that land. Fernando Daly of Presidio raised 15 bales off 18 acres. Estaban Ochoa, 10 miles up the river from Presidio, raised 35 bales off 50 acres. Ben Levine of Rudiosa made 35 bales off 35 acres. The whole Rudiosa country averaged one bale to the acre, except a few Americans who only got started on cotton last season.

Though only 1,000 acres in the Presidio district were put into cotton last year, the rich net profits of \$200 per acre made from land that had just been cleared from the raw state, precipitated land buying all up and down the river from Presidio, and this season more than 20,000 acres will be put into cotton in the 55-mile stretch from Ru-

diosa to Redford, along the Rio Grande.

The old-style power from little cotton-mules is too slow for these up-to-date farmers and great tractors are breaking up the ground this season with disc gang plows. The Johnson ranch is putting 580 acres into cotton with tractor, and Fred W. Cook, a civil engineer, is using a tractor on 80 acres going into cotton.

The Presidio district cotton is pronounced a superior grade by experts. Buyers from all parts of the country have been seeking for it and it commands a fat premium on the El Paso market, from where it is shipped—not only to Japan, but to mills in the interior of Mexico.

One cotton gin with a capacity of 15 bales a day has been operating the past season in Presidio. Half a dozen other gins, several of large capacity, will be rushed to completion in various advantageous hauling positions along the Rio Grande, above and below Presidio, in territory tributary to this city as a trade center. Carl Anthony, formerly of Fabens, who is an experienced gin operator and has ran several large plants, has sold out his holdings in the El Paso district and moved his entire establishment to Presidio. He is already installing a four-stand 80-saw gin a little east and north of the Henry Daly flour mill in Presidio. James Halper, who has been operating a local gin, declares that Presidio bids fair to develop within a short time into one of the greatest cotton ginning centers in the world, on account of the vast acreage susceptible to cotton cultivation, tributary to this city.

Some of the old cowmen are reaping snug fortunes out of cotton. J. J. Kilpatrick, Sr., of Candalaria, raised 200 bales off 250 acres the last season. He has made over \$200,000 out of cotton, not only raising it, but also buying from other growers who have been raising cotton in that section for several years.

One of the most favorable features about the Presidio country from an agricultural standpoint is the super-abundant supply of cheap but thoroughly competent farm labor. There are thousands of Mexicans eager for employment on both sides of the Rio Grande. There is never a labor shortage in this region. The Mexicans work for one dollar in American money per day, and board themselves.

These who work on the American side of the Rio Grande go home to the Mexican side Saturday night and return to the American side Monday morning, bright and early. The laws are such that the Mexicans thus avoid paying the head tax of \$8.00 a ach. Another difficulty is thereby evaded, because in order to pay the head-tax, a Mexican must first be able to read and write, and as many of the farm laborers are illiterate, such an educational requirement would be a bar to the majority.

New land is plowed here with tractors, working on gang plows 24 hours a day, at a cost of only fifty cents per acre in contrast with the old cost of \$3.50 per acre on the average Texas cotton farm employing the antiquated little plow, mule power and a negro.

All work is performed with machinery, except picking cotton, which service is done by Mexicans at around one and a quarter cents a pound.

COUNTRY BOYS.

Once a rich banker was walking down the streets of Atlanta, and his peculiar gait attracted the attention of a group, among them Bill Arrp, standing under the portico of the Kimball House. Some one asked why had the old gentleman who had just passed such a peculiar walk. Bill Arrp replied that when the banker was a barefooted country boy he had stumped off his toenails. Yes, it is the country boy who goes to the city and takes the prize.



SHAFTER MINES—SHAFTER



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GREETING.

In this issue appears the name
of the editor and manager of the
New Era—also this number con-
stitutes the "Big Bend Edition" of
the paper. And it is with an ab-
ject apology for its many defects,
both omission and commission, ty-
pographical, etc., we give it out.

Some months ago, just as we be-
came seated on the tripod, and be-
fore the office boy could remove
the debris, a very bright and prom-
ising gentleman visited the office,
and finding us embarrassed by
many difficulties, with enticing
promises of much desired riches, it
was agreed in order to habilitate
our almost naked corporation, to
issue the "Big Bend Edition." Need-
less to mention the many vain and
unwarranted promises made sub-
scribers by this gentleman with a
slight cast in his left eye. At first
blush he apparently acted in good
faith, until one fatal day he fell
among the bootleggers with a few
dozen bottles of lemon extract on
tap, and away went the balance
wheel of our copyrighted edition
man—and so he faded from the pic-
ture—and so did our sweet dreams
of affluence. The Aladdin's lamp
was broken and the genii departed.

so had the bright cock-eyed hope
of our financial salvation. In the
expressive language of our snipe
hunting period, we were left hold-
ing the sack.

Since his departure to the land
of the unknown, we have alone
faithfully labored to do the best
possible. With one thousand oth-
er difficulties and dire afflictions
besetting the conduct of a strug-
gling weekly, we have at last brot
it forth—the "Big Bend Edition."
So that it could have fittingly rep-
resented the greatness—the illim-
itable resources and the pictur-
esque beauty of this great Big
Bend of the Rio Brava—composed
of Brewster, Jeff Davis and Pre-
sidio counties, it would have re-
quired at least two more 8-page
sections, and then the story would
only have been half told.

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son—our linotype, knowing that we
were depending entirely, absolutely
and irrevocably on his, its or her
good behavior, has been for one
month wantonly, brazenly and mal-
iciously on her worst 12-year-old
conduct—and is still fretful, peev-
ish, willful, adverse, etc. Hence
we are not open to congratulation,
but hope for better success next
time.

THE EDITOR.

Miss Hillary Harrison, formerly
feature writer on the El Paso Times
who has done newspaper work in
Austin, Fort Worth, Los Angeles,
Denver and San Antonio, and who
conducted special departments on
the San Antonio Express in 1913
and 1922, recently returned from
Washington to San Antonio and is
with the Express with a Sunday
feature, entitled "As You Like It."
Miss Harrison is a native of Hays
county, Texas. She has written
for a number of magazines and is
author of a book of poems, enti-
tled "Texas Emblems for You."
—El Paso Times.

It will be remembered that when
her brother was pastor of the Bap-
tist church here, Miss Harrison was
a frequent and welcome visitor to
Marfa.

BRIDGE CLUB.

It was a pleasure of the members
of the ladies bridge club to motor
out to the Shinner ranch last Thurs-
day to assemble for their regular
meeting enjoying the hospitality of
Mrs. Skinner.

Only the club members were pres-
ent. After a number of interesting
games of bridge the hostess served
delicious refreshments.

BRIDGE LUNCHEON.

Mrs. J. L. Skinner was hostess
Thursday afternoon at a beautifully
arranged bridge luncheon at her
ranch home nine miles west of
Marfa at 1:30 o'clock.

When all had arrived, the hostess
served a delicious four course lun-
cheon. A beautiful color scheme in
yellow was artistically carried out
in the decorations. Five tables were
arranged for bridge and one for "42."

Those enjoying this delightful party
were: Mesdames, T. Snyder, B.
Pruett, W. Ake, W. P. Fischer, M.
Fletcher, Buck Pool, E. Walker, W.
B. Mitchell, F. A. Mitchell, R. D.
Smith, Mandell, Barton, Summer,
Gaw, Mason, Tilson, Dunkle, Good-
win, Eltinge, Thompson, Shipman,
Moilster, and Miss Eltinge and Miss
Lucy Belle Snyder.

SENIOR CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR.

Again the Senior Christian En-
deavor will meet at the Presbyterian
church next Sunday evening at 6:30.

As our lesson for discussion is a
missionary lesson, Miss McMillan
will be leader, she being chairman
of the missionary committee. I am
sure this is a lesson which will be
interesting to all. Who is going
to say the most?

Our Endeavor has been divided
into three groups, there being a
captain for each group. Now, which
group is going to obtain the most
members, and do the most work
for the Master? Do you know in
which group you belong, or do you
want to find out who the captains
are? If so, come and we will glad-
ly enroll you where you belong,
then if you want to see your side
win, work and bring some one with
you.

I must also mention the fact that
some of our boys have kindly and
heartily offered to organize an En-
deavor orchestra and it is now under
full sway there being three last
Sunday evening who did splendid
work with their instruments. This
is certainly a great help to our so-
ciety and is enjoyed by everyone.
Come visit us and keep on com-
ing. You are always welcome.

ST. PAUL'S CHURCH.

Episcopal

Rev. Delber W. Clark, Missionary
to the Big Bend.
Fourth Sunday in Lent, March 30th.
7:30 A. M.—Holy Communion.
10:00 A. M.—Church School.
11:00 A. M.—Morning prayer and
sermon.

Ladies' hair cut the way you want,
only 35c, at the Dixie Barber Shop.

ANNOUNCEMENTS.

The New Era is authorized to an-
nounce the following candidates for
office, subject to the action of the
Democratic primaries July 26, 1924.

For Sheriff:
J. E. VAUGHAN (re-election)
BEN PRUETT

For Tax Assessor:
ROBT. GREENWOOD
(re-election)

For Tax Collector:
O. A. KNIGHT (re-election)

For County Treasurer:
SAM WOOLEY
W. A. KERR (re-election)

For District Clerk:
MISS ANITA YOUNG
(re-election)

For County Clerk:
J. H. FORTNER (re-election)

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

AT FORT DAVIS

The Presbyterian congregation
at Fort Davis was organized by
Dr. H. S. Little, and for many years
used the Methodist chapel at that
place. The membership was com-
posed of very few. In 1887 Dr. W.
B. Bloys came from Coleman, Texas,
and for 30 years, from that time
until his death, was the faithful and
loved pastor.

In 1905 the present beautiful
building was erected at a cost of
\$5000. Dr. Bloys, being a skilled
workman, did a great deal of the
labor himself.

The present membership, under
the pastorate of Dr. Irving, one of
the most learned and eloquent di-
vines of that denomination in Tex-
as, now numbers 80. A union Sun-
day numbering 75 or more is con-
ducted.

CHURCH OF CHRIST.

Bro. Livengood of the Austin
Park Christian church, El Paso,
brought us a splendid message on
Tuesday evening on the work of
the United Christian Missionary So-
ciety. The report of the things
accomplished and the outline for
future work give the Church of
Christ courage to go forward to
undertake greater things in the
name of the Master.

We were glad to have good crowds
at all services last Sunday. The
interest and fellowship are helpful
and inspirational.

Sunday School 9:45; morning wor-
ship, 11:00, subject "God's plan for
Church Growth;" evening service,
7:45, subject "Christian Unity."
Come and worship with us.
M. A. BUHLER.

Alamo Lumber Company

Dealers in Lumber and Builders Hardware

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BRICK	PAINTS
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In addition to being ready at any hour of the
day to supply its customers with as much electric
and water service as they may require, a utility
company must, in order to do a good job of serv-
ing, have plant facilities prepared ahead of the
demand to care for the expected growth of the
community served.

Electric and water service cannot be supplied
to new population overnight. It requires a large
amount of machinery and equipment to care for
each customer. As the community grows the
service meets the needs of the greater population,

This company must look ahead and find capital
to put into new facilities to care for the city that
will be here next year and in five years. It grows
as the city grows, but its growth must be in ad-
vance of the city's growth so the city may be able
to grow.

MARFA ELECTRIC & ICE CO.

Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Company

The largest exclusive dry goods house in Presidio County, handling nothing but the
very best the market affords, in materials, notions and ready-to-wear. Our stock is
not made up of job lots of cheap merchandise but carefully selected from the best lines
of merchandise available.

Many of our leading lines, such as Walkover, Hamilton-Brown and Selz Shoes, Stetson
Hats, Beldings and B Hart Silks, Berkshire Hosiery, Munsing Underwear, Gossard Cor-
sets and Brassiers, Keystone Trousers, Hart, Schaffner & Marx Suits, Betty Wales Dress-
es and many other lines carefully bought direct from the manufacturer. We are there-
fore better prepared to give you better merchandise for the money.

MAIL ORDERS GIVEN SPECIAL ATTENTION

Shopping for out-of-town customers one of our specialties. We invite you to avail yourself of our Ladies Rest
Room when in our city.

Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Co.



SCENE ON F. C. MELLARD RANCH

FOR SALE—A good electric sweeper at a bargain. Phone No. 9.—Mrs. J. C. Midkiff.

FOR SALE—Six horsepower engine with wood saw and splitter.—Marfa Bakery.

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Lumber,

Paints Oils,

Varnishes, Glass

Doors

Sash, Shingles

A satisfied customer is our motto.

THE LITTLE MEXICAN WORKERS.

To look into the little Mexican Methodist parsonage on Saturday afternoons would cheer up the most pessimistic home missionary worker. The splendid girls and young women of the American church bending over the tables helping the little Mexican children in their hand work is a very beautiful picture of mutual help and co-operation. The little Mexican children are eagerly learning to piece quilts, cover the cans for their little plants, making little doll cradles and other little work. But the beautiful part is to listen to them learning to sing our beautiful hymns and also to repeat their little verses—all in English. We are trying to lead them out in a spirit of service, letting them feel the sweet spirit that it is more blessed to give than to receive. We are planning to put on a semi-vacation Bible school for them the early part of June. We are expecting some real achievement with them during those days. Will the christian people co-operate with us in prayers for our success for the little folks?

BAPTIST CHURCH NOTES.

This fifth Sunday is the day of our gathering at Paisano. There will be conveyance for everybody. Be at the church at nine. Rev. D. B. Hill of Ft. Stockton will preach at the morning hour. Many friends who knew him here a number of years ago are looking forward with pleasure to a renewal of their acquaintance and the rest of us will be delighted to listen to this pastor, who is doing a fine work at Ft. Stockton.

An enthusiastic class has been studying the Sunday School manual this week. The manual has opened the eyes of more people to the meaning of a real Sunday school

MOVES MONDAY.

The F. M. Kennedy barber shop, known as the Dixie Barber Shop, will move into new and finer quarters next Monday.

Mr. Kennedy, under the workmanship of Mr. Mitchell, is having the "Cozy Corner" place completely renovated and when completed it will present a new appearance.

All during the war with its attendant high prices, Kennedy never changed his prices always kept to the same fixed before the world disturbance.

than any other one agency of our denomination. We hope to have another training class before long.

The junior boys with their teacher deserve the thanks of the church. They have repaired all the shaky chairs in the auditorium.

The various departments of the Sunday School rendered a creditable program last Sunday morning. The pastor was glad to keep quiet and look on and listen during the regular preaching hour. A nice little offering was made to the missions. This was over and above what we are paying to the missions in our campaign pledges.

We are looking forward to the coming of Dr. Burkett, who is to lead us in our meetings, which are to begin April 6th. Dr. Burkett has this month been conducting similar services with his own church at Abilene. He is an earnest, forceful preacher who deals with the principles of the gospel in a quiet way. Let's back him up with our hearty co-operation.

NOTICE.

The dog tax for 1924 is past due. All parties who own dogs are requested to call at city hall and pay the tax and secure tags. After April 1st, all dogs found without tags will be dealt with according to law.—A. M. AVANT, City Marshal.

Milady's Shoppe

Gold Medal hats have been sold here for over ten years continuously—always a good selection.

DRESSES! DRESSES!

Satin Cantons, Cantons Flat, Crepes, Printed Crepes, Ros-tranaras and Georgettes, new colors.

Linens, Voiles, Hand Drawn Work, Braided and Plain

Silk Hose

Best in town for the money New and staple shades.

Coats and Capes

New shipments every week

Milady's Shoppe

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"WHERE QUALITY IS KING AND LOW PRICES REIGN"

It is the aim of the Quality Stores, Inc., to maintain in their Jewelry and Gift department the same high standard of quality, and undertake to give the highest type of Jewelry service that is possible.

We want the public to consider us as Jewelers, even tho' we will carry many other lines and our store will necessarily have to feature such other lines as we carry, still, we will give untinted service in the Jewelry and Gift Department.

AZTEC WARE

Cigarette Boxes
Flower Bowls \$1.25 to \$5.00
Vases, \$1.25 to \$3.50
Jardiniers, \$3.50 to \$6.00
Water Bottles, \$3.00 to \$5.00
Candy Boxes, \$2.50 to \$4.00
Incense Burners, \$1.25

OPTICAL DEPARTMENT

In our new store we have installed a very convenient Optical room and have all scientific equipment and only modern methods of refraction and fitting of glasses used.

FRANK L. ANDERSON
Optometrist.

For Gifts let us assist you. We have had many years of experience in gift selecting and it will always be a keen pleasure to be able to assist you in the selection of appropriate gifts.

GIFT STORE DEPARTMENT.

We have just received from Guadalajara, Jal., Mexico, a most beautiful assortment of Aztec and Toltec Pottery.

The coloring in this pottery is the rarest that is possible to conceive. Weird characters are inworked in the designs. The Aztec Plaque is on many of the articles in colors and in raised effects. Many of the designs are distinctively of the Indian style. You can best appreciate this unusual pottery by comparing it with the average Mexican pottery that you have seen. While we still have a large assortment, drop in and have the pleasure of seeing and studying the beautiful coloring and designs that we have.

It is very reasonable in price, ranging from \$1.50 to \$6.00 for a piece

A very attractive gift for bridge parties, the large jardiniers, or vases can be wired to make living room or table lamps. We are equipped to make them up to your individual taste.

VENETIAN ART GLASS

In the gift store line we have still left quite a number of the very popular Venetian Glass pieces, and as we are anxious to make room for a larger stock of Decorated Glass we have en route, we have decided to give a one-third off discount on all Venetian Art Glass for just one week. As there is not a great deal of these pieces left, it will pay you to make your selections early.

WATCH REPAIR DEPARTMENT

The management of Quality Stores Inc., can very strongly recommend to the people of this section the services of Mr. W. B. Dutton, Watchmaker of many years experience, and when you leave your watch with him, you may be sure of conscientious service being given.

QUALITY STORES, Inc.

MARFA, TEXAS



COTTON TEAMS FROM CANDELARIA EN ROUTE FOR MARFA

RESOURCES OF THE "BIG BEND,"

"The Poor Man's Paradise."

There is a great curve in the Rio Grande known as the Big Bend. It begins 125 miles below El Paso at the Northwest corner of Presidio and extends 200 miles to the Southeast corner of Brewster.

Although the average altitude of the valley is about 2,000 feet, being shut in by high mountains it is comparatively free from the icy blizzards which sometimes sweep down from the north and from the extreme cold of the "Flats." The winters are usually dry, but there is very little dust. While the summers are long and rather warm, the nights are pleasant and, owing to climatic conditions, the heat is never oppressive.

Consumption, pneumonia, diphtheria and typhoid fever are rare and malignant malarial fevers are unknown.

In a land where four generations live at one time are not unusual, it is rather remarkable that there should be two hot springs for the cure of the sick and the afflicted. Seven miles from Rudoso are the well-known Cleveland Springs, where business men from Marfa,

and geology of the upper Big Bend. There on a vast scale one may observe the mighty force of nature tearing down mountains, weathering huge rocks, digging deep canyons and making new soil.

From Redford up the river to Candelaria are a number of settlements now taking on new life. Many American farmers are moving into the valley and are introducing new methods of cultivation with up-to-date implements. The tractor is making its appearance. Up the river from Candelaria, where there were formerly hundreds of Mexicans squatting on the land and farming a few acres of "temporals", there are now great possibilities of farm development and riches. A few white settlers are going into this part of the Rio Grande and there are many inquiries being made about this hitherto little-known region of the Big Bend.

Some Possibilities.

Anywhere the valley will produce wheat, corn, potatoes, grapes, figs, pomegranates, peaches, pears, plums etc., do well.

The Big Bend valley is the poor man's country. That is, a family with scarcely any means can in a

valley will do, the history of the. There were living in the settlement about fifteen Mexican families. A small ditch had been taken from the river and the water used in growing crops on a few acres of land. The crops always consisted of wheat planted in the fall, and in the spring when this was harvested, corn was planted, and of chili. They had no crop which course there always was the field could profitably be taken to the railroad. But they could always have plenty to eat. Five years afterwards, D. D. Kilpatrick came to the little Mexican village to take charge of a store, while his sister, Mrs. J. S. Howard, then Miss Mary Kilpatrick taught a small Mexican school. The store commenced with a stock of \$50.00. Five years afterwards, J. J. Kilpatrick, Sr., and his family moved from Houston to Candelaria. At this time the Kilpatricks owned virtually nothing. Mr. Kilpatrick had been prior to moving west, principal of the John Reagan school in Houston, but owing to failing health was obliged to give up his life's profession and take up in middle age, under new and strange environment, another vocation.

In 1888 the Wyndom boys sold their cattle to Harry K. Sneed Kennysley, an English nobleman. In 1892, Mr. Brite bought the Kennysley herd, which at that time consisted of first-class native stock. This was about 30 years ago, and since then he has been improving and building up his stock and ranch until the present, when his great herd of Herefords has become famous, not so much by newspaper advertisement, but by real merit, individuality and uniformity, bro't about by years of close application and study of the cattle breeding business. His business slogan: "A satisfied customer is the best asset."

By adhering closely to this motto the "Brite bulls" are well and favorably known throughout the ranges of the Western States and Pacific coast. His herd has furnished the foundation stock for many of the Big Bend ranges, which has made Marfa famous as the "Heart of the Cattle Country."

The Ranch.

Is located some 35 miles from Marfa and consists of about 125,000 acres, with mountains, rolling hills and fertile valleys. On the ranch there are hundreds of acres of land which are ideal for the growing of alfalfa, cane, kaffir corn and milo maize, and in order to grow and produce crops it was necessary to construct several large reservoirs to catch and hold the storm waters.

The ranch is divided into a number of pastures, with their separate fence lines, houses, tanks, bosses, etc.

At the headquarter place now known as Brite is located the store in charge of Mr. Charles Brite. It is a good building with concrete floors, and is filled with a fine stock of general merchandise. It is generally known that at Brite, Texas, you can buy as cheap, if not cheaper, than most of the places along the railroad. There are from fifty to seventy-five employed on the ranch most of the year, and many of them have families. The store has not only been a great convenience for those living on the ranch, but has been a financial success.

In this connection is mentioned the Mexican raid made on the ranch on Dec. 24, 1917, at which time the store was looted, and when the bandits were finally driven off the body of Mickey Welsh a U. S. mail contractor, was found hanging up in the store with his throat cut. In order to protect his property from any subsequent raids Mr. Brite has erected and equipped a fort near by and overlooking the surrounding country.

Besides taking an interest and building up with a foresight his business affairs he has always stood for law and order and always manifested interest in local government of his county. For ten years he served efficiently as county commissioner. In fact he has always manifested an intelligent interest in all public matters from his home precinct to state and national affairs and is well versed on the current questions of the day.

Also besides his large business and the affairs of the country he has always had a larger vision and has been interested in the cattle industry in general. For a number of years he has been one of the leading active stockmen of the state, ever looking out for the welfare and progress of this great industry. For several terms he has been president of the Panhandle &

Southwestern Cattlemen's Association also he is first vice-president of the National Livestock Association.

Another prominent characteristic of this pioneer cattleman is the great interest he has shown for many years in religious matters, and especially in the welfare of the Christian church, of which he is a most worthy and prominent member. He is the founder of Brite College, a part of the Texas Christian University system of education. He is also a trustee of the T. C. U. Lately he has been one of the moving figures and incorporators of the Christian Foundation. It has been his custom for years to give one-tenth of his large income to charity and other activities of the Master's Kingdom. Cheerfully and without ostentation in fact, it has always been accomplished without ever letting anyone know besides the interested parties, his assistance rendered aided struggling churches to build houses of worship, and to pay the salaries of pastors. It can truly be said of him:

"He does good by stealth,

And blushes to find it fame."

Since 1896, Mr. Brite has had a partner, who has to a large extent shared his trials and triumphs, and to her skillful management of the household, as well as a keen and intelligent and appreciative interest in ranch affairs, is due in small measure the success which has been achieved. On June 24, 1896, he was married to Miss Edna Anderson, a beautiful, accomplished and refined lady from Missouri, who, as intimated, has proved a true helpmate, indeed. In the last few years they have built a magnificent home in Marfa, with all modern conveniences and adorned with many striking architectural beauties, and it is hoped they will

ite rocks than any place in the United States.

Near Casa Piedra is a mountain of a peculiar granite rock colored gray with black pencil markings and occurs in slabs from one inch to six inches thick. It is very hard and polishes with a most brilliant surface.

Brown zircons, garnets, Jasper chalcidony, all kinds of agates, amethysts, turquoise and opals.

Kaolin and all kinds of clays, also nitrates of sodium are found in the Capote country.

Barytes, gypsum, sulphur, plumbago, realgar and quicksilver are found in the Big Bend.

Island spar of the most perfect double refraction is found in great abundance. Some of the crystals are at least six inches in diameter and over twelve inches in length.

Silver, gold, zinc, copper, bismuth and iron are found in the Shafter district. In this same territory is located the great Shafter silver mines.

WHEN WINTER MAKES

Flowers bloom and shed their most fragrant perfume every month in the year, and the breezes, tempered to mildness, make this section one of the most desirable places on the North American continent to escape the frigid months of the year. There is something here for everyone. To those who enjoy the scenes of the boisterous times of the old days there is much here to attract, both in substantial fact and romantic legend. To those seeking health and out-of-doors in the sunshine when winter locks the north, this section offers the opportunity in a temperature that rarely ever approaches the frost line. The business man who desires to take a look into the development along irrigation lines and



GOING TO WATER, BRITER RANCH

Alpine, Fort Davis and other places go with their families each summer for rest and recreation. Three miles from Candelaria, on the Mexican side of the river are the famous San Antonio Springs, whose healing waters come boiling hot from the bowels of the earth. There are quite a number of these springs, each noted for the cure of some particular disease.

Good Place to See.

