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"GOING DOWN," IS DIRECTION TAKEN BY LOCAL PRICES

Sweetwater Merchants Have Reduced Groceries, Dry Goods, Etc., Recently.

How much has the cost of living been reduced in Sweetwater is the question asked by numbers of persons, especially since the war time prices have begun to tumble and the so-called "business depression" has brought near normal conditions back.

The Secretary of the Board of City Development has gone to considerable trouble to compile information relative to the cost of living and has come to the conclusion that Sweetwater merchants have reduced their products just as much as merchants at other places.

Groceries have declined, within the last twelve months all the way from 19 per cent on some to 108 1/2 per cent on others. Following are the reductions in groceries and meats, commonly used, according to the report issued: Flour 25 per cent; sugar 62 1/2 per cent; meal 30; coffee 28 1/2; round steak 25; eggs 75; butter 25; beans 30; syrup 52 1/2; potatoes 108 1/2; canned milk 10; bacon 25; pork chops, 30; sausage 30; shortening 61; tomatoes 34; peas 20; rice 71 1/2; and canned corn 23.

The next line of merchandise in which the public seems to be most interested is dry goods, shoes and clothing. The following reductions have been shown in these lines:

Women's coats 29 per cent; Women's blouses 22 1/2; women's suits, 29; women's hats, 27 1/2; sweaters, 25; men's caps, 25; men's shirts, cotton, 20; silk 50; men's suits, 33 1/2; men's hats, 20; overalls, 50; women's dress shoes, 26; women's low quarters 28 1/2; women's overshoes 25; women's hose, 18 1/2; children's dress shoes, 26; children's overshoes, 25; children's hose 25; men's dress shoes, 29; men's low quarters 26; men's work shoes, 30; men's overshoes 26; men's hose, 33 1/2; cowboys boots, 35.

Declines in building materials for the last twelve months are as follows: Brick 21 1/2 per cent; portland cement, 8; roofing 17 1/2; sheet glass, 15; sheet metal, 22; lumber, 44 1/2; nails 9; glazed sash 30; common panel doors 48; moulding, 33 1/2; building paper 33 1/2; common glass doors 24; screen doors, 20; beaver board none, steel 15.

Figures on declines on hardware and agricultural implements as compiled are as follows: Gasoline engines, 14 per cent; cream separators, 15; plows, 15; drills 15; repair parts 17; farming machinery, 10; hardware in general 25.

PENITENTIARY COMM. WILL MEET APRIL 11 TO COMPLETE WORK

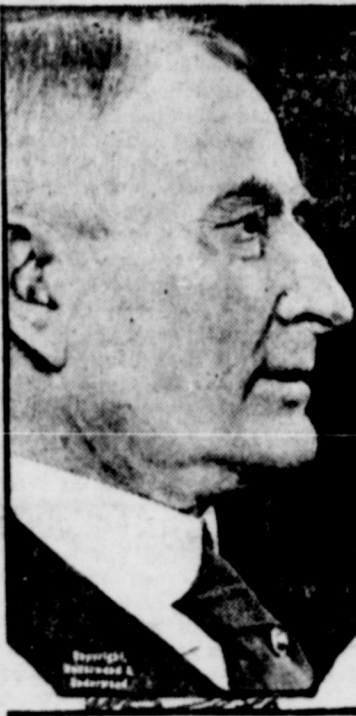
Committee Expects To Finish Taking of Testimony In Time For Special Session.

The joint penitentiary committee, Senator Guin Williams of Decatur, Chairman, and Representative R. M. Chitwood of Sweetwater, Secretary, will meet in Austin on April 11th to complete the taking of testimony relative to the penitentiary investigation and to prepare a report for the next special session of the legislature.

The committee has already taken a 4,000 page record of their findings and it is expected when completed the work will be most comprehensive dealing with all departments and their management under the penitentiary system now in force.

It is not expected that the committee will finish its work before the special session of the 37th legislature in June.

SAMUEL D. NICHOLSON



Samuel D. Nicholson, new Republican senator from Colorado. He lives at Leadville.

SANTA FE MAY CUT MORNING TRAIN TO AMARILLO, IS SAID

Number of Towns on Line Plan to Fight Proposed Discontinuance; Road Files Suit.

The early morning passenger train on the Santa Fe from Sweetwater to Amarillo may be discontinued, according to information received by the Daily Reporter from Austin this morning.

The Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company has filed suit in the Travis County District Court at Austin to enjoin the Railroad Commission from enforcing its order concerning service on this road. The case is to be heard May 2.

The train in question arrived in Sweetwater from Amarillo at 9:30 a. m.

It is alleged by the railroad company that the train is not paying a number of towns along the route of the Santa Fe are said to be opposing the proposed discontinuance of the train.

Among other arguments advanced by commercial bodies of the towns is that daily papers from the central part of the state will not reach Amarillo and other points on the line until they are a day old, in case the train is discontinued.

