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NEW YORK EPIDEMIC MAKES NEW MORTALITY RECORD OF FIFTY-SEVEN MORE DEATHS

By Associated Press.
NEW YORK, AUG. 1.—AFTER MORE THAN FIVE WEEKS' EFFORTS OF BOTH STATE AND FEDERAL HEALTH DEPARTMENTS IN AN ATTEMPT TO CHECK THE EPIDEMIC OF INFANTILE PARALYSIS IN NEW YORK, ALL PREVIOUS MORTALITY RECORDS WERE BROKEN TODAY WHEN FIFTY SEVEN DEATHS AND ONE HUNDRED AND FIFTY NEW CASES WERE REPORTED BY THE HEALTH BUREAU DURING THE PAST TWENTY FOUR HOURS.
THE EXTREMELY HOT WAVE NOW COVERING THIS PART OF THE COUNTRY IS SAID TO BE PARTIALLY RESPONSIBLE FOR THE NEW RECORD. MORE THAN 800 DEATHS HAVE RESULTED FROM THE EPIDEMIC SINCE IT STARTED IN THIS STATE.

Mrs. Hubbard Pleasant Hostess

Mrs. Tom Hubbard was the hostess Monday afternoon for a most pleasant and profitable meeting of the Aid Society of the First Presbyterian Church. The time was spent in the study of Indian Missionaries.
Mrs. S. J. Edwards was the leader and she had arranged a splendid program, in which nearly all of the Aid members took part. Mesdames Wight, Watkins and Wiggins read interesting papers on different phases of Mission work among the Indians.

Last Day in Which to File

Today is the last day for County Candidates to file the account of their expenses in the recent primary with the County Judge John H. Cochran, Jr.
As soon as they are all in, the Reporter will publish the complete list as it makes good reading.

PONTOON BRIDGE FOR RIO GRANDE

By Associated Press.
Brownsville, Texas, Aug. 1.—Sufficient pontoon bridges to cross the Rio Grande into Mexico at any stage of the river, from lowest tide to flood crest have arrived at Fort Brown. They are now a part of the "invasion" equipment of the soldiers in the Brownsville district of the border patrol.

The pontoon bridge system is comprised of boat units, each mounted on heavy wagon wheels, ready for immediate transportation, and carrying everything, including flooring for instant use.
Each important point on the border, it is understood here, has been or soon will be equipped with full pontoon equipment for crossing the river, should the international bridges not be available.

NO RELIEF FOR STARVING POLES

By Associated Press.
Washington, Aug. 1.—Germany has informed the United States that, on account of the impracticable conditions imposed by Great Britain on shipment of food stuff for the relief of the starving Poles, further negotiations for co-operation in relief is devoid of purpose. Owing to the favorable condition of the harvest prospects, the Germans say relief will be unnecessary after October.

Young Lad Makes Journey

Saturday night when the Sunshine Special arrived three hours late from St. Louis, one among the first passengers to get off was master Ben Robertson, the eight year old son of Mrs. R. M. Chikwood, who had come all the way from Chicago alone.

Young Robertson left Chicago over the last train on the Illinois Central road into St. Louis where he caught the Sunshine Special direct for Sweetwater.

From Chicago to Sweetwater is a long trip for an eight year old boy to make, but young Robertson was equal to the task as he came without the slightest mishap in anyway.

Zeppelin Badly Damaged

By Associated Press.
London, Aug. 1.—One of the Zeppelin airships which raided southeastern counties of England last night was picked up by searchlights and heavily fired on, according to central news agency. It is believed the airship was hit, as she appeared to stop, tremble and dive.

BIG CROWD SAW DEUTCHLAND LEAVES TODAY

Splendid matinee crowds witnessed the great war picture, "On the Piping Line With the Germans," at the Sweetwater Theatre this afternoon. Manager Murphy of the theatre says the films are in fine condition and are remarkably distinct. The pictures will be run again tonight and tomorrow matinee and night, and the indications are capacity business will be done. No such pictures have heretofore been shown. And it may be a long time before you will have an opportunity to see them again.

R. N. Brown, Salesmanager for the oil and gas company visited the oil field of Roscoe yesterday. They began drilling yesterday and went down 25 feet. He reports the materials are being put on the ground to begin building and the drilling will follow soon on the ground west of town.

W. A. Nichols, of Abilene, whose business is finding homes for dependent children, was here yesterday in the interest of his work.

Former Abilene Man Is Killed

Vernon, Texas, July 31.—Prof. B. W. Hudgins, principal of the John Henry Brown Public School of Dallas, was instantly killed this morning when an automobile in which he was riding was struck by a Fort Worth & Denver freight train near here.

Mr. Hudgins was on route to Clarenden in an automobile with his wife and four children.

Mrs. Hudgins and the four children narrowly escaped injury.
The accident occurred shortly after 8 o'clock. Hudgins was alive when picked up and was rushed to the city. He died twenty-five minutes after reaching here.

Members of the train crew say that apparently the engine of the automobile went "dead" while on the track a short distance in front of the train.
The body of Professor Hudgins was shipped to Dallas for burial.