Before the Mexican revolution many people, suffering from all sorts of ailments, came from different parts of Texas and a few from other cities to visit these springs. There are now no accommodations, but sooner or later some shrewd, enterprising capitalist will take hold of them and build up a great health and winter resort, where not only the sick may find rest and comfort while taking the hot baths, but where married men with more money than piety, having given their friends and families the slip, may come and hide for a season to enjoy the gay life of a second Tia Juana, where men of science, broken in health, who care nothing for life wine that cheers, may also come, recuperate and seek diversion in studying the topography

few years accumulate a little property and in the meantime live and enjoy life without being a slave to any man's treadmill of hard labor. Yet, it is no place for a man wandering around with one or two hundred dollars in search of something for nothing, or cheap land to buy at a bargain and resell.

However, for a man of money, energy, and brains, there are great possibilities both in the production of cotton, the only money crop and the feeding of beef cattle. With cheap labor, plenty of water and no boll weevils or other insect pests, the cotton planter could easily compete in profits, if not excel, one more favorably located. And were he to build silos and fill them with corn and orange sorghum silage and raise such legumes as vetch, burr clover and velvet beans, he could fatten steers and wonderfully increase his bank account.

He could either feed or sell his cotton seed, whichever was the **But Cotton Is King.**

As an illustration of what the Kilpatrick family is interesting. Twenty-five years ago the town of Candelaria was named and virtually most profitable.

Today in their Candelaria farm they own 800 acres of irrigated land, a large ranch stocked with cattle and horses, a flour mill, gin, store houses stocked with about \$10,000 in merchandise. On their farms they have about 45 families and over 50 houses. Last season they made 175 bales of cotton, besides corn, wheat etc. Only 200 acres were planted in cotton.

And King Cotton did it all.

AN IDEAL RANCH.

Marfa, the county seat of Presidio, has become famous as the "Heart of the Cattle Country." The county is not only celebrated for its cattle in general, but especially as being a breeding place for high-grade Herefords. It seems that these "whitefaces" have proven to be not only the best all round utility breed, but are noted range rustlers.

Among the great ranges in West Texas, and where the Hereford has been bred to the best advantage, is on the magnificent ranch of L. C. Brite. He does not raise a few head of curled darlings, pampered for the fine stock shows, but his herd consists of at least 5000 head of thoroughbred Herefords, and when you see them on their accustomed range, they are seen as they will appear under any and all circumstances—with good treatment.

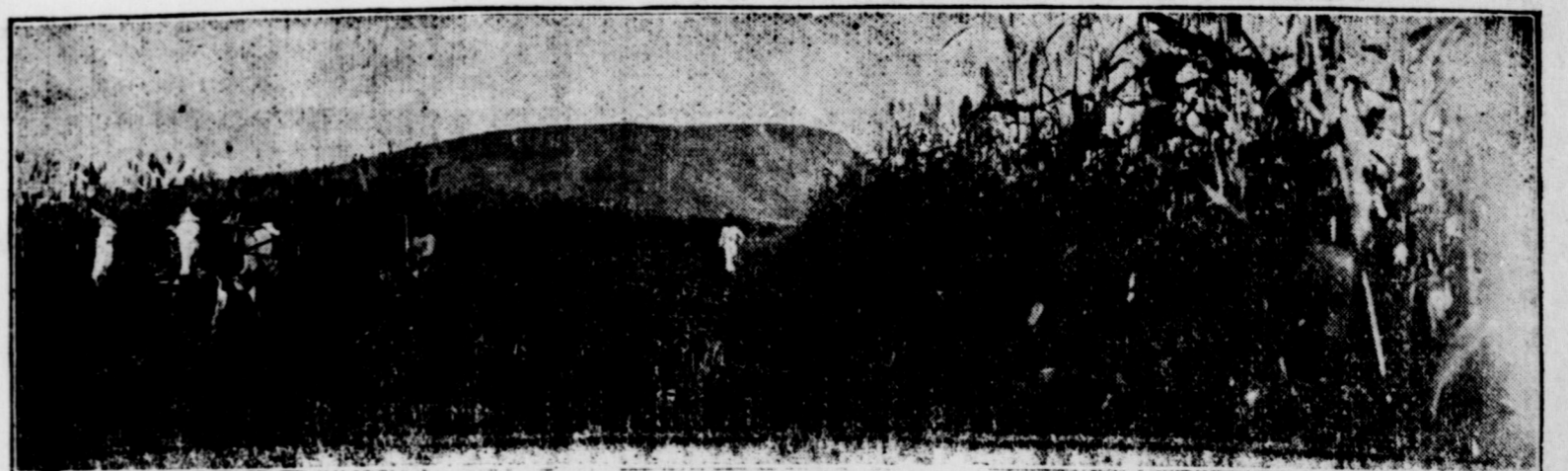
His chief ambition has been to develop his ranch and cattle to the highest possible degree, hence the reputation of his cattle—noted for their strong constitutions and flesh carrying qualities, and are especially adapted to the open range.

A Pioneer of '85.

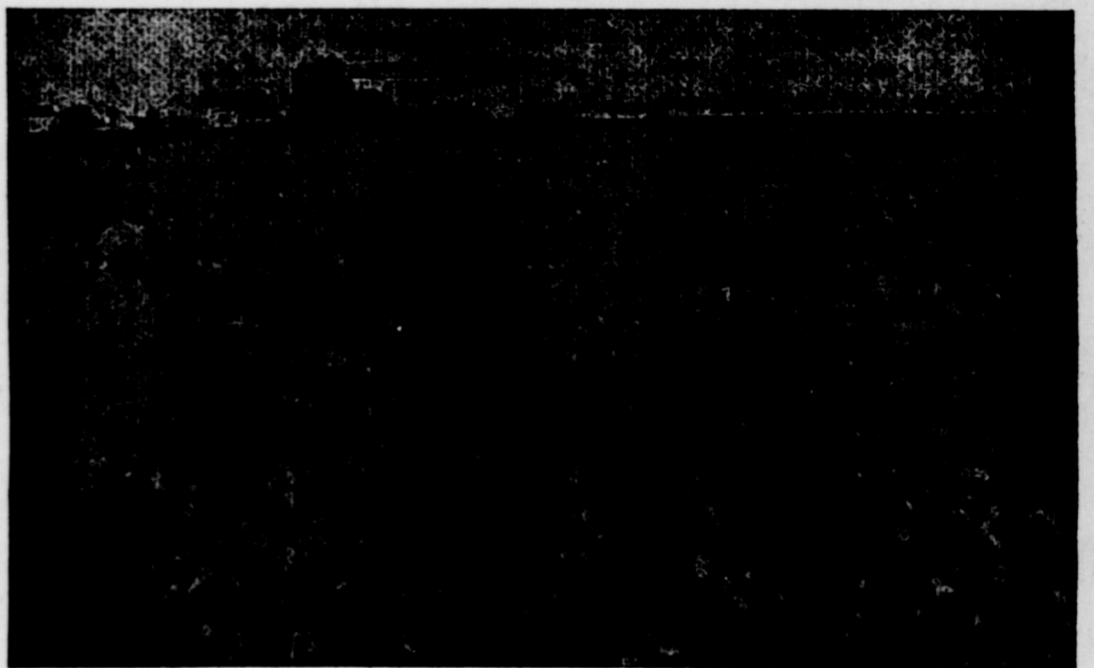
Lucas Charles Brite came to Presidio county in the fall of 1885, when quite a young man. At that time this county was known as open range territory. He located his small herd of cattle near the site of his present headquarter ranch, at the foot of the Capote mountains. The principal stockmen in there at the time coming to the country about the same time as he did, were the Wyndom Brothers, with about 1500 head of cattle, and Robert Nixon with only a few head. H. H. W. Perry, an Englishman, with sheep and horses, had just settled in the foothills of the Tierra Vieja mountains, only a few miles



FIRST BALE 1913 - CANDELARIA



CUTTING CANE FOR SILO - BRITER RANCH.



COTTON FIELD - CANDELARIA

continue to enjoy the prosperity so richly deserved, by a long life of happiness and contentment. An only daughter and child, Mrs. D. R. Dunkle, nee Hester Brite, was recently married to Captain Donald Ross Dunkle, of the U. S. Army.

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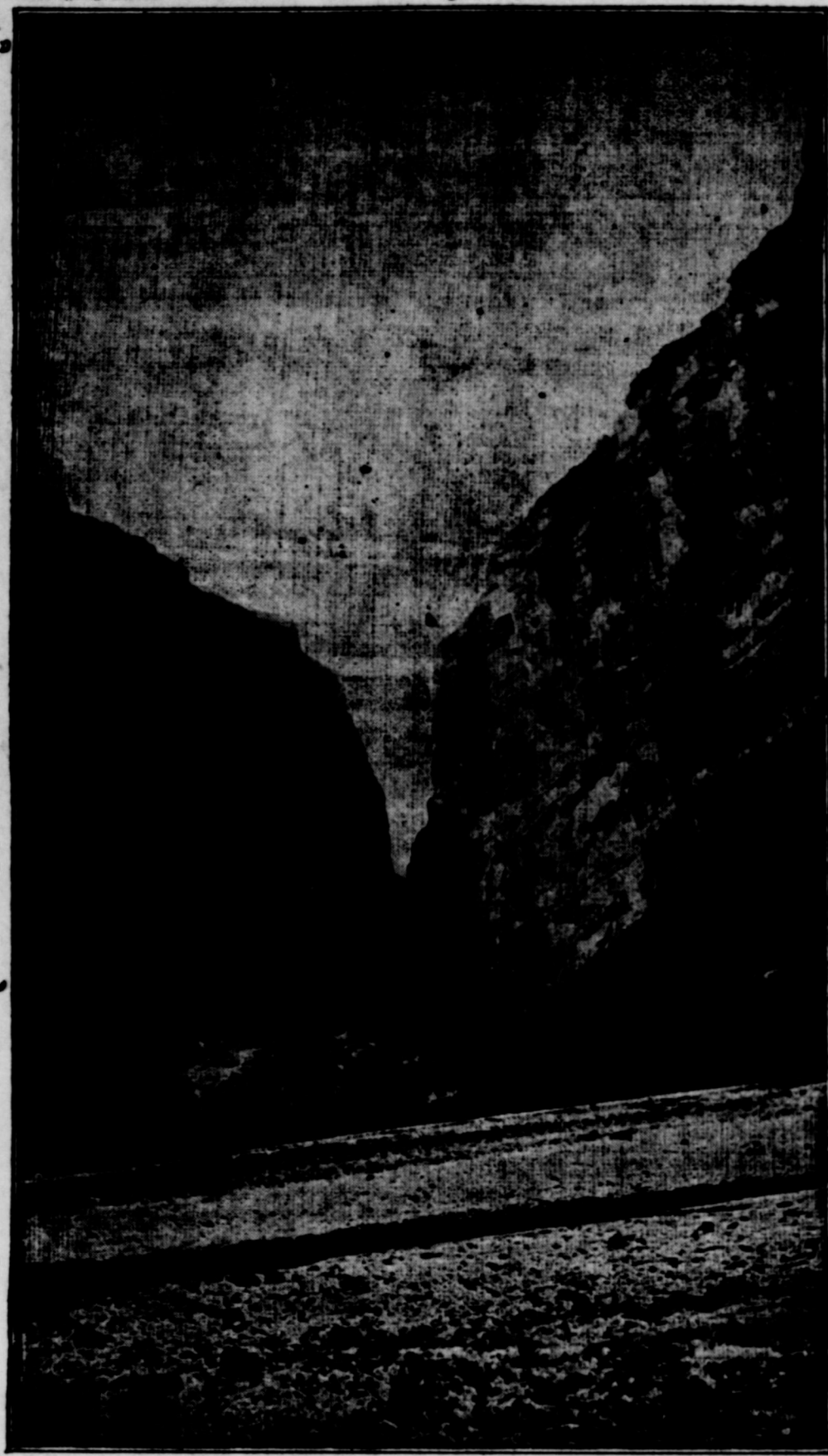
Without question the "Big Bend" is one of the greatest treasure houses of mineral wealth to be found anywhere in the west.

Graphite, coal and ozocerite are found here.

Oil indications may be found in many places. All kinds of valuable building stones. Syenites, limestones of every kind, including the marbles and lithographic stone. Sandstones—gray and green, and the granites. Prof. Robert Hill stated that the Big Bend had more kinds of gran-

make a study of those methods of fruit and farm production which are turning a stream of wealth this way, has a chance to do so in this section. The valley of the Rio Grande in the "Big Bend" is about the last place on earth where cheap lands with a constant source of irrigation water can be found. The man searching for investment can find in that country opportunities and chances that do not exist elsewhere. The homeseeker of modest means can find in this locality lands which will fit his purse and on which he can realize his dream of owning a home.

The opportunity to do great things has been widening here for the past few years. But one thing remains for those who have doubts—come to this section and be shown. The Rio Grande valley can be made into an earthly paradise.



Grand Canyon, Brewster County

(Continued from page 3) panies. Now the modern way of mining and development is adopted to the great enhancement of the values of the properties, and the modern economies have added in conserving the value of the mined products, while at the same time enabled a greater production, both in Cinnabar Rock and the extracted metal.

Quicksilver is a Wonderful Product And its uses are ever increasing in numbers and promises to become one of the most profitable mining industries in this country. One of the principal features is that there are very few districts in this country where the ore is found in paying quantities. Could the pioneer prospectors look over the vista of years since their early efforts and see now what those first efforts have developed into, and the wonderful mines now being worked on their small beginnings, they could hardly realize the greatness of the events that have taken place in the great ferlingua mining district.

The pioneer prospectors for mineral wealth were a hardy race, and all unrealized by them, blazed a trail for the onward march of civilization from the beginning of the California gold rush to the present. Soon after precious metals were discovered in Colorado and New Mexico, these early prospectors took up their march southward. They passed along the Rocky Mountain ranges through Colorado and New Mexico, finally, pursuing their quest down in Texas. At a comparatively early date they discovered the Hazel Silver Mines near Van Horn, Texas, and the Turquoise and Silver Mines southward, finally discovering the wonderful Silver Mine at Shafter, in the Chinati Mountains west of the Brewster County line. They were still following the mineral trend that had started in Colorado. But at Shafter in Presidio County, they finally opened up one of the richest Silver-Lead Mines in America, and one which has been continuously worked over thirty years and is still producing fabulous wealth for its owners. But this



Sul Ross Teachers at Piasano

This journal adds, "Mercury is now 80 cents per pound." Here is another use for this mineral. When it gets into general use, think of how much it will take to fill the boilers in the factories of this country! The price to which quicksilver will reach is now inconceivable. For present use is becoming short of supply. This Brewster County field is probably the only promising one which can be greatly extended.

From the Alpine Avalanche of February 23, 1922, we find the following extracts:

"Quicksilver was first found in Texas 22 years ago, since when \$10,000,000 have been produced. For years she has ranked second until 1921 when she took the lead.

"In his latest report, compiled by F. L. Ransome, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, in preliminary figures showing the production of quicksilver in the United States in 1921, he gives a total of 6,339 flasks. Of this output 3,094 flasks are credited to California and 3,144 flasks to Texas, 100 flasks to Nevada and one to Idaho.

"RANCH LIFE OF THE BIG BEND"

"Out Where the Hand Clasp's a Little Stronger."

The "Big Bend" of West Texas is one of the finest cattle raising sections of the United States. At Kansas City or Fort Worth the cattle from this country the among the best in the cattle exhibits at the market, shows and fairs and they bring prices which are high. You will find some of the choicest breeds in the world out here. The wonderful climate, which guarantees so much sunshine and clear weather, the open range, the protection of the numerous canyons and timber, the prevalence of the springs are no small factors in making West Texas so far famed for the cattle industry. As you travel over the "Big Bend" you can see thousands of cattle (cows, steers and bulls) and horses grazing or roaming over the range.

A range is a great tract or district of land, within which cattle in large numbers range for sustenance. It may be occupied by one or more proprietors and called a "cattle," "stock" or "sheep" range. The animals are generally gathered together at the periodical "Round Up" for counting, selection and branding when the herds of several proprietors sun together.

As this section of the country has produced the finest cattle and cattle raising is its chief industry, it has naturally developed the ranch life, which plays so important a part in the history of cattle raising.

The writer has visited most, if not all, of the large and small ranches in the "Big Bend." He might take one or two and describe them to you—such ranches as the "6" near Valentine or the Turney ranch, south of Alpine in Brewster county, or "The Jones Ranch" in Jeff Davis county not far from Marfa, or the Brite ranch, in Presidio county. These are all of them very well known ranches out here and a few days spent on any one of these above mentioned ranches will give you a real good idea of what real ranch life is—not that of romantic paper novels, but the ranch of hard work. Rather than select for description and one ranch in particular, the writer will take the liberty of skipping about and selecting characteristic bits of ranch life now from one ranch, now from another. In this way the description will be more general, but nevertheless true in its color.

We must not think of a ranch in terms of acres, that would be too small a unit, but rather in terms of sections. A section consists of 640 acres and out here in the "Big Bend" a ranch may have from 55 to 100 sections, 70 sections—a fairly good sized ranch—would have 44,800 acres. What would a New Yorker think of an estate of 44,800 acres, in Westchester county?

The large ranches are for the most part back from the railroads and the main roads of travel thru ranch property often reaches the main highways and extends along them for miles. You generally have to ride or drive miles out to reach the ranch house, which is the headquarters of the ranch life. And one of the delights of such a drive is the opening and shutting of the ranch gates. Often within a few miles you will get out of your automobile ten or twelve times to swing open the great "wire sag" gates and close them after you have passed through, for it is a breach of ranch etiquette to leave

a ranch gate open when you found it closed. On one side of the ranch gate is the cattle guard (which came with the automobile) It is a small opening in the fence and large enough for an auto to pass through. The floor of this opening is covered with a number of pieces of wood wide enough apart to keep the cattle from venturing over it but strong enough to carry the weight of a truck or motor car.

The ranch house is well built, mostly of adobe with a concrete covering. Around it are wide porches, which are called "galleries" in the west and which serve as fine sleeping places at night. The bedrooms are comfortable and simply fitted out with good beds heaped up with warm blankets and are generally arranged along a passageway. Many of them open out upon the galleries.

The dining room of the ranch house is very large and furnished with a long table so that a family reunion can take place with no inconvenience. Close by the kitchen door on many of the ranches you will find the milk house, preserve house, meat house, where the fresh meats from the ranches are stored. Great sacks of frijoles (free-oles, Mexican beans) are much in evidence on the back galleries.

The barns, sheep houses, shearing sheds, chicken yards, cowpens, corrals, tool shops and work house are not far from the ranch house. They are all kept very clean.

From one ranch gallery you can look out far away over the range and then a cowboy wearing his big and see the cattle grazing and now sombrero and leather boots with spurs as he rides and inspects the ranch fences.

Pretty flower gardens are not wanting at the ranch house, though the scarceness of water makes gardening rather difficult. You will see morning glory, sun flower, roses, poppies from California in the ranch garden. A few pecan trees, live oaks or locusts grow before and about the house. Some of the cottonwoods out here are very high and give good shade, but are in many sections very undesirable because of the worms (caterpillars) that infest them and make life beneath them uncomfortable.

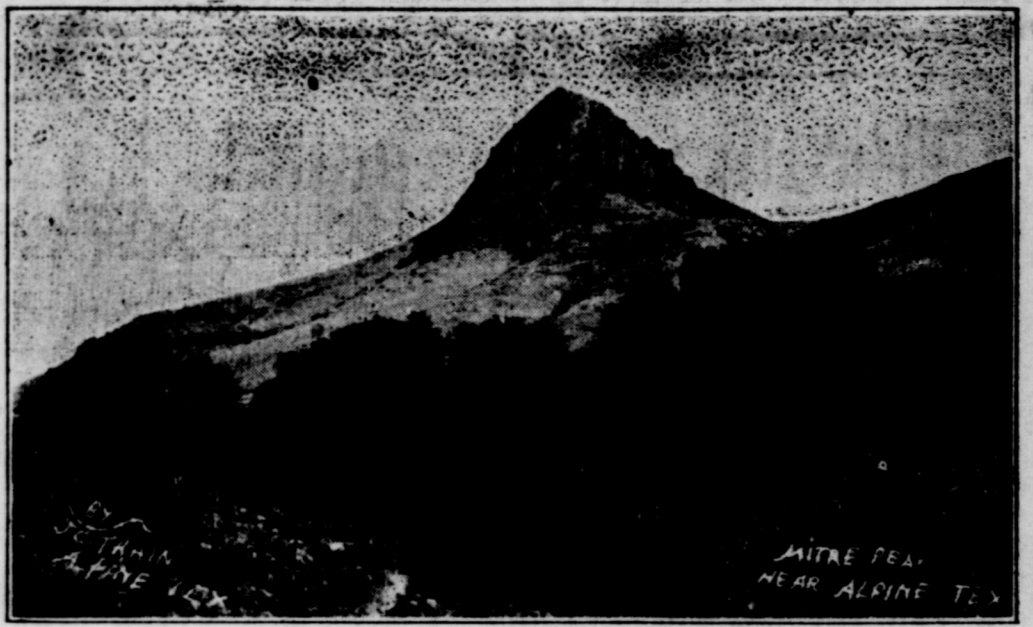
The rancher possesses a little domain of his own. He gets from milk, cream, beans, butter and many vegetables. An occasional visit will bring in quantities of coffee, oatmeal and other staple groceries, which, because of the quantity in which they are purchased, last for a long season.

A dinner at a ranch house, in fact, any meal is never to be forgotten. You have pitchers of milk and cream (platters of fresh meats, plates heaped with steaming hot biscuits, dishes of frijoles, home-made butter by pounds, "real" pies and cakes, delicious coffee. If you leave the ranch hungry it is most decidedly your own fault.

The "chuck wagon" dinner is equally fine and wholesome. When the "round up" takes place each spring and autumn the "chuck wagon" or "outfit" goes out to the cowboys on the range. This wagon is provided with compartments for food, knives, forks, spoons, pots and pans, kettles and bottles. The rear of the compartment is taken down or lowered and made into a table. The Mexican cook knows his job and the meal he cooks over the camp fire out in the open for men, who have been riding all the morning on the same range, is one that can put to shame many a Delmonico dinner. Out under the clear sky after a morning's ride the noonday meal certainly possesses the power to "fickle one's ribs" and is, as the Texans say, "sure enough fine."

At the "round up", which lasts for a week or more, the cowboys from far and near come in to the ranch to ride the range, herd the cattle and drive them to the corral. In the pen or corral the cowboy "four-foots" his animal and brings it down within a minute's time. The cows and steers are run through the shutes tied and then pressed against his side the skin held while the "branding iron" is scorched and the mark and brand made. The animal is then, as the Eastern society miss puts it, "engraved". At the branding it is you hear the animals bellow and roar like a hundred P. T. Barnum menagerie let loose just before meal time.

Each rancher has his own brand. His wife and children may each have a brand also. These brands are all registered in the court



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house. A brand may be in the shape of a numeral, letter, triangle, square, bar sear shape. There are thousands of brands in Texas alone.

The "round ups" are the main events of the year on the ranch. During the year there are the shipments to market, the riding of the range to inspect fences, windmills, ditches, tanks, pipes and there are trips to cities and towns the keeping up of the gardens, planting, repairing wagons, automobiles, cutting loco (a very poisonous weed to animals) and many other duties which make ranch life a very busy one.

In the evening at the ranch house there is the Edison or Victrola to delight you. You will find the latest magazines and books on the tables. Good pianos are not wanting. Though the newspapers may be two or three days old it is nevertheless there to keep the ranchman and his family informed as to what is going on in the big world outside.

The writer has often been asked, "have the ranch houses modern improvements?" Most of those visited by him most certainly have. There are electric lights, running water (hot or cold), bath tubs, stoves, sanitary plumbing and many other conveniences, which one would hardly expect to find so far out among the "wilds".

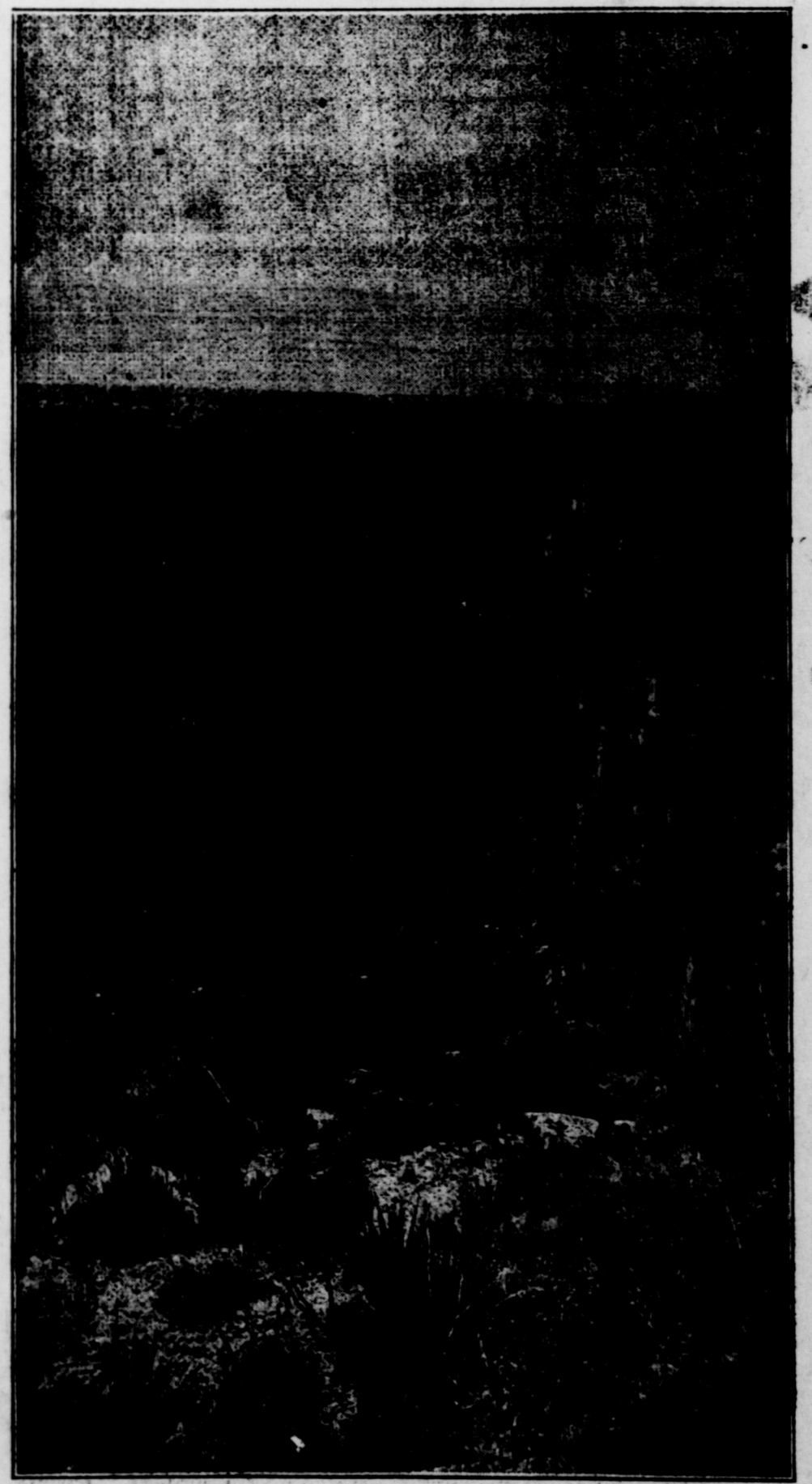
You get up early on the ranch and you retire early. The day's work begins long before sunrise and ends about supper time. The time does not seem long for there is always much to be done and time slips away easily on the ranch. For you back East, who read this little story, the whiter can wish no greater pleasure to you than a visit at a typical Western ranch. You will come away a better man and a better woman. Contrasts will doubtless come to you the artificial. You will realize that—contrasts between the real and the city and so-called "civilization" have not all the argument on their side by any means.