BODY OF MISSING MAN FOUND IN RIVER; FT. WORTH

Fort Worth, March 29.—The body of Scott Nichols, 35, chief operator for the Western Union in Fort Worth, who has been missing since Feb. 8, was discovered in a decomposed condition in the Trinity river at a point about 100 yards downstream from the Three Mile bridge on the White Settlement road by Melvin Atkins, a 12-year old boy, early Tuesday afternoon.

Identification was made certain by Miss Valliant Sprague, an employe of the Western Union, who visited the place where the body was found and afterward went to the office of McCain, justice of the peace, and viewed a signet ring and a monogrammed cuff button, found on the dead man's person.

Both the ring and button bore the engraved initials, "S. N." They were presents made to Scott Nichols by Western Union Employees at El Paso, where he was stationed prior to his transfer here in January, 1920. Miss Sprague had been in association with Nichols when he was chief operator in El Paso.

SWATTERS HANG UP FIRST SHUTOUT OF SEASON AT POST

Will Play At Snyder Today, Returning Tomorrow For Three Day Series Here.

By Humpty.

The Swatters registered their first shutout of the season at Post City, when they applied a coat of white-wash to the "Post Toasties." The final score was 8 to 0 with Bartel and Richburg pitching and Blount on the receiving end. Popboy spent seventeen dollars and forty perfectly good cents telling how it all happened over the long distance phone and would have been talking yet had not Sir James Irving, the clubs demon exchequer, reminded him that stock subscriptions were coming in very slowly et cetera and so forth. A most pleasing feature of the game was the showing of young Suggs who made such a good impression at Station that Smitty took him on. Suggs is a shortstop who hits and fields a la Wagner. Nuf Ced. Other heroes were Graham, Neely, Mason and Pipkin.

Last we forget, the Swatters hesitate at Snyder just long enough to annex another scalp Wednesday and arrive home early Thursday morning. Manager Smith declares that the road trip has been a huge success both artistically and financially and proposes to show the local admirers some real baseball in the games with Snyder on Thursday, Friday and Saturday.

Big Bob McElhenry and "Found the Mitt" Pace blew in Tuesday with orders to rest up and tell the inquiring fans how it happened. Big Robert carried the key to the pitchers' box on the recent trip so deserves no credit for getting by successfully for four full innings while Pace merely informs us that he caught cold and several innings without serious mishap.

Since the acquisition of Catcher Blount from the Dallas Marines there is much speculation among Swatter followers as to what disposition will be made of Tom Johnston. Johnston was originally signed as a pitcher but on account of his ability to maul the old apple has been stationed behind the bat and at First Base. He has proved his versatility by delivering the goods in both roles. Blount's arrival may also cause Pipkin to be shifted to the outfield. It will be interesting to watch Manager Smith's maneuvers in arranging his team so that the best results may be obtained from the material at his disposal.

With a higher temperature and an abated wind all the players left at home crawled in their monkey suits and worked as if the Grandstand had been overflowing with Big League scouts. After two solid hours of strenuous practice they were pulling like an Orient switch engine and owned appetites that made the Knife and Fork League famous.

President Neal is being flooded with telegrams and letters from ballplayers from all over the United States and Arkansas. With the Texas League clubs preparing to use the pruning knife in the immediate future we may expect to see Carrier Pigeons pressed into service. It's a grand old game boys, and the sooner April the 20th arrives the better it will suit us.

KANSAS WILL BAR FILMS OF CLARA HAMON'S LIFE

WICHITA, Kans., March 30.—Clara Smith Hamon is out of luck in Kansas.

Films in which she appears are barred from theaters controlled by the Kansas State Exhibitors Association.

Such is the effect of a resolution passed by the association at a meeting here today. The resolution was adopted unanimously.

The exhibitors went so far as to include in the resolution a clause barring any person of similar character.

TWO HUMANS CRUCIFIED IN NEW MEXICO BY RELIGIOUS FANATICS

ALEXANDRE KERENSKY



Late photograph of Alexandre Kerensky, former leader of Russia, who is reported to be leading the struggle to overthrow the soviets.

MANY KILLED IN RIOTINGS OF COMMUNISTS

American Soldiers on Rhine Quiet Red Uprisings; All Mines Seized by Workers.

LONDON, March 30.—Fifty persons were killed in Tuesday's fighting at Gevelsberg, in Westphalia, while the police were dealing with communists who were rioting there, according to Berlin messages received here today.

The town was recaptured by the authorities. Communists attacked the police at Mannehem, when three communists were killed and five wounded.

Serious riots at Dresden have been suppressed. Ninety two communists were arrested there, including fourteen women.

Reports from Duesseldorf declared that communists activity in the Rhine region is increasing. Some mines have been seized by the workers.

COBLENZE, Germany, March 30.—American troops dispatched by Major General Allen to clean out any communists in the American bridgehead zone, today made short work of a red's nest at Wirges, near Montabauer.

