

FEDERAL INCOME TAX OFFICER HERE FOR FOUR DAYS.

Has Office at Farmers & Stockmen's Bank and Purpose is to Give Citizens Information About Law.

A Federal Income Tax Officer is now in Cotulla and will remain until next Tuesday night. His purpose is to assist persons subject to the income tax, and his services will be free of charge.

Mr. M. S. Ryan arrived in the city yesterday afternoon and will have his office at the Farmers & Stockmen's Bank until Tuesday night, where he requests those interested to call on him for information. For the convenience of the business men and others he has called a meeting for Monday night 7 o'clock at the Civic and Literary club room.

Wednesday Mr. Ryan will go to Fowerton where he will remain for two days, 16 and 17. On the 21st he will go to Ercinal to remain one day.

How many income-tax payers will there be in this county? If you can guess how many married persons living with wife or husband will have net incomes of \$2,000 or over and how many unmarried persons will have net incomes of \$1,000 or over this year, then you know.

Returns of income for the year 1917 must be made on forms p...

March 1, 1918. Because a good many people don't understand the law and won't know how to make out their returns, the government is sending in this officer to do it for them. But the duty is on the taxpayer to make himself known to the government. If he doesn't make returns as required before March 1 he may have to pay a penalty ranging from \$20 to \$1,000, pay a fine or go to jail. So, if you don't want to take chances on going to jail, you had better call on the income tax man. If you are not sure about being subject to the tax, better ask him and make sure. Whether you see the income tax man or not, you must make return if subject to tax.

Program Mother's Club Jan. 13th

Music—Miss Winnie Masters. Reading—"Moo Cow Moo."—Gwendlyn P. Le. Song—Alice Sutton. "What makes a good Mother."—Mrs. F. L. Reek. General discussion by other members.

Music—Mrs. W. L. Skinner. "What should be the Father's part in child training."—Mrs. Carroll Thompson.

WORST BLIZZARD OF WINTER GRIPS ALL SOUTHWEST.

First Snowstorm in Many Years Rides in on Violent Gale Out of Northwest—Cattle and Onion Crop Suffer.

Shortly after five o'clock Thursday evening the forerunner of the worst blizzard of the winter swooped down upon this section. With a suddenness that was unusual dense clouds of sand rolled up on the North and Western horizon and actually obscured the view of the sun. Within a few minutes the worst dust storm for many years was on. With the first gust of wind the temperature began to tumble and by eleven o'clock it was below the freezing point, a drop of more than 50 degrees in five hours.

Before midnight sleet set in which soon turned to snow. Probably one and a half to two inches fell, but the ground being so barren, it was blown in drifts, in places three and four feet deep. Yesterday morning the mercury had dropped to 15 above, and did not begin to rise until 8 o'clock, although the sun was bright, the skies having cleared after the fall during the night.

The onion crop is damaged considerably, according to the opinion of many growers. The plants have been killed down to the ground, which will materially affect the yield, and the crop back at least three weeks.

It is feared that the cold will take a heavy toll of our cattle over the country. All cattle are in a weakened condition on account of the long drought, and the severe cold will be more than many of the animals can survive.

On account of the ground being so dry the snow fall will not be of material benefit. A heavy wind blew all day yesterday, and practically took all of the moisture out of the ground. Thursday night at times the gale assumed the proportions of a hurricane, blowing in gusts with a velocity of more than sixty miles an hour. No damage beyond the blowing down of a few signs was reported.

Water pipes were bursted all over the city, principally hydrants in yards and in dwellings. Up to last night no serious damage had been reported to city mains, but trouble is expected today and tomorrow, when the thaw-out takes place.

Cold Last Night

The wind shifted last night to the northeast about dark last night and the cold was intense all night. At seven o'clock the mercury stood at 20. Where snow thawed yesterday the ground was frozen solid. This is the worst blizzard since 1899 when the mercury went down to six above.

COMMISSIONERS RESCIND ACTION OF DECEMBER 20.

Attorney General Rules That Court Acted Without Authority in Fixing Date For Saloons to Close.

Acting on a ruling of the Attorney General's Department of the State of Texas, the Commissioners Court of La Salle county was called in special session Thursday by County Judge Welhausen, and their action of December 20th, in fixing July 10th, 1918, as the date for the saloons to close, was rescinded. A new order regarding the canvassing of the ballot was passed which is published in this issue of the RECORD.

At the time of the election there was a general understanding that if no fight was made by the saloonmen the Commissioners Court would be asked to give them 90 days in which to close up their business. It seems that no one took occasion to look into the law in the case, and the general opinion was that the authority for fixing the time for closing was vested in the Commissioners Court. When the Court met an order was passed fixing the date July 10th, 1918, or four months longer than the date generally understood as agreed upon. This action was not approved of generally, and on referring to the statutes it was pointed out that the Court had acted beyond its powers, and a protest was made by Judge Welhausen, who immediately wrote to the Attorney General, informing him of the complaint and his being would be complied with. A prompt reply was received and Judge Welhausen turned the letter into this office for publication for the information of the public concerned.

The letter follows: January 4, 1917 Judge G. A. Welhausen, County Judge, Cotulla, Texas. Dear Sir: You state that a local option election was held in your county on the 8th of December; that the Commissioners Court met and canvassed the result; which was in favor of prohibition and ordered the order to be published in the Cotulla Record, fixing the date for prohibition to go into effect July 10, 1918. You desire to be advised if the Commissioners Court acted with authority in fixing the date when prohibition should become effective.

You are advised that in the opinion of the Attorney General's department the Commissioners Court has absolutely nothing to do with fixing the date when prohibition, when adopted, by the people, shall become effective. The Statute requires the Commissioners Court to meet on the 11th day and declare the result. Article 5721, R. S.