Modern commercialism is damning more souls today than all other agencies combined. The very ministers in the pulpit, half of them, dare not preach the real doctrine of Christ or to lash the profiteering pirates from the temple. The press is likewise handicapped and dares not tell the truth, politically, financially, morally, and very few other ways. If this editorial writer should start in to day to write nothing but the literal truth he would fetch up on a marble slab in a morgue in less than twenty-four hours.

The lust for gold is ruining men and women, boys and girls by countless thousands every day and every night, and now also the bootlegging traffic, with all its devilish and hideous ramifications, auxiliaries and consequences, is but one more of many other trails of the serpent through the filth and slime of modern commercialism.

In our humble judgment the remedy lies in the sermon on the mount and an application of the Golden Rule far more than in undertaking to legislate goodness and into people so money-mad that the barter of man's honor and woman's virtue for glittering gold is taken as much a matter of course as the robbing of Peter to pay Paul, or the vociferous work of the big fish swallowing the little ones without even seasoning.

With the wonderful growth in land values we have grown apace in churches, schools, telephones and home building and home beautifying to a marvelous extent. Our banks and bank deposits further testify to the drift of this, the best section of our marvelous state and to the intelligence and hustle of our citizenship, who are the best people the sun ever shown upon. Get a home in this, "The Land of Sunshine." Our climate for 12 months in the year is at all times bracing, and our people enjoy the sort of health "that makes life worth while."



Cave in Santa Helena Mountains, Brewster County, Texas, Near Alpine. Photographed Two Miles Away.

Locals and Personals

Dr. Irving was over from the Fort Wednesday.

K. C. Miller attended court at Ft. Stockton Tuesday.

C. C. Kent was up this week from his farm at Chanatti.

Mr. Charlie Livingston of Alpine was a visitor here last Sunday.

Mr. Charlie Brite and Oscar Wells were here Sunday from the Brite ranch.

I will pay you 8c a pound for dry hides 4c a pound for green hides.—Davis Market.

Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Brite returned Saturday from a delightful week's visit at Houston Texas.

Leonard Howard, who for several days has been suffering with his eyes, is now reported better.

Mrs. Samuel Goodwin was hostess to the bridge club of Camp Marfa on Wednesday afternoon.

M. Claude Hubbard, after a two weeks absence in eastern parts on business returned several days ago.

Manuel Gutierrez, teacher at Casa Piedra, was in Marfa Wednesday. He was a witness in the U. S. commissioner's court.

Childrens hair cut, under 12 years of age, 25c, except on Saturday, at the Dixie Barber Shop, F. M. Kennedy.

Paul Probst, maintenance superintendent of the State Highway Department for this district, was here Tuesday.—Mountain Eagle.

Have a few 50-pound cans of pure hog lard, nice, clean and white, am going to sell for 16c a pound.—Davis Market, Phone 87.

Judge Miller is preparing to put his farm near Ochoa in cotton. He has forty Mexicans there now, engaged in clearing and plowing.

Frank Duncan, the artist, has recently received a fine line of moulding and is now prepared to frame your pictures to the best advantage.

J. R. and Mrs. Love, and son, John Rowdy, Jr., and Alonzo Love of Marfa, spent Saturday and Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. T. D. Love.—Mountain Eagle.

Frank Duncan came in Tuesday from Glenn Springs and Boquillas, where he went to take views in that picturesque part of the Big Bend for Eastern parties, several of whom were with him on the trip.

Mr. W. M. Steel and Miss Nellie Steel of Seagraces, Texas, are visitors to our little city and are the guests of their sister, Mrs. Tom Snyder.

L. R. Millican was in Marfa Thursday, en route to Fort Davis, his home. For several weeks he has been conducting a meeting at Siera Blanca.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Fischer are taking an extended motor trip thru East Texas. They attended the cattlemen's convention at Houston and will visit relatives at Yoakum and San Antonio before returning.

Mrs. T. L. Perrine of Pinosaitos, New Mexico, came in this week to visit her mother, Mrs. L. D. Bunton. Before returning home, Mrs. Perrine will visit relatives and friends in San Antonio and Austin.

Judge Kilpatrick, editor and owner of the Marfa New Era, was a pleasant visitor at the Avalanche office last Friday. Under his capable efforts the New Era has become a real newspaper.—Alpine Avalanche.

DENTAL NOTICE.

Dr. Hodges has returned from El Paso and will be in his office at the Jordan Hotel, Room 7.

Rev. Delber W. Clark, in charge of the Big Bend mission of the Episcopal church is now located in Marfa as his headquarters. Rev. Mr. Clark and his wife will be welcome additions to our citizenship. The New Era extends their best wishes for a most successful mission in their new field of endeavor.

William Russell was in from his ranch farm at Casa Piedra Thurs. They are preparing to impound waters from the Alamo creek and surrounding hills, and if they obtain sufficient water, there is one field below the proposed dam containing 1000 acres of very rich farming land, which will be planted.

Mrs. R. E. Sheppard entertained in her home at Camp Marfa March 21st with a delicious three-course luncheon. The color scheme of violet was beautifully featured. Those enjoying the hospitality were: Mesdames Leroy Eltinge, Arthur Poillon, J. C. F. Tilson, Shaw, Mason, Hollister, Dunkle, Fletcher, Goodwin, Gaw, Herman, Misses Snyder and Reeves. Bridge was played until late afternoon.

C. E. Mead left Tuesday, March 25th, accompanied by Mrs. Mead, to argue an important case in the supreme court. From Austin he expects to go to Houston for the meeting of the Ellison-White Chauvaquua Association where he will represent Marfa at an important gathering of the directors of this noted circuit.

J. E. Vaughan returned Tuesday from a two days' trip to the popular city of Presidio. He reported that a wonderful change is now taking place there. From different activities in that town and nearby farms, it is probable that this fall, at least, 2000 bales of cotton will be raised and ginned in the valley adjoining Presidio.

Capt. and Mrs. Harrison Herman entertained the officers and ladies of Camp Marfa and many Marfa friends with a dance at the Service Club March 17th.

The decorations were most attractive in St. Patrick Day emblems. The guests were heartily amused by the attempts to kiss the "blarney stone" to drive away the spirits and bring good luck and happiness. Favors of green hats and serpentine were distributed.

After a special musical entertainment, a two-course supper was served.

BIRTHDAY PARTY.

Little Miss Lois Nevill entertained Wednesday evening with a party in celebration of her fourteenth birthday, and complimenting her high school classmates.

After all the guests arrived daintily refreshments were served after which the movies were enjoyed at the Queen Theatre.

Those enjoying this delightful party were: Florence Wilson, Marion Howard, Annie McCracken, Eva Dowe, Annie Belle Evans, Helen Briam, Alma Aiken, Helen Tilson, Fary Fortner, Nola Waguespack, Iona May Cowan, Hilda Marsh, Olive Kasler, Willie Jo Darracott, Willie Harper, Lois and Grace Nevill.

NOTICE.

It is proposed that the ladies of the Christian church of Marfa shall hold, each first Saturday in every month, a sale for the benefit of various funds in which the church is interested. Location and kind of sale to be made known from time to time.

THE W. M. S. SOCIAL.

The Methodist W. M. S. have sent out invitations to their regular social for the auxiliary. All members of the church are cordially invited and urged to attend. Mrs. Cardwell's home has been thrown open for the affair and an enjoyable afternoon is predicted.

The ladies who are assisting in entertaining have put in time and thought on the entertainment and they will also present a short missionary program. A silver offering will be very gratefully accepted from anyone who feels like helping in the splendid cause. The women membership in all churches do their part most faithfully in carrying out the program of their churches, and their work goes far towards bringing some success at all times.

We insist that all the membership be present, even our "men" would be very welcome. Don't forget the date—Monday, March 31st at 3:00 P. M.

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Comanche War Trail

By CARLYSLE GRAHM RAHT



For many years before the advent of American settlers in Texas, the Comanche Indians had been accustomed to make raids in Mexico, for the purpose of securing horses, cattle and loot of various kinds, including women and scalps.

At the close of the Texas revolution, the Mexican government made an attempt to secure the good will and cooperation of the Indians in making war on American settlers. But after the big Comanche raid of 1840, which reached almost to the coast and ended so disastrously for the Indians, at the battle of Plum creek, the Comanches felt very bitter towards the Mexicans and renewed their raids with greater daring and ferocity than ever before. They penetrated 200 miles south of the Rio Grande and carried terror and destruction into the heart of Mexico. Afterwards for 30 years or more, their raids were made with great regularity and with little or no resistance on the part of the Mexicans. To the Comanche mind, the easiest way to fame and fortune was to participate in these raids, where horses, cattle, food, clothes, arms, etc., were to be had for the taking; not to mention that with the poor peons kneeling before them and begging for life, the taking of scalps was dead easy.

A visitor to the Comanche camp in the forties, after the return of a raiding party from Mexico, was offered all kinds of property stolen in Mexico and at ridiculously low prices. One Indian offered a young Mexican captive for sale for \$40.

It is therefore not to be wondered at, as the fall drew near and rains began falling, that to the mind's eye of the Comanche there arose a vision of a raid over green prairies with plenty of water in every "tank" or "charco" and, on the other side of the Rio Grande—ripening crops, fat cattle, fine horses, beautiful girls, scalps, loot, etc.

So, in the month of September of each year, when the moon became full, the war parties of young, ambitious bucks began to trail across the four hundred miles of wild country which lay between the Llano Estacado—the staked plains—and the homes of the "vaqueros" and farmers in Durango and Chihuahua.

For, remember that whereas the Apaches were sneaking, cowardly the Comanches were bold and daring.

Magnificent horsemen as they were, a half-wild horse taken from some herd of mustangs, a bit with a raw-hide rein for a bridle, and a tanned sheep-skin or a patch of buffalo hide for a stirrupless saddle, the long trip over thorny plains and through stony mountains was to them a festive occasion.

With a bow of Osage orange-wood—boise d'arch—and arrows of the river reeds, or the 'chava dulce', slung over the shoulders in quivers of lynx hides; carrying the lance of ashwood shod with iron and resting across the saddle with the 'chimal' or shield, of buffalo-bide, fringed with turkey feathers; and occasionally an old Spanish 'escopeta' with a bell-shaped muzzle, much resembling the muzzle of a trombone—a gun which shot a slug of lead as large as a quail egg—slung under the leg in a rawhide case; with a bowie knife from Texas or a machete from Mexico, carried anywhere room could be made, these freebooters of the plains were ready to fight any foe.

Each year, in the light of the Mexican Moon—for so they came to term the September full moon—the Comanche war trail swarmed with parties of these barbaric warriors, in troops of half a dozen to a hundred and more, including outlaws from many other tribes and even renegades from Mexico, who hurried forward to the carnival of bloodshed and rapine on the south side of the Rio Grande.

The trail carried them over the southward shoulder of the great Llano Estacado, where, for a hundred miles, nothing was to be seen but the open, grassy plains tenanted by jackrabbits and antelope, and sentinelled by the gull and

hawk, down through the terraced pass at the Castle Gap, just above the Pecos River, into the wide mesquite plains of the Pecos river across Horsehead Crossing, on past the noted Comanche Springs into the mesa-topped limestone hills, then into the mountains of burnt rocks—monument of primeval fires—and over the Rio Grande into the promised land. Here the parties diverged, each to its own chosen area. One scoured the fertile valleys of the Conchos River, up to the very walls of Chihuahua City; others carried fire and lance into the confines of Durango; some went to the mines, some to the farming valleys, but most of them sought the 'haciendas' where they might find horses and cattle, the great source of savage wealth.

When they went upon these raids the faces of the warriors were painted red, sometimes they wore head dresses of buffalo skins with the horns still upon them, but generally the Comanche wore no head-dress beyond a single band or scarf tied around the forehead. In one hand, each warrior carried a long lance, daubed in red; in the other a round shield of tanned buffalo hide, with gay colors daubed, and bordered with a margin of different fathers, which, when the shield was swung, fluttered in the breeze. The horses shared in the grotesque appearance of their riders, as they were colored a more fiery red on head and tail.

Along in November or December, following, the parties began to return. The great Comanche war-trail then again presented an animated picture. A party here would be driving a herd of cattle; a party there, a troop of wild horses. In another band might be seen a small train of captives, "laced like Mazepa to a Tartar of the Ukraine breed", and herded and driven as any other beasts devoted to man's use. There might be a great prairie fire started by a party of raiders to escape pursuers, while the party itself deflected from the main trail.

But there was no way to cover or hide the Great Trail itself. It was worn deep by the hoofs of countless travelers—man and beast—and was whitened by the bones of many animals. It was a great chalk line on the map of West Texas, cutting through the heart of the Big Bend.

The various tribes joining the Comanches spoke different languages, but it so happened that the Kiowa, the Utah, the Cheyenne, the Apache, the Comanche, each in time, learned some Spanish from his Mexican captive, while the captive in turn became a good Indian, and at the same time a good interpreter; so it came about, as has so often happened among the languages of the world, that the tongue of the vanquished became the tongue of the war-trail, which in this case was Spanish. This was aided and supplemented in many ways by the sign language common to the Indians of the Spanish Southwest, so that on the trail these Indians of diverse races and tongues had a common language which was foreign to each one of them.

Among these lords of the war trail "Tave Tuk" or as he was generally called, "Bajo el Sol", the Comanche, was the most noted war chief. He was distinguished for skill in arms, for address in the battle plain; but mostly for indomitable courage. It is said that he took his name because he feared nothing "under the sun."

His mother, "old Tave Pete", was a kind of female "shaman" in her tribe. She was old—so old, the time-honored Mexicans said, that when she rode on the forays, she tied up her lower jaw by a thong passing up over her head, in order to prevent it dropping down against her throat and breast, as it otherwise would have done; yet she had great influence with her people.

The forays of the Indians in Chihuahua and Durango were most destructive of life and property. The country was being depopulated. The center of government at the City of Mexico—when there happened to

be one—was entirely occupied in trying to uphold itself against the hostile factions, and had no time to aid its frontier states. These states themselves were more or less divided among warring factions; all was confusion. The states were suffering both from the Comanche war-trail and, also, from the mountain Apaches, who, from their rancheries, in New Mexico, Chihuahua, and the Davis Mountains in the Big Bend, descended upon the defenseless borders in a separate warfare of their own. The Comanches descended upon these frontiers once a year, but the mountain Apaches—like the poor, were with them always.

In despair over the situation, the State of Chihuahua resolved to make a treaty with the Indians for the State alone. As the lesser of the two evils, and also as probably being a more reliable ally, it was decided to treat with the Comanches. The treaty was made with "Bajo el Sol", as the main chief, and with other chiefs of the war-trail, by which "Bajo el Sol" and his associates, for a consideration, agreed to make war on the Mescalero Apaches, and to refrain from ravaging Chihuahua, being left free, however, to raid other Mexican states. To carry out the agreement more effectually, the Indians of the war trail moved into Chihuahua, to the borders of Lake Haco. From this seat, they could more conveniently carry out the fight with the mescalero Apaches, and at the same time harry Durango.

While this treaty was in force, "Bajo el Sol", with his wife and her younger brother, was traveling near the Del Carmen Mountains, on the Rio Grande, above Boquillas, in Brewster county, when they ran into a band of Mescalero Apaches. These Indians had in their possession a captive Mexican boy, by Domingo Porras.

"The wife of the Comanche

pete", and the owner had only one load. At last, it was planned among the Apaches that the owner of the 'escopeta' should hide behind a certain rock, while the other Indians continued to lure "Bajo el Sol" to charge them by the side of this rock. He charged, as they intended him to do, and the Indian with the 'escopeta' came out from behind him to do, and the Indian passed and fired at him point-blank range. The slug struck Bajo el Sol in the back of the head, and he fell from his horse. Thus ended in the foothills of the Del Carmen mountains, the last fight of the most heroic Indian of the whole Comanche War Trail.

In 1851, Major Emory, with a small party of the boundary Commission, escorted by a detachment of 15 soldiers, encountered, near Fort Stockton, a war party of Comanches and Kiowas under "Mucho Toro". They were returning from Mexico and had over 100 head of horses.

"Mucho Toro", in full dress, paid Major Emory a visit, on which occasion he displayed great humility, and exhibited conspicuously upon his breast an immense silver cross, which he said had been given him by the Bishop of Durango, when the chief was converted to christianity. He had, no doubt, robbed some church of it. His features showed the profile of the Mexican Indian peon, but the warriors he commanded had the bold aquiline profile of the Kiowas and Comanches. He represented a type of that class of Mexicans, who, by affiliation with the wild Indians, had wrought such irremediable ruin in the northern states of Mexico.

In 1846 they overran the states of Durango and Chihuahua, cut off all regular communication and defeated, in two pitched battles, the best troops of the Mexican army. They brought back as booty over 10,000 horses and left behind them



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chief entreated him to go on and leave the Apaches unmolested. To this, "Bajo el Sol" replied that his treaty with Chihuahua bound him to fight the Apaches wherever he met them, and he would not have it said that he feared the face of living man. So he sent on his wife and her brother, and prepared to make his lone fight against thirty Apaches.

"He tightened the cinch of his skin saddle, and examined the raw-hide bits in the mouth of his horse. Then he looked to see that the points of his ash-wood spear were well set, saw that his arrows were good and in place, strung his 'chiva' bow and placed his 'chimal' buffalo hide in readiness.

"His preparation complete, he rode up to the Apaches and in the 'lingua franca' of the southwestern Indians demanded the surrender of the captive boy. This was refused. He then informed them that he would fight them and that they must get ready. In reply, they taunted him. He set his spear firmly under his right armpit and charged.

"The Apaches scattered to avoid the charge, and while they ran and dodged among the bushes and rocks Bajo el Sol shot at them with his bow and arrow. After this erratic manner, the fight continued for several hours, during which time he killed two Apaches and wounded several others. His arrows all being shot, Bajo el Sol continued the fight with his spear alone, which the Apaches, owing to the broken nature of the ground, were easily able to avoid.

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pete' and the owner had only one load. At last, it was planned among the Apaches that the owner of the 'escopeta' should hide behind a certain rock, while the other Indians continued to lure "Bajo el Sol" to charge them by the side of this rock. He charged, as they intended him to do, and the Indian with the 'escopeta' came out from behind him to do, and the Indian passed and fired at him point-blank range. The slug struck Bajo el Sol in the back of the head, and he fell from his horse. Thus ended in the foothills of the Del Carmen mountains, the last fight of the most heroic Indian of the whole Comanche War Trail.

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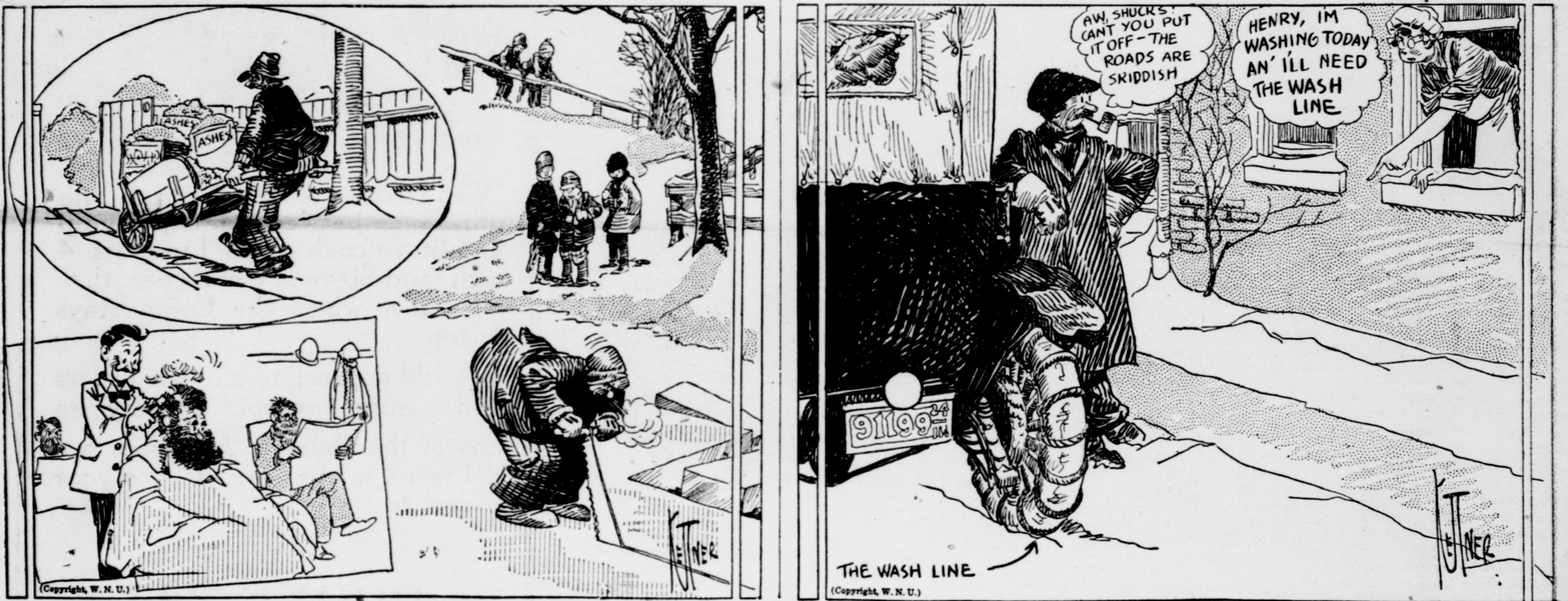
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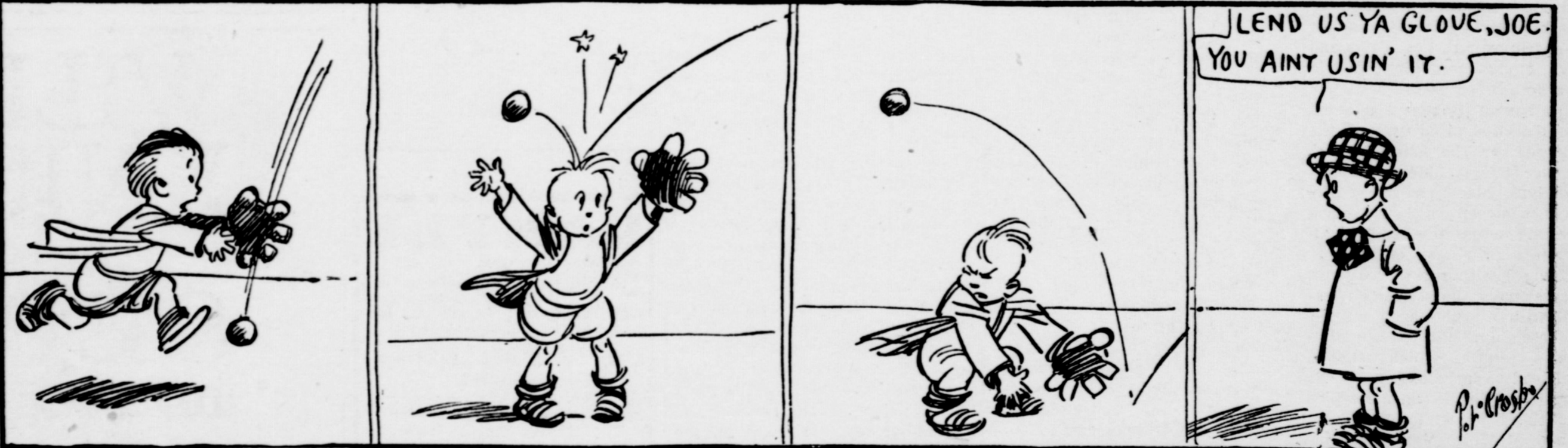


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SOME COMEDY IN TRAGEDY OF OIL

SCANDAL INQUIRIES PROVIDE MANY A SMILE FOR PERSONS WITH A SENSE OF HUMOR.

By EDWARD B. CLARK
Washington.—Humor helps to save many a Washington situation. There is comedy even in the tragedy of oil. Washington gets its daily smile as a third partner in the firm of Sneer & Sob.

Perhaps never before in the history of things legislative and economic have such desperate efforts been made to save somewhat undistinguished citizens from appearing on the witness stand. The telegrams which have passed one way or the other between Florida and Washington, all connected with the attempt to save an editor from an appearance before the inquisitors, have been multitudinous in number, and in considerable part mystic in contents. But the light of the expert student has been let in upon some of them and finally the world has been allowed to know that in the phraseology of the dispatches "Apples" meant Fall, the "Count" meant a more or less humble editorial writer who perhaps cannot read his title clear, while "WGPX," or something similar, meant the attorney general of the United States.