Mr. Hudgins had been principal of the John Henry Brown public school for a little more than two years. He came to Dallas from Abilene in 1912.

Great Time at Fox Show

Tonight will be one of the best yet at the Roy E. Fox tent show as one of the very best programs, of the large number the company has, will be rendered.

It is the Boys' apple eating night and the country store night.

There is to be a large number of valuable prizes given away.
A great crowd will no doubt be present when the curtain rises, as each night's program is becoming more interesting for the large crowds who are attending.

Broken Back Kills Diver

Waxahachie, Texas, July 31.—As a result of diving in shallow water in Grove Creek, Marion Brasher, aged 19, sustained a broken back and died last night at 11 o'clock. He was the son of J. G. Brasher, a business man of this city. He was paralyzed from the shoulders down.

When the young man failed to come up after diving other members of the party went to his rescue.

Health Tailoring Co.—Phone 251.

Spider Bite Kills Woman

Waxahachie, Texas, July 31.—Mrs. Thomas M. Orange of this city is dead as the result of a spider bite.
She was bitten on the forehead while in the country. Blood poison developed, resulting in death Sunday afternoon.

TOO MANY HOGS SAYS CALVERT

Too many hogs! That is what County Demonstrator W. C. Calvert said this morning as Nolan County farmers began to drive in about 7 o'clock with load after load of fine porkers to be shipped in the car to Fort Worth today by the Nolan County Marketing Association.

Of course, Mr. Calvert, in his remarks, only referred to the capacity of the car that was to hold the hogs.

Mr. Calvert had announced a few days ago that a car would be shipped today and asked those having hogs to ship to bring them in this morning. More hogs were brought than could be gotten in the car. Mr. Calvert was equal to the occasion and instead of loading one car he used two. In both cars there were 104 hogs. The cars shipped this morning consisted of young hogs from six to twelve months old. They averaged from 175 to 250 pounds and were a mixture of Poland Chinas, Durocs and Berkshires.

AID SOCIETY, SECOND CHURCH

The ladies of the Second Baptist Church, under the leadership of their president, Mrs. J. E. Cole, turned their Aid Meeting into a quilt-making party, and finished their first quilt top which is the first of a nice collection of quilts they intend making for their Thanksgiving box for Buckner's Orphan Home.

Quick service.—Heath Tailoring Co.

Enlarging the Hospital

By Associated Press:

Laredo, Texas, Aug. 1.—Plans have been perfected for the enlargement of the hospital at Fort McIntosh here, and if carried to completion, will mean the establishment of a base hospital with a capacity of 1000 or more sick or wounded soldiers at one time.

The present hospital at Fort McIntosh has a capacity of not in excess of half a hundred. Additional wings and buildings are contemplated which will provide for the treatment of a large number of soldiers.

Our alteration department is the best.—Heath Tailoring Co.

Comparison of Losses Made

By Associated Press.
Berlin, Aug. 1.—Forty nine warships with a tonnage of five hundred and sixty thousand has been lost by England during the war, according to statistics given out today by German Admiralty. In the same period the statement says, Germans lost thirty warships, aggregating one hundred and sixty two thousand tonnage.

DEUTCHLAND LEAVES TODAY

SPECIAL TO THE REPORTER:
BALTIMORE, AUG. 1.—BULLETIN 2:30 P. M.—ARRANGEMENTS ARE MADE FOR THE DEUTSCHLAND TO LEAVE PORT HERE THIS AFTERNOON.

Mrs. Nat P. Rollins, of Aspermont, corresponding secretary of the North West Texas Missionary Conference, was in the city yesterday. She was the pleasant guest of Mrs. Dulaney during the meeting of the conference here in May.

R. B. Ross of near Lake Trammell was in town today with a load of hogs for the car that was shipped to Fort Worth. Mr. Ross says his section has been visited by fine rains the past few days.

J. C. Dennis heard from his brother, Lawrence Dennis yesterday at Aspermont, who is very low with typhoid fever. The report stated that he was no better.

Mexicans Go To St. Louis

When the east bound Sunshine Special came in this morning it had one hundred Mexicans on board from El Paso bound for St. Louis.

Only one or two of the Mexicans could speak English. The entire group seemed delighted to be getting away from the Mexican border and when asked by a Reporter representative where they were going would smile and point eastward.

The Mexicans, able to speak English said that a great many Mexicans from El Paso and other points on the border had arranged to go to the central and northeastern part of the United States where they were able to find an abundance of public work to do at prices much better than the Mexican received at home.

The one hundred Mexicans this morning had secured employment in the railroad yards in St. Louis.

We make a specialty of one day work.—Heath Tailoring Co.

RUSSIANS HAVE GERMAN FORCES IN FULL RETREAT

Daily Press Dynamited

By Associated Press.
CHICAGO, ILL., AUG. 1.—TWO BOMBS, BELIEVED TO BE DYNAMITE, EXPLODED THIS MORNING UNDER THE BUILDING OF THE JEWISH DAILY PRESS, WHOSE PUBLISHERS, A. M. LEIBLING, WAS A WITNESS FOR THE STATE IN THE RECENT TRIAL OF A SCORE OF LABOR LEADERS WHO WERE CHARGED WITH CONSPIRACY.
THE BUILDING WAS BADLY DAMAGED AND THE WINDOWS IN ADJOINING BUILDINGS WERE SHATTERED.

