

# The Baird Star.

Our Motto: "Tis Neither Birth, Nor Wealth, Nor State, But the Git-Up-And-Get That Makes Men Great."

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NO. 15

## New Wells Coming In Makes Shallow Field A Busy Place—Many New Locations Are Made

Claude Stablefield Flores  
(Special Correspondent to The Star)

MARCH 10, 1927

The Baird Shallow Field is still holding its own. Two new wells belched fourth the liquid gold and one more drilling is expected to strike the paying sand any minute now.

Moutray Oil Company: Jack Flores No. 15 came in Saturday and is estimated to be making one hundred barrels per day.

Moutray Oil Company: John Flores No. 14 came in Monday. No. 14 was given a light shot Tuesday. When this well was shot, the oil went over the derrick several times. No. 14 will make from 100 to 150 barrels per day. This well was finished at 770 feet.

Moutray Oil Company has 29 producing wells, 27 of them are on the Flores Estate. The Moutray Oil Company's daily production is 2600 barrels of oil per day.

Manhattan Oil Company, has 12 producing wells on the Young Estate, and no wells drilling.

Consolidated Oil Company, has 6 producing wells on the Hearn Estate, and no wells drilling.

Valley Oil Company: Ace Hickman No. 9 came in today. This well was down between 690 and 700 feet when it came in.

Humble Oil & Refining Company: Ace Hickman No. 9, drilling at 1000 feet.

H. H. Shaw & Others: Joe Crutchfield, No. 1, is drilling at 1150 feet.

### NEW LOCATIONS

Moutray Oil Company: Jack Flores No. 16 and 17.

Moutray Oil Company: John Flores No. 15 and 16.

Moutray Oil Company: Claude Flores No. 3 and 4.

Valley Oil Company: Ace Hickman No. 10.

Humble Oil & Refining Company: Ace Hickman No. 2.

### PERSONALS

The little Miss Bettie Burt, of Los Angeles, California, who is spending the winter with her aunts, the Misses Seale, celebrated her sixth birthday Monday, March 7th. Miss Burt received a beautiful cake with six tiny candles from Miss Ella Moore Seale and several other gifts from friends.

Mrs. J. D. McFarlane and W. H. McKinsie entertained the following guests Sunday: Mr. and Mrs. Frank Browning, and Miss Bessie Mae Browning, of Clyde, and Mrs. Evert Alphin, of Baird, Mrs. Ed Merrell, of Baird and Mr. and Mrs. Louis Crutchfield and son, Travis, of Clyde. These guests were entertained at the Flores ranch.

### AUGUST R. SPITZER BURIED

August R. Spitzer, who died Thursday of last week, was buried in Ross Cemetery last Friday, afternoon at 4:30. Funeral services were conducted by Revs. Wright and Yell.

August R. Spitzer was born in Walsenburg, Germany, April 9, 1865. Came to America when about 17 years of age. He has lived in and around Baird for a number of years. His wife died some years ago in Oklahoma. He is survived by four children two sons, Powell and Olin live here and a son and daughter live in Oklahoma.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to thank our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy during the long illness and death of our mother Mrs. T. L. Wallace.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Sam Kear.  
Mrs. G. W. Russom  
Mrs. R. K. Stapp  
Mrs. C. H. Vest  
T. M. Wallace.

### GEM THEATRE CHANGES HANDS

We are informed that Mr. Custer has sold the Gem Theatre to the Texas Theatre Company, who have closed the theatre and will make extensive improvements, putting in new seats, adding a balcony, etc., making it one of the nicest small show houses in West Texas.

## What's Doing in West Texas

West Texas Chamber of Commerce  
March 4, 1927

BAIRD—Blare of booster bands and flash of booster colors will enliven Baird March 23rd when delegates of the Oil Belt District attend the West Texas Chamber of Commerce regional convention March 23. Large delegations from Cisco, Ranger, Eastland, Abilene, Albany, Stamford, and other towns have signified their intentions of coming in groups.

STAMFORD—E. H. Whitehead, for the past two years publicity manager of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, will be moved to Fort Worth to take charge of the Fort Worth office of the organization which was vacated when Ray Leeman resigned to become manager of the South Texas Chamber of Commerce. Whitehead will continue to supervise publicity work of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce and will continue to work portions of the western territory.

MUNDAY—The local Chamber of Commerce has resumed activities after remaining inactive for some months. Pledges of support are indicative of big accomplishments for the organization during the present year.

FORT STOCKTON—Contracts on primary 40,000 acres and 41,000 acres of secondary land of Red Bluff District are signed and in the Pecos Valley Water Users Association ready for arrangement for presentation to the Reclamation Bureau. The remaining contracts on the land for second-ary interest will soon be in.

EASTLAND—A \$250,000 Connellee Hotel, a five story structure with a roof garden, is to be built in Eastland.

MORAN—A big delegation from this town will attend the Oil Belt District convention of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce at Baird March 23rd in the interest of securing the 1928 meeting for Moran. A big delegation from this town and also the Moran Band will attend the annual convention at Wichita Falls.

### LIST OF PETIT JURORS DRAWN

List of Persons drawn by the undersigned Jury Commissioners, appointed by the Honorable District Court of Callahan County, Texas, at the November Term, 1926 to serve as Petit Jurors during the Third, week of the February Term, 1927 of the said District Court, to-wit:

E. E. Gilbert, Putnam.  
S. R. Jackson, Cross Plains.  
W. A. Gary, Admiral.  
R. L. Edwards, Clyde.  
S. W. Bacchus, Cottonwood.  
R. C. Durringer, Cross Plains.  
R. L. Jolley, Clyde.  
Irving Mitchell, Baird.  
S. M. Eubanks, Putnam.  
T. M. Thaxton, Clyde.  
A. H. Johnes, Clyde.  
Leonard Breding, Cottonwood.  
Oral Strahan, Clyde.  
Otho Lyda, Baird.  
D. L. Chatham, Cottonwood.  
J. C. Merrill, Clyde.  
Ray Willbank, Putnam.  
A. J. Ginsley, Cross Plains.  
W. H. Bryant, Baird.  
Roy D. Williams, Baird.  
E. Moffett, Clyde.  
W. C. Hutchins, Atwell.  
W. F. Harrison, Clyde.  
Brown Jones, Baird.  
C. E. Foster, Atwell.  
M. M. Edwards, Clyde.  
C. M. Johnson, Clyde.  
G. M. McWilliams, Atwell.  
S. N. Foster, Atwell.  
C. S. Gee, Baird.  
Perry Gillett, Rowden.  
C. J. Ault, Clyde.  
B. B. Brown, Rowden.  
Will McCoy, Baird.  
G. C. Miller, Rowden.  
Ashby White, Baird.

We, the Jury Commissioners, appointed as hereinabove stated, certify that the foregoing is the list of the names of persons drawn by us for the Third week of the March Term, 1927 of the District Court of Callahan County, Texas.

To Certify Which, witness our hands, this 15th day of November 1926.

R. C. Clemmer  
Everett Hughes  
N. M. George.

Jury Commissioners.

## Oil Belt District Convention Here Mar. 23rd. Being Well Arranged For By Committees

Mr. H. H. Shaw, chairman of the General Committee having in charge all arrangements for the District Convention which will be held in Baird March 23rd., stated this morning that all committees are hard at work completing details for the meeting.

The Decorating committee are soliciting the business men to have them decorate their place of business. This committee stated that practically all the business houses in Baird will be decorated for the Convention.

Homer D. Wade and Mr. Whitehead, of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce, were in Baird this week checking up on the arrangements that have been made. They seem well pleased with all that has been done up to date.

The following have been appointed for the Reception Committee: L. L. Blackburn, B. L. Russell, W. S. Hinds, T. E. Powell and B. L. Boydston.

The committee to see that the tables are built and put in place is composed of F. L. Wristen, Raleigh Ray, Tom French, Sidney Foy and Braden White.

We hope to make this the biggest District Convention ever held in West Texas and as far as the people of Baird are concerned it will be the best was the statement made by Mr. Shaw.

### Methodist Revival

The Revival Meeting commenced last Sunday and has been somewhat retarded by rain and cool weather, but indications are that the weather will clear up.

Rev. F. M. Neal, the Evangelist who is conducting the meeting is the same man who held such a fine meeting at Baird in the summer of 1915. If members of his church and other churches will give him the same loyal support that they did 12 years ago the meeting will prove a success now as it did before.

You are invited to attend the services at 10 a. m. and at night. Come out and help the good work. You all know that Baird needs a Revival worse than it ever did before.

### MISS JEWELL LONG DIES

Miss Jewell Long, age 14 years, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Long, of Dressy, died Thursday, March 3rd, following an illness with pneumonia. Funeral services were held at 2 o'clock Friday, conducted by Rev. Harlow, of the Christian Church, at Cross Plains and interment made in the Dressy cemetery.

Miss Long was a niece of Mrs. Jack Jones, of Baird, who attended the funeral.

### SENIOR B. Y. P. U.

Subject—Psalms with a Missionary Message.

Introduction: Gladys Thompson.  
1. A Psalm of God's Power (PS47) Madge Holmes.  
2. Outline of the Psalm: Doris Foy.  
3. Praying God's Guidance Blessings (PS.67): Mildred Bell.  
(Third Part.) Glenn McGowen.  
4. The Far Off Shall Fear Him: Paralee Laster.  
5. A Psalm of God's Goodness: Alyce Hooper.

### NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

Mrs. Homer D. Driskill has very kindly consented as Social Reporter for The Star, and we ask that any one who entertains, or who has guests in their home or goes for a visit or trip of any kind, to please report it to Mrs. Driskill.

We find it difficult to get up social and local news and we are indeed grateful to Mrs. Driskill for her kindness in getting up this news for us. Please report any news to her as early in the week as possible, as we must have all copy in the office on Wednesday. Mrs. Driskill's phone No. is 184.

## First Car of Sewer Pipe Unloaded in Baird

The first car of sewer pipe for the new sewer system arrived in Baird this morning. Forty other cars will follow immediately. Mr. Fowler of the firm of Koch and Fowler will arrive in the city Saturday to take charge of the work.

There are a few people in Baird that will want the sewerage but have not signed a contract. The new pipe will be laid to those that have signed and if there are others that want the connection, they should sign up a contract at once for, after the pipe is in the ground, it will be some time before other pipe is laid.

## City Election Tomorrow, Mar. 12th.

Tomorrow, Saturday March 12th and election will be held at the City Hall to elect a Mayor and one Alderman. The following ticket contains:

For Mayor: C L Dickey  
For Alderman: T P Bearden

### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

A. W. Yell, Minister.  
Sunday School 10 A. M. We had 109 in Sunday School last Sunday, good! Comb again, the promised chicken supper is coming soon, it will be decided Sunday.

Preaching 11 A. M. by the Pastor, but there will be no services Sunday night, we will attend the Service at the Methodist Church.

It is somewhat ahead of time, but if you intend to entertain any of the delegates for the District Convention of the Christian Endeavor, April 15-16-17, tell Miss Ressa Faye Enoch, so she can write your name in her book.

### THE REVIVAL

The Revival Meeting at the Methodist Church is in full swing, and will continue throughout next week. Rev. Neal, a General Evangelist, is preaching great sermons. His preaching is logical and scriptural, and the Bible is in hand as he preaches. His sermons on the Creation of Man, were replete with logical, science and scripture.

Perhaps the best sermons are preached at the morning hour. His sermons and "Fruit Bearing" and "Faith and Works" were master pieces of thought and delivery.

Mr. Poulter is one of the best choir directors in the South, while his solo work is enjoyed by all who hear him. The meeting will continue, and we sincerely urge you to attend.