When the Commissioners Court declares the result of the election this ends the power and duty of that court in the premises. They have absolutely no authority to suggest or fix any date other than that fixed by law for the going into effect of the law adopted by the people. When the Commissioners Court has declared the result under Article 5721 it is immediately become the duty of the Judge to publish the result under Article 5722. When the last publication required by the Statute is made prohibition is in effect in the county. It is the immediate duty of the County Judge to begin the publication of the order of the Commissioners Court in some newspaper and to continue to do so for four successive weeks after the declaration of the result of the prohibition election. The duty enjoined upon the Judge is to be performed forthwith and he has absolutely no authority nor discretion to delay the publication.

Therefore, you are advised that it is the duty of the County Judge to furnish a copy of the order declaring the result of the election to some newspaper of the county immediately thereafter and have same published as required by Article 5722.

Yours Truly, W. A. KEELING Assistant Attorney General.

Rarin' For Bigger Business!

To the people of La Salle county, we thank you for your 1917 business—the best in our history. But, we turned over the hill of the old year into the New with a larger stock of Casings, Inner Tubes, Accessories, Ford Parts and better equipped than ever before and we are "rarin' to go" just double the speed we did last year. We are going to get the Fords to the people who want them and we are going to give you SERVICE when you need it. We are on the job day or night and wet days as well as dry ones. Paste our Telephone Number in your hat—1-2-3.

Neal's Auto Sales Company.

TAXPAYERS NOTICE.

I will be at the following places on the dates named below for the purpose of collecting taxes due for the year 1917. All tax payers are hereby warned that after January 31, 1918, a penalty of 10 per cent will be added to all unpaid taxes.

- Millett.....Jan. 14th. Fowerton.....Jan. 21st. Ercinal.....Jan. 26th. T. H. Poole, Tax Collector, La Salle County, Texas. By B. Wildenthal, Jr. Deputy.

QUIT MEAT IF YOUR KIDNEYS ACT BADLY

Take tablespoonful of Salts if Back hurts or Bladder bothers—Drink lots of water.

We are a nation of meat eaters and our blood is filled with uric acid, says a well-known authority, who warns us to be constantly on guard against kidney trouble.

The kidneys do their utmost to free the blood of this irritating acid, but become weak from the overwork; they get sluggish; the eliminative tissues clog and thus the waste is retained in the blood to poison the entire system.

When your kidneys ache and feel like lumps of lead, and you have stinging pains in the back or the urine is cloudy, full of sediment, or the bladder is irritable, obliging you to seek relief during the night; when you have severe headaches, nervous and dizzy spells, sleeplessness, acid stomach or rheumatism in bad weather; get from your pharmacist about four ounces of Jad Salts; take a tablespoonful in a glass of water before breakfast each morning and in a few days your kidneys will act fine. This famous salts is made from the acid of grapes and lemon juice, combined with bicarbonate, and has been used for generations to flush and stimulate clogged kidneys, to neutralize the acids in urine so it is no longer a source of irritation, thus relieving urinary and bladder disorders.

Jad Salts is inexpensive and cannot hurt; it makes a delightful effervescent mineral water drink, and nobody can make a mistake by taking a little occasionally to keep the kidneys clean and active.

PALACE MARKET

MEAT AND ICE

Choice Meats and Clear Ice Simon Cotulla, Propr.

Glass of Hot Water Before Breakfast a Splendid Habit

Open sluices of the system each morning and wash away the poisonous, stagnant matter.

Those of us who are accustomed to feel dull and heavy when we arise; splitting headache, stuffy from a cold, foul tongue, nasty breath, acid stomach, lame back, can, instead, both look and feel as fresh as a daisy always by washing the poisons and toxins from the body with phosphated hot water each morning.

We should drink, before breakfast, a glass of real hot water with a teaspoonful of limestone phosphate in it to flush from the stomach, liver, kidneys and ten yards of bowels the previous day's indigestible waste, sour bile and poisonous toxins; thus cleansing, sweetening and purifying the entire alimentary tract before putting more food into the stomach.

The action of limestone phosphate and hot water on an empty stomach is wonderfully invigorating. It cleans out all the sour fermentations, gases, waste and acidity and gives one a splendid appetite for breakfast and it is said to be but a little while until the roses begin to appear in the cheeks. A quarter pound of limestone phosphate will cost very little at the drug store, but is sufficient to make anyone who is bothered with biliousness, constipation, stomach trouble or rheumatism a real enthusiast on the subject of internal sanitation. Try it and you are assured that you will look better and feel better in every way shortly.



Our Soldier Boys

must have Shaving Outfits Uncle Sam requires them to look "fit" at all times. Send the boy an outfit from our stock. We have Safety Razors and just Razors. Let us price them to you.

We also carry a good stock of Fountain Pens. Every soldier needs one.

GADDIS PHARMACY.

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THE TIRE WITH A FIVE THOUSAND MILE GUARANTEE.

Warranted Against Blowouts, Blistering and Rim Cutting.

I have just received a stock of these Tires and have an exceptional proposition to offer. Don't fail to see these Tires and get my proposition if you are in the market. Price 30x3, \$15.56. 30x3 1-2, \$19.95.

JACK T. JOHNS.

The Cotulla Record

C. E. MANLY, Publisher.

THE LAW IN THE CASE.