Pope Admits Peace Failure

By Associated Press.
Rome, July 31.—(Via Paris)—The failure of the pope's appeals to the warring nations for peace was admitted by the pontiff in addressing a delegation of the youths of Rome yesterday.

The delegation prayed for peace, in accordance with the pope's appeal to the children of the whole world to appeal to God on the last Sunday of the second year of the struggle, to end the war.

Socialist Spoke on the War

M. G. Infield, National Socialist speaker, delivered a speech on the square yesterday afternoon and again last night. His subject was, The War, the Cost and the Cure.

He left today for the Socialist encampment at Leuders in Jones County.

HUGHES DECLARES FOR SUFFRAGE

By Associated Press.
New York, Aug. 1.—Charles E. Hughes, Republican nominee for President, today declared for an amendment to Federal Constitution for Woman Suffrage. His views were made public in a letter to Senator Sutherland of Utah.

COTTON ADVANCES ON GOVERNMENT REPORT

By Associated Press.
New York, Aug. 1.—Cotton advanced dollar seventy five cents per bale today on Governments crop condition report.

NEW HEAD FOR COTTON BELT

By Associated Press.
New York, Aug. 1.—James H. Herbert was elected First Vice President of the St. Louis Southwestern Railroad today. Although Edwin Gould Chairman board director will act as president, it is understood that Herbert will be operating head.

STUDENTS OF WAR SHOULD SEE THE PICTURES

The war pictures at the Sweetwater Theatre tonight and tomorrow are worth many times the price of admission. The scenes will impress deep in the memory the accounts of the true stories read of the war.

THE AUSTRO-GERMAN ARMIES ON THE EAST ARE BEING DRIVEN BACK ALL ALONG THE LINE BY THE RUSSIAN FORCES.

GENERAL VONBOTHMER'S ARMY IS REPORTED BY A WIRELESS FROM ROME TO LONDON TO BE ALMOST ENVELOPED BY THE RUSSIANS IN GALICIA.

THE CASSACK DIVISIONS, WHICH ARE OCCUPYING BRODY, ARE SAID TO HAVE DESTROYED THE RAILROADS BEHIND THE AUSTRIAN ARMY AND THE GERMANS ARE WITHDRAWING AS RAPIDLY AS POSSIBLE THEIR HEAVY ARTILLERY, FOOD AND MUNITION DEPOTS, ACCORDING TO A WIRELESS FROM ROME EARLY TODAY. THE REPORT FURTHER STATES THAT THE CITY OF VLADIMIR-VOLYNSKI IN VOLHYNIA IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN COMPLETELY EVACUATED BY THE GERMANS.

A LONDON DISPATCH AT 2:30 THIS AFTERNOON SAYS THE GERMANS ATTACKED THE BRITISH AT NORTH BAZENTIN—LEPTIT IN SOMME, BUT WERE REPULSED.

A FRENCH STATEMENT AT THE SAME HOUR SAYS THE GERMANS MADE TWO DESPERATE ATTACKS IN LIHONS SECTOR BUT FAILED IN BOTH ATTEMPTS.

AT 3:30 THE RUSSIANS CLAIM TO HAVE FORCED THE GERMANS ARMIES BACK TO THE VILLAGE OF WELICKIHUCHARY.

BERLIN DISPATCHES DENY THAT ANY IMPORTANT GAINS HAVE BEEN MADE ON EITHER THE EAST OR WEST FRONT.

Escorts Flee; Leave Girls

Sunset, Texas, July 31.—Several people fainted and many were knocked to the floor when a film caught fire in a picture show here Saturday night.

Some men who had accompanied young ladies to the show fled and left the girls to escape as best they could.

FORMER CITIZEN PASSES AWAY

The sad news reached the city this morning of the death of T. W. Henderson of Groveton, father of W. E. Henderson and Claude Henderson, of this city.

At the last moment he was surrounded by all of his children; W. E. and Claude Henderson of this city, Rutledge Henderson of Aspermont and Mrs. David Livingston of Pleasant. His remains will be carried to his old home at Annona in Red River County for interment. The deceased was 56 years old.

He made his home in this city at one time and is remembered as a good man and a true friend. The family have the sympathy of a large circle of friends in their bereavement.



ALL PORCH SWINGS AND CEDAR CHESTS ONE-THIRD OFF THIS WEEK. DON'T MISS THESE BARGAINS.

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Greatest Motion Picture Scoop of the War

On The Firing Line With The Germans

Under Auspices of The Sweetwater Daily Reporter

HUNDREDS OF PEOPLE FLOCKED TO THE SWEETWATER THEATRE THIS AFTERNOON TO WATCH THE EIGHT AND A HALF REELS OF DURBOROUGH'S GREAT FILMS—THE MOST REALISTIC PRESENTATION OF WHAT IS GOING ON IN EUROPE'S STUPENDOUS CONFLICT. EVER SEEN ON THIS SIDE OF THE WATER.