Also there are several "Xs" to denote still unknown persons and thus algebra has played its part in the oily drama. There is nothing new under either the sun or the oil lamp. A bit of description of give and take that one finds in "As You Like It" fits only the daily scene in the senate office room whose four walls encompass the activities of the oil investigators and the witnesses, and the listenings of the packed audience.

As in the Old Comedy. Some of the witnesses have not their tempers altogether in hand, and this applies even more forcibly and truthfully to some of the members of the investigating committee. In the committee room day after day one hears as a starter the Retort Courteous or the Qulp Modest, to be followed quickly as tempers rise and tongues get beyond control by the Reply Churlish, the Reproof Vallant, the Countercheck Quarrelsome, the Lie with Circumstance; and then, sadly enough, the Lie Direct.

Every morning and every evening one Washingtonian asks another in the words of Polonius, "What do you read?"

And Citizen Hamlet responds: "Words, words, words."

One can go on a bit and say in a quotation from the greatest of the plays, "They have a plentiful lack of wit."

Washington is wondering a little bit if the country is getting tired of the oil investigation and its appurtenances. Perhaps not, but certain it is that Washington is getting tired of the extraneous things that are lugged by the heels into the inquiry, things which have no mortal or immortal connection with oil, with bribery, with letter-writing, with telegram-sending or with telephone conversations.

Going Back to 1920. At this writing it appears that the oil investigators are to dig into the pre-convention campaign of 1920 to find something which may bear on present-day scandals or rumors of scandals.

Leonard Wood, Jr., has been subpoenaed to appear to tell what he may know about the rumor of an offer of the support of delegates in the last Republican convention to his father, General Wood. In exchange for a promise to appoint the late Jake Hamon of Oklahoma to the post of secretary of the interior.

It should be said at once that the story is that General Wood instantly refused to consider such a proposition, but it seems that the desire to go into the affair is prompted by the fact that there was another story loose about the Washington streets recently to the effect that some of the Harding lieutenants in the Republican convention were offered delegates in exchange for a promise to appoint Albert B. Fall secretary of the interior. Both stories have been denied in toto, and seemingly there is no truth in them, but the whole matter is to be gone into and as a result the oil proceedings probably will be prolonged until hot weather comes in, and heat is likely to make oil offensive even to senatorial nostrils.

One finds himself wondering why the big room in which the oil investigation is being conducted always is packed with eager and curious auditors or, rather, would-be auditors. Not one witness in ten speaks so he can be heard beyond the seats of the committee members. Moreover, the witnesses all have their backs to the audience. Nevertheless, day by day a crowding mass of people enter the room to sit through the long hours and apparently content if they hear only one word in ten of what is said. Virtually every line of the testimony is transcribed and printed in the daily papers, but hearing is supposedly more satisfactory than reading, and so it would be if hearing were possible.

Inquiries All Summer. Republican leaders in Washington are saying that activities along investigating lines, which they assert are intended largely for political purposes, will be continued by the Democrats until next November because of the presumed advantage to the Democracy of keeping oil, the veterans' bureau

and some other things in the campaign limelight.

There is no denial here by Republicans that at least two of the investigations which have been ordered and are being conducted are justified, and they say that if they were being pressed only along lines seeking to the punishment of the guilty ones, there would be no word of criticism today from the members of the Republican party.

They charge, however, that other investigations, present and future, are and will be for political purposes only. This the Democrats deny. Republican campaign managers hold that such was the ease with which the Democrats frightened Republican congressmen into acquiescence with all that was being done, that it is unquestionably the intention of the Democracy to induce the country between now and next November to believe that every department of the government from Interior to State is in a bad way and that the doings of all high officials should be turned to the light.

The number of inquiries ordered or contemplated already is astounding. So far as some of the departments are concerned, there never has been so much as a whisper of wrongdoing, but nevertheless the feeling is here that investigations will go on until they are no longer serviceable either for punitive or for political purposes.

Disclosures Hurt the G. O. P. It unquestionably is true that doings which have been disclosed in the Interior department and the veterans' bureau already have hurt the Republican party. This the leaders of that party admit, and they also admit there has been no adequate offset for their troubles to come from the admissions of some Democrats formerly high in the public service that they acted as lawyers or workers-in-chief for certain men who have been brought into the limelight of oil. It is admitted that one or two Democratic presidential candidates have been put out of the running, but the Democrats claim that with this Republican achievement has stopped.

Now the Republicans say that the Democrats, having realized that the determination of President Coolidge to run the gully to earth has injured their chance of making great headway against Republicanism generally, instantly formed a determination to start other investigations, not because they will lead anywhere, but simply to stir up suspicion and thus to strengthen the cause of Democracy in the coming campaign.

The Republican party as represented here in congress and out of it still is divided into two groups, one of them in congress apparently willing to bow the head to any blow that Democracy may choose to deal, and the other, represented by the national committee, ready to stand in the open, upright, and to hit hard.

National Committee Hits Back. Action of the Republican national committee in its attack on the senator who is chairman of the committee investigating the doings of the Department of Justice apparently meets with the approval of militant Republicanism. It is true that the attack on the chairman appears in the National Republican, the editor of which is the secretary of the Republican national committee. This journal generally is recognized as the party and propaganda organ of the committee, and therefore the assault is just as direct as if a committee one as if it came from Chairman Adams' office.

Republicans here in discussing the matter of the present investigations and of the apparent plan of the Democrats to force others, say that if the campaign managers of the Republican party were to follow the example of Republican senators and representatives and take things lying down, there would be no hope for party victory in the next campaign.

No inclination to take the aggressive ever has been manifest by the Republican senators. Even the example of the party managers seems to have given the senators no stomach for a fight. They sit in their seats and smile sadly. Their action has reminded one Republican here of the rhyme in the original book of nonsense about the man who trembled in the face of a cow and decided to sit on the stilt and continue to smile, a procedure which he hoped might soften the heart of the cow.

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And the doctor answered, "No."

Fired Him

Hank—My brother sure was a dumb guy.

Frank—How's that?

Hank—Why, they had to burn down the schoolhouse to get him out of the first grade.

The Flirting Cop

Traffic Cop—"Say, you! Didn't you see me wave at you?" Mirandy—"Yes, you fresh thing, and if Henry were here, he'd paste you one for it."—Santa Barbara News.

A Scout Is Loyal

He is loyal to all to whom loyalty is due: his scout leader, his home, and parents, and country.—Scout Law Number 2.

An autograph of Dante has been discovered under the parchment covering of an old book in the communal library of Forli, central Italy.

Texas News

The Brown County Interscholastic League meet will be held in Brownwood on March 29, and the district meet will be held there on April 11 and 12.

The school tax election, held at San Augustine, carried by a large majority. The additional tax insures a nine months term for the schools.

More than 500 girls and teachers are expected to attend the "Gingham Girls Convention" to be held at Galveston April 24, 25 and 26.

The Rio Grande City railroad has applied to the Interstate Commerce Commission for permission to construct a new line from Sam Fordyce City to Rio Grande, Texas, a distance of 22 miles.

The election held in Brazoria County to determine the question of dipping cattle carried by about 200 majority. The Alvin precinct, the largest dairying section in the county, voted 353 to 29 in favor of dipping.

Four companies doing business in Texas have agreed to reduce the price of cattle dip for the eradication of fever ticks 10c a gallon, it was announced this week by J. E. Boog-Scott, chairman of the live stock sanitary commission of Texas.

Mrs. Ethel Roberdeau of Austin has been nominated by Commissioner W. A. Nabors as secretary of the railroad commission to fill the vacancy caused by the death of E. R. McLean. F. E. Petet of Denison is also being mentioned for the secretaryship.

The key rate on fire insurance at Quanah has been reduced from 43 cents to 35 cents by the State Fire Insurance Commission, it was announced Saturday by the commission. This reduction was on account of recent improvements made by that city.

The Nueces county cabbage crop is moving briskly to Northern and Eastern markets, according to local produce shippers. Good crops have been gathered and shipments have been large. The market has been holding well, shippers say, thereby returning growers a good profit on the crop.

Contract for construction of a woman's building for twenty-five patients and an addition to the library building at the State Tubercular Sanitarium at Carlisle, Tom Green County, has been awarded. The buildings will cost \$34,960. The legislature appropriated \$89,000 for the purpose.

A statewide law enforcement convention has been planned for Houston April 30, May 1 and 2. Sheriffs, district judges and prosecuting attorneys of the state will be invited to take part, and doctors and druggists will be asked to discuss problems arising out of the permission to write liquor prescriptions.

The survey for the good roads through Hopkins County from the eastern to the western boundaries has been completed and, as soon as all the right-of-way has been secured and a definite route mapped out, actual work will begin on building and filling in the Saltillo gap in the Jefferson highway. This will make a stretch of nearly 3000 miles of graveled road, extending from Jefferson, Texas, to Winnipeg, Canada.

Texas cattle will not be shipped to Kansas and Oklahoma for finishing this year, but will go to market fat for slaughter. J. E. Boog-Scott, chairman of the live stock sanitary commission, asserted at Fort Worth on his return from a 1190-mile overland trip through South Texas. "I touched all the big cattle producing counties, and the condition of the cattle shows the entire crop of South Texas will go to market instead of to Oklahoma or Kansas grass," Mr. Boog-Scott said.

During 1923 fire insurance companies operating in Texas collected \$24,355,143 in net premiums, according to the annual report of the state fire insurance commission, just completed. This was the banner year for the insurance business in Texas, with the exception of 1920, when net premiums collected amounted to \$25,995,847. The 1923 premium collections represented fire insurance in force in Texas aggregating slightly under \$2,000,000,000.

At a joint meeting of representatives from Mercedes, Weslaco, Donna, Alamo and San Juan, held at Weslaco Saturday, the Weslaco chamber of commerce donated a 22-acre park site near the city. This is one of the most beautiful sites in Texas, with a fine stream of running water 20 feet deep, plenty of fish, a good camping place, everything to make an ideal park. A number of sites have been offered on this trip. Only Beeville and Weslaco were accepted without further consideration.

Texas' receipts from auto registration fees, licenses and permits in 1923 were \$5,441,598.59, and the state's revenue from its gasoline tax \$1,215,623.36.

The option held by the Gulf Coast Lines to purchase the International-Great Northern railroad expires May 24, according to the official file received by the Texas railroad commission, and the would-be purchasers are asking celerity in the hearing set for April 7 at Austin, Texas, to consider the matter, so that final action may be had by the interstate commerce commission before the date of expiration of the option. The option is to purchase the 75,000 shares of stock at \$31 per share, par value being \$100.

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It was a fashionable wedding. The bridegroom had no visible means of support save his father, who was rich. When he came to the stage of the service where he had to repeat "With all my worldly goods I thee bestow!" his father said in a whisper that could be heard all over the church: "Heavens! There goes his bicycle!"

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Paula Ayres

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As presented by May Valentine's own original company of thirty people it will be seen at its best, for in the past twenty years no company has so well intercepted the story or better sung its beautiful and stirring music. She has selected principals with exceptional voices, among them Paula Ayres, contralto, as "Alan-a-dale," Harry Pfeil, tenor, as "Robin Hood," and a chorus trained to the rhythm of a forest stream. The orchestra is just as satisfying as the vocalism, and the costuming is elaborate and artistic.

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tive. It is a well-known fact that our best-known public speakers are often referred to as "nearly as good as Ott."

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leadership of Uncle Sam, is scheduled to give one of his famous lecture-talks.

Strongheart typifies in appearance our mental picture of a young Indian warrior. Slender, hard muscled, straight as an arrow, dignified, he makes an impressive picture in the regalia of his race. He has a college education, has been on the stage and in the films, and is possessed of a natural eloquence that enables him to give his message with sound effect and logic.

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SHERIFF'S SALE.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,)
County of Presidio)

In the District Court of Presidio County, Texas, vs. John Humphris, vs. The Beaunell Investment Co., et al. By virtue of an order of sale issued out of the District Court of Presidio County, Texas, on a judgment rendered in said court on the 9th day of February, 1924, in favor of John Humphris and against the Beaunell Investment Company and Joseph F. Edwards, I did, on the 5th day of March, 1924, at 11 o'clock A. M., levy upon the following tracts and parcels of land situated in Presidio County, Texas, and belonging to the said Beaunell Investment Company and Joseph F. Edwards, to-wit:

Sec. No.	Blk. No.	Cert. No.	Grantee	Acres
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And on the first day of April, 1924, being the first Tuesday of said month, between the hours of 10 o'clock A. M. and 4 o'clock P. M., on said day, at the court house door of said county, I will offer for sale and sell at public auction for cash, all the right, title and interest of said Beaunell Investment Company and the said Joseph F. Edwards in and to said property.

Dated at Marfa, Texas, this 5th day of March, 1924.
J. E. VAUGHAN,
Sheriff of Presidio County, Texas.

NOTICE OF HEARING TO APPROPRIATE PUBLIC WATERS OF THE STATE OF TEXAS

No. 817.
Notice is hereby given, to whom concerned that Wm. E. Russell, the postoffice address of whom is Casa Piedra, Texas, did on the 18th day of February, A. D. 1924, file his application in the office of the Board of Water Engineers, for the State of Texas, in which he applies for a permit to appropriate of the unappropriated waters of the State, from the Alamito Creek, a tributary of the Rio Grande, in Presidio county, Texas, sufficient water for irrigation purposes, to be diverted by means of a diversion dam, and gravity system, the headgate to be located at a point which bears North 45 degrees W. 2,000 feet from the S. E. corner of Survey 31, Blk. 312, T. C. Ry. Co. Survey No. 31, on the West bank of the Alamito Creek, in Presidio County, Texas, and is distant in a southerly direction from Marfa, Texas, thirty-eight miles.

ANENT THE ORIENT.

We are confident that soon absolute necessity will cause the extension of the Orient road on to Presidio via Marfa. This road will then become a mighty transcontinental system some day, and which will develop a region now almost unknown—one in particular into a great mining region; will add to the value of cattle by placing them nearer to feed, whenever the latter is needed. Now, if there is such a thing as well-wishers for the prosperity of Marfa in the town of Marfa, wouldn't it be a good idea for such to do everything possible to have this extension made? Del Rio is about to have her dream realized by having a branch road of the Orient extended to that pushing city from Fort Stockton.

Those who care nothing for the future welfare of the county or town, if there be such characters loose in this region, and who only wish to be left quietly alone that the world may not know that they are making a living, fearful that some one shrewder and with more getup will compel them to show a little more energy—which would be bad for it might prove fatal—such are only requested to keep quiet, and reassured that they will not lose a cent, even though they should lose a little more.

You are hereby further notified that the said Wm. E. Russell proposes to construct a diversion dam to be four feet high, and six hundred feet long, the headgate to be four feet wide, two foot head, capacity nine cubic feet per second, and to divert therewith sufficient water for the irrigation of five hundred (500) acres of land situated in Presidio County, Texas.

A hearing on the application of the said Wm. E. Russell will be held by the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, in the office of the Board at Ausain, Texas, on Monday, March 24, A. D. 1924, beginning at ten o'clock A. M., at which time all parties interested may appear and be heard. Such hearing will be continued from time to time, and from place to place, if necessary, until such determination has been made relative to said application as the Board of Water Engineers may deem right, equitable and proper.

Given under and by virtue of an order of the Board of Water Engineers for the State of Texas, at the office of the said Board, in Austin, Texas, this 18th day of February, A. D. 1924.
JNO. A. NORRIS,
G. S. CLARK,
A. H. DUNLAP,
Board of Water Engineers.
Attest:
A. W. M. DONALD,
Secretary.

"THE BIG BEND FOLK."

"Where a Man Makes Friends Without Half Trying."

As charming as is this great natural wonderland of blue skies towering mountains and adobe villages sunshine, silence and adobe; as interesting as is the life on the ranches, of West Texas, the folks of the "Big Bend" country afford some of the best and most quaint sketches for character study that a Dickens or a Thackeray could wish to find.

In this sketch the writer cannot hope to describe fully any of the various classes of folk who live here and have been here since the early days. He attempts only a few outline drawings which the reader in order to appreciate the people portrayed, will have to enlarge and sketch in by his reading and personal observation of the "parties concerned."

The Mexican has been in the "Big Bend" along the Texas border from the very early days of the first settlement. Along the Rio Grande he is of the "peon" class, which works at odd jobs on the ranches, in the towns and in the homes. He is 85 per cent Indian and though he may have many faults yet his devotion to his family, his love of beauty, and as a child, his ability to learn rapidly, are some of his atoning virtues. Today, of course, the Mexican is living under slightly different conditions from those of the wild tribe in the open. You ask him if he is Spanish and he replies, "No, Senor. Yo estoy puro Indio." "No, sir, I am pure Indian." He is proud of his ancestry. Indeed, "Gauchapin" the pelado word for Spaniard and denoting contempt is more hated than "Gringo", an American.

The Mexican's home is a flat roofed shack of adobe with a little yard about it. It is one story high and built right along the road or just a few feet back from the highway. You will notice the prevalence of blue in the decoration of his home. The window frames, door frames are brightly blue. The interior of the home consists of two or three rooms containing the very plainest of furniture and just the common necessities of living.

On the walls are some awful chromos, a calendar or two and pictures of the Holy family, the Sacred Heart and the Crucifixion. Within this sacred domain, children are not wanting—not just one baby or even twins, but whole tribes—"births of nations" are housed. The Mexican certainly has a Rooseveltian idea as far as large families are concerned.

The Mexican meal does not offer a large variety of food. He drinks black coffee, eats hot biscuits, frijoles (at all times) and delights in tamales, chili con carne, enchiladas and other hell producing interior effects. And this menu is not unpopular with Americans of the "Big Bend" for the Mexican supper at 50c or 60c in the "Spic town" is one of the "things to be done" by every new comer, and even the townsfolk.

The rancher and the cowboy are among the most wholesome friends you could wish to have. They are frank, generous spirited, cordial, little given to convention, but loyal and true. They are liberal minded, broad gauged and will take you for just what you are worth in character. Their likes are strong, and so are their dislikes. Down in Texas along the border you will find them very kindly disposed toward the church, the church's work and the "preacher", providing the "preacher" be human sincere a hail fellow well met and a man of God among men. The rancher and cowboy do not enthuse over religious differences—fine point discussions of doctrine and dogma. They enjoy and want a sermon filled with the warmth of Christian brotherhood, good old gospel hymns, prayers that breathe forth all the human longings and "preaching" that is true to the mark, shot right to the point and ringing clear with those notes of every day interest on the ranch.

Beneath the broad brim Stetson hat, underneath the buckskin shirt there is a man, marked and perhaps, a bit rough from society's viewpoint. But he is the very symbol of devotion to the strong ideals of life, he is as tender as a woman and he reads you as few other men can. The friendship of a rancher or cowboy has a soul that is one of the most magnificent you can ever hope to see revealed in this life.

The life in the great outdoors, the driving of cattle to market over the plains, the rounding up of steers, the sleeping under the stars, the keeping watch alone by night

to protect the sleeping cattle, is a life that cannot help but feel the presence of God Almighty. And such is the rancher and cowboy's life as it used to be.

The Mexican raid near Glenn Springs, near midnight, on May 5, 1916, caused the anti-Mexican feeling the "Big Bend" to run high. It resulted in the "Big Bend" being made a military district with headquarters at Marfa. On May 21, 1916, the 6th cavalry under command of Col. Joseph A. Gaston reached Marfa and remained here until October, 1917, when it was relieved by the 8th cavalry under Col. Geo. T. Langhorne. In September of 1919, the 8th in turn was relieved by the 5th under Col. Jas. J. Hornbrook, and now the Marfa post is under command of Col. Eltinge, of the 1st cavalry.

The writer would like to give you some sketches of individual characters, about whom much has been written and sung in story and song. There is "Judge" Roy Bean, "The Law West of the Pecos," who held forth at his saloon, the "Jersey Lily," at Langtry. He dispensed a law all his own, but he was regarded with awe and obeyed to the letter. There is Laurence Haley, who owned the Haley ranch south of Alpine and many others dead and living, who have given and are giving today a kind of local color and tradition to this country along the Rio Grande.

But it is time to close. In conclusion, you will find out here a wholehearted, kind and frank folk like the mountains and plains about them. The "Big Bend" is a land "where the handclasp is a little stronger."

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HOUSE PASSED SOLDIERS BONUS

Relief Measure Goes Over 355 to 54—How Texas Members Voted.

How Texans Voted
Washington.—Fourteen Texas representatives voted for the measure and four against.

Those for: Black, Sanders, Rayburn, Summers, Johnson, Briggs, Mansfield, Buchanan, Connally, Garner, Hudspeth, Blanton and Jones, democrats, and Wurzbach, republican.

Those against: Box, Garrett, Latham and Williams, democrats.

The house Tuesday for the third time in four years passed a soldier bonus bill. The vote was 355 to 54, and was taken after forty minutes' debate.

Twenty speakers took the floor during the brief period, however, advocates of a full cash payment option, assailing the rule under which the bill was taken up, which limited debate and prevented the offering of amendments. "Die hards" of both parties declared against the measure on principle, while proponents argued it was a measure which could become law.

The measure provides for paid-up twenty-year endowment life insurance policies and cash payments to veterans entitled to not more than \$50 in adjusted service credit. Provisions of the old bill for vocational training and farm or home aid are eliminated.

The insurance provision is somewhat different from the deferred payment certificates proposed in the old bill and because of these changes the measure faces an involved situation in the senate. Members of that body have asked time to study the new bill, while others already have prepared different proposals. The finance committee, to which the measure will be referred, is now occupied with the tax reduction bill.

Chairman Green of the ways and means committee, who introduced the bill, reminded the house during the short debate preceding the vote, that the two previous measures had not been enacted into law "for reasons known to all," and insisted this measure "will and must become law."

Recount of Votes
Washington.—The 105 precincts in Harris County gave Mayfield 13,785 and Peady 6,338, as revealed by the recount made by the senate committee before which is the contest against Senator Earle B. Mayfield of Texas.

The number of persons in the county who voted for other candidates but did not vote for United States senator was 901. The vote revealed by the recount was a loss of 218 votes for Mayfield, and a gain for Peady of 374, therefore a total change in the county from that announced following the election of 592 votes, which are to the benefit of Peady. The Texas official result was Mayfield 14,033 and Peady 5,964. More than 10,000 votes in Harris County were not marked "voted" by the election officers.

McAdoo Wins Georgia
Atlanta, Ga.—In the state democratic presidential preference primary Wednesday McAdoo overwhelmed his opponent, Senator Oscar W. Underwood of Alabama. The former secretary of the treasury took the lead in the first return and gradually increased his advantage. Early in the evening it was evident that the Californian had swept the state. Atlanta, Macon, Savannah and Augusta helped to swell the McAdoo majority. He carried his home county of Cobb by a big vote, captured the home county of the late Senator Thomas W. Watson and took Chat-ham, home of Senator Underwood's state campaign manager.

To Speed Up Revenue Bill.
Washington.—President Coolidge Friday urged the senate leaders to speed up consideration of the revenue bill when informed by Chairman Smoot and Senator Curtis, republican, Kansas, of the finance committee, that its passage before June 1 seemed unlikely.

School Tax Carries.
Richmond, Tex.—The election held at Richmond to decide whether the Richmond Independent School District could levy a tax not to exceed \$1 on the \$100 valuation was carried by a vote of 74 to 6.

Increase in Port Business
Houston, Tex.—An increase in port business of 58 per cent this February over February of 1923 was reported Tuesday by the port commission at Houston. The total tonnage for the month was 33,379, with a total valuation of \$16,979,943.

Building Permits Now \$4,000,000
Houston, Tex.—Houston building permits for the year 1924 passed the \$4,000,000 mark here Thursday.

Texas River Survey Bill.
Washington.—The house committee of flood control formally reported favorably Thursday a bill for preliminary river surveys, which includes the Colorado, Guadalupe, Brazos and Trinity rivers in Texas.

Millions for Land Leases
Pawhuska, Okla.—Oil operators had bid a total of \$14,923,000 for leases on Osage Indian land at the close of this year's auction Wednesday. Five bids were for more than \$1,000,000 each.

MAN-TAILORED SUIT OF TWILL; TAILORED HATS FOR SPRING

THERE are suits and suits this spring. In describing them the fashion reporter must repeat "box coat" and "straight line" so often that it hardly seems worth while to say them again—five times out of ten they may be taken for granted. Even so, there are endless variations on these two themes in the spring modes. One example of the box coat and straight skirt is shown here. It is evident that it was intended for a taller person than the young woman wearing it, for skirts in street clothes are from ten to twelve inches from the

hearts that bent as one have made the tailored suit and the tailored frock star performers in spring's style pageant. Those women who have not already acquired a new tailored outfit are busy in the pursuit of one, and the confidence that nothing is more approved lends zest to this business.

The tailored suit requires a tailored hat—any other kind of millinery will prove a jarring note in the spring song of proper things for street wear. And obliging milliners have provided tailored hats to meet the demand. Few of these are severely simple, even



BOX COAT AND STRAIGHT SKIRT

floor. Otherwise this plain, clean-cut, man-tailored suit of twill will pass as faultless under the eyes of the most critical. Besides twills and twill cords, the proper cloths for plain tailored suits are rep, covert cloth, camel's hair, certain crepe weaves, alpaca and fannel.

But in the army of suits the box coat and straight skirt have allies that rival them in popular favor. There are coats with a little shaping or pinching in at the waistline, made in one-button and two-button models, others cut on box-coat lines but overlapping at the front, giving a diagonal line. Youthful, short, flaring jackets, fastened only at the neck, take the

when strictly tailored, and most of them achieve a becomingness that is nothing less than a genius for flattery.

Hats of straw braids, hats of silk and hats of silk and braid combined appear in the front rank of tailored designs for spring. Many lustrous millinery fabrics that look silky are also used. Ribbons, especially in the narrow widths, are most important for trimming, but the tailored hat is not much restricted in this matter—designers have learned to adapt almost all trimmings to the tailored mode.