We are learning something about the laws governing prohibition elections. When the local option election was held in La Salle county on December 8th, it was generally understood by the voters, that if the saloon men did not make a fight, the Commissioners Court would be asked to grant them ninety days from the date of election in which to dispose of their business matters. This seemed to be a general and satisfactory understanding among the people. But, when the Commissioners Court canvassed the ballot, on their own motion they set the date for closing July 10, 1918, or four months later than the date as generally understood was agreed upon. This action of the Court did not meet with general approval of the people, and the law in the matter began to be looked up with the result of those protesting taking the position that the Commissioners had no authority in the matter beyond counting the ballots and declaring the result; that it was incumbent upon the County Judge to have a notice of the result of the election published four successive weeks, and when that was done prohibition was in effect.

The matter was brought before Judge Welhausen and he immediately wrote the Attorney General for an opinion, and said the Court would act accordingly. The reply of the Attorney General was prompt and the ruling was that the Commissioners had acted beyond their power in setting the date for closing the saloons; that their duty ended when they met on the eleventh day after the election and canvassed the ballot and declared the result.

Acting on this new phase of the matter Judge Welhausen called a special session of the Court Thursday and the previous order was rescinded, and a new order passed, which was practically the same in verbiage except that the date fixed for closing was omitted. This notice appears in this issue of the RECORD. In order to prevent any further complications the Court deemed this action best, and now this new order will be published four successive weeks to comply with the law, and should the saloons remain open until that time has elapsed it would be February 9th. However, under the strict interpretation of the statutes they are running a risk of prosecution when they stay open longer than four weeks after the 20th of December, the date of the declaring of the result, but we do not think they are taking much risk in such prosecution, as the people voted with an understanding that they would be given time to close out their business, and we do not think there will be any protest should they not close until the conclusion of the publication of the four weeks notice which first appears in this issue.

The Commissioners Court could not have fixed the date for closing ninety days after the election under the law. The people simply voted under a veil of ignorance of law in the matter.

We are nearly into the middle of January and no rain over a great part of Texas yet. The drouth has been bad, but it is now getting to a stage where it is going to be worse. For successful farming operations the coming year, rain will soon be needed for plowing, and unless rain falls soon the irrigation farmers will be seriously affected. The time has arrived when rain must come, or the situation will be felt ten times more serious than any time in the past.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LA SALLE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Executive and Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bexar County, on the 7th day of December, 1917, by the District Clerk of said Bexar County, Texas, for the sum of six thousand, six hundred eighty-four and 32-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a certain judgment in favor of J. D. Stephenson in a certain cause in said Court, No. B12642 and styled J. D. Stephenson vs A. D. Hall and Etta Hall, placed in my hands for service, I, T. H. POOLE, as Sheriff of La Salle County, Texas, did on the 2nd day of January 1917, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in La Salle County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit:

All that certain tract parcel and plat of land in La Salle County, Texas, known as section No. 21 in Block No. 20, I & G N R R. land, lying South of the Nueces River and containing (638 8-10) six hundred and thirty-eight and eight-tenths acres of land more or less, this being the same land sold by J. J. Werner and wife, Florence Werner, to James H. Lieber by deed dated Nov. 25th, 1909, in recorded in Deed Records of La Salle County, Texas in Volume V, pages 496, 497, and 498 and levied upon as the property of A. D. Hall and Etta Hall and that on the first Tuesday in February, 1918, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of La Salle County, in the town of Cotulla, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M., by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said A. D. Hall and Etta Hall.

And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Cotulla Record a newspaper published in La Salle County.

Witness my hand, this 8th day of January 1918.

T. H. POOLE, Sheriff, La Salle County, Texas. By B. Wildenthal Jr. Deputy.

Notice of Sheriff's Sale

THE STATE OF TEXAS, COUNTY OF LA SALLE.

Notice is hereby given that by virtue of a certain Executive and Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Bexar County, of the 28th day of December, 1917 by the District Clerk of said Bexar County, Texas for the sum of Four Hundred Fourteen and 84-100 dollars and costs of suit, under a certain judgment in favor of South Texas Drug Co., a private corporation in a certain cause in said Court, No. B12971 and styled The South Texas Drug Co. vs Kate Beckley, D. F. Beckley and Elizabeth Beckley heirs at law of J. P. Beckley, deceased, placed in my hands for service, I, T. H. POOLE as Sheriff of La Salle County, Texas, did on the 3rd day of January 1918, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in La Salle County, Texas, described as follows, to-wit: one certain tract or parcel of land known as Farm Tract No. 32 in section No. 10 in what is known as the Frio Valley Winter Gardens, near the town of Fowlerton in the County of La Salle, and State of Texas and also one town lot in said town of Fowlerton, La Salle County, Texas, known as lot No. 20, in block No. 8, situated on Texas Street, together with all improvements thereon and levied upon as the property of Kate Beckley, D. F. Beckley and Elizabeth Beckley heirs at law of J. P. Beckley, deceased, and that on the first Tuesday in February 1918, the same being the 5th day of said month, at the Court House door, of La Salle County in the town of Cotulla, Texas, between the hours of 10 A. M. and 4 P. M. by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale, I will sell said above described Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property of said Kate Beckley, D. F. Beckley and Elizabeth Beckley, heirs at law of J. P. Beckley, deceased.

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JUDGE CITIES BY POLICEMEN

Character of Guardians of Peace Serves as Criterion for Municipalities, Says Writer.

It used to be said that each country could be known by the Jews who lived within its borders. In the same way every city can be judged by the character of its policemen, writes Hendrik Willen van Loon, in Century Magazine.

In Christiania the policeman is a mild and amiable citizen in a rather shiny coat, and none too neat, who stands in the middle of the roadway and tries to maintain some semblance of order in the democratic muddle of the city's traffic.

In Stockholm the policeman is a walking arsenal, with sword and pistol and a brass helmet, and the arrest of a disorderly person becomes an act of state. There the policeman represents the high authority of a proud country. He fulfills his duty with a stern severity. He is the symbol of law and established order. Let no one touch these fundamentals of a well-regulated commonwealth.