Monday night Rev. Neal will preach his famous Roundup Sermon, while Mr. Poulter will sing Cowboy Songs. We are expecting great crowds to hear Rev. Neal, and we are praying for great results.

### MRS. E. C. FULTON HOSTESS TO GLEANER CLASS

Mrs. E. C. Fulton, was hostess to the Gleaner Class of the Presbyterian Church on Wednesday afternoon, March 9th. The hours were pleasantly spent by the guests. An advertising contest was enjoyed, the prize going to Mrs. Russell Hart. Those present were: Mesdames A. W. Yell, W. H. Smith, Cox Wood, McGowen, Ebert, Porter, Hart, Sam Smith, Lee Estes, Eastham and Elliott. A salad course was served.

### MARRIED

Mr. W. B. Jones and Miss Freda West, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. P. West, of Belle Plaine, were married at the home of the bride's sister, Mrs. Kate Hearn, on Sunday morning, March, 1927 at 8:30 o'clock. Rev. Cal C. Wright, officiating. Mr. and Mrs. Jones left on the Sunshine Special for St. Louis. They will return in about ten days and will make their home here, where Mr. Jones is manager for the Jones Dry Good Co.

### COOKED FOOD SALE

The Ladies of the Baptist Church will hold a Cooked Food Sale at Black's Economy Store, Saturday, March 12th, beginning at 10 o'clock.

## Moutray Refuses One Million Dollars For His Holdings in Oil Field

The story of a man who quit a good job that would have kept him comfortable for years to come, but which he felt gave him no opportunity for broadening out, to stake what little money he had on his faith in the oil fields near Cisco is being told around Cisco these days by oil men. They are telling how this man took a chance spent two years without the certainty of a steady salary to which he had been accustomed, and now at the end of his third year has refused a cool million dollars offered for the holdings he has amassed in that time.

The man is E. W. Moutray, now head of the Moutray Oil company bearing his name. And the job he quite was superintendent of production for Col. A. E. Humphreys, noted Texas oil man, who is reported more than once to have offered Moutray his old job back at a greatly increased figure. The principal holdings of the Moutray company are in the Baird field where it now owns fifty proven locations yet to be drilled.

Mr. Moutray has recently moved to Abilene from Cisco, where he has resided for three years.

Mr. Moutray came to Cisco about three years ago. He organized a company, financed principally by Cisco oil men who had faith in his integrity and ability to produce oil. They knew him as a "square dealer," a man whose word, once given, was always carried out. So when it became necessary to increase the capitalization of the company from \$40,000 to \$80,000 they stayed with him without question. Their faith has now been justified.

It was Moutray who put the now flourishing Baird oil field on the map in recent months. By drilling several sensational shallow producers on the Flores tracts, he not only brought interest to the field, but fortune to himself and those friends who had stayed with him. During recent weeks, oil circles here are informed, an offer of a flat million dollars was refused by Moutray as president of the company in which he is reputed to hold a third interest. Refusal of the offer meant that he was denying himself more than \$300,000 cash, an amount sufficient to keep him in luxury the remainder of his life, an amount which in most cases is staggering to a man accustomed to only a salary during the major portion of his life. But Moutray was adamant in refusing the offer.

"I've worked too long in the oil fields to give it up now," he is reported to have declared. "That's an awful lot of money, but I'll have to turn it down. I've stayed with this proposition through lean years and thin. Oil is my business, and I guess I'll stay in it and die with my boots on."—Cisco Daily News.

### NOTICE OF ELECTION

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held at the City Hall in the City of Baird in Callahan County, Texas on Saturday the 12th day of March, A. D. 1927 for the purpose of electing a Mayor to serve the unexpired term of J. R. Black, resigned and one Alderman to serve the unexpired term, of L. Rubio, resigned. Said election having been ordered by the City Council of the City of Baird at a meeting of said Council held on the 8th day of February, A. D. 1927.

C. L. Dickey  
Mayor Pro Tem

Attest:  
Royce Gilliland  
City Secretary

### CHURCH OF CHRIST

Sunday School at 10 a. m. Services and Communion at 11 a. m., and 7:00 p. m. Young Peoples Meeting at 6:15 p. m. Ladies Senior Class meets on each Tuesday at 3 p. m. Everyone cordially invited to attend the services.

R. C. Bell, Pastor.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Cutbirth visited the Fat Stock Show at Fort Worth this week.

Grant Bowlus was seriously ill for several days the past week, threatened with pneumonia, but is improving and is able to get to his office this morning.

## Miss Margie Sutphen Entertains in Honor of Mrs. Robert Price

On Friday, February 4th. Miss Margie Sutphen entertained the H. O. P. Club at the home of Miss Mae Guffey, and a shower was given Mrs. Robert Price. After the guests had all arrived, Miss Sutphen opened a door and invited them into an adjoining room. A large bag, the mascot of the H. O. P. Club, concealed many beautiful gifts, which were presented to the guest of honor.

Delicious refreshments were served closing the enjoyable evening.

### District Court

The following cases have been disposed of this week:

State vs John McGee, violating of liquor law.

State vs Henry Ackers, forgery.

State vs James Corbet, theft.

State vs Leslie Street, theft.

State vs Bud Dillard, violation of liquor law.

The case of State vs Walter Linicum, was continued for this term.

State vs Archie Champion.

State vs Elmer Oneal.

State vs Pender Mitchell.

Tried given four years suspended sentence each.

State vs Earl Cochran. Tried for driving car while under the influence of intoxicating liquor, given 45 days in jail and fined \$250.00.

State vs Jee Deake, Dismissed.

Cases set for next week:

State vs R. E. Bright, for driving a car while under the influence of liquor.

State vs Forar, theft over fifty dollars.

### EULA LOCALS

March 7, 1927

Well Uncle Bill how are you? Still improving I hope. We are doing fine out this way. We are having plenty of winter rains and small grain is looking good. Most farmers are about through with their plowing. I think the fruit is still safe. You know a fruit crop means something this year. Give us farmers plenty of fruit, feed, hogs and milk cows, good gardens and the Banker's give us a little loan about May and June, we can get by through the summer. Any how the health of our neighborhood is good.

I was down to Baird the other day and met so many of my old friends sure was glad to see them. I met my old friend Al Irvin, from Oplin. Al is a big hearted man, Al wrote a nice piece about the late Will Rylee. Al Irvin has a great love for the boys and girls who was his school children.

I am sure glad to see Baird building for I sure do like the good people of Baird. I have so many good friends in Baird, and I sure feel at home when I am in Baird.

Mr. and Mrs. Will Minter; Miss Mable Minter; Miss Nina Hampton and Mrs. Coziah, of Abilene, spent Sunday evening with Mr. and Mrs. R. C. Stephens.

With best wishes to The Star force Patsie.

### AGED LADY DIES

Mrs. T. J. Wallace, died at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Sam Kerr, at 4:30 Wednesday, March 9th following an illness of several months, having been confined to her bed for the past three months. Funeral services were held at the residence at 3:30 Thursday afternoon, conducted by Rev. Joe R. Mayes, Pastor of the Baptist Church and interment made in Ross Cemetery Mrs. Wallace was born at Sulpher Springs, Texas, January 25, 1848. She has made her home in Baird for the past eleven years, living with her daughter, Mrs. Kerr. She is also survived by three other daughters, Mrs. G. W. Russom, Mrs. R. K. Stapp, of Baird, and Mrs. C. H. Vest, of Eula and a son, T. M. Wallace, of Catulla, Texas, all of whom were here for the funeral.

### CARD OF THANKS

We wish to express our sincere thanks to our friends and neighbors for their kindness and sympathy in the death of our beloved daughter and niece, Jewell Long.

Sincerely,  
Mr. and Mrs. S. P. Long.  
Mrs. Jack Jones.



## RARE DIAMONDS ILL LUCK OMENS

Owners of "Golden Dawn"  
Have Suffered and Trag-  
edy Follows the "Hope."

London.—Does the "Rising Sun" carry the curse so often associated with very rare jewels. The question was heard at the sale of the great diamond recently and the superstitious are wondering if there will be a manifestation of evil now that this stone has changed hands.

It is recalled by those who entertain the idea of such a curse connected with unusual gems that the malicious spell of the "Golden Dawn" operated almost simultaneously with its sale. Capt. C. R. Lucas discovered the "Golden Dawn" in South Africa and had it polished, but ill luck followed him and he never gained anything by the diamond. He was forced to put it up for auction to meet obligations and the sale price of \$20,000 barely covered the loan he secured on it.

### Ill Luck Continues.

Then Aga Khan bought the "Golden Dawn" and a few hours later he was informed that his young wife, to whom he was deeply devoted, had died suddenly in France.

The famous "Blue" or "Hope" diamond was associated with a series of tragedies and was finally sold in Paris for a ridiculously small sum in 1909 because of its "curse."

The "Rising Sun" is nearly twice as large as the "Golden Dawn," weighing 102 carats. It is a magnificent yellow gem, for which \$250,000 was asked in Sweden a few years ago. It was never coveted by the superstitious. Although no particular ill luck has been associated with it, the stone has never been regarded as an emblem of good luck.

### Was Owned by Russian Family.

Polished about sixty years ago, this great diamond was in the hands of a Russian family, until 1916, when disaster overcame many of the wealthy Russians. The stone then went to India and was sold again in 1922. Its last owner possessed it only a year.

It is impossible to estimate the value of such a rare gem, according to W. E. Hurcomb, the auctioneer. Such a stone is worth only what it will bring, and this always depends on who wants it. It is too large and precious for practical use by the average individual. While comparatively tiny stones are cherished by well-to-do owners, there is something uncanny about the "Rising Sun."

### Ask Four Nations to

#### Hunt for U. S. Heiress

Boston.—The governments of France, Great Britain, Germany and Switzerland will be asked to aid in a search for nine-year-old Lucienne Helen Nolan, heiress to the \$180,000 estate of her father, the late Harry E. Nolan of Hartford, Conn.

Thomas D. Lavelle, counsel for Mrs. Lucienne Bond of Quincy, announced that Congressman James Gallivan of Boston has agreed to ask the State department at Washington to set machinery for the search in motion.

Mrs. Bond, who was married to Nolan in France in 1917, was divorced a little more than a year later and was awarded custody of their child, then a few months old. Nolan took Lucienne with him when he went to Switzerland for his health. He died in Switzerland in 1925. The child was with him at the time, and never has been heard from since by her mother.

### Waves for Men Latest

#### Fad in West London

London.—Permanent waves for men is becoming a flourishing business with fashionable hairdressers in the west end. It threatens to become quite a fashion here. The male wave costs \$25 and can be done in a comparatively short time. It has become popular especially with actors. But permanent-waved men can only wear their hair in one way, brushed straight back, and without a parting.

### Real Realism

Moscow.—This must be real realism. A brilliant film producer has lost his government job because he was too extravagant with a picture depicting American extravagance.

### Missouri and Kansas

#### Coeds Let Hair Grow

Kansas City, Mo.—Coeds at the University of Kansas, Lawrence, and the University of Missouri, Columbia, seem to be competing in letting the hitherto popular locks grow long again.

Girls at both institutions started to let their hair grow, much to the disgust of tonsorial artists in both towns.

A recent check-up on the Missouri campus revealed that 60 per cent of the girls either had long hair or were "expecting to have in the near future." At Kansas the percentage is slightly larger, and exponents of lengthened tresses are gaining new cohorts daily.

## PLAN SHIP ROAD ACROSS MEXICO

Would Compete With Pan-  
ama Canal, Because Toll  
Charges Will Be Less.