Four hats pictured here give a hint of the diversity of shapes presented. At the top a fine bangkok is faced with georgette and embroidered with



SPRING HATS OF SILK AND BRAID

place of coats, especially in those suits employing a plain and a plaid material—the coat is of the plain goods with finishing touches in the plaid. Flaring sleeves introduce another grace note in the spring song of the suit.

The wrap-around skirt, the military collar and the scarf collar are all important items in the styles.

Navy blue has naturally come to the fore with the revival of the man-tailored suit, rivalled by black and oxford in dark colors and by beige, sand and certain brown shades in the lighter tones. The hair-line stripe appears to have more admirers than ever. Flat silk braids are featured in bindings and as trimmings on both tailored suits and tailored dresses.

Several million souls with but one single thought and several million

fine chenille and a few beads. Below at the right, a black taffeta hat has petals of figured silk outlined with braid, applied to the crown, and a facing of the silk. Flat flower motifs trim it. On a milan shape rings of the straw and a sash of moire show what can be done with only two materials—and ingenuity. Another example appears in the small hat of taffeta silk with the upward turn in its front brim. Rows of braid in two colors are stitched to it and the same braid and silk fashion the trimming.

Sailors, in both round and straight-crowned styles, are late arrivals among tailored hats. Strap and buckle trimmings are liked for them, and bindings of narrow silver or gold ribbon strike a new note.

JULIA BOTTOMLEY.
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EXPERT PREDICTS INCREASE IN CROPS

Corn, Oats and Barley Mentioned; Sweet Potatoes to Lead This Year.

Houston, Tex.—At least six Texas crops during 1924 are expected to be increased over the harvested acreage of 1923, according to a report of H. H. Schutz, statistician for the department of agriculture. One crop is expected to be decreased. These forecast percentages are gained from farmers all over the state and are made from reports from them to the department between February 15 and March 1 and only deal with the acreage they expected to plant at that time. The actual acreage planted may vary.

The greatest increase noted is in sweet potatoes. This crop is expected to be increased 18 per cent over the harvested acreage of last year. The loss of acreage is in the Irish potato crop, which declined two per cent.

Other crops of which the acreage is expected to be increased from two to ten per cent are corn, oats, barley, peanuts and tame hay.

No forecast has been made for the cotton or kafir acreage. The total acres in cotton will not be announced until the land is planted for the reason that it might have a tendency to affect the market. With the exception of Irish potatoes an increase is expected in those crops mentioned through out the farming districts of the United States.

The statistician's reports say that the outlook for the entire country indicates that farmers are preparing for a normal production year. But, it continues, it is indicated that farming operations will be attended by difficulties arising from high wages and other costs, loss of farm workers and the general disparity between farm and urban products. Excerpts from the report follows:

"Domestic demand for agricultural products is at a high level. Urban prosperity is reflected in a heavy current consumption of fibers and high quality foods. This may be expected to continue into the summer.

"Foreign demand for our pork, cotton, wheat and tobacco seems likely to maintain the present level.

"The wheat situation shows some tendency toward improvement.

"Indications are that hog production has passed the peak and is moving into one of the recurrent periods of low production.

"The dairy situation suggests the necessity for conservatism as to further expansion in dairy production.

"The wool situation is distinctly favorable and there is an apparent opportunity for the profitable increase in the number of sheep.

"A further expansion in the poultry industry is expected in 1924. Consumption has kept up with production which has caused an average price to be maintained for producers."

Pipe Line in Carson County.
Amarillo, Tex.—Construction of the first pipe line from the Carson County oil field is scheduled to begin. It will be built by the Texas Company from its wells on the Burnett ranch and run to the Santa Fe railroad at a point east of Panhandle. The right of way has been secured and the line is to be rushed to completion, authentic reports state. The line will go either to Kingsville or White Deer.

Good Well in Aviator Field.
Laredo, Tex.—Another oil producer as an offset to the producing Laure No. 5, which came in last month in the Aviator Field, making a production as high as 1500 barrels of oil per day, was brought in on blocks Nos. 1 and 2, survey No. 607, of the Aviator Field, when the No. 7 of the Black Panther Oil Company was drilled in swabbed at the rate of 1500 barrels of oil per day.

Vera Cruz Lines Restored
Vera Cruz, Mex.—The last important railway lines in the state of Vera Cruz were restored to federal control Wednesday when military train traffic was resumed over the Inter-Oceanic line from Mexico City to Vera Cruz by way of Jalapa, and to Vera Cruz and Santa Lucrecia over the Vera Cruz and Isthmus line.

Texas Rivers Included.
Washington.—Primary surveys of 14 rivers to determine steps to prevent floods and the probable costs were recommended by the house flood control committee. Estimating the cost at not more than \$4,700, the committee reported a bill which included the following rivers: Colorado, Trinity and Brazos in Texas.

Limestone Votes Void.
Washington.—Limestone county ballot lots, cast in the Peady-Mayfield race were disqualified by checkers Friday because they carried but three columns instead of four as called for under the Texas law.

Pipe Line Oil Runs for Month
Austin, Tex.—Texas pipe lines gathered 9,205,679 barrels of oil in February, a decrease of 250,000 barrels, compared with January gatherings. The largest amount, 2,661,971 barrels, was gathered from Navarro County. Wichita was second, with 1,561,776, and Limestone third, 1,106,301. Gatherings from South Texas Counties were: Brazoria, 398,200; Caldwell, 274,115; Chambers, 2,082; Fort Bend, 18,551; Hardin, 189,542; Harris, 491,421; Jefferson, 25,231; Liberty, 771,614; Matagorda, 1,632; Orange, 263,658.

WRIGLEYS

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.

Whitens teeth, sweetens breath and gives the body that L-O-O-T-A.



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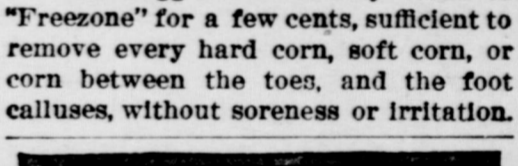
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Is by direct outside application and the best remedy is an Alcock's Plaster—the original and genuine.—Adv.

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CORNS

Lift Off—No Pain!



Doesn't hurt one bit! Drop a little "Freezone" on an aching corn, instantly that corn stops hurting, then shortly you lift it right off with fingers.

Your druggist sells a tiny bottle of "Freezone" for a few cents, sufficient to remove every hard corn, soft corn, or corn between the toes, and the foot calluses, without soreness or irritation.

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A safe and soothing remedy for cuts, burns, or skin troubles. Protects, relieves and heals. Take internally for coughs and sore throats.

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The remedy with a record of fifty-seven years of surpassing excellence. All who suffer with nervous dyspepsia, sour stomach, constipation, indigestion, torpid liver, dizziness, headaches, coming-up of food, wind on stomach, palpitation and other indications of digestive disorder, will find GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER an effective and efficient remedy. For fifty-seven years this medicine has been successfully used in millions of households all over the civilized world. Because of its merit and popularity GREEN'S AUGUST FLOWER can be found today wherever medicines are sold. 30 and 90 cent bottles.

TEXAS CATTLEMEN PASS RESOLUTIONS

Herbert L. Kokernot Chosen President—San Antonio Gets 1925 Meet.

Houston, Tex.—Herbert L. Kokernot of Alpine was elected president of the Texas and Southwestern Cattle Raisers' Association Thursday at the closing session of the forty-eighth annual convention and San Antonio was chosen as the place of the next meeting. Both Mr. Kokernot and San Antonio were selected by unanimous vote.

Richard M. Kieberg of Kingsville was named first vice president; C. C. Slaughter of Dallas, second vice president; W. E. Connell of Fort Worth, re-elected treasurer, and E. B. Spiller of Fort Worth, renamed secretary. Mr. Spiller will serve for the fifteenth consecutive term.

Eight new members of the executive committee were named as follows: D. S. Kritzer, Amarillo; H. L. Johnson, Wilcox, Ariz.; Bowie Duncan, Egypt; W. M. Doughy, Encino; R. J. Cook, Beeville; P. R. Austin, Victoria; C. H. Burnett, Benjamin, and F. S. Wilson, Fort Stockton.

The resolutions, nine in number, were adopted, as follows:

1. Commended the work of the International Live Stock Exposition of Chicago and urged all cattlemen of Texas and the Southwest to take part in the twenty-fifth anniversary celebration of this exposition when it shall be staged.

2. Expressed grief and regret over the death of two former members of the executive committee—John Landerling of Amarillo and William Poindecker of Dallas.

3. Demanded the repeal of section 15-A of the transportation act and endorsed the Capper bill, senate bill No. 91, urging all Texas representatives in congress to support it.

4. Indorsed the work of the live stock sanitary commission of Texas and went on record as being against its consolidation with the department of agriculture until such time as the tick eradication law is more completely carried out.

5. Commended Governor Pat Neff and the live stock sanitary committee for the quarantine put on cattle shipments from California, Arizona and Nevada, because of the prevalence of the foot and mouth disease in these states.

6. Protested against the regulation of the California live stock commission which prevents the shipment of cattle into California from the quarantine areas of Texas even when such cattle have been certified for shipment.

7. Favored the plan of co-operative marketing as outlined in the scheme of the National Live Stock Producers' Association and urged all cattlemen to resent any propaganda directed against such co-operative marketing.

8. Opposed any amendment to the packers and stockyard act which would in any way hamper the work of the co-operative marketing agencies of the cattlemen, special attention being called to the necessity of defeating in congress house resolution No. 5944.

9. Thanked the city of Houston for its unbounded hospitality and assured the local hosts that the cattlemen would come back again any time Houston wanted them.

Filipinos Urge Recognition.

Manila.—The democratic territorial convention Friday adopted resolutions declaring the time had come for a definite announcement of America's intention to withdraw her sovereignty from the Philippines and stating the islands should be recognized as free sovereign state.

Russia to Free Bishop.

Moscow.—The central executive committee has decided to release from prison Archbishop Zepiak, head of the Roman Catholic church in Russia, convicted and once condemned to death for resistance to the soviet government. Archbishop Zepiak will be banished.

Educational Council to Aid.

Austin, Tex.—Co-operation of the Federated Educational Council with the survey of the educational institution of Texas was pledged Saturday by the executive committee of the council at a meeting in Austin. The committee decided to lend every possible aid in gathering data.

Deer in Growing Numbers.

San Francisco, Cal.—California has a population of 300,000 to 400,000 deer, according to estimates of the California fish and game commission and the United States forest service. In the national forest alone, chiefly in Northern and Central California, the deer is estimated to number 185,020. In the state there are 40,000,000 acres classified as "deer country."

Flu in England on Wane.

London.—The influenza epidemic throughout the country is subsiding, though the deaths from the disease last week numbered nearly 1000.

London Tramway Operators Strike. London.—A strike of the tramway operators and busmen began Friday. It involves about 40,000 employes.

New Test at Navasota.

Navasota, Tex.—The No. 2 well of the Cuthrell oil interests spudded in on the Cuthrell lease near Carlos.

MARKET CONDITIONS

Latest report of markets, issued by United States Department of Agriculture, Washington, D. C.

Fruits and Vegetables.—New York round white potatoes tend lower, closing at \$1.50@1.85 sacked per 100 lbs. in eastern cities. Northern sacked round whites about steady in Chicago at \$1.20@1.25, bringing 90c@1.10 at shipping points. Florida spaulding rose ranged \$1.00@1.50 per double head barrel in leading markets. Yellow onions weaker at \$1.75 @2.25 sacked per 100 lbs. consuming centers. Top of \$2.50 in Chicago. New York Dutch type cabbage weaker at \$35.00@45.00 bulk per ton city markets. Top of \$50 in Philadelphia. Texas flat and round \$50 about steady at \$50.00@55.00 top of \$70 in Baltimore. \$25.00@28.00 f.o.b. New York apples, Baldwin fairly steady at \$2.50@4.50 per bbl. city markets, \$3.50 @4.50 f.o.b. Northern extra fancy winesaps sold at \$2.00@2.40 per box leading markets. Top of \$2.50 in Chicago.

Live Stock and Meats.—Chicago hog prices range from steady to 15c lower than a week ago, closing at \$7.50 for the top and \$7.20@7.45 for the bulk. Medium and good beef steers 15 to 35c higher at \$13.00@17.75; butcher cows and heifers steady to 15c higher at \$4.10@10.50; feeder steers steady to 25c higher at \$5.25@8.50; light and medium weight lower, closing \$13.75 for the top and \$12.50 for the bulk. Medium and good beef steers 15 to 35c higher at \$13.00@17.75; butcher cows and heifers steady to 15c higher at \$4.10@10.50; feeder steers steady to 25c higher at \$5.25@8.50; light and medium weight lower, closing \$13.75 for the top and \$12.50 for the bulk. Medium and good beef steers 15 to 35c higher at \$13.00@17.75; butcher cows and heifers steady to 15c higher at \$4.10@10.50; feeder steers steady to 25c higher at \$5.25@8.50; light and medium weight lower, closing \$13.75 for the top and \$12.50 for the bulk.

Dairy Products.—Butter markets during the week barely steady; at the close were weak. Trading lacks snap and is mostly for current requirements only. Production trend uncertain. Imports light but heavy shipments expected early in April. Closing prices today on 52 score: New York 47c; Chicago 46c; Philadelphia 45c; Boston 43c. Primary cheese markets more active with trading on a more confident basis, but distributing markets irregular with business on the whole dull. Buyers apparently waiting for it to be more definitely established that prices are at low point. Closing prices at Wisconsin primary markets: Mar. 15; 20c; 20c; single daisies 21c; double daisies 20c; longhorns 20c; square prints 21c.

Cotton.—Average price of spot middling cotton in ten designated spot markets advanced 18 points, closing at 29.86c per lb. New York March future contract advanced 16 points, closing at 28.63c.

State Prison Population.

Austin, Tex.—The prison population of the state remains about the same, owing to the fact that approximately as many releases occur as entrants are received. Most of the releases are those of men who have served one-year sentences for liquor law violations. The population of the penal institutions at present is 3849, distributed as follows: Asylums, 23; Blakely farm, 173; Blue Ridge farm, 239; Clemens farm, 341; Darrington farm, 212; Eastham farm, 374; Ferguson farm, 157; Goree farm, 91; Harlem farm, 306; Imperial farm, 381; Ramsey farm, 526; Retrieve farm, 222; Shaw farm, 159; Senior farm, 116; Wynne farm, 150 and there are confined in the walls at Huntsville 379.

Sinclair Cited for Contempt.

Washington.—Harry F. Sinclair, lessee of Teapot Dome, was certified to the federal courts at Washington Monday by the senate for contempt proceedings because of his refusal to answer any further questions put by the oil investigators.

Rio Grande Valley Land Sale.

Washington.—Senate inquiry into alleged fraudulent sale of land in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas—newest of the many investigations in progress before congressional committees—got under way with a rush Monday.

Wilbur Takes Charge.

Washington.—Curtis D. Wilbur of California, the new secretary of the navy, arrived in Washington Monday, conferred with President Coolidge and then was installed at his desk at the navy department.

Eight Killed in Wreck.

Metz, Lorraine.—Eight persons were killed and 11 others injured in a collision Monday between the Ostend Basle express and a freight train.

Derrick Up for Test.

Mexia, Tex.—Hal & Hodges have a derrick up and will in the next few days move machinery to location for a test on the A. E. Gaddy farm, four miles east of the Curry field.

Water Bonds Approved.

Austin, Tex.—The attorney general has approved \$25,000 of water purification bonds of Brenham, payable serially and bearing 5½ per cent interest.

Hero of Verdun Dead.

General Robert George Nivelle, who commanded the French troops at Verdun during the world war, is dead.

To Ship Onions.

Austin, Tex.—Approximately 1500 carloads of onions are expected to be produced this season in the Webb county onion belt of Southwest Texas.

Big Rabbit Drive.

Midland, Tex.—From 1,500 to 2,000 rabbits were killed in a drive held south of Midland Friday. The business houses closed their doors for the day.

Aid for Destitute Germans.

Disregarding party lines, the house Monday adopted a resolution to appropriate \$10,000,000 for the purchase of food supplies for destitute women and children in Germany.

To Give Farmers Relief.

Washington.—President Coolidge, at a conference Friday with republican house leaders, expressed the desire to have some form of farm relief legislation enacted before the close of the present session of congress.

Condensed Austin News

The Attorney General's department has approved \$300,000 bonds of Williamson County road district No. 91.

Since the Commission of Appeals was established in October of 1918 a total of seventeen Judges have occupied the six places.

Acting President W. S. Sutton, University of Texas, has gone to Berkeley, Cal., to attend the inauguration of President W. W. Campbell of the University of California. On the return trip Dr. Sutton will stop at El Paso to inspect the State School of Mines.

According to local contractors, Austin is experiencing the best building boom in its history. There are seven large projects under way, with a number of smaller ones, and the total outlay is in excess of \$1,000,000, with more to come by virtue of large county and city bond issues.

The name of Terrell will appear three times on the ticket for State office to be voted in the Democratic primaries next July, as follows: Sam Houston Terrell, for Comptroller; C. V. Terrell, for State Treasurer, and George B. Terrell, for Commissioner of Agriculture. The latter two now hold office.

The topographic surveys in the Brownwood area have been finished and those in the Fort Worth and Co-tulla sectors will be completed in April. It was announced by the State Board of Water Engineers and United States Geological Survey. The joint field parties are being reduced materially and soon will be at a minimum for the summer.

R. C. Duff of Houston, president of the Waco, Beaumont, Trinity & Sabine Railroad, has been in Austin and had canceled \$883,000 of securities on old units of his present line. Later securities bearing the name of the new company will be issued. This company now has pending an application to extend from Livingston to Beaumont and Port Arthur.

So great has become the warrant writing for road maintenance under the new highway act that the State Highway Department has had to relieve the Comptroller's Department to some extent and prepare the numerous warrants for signature of the Comptroller. The Highway Department may finally write all of the warrants for that department.

Letters written to and by Stephen F. Austin have been collected and are being published under the direction of the American Historical Association, according to Dr. E. C. Barker, professor of American history in the University of Texas. The date of the letters range from the time of Stephen F. Austin's first arrival in Texas until December, 1827.

The Board of Control has awarded a contract to Tucker & Bingham of Waco for construction of additions to the Library and Women's Buildings at the State Tuberculosis Sanatorium at Carlisbad to cost \$27,850. Dr. J. B. McKnight, superintendent of the sanatorium, who has been here, said that the addition to the Women's Building would provide room for thirty patients.

Preparations are being made by the State Department of Education to apportion the remaining \$3 per capita of the \$12 per capita apportionment for the current scholastic year, which means that early in April approximately \$4,500,000 will be distributed among the various public schools of Texas. Up to this time \$9 per capita has been apportioned and distributed, the amount aggregating close to \$11,000,000.

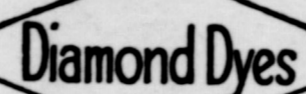
The Judge and officers of the defunct Texarkana Court at Law are entitled to their salaries up until the Supreme Court held the law creating the court invalid. This was the effect of an opinion rendered by the Attorney General's department. It means that these officers will not have to refund the amount of their salaries to the State.

Four of the magnificent bronze statues which will adorn the Littlefield Memorial to the Confederacy, to be erected at the south entrance to the University of Texas, have been shipped from New York and upon arrival in Austin will be placed in the rotunda of the Capitol for exhibition. They will remain there at least two years. The first four are of Jefferson Davis, Robert E. Lee, Albert Sydney Johnston and Woodrow Wilson.

So complicated has become the situation in the litigation involving the validity of the new automobile tax that Attorney General Keeling held an informal conference with members of the Supreme Court in chambers. It is the desire of the Attorney General and the State Highway Department that the litigation not be halted or delayed seriously by Judges disqualifying themselves because they own automobiles, and action may be taken to have the Supreme Court decide that issue at once.

WOMEN! DON'T BE IMPOSED UPON

Warning! Not All Package Dyes Are "Diamond Dyes."



Always ask for "Diamond Dyes" and if you don't see the name "Diamond Dyes" on the package—refuse it—hand it back!

Each 15-cent package of "Diamond Dyes" contains directions so simple any woman can dye or tint skirts, dresses, waists, sweaters, stockings, kimonos, coats, draperies, coverings—everything new, even if she has never dyed before. Choose any color at drug store. Refuse substitutes!

Cautious

George had taken his country cousin Jim to look over the air-drome. When he had seen all there was to see, George said to his companion:

"Now we'll go for a joy ride in one of the machines."

"I may be old-fashioned, but I don't care very much for going on a trip in one of these new-fangled things," replied Jim.

"Oh, don't be a fool!" laughed the other. "Why, you may live to see airplanes running like omnibus services!"

"Yes, I may, if I keep out of them," was the cautious reply.

DON'T CRITICIZE BACKWARD FOLKS

Help them wherever you see that they are standing back afraid to assert themselves simply because they feel sensitive about their pimply, red and rough face.

Thousands of people all over the country are praising the wonderful Black and White Ointment because it gets rid of their skin troubles when everything else they tried did them no good.

Tell your friends, who are struggling under this handicap in life, to get Black and White Ointment from their dealer. They will be delighted with the quick results they will get from it. It is economically priced, in generous packages. The 50c size contains three times as much as the 25c size.—Advertisement.

The Wise Man

Opportunity knocking at the front door has given way to the wolf in many a man's life because he allowed disease to creep in through the back door. The wise man looks first to the health of himself and family and after that to the less difficult matter of making a living.

A Good Friend

Preferable is the man who exaggerates his successes rather than his troubles.

At least two-thirds of the married men you meet are hepped, but they don't know it.

A torpid liver prevents proper food assimilation. Wright's Indian Vegetable Pills tone up the liver. They act gently but surely. 312 Pearl St., N. Y. Adv.

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"In 1904 a serious operation weakened my system so I never saw a real well day until I took Tanlac three years ago. I never seemed to be hungry, my stomach was so disordered I could scarcely retain a thing I ate,

and I lost weight till I was almost a shadow. I was very anemic, and shattered nerves and sleepless nights contributed even more to my already miserable state.

"Tanlac built up my appetite and digestion wonderfully, and every single ailment went away. Then, with returning strength came a 32-pound increase in weight, and from that day three years ago my health has been splendid. I recommend Tanlac to many of my patients, for it is indeed a remarkable medicine."

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\$1 Saves Your Cotton From the Boll Weevil

We offer the Poison Bloom as the solution to this problem. We believe it is the only effective way to fight them. Cost of material about fifty-five cents per acre.

The increase from one weevil, if only one-fourth hatch, would destroy twenty-seven bales of cotton. Get the first weevil and you go a long way toward saving your crop.

Send us one dollar and we will send sample Bloom, together with full instructions on how to use, and the right to use same for the crop year nineteen hundred twenty-four. Once applied, good for all seasons. No damage from rain, dew or wind.

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Franklin's Thrift

We hear a great deal of Benjamin Franklin as the great exponent of thrift. Historians, recall, however, that the great scientist-statesman was not always thrifty enough. In his refusal to patent his famous stove, he was wasteful of his own and the public's profit. He wished his ideas to be given free to the world, and so did not protect his invention; an Englishman made some changes for the worse in the Franklin fireplace, secured a patent on it and reaped a fortune from the sales.

Always Keep a Box on Hand. Brandreth Pills are a safe and reliable laxative, made in America for ninety years, entirely vegetable.—Adv.

Nightcaps were worn when people slept in bedrooms as cold as an Eskimo igloo.

A man often makes allowances for his wife, but not in the form of a weekly stipend.

PARKER'S HAIR BALSAM
Removes Dandruff—Stops Hair Falling—Restores Color and Beauty to Grey and Faded Hair. 50c and \$1.00 at Druggists. Olcott Chemical Works, Paterson, N. J.

HINDERCORNS Removes Corns, Calluses, etc., from all parts, ensures comfort to the feet, makes walking easy. 15c by mail or at Druggists. Olcott Chemical Works, Paterson, N. J.

BATHE YOUR EYES
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Why buy many bottles of other vermifuges when one bottle of Dr. Peery's "Dead Shot" will work without fail? Adv.

Sometimes the cigar draws better than the actor it is named for.

\$2,500 in Prizes
ENTER the International Crow-Shooting Contest. Du Pont offers \$2,500 in merchandise prizes. No entrance fees. Destroy the menace to game and crops. Write today for booklets giving full information on the crow.
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—the reward of internal cleanliness

HEALTH and good looks go hand in hand. If you do not keep clean internally, your looks and health are undermined together. A clogged intestine breeds

poisons that reach every part of the body. These poisons ruin the complexion and undermine health. Constipation brings on such ailments as headaches, bilious attacks, and insomnia—each of which saps your health and vitality. Soon much more serious conditions follow.

In constipation, say intestinal specialists, lies the primary cause of more than three-quarters of all illness including the gravest diseases of life.

Laxatives Aggravate Constipation
Laxatives and cathartics do not overcome constipation, says a noted authority, but by their continued use tend only to aggravate the condition and often lead to permanent injury.

Regular as Clockwork

Medical science, through knowledge of the intestinal tract gained by X-ray observation, has found at last in lubrication a means of overcoming constipation.

Physicians Favor Lubrication

The lubricant, Nujol, penetrates and softens the hard food waste and thus hastens its passage through and out of the body. Thus Nujol brings internal cleanliness.

Not a Medicine

Nujol is not a laxative and cannot gripe. Nujol is used in leading hospitals and is prescribed by physicians throughout the world.

Don't give disease a start. Adopt this habit of internal cleanliness. Nujol is not a medicine. Like pure water, it is harmless. Take Nujol as regularly as you brush your teeth or wash your face. For sale by all druggists.