The American soldiers descended on the communists headquarters at Wirges, seized the leaders and put them under military arrest, confiscated documents and restored order in the town.

There were no American casualties although soldiers found it necessary to handle some of the resisting German anarchists roughly.

REVIVAL MEETING SERVICES AT 7:45

The subject of the sermon in the revival meeting at the Methodist Church tonight will be "When the Christian Loses His Power." Every one is invited to hear this message as also the message of Thursday night which will be upon the subject of the Christian Home. Prof. Robt. E. Huston is winning everyone by his leadership in the singing and his warm hearted christian life.

Services at 10 o'clock and 7:45 each day. Young people's services at 7:45.

Sacrifices Fastened To Cross More Than Two Hours By Members of the Penitentes; May Die.

(Associated Press)

ALBUQUERQUE, N. Mex., March 30.—Two men were crucified at Penitente Village, of Abiquiu, in northern New Mexico, on Good Friday, in observance of Holy Week in rites performed by members of Hermanos Fe Luz, brothers of a light religious order, according to P. J. Nordfelt, an artist of Santa Fe, N. M., who arrived here Tuesday.

USE A CLUB SAYS EL PASO JUDGE TO WIFE OF "BEATER"

(Associated Press)

EL PASO, Texas, March 30.—Police Judge Charles Pollock said he would "board" David Aguilar free for ten days if his wife would promise to quit turning the other cheek and strike back the first time David hit her after his release. The wife promised to hit back "if you will take him off my hands for a while, judge," she said.

David told the judge he applied the rod occasionally, but added that he thought he had a right to.

"You have a right, like a fish," said the judge. "Your wife has promised to use a stick of wood and call the police the next time you touch her after we have taken care of you for the next ten days and if she doesn't do it we are going to get her up here for contempt of court or something else."

Nordfelt said that he was a member of a party of two dozen tourists who witnessed the crucifixion and flagellation ceremonies connected with it.

The artist said that the two human sacrifices were tied to huge wooden crosses longer than two hours and when taken down were bleeding and exhausted.

Their condition is said to be serious and their recovery is doubted.

Penitentes, as members of the order are known, are Indians with Mexican admixture. The order has many followers in remote villages in this state, it is understood.

10 YEAR SENTENCE FOR FISHER COUNTY WOMAN AFFIRMED

Court of Criminal Appeals Affirms Sentence of Woman Convicted of Killing.

(Associated Press)

AUSTIN, March 30.—The Court of Criminal Appeals today affirmed the ten year sentence of Myrtle Stiles, convicted in Fisher County of the murder of her former husband on Sept. 1, 1918, when the husband called at the home of his former wife to get their children.

The court had ruled that the children were to remain with the husband during the school term and with the mother during vacations.

FORT WORTH POLICE CLAIM HAVE SUSPECT MURDER OF OPRATOR

(Associated Press)

FORT WORTH, March 30.—Police said today that the solution of the murder of Scott Nichols, chief operator of the Western Union here, whose body was found on the river bank, was near.

Nichols has been missing since February 7th. The suspects are two men and a woman. Police claim to have a statement from one of them telling how the man was shot to death and the body loaded into an automobile and thrown off a bridge into the river. One man arrested who is alleged to have fired the shot denies it.

MARE GIVES BIRTH TO TWIN COLTS; ONE A MULE, ONE A HORSE

MIAMI, Tex., March 30.—G. W. Welsh, who lives nine miles south of Miami, has a mare which recently gave birth to twin colts, one a mule and the other a horse. The truthfulness of this story is vouched for by Mr. Welsh and some of his neighbors.

German Rioters Meet Death at Essen; All Strike Efforts Fail

ESSEN, Germany, March 29.—Fifteen rioters were killed today and forty others wounded in a clash with security police here today.

All attempts to cause a general strike in this region so far failed.

Attend the Sweetwater Manufacturers-Merchants-Auto Dealers' Exposition Mar. 31, April 1-2
DISPLAYS AT ARMSTRONG FARM TRACTOR BUILDING

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WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30, 1921.

GIVE US RECOGNITION OR CANCEL OUR TAXES

If the Texas legislature does not redistrict the western part of this state according to the constitution, we are "going to refuse to pay our taxes and make a test suit on the grounds of "taxation without representation."

The state capitol, many schools and railways owe their existence to West Texas lands which were battered and sacrificed to satisfy East, South and Northeast Texas.

Almost every other section of land in the West was "bonused" away to corporations of one kind or another, yet there are those who would keep West Texas from participating in representation on a basis of population.

Just let West Texas refuse to pay taxes and see what happens. Too much oppression and dictation from other sections and sentiment will demand a division of the state.

All the good towns in this section are after the West Texas A. & M. All of them are putting up a clean fight for the location, judging from surface indications. Without exceptions, the legislators put over a clean fight for the passage of the bill, but opposition to the measure find it convenient to attack the validity of the act on the ground that it was passed after the session closed.