New York.—A "ship railway" across the entire span of the Isthmus of Tehuantepec, in the southernmost part of Mexico, with sufficient capacity for hauling the largest of the world's present day seagoing vessels, is the dream of European capitalists, according to plans revealed here.

The program calling for the construction of this novel feat of engineering, which for the last three years has occupied the attention of some of Europe's brainiest civil and mechanical engineering minds, hinges solely on the final granting of a concession under consideration by the Mexican government.

According to Rudolf Wassermann and Heinrich Fastisch, German scientific engineers, at one time associated with the late Hugo Stinnes, who now are in New York on the way to the City of Mexico, the contemplated "ship railway," when completed, will prove a keen competitor to the Panama canal because its total charges will be less.

To Cost More Than \$150,000,000.  
"It is the contention of the scientific world," Herr Wassermann said, "that wherever a canal can be built to float a ship, a railroad can be constructed to carry one, and the present estimated cost to build the 'ship canal' across the Isthmus will be between \$150,000,000 and \$175,000,000."

The plans which will be submitted to the Mexican government for its approval call for an almost straight-away and level route lying between the town of Coatzacoalcos, at the mouth of the river by the same name, on the Bay of Campeche, state of Vera Cruz, across the Isthmus a distance of about 117 miles, to the town of Huixtlan, state of Oaxaca, on the Pacific coast.

Herr Wassermann said the route of the proposed "ship railway" calls for but one base across the entire stretch, and this is at a point known as Chivela, in Oaxaca, where a mammoth turntable will be built to make the necessary bend in the direction of Huixtlan in order to take advantage of a broad and level canyon through the Sierra Madres.

Herr Wassermann said the right of way will be built up on 30 rails, spaced according to standard gauge, while the specifications call for a grade of not more than fifty feet to the mile at each terminal. The trackage will submerge or descend into water at these points, enabling the ship to be lodged into a floating drydock or cradle for transportation across the Isthmus.

"The wheeled cradle carriage or drydock," explained Herr Wassermann, "will be built in sections or units, thus permitting easy adjustment of the keel blocks which readily can be arranged to accommodate the largest ships.

The cradles can be drawn by from six to fifteen heavy locomotives (depending upon the ship's tonnage), each one of which will be equivalent in hauling power to six of the ordinary freight type.

Out of Water Seven Hours.  
"Every known feature and angle has been given most careful study, even to the pressure of one-hundredth of an inch upon the cradle and roadbed when ships of various capacities are on the way from terminal to terminal," Herr Wassermann said.

Herr Fastisch, who is a former artillery colonel of the imperial German army, says one of the ship loaded cradles can be transported across the Isthmus at the rate of 20 miles an hour, and that no vessel will be kept out of the water more than seven hours at the most, it being figured that it will take almost an hour to make the necessary bend on the turntable at Chivela. "The bar at the mouth of the river at Coatzacoalcos, on the Gulf of Mexico, will have to be dredged extensively to permit the vessels to get into the runway approaching the site of the eastern terminal," continued Herr Fastisch, "as also will be the case of Huixtlan, where an artificial harbor will have to be dredged to carry the scheme to a successful conclusion. The latter feat alone will require an expenditure of from \$5,000,000 to \$7,500,000."

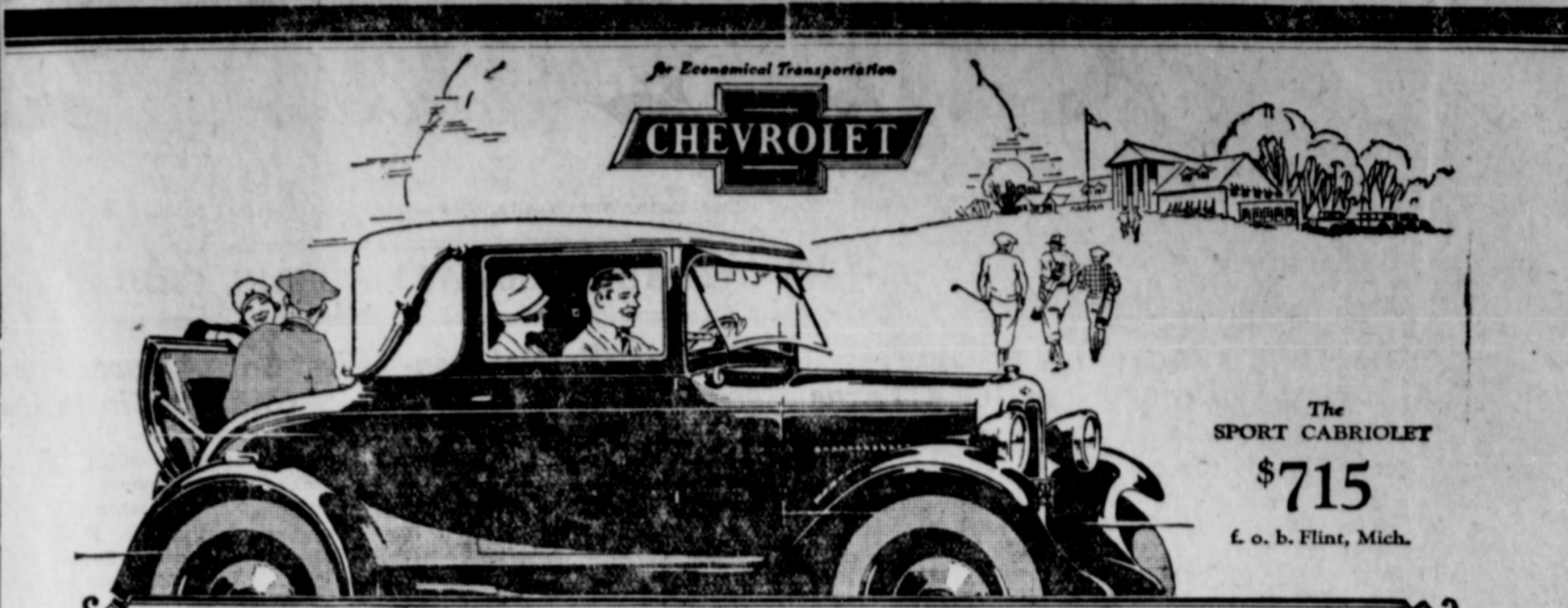
### Body Buried 14 Years Is Dug Up Petrified

Luray, Va.—The transformation of a human body into stone worked swiftly in the case of George W. Seekford, second son of George W. Seekford, a former supervisor of Springfield district. After having been buried near Rileyville, eight miles north of Luray, for four years relatives decided to have the body removed to another burial ground.

Those engaged in removing the body found it had increased in weight from 165 to 600 pounds. With the exception of a beard, that had grown to more than a foot in length, every feature of Mr. Seekford had been retained. Petrification is attributed to the constant percolation of mineralized water through the earth.

### Find Stone-Age Village

Kuban, Russia.—A large village of the Stone age of prehistoric antiquity has been discovered here. Bones of mastodon and many stone implements were unearthed.



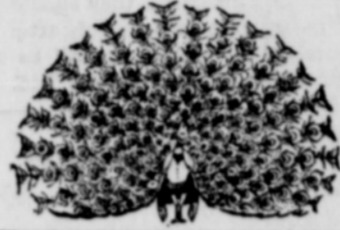
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## QUALITY AT LOW COST

### QUEER TAXES LEVIED ON PEOPLE OF WORLD

#### Humorous Levies Relic of Feudal Times.

Washington.—A delegation from the Virgin Islands recently appeared before a congressional committee and appealed for the removal of the export tax on sugar.

"That an export tax is unconstitutional is a matter of common knowledge to American news readers, and since the Virgin Islands belong to the United States, some may question why the delegation should peacefully plead for the removal of the levy when it could be attacked as unconstitutional from the time of its imposition," says a bulletin from the headquarters of the National Geographic society in this city.

"But the Constitution does not say that there shall be no tax on articles exported from the United States and its possessions. It declares that 'No tax or duty shall be laid on articles exported from any state.' And, according to the courts, state in this case, means a state, not a possession. Export Tax Odd to Us.

"While an export tax seems odd to a citizen of the United States, it cannot compare with some of the humorous levies in foreign countries," continues the bulletin.

"Since feudal times the kings of England have received miscellaneous articles as taxes on valuable property.

"Two knives, six horseshoes and sixty-one nails are sent to the king's court by the city of London each year for the use of a parcel of land near the Tower bridge, sends a bunch of roses. The land is worth \$10,000, but as long as the roses are 'paid,' the school is permitted to continue in peaceful possession. Peppercorns (pepper berries) are paid by the Royal academy for its London site.

"To hold his land the owner of Aylesbury manor provides three geese

if the king visits Aylesbury in the summer and three live eels if he goes there in the winter. The owner is also bound to put clean straw on the king's bedroom floor three times a year if the sovereign stops there. Straw on the bedroom floor was one of the luxuries of feudal times.

"The tenant of Copeland manor is required to hold the king's head should he get seasick while crossing the stormy waters of the English channel from Dover to Whitbread bay.

"A crossbow is contributed by the ancient city of Chichester, while the lord of Bryndon, Dorset county, is bound to make a yearly presentation of a stringless bow and an unfeathered arrow for his majesty's use should he decide to war with Wales.

"Instead of paying an assessment in money, knights, to whom large parcels of feudal land were granted, were bound to perform 40 days' service in the king's military establishment and to equip themselves for duty.

"Property owners in England a few hundred years ago also accounted for the number of hearths and chimneys in their buildings, for each one of them was levied upon. Windows also were taxed and today one occasionally sees evidence of the evasion of this levy where old windows have been bricked up.

#### Blocks of Salt Paid Taxes.

"For centuries blocks of salt were sent to the rulers of China from the provinces bordering the sea to pay taxes. Rice and silk vied with salt in importance. Today, in some parts of the republic, rice supplements silver in payment of levies. In ancient times some tribes sent elephants' teeth while the Cantonese, it is related, made payment in crabs, frogs, snakes and crickets.

"Travelers from one city to another in China soon became familiar with other ways of raising revenue, than that collected from land owners. Likin or 'squeeze' stations, which might be compared with our nearly obsolete toll gates, are met with at frequent intervals along the highways. Eight of these stations are encountered during the 84-mile trip from Shanghai to Soochow. At each station one's

effects are inventoried and, when every article is not taxed at each station, before the traveler reaches his destination at least three levies have been paid on each article.

"Tibetan taxes are usually paid in goods. Sheep, wool, meat and native cloth are principally used. In one section of the billi country, the grass and water the Tibetan cattle consume are taxed, but not the cattle."

### Plan Statue of Miles

#### Standish at Plymouth

Plymouth, Mass.—Transfigured into bronze, Capt. Miles Standish, first soldier of the Pilgrim colony, may soon return to this little town, the birthplace of America.

Plans are under way here for the erection of a monument of the military leader of the early settlement. A site on the grounds of the Plymouth Memorial building is being considered.

In Duxbury, where Captain Standish once lived, a granite shaft already stands in his memory.

### A Hefty Bride

Los Angeles, Calif.—Jolly Josephine, twenty-two and 350 (age and weight), is a bride. Her husband, Karl Otto Klep, twenty-four and 110, is to give up painting autos and manage her circus sideshow career.

### Fruit Growers of Ozarks

#### Will Have Banner Year

Kansas City, Mo.—Fruit growers in the Ozark mountains are to have one of the greatest years on record, according to report of one of the principal fruit growers' associations. More than 20,000 acres of strawberries will be under cultivation and from 2,500 to 3,000 carloads of berries are expected to be shipped to the city markets. Officers also stated that about 2,000 carloads of grapes would be shipped this year.