Cleanliness Demands More Than Bathing

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For Internal Cleanliness

THE SUPERANNUATE ENDOWMENT

For the Marfa Station, Methodist Episcopal church, South, Rev. H. M. Barton, pastor, has accepted \$2,000.00 as a minimum quota to raise within five years for the cause of Superannuate Endowment of that denomination. The goal for the entire church of this movement is \$10,000,000, the income from which is to be used for the support of the aged and infirm ministers and widows and orphans of ministers. The campaign for the fund is being directed by the Board of Finance of the Southern Methodist church, St. Louis, Mo., Bishop W. F. McMurray, chairman, and Dr. Luther E. Todd, secretary. The latter has issued and sent to all pastors a booklet "The Call of the Forgotten Man," which tells the pathetic story of the great need asks the church to remember him with a substantial giving and outlines plans for raising the sum sought.

According to reports received by the board over 2000 pastoral charges have up to this time accepted minimum quotas asked of them and many have voluntarily increased the amounts. Several large individual gifts have already been announced.

There are over 900 of the old preachers, many of them pioneer circuit riders who rode through storm, sunshine, winter and summer, day and night, to serve humanity and the church. 1,330 widows and 600 orphans, many of them they never forgot duty and the church for a single moment, and there is now evidence on all sides that the church is at last waking up to its belated duty to its forgotten servants.

WILL MOVE TO MARFA.

Paul Propst, who recently accepted a position with the State Highway Department in this district, has gathered up the trucks, graders, in this section and taken them to Marfa where they will undergo repairs at the shop there. Mr. Propst now has his repair department and headquarters at Marfa and will soon move his family to that place. We are sorry to lose these good people and our loss is Marfa's gain.—Fort Davis Post.

NOTICE.

I am now handling U. S. Government inspected meats fed by Peyton Packing Co. My prices are as follows:

- Loft Steak, 30c pound.
- Round Steak, 30c pound.
- Roast, 25c pound.
- Ribs for stew meat, 20c pound.
- Pork, U. S. Inspected, 25c pound.
- Fish, 30c pound.

I also handle eggs, chickens and all kinds sausages. Give me a trial and you will be satisfied. Phone 87. W. T. DAVIS.

FELIX D. ROBERTSON

Candidate for Governor, according to announced schedule, will speak in Marfa evening of April 2nd.

QUEEN THEATRE PROGRAM.

- March 31st and April 1st "THUNDERING DAWN"
- News—
- April 2nd-3rd "LAW OF THE LAWLESS"
- Comedy—"Second Childhood"
- April 4th-5th "ST ELMO"

A Beautiful Picture With John Gilbert, Bessie Love and Barbara Hader.

— Also —
Good Comedy

CARL SCHULTZ.

This morning at 12:30 Mr. Carl Schultz, living at the Espey place, a mile south of town, passed away. He had been ill some time and recently came here with his devoted wife from their home in Newport, Ark., to try and benefit his health. He had been quite ill for about two months when death relieved his suffering.

He was born in Sweden and came to this country at an early age. Only his wife survives him, having no other relatives in this country.

He was a devout christian and was a member of the Lutheran church at Newport, Arkansas. Dr. Irving preached the funeral at the Presbyterian church this afternoon at 3 o'clock.

Mr. Schultz was a prominent member of the Masonic order, at his home town, which organization took charge of the burial following the funeral services. He was buried this afternoon under the auspices of the Masons at the Fort

Davis cemetery. A large gathering of sympathetic friends attended the funeral and burial.

The sorrowing wife has the sympathy of all in her bereavement.—Fort Davis Post.

Mr. and Mrs. Schultz lived here for several months before moving to Fort Davis. He was employed for a short time on the G. H. & S. A. at Langtry.

RUDIOSA NEWS.

Nunez and Levine are preparing to plant 100 acres in cotton.

G. N. Bogel has been appointed president of the ditch at Rudiosa with Casimero Chavarria water boss.

The road between Candelaria, Rudiosa and Chanati, along the river

has been put in good condition.

Mr. Kent and S. D. Miller, farmers at Chanati, were visitors to Rudiosa this week. Their farm is below the Dove sections.

R. Nunez, prominent merchant, is remodeling a number of his houses.

Everyone is plowing their fields and preparing to plant cotton in April. Some probably will not plant until May.

Judge Roy Tingle and Frank Martinez went up to Marfa last week and spent several days in the county site.

Mrs. H. M. Fennell, after spending a few days in Marfa last week, returned and is engaged with her school duties. Mrs. Fennell has a

fine school and is a splendid teacher.

Kilpatrick and Edmondson have arranged to put in a gin at Rudiosa.

Blind Man in Jail for Shooting to Kill. Charged with shooting to kill, Albert Wilson, seventy-four years old and blind, is in jail at Akron O. Wilson seriously wounded Henry Glen during a quarrel when Glen refused to leave the blind man's home.

CANDELARIA NOTES.

Lands under the ditch and cleared are worth at least \$100.00 per acre now.

The padre came in last week and had services at the Catholic church. Nearly all the Mexicans here are

members of that ancient faith.

In spite of the Mexican revolution—the last one—the border is peaceful and orderly. In fact, on the border near here, the Mexican population on both sides seem to regard the present trouble as of little consequence.

Lieut. Edmondson, our popular peace officer is preparing to raise on section six over 40 bales of cotton.

The vacant lands up the river from Candelaria are beginning to settle. At the old settlement of Pelarez, a number of farmers are now living, and they seem confident of making, this season at least 100 bales of cotton.

Prof. H. Warren, principal of the

school complains that his greatest difficulty in teaching on the river is caused by the absence of pupils. It is almost impossible, without the aid of an officer, to induce the children to attend school. This, however, seems to be a problem along the river nearly everywhere.

M. A. BUHLER.

At a regular meeting of the Christian church last Sunday Bro. Buhler who has so faithfully ministered to this congregation for the past two years, was unanimously re-elected for the next year.

Since his pastorate here, by his christian conduct and many many virtues, he has not only endeared himself with the membership of the church, but also with the citizenship of the community generally.



Mrs. Tucker in a New Dress

YOU know good Mrs. Tucker. That cheerful helper who has brought happiness to countless kitchens. Who has made cooking easier and food better. Wherever she goes she is joyfully welcomed. For Mrs. Tucker's Shortening, the South's own cooking fat, is acclaimed the finest shortening there is by all who use it.

Now Mrs. Tucker has a new dress. It is the New Pail. And a most wonderful pail it is. For it is at once air-tight and easy to open—a rare combination indeed. Moreover, it is highly sanitary. And when empty you will find it extremely useful as a bucket for household use or as a dinner pail.

Your grocer has Mrs. Tucker's Shortening. And you can always be sure he will deliver it to you sweet and fresh. The air-tight feature of the New Pail sees to that. After you've opened it, the lid fits snugly, keeping out all dirt. And there's no place inside for impurities to collect.

Use Mrs. Tucker's Shortening. Use it freely. It is easily digestible. Far more so than olive oil, corn oil, hog lard, cocoanut oil, soy-bean oil, or beef or mutton tallow. This has often been proved by the United States Department of Agriculture. For Mrs. Tucker's Shortening is made exclusively from cottonseed-oil. It's so labeled on the New Pail. Ask your grocer for it to-day. Cook with it. Find out for yourself what so many already know—that Mrs. Tucker's Shortening, in the New Pail, is the finest and most convenient cooking fat you can buy.

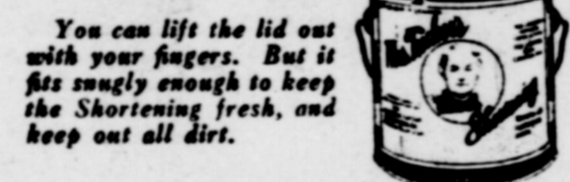
Easy to Open



Slip an ice-pick or other sharp-pointed instrument through the hole in the tab of the sealing ring, pointing toward the center of the lid.



Twist the point outside the rim of the pail and pull up, breaking the sealing ring. Then strip the ring completely off.



You can lift the lid out with your fingers. But it fits snugly enough to keep the Shortening fresh, and keep out all dirt.

Mrs Tucker's
BRAND
Shortening

in the
NEW PAIL!



F. C. MELLARD HEREFORDS

F. C. Mellard holds the distinction of owning the only herd of Registered Hereford breeding cattle in Presidio County. It is now ten years since this intensely Anxiety bred herd was founded upon Mr. Mellard's 10,000-acre ranch, twenty miles a little west of south of Marfa. This ranch consists of rolling hills that drain eastwardly into the Alameda Creek. Every foot is carpeted with grama and associated grasses, and, with an abundance of pure, clear water, both in springs and in wells, it is an ideal situation in which to build up a herd of fine cattle.

Acquiring the property about 1909, Mr. Mellard was not long in realizing its peculiar fitness for the breeding of Registered Herefords or in making up his mind to begin with only the best. Away back in 1906, W. B. Mitchell established a herd of registered Herefords upon his Esccondido Ranch, southeast of Marfa. He was convinced that the Hereford was the logical breed for the Big Bend and realizing the wonderful preponderance of the Anxiety strain of that breed, he selected his foundation cows with great care. Each, besides being of high individual merit, was rich in the blood of old Anxiety 4th, being by sires close up to that fountain head of Hereford excellence. Some of them were by Brightlight, a son of Lamplighter, who had achieved fame upon the Gudgell & Simpson farm.

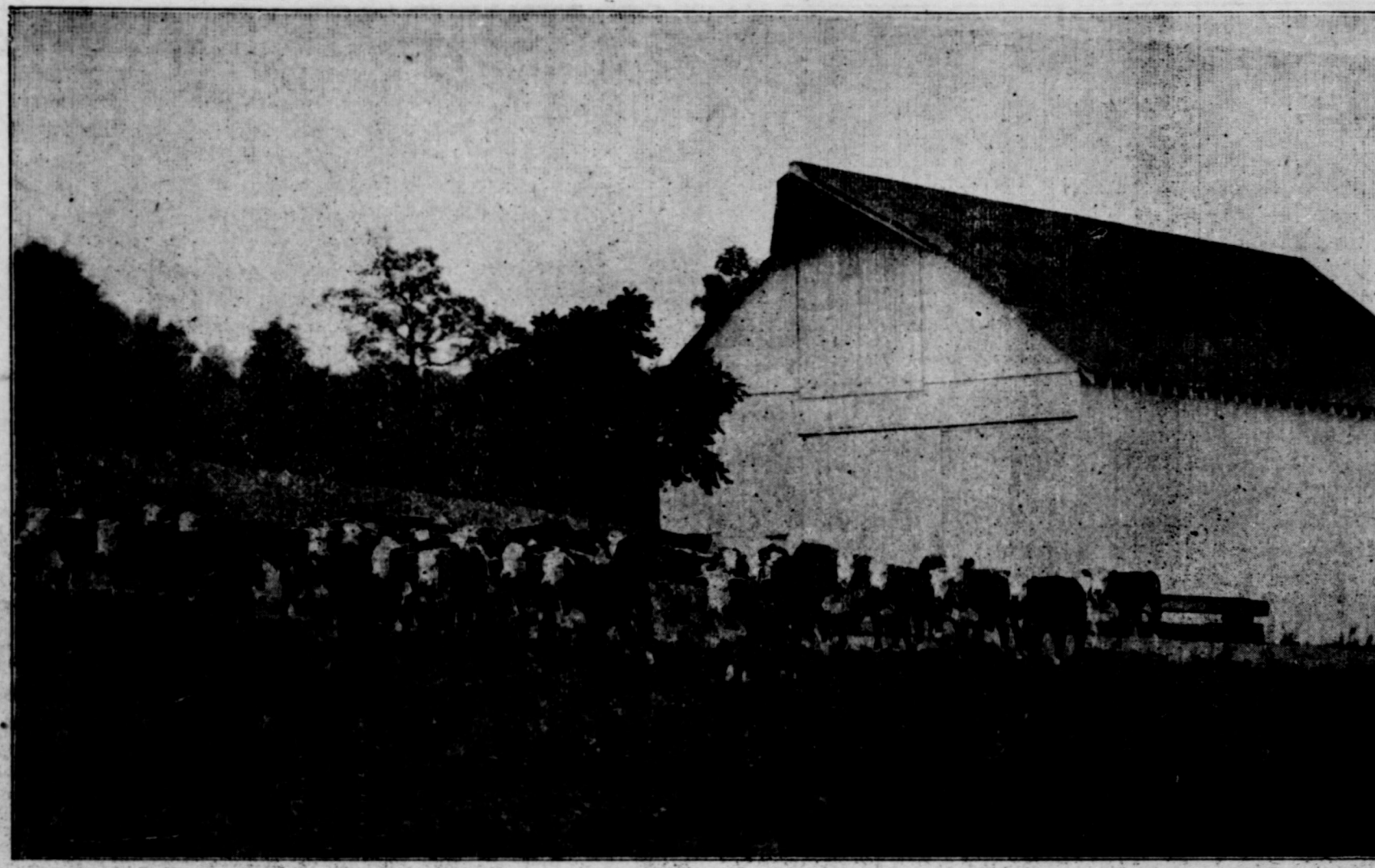
To them he bred Lieut. Golden 136113, by Governor 75903, and out of Olivia, a daughter of Brightlight, and Draper 14166, by Foreman, a son of Beau Donald. The heifers from these matings, nurtured under natural range conditions in the invigorating mountain air and upon the rich grama grass, with the supplemental feed necessary for their proper development, represented a step forward toward the ideal of a master breeder seeking the proper type of range bulls to get commercial feeder calves.

Then came the necessity of taking another step. This step was taken in the purchase of Prince Donald 4th 247655 at the Chicago International Sale of 1913. The success of this choice has ample witnesses throughout the Highland country today, the influence of that grand old son of Prince Rupert 8th being seen in many herds.

In 1914 the longing and determination to possess a good Hereford herd became crystallized in the mind of Courtney Mellard and he bought from the Mitchell herd ten heifers and Beau Burton 4th, 499743, by Prince Donald 4th, 247655, and out of Purity, 380533, a daughter of Draper, 141666. In 1919 he made a second draft upon the Mitchell herd, of ten young cows sired by Lieut. Golden, 136113, and Draper, 141666.

Beau Burton 4th, 499743, proved a very successful sire, and his get have contributed to the upbuilding of many Big Bend herds. The bull calves have found ready sale at satisfactory prices to friends and neighbors. This year the entire surplus went to an old neighbor five hundred miles away in South Texas, in the area from which the Texas fever tick has recently been eradicated.

In 1920 Perfect 4th, 394000, by Beau Perfect 29th, and out of a richly bred Beau Donald cow, was secured from the O2 Ranch to mate with the Beau Burton 4th heifers. Today the Mellard herd numbers 53 head of breeding age and the bulls in service are Perfect Picture, 1-222,222, and Grant Picture, 542,059, both sons of Beau Picture, 308177, a famous Gudgell & Simpson sire. These bulls came to the Highland country together and saw service in the range herds of Capt. J. B. Gillett and F. A. Mitchell before going to the Mellard herd. They came from the Gudgell & Simpson farm, at Independence, Missouri, shortly before the dispersal of that famous



Highland Herefords in a Corn Belt Feed Lot

herd, in a carload of bulls that have been of incalculable service to the Hereford breed in the Southwest. Among them were sons of Beau Picture, Beau Randolph, Bright Stanway and Domino. One of this shipment, Beau Capitan, soon went back to Hereford Boulevard as Beau Blanche Visage, achieving fame in the herds of Moser, Woolf, and lately in the Hearst herd in California. Incidentally, he was the sire of Beau Best, many times champion for Wallace & E. G. Good, Grandview, Missouri. Their companions after seeing service in a third Highland herd, that of T. C. Crosson, are now in use in the Registered herd of John Gist, Odessa, Texas.

These two doughty sons of Beau Picture, after spending most of their lives out on the range, have been promoted from siring Highland feeder calves and will have increased opportunity of transmitting their exceptional quality and ruggedness through their get to Big Bend herds.

Mr. Mellard does not aspire to show ring honors, but simply desires a market among his neighbors for his surplus cattle. Secure in the knowledge that the quality and bloodiness of his herd are right, he lives simply in his comfortable ranch home in the midst of his beautiful hills. His excellent range supplements his registered cattle. From time to time he adds improvements that tend to the more efficient handling of his cattle and the pleasure of living. With his three boys he does his own work.

Mr. Mellard is a member of the Highland Hereford Breeders' Association and is serving his third term as County Supervisor, sharing the credit of Presidio County's excellent public roads. He deserves the continued support of all Big Bend breeders in his breeding of registered Hereford cattle.

MARFA ELECTRIC & ICE CO.

Few people realize the importance of a public service utility to a community this size. Quite a few, prone to criticize its service, have never taken a "peep behind the scenes," to ascertain the merit of their criticism. Public service utilities, like individual firms, are founded on the theory of SERVICE. To give this SERVICE entails keen business perception, shrewd management, the investment of much capital and oftentimes part of it in unproductive form, diplomacy and tact, and a vast amount of mechanical and technical experience of which the average individual has no comprehension. Then, too, a public service utility is subjected to many harsh criticisms on the part of the minority, due to the fact that they must serve to the best ad-

vantage the majority of their customers drawn from all classes and conditions of people—many of whom figure that the expenditure of a few dollars entitles them to "cuss" the company. However, these people are the first to register a "kick" if the current is not forthcoming on account of a minor repair or break. The truth is that few people realize the many conveniences furnished by a public utility company, in comparison with the money expenditure, until they are compelled to do without this service from any cause. And nowadays the desirability of a city in which to locate and live is measured largely by the advantages that can be had from the service of public utilities. Every housewife knows this to be the truth, even though she is not willing to admit it to the company.

A public service utility that radiates efficiency and good management in its every department is the Marfa Electric and Ice Company, which was acquired by the present interests on July 1st, 1917. Manager Myrick has had charge here since 1919 and is a native of this state. Mr. Myrick is a very experienced man in this line and has had public utility experience in different parts of the state. He is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and a Rotarian. The company holds membership in the Southwestern Public Service Association with headquarters at Dallas. Mr. C. R. Norman is connected with the plant as Chief Engineer and has as his assistant Mr. E. P. Langley.

The Marfa Electric & Ice Company furnishes light, power, water and ice to Marfa and vicinity and including the Military Post. Some three hundred and fifty customers are served in the Light and Power department, not including service to the Army Camp. Approximately one hundred and fifty water customers are served. The Light and Power plant has four units for the total capacity of two hundred and seventy kilowatts. Semi-Diesel Oil Burning Engines are used and twenty-four hour per day service rendered. This is the largest plant of its kind between El Paso and Del Rio. The plant is kept in excellent shape as is shown by the fact that from June, 1922, up to date there has only been an involuntary cessation of operating of ten hours.

The company handles the sale of all electrical appliances and equipment and does electrical contracting. The water department has its source from three deep wells. The ice plant is of twelve ton capacity, and ice is delivered locally and shipped throughout this entire section. An average of ten people are employed and the phone number is 33. Ground space utilized at the main plant is 200x300 feet, and the company also owns 50 feet on trackage. "Courteous service" is the slogan, and one that is most apt. The growth in business has shown that the people here appreciate the high class service rendered. Incidentally Marfa has one of the lowest power rates of any similar towns in the Southwest. The entire personnel of the company wish to be quoted as boosters.

BIG BEND TELEPHONE CO.

F. O. Larkin, Manager
The modern town is perhaps more judged as to its desirability by the service furnished by its public utilities than any other comparison. The above company is rendering a thoroughly adequate service to this section at most reasonable prices. The Big Bend Telephone Company has been established here under its present management and ownership since October, 1922. Mr. Larkin is

a very experienced man in his line and has been engaged in similar work in all departments in different parts of the state. Mrs. C. A. Chapman is chief operator, Mrs. Lela Stroud is night operator, and S. G. Smith has charge of the Fort Davis exchange.

The Big Bend Telephone Company covers Jeff Davis County and the Marfa Section of Presidio County, and maintains boards at Marfa and Fort Davis. There are approximately three hundred and twenty-five connections here, and a hundred and twenty-five at Fort Davis. The toll line to Fort Davis is twenty-two miles in length and the company gives connections to some thirty-five ranchers, who own their own lines, in this county. Long distance connection is given with Alpine, Fort Davis, Stockton, Marathon and Valentine. The company is now contemplating building forty miles of line from Fort Davis to Balmorhea, making long distance connection with the outside world with the Bell line at Pecos, Texas. The business has shown a steady growth, and this is a home-owned and home-operated institution. Mr. Larkin is a booster for Marfa and the Big Bend District.

CITY MEAT MARKET

One of Marfa's newest business institutions is that of the above, which was established here under the present ownership in February of this year, and succeeded Henry Felts. Mr. Bomar is thoroughly familiar with his present business from every angle, and was formerly engaged in ranching in this section. He formerly conducted a meat market at Valentine, and will give the business here his entire time and attention. Connected with him in the sales department is Mr. Ross Harp, who is well known here.

The City Meat Market handles at both wholesale and retail a complete line of fresh and dried meats and fish and oysters. It is Mr. Bomar's policy to handle home products as nearly as may be possible. An average of three people are employed, and his phone number is 230. Local delivery is maintained and floor space utilized is 25x40 feet. There is a refrigerating capacity of 3,000 pounds of ice.

Mr. Bomar is well pleased with having located here and wishes to be quoted as a booster. He states that he will handle only the best of home products and sell at reasonable prices. A majority of meat handled is obtained from fat cattle from the Davis Mountains section, and a customer of this market may rest assured that their purchases will be the best meat that they can buy.

QUEEN THEATRE

"The Place Where Marfa is Entertained"

Motion Pictures have been termed "the people's shrine of amusement." That it, today, is the highest type of amusement for ALL the people is an accepted fact. The average individual living in a "high pressure" age requires a certain amount of amusement. The most popular, the most economical, the most universally accepted, and above all, the most educational, is found in the amusement rendered by a high class motion picture house. Marfa is to be congratulated upon the type of amusement furnished here by the Queen Theatre. The theatre is owned and operated by Messrs. H. E. Coffield and N. L. Casner.

The Queen Theatre shows only first run pictures and among the exclusive franchises held and leading releasing agencies represented are: Paramount, First National, Cosmopolitan, Fox Film Co., War-

ner Brothers, Universal, Metro, etc. The projection equipment consists of two Powers machines giving a continuous showing. The screen is of the Gold Fibre type. The seating capacity of the theatre is 354, and all seats are upholstered in leather to insure comfort. Six showings per week are given and at popular prices. It is the aim of the management never to lower the quality of the pictures for any reason, and to furnish the theatre-going public of this city the highest class of pictures at the lowest possible prices.

DR. J. E. GUYTON, D.C., Ph.C. Chiropractor

Chiropractic is no longer a theory, but rather is an established science. Innumerable examples of its curative powers have been heralded throughout the world, and the public has come to recognize it as one of the advanced sciences. The Chiropractor's greatest asset has been these results, not advertised by them, but told to the world through the columns of the daily press, as NEWS, because they were NEWS. And, in every community of the state, no matter in what section of this country, are located one or more of these drugless healers, and their successes are gradually and surely breaking down the prejudices of a drug bound humanity.

Today fifteen thousand practitioners of Chiropractic, giving relief to twenty million sufferers, is the remarkable record achieved by the science of Chiropractic. The Chiropractor removes the cause of the ailment and nature does the rest. He relieves nerve impingement and permits a full flow of nerve vitality and speedy recovery follows. Chiropractic is successful today. It answers to the common-sense reasoning of the most skeptical and may be rightfully classed as one of the factors of advanced civilization, lifting us out of the "dark age," when the treatment of disease was shrouded in mystery. Chiropractic makes no attempt to hide its diagnosis in sonorous but meaningless Latin terms. It makes no attempt in persuading the patient that cures may be wrought regardless of how nature may have been neglected, and the far advanced stages of disease. It makes no attempt to inject into the blood stream virulent poisons. It has no "instrument of torture," and, in fact, the Chiropractor's hands are his only instruments, and, in short, the whole history of Chiropractic, from its very inception, has been one that not only has been able to stand the full glare of publicity, but has courted it and last year the national appropriation for publicity was well over one million dollars.

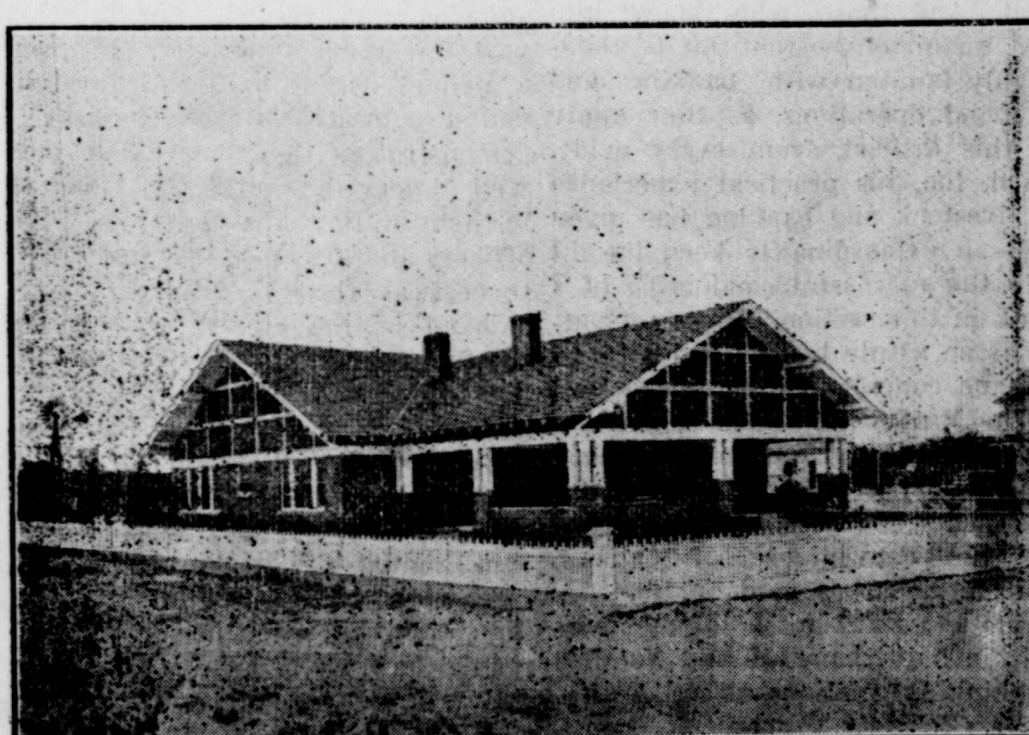
In Marfa this advanced science of healing is administered by Dr. J. E. Guyton, who has been established in the Big Bend District for a little over one year, and who is the only exclusive practitioner of Chiropractic in the Big Bend Country. Dr. Guyton is a native of this state, and has been engaged in the practice and study of Chiropractic for the past six years. He attended public schools in Falls County (Texas), High School at Waco, Texas, and also was a student at a Dental College at Dallas. Dr. Guyton received his degree of Doctor of Chiropractic, and Philosopher of Chiropractic from the Texas Chiropractic College, Palmer Methods, which is one of the six colleges recognized by the national association. Dr. Guyton is a cultured and trained member of his profession, and has an excellent personality. Connected with him here as lady assistant is Dr. Myrtle E. Wickline, who resides here permanently, and who holds the same degrees from the same college as does Dr. Guyton. Dr. Wickline has been engaged in the practice of Chiropractic for the past three years.