Had you noticed that in all parts of the Old Town improvements are under way? New business houses going up down town, residences almost any direction in the beautiful heights about Sweetwater going up; yards being sodded, fences under construction, painting, roofing and the like.

City election April 5. Things are warming up considerably hereabouts, according to street gossip. Attention seems to be centered on the race for mayor and water commissioner, and arguments pro and con, whatever that means, may be heard on most any corner.

The Reporter is in receipt of a copy of the Cameron Herald of last week containing 48 pages of excellent reading matter and interestingly constructed advertisements. This is one of the best issues of a weekly paper ever printed in Texas.

Gardening and fishing, two favorite outdoor sports with city dwellers, is coming into their own just now. Nimrods landed some fine bass yesterday and Monday, a number weighing as much as four pounds. Fine stuff?

Better keep the "heavy ones" lying around for a few days yet, says Old Man A. D. Vyse, speaking of the weather.

Do not forget that proposed auto camp park for Sweetwater.

Lion or Lamb?



FARMERS' MONEY "BANK"

By H. L. Owens

The question now that bothers the farmers is: What to grow instead of cotton for a money crop?

Farmers of Nolan county have been growing cotton to buy all their necessities of life and they have made a complete failure of it. Why? Because it is impossible to do so. It takes money for everything you can think of and then money for about 100 other things that you cannot think of. It is money every time you go to town. It is money this and money for that. Make money is the slogan. People used to make a good living and many men never saw a dollar. I believe that many farmers could save a vast amount of money by taking the various members of the family in as partners in their farming occupations; by giving the boys their patches for a money crop; let them spend it to suit themselves; make them buy everything they need with their own money clothing medicine, seed for their part of the crops.

Give your wife her patches, build her a good sheet iron hen house, pile in a gasf hen yard, make plenty of crops for your young chickens, concrete your hen house floors two inches thick, build her a pig pen, (chicken proof) put the old lady up in shape so that she will be your

banker and when you need money borrow from her instead of the bank. By and by the boys will have money to loan you, too, and you should be as prompt in paying the boys as you would be the banker. Of course boys will soon know more about managing than you do, but they will never turn you out as long as you stay with them. "true blue."

What to grow on your farm, to stop that leak out of your pocket-book. Try one or two acres of Sudan, in rows, for green feed. Peanuts hogs, and cow feed, maize and sorghum. Stop that bacon and lard bill. Swap pork for a little cash. If you buy beans and peas, raise them. Sell the surplus for something you need. Raise sweetpotatoes for home use, sell the surplus. Raise a good garden, and swap the surplus for something you need. Raise onions and turnip greens. If you can't raise sorghum, swap something for it. Eat more eggs. They are the cheapest thing in the town. Last of all, be a man, not a hog--grow a little cotton.

Help your neighbors to get better prices for the cotton they, they are now holding. Help yourself to get a better price for the cotton you raise next year. Don't be a scab, farmer, do as your neighbors do.

America May Be Europe's Granary Even With Our Population Doubled.

By GUSTAVE MILLER.

Our nitrate situation is not one that we can look upon with equanimity. We must develop great electrical plants, which we cannot do by steam because of the increasingly serious coal situation, that will supply us with nitrates. The more nitrates we have the more food we can produce.

The average comparative yield per acre in bushels and crops in the United States and Europe was, prior to the war--no subsequent reliable figures being available--as follows: Wheat--Europe, 32 bushels; United States, 15 bushels; oats--Europe, 47 bushels; United States, 29 bushels; barley--Europe, 38 bushels; United States, 25 bushels; rye--Europe, 30 bushels; United States 16 bushels; potatoes--Europe, 158 bushels; United States, 96 bushels.

And the reason? Here it is: In Belgium they use 448 pounds, in Germany 214 pounds, and in this country 28 pounds of fertilizer per acre a year.

In the long run our ability to compete with European nations will depend to a large degree on our ability to produce as much food per acre as they do. That cannot be done without liberal use of nitrates as fertilizer; and to produce nitrate in sufficient quantities we must have a large number of great hydro-electric plants that can be built at greatly reduced cost in connection with irrigation developments. Then the United States might be the granary of Europe, even when her population has more than doubled.

Man, to Fight the Influenza, Must Go Back to the Old-Time Nightcap.

By LOUIS SAINT MAURICE, French Physician.

Years ago, when nightcaps were universally worn, no one ever had colds, either in the head or in the chest. Lagrippe was unknown, influenza had never been heard of.

On the other hand, art and literature of the past, well up to the Eighteenth century, show that every one, rich and poor, young and old, men and women, all wore nightcaps. Toward the end of the Eighteenth century the nightcap began to fall into disuse, and in less than 100 years it has practically disappeared.

On the other hand, the need of protection for the head during the night has increased. The protecting shell of bone, the cranium, is getting thinner to make room for the larger brain.

Investigation proves that a cold in the head is the necessary setting for an attack of influenza. Further investigation shows that in an overwhelming majority of cases, a cold is "caught" during the night, while one is in bed. As a preventive against the Spanish "flu," there is not a better precaution than wearing a woolen nightcap.