### Mecca Drawing Well

Banjermin, Borneo.—This year's pilgrimage to Mecca is drawing a record number of 10,000 faithful Moslems from the island alone. The pilgrimage will take approximately \$4,000,000 out of the country.

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## BERING SEA ICE FLOES AID POLAR BEAR HUNT

Hair Seal is Favorite Food of These Animals and Nature Helps Them in Chase.

St. Michael, Alaska.—Heavy weather, with tremendously large ice floes in Bering sea, promises the natives of Korsebu sound the most favorable polar-bear hunting in a generation.

A good market exists this year for the fine white polar bear skins, and these arctic nomads are so plentiful a good catch is anticipated.

The white king of the Arctic regions is a combined hunter-sailor-hobo. He has no fixed habitat, but goes where food is most plentiful, coming down with the ice pack of the North when seal, walrus and whale move.

Unlike any other animal, the polar bear keeps to the ice and will seek shore only when cut off from open water. It is the best swimmer of the animal world. Loose jointed, ungainly, silly looking, with a skin that fits badly, the white bear is nevertheless very fleet footed. Often they are not pure white, frequently being killed possessing yellow, brown, and black spots on hips and back. The flanks and legs are covered with hair sometimes twenty inches long.

The much sought food of these aquatic animals is the hair seal, and nature has helped them hunt by providing a coat that harmonizes with surrounding landscape. That the bear might not have an unfair advantage in the quest he has a coal black nose, which he cunningly hides, declare Eskimos, when stalking a victim, by placing a paw over it.

The bears often capture seal in the open sea. Detecting a bunch of seal floating on the surface, the bears dive and swim deep under water. Noiselessly they come up right under the seal, one of which is sure to be bear meat.

Polar bear pelts are of little value in the North. Only the largest and finest colored ones are commercially valued for rugs and furs. From \$40 to \$75 at Nome, their value increases to \$125 to \$250 in Seattle and New York.

The Arctic bears are so greasy that even Eskimos refuse to eat the flesh except in extreme hunger. There is no scarcity of white bears in the Frigid zone, because they range an area where men seldom go.

## Carbon Monoxide Gas Takes Big Death Toll

Boston.—Carbon monoxide gas has taken a toll of 270 lives in the United States during the last six months. It was disclosed in statistics made public here by an insurance company.

Virtually all the deaths occurred in the northern states, this being explained by the lack of closed garages in the warmer southern states. Twenty-two states had no deaths from carbon monoxide.

States reported carbon monoxide deaths as follows: New York, 32; Pennsylvania, 31; California, 27; West Virginia, 26; Illinois, 22; Michigan, 21; Massachusetts and Wisconsin, 17 each; New Jersey, 16; Ohio, 12; Minnesota, 11; Missouri, 8; Kansas, 6; Indiana, 5; Nebraska, 3; Colorado, North Dakota and Vermont, 2 each, and Delaware, Maryland, Louisiana, Texas, South Carolina, Washington and Oklahoma, 1 each.

## Cigarette Stub Helped Swing War Sentiment

New York.—A cigarette stub helped sway sentiment of former German subjects in Alsace-Lorraine to the allies during the war, is the belief of Lieut. Col. Bernard Flood, chief of the A. E. F. secret service.

After nine years Colonel Flood reveals in the Elks Magazine that thousands of lukewarm Alsatians in recently recaptured territory were enraged by a murder that climaxed a series of assaults and robberies. A stub of a French cigarette and an American bayonet were found at the scene.

A search was made among 19,000 troops for an American who smoked French cigarettes, usually detested by the doughboys. The guilty man was found and his arrest appeased the Alsatians.

## Gang in Moscow Admits Strangling 17 Persons

Moscow.—A gang of murderers, arrested by the police, has confessed to killing seventeen persons in the suburbs of Moscow. Five men and three women have been arrested. All their victims were peasants. The gang waylaid single men and women returning to the villages from Moscow and strangled them, according to the police. The bodies of the victims were always stripped and thrown onto the snow, the clothes being sold by the murderers.

## Hunters Lasso Mountain Lions in Glacier Park

Glacier Park, Mont.—Jim Whit and Bob Baker, government hunters here, have roped so many mountain lions that there aren't even enough tracks left to amuse a bloodhound. The two hunters make a practice of catching the lions alive with their lariats and selling them to circuses. Until last year they maintained a pack of bloodhounds to trail the beasts, but lions and trails finally got so scarce that they sold the dogs to the Roosevelt expedition for hunting lions in Asia.

## MACE SYMBOL OF HOUSE AUTHORITY

As Much Part of Chamber as the Members.

Washington.—A ceremonial mace, the symbol of constituted authority rooted in the customs of the ancient Roman republic, is as much a part of the sittings of the house of representatives as the members are themselves.

Whenever the house is in session, it is mounted in a marble pedestal to the right of the speaker's chair. If the members are meeting as a committee of the whole on the state of the Union, it stands in a lower pedestal near by.

It is never unguarded, and for more than eight years has been in the custody of A. C. Jordan of Lyons, Kan., tall, stalwart, genial assistant sergeant at arms, whose duty is to maintain order on the floor.

Made in 1842 of ebony, fescue, or rods, three feet long, representing the states, bound with thongs of silver and surmounted with a silver globe and spreading eagle, the mace of the house represents powers rarely exercised, including summary expulsion of a disorderly member.

Usually, when the assistant sergeant at arms is called upon to restore order, he is able to do so merely by marching through the disturbed aisles carrying the mace or by holding it over two excited members. If a misbehaving member fails to heed that display of authority, however, he may lay it beside him. That act automatically expels him, and formal reinstatement would have to be obtained for him to resume his place in the membership.

Mr. Jordan is glad he has never had to lay down the mace.

## Naval Bureau Lists

### All Floating Dangers

Philadelphia, Pa.—Wallo seas quietly lap the shores of the world, a vigilant maritime patrol, unknown to most "landlubbers," busily stalks the silent but treacherous foes to commercial shipping.

Icebergs, floating debris, land abutments, drifting buoys, derelicts and opaque fogs are constant menaces to navigation against which war must be waged. The nerve center of operations the world over is the hydrographic office of the Navy department.

This bureau tries first of all to keep a finger on the whereabouts of all dangers to shipping about which it is imperative, in safety's cause, to know. An elaborate intelligence service, enlisting co-operation of hydrographic services of other countries, assists the bureau to chart known impediments to water traffic and send out warnings.

Constant communication with ships at sea, advising them of newly sighted derelicts, rafts and other things, is maintained. The bureau supplies all navigators with information and asks their reciprocation by advising of the longitude and latitude of icebergs and other stragglers. It immediately disseminates the news over all ocean highways.

Meanwhile the navy and coast guard annihilation squadrons are notified and patrols sent to visit the scenes of drifters and remove them.

## Animals Well Treated in Rail Transportation

Washington.—Animals being taken to market for slaughter are now treated better than ever before, according to the Agricultural department.

A decided decrease in violations of the 28-hour law, which prohibits confinement of animals in cars longer than that period without food, water and rest, was announced by the government.

Only 227 cases were reported last year, compared with 402 violations in 1920 and 700 cases the previous year.

Transportation companies and their employees have improved conditions under which domestic animals are handled in interstate commerce, the department said.

## Former Star Broke

New York.—Mrs. Sybilla T. Pope, former actress, once chatelaine of homes that cost \$100,000 a year to maintain, is living in a hall room, broke. She is suing her former husband, Charles T. Pope, for support.

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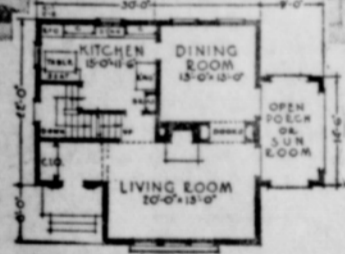
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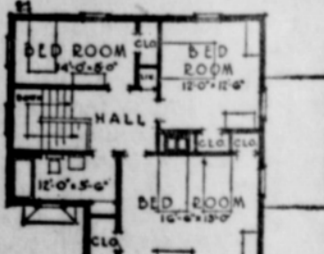
One of the interesting features of this house is that every room has a double exposure, while the living room has three sides exposed. Extra windows not shown in the plan may at slight expense be added at either end of the living room. While



this type of house affords the utmost in light and cross-ventilation, it would be well to protect it against the extremes of cold and heat by insulation with celotex for the walls and roof. Such insulation will also cut down outside noises to a marked degree, as in addition to its insulating property, celotex is an efficient sound deadener.

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We favor a three cent tax on gasoline as adopted by the House. We see no good and valid reason why people who use and wear out the roads, should not pay for helping keep them up.

Thousands of travelers who never pay one cent taxes in Texas, and do more than all local traffic to wear out the roads built by local state and federal taxes. Three cent tax is small compared with the benefit received and we cannot understand why the senate opposes Three cents. We are in favor of three cents and every cent to go on the roads and none to the schools. We have been a strong advocate of taxation for Public Schools for half a century and our record as a newspaper publisher in Callahan County for 40 years past is sufficient evidence of our friendship for the Public Schools, but we see a tendency to overdo the school tax business. We need roads as well as schools and the schools with thirty-five cents and other tax ought to be satisfactory.

The bill to prohibit members of the Legislature from practicing law before any of the state departments at Austin, was defeated by the House Wednesday, by a vote of 61 to 54. This bill was in response to a platform demanded and was favored by Gov. Moody. The bill provided a penalty of one year in the penitentiary for violation, one member correctly, we think, denounced this bill as a "fool bill." It was worse than that, because if a lawyer is not fit to practice law before the state department, he is not fit to practice law before the courts, nor is he fit to go to the Legislature. Two things that surprised us about this bill: one is, that any reputable lawyer should introduce such a bill, and second is, that 54 members should vote for such a fool bill. If we had no more faith in the honesty of lawyers, as a class, than this bill implies, then, we never would again support, or vote for a lawyer to go to the Texas Legislature.

Texas laws seem to have rough sledding in the United States Supreme Court. Last year the Texas district road law was held violated the 14th amendment of the Federal Constitution. Only a few days ago the same court held that the primary election law of Texas that prohibits negroes voting in a Democratic primary, also ran counter to this same 14th amendment.

A certain negro Doctor over at El Paso in 1924 was denied the right to vote in the Democratic primary on the ground that he was a negro. He brought suit for damages against certain election officers and the case finally reached the United States Supreme Court and the negro won the case. As might have been expected, the decision of the court was unanimous, as the law is clearly in conflict with, not only the 14th but the 15th amendment also. We suggest that hereafter that members of the Texas Legislature pay more attention to the state and federal constitutions before they enact any law that has to do with property tax or personal liberty of voters. The decision in the negro case is not serious for regardless of the decision, the Democrat will, no doubt, find a way to keep negroes out of Democratic primaries elections, without violating any state or federal law. Here is a thought in connection with this case: Why should not a negro be allowed to vote in a Democratic primary, provided that he can establish the fact that he is a Democrat. Seeing that we allow Mexicans by train loads to vote along the Texas border, some before

their clothes become dry from swimming the Rio Grande, as some claim. All other nationality, including Mexicans and any other nationality on earth that is entitled to citizenship in the United States, then why single out the negro? No doubt many negroes do vote the Democratic ticket at general elections and there is no longer danger of negro domination in Texas and we see no danger in negro Democrats voting in a Democratic primary. In our first vote cast in 1873, we helped put an end to carpet bag-negro rule in Texas and have voted straight ever since, but no longer fear that any party in Texas controlled by negro votes can elect state officers.