In Copenhagen the policeman is neither the happy-go-lucky citizen who patrols the streets of Norway nor is he a creature of resplendent glory like his colleague in Sweden. He strikes a happy medium. In this he is an excellent representative of a land where the art of sensible and peaceful living seems to have been brought to its highest perfection. If only the chauffeurs of the Danish capital would learn how to drive their cars we should not have a single complaint to make against a country where everybody seems well fed, where beggars are as scarce as very rich people and where the women live up to the best traditions of the charming china which is made in the royal residence of Denmark.

RULERS WHO GAVE UP CROWN

Diocletian Relinquished Scepter to Raise Cabbages at Salona, While Charles V Turned Gardener.

It was Diocletian who quit dominion to raise cabbages at Salona, and who refused to die lord of the world, relates a historian. He was happier farming, he told the envoys of his friends. Charles V, Roman emperor and king of Spain, likewise laid down his scepter and turned gardener before he died. Philip V of Spain abdicated in favor of his son, but resumed the crown. Amurath, sultan of the Ottoman Turks, was luckier. He abdicated in favor of his son, but resumed the throne in a moment of national peril. Then he abdicated again. A second time a national crisis called him from retirement, but he had tasted the pleasures of private life, and he hastened to return to it.

He was a great king, the greatest ruler of his generation, and the most capable commander. His arms were invincible on two continents, his territories inviolate, but he preferred the quiet of his palace at Adrianople, the conversation of poets and philosophers, and the theological arguments of the wise men of Islam to the councils of his statesmen. He died peacefully in his bed, praising the peace he had come to know, and his son, the second Mohammed of the Ottoman line, won a more lasting reputation by the destruction of the Byzantine empire.

Human Engine Requires Fuel.

The human body, especially as regards nutrition, has justly been compared to an engine. If a steam engine is to perform a certain amount of work it must be supplied with fuel, and the quantity of fuel must be in proportion to the work to be performed, observes a scientist. In like manner, also, man to be able to act, requires fuel, which we call food; and, like the engine, the person who has to perform a greater amount of work will also require a greater supply of food. Besides, the human engine does not stop for a second in its work, for even in the profoundest sleep heart and lungs are uninterruptedly active. From this it follows that as long as we live we are compelled to supply the body with ever new fuel. He who neglects this duty will perish; his engine comes to a standstill.

Scientific Management.

Expressed concretely, scientific management is the conduct of business along the lines followed by skilled and successful managers who are broad in judgment and progressive in their mental attitude toward life, asserts W. R. Conover in Industrial Management. That a degree of advancement in progressive methods of manufacture, and in progressive principles of executive supervision has taken place within the past two decades, no one can dispute. It is the formulation of these more advanced practices into definite rules of procedure which has come in recent years to be designated as a business science.

Foundress of Carthage.

It is believed to have been in the sixth century B. C. that the Phoenicians founded the colony of Carthage, on the northern coast of Africa, destined to become the most famous of all the numerous settlements made by them. Legend, however, credits Dido with being the foundress of Carthage. She was the daughter of a king of Tyre, whose successor was Pygmalion, the brother of Dido. He murdered her husband and sought to gain his wealth, but Dido, taking the treasure which had been hidden, and accompanied by a large number of

WOMEN IN DRAMATIC ROLES

Famous Heroines in Various Shakespearean Characters, as Detailed by Noted Danish Critic.

The following characterizations of Shakespeare's women are from the pen of Dr. George Brandes, the famous Danish critic, the Philadelphia Inquirer states:

Katharine, "Taming of the Shrew;" high-spirited, self-willed, but loving. Beatrice, "Much Ado About Nothing;" high intellect, combative, meretric, daringly witty. Rosalind, "As You Like It;" gay without a sting, sensitive and intelligent; loving passionately and being passionately loved. Viola, "Twelfth Night;" sound of understanding, emotional, deep and patient, with great power of passive love. Lady Macbeth, "Macbeth;" wicked even to the point of brutality under stress of passionate love and great ambition. Portia, "Merchant of Venice;" thoroughly genuine, almost masculine, yet most womanly in power of self-surrender. Helena, "Love's Labor Lost;" high souled type of loving and cruelly maltreated woman. Tamora, "Titus Andronicus;" powerful intellect, defiant of morality. Juliet, Romeo and Juliet;" passionate love, yet under control of principle. Cordelia, "King Lear;" filial love, kindness of heart. Cleopatra, "Antony and Cleopatra;" quiescently erotic emotion chemically free from all other elements. Marina, "Pericles;" nobility of character. Isabella, "Measure for Measure;" spotless purity of soul. Imogen, "Cymbeline;" born for happiness, injured to suffering, calm, collected. Hermione, "Winter's Tale;" majestically lovable, grand and gracious simplicity. Ophelia, "Hamlet;" unobtrusive affection, devoted even to insanity. Miranda, "Tempest;" all that is admirable in woman, maidenly, immaculate. Desdemona, "Othello;" victim of jealousy.

WILLIONS WORK IN MINES

More Than Half of the 6,000,000 Men Employed Below Earth's Surface Dig Coal.

The magnitude of the mining industry may be grasped when one realizes that more than 6,000,000 men are engaged in the mines of the world. Of this number 3,800,000 are employed in the coal mines and 2,200,000 in the metal mines. In addition, millions more are engaged in allied industries dependent directly upon the mines for coal and metal, according to the Engineering and Mining Journal.

Mining is one of the hazardous industries employing over 1,000,000 men in the United States, in which three out of every 1,000 men employed are injured, and the reason of some accidents, while complete data relating to fatal injuries are not available, the United States bureau of labor statistics show that about 200 thousand per year are injured sufficiently to cause a loss of time. A reduction of 50 per cent in the number of mine accidents would mean a saving of 1,500 lives in the United States every year. In addition the loss of time and suffering resulting from more than 200,000 non-fatal injuries.