NOTHING EVER THROWN UPON THE SCREEN WAS EVER MORE THRILLING THAN WHAT DURBOROUGH'S CAMERA HAS CAUGHT OF THE STIRRING SCENES IN GERMANY, POLAND AND RUSSIA, WHERE THE FAMOUS PHOTOGRAPHER TRAVELED WITH VON HINDENBURG'S ARMIES AND LIVED THE EXPERIENCES THAT HIS PICTURES REVEAL.

History-Making Pictures

ALL THE BOOKS AND STORIES OF THE WAR THAT WILL HEREAFTER BE WRITTEN MUST FAIL TO GIVE THE INTIMATE TOUCH AND WONDERFUL COLOR THAT THESE GREAT FILMS AFFORD. EVERY ONE SHOULD SEE THEM. SCHOOL CHILDREN, AS WELL AS GROWN-UPS WILL BE NOT ONLY ENTERTAINED BUT INSTRUCTED BY THEM. THEY ARE FAITHFUL CHRONICLES OF HISTORY—MORE FAITHFUL THAN ANY HISTORIAN WILL EVER BE ABLE TO SET DOWN.

Last Chance to See Thrilling Spectacles

THESE PICTURES WILL BE SHOWN TONIGHT AND TOMORROW. THEY WILL NOT APPEAR IN SWEETWATER AGAIN.

Sweetwater Theatre

MATINEE AND NIGHT.

CHILDREN 10c ADULTS 20c.

TRUE STORY OF MURDER OF CAPT. BUTLER AND MRS. SPANNELL

By A. M. Branson.

ALPINE, Texas, July 29.—Alpine has not yet recovered from the shock it received ten days ago when H. J. Spannell shot and killed his wife and Co. M. C. Butler. The murders were committed about a quarter to nine in the evening, when a large number of the townspeople were sitting in the theatre waiting for the moving picture to begin. Col. and Mrs. Butler had been familiar figures there for a month past, and every summer since the local theatre opened the gayety and politeness of Mrs. Spannell and the jovial remarks of her witty husband have been part of the evening's pleasure for those who sit near them. On the night of the tragedy all was cheerful in the theatre. People were laughing and talking like one big family. Just as the lights were about to go out, the time when the Spannells usually entered, half a dozen shocked voices at once called from the rear. "Harry Spannell has killed his wife!"

Horror and incredulity were on every face. Then someone added: "He killed Col. Butler too," and a pall seemed to settle over the audience. With one accord the many friends and acquaintances of the Spannells rose silently and left the theatre. They gathered about the nearby Holland hotel, not from curiosity, but as if hypnotized by horror. A few blocks away kind hands were washing the blood from the cold face of the woman, wringing blood from her once spotless clothes. They paid less attention to the dead colonel. He was a stranger there, and in the Big Bend it is not a very serious thing to kill a man who you believe has offended you.

Spannell Eager to Be Killed.

At the courthouse Harry Spannell mourning and sobbing with remorse, was begging Anja Nilson, deputy sheriff, who had grown up with Crystal Holland, to kill him.

"Oh, my sweet wife," he moaned with sickening iteration. Then, "kill me Anja, kill me."

All night long, while shocked friends broke the news to Mrs. Holland, Mrs. Spannell's mother, and to Mrs. Butler while unskilled but tender hands were getting the mutilated bodies ready for burial, Spannell moaned in a cell until his jailers could scarcely endure witnessing his agony.

Remorse Seized Spannell.

If remorse can kill, those who have seen Harry Spannell since his moment of madness, are confident he will soon expiate his crime by death.

Romantic Courtship Recalled.

Everyone in Alpine knew of the romantic courtship and marriage of Crystal Holland and Harry Spannell. Miss Holland attended the Mulholland school in San Antonio during her girlhood,

and when she was 18 went to Baylor University at Waco. There she took lessons in music from Harry Spannell, a laughing, hearty fellow, looking more like a successful stockbroker than the usual louchered velvet coated music musician. Soon it was rumored that their lesson hours were not entirely devoted to the study of music.

John Holland, of Alpine, a cattleman of the wild days of Texas, was furious at the idea of his only daughter marrying a music master; the authorities of Baylor couldn't stand for class room courtship. Mr. Holland sent for his daughter.

Leaves Place For Love.

The trustees of Baylor told Spannell that he could choose between his position and his pupil. He promptly resigned and opened a studio in Waco. All his former pupils flocked to him. Miss Holland got her own way with her parents, as they say she did from the time she first open her brown eyes on the world; the master and pupil were married in Alpine in 1906. Baylor invited Mr. Spannell to return as head of the music department and the young couple went to live in Waco.

Happy Days in Waco.

They made many friends there and Mrs. Spannell loved the gayety of the larger town. Yet every summer she came back to Alpine to stay with her parents, and Mr. Spannell spent his month's vacation here with her. Holland Spannell, their daughter, was born in 1910, and was the apple of her grandfather's eye. Her birth completed his reconciliation with his son-in-law.