## PROGRAM CALLAHAN CO. INTER-SCHOLASTIC MEET AT CLYDE, MAR. 25-26, 1927

For Rural, Class B and High School Divisions to be held at Clyde, Friday Evening and Saturday, March 25th and 26th

School executives of the County are requested to call the attention of their respective schools to the following new Events added to the old list by the County Executive Committee in called session, January 29th. Friday afternoon, from 3 to 5, Tennis, Singles and Doubles for both Boys and Girls.

Playground Ball, Junior Boys and Girls.

Friday, 5 p. m., Volley Ball, Senior Boys and Girls.

Basket Ball, Junior Boys.

Friday, 9 to 10 a. m.—All Spelling Contests.

Saturday, 10 to 12 a. m.—Essay Writing Contests.

Saturday, 1 to 2 p. m.—Music Memory. Independent Districts.

Saturday, 2 to 3 p. m.—Music Memory. Rural School Division.

Saturday, 3 to 3:20 p. m.—Arithmetic Contests.

Saturday, 8 p. m., at the Baptist Church—All Singing, Declamation and Extemporaneous Speaking Contests.

The Track and Field Events will begin Saturday morning promptly at 9 o'clock, in the following order:

1. 220 yard Low Hurdle, Sr. Boys.
2. 50 yard Dash, Junior Boys.
3. 100 yard Dash, Senior Boys.
4. 30 yard Dash, Senior Girls.
5. 100 yard Dash, Junior Boys.
6. 220 yard Dash, Senior Boys.
7. 30 yard Dash, Junior Girls.
8. 140 yard Relay, Senior Girls.
9. 440 yard Dash, Senior Boys.
10. 220 yard Dash, Junior Boys.
11. 50 yard Dash, Senior Boys.
12. 440 yard Relay, Junior Boys.
13. 120 yard High Hurdle, Sr. Boys.
14. 140 yard Relay Race, Jr. Girls.
15. 1 mile Run, Senior Boys.
16. Running Hop, Step and Jump, Junior Boys.
17. Running Broad Jump, Sr. Boys.
18. Running Broad Jump, Jr. Boys.
19. Running High Jump, Sr. Boys.
20. Running High Jump, Jr. Boys.
21. Chinning the Bar, Junior Boys.
22. 880 yard Run, Senior Boys.
23. 8 pound Shot Put, Junior Boys.
24. Pole Vaulting, Senior Boys.
25. Pole Vaulting, Junior Boys.
26. Rural School Basket Ball Championship, Girls.
27. Rural School Basket Ball Championship, Boys.
28. Javelin Throw, Senior Boys.
29. 12 pound Shot Put, Senior Boys.
30. 1 mile Relay, Senior Boys.
31. Discus Throw, Senior Boys.

Medals will be given for First, Second and Third Places, respectively in all Literary Events and all single Entry Track and Field Events; Pennants will be awarded to Teams winning First Places in all other events. A Silver Loving Cup goes to the school making the greatest number of points in the Meet.

This program is being sent to the Cross Plains Review, The Baird Star and the Clyde Enterprise with the desire to arouse in the school boys and girls of the County, a greater enthusiasm for the coming Inter-Scholastic Meet. I wish to say in this connection that 100 sets of medals and the silver loving cup are ordered, all of which will be on hand to be delivered to the winners before they leave the Meet. I wish to say, furthermore, that the good citizens of Clyde will make ample provision for all contestants and teachers who have to be at the Meet on Friday and wish to remain over for Saturday's events. Let us all pull together to make this the greatest in the history of the League.

W. M. YOWELL,  
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I am placing with F. L. Wristen, the famous Allen farm Acala Cotton Seed for planting. This is a pure longer staple than the common cotton. This cotton is propagated on the Allen farm, of 4000 acres at Navasota, Texas, by John D. Rogers. These seed are specially processed by air blast, all light and faulty seed being blown out, leaving only the full fertile seed. These seed can be procured at Mr. Wristen's in time for planting, at reasonable prices. He has data and folder's, giving proof of the genuineness of this cotton. 13-1f. C. M. Click.

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PROGRAM

# SIGAL THEATRE

Saturday, March 12th—Hoot Gibson in  
**"The Buckaroo Kid"**

His latest big production Also "The Newly Weds Quarantined" a Comedy

Monday & Tuesday, Mar. 14 & 15th.

**"The Ice Flood"**

with Kenneth Harlan and Viola Dana. A Thrilling Romance of the great North Woods. Also showing A Western Feature & Comedy.

Wednesday & Thursday, Mar. 16 & 17th.  
 BIG SUPER SPECIAL: Harold Lloyd in one of his

**"For Heaven's Sake"**

latest Paramount Specials. You have all heard of Harold Lloyd's for "Heaven's Sake"—don't miss it. Also showing "A Sennet Comedy." Admission on this picture will be 10 & 40 cents.

Fri. Night & Sat. Matinee, Mar. 18 & 19th.  
 Fred Hume in

**"The Stolen Ranch"**

Also "THE SILENT FLYER" with Silver Streak.

Saturday Night, Only, Mar. 19th.

Tom Mix and Toney, the Wonder Horse in "ZANE GREY'S."

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Zane Grey's best seller made into a whirlwind story of the plains. Also showing a Two reel Comedy, Come, only our Saturday night shows start at Six-Forty sharp. All other nights, Show Starts at Seven O'clock.

## Baird Mattress Factory

Old Mattresses Made New. We have come to Baird to stay. We Call for and Deliver the same day. We specialize in Service and Quality

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## Personal Mention

Mrs. Ella Foster has returned from a visit with relatives in Fort Worth.

Grover Windham and Walter Nobles from Belle Plaine, were in Baird, Monday.

Mrs. W. O. Miller has returned from a visit with friends in Big Springs and Midland.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Pool, of Eula, visited their daughter, Mrs. Clint Blakley, of Baird, Wednesday.

W. L. Johnson, of Putnam, was a pleasant visitor at The Star office this morning.

Mrs. Louis Rubio, of Temple, is the guest of Mesdames, W. O. Frazier and Carl Browning, this week.

Mrs. B. H. Bennett left Sunday for Winters, to visit relatives. She was accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Farris Bennett, who returned in the evening.

Lee Estes returned Tuesday from Fort Worth. He was accompanied home by his niece, Miss Mary Caylor, who will spend a few days with them.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Hearn, of San Angelo, were in Baird last Friday. They were enroute to Fort Worth, where they were to meet their son, Joe Hearn, and go on a trip to the Lower Rio Grande Valley.

Mr. and Mrs. Earnest McIntyre, of Lawn, were in Baird, yesterday. Mrs. McIntyre reports her father, H. Windham, who is in Abilene, under the treatment of physicians, as improving.

Mrs. Holden, sister of Mrs. Yell, who is in the Hospital, at Big Springs, is reported better, and it is hoped she will get well. For a time it was in doubt, but she is recovering slowly, but surely.

"First Lad:" why, my father dropped twelve stories and it never hurt h.m."

"Second Lad:" you don't say so. how did that happen?

"First Lad:" "He's an Editor."

FLOWERS FOR SALE: The Gleaner Class of the Presbyterian Church will have cut flowers and pot plants for sale for Easter and Mother's Day. Place your order early. Phone 242. 15-3t.

### RAIN

Baird had a good rain Sunday night

### APPLICATION FOR PROBATE OF LAST WILL AND TESTAMENT

No. 814.  
 The State of Texas  
 To the Sheriff or any Constable of Callahan County, Greeting:  
 You are hereby commanded to cause to be published once each week for ten days before the return date hereof, in some newspaper of general circulation which has been continuously and regularly published in Callahan County for a period of more than one year, before the date hereof, the following notice:

The State of Texas, To all persons interested in the estate of C. E. Stamps, deceased.

Mrs. May Stamps has filed in the County Court of Callahan County, an application for the probate of the last will and testament of said C. E. Stamps, deceased, filed with said application, and for letters testamentary of the estate of C. E. Stamps, deceased which will be heard at the next term of said court, commencing on the first Monday in April, A. D. 1927, the same being the fourth day of April, A. D. 1927, at the Court House thereof, in Baird, Texas, at which time all persons interested in said estate may appear and contest said application should they desire to do so. Herein fail not, but have you before said court on said first day of the next term thereof this writ, with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said court at my office in Baird, Texas, this 5 day of March, A. D. 1927.  
 -15-3t. S. E. Settle,  
 Clerk, County Court, Callahan County, Texas.

### NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Commissioners' Court of Callahan County, Texas, will receive bids at Baird, Texas, on March 14, 1927 for the purpose of purchasing one Caterpillar 10 ton size Road Tractor.

W. C. White,  
 County Judge,  
 12-4t.

"Clyde adopts paving law 6 to 1. Votes water and sewer bonds to amount of \$60,000 3 to 1. The pleasant place to live." 59-3tpd.

## CLASSIFIED ADS

BED ROOMS FOR RENT up stairs bedrooms for rent at Mrs. Mary Scoggins. 15-1tp.

APARTMENT FOR RENT: Two nicely furnished rooms for light house keeping. Mrs. M. A. Cline. 15-tf.

FOR SALE: Each Thursday at Clyde Hatchery, a limited number of my purebred Rhode Island Red Chicks and eggs. Chicks per hundred, \$15.00 Mrs. Al Young, Clyde, Texas. 14-6pd.

FOR SALE: a Hamburger Joint and Shoe Shop—located next door south of Sigal Theatre. E. B. Mills. 15-2tp.

NEW CEDAR POST FOR SALE: 6 feet long, 6, 7 and 10 cents each. W. M. Price, Admiral, Texas. 15-2tpd.

If you want a good shine, get it at Bob Swinson's Barber Shop, by Junior. 14-tf.

FOR SALE: Full Blood English White Leghorn Baby Chicks, beginning March 16th. Also Eggs, at \$8 per tray. Mrs. Ed Alexander, Phone 48. 14-2t.

LOST: On north detour between Baird and Clyde, one Ford Truck Endgate. Finder please notify Norman Finley, Baird. Reward offered. 14-3tpd.

FOR SALE: English White Leghorn Baby Chicks, at 15 cents each. Eggs \$5.00 per 100. This is the kind that lays. Mrs. Ben Sigal, Abilene, Texas, Nugent Rt. 14-2tpd.

FOR SALE: Each Thursday at Clyde Hatchery, a limited number of my pure bred Rhode Island Red Chicks and eggs. Chicks per hundred, \$15.00 Mrs. Al Young, Clyde, Texas. 14-6pd.

FOR SALE: Pure bred Mebane Cotton seed for planting. \$1 per bushel. See or phone Mrs. Sam McClendon, Star Rt. 2, Box 12, Baird, Texas. 12-4tp.

FOR SALE: Dark Carnish Baby Chicks, 15 cents each, at Baird Hatchery. March 9—16th. Also Carnish Eggs, \$1.50 per setting of 15 eggs. See Mrs. Sam McClendon, Baird, Texas, Star Rt., 2, Box 12. 13-2tpd.

RESIDENCE FOR SALE: Nice residence, five rooms, sleeping porch, and bath, also all necessary out houses, close to Public School, concrete side walks to town, see C. M. Curry. 13-4p.

Just received a shipment of Clothes Hamper's \$1.25 Emerson's. 15-1t.

EGGS FOR HATCHING: Ringlet Barred Rock, both light and dark, Pitts Strain, for sale at \$1.50 per setting of 15 eggs. Mrs. B. F. Lovvorn, Box 292, Baird, Texas. 13-4tpd.

We have a Complete line of Rogers Brushing Lacuer, Emerson's. 15-1t.

SPIRELLA: Hosiery, Lingerie, Figure Training Garments and Abnormal Supports. Phone me for appointment. Mrs. Russell Hart, Spirella Representative, Phone 133. 13-tf.