Snow and Ice Worms.

There are at present known in the world approximately 90 species and varieties of snow and ice worms. Sexually mature specimens, yellowish to a dark reddish brown or black in color, about an inch long and one-twentieth inch in diameter were found in February and April (1916) abundantly on the open snow fields of Mount Rainier, at an elevation of 2,750 to 5,900 feet above sea level. They also occurred on the snow on the mountain slope protected by a dense forest of fir and hemlock.

These worms have not thus far been found on solid ice nor on the glaciers, though they occur on the snow below the ice from and outside of the lateral moraines of the Nisqually glacier. The snow on which they were found is not permanent through the entire season, but melts with the coming of summer, and it therefore appears that a part of their life must be spent on or in the ground.

Telephone Many Years Ago.

There are not so many new things under the sun as people suppose. The telephone has the credit of being an entire novelty, yet Robert Hooke two hundred and odd years ago, wrote: "I have by a distended wire propagated sound to a very considerable distance in an instant, or with as seemingly quick a motion as that of light; and this not only in a straight line, or direct, but in one bended in many angles." Here was the invention of the telephone right in hand, so to speak, only Hooke did not follow up the lead. So the world had to wait two centuries for the admirable instrument which saves so much of humanity's time today.

How Silk Worms Work.

On attaining their full growth silk worms seek something to which to attach themselves in order to wind themselves up in their silk envelopes. Having found it, the worm spins a thread from 800 to 1,000 yards long, wrapping it around its body as it spins. This takes from 36 to 48 hours. If left alone the worm's skin hardens, its internal organs disintegrate to a thin jelly and then begin reorganizing themselves into those of a butterfly. Within a week or ten days it would be a butterfly and as such would cut the way out through its envelope of silk.

The Farmers and Stockmans BANK (unincorporated) of Cotulla, La Salle County, Texas. Wants Your Business for 1918. J. H. ZACHRY, Manager J. H. GALLMAN, Assistant Manager

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STYLE FOR ARAB WEDDING

Bridegroom Must Ride Nervous Horse Without Reins or Stirrups, in Middle of Procession.

Coming through the streets of Algiers of an evening you may meet a noisy procession that causes you to wonder whether it is a food riot or a revolutionists' parade.

It is headed by the father of the bridegroom, an elderly gentleman, who paces soberly ahead, out of the confusion, attended by a few philosophical friends, all clad in white.

All this parade naturally attracts a certain amount of attention. In the middle of it, mounted on a nervous horse, very much embarrassed and self-conscious, rides the bridegroom.

As for the bride, she escapes all this. A few of her girl friends accompany her on a quiet procession of her own in the afternoon when she leaves her father's house for her new home.

PREFERS MIDDLE OF COACH

Safest Place in Case of Accident and Far More Comfortable Riding, Old Engineer's Opinion.

Two men going on a short railroad trip entered a car and the one in the lead walked immediately to the first vacant seat, which was on the left side near the door.

"Come on up here," said his companion as he gave a tug at the other's arm. "Here's a good seat."

"When I get into a car," replied the ex-engineer, "I always try to get on the right side near the middle, as it is the safest in case of an accident.

In the first place, the right side is less dangerous from a side swipe, especially on a two-track line. In the second place, if a collision should occur the middle of the car generally is the least damaged, it seldom being much affected if the cars telescope.

In the third place there is more comfort, because a passenger can escape riding over the trucks, as the points above the wheels get most of the bumping and noise.

Usual Conversation.

The first exclamation from a woman shopper when she sees anything that attracts her attention is, "Oh, aren't they sweet?" And as she stops to paw whatever it is, she inquires the price.

About Cleanliness.

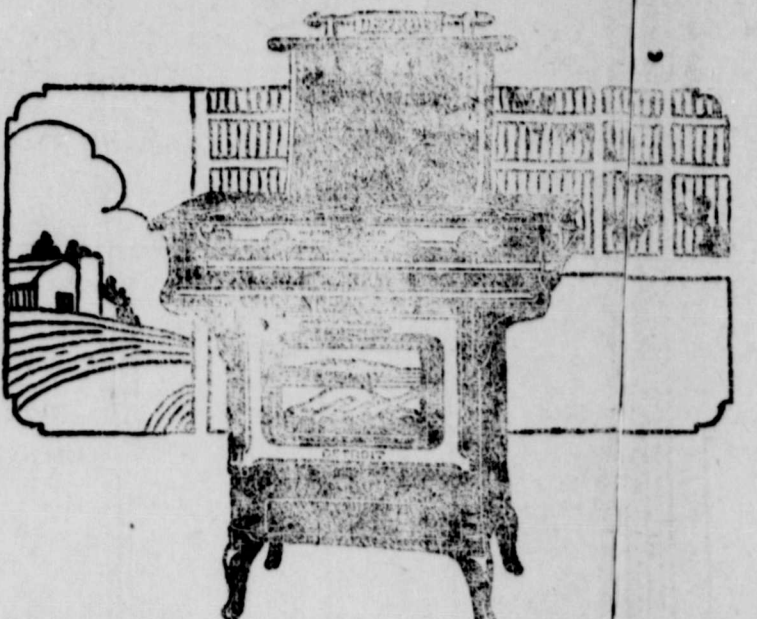
How much there is in habit and training! It is considered the height of ill-breeding to take up food with the fingers, and yet there are nations which eat with their fingers, and defend the practice on the ground of cleanliness.

"Excuse me," said a Malay gentleman to his American guest, "but I don't see how you can eat with a fork."