LARGE METEOR FALLS NEAR SAN ANGELO

SAN ANGELO, March 30--A meteor, roughly spherical in shape that bears the perfect imprint of a sun flower has been on exhibition at the Holland Jewelry Company here, the Standard reports.

The stone fell one night last week in the yard of C. S. Westbrook's home near Cartesbad. Mr. Westbrook's attention was attracted by a glaring light which he presumed was that of an automobile headlight and no investigation was made.

Next morning the metal object was found in a flower bed by d hstele found in a flower bed by the side of the house. It had made no audible noise in falling. The meteor was brought to San Angelo and when analyzed at the Holland Jewelry Company was shown to contain 70 per cent brass and 30 per cent iron.

CHAMPION FIDDLER TO PLAY THURSDAY NIGHT FOR EXPOSITION CROWDS

J. K. P. Harris, old fiddler champion of three states will be one of the most prominent figures on Thursday night's program at the Merchants' Exposition building. He holds the unique distinction of not only being champion of three states but of never having been defeated in any contest. It will be a delight to hear him and you will regret it if you do not.

POPE PAYS TRIBUTE TO LATE CARDINAL OF BALTIMORE, MD.

WASHINGTON, March 30.--Pope Benedict sent a tribute to the late Cardinal Gibbons to the Catholic Welfare Council which reached here today.

The tribute follows in part: "The death of our dearest brother, Cardinal Archbishop of Baltimore is a great grief, not only for his diocese and country, but also for the whole church. Cardinal Gibbons was a living testimony to the magnificent development and the powerful organization which the Catholic Church had attained in this country."

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C. P. WOODRUFF

SWEETWATER HIGH PLAYS BALL AT ABILENE FRIDAY; OPENS SEASON

In the initial game of the season for the local High School team to be played at Abilene Friday, the following men will be eligible to play:

Schley Cope, 1st. Catcher. Bonneau Carroll, First Base. Harris Toler, Second Base. Ed Ramsey, Third Base. Stuart Browning, Short Stop. Le Roy McLaughlin, Brooks Browning, Emmitt and John McClain, constitute the outfield.

Suits for the team have not yet been ordered but will be in a few days, and as soon as they arrive the boys will present one of the best base ball teams that has represented the Sweetwater High School in some time.

We expect to play several games at home and are very anxious that the town people give them the best support possible. A complete schedule will be announced in a few days.

YEGGS ATTEMPT TO BLOW MILES BANK SAFE

SAN ANGELO, March 30--A charge of nitro-glycerin that ripped off the combination of the safe in the Miles National Bank also jammed the door and thwarted the robbing of the institution in the Rannels County town eighteen miles east of San Angelo, early Tuesday morning. Bank lost no funds or securities in the raid, according to official information, obtained from San Angelo, says the Standard.

The little four year old girl of Mr. and Mrs. Umphries is reported seriously ill.

John Smith is still improving his home on Oak street.

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U. S. HOLDS FORMER ARMY OFFICER UNDER CARRANZA FOR ILLEGAL ENTRANCE

LAREDO, March 30.--General Humberto Barros, former Carranza officer was arrested here today by United States customs inspector for alleged illegal entry. He is being held awaiting instructions from Washington in regard to his deportation.

Vandine Wilson is reported quite ill with appendicitis. Little Nina May Wilson also is suffering with tonsillitis.

CARD OF THANKS

We, the undersigned, wish to express our heartfelt thanks to all who were so kind and thoughtful to us through the sickness and death of our darling little Margaret ("Tiny Dot") Especially for the kind and attentive physicians, thoughtful deeds of neighbors and the beautiful floral offerings. God bless you all.

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CONGRESS WILL TACKLE ECONOMICS

MEASURES FOR RELIEF OF THE FARMER AND STOCK RAISER ARE CONTEMPLATED.

MAY BE MERELY TEMPORARY

How to Override the Law of Supply and Demand Without Adopting Freak Legislation is Problem for the Law-Makers.

By EDWARD B. CLARK.
Washington.—Economic conditions in the country probably will force congress at the present session to take some measures looking to relief. Taking out the Christmas recess, there is less than three months' time for the prosecution of the government's legislative business this winter, but notwithstanding this and the fact that the appropriation bills must be passed, it is probable an earnest effort will be made to do something for the relief of abnormal economic conditions, especially as they affect the rural districts and their industries.

What is going to be done? Nobody knows. It is a hard thing to override the law of supply and demand without getting into the field of what the legislators call freak legislation. Committees are at work on this matter now. The members disagree among themselves as to what should be done.

Something may be worked out, particularly for the relief of the stock raisers and the agriculturists of the country, but whether it will be legislation of lasting value, or whether it will be simply something which will help one branch of industry while hurting another, remains to be seen. Certain it is, however, that something will be attempted in the way of legislation to offset slumps in prices of agricultural products and the derangement of credits to the farmers and stock raisers.