MAIZE HEADS FOR SALE: Maize Heads at \$15.00 per ton delivered at Baird. D. F. Harp, Po. Box 276, Baird, Texas. 13-2tpd.

WANTED TO SELL: 30,000 feet 5-8 inch sucker rods, 3 1-2cents.

14.00 feet 2 inch line pipe, 14 cents.

1,200 feet 5 1-8 inch casing 25c.

Many other sizes of pipe all in shape to run. Located at my yard, Breckenridge, Texas, C. A. Craig. 14-3tp.

We handle J. H. Williams' & Co's Drop-forged wrenches, every wrench guaranteed. Emerson's. 15-1t.

"Clyde Leases and Royalties and Drilling blocks."  
 W. Homer Shanks, Clyde, Texas.

SINGER SEWING MACHINES  
 I sell both the Electric and ordinary Singer Sewing Machines. Also second hand machines.

See or phone,  
 11-tf. J. C. Neal, Clyde, Texas.

"Contracts already made and prospective assured some fifteen wells in CLYDE sandy land belt." 7-tf.

LAUNDRY WORK: We are prepared to do Laundry work,—both washing and ironing. Mrs. O. L. Weatherly, 2nd door north of the Poe Wagon Yard. 10-2tpd.

### Stop That Itching

Use Blue Star Soap to clean the affected parts, then apply Blue Star Remedy. It penetrates the skin, kills out the germs, stops the itching at once, and restores most cases to a healthy condition. Eczema, Tetter or Cracked Hands, Poison Oak, Ringworm, Sore Blistered Feet, Sunburns, Oil Skin Sores—all of these have yielded to its wonderful healing power. 60c and \$1.00 a Jar; Soap 25c. Manufactured by Star Products Co., Cameron, Texas.

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We have a very attractive line of these Aprons and House Dresses both in the Marcy Lee and Nellie Don. Prices range from  
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## Crepe de Chine and Silks

We have a wonderful line of Crepe de Chine, Flat Crepe and Georgette Prices range from \$1.75 to \$2.50 per yard

The Luscious Silks are now in order

## Grocery and Meat Specials

## Saturday & Monday March 12th and 15th

48 lb. Sack Made Rite Flour	\$2.00
24 lb. Sack Made Rite Flour	1.05
24 lb. Sack Made Rite Cream Meal	.60
8 lb. Bucket of Swift Jewel Compound	1.10
4 lb. Bucket of Swift Jewel Compound	.60
6 lb. Crisco	1.10
3 lb. Crisco	.60
No. 1 Flat Pine Apple, per can	.15
No. 2 Tall Pine Apple, per can	.25
1 lb. 14 oz. Can Sun Kist Peaches, 2 for	.55
1 lb. 12 oz. Can Sweet Potatoes, 2 for	.35
Lettuce, per Head	.07
Cabbage, per Pound	.2½
Lemons, per Dozen	.21
Bannanas, per Dozen	.29
Seedless Raisins, 4 lb. Package	.39
Picnic Hams, per Pound	.23

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## USE NEW RAYS AS AID TO MAN

Scientists Employ Them in  
Radio, Surgery and Many  
Inventions.

Washington.—The same day's news carried a story from London that ultra-violet rays are making the animals of the zoo more contented, and a story from Camden, New Jersey, that seeds and tubers treated with X-rays produce greater yields. These are additional evidences of the world's debt to rays, many of them little known. A bulletin from the Washington headquarters of the National Geographic society deals further with this subject.

"Rays are not abstractions of physicists or unusual phenomena to be dealt with only in laboratories," says the bulletin. "They are more truly the mainspring of the earth, making life in all its forms possible."

**Make Life Possible.**  
"The sun's rays are the prerequisite for the world as we know it. But for the warmth and light flowing to us through 93,000,000 miles of space, the earth would be a lifeless cinder, without vegetation and without even the lowest animate forms. As it is, the rays or waves of heat and light flow to us in a mighty stream, for all practical purposes unending, and in this continual bath of life-giving rays we very truly live and move and have our being."

"Our essential diet of rays is fresh as well as potent. Because of the almost inconceivable speed of light and heat waves (180,000 miles per second), the sunbeam which strikes you this instant left its far-away source only eight minutes ago."

**Plants Need Rays.**  
"It is not only by warming us directly and by keeping our seas and streams from being eternally frozen that the sun's rays benefit us. Every good thing that we have, except some of the minerals and ores, can be traced to their beneficent work. The soil upon which our plants live has been washed from the original cheerless lump of ash and stone by the rain which the sun's rays lifted from the seas and cast down on the land."

"Plants which grow in the soil can themselves live only when bathed by sunshine. Plants not only exist because of heat and light waves from the sun, but, fortunately for mankind and the animals, they contrived millions of years ago an ingenious trap for extra energy from the rays which they store away. This trap is a mysterious substance called chlorophyll, the green coloring matter in all soil-growing plant leaves. When the rays strike chlorophyll they manufacture cellulose, starch, and sugars—and on these products the life of the animal world is built. Every plant, then, is in reality a separate factory, operated by waves of energy from a 'power house,' 93,000,000 miles away, through its chlorophyll motor."

**Each Plant a Factory.**  
"These factories turn out directly various commodities that man must have; vegetables, fruits, and nuts that make up a large part of our diet; cotton, flax and other fibers which contribute largely to our clothing and draperies; the woods which help to build our houses and implements; and many other substances which are necessary in our daily life. Indirectly these factories supply our remaining food and clothing; for our food animals produce our meat from a vegetable diet, and so, too, our wool and silk mohair are the indirect products of the ray-built vegetable world."

"It is not only the rays of the present that contribute to our well being. Sunbeams that millions of years ago built tropical vegetation which was fossilized into coal today warm our houses and turn the wheels of our factories. The rays that left the sun weeks or months or at most years ago are helping us in still another way. They evaporated water from the sea which fell as rain and was stored up behind dams. When this imprisoned water is made to turn dynamos the electricity that comes to us over wires to light our homes and toast our bread is only the beneficent sunbeam in another form."

**Heat and Radio Waves.**  
"How we turn heat rays to account is well known. They fly from our radiators to make our homes livable in winter; they cook our food; they produce steam for many of our power houses; and in numerous other ways they are harnessed for man's benefit."

"Within recent years we have harnessed another group of waves which before this time, since the beginning of the world, went unused by man. These are the Hertzian or radio waves which now all over the world are carrying their burden of music and the spoken word, and even are transferring photographs. Inventors are seeking to place other burdens on the strong young shoulders of the radio waves and assert that it is only a question of time until they will carry motion pictures and even power which may turn wheels far from the source of energy."

**Unshackling the Ultra-Violet.**  
"Even the little known waves, shorter than those of light, are now doing their bit to push man's civilization forward. The ultra-violet ray has for many years played an important part in photography. Now its value in improving human and animal health is being recognized. Or-

inary window glass does not permit ultra-violet rays to pass through; so that in reality our windows, made to admit light and warmth, are barriers against one of Nature's chief life-giving forces. Special glasses which permit ultra-violet rays to pass are coming into wider use, especially in hospitals where patients may thus be given the benefit of one more force to help them to health."

"Since its discovery a generation ago, the X-ray has performed innumerable services, chiefly in permitting photographs to be taken of flesh-covered bones and internal organs, and in the direct treatment of certain diseased conditions. But the X-ray is so potent that it can bring harm as well as good, causing tissues to wither away or become infected when exposed too long to the powerful waves. Man has learned to tame this ray, however, and is even finding new uses for it as is indicated by recent experiments which show that seeds exposed to X-rays produce greater yields than those untreated."

**Tiniest Ray Most Penetrating.**  
"One of the rays to become known most recently is the Gamma-ray thrown off by radium. This is in reality a super-X-ray and has found its greatest field in carrying farther the work of its close relative."

"The most mysterious of the rays is that which has come to light within the last year or so, the Milliken or Cosmic ray, which is the ultimate at the present time in vibratory rate and shortness. It is estimated that there are 635 trillion of these rays to the inch. So far, man does not know the origin of these infinitesimally small rays nor has he been able to utilize them. Apparently they do not come from the sun, because they reach the night side of the world as well as the day side. One theory is that they are given off by far away nebulae—solar systems in the making. They penetrate so deeply when they strike that it requires eight feet of solid lead to stop them. The bold hypothesis in regard to their effects is that the life of every animate cell depends upon its bombardment by these tiny waves from the heavens, and it even has been suggested that life itself was originated by them."

### Berlin Rubberneck Bus Small Crystal Palace

Berlin.—It is a small percentage of American travelers who visit Berlin in winter, but for those who do and for such other tourists as put in an appearance here during the cold season, the travel agencies have provided the maximum of sightseeing comforts.

The latest type of "rubberneck" busses which whirl visitors about the streets of old and new Berlin and out to Potsdam, are veritable little crystal palaces, glassed in all around their heated, plush-seated interiors, with window settings so thin that a virtually clear, unobstructed vision is afforded every occupant.

As Berlin architecture is not of the skyscraper type, the roofs are not wholly of glass, as would be similar vehicles in American cities whose most striking features are their towering buildings; but nevertheless, the outer sections of the overhead superstructure on these busses are left transparent, giving an upward slant to the vision that admits of the topmost limits of any building within the Berlin area being easily taken in by the traveler.

### Handiest of All Men? Yes, but He Lacks Job

Welling, Kent, England.—Seventy-year-old Edward Hunt of this village, looking for employment, claims he is the handiest man in Great Britain.

Here is a list of the things he can do: Drive and repair any make of motor car, run electric light plant, gas engines and elevators, do wood work, paperhanging, glazing, repair boots and shoes, lay bricks and fancy tiles; plow, sow, reap, mow, and milk cows; drive a four-in-hand, shoe a horse; row, swim and skate; act as valet, serve at table; manage a grocery business, cultivate a garden and run a public house; act as bell-ringer and church warden. In addition he is a clever artist, has ridden to hounds, knows all about wireless, rides a bicycle, and is an expert knitter.

### Odd Complication Due to Immigration Laws

New York.—A complication made possible by the immigration laws was revealed the other day on the arrival of the French liner France, when Mrs. Maria Carrall, who was born in Tampa, Fla., was sent to Ellis Island as an alien, while her husband, Domingo Carrall, born in Spain and not naturalized, was allowed to land.

Mr. and Mrs. Carrall sailed for Spain last spring, accompanied by their five children, and as Carrall was an alien he obtained a return permit. Mrs. Carrall, believing that she was an American citizen, neglected to do this.

When she attempted to land she discovered that according to the law in force at the time of her marriage she had taken her husband's citizenship. She was taken to Ellis Island, but later was paroled by Commissioner Day pending a ruling from Washington.

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He has to his credit wonderful results in diseases of the stomach, liver, bowels, blood, skin, nerves, heart, kidney, bladder, bed wetting, catarrh, weak lungs, rheumatism, sciatitis, leg ulcers and rectal ailments.

Below are the names of a few of his many satisfied patients in TEXAS: who have been treated for one of the above named causes:

Mrs. Will Seelig, Haskell.  
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Mrs. H. B. Fowler, Grand View.  
Mrs. T. H. Schmalriede, McGregor.  
Charlie Belunek, Sealey.  
Aug. Koenig, Sealey.  
Alfred Keonig, Devine.  
Mrs. Ches. Elbel, Spring Branch.  
Remember above date, that consultation on this trip will be free and that his treatment is different.  
Married women must be accompanied by their husbands.  
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TRAIN SCHEDULE	
West Bound Trains	
No. 1	Arrives 6:40 p. m.
No. 1	Departs 6:50 p. m.
No. 3	Arrives 3:10 p. m.
No. 3	Departs 3:20 p. m.
No. 5	Arrives 3:50 a. m.
No. 5	Departs 3:55 a. m.