"My fingers," replied the Malay, "are certainly clean, because I see to them myself; but how can you be sure of a fork?"

Announcement is made by the Fawn and Canary Nursing Service of the American Red Cross of a series of public health nursing scholarships, awarded by chapters and individuals as special war gifts.

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ECONOMICS IN THE BIBLE

Everlasting Truth to Be Found in One of the Injunctions Laid Down by Christ.

There is a vast deal of sound economics in the new testament, says a writer in the American Magazine. Be selfish nobly. "Love thy neighbor as thyself."

Moreover, when he told the rich young man to give all he had to the poor, he issued the command not because he despised money and the things money symbolizes, but because he saw that this particular young man was a waster, one who "couldn't stand prosperity."

To be selfish in a fine way is to carry out one's highest destiny. That is real philosophy. It is also real common sense. Why is a man put into the world if it is not to make the best of himself, to improve himself, to impress himself on his community and his world?

And he does it in two ways: The first is by his acquisitiveness, his power to get things; it matters not whether what he gets is money, or learning, or power of eloquence, or the serenity of lofty thought.

WHEN ONE MAKES MISTAKES

Extenuating Circumstances Are Usually Cited as Excuse for the Majority of Blunders.

The average fair-minded man admits that he makes mistakes at times, but, and there always is the extenuating "but" when we seek to excuse our failures, he believes, even if unconsciously, that the mistakes that others make are bigger mistakes than his, says the Charleston News and Courier.

Canaries' Music Lessons.

There are a large number of varieties of the domestic canary. Many of them are bred primarily for their song, and their training makes an interesting story.

Buttons a By-Product of Beer. The spent yeast which collects in breweries and distilleries is put through a process which turns it out in the form of buttons, door-bell plates and knife handles.

Potatoes a Modern Food.

Only within the last century has the potato become a staple of our dinner tables, says the Journal of Heredity. It was first discovered by the Spaniards in Ecuador and first mentioned in 1590.

STOP CATARRH! OPEN NOSTRILS AND HEAD

Says Cream Applied in Nostrils Relieves Head-Colds at Once.

If your nostrils are clogged and your head is stuffed and you can't breathe freely because of a cold or catarrh, just get a small bottle of Ely's Cream Balm at any drug store.

The Temperamental Artist. The Art World Magazine is willing to admit that the public taste and preferences in art is not to be despised, and it thinks artists should consider those preferences. It says:

"An artist only honors himself when he never loses for one moment the thought of pleasing that great world-public. He should seek forever to captivate it, not merely by pleasing it,

MOON INFLUENCE IS ABSURD

Phases of the Great Night Illuminator Have Nothing to Do With Crops, Say Scientists.

In the farmers' almanacs you will find tables of dates proper for planting crops, killing hogs and so on based upon the phases of the moon.

Work and the Busy World.

Are you one of the persons who cannot work in a crowd? If you are, you are a most unfortunate person, for it is a fact that in this busy age most of us have to learn to do our work wherever we may happen to be.

Soya Beans as Food.

The Soya bean promises to become one of the most important food materials of the vegetable kingdom, declares the Pathfinder. Milk in either a powdered or a liquid form is being produced from it, the oil can be hardened into an edible fat or used satisfactorily as a substitute for lard.

To Wax Floors.

Apply by means of a flannel cloth beeswax which has been thinned with turpentine. Then rub into the floor well. This is a hard wax and can hardly be applied without the turpentine, but the latter quickly evaporates and the wax then forms a very durable finish.

FOR BELIEVERS IN OMENS

Numerous Popular Superstitions, Many of Which Are Common Among Men on the Briny Deep.

A well-known superstition is that will-o'-the-wisps, or devil's eyes, seen on the tips of the spars after a gale in the tropics, appear only when the ship is nearing her doom.

A cross-eyed man for a messmate means plenty of good luck, Jack thinks, and it is the best of luck to sail under a red-haired skipper. If, however, he happens to have cross eyes, also, the combination is fatal, and trouble will be experienced before the voyage is ended.

Sunday is considered a fortunate day upon which to begin a voyage, while Friday is, of course, very unlucky.

If the ship's bell is made to toll by the rolling of the vessel it is a sign that there is going to be a loss of life.

All luck is disposed to desert a ship which carries a dead body. Sailors have been known to bang the end of a rope over the side of a ship when leaving port. The belief is that friends and relatives, drawn upon this rope, causing the vessel to come safely back.

It is a common belief that for a barber to lather the face of a patron with a single stroke of the brush inevitably brings bad luck.

The habit of sitting with legs crossed in a barber shop will, it is said, make the hair come out early in life, and render a man prematurely bald.

To be shaved by a red-headed barber is believed by many to be a sure cure for rheumatism.

Good luck is said to follow the man who has his shoes polished at the time he is being shaved.

TALKING MACHINE OF 1772

Had Wooden Mouth With Lips of Soft Leather, and Was Invention of Erasmus Darwin.

That someone was puzzling over the idea of making a phonograph as early as 1772 is proved by an extract from a hitherto unpublished letter by Dr. Erasmus Darwin (grandfather of Charles Darwin) to Benjamin Franklin, quoted by Dr. L. Hussakof in Science. "I have heard," wrote Dr. Darwin "of somebody that attempted to make a speaking machine. Pray, was there any truth in any such reports?"