Father Gave Them Hotel.

In 1914 Mr. Holland offered to give his daughter the title deeds to the Holland hotel if she would come to Alpine to live, and Mr. Spannell would manage the hotel. Mr. Spannell left the decision entirely to his wife. She told her friends here that as she knew her husband's voice needed a rest, and as he wanted to study a year in New York and Europe, she thought it best to accept the offer, hoping that the money to be made out of it would compensate her for the gayeties and her husband for the more congenial work at Waco.

Little Home Never Occupied.

The scant year they expected to spend here lengthened into two. Mr. Spannell had spent so much money in remodeling the hotel they decided they would have to stay until they could sell the property advantageously. So about a month ago they bought a small and attractive bungalow, and were busily choosing wall paper and hangings for it the very day of the tragedy.

Craves Amusement.

Mrs. Spannell's nature craved am-

usement, and Alpine is perhaps the dullest little town in Texas. There is the moving picture show every night and a free (or all, or nearly all, dance about a month, and that is literally all except missionary meetings and revival services.

The Spannells lived with Mrs. Holland and took their meals at the hotel. Mr. Spannell had the many cares of the hotel management, all foreign to his training, and he taught a few pupils elementary music. There was nothing for his artistic temperament to vent itself in but the love for his wife and child. He spoiled his child, and jealously guarded his wife. She insisted on going to occasional dances in Alpine and Marfa, in spite of her husband's exaggerated opposition to dancing.

Gives Way to Jealousy.

He suffered agonies of jealousy when he saw her dancing with other men. But although she loved him dearly she felt that she had a right to such scanty gayety as the town afforded, and insisted on his taking her to dances, especially as the men she danced with were usually young boys or men who had grown up with her.

Tension Develops.

It is said by those who saw most of the Spannells that the tension between them was growing rapidly during the past few months. Each was keyed too high; each was the independent, passionate nature; the strain got too great; Mr. Spannell's self-control broke and the ghastly tragedy occurred.

Col. Butler admired Mrs. Spannell as everyone in the Big Bend country did. There was some good humored comment on it from Spannell's intimates, to which his jealous, sensitive nature could not endure.

Warns Col. Butler.

He heard from one of the attendants at the hotel that Col. Butler and his wife had met upstairs in the hotel and he went to Butler and warned him that he must keep away from Mrs. Spannell. "The next time," he is reported to have said, "I'll not speak I'll act."

On a Mission of Charity.

A week later he acted. Mrs. Spannell had heard of a poor woman who was homeless, and needed a tent. She mentioned the case to Col. and Mrs. Butler, and Col. Butler told her he had a condemned but still serviceable army tent at the camp, and that she would be glad to give it to Mrs. Spannell's protegee.

She was delighted and with characteristic enthusiasm proposed that the Butler's jump in her car and drive with her to carry the good news. When the three came back they went up to the Butler's room to wash their hands.

Tense Moment in Hotel.

This was in the late afternoon. Mr. Spannell came into the hotel and asked the clerk:

"Where are the folks?"

"Upstairs with the Butlers," was the answer.

Mr. Spannell's face changed, and instead of going up in the front stairs from the lobby he took the back stairs.

The clerk went up the front stairs and saw Spannell open the Butlers' door.

Unbraids Wife.

"Crystal," he said angrily, "how often have I told you not to come up here without me?"

"Why Harry," she answered, "Mrs. Butler is here."

"Yes, Mr. Spannell, I'm here," said Mrs. Butler.

As Spannell drew his wife away he is reported to have said to Mrs. Butler: "I wonder how long it will take you to have your eyes opened."

Magnifies Small Incidents.

So far as anyone in Alpine knows, these two seemingly innocent situations were the only reasons for Spannell's insane jealousy. How he magnified them into the cause for the tragedy no one can understand.

It is generally believed he planned the murders at least an hour before they were committed. He went in to supper in a palm beach suit, but later went to his room and changed to black clothes. He had two loaded revolvers with him in his car, and he insisted on Mrs. Spannell's driving with him when she preferred to go to the picture show. He drove up to the hotel entrance and called gaily:

Asked Butler to Take Drive.

"Oh Major, come and take a drive!" Col. Butler had so recently received his promotion that he was commonly known by his former title.

Major Ellis, who was nearby, came forward, but Spannell said, "No, I want Butler," and went into the lobby to get Col. Butler. He then opened the door to the tonneau, and ushered him to a seat beside Mrs. Spannell.

Then he said to his little daughter: "Baby get out and play with the kids."

Then the Double Killing.

He drove a scant half mile about town. Then put on the emergency brake, stepped out on the running board and began firing. People nearby heard Mrs. Spannell cry:

"Harry, please don't kill me!"—and his reply:

"Crystal, why did you make me do this?"

He left the car after firing three shots at Butler, and two at his wife, then came back and fired again.

A few yards away he met Lee Hancock, who was going toward the car.

"Well Lee," he said, "I'll killed them both. They made me do it." Then he went to the jail and gave himself up.

Friends Dazed, Horrified.