East Bound Trains	
No. 2	Arrives 11:30 a. m.
No. 2	Departs 11:40 a. m.
No. 4	Arrives 1:10 p. m.
No. 4	Departs 1:20 p. m.
No. 6	Arrives 1:15 a. m.
No. 6	Departs 1:25 a. m.

### WEST TEXAS COACHES SCHEDULE

COACHES STOP AT  
HOLMES DRUG COMPANY  
LEAVE BAIRD EAST—

to Fort Worth via Putnam, Cisco, Eastland, Ranger, Mineral Wells and Weatherford:

7 a. m. 9 a. m. 11 a. m.  
3 p. m. 6:30 p. m. 9 p. m.

LEAVE BAIRD WEST—

to Abilene—Sweetwater.  
8:30 a. m. 11 a. m.

1:30 p. m. 4 p. m. 9 p. m. 12:30 a. m.

4:30 p. m. 9 p. m. and 12:30 a. m.  
Coaches go to Abilene only.

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### Cat Warns Mistress of Robbers in Home

Oconto, Wis.—That a cat may guard a home from thieves as well as from mice, was proven here recently when "Pat," a 20-pound feline, frustrated the attempts of two robbers in the home of his mistress, Mrs. Helen McClelland.

The cat, startled by the entrance of the men, rushed to the bedroom where Mrs. McClelland slept and awakened her by jumping on the bed. She investigated the cause of the feline's agitation and heard the intruders making their escape.

### FLAGELLANTES SURVIVE IN NORTHERN NEW MEXICO

Members of Fanatical Creed Torture  
Themselves as Part of Religious Ceremony.

Santa Fe, N. M.—Penitentes remain in the United States to this very day. Within the last month their activities have been repeatedly observed in northern New Mexico in the counties of Taos, Colfax, Rio Arriba, Mora, San Miguel, Sandoval, and Valencia.

This cult of flesh torturers, popularly supposed to have become extinct better than a century ago, believes heavenly bliss can be obtained by torturing the body. They are supposed to be a long removed survival of the Flagellantes, a sect organized in Italy in 1210 A. D.

In the sixteenth century the fanatical creed broke out again, and Pope Clement VI issued a papal bull against them March 25, 1574. From Spain and Portugal the sect was brought to Mexico and it has survived principally among the Indians and half breeds in these thinly settled counties of New Mexico.

There are three orders of penitentes. The first order are allowed to be present only at the sect churches, which are hidden well among the canyons and mountains. Those belonging to the second degree are allowed to hold office, and those of the third degree are obligated to practice self-punishment.

There are two principal methods of self-torture practiced today. The first is to cut a deep cross between the shoulders in which is placed a wooden bit and to the bit is tied a heavy wooden cross which the self-appointed victim drags about over the desert. By the other method they braid ropes of yucca, a long spined cactus, and strip themselves and fog one another to the rhythm of ritual chants. Women as well as men are allowed membership in the sect and participate equally in the self-torture.

### What's Cost of Poking Conductor in the Eye?

Berlin, Germany.—Sport enthusiasts riding to and from the winter resorts in the Bavarian Alps have damaged the interiors of so many of the jerk-water electric railroad coaches by dragging in their skis and skates that the management, to avoid arguments between conductors and passengers, has posted schedules of breakage charges. By totaling up the fees for the long list of articles, the value of the furnishings of a small coach appears to be about \$15,000.

The charge for poking out a window is 20 cents for each five square inches broken or cracked. If the whole pane is ruined the fee is \$2. Gas light globes in the electric coaches cost \$1; gas mantles 15 cents, electric light bulbs from 40 cents up, iron ash trays 45 cents, brass ash trays \$1.50, iron coat hooks 35 cents, brass hooks 60 cents.

### Wins Firemen's Lottery After House Burns Down

Budapest.—Emil Peterzell, a Hungarian engineer residing in Bucharest, recently bought a ticket in the Rumanian firemen's lottery, the proceeds of which are devoted to indigent firemen's families. A few days after Emil had contributed to the firemen's charities, his house, containing all his belongings, burnt down. The disaster cost Emil his entire fortune, as nothing was insured. While he was still stunned by this blow, Emil was advised that his ticket had won the biggest lottery prize, totaling 1,000,000 Rumanian lei, or approximately \$5,000.

### Gold in Walls Where Sons Killed Father

Kansas City, Mo.—The murder of a father by his two sons nearly half a century ago was vividly recalled in the community of Rosendale, Mo., recently when workmen tore down the old farm residence of Dr. P. H. Talbot and found a number of \$20 gold pieces inside the walls of the room in which the doctor lost his life. More than \$100 was found the first day and it is thought that there is more money hidden in the walls. Doctor Talbot was shot by his sons the night of September 18, 1850, and died a short time later. The sons were hanged July 22, 1882, after three trials.

### Record as Sailor

Paris.—Seventy-one years at sea was the record of Alfred Rouxel, dean of French seamen, who died at the age of eighty-three years.

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suffer a shortage of salt such as that  
reported recently at Cuenca, Ecuador.

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000 tons of salt, which would last  
2,000,000 years at the present rate of  
consumption, are contained in a single  
deposit underlying an area 650 miles  
long and about 200 miles wide in por-  
tions of Kansas, Oklahoma, north-  
western Texas and New Mexico. This  
is by far the largest known deposit in  
the world, and has scarcely been  
touched except in Kansas, where an  
extensive industry has been developed.

The shortage at Cuenca recalls the  
importance of salt in ancient times.  
The Germans believed the presence of  
salt in the soil gave it a peculiarly  
sacred character, and for salty streams  
they would wage war.

#### Valuable in Ancient Times.

For centuries before the Christian  
era blocks of salt were used by dis-  
tricts of China bordering the ocean to  
pay revenue to the Chinese rulers. In  
China and Tibet the mineral vied  
with gold as a medium of exchange.

Salt is a luxury to some of the na-  
tive tribes of Central Africa, particu-  
larly among the pygmies. Gifts of salt  
have made it possible for the white  
man to approach and study these  
Jungle dwellers. Even the tusks of  
elephants pygmies kill, which are  
their prized possessions, are buried in  
the ground until they are traded for  
salt and tobacco.

While some salt is produced by  
evaporation of sea water in localities  
along the seaboard and in the vicinity  
of salt streams and lakes, most of our  
supply is extracted from deposits in  
the earth. This is done either by fore-  
ing water down holes reaching to the  
salt beds and evaporating the brine  
which is forced up and withdrawn, or  
by the systematic mining of the de-  
posit.

The most famous mines are the Wie-  
liezka mines in Galicia. They virtu-  
ally constitute an underground city  
with their 65 miles of galleries, trav-  
ersed by more than 30 miles of rail  
roads, and their monuments, houses,  
churches, restaurants and railroad sta-  
tions, all carved out of solid salt rock.

Even the massive, artistically pat-  
terned candeliers in numerous chapels  
and ballrooms are salt. There are sub-  
terranean rivers and lakes. One of  
the 16 lakes is navigable and a boat  
is provided which visitors may hire.  
The mines have been in operation  
since the Thirteenth century and a  
depth of 1,200 feet has been reached.  
They justify their classification among  
the lesser wonders of the world.

Of more than 7,000,000 tons of salt  
produced annually in the United States,  
Michigan, New York, Ohio, Kansas,  
and Louisiana rank foremost. Michi-  
gan is slightly in the lead, with New  
York close on her heels. All of these  
states have deposits which show no  
indication of exhaustion.

#### New York's Supply Large.

The New York deposit alone will  
supply the demand of this country for  
thousands of years, although extensive  
operations have been carried on for a  
century. The deposit underlies an  
area of 2,000 square miles in the cen-  
tral part of the state and is from 3 to  
318 feet thick.

Although salt is used principally for  
cooking and seasoning, it plays an im-  
portant part in the great world indus-  
tries. Large quantities are consumed  
in meat packing, fish curing, dairying,  
baking, refrigeration, pottery glazing,  
in the enamel and pipe works, in the  
silk and textile industries, in salting  
cattle, curing and tanning hides,  
making pickles, and in many other in-  
dustries. In the form of brine it is  
used in all chemicals containing a  
sodium base.

Every living thing would perish  
without salt, and a quantity is neces-  
sary to good health. Every tissue of  
the body has a small content of iodine,  
which may be supplied or renewed by  
the consumption of salt.

Before the invention of the cook pot  
and the establishment of the kitchen  
our primitive ancestors ate raw meat  
in which was ample salt. The ani-  
mals consumed salt, and their instinct  
directed them to salt water areas and  
outcroppings salt deposits. But the  
cooking process destroyed a large per-  
centage of the salt in meat and it be-  
came necessary for human consumers  
to make up the deficiency. Thus the  
salt shaker found its way to the dining  
table.

#### Thousands of Rats Invade

#### California Rice Farms

Sacramento, Calif.—Farmers of  
Sierra and Colusa counties are hoping  
that a pied piper will tour their  
district to exterminate thousands of  
rats which recently centered an inva-  
sion in the rice-growing communities.  
Norman Buhn of the state department  
of agriculture is leading the drive by  
distributing neatly wrapped packages  
of poison meat. He declared the re-  
cent invasion was most unusual and  
that a warehouseman at Williams had  
trapped 3,000 rats. Buhn reported  
heavy losses to poultrymen as well as  
by rice and grain growers.

#### Topsy-Turvy

San Francisco.—Pygmyland is  
topsy-turvy. Among the tribes in New  
Guinea visited by the Stirling expe-  
dition, men let their hair grow, wom-  
en let their cut short. Children stop  
growing when they reach maturity.

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ful.  
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ful.

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ing it is to order a batch of  
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States Department of Labor. Doctor  
Tandy is a native of Indiana and  
holds degrees from the University of  
Chicago, Columbia University and  
Johns Hopkins. She also studied medi-  
cine at Cornell and the University of  
Wisconsin. At one time she was field  
representative for the American Red  
Cross.

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pacity for women is lacking, but  
estimates made by statistical ex-  
perts of the Metropolitan Life  
insurance company put the total  
increase in earning power since  
1900 at \$3,500,000,000.

This gain in ability to earn  
money has come about as the re-  
sult of the recent improvement  
in extension of life, the experts  
declare. In 1901 a male at birth  
was considered to have a poten-  
tial worth of \$7,553, but in 1924  
the value of the average boy  
was calculated at \$9,323.

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consequent longer period of  
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### Lesson for March 20

#### THE CHRISTIAN'S HOPE

LESSON TEXT—John 14:1-3; II Cor.  
5:1-10; I John 3:2, 3.

PRIMARY TOPIC—Our Heavenly  
Home.

JUNIOR TOPIC—Christ Preparing a  
Home for Christians.

INTERMEDIATE AND SENIOR TOP-  
IC—Our Heavenly Home.

YOUNG PEOPLE AND ADULT TOP-  
IC—Beauty and Power of the Chris-  
tian's Hope.

#### I. Assurance of a Heavenly Home (Jno. 14:1-3).

The announcement concerning the  
death of Christ, accompanied with the  
shaping of events which pointed to a  
speedy accomplishment of the same,  
shattered the disciples' hope. The  
Lord told them that He was going  
away and that they could not follow  
Him. This brought great grief to  
their hearts. They perhaps began to  
doubt His Messiahship, but He did not  
leave them comfortless.

1. He asked them to believe and  
trust in Himself as God (v. 1).

"Ye believe in God, believe also in  
me." Faith in the God-man, Christ  
Jesus, will steady the heart, no mat-  
ter how great the sorrow or intense  
the grief. If we will but place the  
cares and burdens of life upon Him  
our tears shall be turned into joy and  
our despondency transformed into a  
radiant hope.