The Hamie-Howell Tank Company are manufacturers of Concrete Slave Tanks and Troughs with home office and parent plant located at Marfa. Shipment is made anywhere in Texas from this yard and the company has a decided advantage in manufacturing here due to the fact that they own their own gravel and sand pits and that the labor situation is good here. The tanks are manufactured under patents pending and in all standard sizes and also to order. The Hamie-Howell Tanks are used for watering stock, irrigation purposes, for pressure systems, for residence and business buildings, and also for the storage of crude oil. These tanks run from sixteen thousand to four hundred thousand gallons in capacity, and in all wanted shapes and sizes. All tanks are guaranteed and these tanks are the lowest priced standard slave tanks now on the market, as well as being practically the only large tank now guaranteed. During the time the business has been organized there has been a total of over three thousand of these tanks put in service. The local

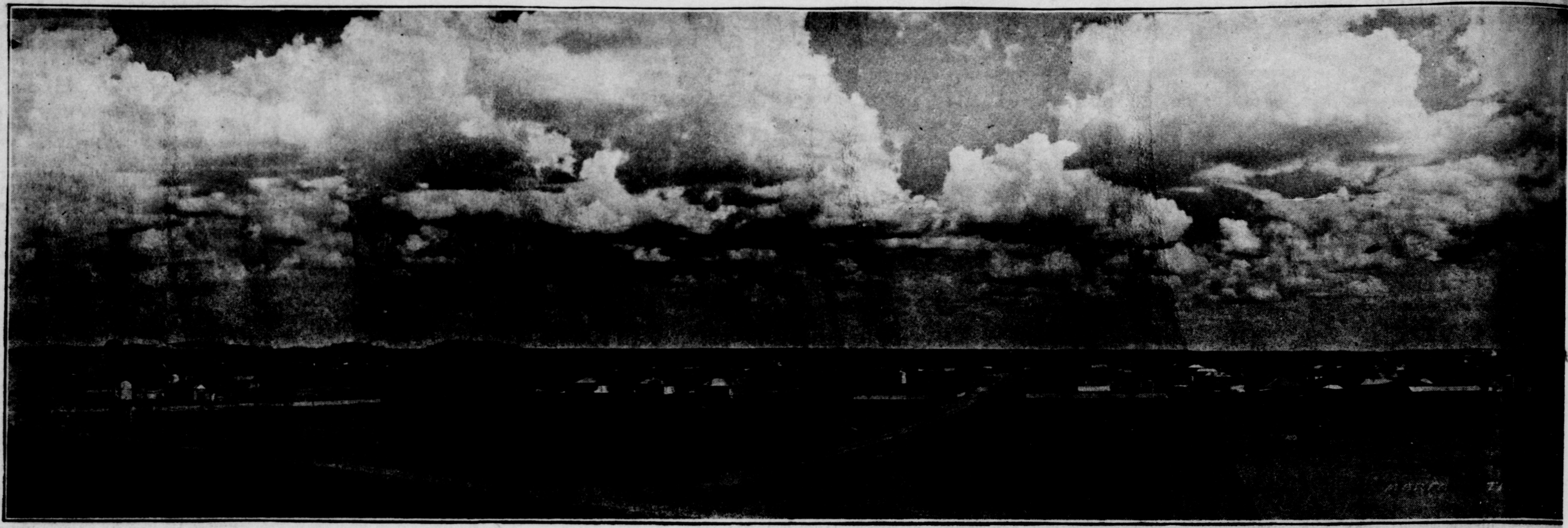
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Capote Nitrate Mines at Presidio



Residence of W. P. Fischer at Marfa



Bird's-Eye View of

Marfa State Bank
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Mitchell is inactive with the bank and is a prominent cattleman. Cashier Avant has been with the bank for the past eight years and is a very efficient man. Asst. Cashier Jordan came to the bank from the Murphy-Walker Co., with which firm he was formerly connected as Cashier. Directors are: T. M. Wilson, T. C. Mitchell, C. T. Mitchell, W. M. Ellison and J. W. Howell. Director C. T. Mitchell is also a cattleman, as is also Director Ellison. Director Howell is executive head

The Marfa National Bank
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man. Assistant Cashier F. W. Barton came to the institution from The Marlin National Bank, Marlin, Texas. Director Gillett is a ranchman of this section and served with the Rangers in the early days of El Paso, who did not die with his boots on. Messrs. Fischer, Cleveland, Finley and Mitchell are also prominent ranchmen of this section. Cashier M. D. Bownds, under whose active supervision the affairs

Marx Stool
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has had many years of experience in his present line as well as in tailoring. Mr. Stool wholesales and retails, and handles a complete stock of the finest merchandise in his line. Star Brand shoes are featured as well as many other nationally known brands. Mr. Stool occupies part of the building owned by him, or floor space of 50x80, which is one of the finest brick business buildings in the city, erected at an approximate cost of \$20,000.00. Mr. Stool also owns his own residence here. Besides serving the local people he does quite a lot of out of town business and wishes to be quoted as a booster for Marfa and the Big Bend District.

Livingston-Rybiski Company
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from Leesville, Louisiana, here, and has had twenty-one years' experience in the dry goods business. The Livingston-Rybiski Company retails wearables for the entire family. Among the many leading brands handled are: Douglas shoes, Stetson hats, Curlee clothing, Hole-proof hosiery, Cahill shoes, Warren dresses, Davidson millinery, Buster Brown shoes, Seward luggage, Pictorial Review patterns, Moller Rinehard embroidery, and others, including a complete line of dry goods, piece goods and silks. This is the leading exclusive dry goods house here, and serves the entire Marfa trade territory. An average of three people are employed and the phone is 43. The business has shown a substantial increase under the new management, due to the fact that Mr. Rybiski is constantly studying his trade towards the rendition of an intelligent and superior service. He is an ardent booster for Marfa and the Big Bend District.

Elite Tailors
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sales department the merchant tailoring lines of Storr-Schafer, and J. L. Taylor. A complete line of steam cleaning and pressing, altering and repairing, and blocking of hats is done. The firm has just recently installed the only modern plant of its kind in this part of West Texas, and which enables them to do odorless dry cleaning and to render a one-day service. Local collection and delivery is made and parcel post charges paid one way on out-of-town orders. The telephone number is 128, and an average of three people are employed. "Service and Appreciation" is the motto and both partners wish to be quoted as boosters.

Bishop Rosson Company
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Van Horn. The complete Purina line is carried in car-load lots, and this is the largest Purina dealer between El Paso and San Antonio. The company also wholesales a complete line of alfalfa, grain, field seeds, stock salt, cottonseed products and second-hand bags. The location is directly on the trackage and the phone number is 202. The main building is 80x89 feet, together with a concrete building in the rear, 30x60 feet. An average of three people are employed, and prompt delivery and fair treatment have been the dual principle stressed in the business policy. Both partners wish to be quoted as boosters for the Big Bend district.



Highland Hereford Cattle at Home

of the Marfa Lumber Company. T. M. Wilson, President, and under whose active supervision and management the bank has been conducted under the present administration, has been a resident of this section since 1885, and is one of the pioneers in this district. President Wilson is a native of Texas and his entire business life-time has been devoted to the livestock industry and banking. At present, President Wilson is the executor of one of the largest ranches in this part of the country, known as the Normand & Morgan ranch; he is also president of the Murphy-Walker Co., this City's largest mercantile establishment. President Wilson devotes the majority of his time to the management of the banks affairs, and is an outstanding example of what may be accomplished in this America of today, and more especially so in the West, by strict attention to details, hard work and an unswerving loyalty to the institution with which he is connected. Mr. Wilson has given his best time of life to an intensive and intelligent study towards the rendition of a superior banking service and also as particularly applied in a livestock district. And those who know him say unanimously that he is thoroughly familiar with banking and financial operations, as they apply to this district, from every angle. Then, too, his practical experience in livestock and banking has given him an extraordinarily keen insight into the successful conducting of a bank in this section. He is reckoned as an astute banker and a capable and competent executive.

The Marfa State Bank conducts a general banking business, having both commercial and savings departments and safety deposit boxes for the convenience of patrons. Four per cent is paid on time deposits and the bank holds membership in both the State and National Banking Associations, as well as being a Guaranty Fund Bank. Banking territory extends within a radial

of the bank are conducted, is a native of this state and the majority of his experience has been along banking lines. He was formerly connected with the First State Bank, Sabinal, Texas. Altogether he has thirteen years in the banking business with the exception of eighteen months of service during the World War.

The Marfa National Bank conducts a general banking business, having commercial and savings departments, and holds membership in the Federal Reserve System and in both the State and National Associations. It is officially designated as a United States depository. Banking territory covered includes Presidio, Jeff Davis, Brewster and Culberson counties. The present capital and surplus is one hundred forty thousand dollars, with deposits at present totaling about four hundred and fifty thousand dollars. Total footings as officially made to the Comptroller of the Currency at the close of business, December 31, 1923, were \$676,412.55. The management of the Marfa National Bank, as well as that of the associated institutions may well be pardoned for being proud of their phenomenal showing and record, during the past few years especially. It pays a distinct tribute to the officership and directorate, as well as clearly demonstrating the remarkable, but well deserved, confidence reposed in them by the banking public. The officers and directors feel that such success as these institutions have enjoyed is due almost entirely to the fact that the people with whom they deal are people with high business integrity, and that the country enables them to live up to their high ideals. Of the three institutions neither has failed to pay semi-annual dividends, has never charged a higher rate of interest than eight per cent per annum to regular customers on one thousand dollars or more, and has never put a limit on payment in cash of checks drawn against existing bal-

MELLARD AUTO SALES
Willys-Knight and Overland Cars

Although Mr. F. C. Mellard, proprietor of the above concern, has been selling automobiles in this section for the past seven years, he has only been established in his present business for the past two years. Mr. Mellard has been a resident of the Big Bend District for the past fifteen years and is a native of the state. A majority of his experience has been in ranching and he still maintains ranching interests here. Mr. Mellard is County Commissioner from Precinct 2, and is continually boosting for Marfa and this territory.

The Mellard Auto Sales handle the sales and service for Willys-Knight and Overland cars, covering Jeff Davis, Brewster and Presidio Counties. Mr. Mellard expects to establish sub-agencies throughout the territory. His business has shown a substantial increase and this type of cars is becoming extremely popular in this section. Mr. Mellard said: "I think that this country is fast turning to prosperity. This is a preferred cattle country and our greatest need is the stabilization of the cattle industry. Cotton on the river will be a great help. I believe a railway to the river country eventually will be put through and also the establishment of an oil mill."

J. M. HURLEY
New and Second Hand Goods Transfer and Storage

To the man who knows, the world bows down today. At no time in history has modern commercial life been put upon such high planes of specialization as it is today. And, a splendid example of what may be accomplished by specialized knowledge and hard work, is had in this city in the successful business record of J. M. Hurley. Mr. Hurley has been established in his present business here for the past seven years and is a native of Missouri.

The firm of J. M. Hurley handles at retail new and second hand goods, and does transferring and storage. Standard brands are handled throughout and goods are sold both on the cash and easy payment basis. Practically fireproof storage is maintained and a two-ton Ford truck is utilized in the transfer department. Mr. Hurley started here with a very small beginning, and, in fact, was offered the sympathy of many people, but today he has built up the largest business of its kind between Del Rio and El Paso and one of the largest in West Texas. He attributes his success to the trium principles of hard work, service to his customers, and always being on the job. Mr. Hurley does a large out of town business, and is a firm believer in the future and prosperity of the Big Bend District.

ALAMO LUMBER COMPANY
J. F. Fisher, Local Manager

The local house of the Alamo Lumber Company has been established here for the last eight years. Mr. Fisher has had charge for the past two years. He has been connected with the Alamo Lumber Company in different capacities for the last fifteen years. Mr. Fisher gives his entire time to the company's affairs here, and is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce and a Rotarian.

The Alamo Lumber Company handles, summed up briefly, as the slogan indicates, "Everything To Build Anything." The firm wholesales and retails and serves the entire Marfa trade territory. Featured are: Benjamin Moore Paints, Cornell Wall Board, Texaco Roofing, El Toro Cement, Arizona Gypsum Plaster, and a complete line of builders' hardware. The services of John Odell, an experienced contractor, may be had through this yard. Ground space utilized here is approximately one-quarter block, with practically all material under shed. The phone number is 48. Under Mr. Fisher's capable management the business has shown a very satisfactory growth. Mr. Fisher wishes to be quoted as a believer in the future of this entire section.

MAC'S DRUG STORE

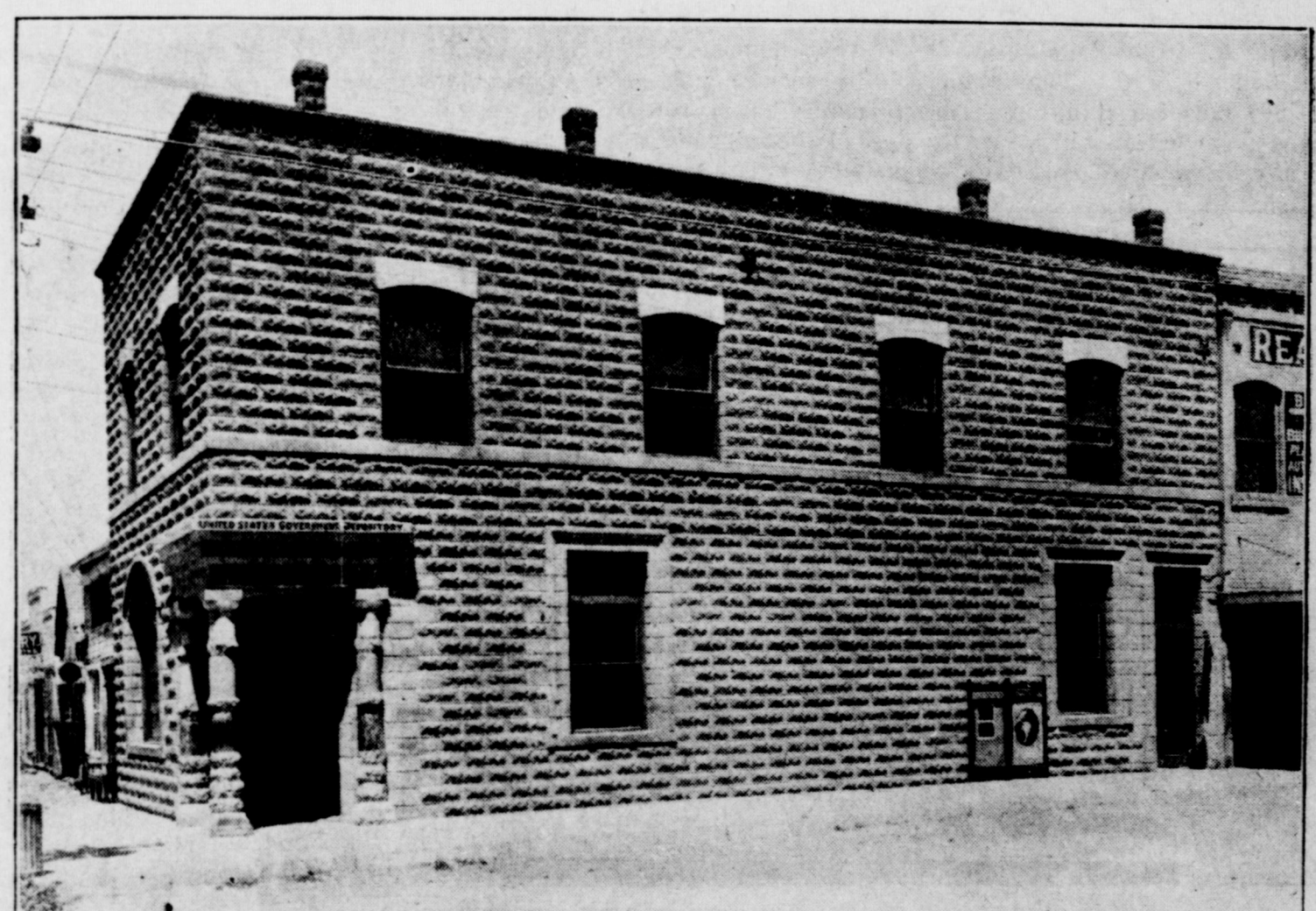
This concern is the pioneer in the drug business in this city, having been operated continuously under the same management over a longer period of time than any similar institution in Marfa. Mr. McCracken has been a resident of Marfa for the past twenty years, and is a native of this state. Mr. McCracken has devoted practically his entire lifetime to the drug business, and holds a Ph.D. degree from the Medical Department, University of Texas, at Galveston. He is a member of the State Pharmaceutical Association. Connected with him is Carl R. Wease, registered in Georgia and Texas, and holding a Ph.D. degree from the University of Georgia. This is the only drug store in this section having two degree holding pharmacists on duty at all times. Also connected with the store is Henry Galindo in the sales department.

Mac's Drug Store has the exclusive agency here for the famous Nyal line of preparations and wholesales and retails in all departments. Featured among the many standard brands handled may be mentioned Nunnally's Candies, Whiting's Stationery, Eastman Kodaks and supplies, the exclusive agency for Snap-Fil Fountain pens, and many others, including the leading brands in both domestic and imported toiletries and perfumes. A complete line of confectionery, cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos, is handled and also a soft drink department is maintained. Mr. McCracken is a booster for the Marfa and the Big Bend District.

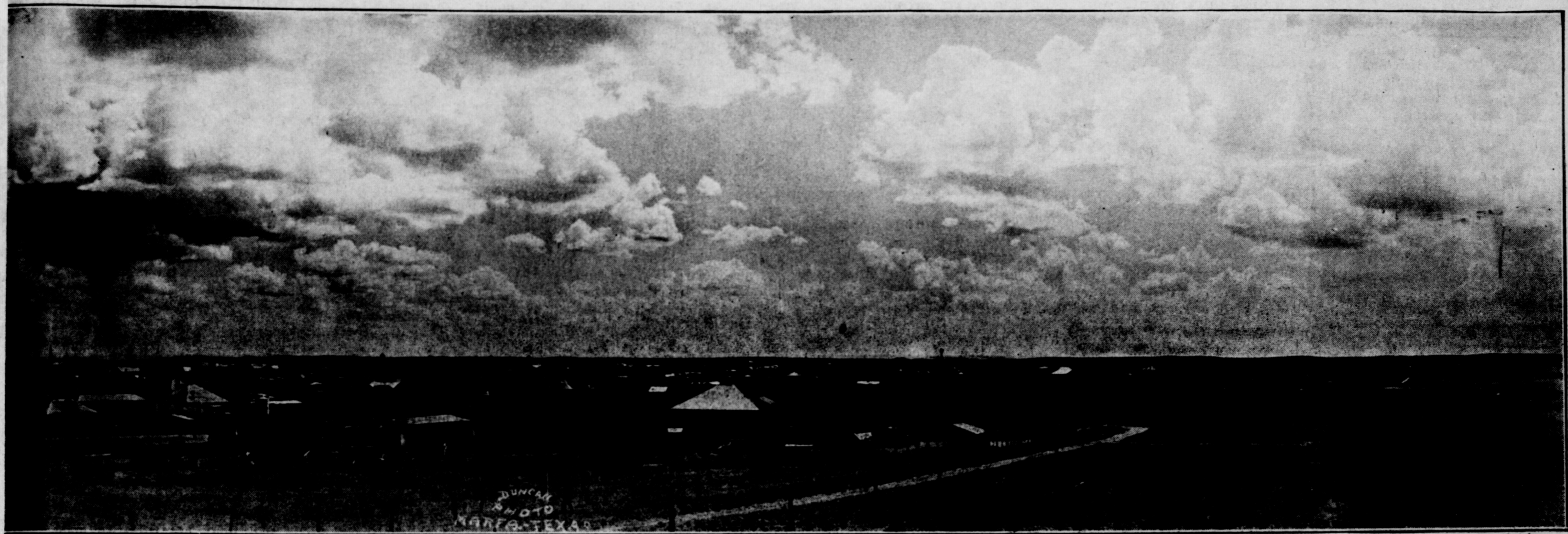
J. HUMPHRIS
Real Estate and Insurance and BIG BEND TITLE COMPANY Abstracting

Mr. Humphris has been established here in his present business since 1911, and is one of the real old-timers of this section, having come here in 1883. Mr. Humphris is a native of England, but was raised in Texas. The majority of his experience has been along mercantile lines, and he was formerly connected with the firm now known as Murphy-Walker. Mr. Humphris is interested in ranching and cattle raising in this section, and is the owner of the Bofecillos ranch, located in this county, south of Marfa. At present he is chairman of the Central Democratic Committee, and he and his firms hold membership in the American Association of Title Men, and the Texas Abstractors' Association, and also the Texas Association of Insurance Agents.

In the insurance department Mr. Humphris handles all classes of insurance except life, and representing altogether eleven old-line companies. In the real estate department Mr. Humphris handles all classes of real estate and including the original town-site of Marfa. The abstracting department is in personal charge of Mrs. Clyde Bendello, and this department has been in existence since 1915. A complete index of the county records are kept daily and this is the only abstracting company here. Mr. Humphris is a sincere booster for this entire section.



Marfa National Bank Building



Marfa Looking South from Henry Cottfield's Residence

Marfa State Bank
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distance of forty miles from this city, and the present capitalization is fifty thousand dollars, together with a certified surplus of fifty-five thousand dollars. Deposits at present approximate two hundred and fifteen thousand dollars.

Strength is a most desirable factor in any modern business, but in a financial institution it is not only of vital importance, but is essential. This is well exemplified in the personalities of the men behind the Marfa State Bank. Not only are they successful in their individual lines of endeavor, but the men who direct the destinies of this bank are residents—and long time residents—of this district. The average age of residency of the officers and directors of the Marfa State Bank in this section approximates thirty-five years. This means that the institution is enabled to offer an irreplaceable banking service to this district because these same men thoroughly understand the banking needs and wants of this district. It is a home-owned and home-operated institution, functioning with no other aim but to give the people of the Marfa district an efficient and courteous banking service. Along this line may be appropriately quoted the statement of President Wilson, as follows: "As regards the part a bank should play in a community of this size I would say that the outstanding thing is for it to assist in the greatest development in the trade territory, and also of equal importance is to safeguard the interests of its customers at all times. The banking business as a whole is one of SERVICE—and this word broadened out to mean a multitude of things."

The code of ethics employed by the management has been to hold to, with religious fidelity, in every transaction, the principles laid down by the Golden Rule. The business policy has always included the welcoming of small accounts as cheerfully as larger ones. The management endeavors to give Service and Courtesy with every transaction, together with the fact that all accounts are appreciated. Then too, the officers wish to establish personal contact with every customer who utilizes the services of the bank. Here one may go to any official or employee and receive personal and courteous advice and help relative to any business or financial matter.

The bank has installed every modern facility and convenience for the expediting of daily business and the protection of its patrons interests. The entire personnel of the bank wish to be quoted as boosters and President Wilson said: "I think that the future of this section looks

The Marfa National Bank
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ances. The Total Combined Working Capital of the three institutions, The First National Bank of Alpine, The Marfa National Bank of Marfa, and The Stockman's Loan Company of Marfa, is Three Hundred and Thirty-five Thousand Dollars; with Total Combined Assets of One Million Seven Hundred Six Thousand Nine Hundred Seven Dollars and One Cent, and Total Combined Loans Outstanding is One Million Two Hundred Sixty-nine Thousand Nine Hundred Two Dollars and Eight Cents. The Total Losses of these institutions, since organization from all business sources, are as follows: First National Bank, Alpine, Texas, \$950.05; Marfa National Bank, Marfa, Texas, \$63.00; Stockman's Loan Company, nothing. The Total Borrowed Money and Discounts as on December 31, 1923, are as follows: First National Bank, Alpine, none; Marfa National Bank, Marfa, none, and Stockman's Loan Company, \$207,800.00.

One of the outstanding features of the many of this rather remarkable financial organization is the fact that all the directors of the Marfa National Bank are active at all times with the institution's affairs and each individual is a competent and well informed banker himself. They are, without exception, men who have made individual successes in their chosen lines of endeavor and by virtue of long residency in this district are unexcelled from an informative standpoint. The directorate of the Marfa National Bank is composed of some of the strongest men in this entire district. The management of the bank has sincerely endeavored to render a particular and competent banking service to all residents of this district. Along this line may be appropriately quoted the statement of Cashier Bownds: "As regards the part a bank should play in the development of a community of this size, I would say that SERVICE is the most important thing, and this word broadened out to mean a multitude of things. I believe that a bank should build up the community it serves. A rightly conducted bank owes the territory it serves its full support of all worthy enterprises and the residents of this territory, in turn, owe to the bank

very bright. I believe that the depression has reached its lowest ebb and from now on there will be a steady improvement. We need the development of the farming interests on the Rio Grande. We also need a stabilization of the livestock industry. These two industries will play an important part in the future growth and prosperity of this section."