In spite of the deep sorrow over the whole community over the death of Crystal Spannell, most of the friends are not so much angry at Spannell, as

dazed and horrified, and unable in spite of facts to believe that he could commit such a crime.

Those who know him hope that he will die soon rather than live on gnawed by the remorse they know he feels more deeply than a less sensitive man might.

John Holland, Crystal Spannell's father, has pronounced the revenge he swore he would take in order not to increase the blight on the life of his

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Boys Apple Eating Country Store Night

Wednesday Night "The Dope Fiend"

Mens' Nail Driving Country Store Night

Thursday Night "Amy of the Circus"

Boys' Candy Eating Country Store Night

Friday Night "East Lynne"

Boys' Cracker Eating Country Store Night

Saturday Matinee "The Flower of the Ranch"

Baby Contest

Saturday Night "The Sweetest Girl in Dixie"

Silverware Contest

Vaudeville Between Acts
Admission 10 and 20c

Sylvester Men Market Melons

Tom Maberry, of near Sylvester, was in town early this morning with two loads of home grown water-melons, which found a ready market at a price that was good. The melons were of the Tom Watson variety and were as fine as ever grew in East Texas. The largest of the melons weighed over 50 pounds.

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THE GINNERS' LAW TO BE ENFORCED

Austin, Texas, July 29.—F. C. Weinert and Peter Radford, managers of the State Warehouse and Marketing Department, today gave out the following:

To the Ginnners of Texas: As another ginning season is at hand, the second since the operation of the warehouse and marketing law, it is deemed advisable by the management to outline a policy that will be followed this year by the department.

The law regulating public gins became effective June 1, 1915, barely time before the approaching ginning season, to outline a policy for the first year or to enlighten the public upon the different requirements and purposes of the law. This to a great measure was the cause of the leniency extended to the ginnners who innocently committed minor offenses. Again during the midst of the ginning season of 1915 the law was assailed for various reasons, with the hope of proving it unconstitutional. The desire in this direction, however, was defeated by the Court of Criminal Appeals, which held that it was within the jurisdiction of the public powers of the State, therefore constitutional. This occurrence also handicapped for several months the anticipated progress we wished to make, as it encouraged unfriendly interests to violate certain provisions of the law by using as a weapon of protection a hoped-for decision of the court in their favor. These features, coupled with minor hindrances, were overcome and as they were served to demonstrate the usefulness of the law, we again cordially invite the co-operation of all concerned.

Co-operation Earnestly Desired.
Now that the ginnners in convention at Dallas have gone on record to the effect that gins should be regulated by law, it is our earnest desire to have them co-operate with us in all matters that pertain to the welfare and prosperity of the cotton producers, whose successful existence means prosperity to the ginnners.

With the exception of two permissible changes, the law will stand as enacted, and will be enforced this year. The two changes referred to will cover the provisions which refer to the character of bagging to be used and the complete covering of the bale. In the first instance, the board of supervisors has the power to designate the character of bagging to be used, but on account of unsettled conditions of foreign markets, from whom we buy our bagging material, the board has decided not to suggest any particular bagging for the coming season; the same cause can be applied to not enforcing the provision which requires the bales to be completely covered. It must be understood, however, that the board will require that patterns shall be cut of sufficient length to cover the ends of the bale.

Other provisions, including the use that three samples shall be taken from each bale ginned and placed in sealed containers; the marking of the bonded bale number and the gin number on each bale; the separation of the dirt from the seed; the careful ginning of each bale and the absence of water or foreign matter in the cotton during the process of ginning or thereafter, will be enforced to the letter.

As to Gin Samples.
In regard to gin sampling, we wish to mention a few things which have convinced us that samples properly taken at the gin will answer all purposes:

1. The United States Agricultural Department after exhaustive tests says that samples taken at the gin will serve to answer all purposes.
2. The insurance premium on cotton that has not been cut, but in accompanied by a correct gin sample, has been reduced to an extent that hundreds of thousand of dollars will be saved annually. The insurance companies recognize the fact that when any portion of cotton is exposed by sampling or otherwise, the risk becomes greater and a larger premium must be paid.
3. When the gin samples is used as a basis upon which the grade is established at a warehouse, the true value of the cotton is known, and should the contents of a warehouse be destroyed by fire the insurance company is in a position to make a correct settlement at once based on the grade shown on the receipt. Heretofore the insurance companies have not been protected against misrepresentations as to grade value following fires. Statistics show our average grade is one-half grade below middling, but if the cotton is burned the insurance company must settle at a half grade above middling which means a loss to them of \$5 per bale. If the entire crop of Texas should burn, under the circumstances, the insurance company would have to pay an extra \$20,000,000. It is, therefore, easy to see why gin samples will reduce insurance rates.
4. Gin samples delivered to a State bonded warehouse, upon which the

grade of the bale is established is acceptable by the Federal Reserve Bank as a guarantee upon which they will advance money through member banks at a rate of interest not to exceed 6 per cent. The saving in interests between 6 per cent and 8 per cent means in Texas \$2,000,000 annually.

