

The Snyder Signal

TWENTY-NINTH YEAR

SNYDER, SCURRY COUNTY, TEXAS, FRIDAY, JANUARY 14, 1916.

NUMBER THIRTY-ONE

ACTIVITIES OF THE SNYDER CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

VISIBLE RESULTS OF ORGANIZATION

MANY ESSENTIAL THINGS ACCOMPLISHED BY ORGANIZED BUSINESS MEN

PROPOSE TO ORGANIZE COUNTY

Commissioners Court to Co-Operate With the Effort For Destroying Pests.

Snyder Chamber of Commerce has through strenuous effort of a few loyal business men, accomplished many essential things for Snyder during the past few months, which, when properly considered, must receive the approval of every individual in this section.

Attention of Signal readers is called to some of the main features of the work during the past three months, such as:

Remodeling business house awnings, establishing a uniform style about the square.

The erection of a first-class cotton compress in Snyder, which has been a source of considerable convenience and saving to our citizens.

Have under advisement the establishment of a grain elevator in Snyder, also a planing mill.

Entertained Col. Potter and associates who recently made the trip over the Southern National Highway, which has made Snyder famous by being located on this important route.

Re-establishing an up-town office of the Western Union Telegraph company. This required considerable correspondence with the head office of that institution, necessitating a great deal of time.

The publication of a fall advertising circular and distributing same outside the immediate vicinity with a view of broadening the trade territory of Snyder. The effect was pleasing to all who participated.

Petitioning the Southwestern Telegraph & Telephone Company to install a common battery system in Snyder. This important undertaking was accomplished and the company hopes to have same in operation early in the spring.

The erection of awning lights and lamp posts on the corners of the public square, which is admitted to be a splendid move as a well lighted city is an attractive advertisement to any town.

Securing the services of a government expert to come to Scurry county and create plans by which prairie dogs can be eliminated, following which the Chamber of Commerce officially appealed to the Commissioners' Court to co-operate by purchasing the ingredients for the carrying on of the work by local application.

Originating the plan of the splendid get-together banquet, which took place January 6. The effect of this undertaking is admitted by all as being a most enterprising method of getting the business men of Scurry county face to face with each other, where Hermligh, Fluvanna, Dunn, Ira and other localities in the county were represented by influential men and good fellowship prevailed, following a very prosperous business year.

There are many other important matters in store for the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, and if you want to be recognized as a progressive citizen and take an active part in the forward movement of 1916, be ready at all times to attend the meetings and take care of your interests.

Remember a call is issued for all commercial citizens to meet at the court house this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

START CAMPAIGN OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST PESTS

Death to the prairie dog and all other pests is the slogan for the Scurry county farmer and land owner. During the next month the battle will be waged and it is hoped that with the unanimous co-operation of all interested parties there will not be a live prairie dog in the county by the end of February. Is this possible? There is no question about it if the people will do their duty. Demonstrations in mixing poison have been made over the county and poisoning associations formed. The county Commissioners have decided to supply the poison at cost and co-operating with the Snyder Chamber of Commerce will distribute the poison over the country and demonstrate under expert supervision the mixing. With this help there should be no hesitation and everybody should join in the effort to rid the farm and ranch of a pest that is costing the county at least \$50,000.00 a year.

Plans are being completed for the poisoning campaign and further detail announcement will be made next week, but in the meantime everyone desiring poison should communicate with Wm. Pearn, or see him at the Signal office, giving their acreage in dogs, ascertain the quantity of poison necessary, and order the same, which will be supplied at cost. The following are the directions for poisoning pocket gophers, jack rabbits, and prairie dogs, as used by the United States Department of Agriculture.

Directions for Destroying Pocket Gophers.

Pocket gophers are readily caught in several makes of special traps commonly on the market, and a few of these suffice to keep small areas free of these pests. For ridding alfalfa fields, orchards, and long stretches of ditch embankments of them, a very successful and much more practical method is to poison them by placing baits of sweet potato or of parsnips in their underground runways.

The baits should be cut about an inch long and a half inch square, and washed and drained. From a pepper-box slowly sift 1-8 ounce of powdered strychnine (alkaloid) and 1-10 of this quantity a saccharine (ground together in a mortar) over about four quarts of the dampened bait, stirring to distribute the poison evenly.

The runways, which are usually 4 to 8 inches beneath the surface, can be located by means of a probe made of any strong handle an inch in diameter and 36 inches long. One end should be bluntly pointed. Into the other should be fitted a piece of 3-8 inch iron rod, protruding about 12 inches, and bluntly pointed. A foot rest aids in probing in hard soils. By forcing down this iron rod near gopher workings, or a foot or two back of fresh mounds, the open tunnel can be felt as the point breaks into it. The blunt end of the instrument is now used to carefully enlarge the hole, a bait or two is dropped into the run and the probe hole closed.

One soon becomes expert in locating the runs, and a man can treat 200 to 500 gopher workings in a day. Baits need be placed at only two points in each separate system of 10 to 30 mounds, which is usually the home of a single gopher. In our experience baits placed fairly in the open runs have invariably killed the gophers. The method has found great

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JOHN LIND
President Wilson's Representative who reported on Mexican affairs.

PROCEEDINGS IN COUNTY COURT FOR THE WEEK

M. F. Cornelius vs. W. B. Hardin
suit on note, continued by agreement.

E. B. Barnes vs. J. R. Hamilton,
suit on note, continued by plaintiff.

E. F. Sears vs. J. M. Stephens et al,
set for Tuesday second week.

C. W. Harrison vs. R. W. Nelson,
suit on note, set for Tuesday second week.

W. W. Ditte vs. W. W. Whitehead,
suit for debt, set for Wednesday 2nd week.

Marvin Wood vs. Leslie Keyney,
set for Thursday second week.