2. He assured them that He was  
going to prepare a place for them in  
His Father's house (v. 2). He assured  
them that that place would have an  
abundance of room, for there were  
"many mansions" in His Father's  
house. We should learn from this that  
heaven is not an imaginary place. It  
is a prepared place for a prepared  
people.

3. He assured them that He would  
come again and escort them to heaven  
(v. 3).

Jesus will not wait for His own to  
come to Him, but will personally come  
back to the earth and call forth from  
the graves those who have died in the  
faith (I Thess. 4:16, 17), and trans-  
form living believers and take them  
all to be with Himself in the heavenly  
home for evermore. When He said, "I  
will come again," He no doubt meant  
His personal, bodily and literal return  
to this earth.

II. Assurance of the Resurrection of  
the Body (II Cor. 5:1-10). That which  
nerved Paul for his conflict even when  
physical death threatened was the as-  
surance that even such violence would  
but hasten his presence with the Lord.  
As he faced the uncertain future he  
was sure:

1. That his present body was only a  
tabernacle, a tent in which he lived  
temporarily (v. 1). Though this tent  
were destroyed he had nothing to fear,  
as there was a building to take its  
place. This house which is to take  
the place of the tent is

- (1) From God.
- (2) Not made with hands.
- (3) It is eternal.

Our natural body at best crumbles  
to dust in about three score and ten  
years, but the resurrection body shall  
abide forever.

(4) It is to be "in the heavens."

2. He earnestly longed for the  
change (vv. 2-4). The human person-  
ality instinctively shinks from a state  
of disembodiment, but the intelligent  
Christian earnestly longs for the ex-  
change of the natural body for the  
spiritual. We long to put off the per-  
ishable and take on the imperishable.

3. This plan was wrought by God  
(v. 5).

God did not fashion the body for  
death, but for life. God is not the God  
of the dead but of the living.

4. Believers should be of good cour-  
age (vv. 6-8).

While we live in this body we are  
absent from the Lord, but because of  
the Holy Spirit dwelling within us,  
we confidently walk by faith, being  
more anxious to be absent from the  
body and present with the Lord.

5. The believer's chief concern in  
this life should be to please the Lord  
(vv. 9, 10).

Nothing matters—health, sickness,  
strength, weakness, fame or obscurity,  
friends or loneliness—provided at the  
end of the journey we hear the Lord's  
"well done, good and faithful servant."

III. Glorified With the Lord (I Jno  
2:2, 3).

We are now God's children, but the  
change which awaits the resurrection  
has not come yet. When it comes it  
will reveal our wonderful future.  
When the Son of God shall be man-  
ifest we shall be like Him in glory.  
When Christ shall come again the  
saints shall share His glory. This glo-  
rious hope will transform the life. The  
one who has it will keep himself pure  
even as He is pure.

#### Overcoming Temptation

Every time we allow a temptation to  
overcome us we are weaker. Every  
time we overcome a temptation we  
are stronger.—Living Message.

#### Should Not Serve Sin

That henceforth we should not serve  
sin. There is no necessity to have  
even a single evil thought.—Echoes.

#### The Peace of God

The peace of God will keep us under  
every trying circumstance.—Echoes.

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## POOR HORSE COLLARS CAUSED ROME'S FALL

### French Savant Advances an Original Theory.

Paris.—Did Rome fall because no public-spirited citizen knew enough to invent a harness that would adequately utilize horse power? This weak joint in the armor of the fallen empires of antiquity was pointed out by Commandant Lefebvre des Noettes at a recent meeting of the French Institute of Anthropology.

Commandant des Noettes has made a complete survey of the history of the use of animal motive power from the early dawn of civilization. The harness of the ancients, he explained, had for its principal organ of traction a collar consisting of a leather band that went around the neck like a dog collar, without touching the shoulders, and which was attached to a wooden yoke just above the withers. This collar was so placed that it most effectively cut off the animal's wind by pressing on his windpipe and the large artery of the throat.

**Almost Strangled Horses.**  
As soon as a team felt the weight of a chariot and its passengers exerting pressure on the collar they were forced to rear up their heads and dash off to save themselves from strangling. Hence the rampant attitude of all the horses depicted in ancient papyri and sculptures, declared Commandant des Noettes.

As a result of this drawback the great civilizations of the past were never able to get more than a fraction of the potential motive power from their horses. Oxteams operating with a wooden yoke attached to the horns, not greatly different from that in use today, did not suffer from the oppressive collar and in consequence did most of what heavy hauling was done. Both oxen and horses were unsuited and in consequence were not much good in rough ground.

**Couldn't Haul Half a Ton.**  
Data obtained from translations of the Greek historian Xenophon and from the Theodosian code about a thousand years later, said Commandant des Noettes, indicate that no team of oxen in ancient times was ever considered capable of transporting a load of over half a ton.

Various ineffectual attempts were made to modify to better advantage the accepted type of harness but not until after the era of Charlemagne, about the time of the beginning of the Capet dynasty in France, did some inventive genius devise a horse collar that was practical.

For six hundred years the water mill for grinding corn had failed to bring great benefit to the Romans, simply because it took numberless animals to draw enough grain to supply its needs. Where grain could not be transported in ships the arduous labor of hand grinding continued to be the order of the day. The lack of adequate transportation of raw products and the consequent dependence on slave labor, according to Commandant des Noettes, constituted the great weakness of the civilizations of the past. The invention of the modern harness gave to the world, he declared, a motive force more powerful and economical than slavery.

## RANCHER'S LIFE SAVED BY HORSE

### Animal Waits for Injured Man to Mount.

Sioux Falls, S. D.—Harris Rinderneck, a rancher of northwestern South Dakota, is the owner of a horse which he would not sell for its weight in gold. His affection for the animal is due to the fact that it saved his life.

During a storm recently, while the temperature was below zero, Rinderneck was rounding up some of his cattle, riding the horse which afterward saved his life, when the animal slipped and fell, throwing Rinderneck to the ground, breaking his leg and rendering him unconscious. Instead of the horse scrambling to its feet and dashing away, as most animals would have done, it scrambled to its feet and stood patiently beside the form of its master on the ground.

When the rancher regained consciousness he found the horse there waiting for him. Helpless, so far as attempting to walk was concerned, he grasped the saddle stirrup nearest to him, then spoke quietly to his horse and with his voice guided it to a snowbank which was of sufficient height to enable him to crawl to the back of the horse.

He then rode to the nearest farm house, but on arriving at the gate he was unable to make any one hear his calls for help. In this extremity he produced his pliers and cut the fence, riding up to the house, where he was given assistance and then taken to the nearest town for surgical attention for his broken leg.

The rancher declares that had his horse not waited for him he would have frozen to death. He was several miles from home when the accident happened, and it would have been impossible for him to have crawled that distance.

## Gun Shot Both Round and Square Bullets

Los Angeles, Calif.—The deadly Marlin machine gun, capable of firing 16 bullets a minute, one of the prize exhibits in the recent trial of accused Mexican revolutionists, is a far cry from its first ancestor, invented in England away back in 1717. The modern gun may put it all over its forbear in speed and accuracy, but it hasn't inherited one classic feature which seems to have recommended the first one—that of being able to shoot square bullets against Turks and round ones against Christians.

G. E. Chase, in charge of the patent room in the Los Angeles public library, recently came across the specification for this first gun, granted to James Ruckle. It was a portable gun, or a machine called a "defense," and the description ran as follows:

"The gun is a revolver and is mounted on a tripod; it has a single barrel and a rotating chamber. The shape of the chambers and of the bullets may be changed or varied, some for shooting square bullets against Turks and others for shooting round bullets against Christians."

## Lorna Doone a Myth

Exmoor, England.—Lorna Doone never lived and Richard D. Blackmore's celebrated romance of that name was founded on a myth, says A. G. Bradley, noted English historian.

## U. S. WORRIED OVER HELIUM SHORTAGE

### Principal Source of Supply Playing Out.

Washington.—America faces a helium shortage. And helium is the unburnable gas that, although undiscovered on earth before 1895, is used to inflate dirigibles and thus keep them from exploding, as those filled with hydrogen are likely to do.

The natural gas from the Petrolia (Texas) field, which has provided helium up until now, is playing out. Since congress has authorized the construction of two giant dirigibles, each with a capacity of 6,000,000 cubic feet, to cost \$8,000,000, lack of helium is worrying government officials. The navy and the United States bureau of mines are asking congress to appropriate money to pipe to the Fort Worth (Texas) helium extraction plant, built during the war, the helium-bearing natural gas of Nocona, only 25 miles from Petrolia.

The appropriation desired is \$500,000, which is needed to construct the necessary pipeline and pressure plant. The bill is now awaiting action by the senate. Once the money is appropriated, it will be a matter of only six or seven months before the helium supply can be increased.

The Nocona field was discovered in 1922, but natural gas, although burned in the field, has never been drawn away. The life of the Nocona supply is about 15 years, and it will probably produce from 10,000,000 to 12,000,000 cubic feet of helium a year during that time.

More helium is essential with the construction of the two giant dirigibles in view. There never was enough helium to float the Los Angeles and the Shenandoah simultaneously. With the destruction of the Shenandoah, the world's largest single store of pure helium was lost. Each of the projected giant dirigibles will need three times the helium now being used by the dirigible Los Angeles.

## Cattle Malady Laid to Lack of Phosphates

Sturgeon Bay, Wis.—A cattle malady that has puzzled dairymen in Door county for months has been traced to its source, according to a report from Dr. B. A. Beach of the Wisconsin College of Agriculture.

Lack of phosphates in the soil and consequently in the cattle feed caused all the trouble, he said.

A herd of six afflicted animals was placed at the peninsula branch of the state experimental station and fed a well-balanced ration after postmortem examination on cows that died of the trouble showed lack of phosphates and limes in their bones. This ration, in which the proper phosphates were included, brought the cattle back to full strength and weight in a few months.

The soil in northern Door county is very shallow, and due to this the phosphates in the soil were quickly used up. According to Prof. E. J. DeWiche, head of the experimental station, nine-tenths of the farms in this district are lacking in phosphates, and many other farms in Wisconsin are also showing the effects of insufficient phosphates in the soil.

## Local Fancier Breeds

### Dogs That Do Not Bark

Bellingham, Wash.—By interbreeding with a type of Siberian sledge dogs, a local fancier has developed a species of dog that does not bark. They have a manner of howling something akin to the wolf, but when well fed forget even that vocal ability. In begging for food they try to attract attention by a whine and guttural cough.

## Real Estate Pays

New York.—Johns Well, realty operator, died in 1917, leaving tenements valued at \$500,000 when realty was in the wartime dumps. Now it's worth \$4,000,000.

## Church Theft Charged

Dallas, Texas.—Theft of one Baptist church, value \$45, is the charge that two negroes, one the pastor and the other a deacon, are facing here.

## White House Employs

### Small Clerical Force

Washington.—With the exception of the fine arts commission which has but two hired hands, the White House has the smallest clerical force of any government department or independent bureau.

Forty-four employees, including three women, are assigned to the executive offices to assist President Coolidge administrate the nation's business.

Uncle Sam employs a total of 399,705 persons to keep the wheels of government moving, compared with a total of 423,577 in 1916. When the armistice was signed in November, 1918, the largest number of clerks in history, 917,760, were on the government pay rolls.

The Post-Office department leads the field in employees with 305,985. The Treasury department is second with 51,619 and the War department third with 48,768. The Justice department has the smallest number, 2,763, of any of the executive departments.

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