Will Eliminate "City Crop."
In many localities in Texas last year gin samples were freely accepted by merchants and buyers, and we have letters from a number of them endorsing this feature of the law. To be brief, gin samples will eliminate the huge "city crop" caused by street sampling, saving the producers of Texas \$2,000,000 annually, and when the samples are graded by a bonded warehouse man the loss in grade value, which amounts to \$12,000,000 annually will be saved.

The United States Agricultural Department, through Clarence Ousley, has tendered to this department that services of experts in cotton classification, and these gentlemen, accompanied by representatives of this department, will call on ginnners in different parts of the State for the purpose of enlightening them along the lines of proper sampling and grading of cotton.

As it is their duty as much as ours, we appeal to the ginnners to assist us in enforcing this law, and if this department can in any way serve the ginnners our services are at their command.
F. C. WEINERT,
PETER RADFORD,
Managers.

MILITIA TO STAY 3 MONTH LONGER ON BORDER

El Paso, Texas, July 31, 1916—Three months, it is estimated will be required for completion of a course of training for the militiamen in the El Paso military district, projected in orders received here today. Army officers predict it might mean the militia would remain on the border for the next 3 months.

The orders, over the signature of General Bell closed with the following: "Practical field work and maneuvers, October 1 to 31."

The program outlined three months of energetic drills and maneuvers, designed to whip the militia into shape for any emergency.

Presumably similar orders were issued to all militia along the entire Mexican border.

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LOST.—Leather handbag containing important papers signed by N. McNeil of Haskell and valuable pistol either in Sweetwater or on the road between here and Haskell. Finder will be suitably rewarded for return to above address or for information leading to its recovery.

See Monday & McMurry for every thing in tin work and plumbing.

NICELY Furnished bed rooms for rent. All conveniences. Call 377. 1f

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LOST.—Tuesday night in East Sweetwater an Elk's pin with diamond setting. Finder please return to the Reporter office and receive reward.

FOR RENT.—Desirable South, front upstairs bed room, nicely furnished.—Phone No. 377.

FOR SALE.—Lots 1, 2, 3 and 4 of block 29. Orient addition, with 5 room house, chicken house and storm cellar. Price \$1350. Look at it and write to J. J. DeBerry, Wichita Falls, Tex. 11c

THREE FURNISHED ROOMS for light-house keeping, 611 Pecan street, Mrs. E. L. Tankersley. 11c

FOR SALE.—A small refrigerator—Good as new.—Joe W. Lisman, at Post office. 1-3t.

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NOTICE TO THE CREDITORS OF THE ESTATE OF J. M. S. WILLIAMS, DECEASED.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration, with the Will Annexed, upon the estate of J. M. S. Williams, deceased, were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 2nd day of June, 1916, by the county court of Nolan County, Texas. All persons having claims against the said estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time prescribed by law. My residence in Maryneal, Nolan County, Texas.

C. C. WILLIAMS,
Administrator of the Estate of J. M. S. Williams, deceased.

Indiana Man's Kidney Troubles Disappear

"After suffering many months from kidney trouble," writes W. M. Fox, of Noblesville, Ind., "and after having tried many remedies and prescriptions, I purchased a box of Foley Kidney Pills. They not only did me more good than any other remedy I had ever used, but they positively set my kidneys right. Other members of my family have used same with similar results."
From every state in the Union come unsolicited letters telling of satisfactory results from Foley Kidney Pills. When the kidneys become clogged up, get sluggish, and filter and strain out of the blood only part of the poisonous waste matter, the balance remains and circulates through the system, uric acid forms, and swollen, painful joints and muscles are the result. Foley Kidney Pills cleanse and tone up the kidneys, so that backache, rheumatism, sore muscles, aching joints, annoying bladder disorders and irregularities soon disappear.

PERSONALS

Chas. L. Gass is in Rotan today.

Mrs. W. F. Martin, of Rotan, was the guest in the city yesterday.

General messenger service. For quick deliveries phone 272. 1-61

Just arrived, a complete line of ladies tailoring.—Heath Tailoring Co.

S. L. Fleming, a prominent merchant of Stamford, was here yesterday.

L. P. Barker, a prominent citizen of Plainview, was in the city yesterday.

T. L. Hughes will leave tonight for Silver Spring, D. C., for a month's visit.

R. A. Haney of Will's Point came in this morning to accept a position with the Oil Mill.

Mr. and Mrs. E. N. Congers of Sylvestor, spent the day in the city yesterday shopping.

Miss Ora Bryson, of Merkel, is the guest of Mrs. and Miss Elliott on the south side this week.

Mrs. W. C. Shelton, of Comanche, is the guest of her parents, Judge and Mrs. W. T. Hightower.

Mr. and Mrs. W. E. Russell of Abilene spent Sunday with the former's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Russell.

Dr. and Mrs. W. C. Bondies, of Los Angeles, California, are with their brother, H. R. Bondies of our city.

Misses F. Yeager and McCarty, of El Paso, spent the day in the city as they were en route home from a trip North.

Miss Maude Kennedy returned to her home in Fort Worth this morning after a visit to her aunt, Mrs. Ellis Douthitt.