Freak Measures in Plenty.
Whenever congress attempts to legislate on economics along any lines except those which follow the conservative direction of the oldtime sign posts, there appear on the scene the representatives of all kinds of schools of economic thought, from that of hidebound reaction to that of Land's End radicalism.

A study of bills already in congress intended to act as cures, or at least as palliatives of present economic conditions, would disclose many freak measures, all considered and ill founded, accompanied by other measures well intended, the result of thought, but which after all may not bear the analysis of the students of the laws governing supply and demand and those governing sound finance.

It takes only a short survey of the field of the proposed legislation in congress to disclose the fact that on all economic and financial questions the supposed experts and authorities disagree radically one from another. It is a difficult thing for legislators to determine what's what when, in committee assembled, they listen to one announced expert who declares one thing emphatically to be a truth and then to another who says that the first expert's truths are all falsehoods.

Conflicts of Experts.
This sort of thing occurs in committee every time that any hearing is being held on subjects of high economic import. When the Aldrich-Vreeland financial measure was before congress in the late fall of 1907 and the early winter of 1908, financial experts were called to Washington from all parts of the country to give advice as to what should be done on this point or that point in the proposed legislation.

There were bank presidents here, chieftains of the largest financial institutions in the United States, but to the manifest mental disturbance of the members of the committee these men who had conducted sound banking organizations for years were at opposite points of the compass on the question of what ought to be done in this matter or that matter to make conditions safe.

Congress, however, in the instance named, succeeded in turning out some legislation which in part became the foundation of subsequent acts that led to the establishment of the federal reserve system. It may be that this winter something can be evolved which will enable the consumer to buy at lower prices and the producer to sell at present or higher prices, but it must be confessed that some of the legislators in talking about this thing say that such a result, if it can be made lasting, will be one of the miracles of Providence. Natural laws, they say, have a habit of resenting intrusion into their field of the laws of the artificial.

It is the intention of the lawmakers, however, irrespective of party, to attempt to do something which will alleviate present economic conditions. The welfare of the people they say is not a party matter. There are varying views as to how the thing is to be accomplished, but congress is on its way to accomplishment of some kind and the hope is expressed that some thing will be done before March 4.

Holding Him to It.
Young Multirox—I'll never forget the time I proposed to you.
Miss Mainchance—Right, old dear! I don't intend to let you forget it.

Society LOCAL AND PERSONAL

DINNER-THIGPEN
E. J. Dimmer of this city and Miss Pearl Thigpen of Yoakum, were married in Yoakum Sunday evening.

Mr. Dimmer is the popular book keeper at Hotel Wright and the bride is one of the charming daughters of Yoakum.

The happy couple will arrive in the city this evening, after a short visit with relatives at Waco and other points enroute. They will be at home in apartments with Mr. and Mrs. C. A. McClintic.

WITH THE AID SOCIETIES.
Presbyterian

The ladies of the Presbyterian Aid Society met Monday afternoon at the church. Mrs. D. A. Clark presided over a rather long business session. For convenience the Society organized an other circle to be known as circle B. Mrs. George Howell was appointed chairman of the new circle. Mrs. Shaffer is chairman of circle A plans for work will be announced later. Owing to the accumulation of business, only a small part of the afternoon could be devoted to the splendid Missionary program arranged and led by Mrs. Ed. Patterson on "Mexico."

Rev. McLaurin led the devotional part of the meeting. The missionary program was limited to a splendid paper given by Mrs. Rufus Wright on "Childhood in Mexico."

"New Items of Mexico" in the form of "New Items of Mexico" in the form of Missionary Interest.

Lamar St. Baptist Aid Society.
The Aid Society met at the church and studied the "Church Manual" under the leadership of Mrs. G. W. Dodson.

Scripture text was from 1st. Cor. and 9th Verse.

Mrs. Dodson also led the prayer for the Society at the conclusion of the meeting.

First Christian Aid Society.

The ladies of the First Christian Church held their regular business and Bible Study at the church Monday afternoon. Miss Mollie Musgrave directed a splendid lesson from II Chronicles.

During the business session a most gratifying report was given of the Annual Easter Flower Sale with Mrs. M. E. Brown, from which the Society realized \$25.00 and the pie and cake sale netted them over \$18.00.

Next Monday the ladies meet for their monthly Missionary program.

"The Gleaners"

The Gleaners were guests of Mrs. William Morton Monday afternoon for a most enjoyable meeting.

Mrs. Joe Boothe directed the afternoon lesson from 3rd Chapter Acts.

A short business session was presided over by the president, Mrs. Tom Hughes.

A most earnest prayer for consecration in the Revival Service was offered by Mrs. G. E. Ramsey.

The hostess offered her guests a lovely salad course, which was most heartily enjoyed. Mrs. Ramsey will be hostess next Monday.