And Dr. L. L. Woodruff of Yale University quotes the following interesting paragraph from a note in the "Temple of Nature," published by Erasmus Darwin in 1802:

"I have treated with greater confidence on the formation of articulate sounds, as I many years ago gave considerable attention to this subject for the purpose of improving shorthand; at that time I contrived a wooden mouth with lips of soft leather, and with a valve over the back part of it for nostrils, both of which could be quickly opened or closed by the pressure of the fingers, the vocalty was given by a silk ribbon about an inch long and a quarter of an inch wide stretched between two bits of smooth wood a little hollowed; so that when a gentle current of air from bellows was blown on the edge of the ribbon it gave an agreeable tone, as it vibrated between the wooden sides, much like a human voice. This head pronounced the p, b, m and the vowel a with so great nicety as to deceive all who heard it unseen, when it pronounced mamma, papa, map and pam; and had a most plaintive tone when the lips were gradually closed."

NO MIDDLE CLASS IN CHINA

Display of Only Most Expensive and Cheapest Merchandise in Stores Proves the Fact.

An observant traveler in China will not fail to notice when purchasing articles of daily necessity, that there are only two classes of articles—the most expensive and elaborate and the cheapest and crudest. This is but a proof of the absence of a middle class, says East and West News.

A fox fur gown worth a thousand dollars or a giant herb valued at a hundred dollars is not at all uncommon in China, but practical and well-made articles that would be welcomed by middle-class men are hardly obtainable. Those who admire Chinese handicrafts as achievements beyond the power of Japanese artisans do so because they have only seen articles intended for upper-class customers willing to spend countless dollars upon luxuries. Those, on the other hand, who declare Chinese artisans hopelessly crude, are men who have seen only the cheap articles intended for the masses.

Japanese who judge the ancient arts and industries of China by the best productions of the Han, Tang, Sung, Yuen, Ming and Ching dynasties that have been preserved here, forget that crude articles of common use have never crossed the sea of Japan and that only articles of the best kind came here as merchandise during the many centuries of commercial intercourse between the two countries.

Alaska Women Pretty.

A visitor remarked about the good looks of Alaskan women, and the fact that they dress with taste. Of course, our Northern women are pretty. "Why shouldn't they be?" queries the Anchorage Times. They enjoy absolutely pure air, drink water as fresh as that from a mountain spring, get plenty of exercise, and take an active part in community affairs. They are cosmopolitan the same as the men are, and well-read and well-informed. As everyone knows, there is nothing so beautiful as good health. It is a joy even to see an Alaskan girl swinging along with a free, firm tread instead of the mincing step of her sister in the states, who gives the impression she is stepping on eggs. The Alaskan girl looks you squarely in the eye, gives you a frank hand-clasp and is sure of herself at all times.

Cures for Sore Throat.

One teaspoonful of pulverized sulphur and two teaspoonfuls of granulated sugar (taking one teaspoonful once in four hours) will cure a sore throat.

Spreading a cloth with lard and sprinkling it with turpentine will also cure a sore throat or a cold in the chest.

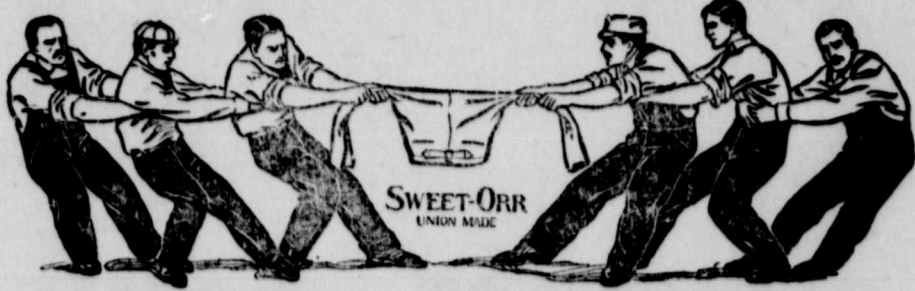
Burn sulphur on an old shovel or flat pan and carry it through the rooms in a home and this will prevent others from catching cold or sore throats of one who has them.

Gargle salt and tartar for sore throat. Use mustard paste made of one part mustard to three or four parts flour for a cold or any form of larynx or throat or chest colds.

Encourage Stammering Child.

Never laugh at a child who stammers. Rather, seriously try to help him while he is a child, for the habit grows. Make him stop and rest a moment, then have him repeat what he was saying, very slowly, even resting between words. This alone often corrects the trouble. When you see that your child is embarrassed, do not hurt him, but wait, smiling encouragement, and when he is more at ease, say, softly, "now I am ready to listen," just as if you, and not he, were the cause of the delay.—Buffalo News.

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1917

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Local & Personal.

Cecil Mulholland returned Monday to Camp Bowie after a ten days furlough at home.

Miss Ruth Roeder returned to Oklahoma last week after spending the holidays here with relatives.

A bouncing boy arrived on New Year's Day to gladden the hearts of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Chiles.

Will Earnest was down from Millett yesterday and reported plenty of snow up that way. Around his place he said drifts in places were nearly as high as the fences.

The cold wave has pretty nearly put our print shop on the blink. During a freeze-up like this rollers, ink and everything else freeze up so that it is hard to print a readable paper.

When Prof. Chas. B. Parker returned from his holiday vacation he did not return alone. He was married on December 30th at Madisonville, Texas, to Miss Jessie Menefee. The RECORD extends congratulations.

Attorney Jno. W. Wilson was called to Camp Travis Wednesday on account of the illness of his brother, R. W. Wilson, who had pneumonia. He returned yesterday and reported R. H. doing well enough.

The Youth's Companion Calendar For 1918.

The Youth's Companion Practical Home Calendar combines the beautiful with the useful. It is especially sought for by busy people, because it gives at one glance not only the days of the current month, but those of the month preceding and the month following, all on the one leaf. At the same time the calendar is decorative in design and suitable for a place in the best room in the house. It is given to all readers of The Youth's Companion who have paid their subscriptions for 1918.

Trains Change Schedule Tomorrow.