MARFA GARAGE

The above has been established here under the sole ownership of Mr. Tyler for the past two years, although he was connected with the business formerly. Mr. Tyler was born and reared in this city, and altogether has been in the automobile business for about ten years. Mr. Tyler does a general line of repairing and overhauling on all makes of cars, and renders official Willys-Knight and Overland service here. He handles Goodyear and Kelly-Springfield tires and tubes and a general line of accessories. Included in the work done is also acetylene welding, battery work, and all automotive electrical work.

their full support, business and confidence."

The Marfa National Bank is reckoned the strongest institution between Del Rio and El Paso and has grown from a small beginning, when the original capitalization was Thirty-five Thousand Dollars. The surplus has all been earned.

The Marfa National Bank owns its own home, wherein has been installed every modern facility and convenience for the expediting of daily business and the protection of patrons' interests. The equipment includes an expensive Ely-Norris safe, which is the strongest here, and in fact that entire equipment, in a word, is the best and most modern that money can buy.

The entire history of the Marfa National Bank has been very closely bound up with that of the cattlemen of this section, and the bank has ever stood willing to do its full share in anything for the betterment and development of this industry. The Marfa National Bank is one of West Texas' most dependable financial institutions, is contributing its full quota to community of its every success. The management takes pleasure in presenting to its present and prospective customers its history and achievement, of which it is rightfully proud, and invites new customers throughout the expanding trade territory and pledge themselves to continue their policies in the future as in the past, which in itself is a guarantee that few banks can give. The entire personnel of the bank wish to be quoted as boosters and Cashier Bownds said: "I think that the Big Bend district is on the up-grade. Range conditions are much better at the present than they have been for several years past. This section produces the best class of cattle that can be found in any range country, and the demand for this class of cattle is growing and will continue to grow. Our outstanding need in this district at present is a stabilized market for livestock at reasonable prices."

MARFA LUMBER COMPANY

The above business is operated as a home-owned enterprise, functioning with no other aim but to give the buying public a thoroughly adequate service in their line at fair prices. The Marfa Lumber Company was established here under its present name in 1906 as a new organization. The present administration has been in effect since 1912. Mr. J. W. Howell, who has had charge in his present capacity since organization, is a native of Texas, and a majority of his experience has been in the lumber business. Mr. Howell is Secretary-Treasurer of the Hamie-Howell Tank Company, a Director in the Marfa State Bank, and is President of the Marfa City School Board. The company holds membership in the Texas Lumbermen's Association. Connected with Mr. Howell in the management is Mr. N. A. Arnold, as Assistant Manager, and who has been connected with the firm for three years. Mr. Leo Howell, son of the Manager, is also connected with the company.

The Marfa Lumber Company handles, at wholesale and retail, a complete line of building materials and hardware. Service is rendered throughout this entire part of the State and an average of five people are employed. The main yard and office occupies a space of 220x125 feet. Carpenter shops and stacking ground occupies a space of 165x125 feet, and the company also maintains space on truckage. "A Satisfied Customer Is Our Motto" sums up tersely the business policy and one that has brought results, for today the Marfa Lumber Company is the largest single organization of its kind between El Paso and San Antonio. The entire personnel of the Marfa Lumber Company wish to be quoted as boosters.

MARFA BARBER SHOP

One of the most modernly equipped tonsorial parlors in this part of Texas and one that would do credit to a city several times the population of Marfa is the above concern established here under the present management for the past fourteen years. Mr. Ake is a native of Kansas, and is a skilled technician in his profession, having been engaged in this work for thirty-five years. His is a fraternal man and a member of the local Chamber of Commerce. Connected with him as Assistant Manager is Mr. Shelley Barnes.

The Marfa Barber Shop has five chairs and is koken equipped in black and white throughout. Baths are had and a shining stand maintained. The place is open from 7:30 a. m. to 7:00 p. m., six days per week, and until 9:30 p. m. on Saturday nights. Mr. Ake is a booster for Marfa and this trade territory.

MITCHELL-GILLET DRY GOODS COMPANY
(Incorporated)

The above company was established here a number of years ago, but has been under its present management since October 15, 1923. Mr. J. F. Bennett, local manager, has been a resident of the Big Bend District for the last five years, and is a native of Mississippi. He has had fifteen years' experience in dry goods and is thoroughly familiar with all phases of the business. Connected with him is Miss Gladys Johnson, in charge of the Ladies' Department.

The Mitchell-Gillett Dry Goods Company are complete outfitters for the entire family, handling at retail only, and featuring many standard brands, including Walkover Shoes, Stetson hats, I. & S. Bing clothing, tie shirts and collars, Betty Wales dresses and coats, Baker and Moire hosiery, Munsingwear, Bolding silks, Gossard corsets, Elmo toilet articles, Butlerick patterns, etc. The company handles a complete line of silks and piece goods, and fine millinery. Quite a bit of mail order business is done and the location is in the Masonic building, floor space of 40x100 feet being utilized, and one floor and balcony. An average of four people are employed, and the phone number is 90. The policy of the store has always been to handle the very best of everything at fair prices.

Two features of this excellently appointed store are worthy of particular mention. The dress making department includes a complete service in individual fitting and alterations, and also embroidery work. The corset department is very complete and is in personal charge of Miss Johnson, who has had a special course and is a graduate of the Gossard school, and is an expert corsetiere. This department renders service seldom found outside of large cities. The entire personnel of the store wish to be quoted as boosters of, and sincere believers in, this city and the entire Big Bend District.

HANS BRIAM
General Merchandise

One of the most dependable business enterprises in this city is that of the above, established in 1908. Mr. Briam succeeded Jack Walker. He brings to the business the culmination of results attained during thirty-six consecutive years of successful merchandising. Mr. Briam has a wide acquaintanceship throughout this entire section and gives the business here his personal supervision at all times.

The firm of Hans Briam wholesales and retails staple and fancy groceries, dry goods, hardware, and tinware. Among the many leading brands handled may be mentioned the exclusive agency for White Wing and Pioneer Flour, Chase & Sanborn's Coffee, Velvet Butter, and others. Mr. Briam handles a complete line of fresh fruits and vegetables at all times, and staple articles in dry goods and hardware, and also hay, grain and feed. The entire surrounding countryside is served and an average of six people are employed. Mr. Briam uses the owl as his trademark, signifying the wideawake merchant. All stock is turned frequently, thus insuring freshness. Local delivery is made and the phone number is 31. The main store is 23x60 feet, together with a full sized basement, and there are two warehouses, one 25x75 feet, and one 25x30 feet. Mr. Briam wishes to be quoted a booster.

THE MARFA SADDLERY COMPANY
J. E. MacDonald, Prop.

The above business was established in 1919 under the present name, and succeeded Ernest Melians. Mr. MacDonald at first had a partner but took over the entire business during the first fiscal year. Mr. MacDonald has been a resident of the Big Bend District for the past fifteen years, and has been in his present line of business since he was thirteen years old. He is assisted in the business by Mr. J. B. Wease.

The Marfa Saddlery Company manufactures and wholesales and retails, a complete line of saddles and all leather goods. The company also does custom manufacturing, and work in auto tops, seat coverings, and upholstery, and also a complete line of repairing in leather. The company also handles a complete line of boots, spurs, gloves, lariats, ropes and leather accessories. Featured may be mentioned the following brands: Crockett and Kelly Brothers bits and spurs, Busby and M. W. Hodkins gloves, and Mayer & Grosh cutlery, etc.

The company fills orders from all over the United States, but the majority of business is drawn from within a radius of four hundred miles of this city. Prices and descriptive literature will be furnished upon request. An average of three people are employed and the phone number is 262. The Post Office box is 422. The company caters to people who demand pure leather and the best workmanship, and every product turned out is accompanied by a strict guarantee. Mr. MacDonald wishes to be quoted as a booster for the Big Bend country.

BUSY BEE STORE

Exclusive Modern Confectionery

The above concern renders a truly metropolitan service, and one that is seldom found outside the larger cities. The business has been under present management since March, 1922. Mr. O. L. Shipman, sole owner and manager, has been a resident of the Big Bend District for the past twelve years, and is a native of this state. A majority of Mr. Shipman's business experience has been along mercantile lines. Connected with the business is Mrs. Shipman, who is active in the sales department, and E. R. Pampell, an expert candy maker with eighteen years' experience.

The Busy Bee manufactures and retails a complete line of home-made candies from the lower price piece goods to the most expensive chocolates, and the concern also manufactures and packs fine chocolates in different weights for gift purposes. In the sales department the firm handles a complete line of confections, cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos, and the city's only complete line of magazines, newspapers, and periodicals. The Busy Bee also operates a modern fountain department, having a fourteen-foot counter, the best here, and seating about sixty people at individual booths and tables. The floor space utilized is 40x65 feet and an average of four people are employed the year round. Local delivery is made and the phone number is 4. The place is open from seven-thirty a. m. until ten p. m., and the same hours on Sunday, with the exception of being closed from ten-thirty a. m. until two p. m. Both Mr. and Mrs. Shipman wish to be quoted as boosters for Marfa and the Big Bend Country.



Lockley's Jewelry Store and Woman's Toggery

Dr. J. E. Guyton
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Dr. Guyton maintains offices at Alpine, Marfa, Valentine and Fort Davis. He is at Marfa after 4 p. m. on Monday, Wednesday and Fridays, and in the morning on Tuesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays. The hours at Alpine are just opposite of the Marfa hours. Dr. Guyton is at Valentine from 11 a. m. to 1 p. m. each day, and at Fort Davis from 1 p. m. to 3 p. m. each day. The location here is in the Gregg home, the phone number is 152. The location at Alpine is at Mrs. Darling's residence, and the phone number is 58. Both Doctors Guyton and Wickline make frequent trips throughout the Big Bend District, and also may be reached by appointment at any time. Since their coming here many people in the Big Bend community have taken advantage of Chiropractic science, and have been benefitted and cured. Free consultation is given and the offices are generally busy from early morning until late at night.

Just as an example as to the efficiency of Chiropractic may be quoted several almost miraculous cures wrought by Dr. Guyton since coming here. Case No. 1: Young lady at Alpine, 16 years of age, suffering from epilepsy, fainting spells and extremely nervous, had been under medical care for eighteen months, with practically no results; after 12 adjustments full recovery. Case No. 2: Man of 65 years of age at Marathon, acute constipation and stomach trouble; after first adjustment full improvement. Case No. 3: Lady at Marathon, 30 years of age, suffering from sciatica and intestinal gas, relieved after first adjustment. Case No. 4: Lady at Alpine, acute indigestion, attacks which had been keeping her in bed formerly for 10 days at a time, up and about her housework after three adjustments. These are only a few of the outstanding cases adjusted by Dr. Guyton, who will be glad to furnish names and definite facts concerning the adjustment of his patients to those concerned. Chiropractic is applicable to all human ills depending upon the advancement of the disease and the personality of the individual involved. In the treatment of diseases caused from abnormalities such as colds, asthma, fevers, etc., and also in chronic diseases, results obtained by Dr. Guyton have been remarkable.

Dr. Guyton is a member of the Universal Chiropractors' Association, is a member of the Texas Branch of the Universal Chiropractors, a Graduate Spinographer, and a Graduate in Roentgenology (or X-ray). Dr. Guyton, as typical of the modern Chiropractor, and the national slogan: "Keep Smiling," is progressive, up-to-date, vitally interested in the welfare of the Big Bend District, and more than ready and willing at any time to do his full share in anything for community advancement. He stated: "I think the future here is wonderful, generally speaking, along all lines. Our greatest outstanding need is good roads and these will play an important part in our future growth and expansion, and with them will come other modern conveniences. I find the people here representing a splendid class of citizenry and are very hospitable. With the unexcelled dormant resources of this section, its future growth is an assured fact. Both Dr. Wickline and myself have come here to stay, will make this our permanent home and will be pleased to meet all residents of this section, whether in a personal or professional way."

MILADY'S SHOPPE
Dresses, Suits, Hats
Mrs. J. S. Howard

One of the very basic principles upon which this Western country was founded, and upon which it has progressed has been the doing away with provincialism. Today in the West milady is not confronted by small town standards in living conditions. This particularly applies as to dress. The feminine shopper may, in the West today, have brought to the city in which she resides, for her approval, the latest in feminine wearing apparel, whether she desires conventional, fashionable or ultra-fashionable. In other words, exclusive stores, managed by those who have had years of experience in the matter of the selecting of the choicest offerings, together with a stock that appeals only to those who have a clear understanding of the truism that the lowering of price is ever at the sacrifice of quality (without exception), and to those who are willing to pay for the best and latest in style, knowing full well (to quote another truism) that the best is always cheapest, all of this has been brought about by the establishment of exclusive quality houses by keen-

UNION DRUG COMPANY
The Rexall Store

Operating their store upon the same high class plane as is usually only to be found in the larger cities, together with the carrying of a metropolitan stock, the above concern ranks foremost in the Big Bend District. The business was originally established and incorporated under the present name in 1907 and has been under the present administration for a little over two years. Officers are: C. E. McFarland, President; Ben S. Avant, Vice-President, and J. H. Evans, Secretary. Messrs. McFarland and Evans are active in the business. Mr. McFarland has been a resident of the Big Bend District for the past four years and he is a native of this state. A majority of his connections prior to this time has been with the larger oil companies in managerial capacities. Mr. McFarland is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, a Rotarian and a Legionnaire. While yet a very young man, Mr. McFarland is very capable and has a wide acquaintance in this section. J. H. Evans is one of the pioneer drug men of this state, having been in his present line of business in excess of thirty years. Mr. Evans holds a Ph.G. degree and is registered in Texas. He also was a student in medicine or several years. Mr. Evans has been a resident of this section since 1910, and has been actively connected with this store since February, 1923. He may be rightfully termed the "Dean" of Pharmacists in this section.

The Union Drug Company are the official Rexall representatives in this territory and handle this famous line complete. Among the many other nationally advertised brands handled may be mentioned Eastman Kodaks and supplies, Remington typewriters and supplies,



Another Scene of Highland Herefords

Whitmans & Norris candies, Parker fountain pens, Ever-Ready pencils, Kant-Leak and Goodrich Rubber goods, and in toiletries, Luxor, Houbigant, Coty's, Roger and Gallet, etc. The company handles a complete line of cigars, cigarettes and tobaccos and confections. Biologicals are: H. K. Mulford Black-leg Aggrassin and Purity Black-leg Aggrassin and the products of Squibb, Parke-Davis and Eli Lilly. Supplies are regularly furnished to Dr. Church for the County Health and local Railway service.

A feature of the Union Drug Company is the fact that it operates its own developing, printing and enlarging Kodak plant in personal charge of Miss Kathleen Duncan who was trained under her father, Frank Duncan, who is famed for his fine photography throughout the Southwest. In this department one-day service is given and all films purchased from the company are developed free. A majority of the trade territory served by the Union Drug Company is within a radius of sixty miles of this city, and wholesale and retail business is done. The admirable motto of this concern is: "If We Haven't It, We Can Get It if They Make It." As to the code of ethics employed, the ed to follow out that of Rotary, which is: "He profits most who serves the best."

The Union Drug Company is open from 8 a. m. to 10 p. m., six days per week, and on Sunday from 8 a. m. to 10 a. m., and from 3 p. m. to 6 p. m. The phone number is 45. Local delivery is made to all parts of the city and the company prepays Parcel Post charges one way for all out of town purchases. Floor space utilized is 40x40 feet, together with a full sized basement, and an average of four people are employed. The business has shown a very satisfactory growth, and this is easily the most popular gathering place in the city. The management has endeavored to render a specialized service to Army People here, and one which has brought splendid results. The Prescription department is very complete and most popular and since organization the firm has filled over 57,500 prescriptions to date.

QUALITY STORES
Incorporated

Marfa's newest institution is that of the above, which was established here January 21st, of this year. The new firm acquired the business of Anderson's Gift Store, the Fuel and Feed business of Anderson & Brown, and the Electric Shop of J. W. Cooper. The officers are: Frank Jones, President; Frank L. Anderson, Vice-President; O. G. Teller, Treasurer; H. A. Coffield, Secretary, and Eugene Beeman, charge of Accounting Department. Trade territory embraces from the Presidio County line on the east to the El Paso County line on the west, north to the New Mexico state line, and south to the river.

The Electrical Department will handle a general line of all electrical appliances and equipment and including the Delco Light Plants, Frigidaire, and other Delco products, and will be in personal charge of Mr. Coffield, who is a graduate engineer in this line.

The Coal and Fuel Department will handle all standard grades of coal and wood, maintaining local delivery, and will be in personal charge of Mr. V. M. Mason.

The Plumbing and Heating Department will carry a general line of all plumbing and heating fixtures, and in this department the company will do a general contracting business. This department will be in personal charge of Mr. O. G. Teller, who is a Master Plumber. Mr. Teller is also a Delco expert and will assist Mr. Coffield in the electrical department for the service of these products.

The Jewelry Department will handle the same high class products that Mr. Anderson formerly handled in business here, including all optical work and this department will be in charge of Mr. Anderson, who is a Graduate Optometrist.

The Musical Department will handle Victor Phonographs and records, and a complete line of musical merchandise, including classical and educational music. In this department the company will also handle pianos.

It will be the policy of the new company to maintain in each department, separate from the sales end, a sub-department for the express purpose of "service" in its entire meaning. The firm plans as soon as possible to have the entire industry under one roof, and the management wishes to assure the general public that the word "quality" as used in their firm name is no misnomer, as no matter in which department, quality will be the pre-dominating feature, and all products handled will be essentially of the best.

The entire personnel of the firm wish to be quoted as boosters, and Vice-President Anderson said: "I am absolutely 100% sold on this country, for the reason that it is made up of a peculiar type of sturdy people. I am thoroughly confident that this type of citizenship will develop this section so that it will constantly be a better place in which to live. Then, too, from an economic standpoint, this section appeals to me because there are such immense undeveloped resources. The cattle industry locally has undoubtedly passed its lowest ebb and can go only one way, that is upwards. In addition to this it is my opinion that the cotton on the river will continue to largely supplement our monetary trade in this section. Travelers and tourists are beginning to realize that this is a wonderful country from a climatic and scenic standpoint, and eventually we will have good roads. Our outstanding need at present is a closer cooperation between the residents of this section."

MURPHY-WALKER CO., INC.
Department Store

The continuance in business of a firm in any given line over a long period of years can mean but two things—first, that that firm has been an unqualified success, and second, that it has kept absolute faith with the buying public. Such is the proud record of the above firm which has existed here with the name Murphy connected with it for a long period of years. This firm may be rightfully termed the "Dean" of the larger business enterprises in Marfa, and it is conceded to be one of the oldest and most reliable merchandising institutions of this part of the Southwest. There has been no mystery connected with the advancement and expansion of this firm, as its success has been founded upon that truism, "business goes where it is invited and stays where it is well treated." COURTESY has been the watch-word. FAIR DEALING the slogan in the business policy, and last but not least—the clear understanding of the buying public's needs and wants in this immediate vicinity through over a quarter century of personal study and actual contact. And, today, the name "Murphy-Walker" is synonymous with the highest principles of modern merchandising and stands itself as a guarantee of satisfaction to each patron and customer.

Murphy-Walker Company has been incorporated under its present name since 1908, and with Mr. W. P. Murphy as active manager since the present organization. Mr. Murphy is one of the real old-timers of the Big Bend District, having been a resident of this section for the past thirty-nine years. Mr. Murphy is a native of Maine and has spent his entire life time along merchandising lines. Probably no one man in business service in this city is regarded higher as a man of never failing honor and integrity, both in his private life and his business activities, as is Mr. Murphy. He is truly an exemplification in personality of the type of man who built the West in its pioneer days and about whom was woven the expression, "his word is as good as his bond." Although Mr. Murphy is one of the pioneers of this section, yet he is young mentally, in that he has always the best interests of the

HIGHLAND HEREFORD BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION

Henry Fletcher Secretary

community at heart and he is invariably found in the vanguard of any progressive movement for the advance of Marfa and this section of Texas. Summed up tersely one may say that Mr. Murphy's residency here is a distinct and easily recognized asset to this section. Mr. Murphy devotes his entire time to the management of the store, is a member of the local Chamber of Commerce, and was formerly Mayor here for a period of ten years. Connected with him is Mr. William Harper, head of the drygoods department, and Mr. W. M. Duty.

Murphy-Walker Company, Inc., are retailers at wholesale prices of general merchandise, in the full meaning of the term, the store being departmentized under three heads, namely: Drygoods, Groceries and Hardware. Among the many nationally known brands handled may be mentioned, in the grocery department: White-Face flour, Falfurias butter, Folger's and Schilling's Coffees, Teas and Spices, etc., and a complete line of all fancy and staple groceries, including domestic and imported articles, and the largest line of fresh fruits and vegetables in the city; in the hardware department, the company handles a complete stock of all standard lines of shelf hardware, household utensils and home furnishings; in the drygoods department a complete line of apparel for men, women and children, and including Red Goose shoes, Phoenix hosiery, Rothschild and Stetson hats, and many others.

Trade territory served includes within a radius of one hundred miles of Marfa, and this is the largest single merchandising organization in the Big Bend District. The building occupied by the Murphy-Walker Company is the largest and finest in Marfa and is of reinforced concrete, fireproof, and consists of two floors and basement. Dimensions are 100x150 feet. The first floor is occupied by the Murphy-Walker Company, the Marfa State Bank, Lockley's Jewelry Store and the Woman's Toggery. The Murphy-Walker Company also occupies the entire basement, while the second floor is occupied by the Alta Vista Hotel. Local delivery is maintained and the place is open from 7 a. m. to 6 p. m., and on Saturday evenings.

The house of Murphy-Walker is essentially a quality house. While it is true different grades of products are handled and different prices to suit the individual needs and buying power of different customers, yet nothing cheap or shoddy is ever handled and a strict guarantee of satisfaction, both as to goods and service, accompanies every transaction. A service to the trade has been one of Mr. Murphy's policies since he has conducted his business here. He holds that his firm is the public's marketing place in its line and this being true that the buying public are entitled to every courtesy and consideration possible to extend. To this end he has surrounded himself with a trained and efficient corps of salespeople, to the number of about fifteen regularly employed, each lending every effort and exerting themselves to the utmost in keeping the Murphy-Walker code of doing business to the highest possible point of efficiency. They are well treated, well paid, and are giving their utmost in return. Every Murphy-Walker employee has at heart the interest of the store during every hour of the business day.

The building occupied by the Murphy-Walker Company was constructed especially for their occupancy and has built into it every modern convenience for the expediting of daily business and the comfort of patrons. It is most excellently and efficiently appointed. The company has its own water well, the basement is well lighted, well ventilated, and clean and fresh throughout. It is sprayed regularly with a pine ozone preparation and the entire building is steam heated. The office department is equipped with modern posting and bookkeeping machinery and is operated on the same plane as a bank, so that a customer may call for and receive his corrected bill within a few moments' notice. The business is operated on a cash basis.

The entire personnel of this store wish to be quoted as boosters, and Mr. Murphy said: "The future looks mighty good, our cotton industry is growing on the river. Our roads were never in better shape than at present. Our main outstanding need is the stabilization of the cattle industry. This section is one of the finest grazing and cattle raising parts in the entire United States. The citizens of Marfa and the Big Bend country should stand shoulder to shoulder in the development of our latent resources. We have here the underlying resources necessary to make a great empire."

In the matter of contributing prosperity and efficiency to the Big Bend District, and as well as advertising this country in a most favorable way all over the United States, the above association stands alone, unapproached by any other enterprise. The Highland Hereford Breeders' Association is a mutual co-operative organization functioning for the benefit of its individual members, the breeding up of cattle of the fine Hereford type, the betterment of this range district, and in fact any and everything that will help to keep Highland Herefords recognized as being the best produced.

The association was organized in November, 1918, and the present organization was effected in January, 1919. The charter membership consisted of twenty-three live-stockmen representing about 42,000 calves (all cattle are handled on the basis of the calf crop) and at present there are fifty-two members representing about 45,000 calves. The association at all times is doing its utmost to encourage the breeding up of Hereford stock, and to section today in the entire United States is doing more towards this end or spending more money on good bulls than this Highland country. Highland cattle are superior due to the fact that they may be bred up easily in this section. The altitude and the good grama grass in this district make for unexcelled hide and hair. Ordinarily breeding will not make for size except on good ranges. Here good breeding and good ranges combine to make the typical Highland Hereford, which is without a peer.

The Highland Hereford Breeders' Association has brought many benefits to this country and among which may be mentioned, due to its activities, this is the only range country where ranches are selling right up to their value. The association has acquired its membership with all known advancements for the betterment of their industry and thus by example and competition has forced the breeding up of non-members' herds. Highland Herefords have continually sold higher than the market during the depression and have earned for themselves a reputation of topping all markets which they enter.

The Highland Hereford country proper consists of a strip of land in Brewster, Presidio and Jeff Davis Counties, and membership is restricted in the association to this district. Headquarters are maintained at Marfa, and there is always an officer on duty here. The cattle industry in the Highland country represents a valuation including cattle and lands of over \$6,000,000, and with equipment and improvements alone exceeding this figure.

While the Highland country does not claim a monopoly as being the best range country in existence it is generally conceded that there is no like area where one will find so many herds of uniformly good cattle. Some of the Hereford stock here have been bred up for forty-seven years, and some types have as many as ten crosses of pure Hereford blood—truly a bovine aristocracy that pays dividends.

It has been found that the most efficient and altogether satisfactory means of distribution could be obtained by auction sales. Along this line in the fall of 1919 the association held its first sale in Kansas City, Mo., at the American Royal Show and entered about twenty cars for the show prior to sales. These cattle won all calf prizes and everything but first in yearlings.

The prize calves were also Grand Champions in this show. The association sold about a thousand head at this sale. In this same year W. B. Mitchell, a member, took first and Grand Champions on yearlings at the Fort Worth Fat Stock Show. In 1920 the company held one sale, entering and selling about forty cars at the same place and in the same event as described above. Winnings were about the same with three thousand head sold at satisfactory prices. In this year the Grand Champion calves also won the same money at the Fall Show

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