BAPTIST AID SOCIETY

The members of the Baptist Aid and Missionary Society met at the church and enjoyed a fine missionary program arranged by Mrs. W. W. Gibson, who also presided over the meeting.

"Christian Americanization" was the subject discussed.

Song: "I Need Thee Every Hour."

Prayer: For our Country, Its New President and All in Authority—

Mrs. W. W. Gibson, Hymn: "America."

"Who Are the Americans," Mrs. Cain.

"Americanization," Mrs. W. O. Miller.

"Christianizing the Foreigner in our Midst," Mrs. Hicks.

"Foreigners in the South," Mrs. D. I. Herndon.

"Evangelism," Mrs. H. Campbell.

"The Famine in China," Mrs. J. S. Irving.

Hymn, "Oh, for a Closer Walk with Thee."

The program was closed with a prayer by Mrs. Dunlap. The society will meet for church manual study at the church next Monday afternoon at three o'clock.

WOMAN'S MISSIONARY SOCIETY

The Methodist Woman's Missionary Society met in the following circles Monday afternoon, Bible readings and prayer for the revival services were the main theme all the meetings Monday.

West Circle, Mrs. J. I. Payne, Mrs. Caldwell, leader.

East Circle, Mrs. W. W. Beall, hostess and leader.

Central Circle, Mrs. W. L. Boothe, Mrs. R. A. Stewart, leader.

South Circle, did not meet.

Next Monday, business meeting at the church.

The little son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Hoffman is critically ill at their apartments in the Berman house. It is thought to be slightly better today.

The E. M. B. Club held their meeting with Mrs. John Hubbard this afternoon on account of the exposition which opens Thursday.

Miss Mary Douthit is visiting her cousin Miss Patty Douthit in Abilene this week.

Mrs. Hugh McKensie, who has spent some time with her sister, Mrs. Willard Gibson, underwent a successful operation for blood transfusion yesterday in a Fort Worth sanatorium.

Mrs. J. W. Hargraves of Brockton-ridge arrived this morning to visit her aunt and uncle, Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Hudson.

J. K. P. Harris is visiting friends in the city today, and will play at the exposition Thursday night.

Mrs. D. A. Ford has returned to her home in Abilene, after having been called to this city on account of the death of Little Margaret Davis (Tiny Dot) her little cousin.

There will be no meeting of the Pricilla Cobb tomorrow afternoon on account of the opening of the exposition.

Mr. and Mrs. Brown of Sylvester are shopping in the city today.

The ladies of the Church of Christ held their Bible study class at the church this afternoon, with a good attendance, Miss Bettie Eldson, leader.

The Ladies' Auxiliary to the American Legion will postpone their regular meeting Thursday on account of the Merchants' Exposition.

Mrs. Maek Fife and little daughter will remain the rest of the week with her mother, Mrs. Sam Viser and family.

Mrs. P. T. Quast left this morning for Pittsburg, Pa., to visit relatives and look after some business affairs.

Judge W. W. Beall left this morning to attend court in Colorado this week.

Mrs. Willard Gibson will leave to-

morrow night to visit Mrs. Hugh McKensie in a Fort Worth sanatorium and other relatives in the city. Ira Armstrong has returned from Dallas where he went on business for the Armstrong Farm Tractor Co.

Messrs. J. B. Murphy, of the Armstrong Farm Tractor Co., and C. J. Mellen, advertising manager of the Daily Reporter, visited Roscoe and Lorraine Tuesday afternoon.

LITTLE SON OF MR. AND MRS. C. FARRIS DIED THIS MORNING

Carlos Ryan Farris, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Farris died in Abilene this morning at 3 o'clock, and the body was brought home on the morning train today.

The little one had only been sick since Monday and had been taken to Abilene in hope that an operation might save its life, but it was too late and he passed away this morning.

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A large circle of friends are sad with them over their bereavement but bow in humble submission to the will of a Higher Power. Funeral services were held from the home of Rev. and Mrs. G. C. Farris, conducted by Rev. T. Y. Adams at 4:30 o'clock. Interment was made at the city cemetery.
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CONDITIONS IN 11TH DISTRICT ARE IMPROVING

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DALLAS, March 30.—Evidences of improvement exhibited by business conditions in the Eleventh Federal Reserve District during February, by comparison with the previous month and as shown by statistics given in subsequent reports, are outlined in the following resume issued by the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas:

A 50 per cent increase in building activity.

A 40 per cent increase in orders received by wholesale dry goods firms.

A 20 per cent increase in business of department stores.

A 30 per cent decrease in commercial failures.

A 10 per cent decrease in outstanding loans of the Federal Reserve Bank of Dallas.

The report states that the above resume sums up the more important features of business improvement for the month. Other phases of business development and conditions detailed in the report follows:

Collections and bank clearings declined in February. February clearings at the District's larger centers were small by 22 per cent than those of February 1920, a fact which is partially attributable to a lower scale of prices and wages.