Agent J. W. Lacey gives out the information that both passenger trains on this division will change schedule tomorrow, and that both trains will stop here for dinner hereafter. The Southbound train No. 7, under the new schedule will arrive at 1:15 p. m. and depart at 1:40 p. m. The Northbound train No. 6 will arrive at 1:40 p. m. and depart at 2:05 p. m. Both trains will take dinner at the Gilmer Hotel. Heretofore only the Southbound train has been stopping here for dinner.

METHODIST NOTICE.

"Forsake not the assembling of yourselves together as the manner of some is." How important it is that men should heed that command today. "My soul longeth, yea, even fainteth for the courts of the Lord," is the heart cry of a devout child of God when he designs the worship of God in His sanctuary.

Next Sunday will be the last Sunday we shall have services at the Methodist Church for several weeks as the pastor will be in a meeting at Millett. May we have a large crowd present morning and evening. The evening service will be 7 o'clock. Unsaved people are especially invited to attend.

B. A. Myers, Pastor.

German Officers Scarce.

"An associated Press dispatch from the French front says: 'German prisoners are complaining of the inefficiency of their junior officers, who are, they say, often placed in command of sections after only four weeks training. One prisoner told the Associated Press correspondent that the majority of the professional junior officers still fit for service, had been transferred to

the depots and instruction camps in the interior to train the of the 1919 and 1920 classes now called for service. These vacancies in the ranks were filled by youths from the universities and by the sons of merchants and manufacturers.

The numbers of officers also has been reduced. At the beginning of hostilities each company of German infantry had five the captain and four lieutenants or second lieutenants. Early in the war the creation of new machine gun, trench mortar, gas and grenadier officers from the infantry battalions brought the number attached to even company down to only three.

Owing to the frequent absence of officers on furlough or for the purpose of following some special instruction course, there are often only two officers, and sometimes one, on duty with a company, even when it is holding the front line trenches.

Among the German prisoners taken in recent battles on the French front the number of active officers is very small. Battalion commanders and the commanders of companies are nearly always reserve officers. The chiefs of sections are sergeant-major lieutenants, who bear the insignia of officers on their shoulder straps but wear the non-commissioned officer's collar and hold their rank only for the duration of the war. Since the end of 1916, however, simple sergeants are often in command of platoons.

The reason given by the prisoners for the creation of so many temporary ranks is that the regular officers of the German army are determined to maintain after the war, the military caste which has so long existed in Germany, and which excluded from the possibility of attaining commissioned rank, any man belonging to the commercial or industrial classes.

Order Declaring the Result of Local Option Election.

It is ordered by the Court that the order heretofore passed in the minutes of said Court, pertaining to the prohibition election held on the 8th day of December, 1917, be rescinded and that the following order be entered *Nunc Pro Tunc* in lieu thereof.

The State of Texas, County of La Salle. Be it remembered that there was begun and holden a called term of the Commissioners Court of La Salle County in and for La Salle County, State of Texas, at the Court House of said County, in the town of Cotulla, on the 10th day of January A. D. 1918.

Present: Hon. G. A. Welhausen, County Judge.

Commissioner of Precinct No. 2, S. J. Jordan.

Commissioner of Precinct No. 3, J. W. Baylor.

T. H. Poole, Sheriff and G. H. Knaggs, Clerk.

Court having been duly opened by the Sheriff the following proceedings were had, to-wit:

This day the Commissioners Court of La Salle County, Texas, proceeded to open the returns and estimate the result of the election held in La Salle County, State of Texas, on the 8th, day of December, 1917, under an order of this Court, on the 12th day of November 1917, to determine whether or not the sale of intoxicating liquors shall be prohibited within the limits of said La Salle County, Texas, and after estimating the result of the said election as shown by the returns thereof, it appearing to the Court that 190 votes had been cast for prohibition, and 34 votes cast against prohibition at the said election and that the result of said election is for prohibition in said County: It is therefore the order of this Court in pursuance to the said result of said election that the sale of intoxicating liquors is and shall be absolutely prohibited within the limits of said La Salle County, Texas, except for the purposes and under the regulations specified in Title Eighty-two (82) of the Revised Civil Statutes, of the State of Texas, and amendments thereto.

ments thereto.

The State of Texas.

County of La Salle. I. G. H. Knaggs, Clerk of the County Court in and for the State and County aforesaid, do hereby certify that the above is a true copy of what it purports to be as the same appears on record in the Minutes of Commissioners Court Vol. 5, Page 419 of La Salle County, Texas.

Given under my hand and seal of office on this the 10th day of January, A. D. 1918.

G. H. KNAGGS, Clerk, County Court, La Salle County, Texas.

German newspaper comment on conditions in the United States interesting, not only because of the strange conclusions drawn, but for the reasons assigned for these conclusions.

For instance a Cologne paper reports the opposition to "Wilson's war" to be growing daily in the United States. It says a powerful combination of German Americans, Irishmen and Socialists has been formed under the leadership of Senator LaFollette of Wisconsin, and that a group of Congressmen has been pledged to "do all in their power to prevent all measures that are under

consideration for the effective prosecution of the war. A Berlin paper construes the election of Mayor Hylan in New York into a defeat of Roosevelt and an evidence of the rapid growth of the anti war sentiment in this country. Still another

Journal says the Socialists are bearing the chief burden of opposition to the war in this country and that the pro-German element, from which much was expected is keeping comparative quiet. All of course which is no doubt intended to provide a little cheer and comfort for the German people. For those in the United States its chief interest is in showing how eagerly such scraps of information as La Follette's speech against the draft are seized upon and misused by the German propaganda.—St Louis Republic.

The musical recital scheduled at the school auditorium last night was deferred until Monday night on account of the weather.

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