See those pretty ladies shirt waists now on display in our show window. Your choice for \$1.00.—J. T. Bryant and Company.

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J. G. Harrison, the hardware salesman for Simmons Hardware Company, was here yesterday booking orders of our retail dealers.

While out driving stop and see the many bargains in the show windows of the H. D. White's 5 and 10 cent store on the North Side of the square.

STATE TAX RATE IS 10% LOWER

Austin, Texas, July 31.—The total tax rate for the state for 1916-17 will be 45c, a reduction of 10c from last year's rate, the reduction being in the ad valorem rate, from 30c to 20c. The school tax remains at 20c, the maximum, the Confederate pensions 5c, as fixed by the Constitution.

The rate was fixed this morning at a meeting of the State Automatic Tax Board. All members of the board, Governor Ferguson, Treasurer Edwards and Comptroller Terrell, were present and voted unanimously in fixing the rate.

The rate is based on an estimated assessed valuation of \$2,754,213,923, and will cover appropriations aggregating \$7,299,788, which becomes available September 1.

Cand. Hickey Before Jury

Dallas July 31.—Thomas A. Hickey of Hallettsville, Socialist candidate for United States Senator, went before the Dallas County grand jury this morning following complaint by him to County Attorney M. T. Lively that neither Senator Culberson nor O. B. Colquitt had complied with the legal requirements as regards filing of campaign expense accounts.

County Attorney Lively told Mr. Hickey, he said that he would not file a complaint and advised him to present the matter to the grand jury. Mr. Hickey went before that body this morning.

GOVERNMENT PREDICTS A SHORT CROP

By Associated Press.

Washington, August 1.—Conditions of the growing cotton crop on July 25 indicates a total production of 42,000,916 equivalent 500 pound bales the Department of Agriculture today announced in its August cotton report. That compares with 14,256,000 bales forecast last month by the Bureau of Crop estimates basing its calculation on the conditions of the crop on June 25, and with 11,191,820 bales, last year's final production, 16,134,939 in 1914, 14,156,480 bales in 1913, and 12,703,421 bales in 1912. The final output, however, will be larger or smaller than above forecast according as conditions hereafter are better or worse than average conditions.

Conditions of the crop on July 25 as compiled from reports of agents and correspondents in the cotton belt was placed at 72.3 per cent of a normal, compared with 81.1 on June 24, 75.4 on July 25 last year, 76.4 in 1914 and 78.5, the ten year average on July 25.

During the month storms caused some damage to the crop. In the first week weather was favorable in most places and the crop made satisfactory growth but owing to earlier unfavorable conditions some fields were irregular and in places the plants were small and backward. Boll weevil were reported damaging the crop in Texas, Mississippi, Alabama, Arkansas, and Louisiana.

High winds and heavy rains of a tropical storm did serious damage in portions of the central and east Gulf States during the second week. Much of the crop in the lowlands was flooded and uplands were badly washed and the crop otherwise injured. In extreme Western Florida the crop was damaged from 25 to 50 per cent by the storm. Continued rains favored boll weevil increase and prevented much needed cultivation. In the Western portion of the belt and northern part east of the Mississippi, weather was generally favorable and the crop made good progress.

During the latter part of the month some damage was sustained from floods in the northeastern section. The weather west of the Mississippi was favorable but in the east it was less so, especially in the lowlands. Increased damage by boll weevil was reported.

Statistics compiled by the Bureau of Crop Estimate show the value of the 1915 cotton crop was 10 per cent more than that of 1914 while the production was 30 per cent less. Total value of the 1915 crop was \$794,000,000 compared with \$720,000,000 the value of the 1914 crop. The 1913 crop was valued at \$1,027,000,000.

Lint was valued at \$628,000,000 for the 1915 crop, paying producers about 11.2p cents a pound as calculated on averages based upon monthly prices and monthly sales. For the 1914 crop the lint value was \$591,000,000, paying producers about 7.33 cents a pound.

The value of seed of the 1915 crop was \$166,000,000, paying producers \$33.60 a ton compared with \$129,000,000, the value of the 1914 crop's seed which paid producers \$17.90 a ton. The increase in the price of the seed over 1914 was greater than the increase in the price of lint.

Conditions of States:

State	July 25
Virginia	87
North Carolina	70
South Carolina	65
Georgia	63
Florida	62
Alabama	54
Mississippi	65
Louisiana	77
Texas	78
Arkansas	85
Tennessee	82
Missouri	80
Oklahoma	84
California	100
United States	73.3
Average for 10 years on July 25	78.5

The next report will be issued Thursday August 31 and will show the condition of cotton on August 25.

Heath Tailoring Co.—Phone 251.

NOTICE

July 29, 1916.

To Whom It May Concern: All parties are hereby warned not to accept or in any way purchase, handle or otherwise acquire from J. C. Hopkins or any other person, the following notes:

Three notes for the sum of \$66.66 each, executed by Edwin L. Tate and payable to the order of J. C. Hopkins, dated on or about July 13th and due in one, two and three months from date.

I will not pay them or either of them. EDWIN L. TATE.



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