Our outstanding loans to member banks, which have been gradually decreasing since last October showed a net retirement in February of \$8,072,984.81. The amount outstanding at the end of the month was \$61,896,642.43, which included \$12,897,550 redemptions with other Federal Reserve banks.

During the latter part of the month the district received benefit from a well distributed rainfall which assure a good season for planting and live stock ranges.

A moderate marketing of cotton, wool, livestock, lumber and oil was a trade feature for the month and no radical changes in the market price of these products resulted.

Since the last report was issued the winter wheat crop in the district has benefited much through rains and snows which fell in the Southwest during the latter part of February.

Weather conditions for gathering the last of the 1920 crop remained favorable. Preparations for the next crop are well under way. Speculation concerning the probable decrease in the cotton acreage during the coming season has given rise to varying and conflicting reports. While the consensus of opinion seems to indicate a reduction of about 25 per cent in Texas, no definite and reliable information is available as to the state's 1921 cotton acreage. It will probably be thirty days before preparations for the next crop are far enough advanced to make possible a reliable estimate of the acreage reduction as compared with last year.

Reports from Southwest Texas are to the effect that the 1921 rice acreage in that territory will be 25 to 40 per cent smaller than last year.

Texas farmers are now finding a sufficient supply of farm labor, according to well authenticated reports. Wages are settling to normalcy.

An encouraging feature of the agricultural report in this district is the fact that there are good prospects that the Southwestern fruit crop will escape frost damage. An unusually large fruit production is expected.

Observers attached to the United States Weather Bureau report that the ranges over the Texas Panhandle and Eastern New Mexico are greening nicely, and feeding thus far has been the lightest in several years.

February receipts of cattle at Fort Worth were the smallest recorded for

ROBERT LEE SOCIETY AND PERSONAL NOTES

Special to The Reporter.
ROBERT LEE, Texas, March 30.—The Misses McCrohen, of the McCrohen ranch, west of Robert Lee, entertained a crowd of young people from this place and in that community, with an informal dance.

Pat McMullan of Sweetwater and Mrs. J. E. Umphrey and daughter, Miss Tommie, of Bronte, were visiting relatives in Robert Lee last week. Mr. McMullan is a member of The McMullan Dry Goods firm of this place.

Roy Nelms, Fred O. Green and J. L. Tubb were business visitors to San Angelo last week.

Mrs. W. H. Maxwell spent a few days at Bronte last week, the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Irvin Cumble, and her many friends there.

Rev. and Mrs. R. M. Cumble of Bronte, spent the past week in Robert Lee, the guests of their son, W. J. Cumble and family, and daughter, Mrs. Dick Collier and family.

Miss Dannie Adams has returned home from a visit to her sister, Miss Naomi Lee Adams, who is teaching in the Union school near Bronte.

Messrs. Watson Hamilton and Ray Hamilton, of Blackwell, spent Sunday in Robert Lee the guests of their cousin, Miss Ruth Hamilton and also visiting friends.

Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Overall of the Sango country, have returned home from Dallas, where Mrs. Overall has been in the Baptist Sanitarium for medical treatment. Mrs. Overall is much improved by her visit.

Mr. and Mrs. Clint Wilkins, of Bronte, have returned from Dallas, where they went several weeks ago to place Mrs. Wilkins in the Baptist Sanitarium for medical treatment. She recovered from her illness sufficiently to return to her home county home.

Misses Mable and Willie Heister of the Graham Valley community, spent Saturday and Sunday in Robert Lee, the guests of their friend, Miss Edna McCutchen.

G. A. Best went to Waco last week as a delegate from the Bronte Lodge of I. O. O. F. to be present at the Grand Lodge which convened in that city last week.

Mr. and Mrs. J. L. Kenney and children of Bronte, have come to Temple, that month in seventeen years. Not since 1912 has the February run of hogs been as light as the lot handled at Fort Worth during the past month. The supply of calves and sheep was also below the normal level.

February top prices on all classes of livestock except calves fell short of the January maxima. Bulk prices of beef steers pursued a fairly even course during the month. Although there were slight fluctuations, the month closed with values about steady on hoeses, cows, heifers and bulls. The latter made up the bulk of cattle receipts for the month. While one car of strictly choice led steers commanded \$8.50, the medium grades cleared at from \$5 to \$7.

The February hog market displayed a very irregular trend, the first two weeks witnessing a decline of from \$9.28 to 8 on heavy weight animals.

Few transactions of sheep and lamb were recorded for the month.

Eleventh district oil wells produced a total of 11,299,813 barrels of oil in February, which was 1,455,000 barrels less than the quantity recovered in January. While part of the decline was due to the fact that February was a shorter month, the average daily flow for that month showed a decrease of .328 barrels, as compared with January.

Reports from twenty-one of the leading wholesale houses in the district furnish evidence of an increased buying demand during February in all lines except drugs, furniture and farm equipment.

Small increases were noted in the sales of groceries and hardware during the month as compared with the January sales, and in these lines the prices have continued to show a slight decline. However, revisions are being made very slowly.

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