P. N. Dawson vs. O. F. Bennett,
suit for damages, set for Friday second week.

W. A. Fuller vs. P. & S. F. Ry Co.
suit for damages, continued.

In the Criminal department there were more than a dozen cases for gaming against local citizens dismissed.

J. H. Essary, theft under \$50, set for Jan. 17.

W. A. Essary theft under \$50, set for Jan. 17.

Glen Smith, disturbing the peace, passed to 2nd week.

Manual Ragland, gaming, fined \$10.

Jim Wooten, aggravated assault, dismissed.

John Wooten, carrying pistol, dismissed.

R. D. English, unlawfully practicing medicine, set for trial Friday first week.

Marriage at Ira.

Last Thursday afternoon, Jan. 6, at 3:30, Mr. L. G. Smith and Miss Lela Evans were united in marriage.

This young couple will live in Ira and Mr. Smith will continue to manage the drug store here.

The writer again congratulates the bride and groom and predicts much success and happiness for them in the future, as they are both very promising, and have many friends.

Contributed.

Cecil Warren Dies At Maxwell

Cecil Warren aged 16 years died Monday night at the Maxwell hotel and his remains were taken away Tuesday evening for burial at Lancaster. The boy's father, Mr. W. B. Warren recently took charge of the Maxwell house and his children came Monday from Lancaster to join him here. Cecil was taken sick on the way here Monday and died Monday night. This was a deeply sad circumstance and the people of Snyder feel a deep sympathy for the stricken family.

COURT DECLARES WAR ON THE DOGS

COUNTY JUDGE INSTRUCTED TO PURCHASE THE NECESSARY POISON.

TRANSACT ROUTINE BUSINESS

Commissioners in Regular Monthly Session With Full Board Present.

The Commissioners Court was in regular monthly session Monday and part of Tuesday with a full court present.

An order was passed to refund to Mrs. A. J. Swindell \$4.58 adjudged an excess in taxes paid in 1913 and 14.

D. A. Jones reported loss of Warrant No. 1466, for \$15, and a duplicate warrant was allowed to him.

A petition of T. L. Shepherd et al for a 3rd class road was rejected.

The court went fully into the matter of the campaign now on in this county for the destruction of prairie dogs and the county judge was authorized to purchase not to exceed 1000 ounces of strychnine to be furnished to owners of lands in the county that are infected with prairie dogs, to be used for destroying such dogs. The strychnine to be turned over to the person selected by the Chamber of Commerce for distribution to citizens within this county at actual cost, plus not exceeding ten cents an ounce to pay for distribution upon execution of a good and sufficient bond payable to the county treasurer as a guarantee for the reimbursement of the county for all funds invested by the county in such strychnine.

If the first order for strychnine proves not enough the county judge may at his discretion make other orders.

Since the matter has been under discussion Judge Buchanan has been in correspondence with dealers and received quotations Tuesday of 77 cents an ounce for strychnine direct from the factory.

This is considerably lower than the regular wholesale price and will save the county quite a large sum of money. There will be some little expense in distributing the poison and this will be added to the cost price.

A great many land owners are expecting to take up the work and if any should fail to do so, it will be but a short time until the law will make it a duty of the sheriff to take the matter in hand.

BEAUTIFY SCHOOL GROUNDS.

While practical agriculture and civic science are being taught in the public schools, why not give the pupils practice in landscape gardening and floriculture on the school grounds? As a rule the school grounds in this country are almost destitute of trees and shrubbery, when in fact they ought to be made attractive to the eye. It may be argued that a school campus is intended for a play ground but that might be offset by the fact that a proper division of the ground would give space for trees and flower beds and have enough left for the children to play on.

The argument that school children destroy shrubbery is on a par with the position of a householder who refuses to buy a clock because the children might break it.

There is no better place to cultivate care and industry in children than on the school grounds. Let those of them who are inclined to engineering lay out the ground in plots and have the beds made, the seeds and shrubbery planted and detail a class every week to cultivate an 'water the growing stuff. Have them study the soil and note development and before your term is out you will see a school of botanists living close to nature and taking pride in the keeping of attractive grounds.

Why not try it? Instead of a barren landscape let the school grounds be like a beautiful park and give the pupils some practical lessons in plant growing.



MAJOR GEN. FUNSTON
U. S. Commander in charge of the Army forces on Mexican border.

SNYDER I. O. O. F. LODGE ENJOYED EXCELLENT YEAR

Snyder Lodge No. 485, I. O. O. F., installed most of their new officers last Friday night and will complete the list probably tonight.

The list of officers—elective and appointive is as follows:

S. M. Hull, N. G.,
J. A. Farmer, V. G.,
A. Johnston, Secretary;
Rob. Strayhorn, Treasurer,
R. L. Howell, Rep. to Grand Lodge,
J. L. Hendryx, Chaplain,
A. H. Smith, Warden,
Rob. Strayhorn, conductor,
C. R. Burk, I. G.,
R. L. Howell, R. S. to N. G.,
Joe Strayhorn, L. S. to N. G.,
G. H. Leath, R. S. to V. G.,
J. D. Norris, L. S. to V. G.,
J. L. Spencer, R. S. S.,
J. S. Curtis, L. S. S.,
C. W. Wilks, Junior P. G.,

The lodge has had the most successful year in its history. Making a net increase in membership of 33 per cent, and more than a hundred per cent gain in finances.

Officers Go to Burnett.

Sheriff Merrell and Deputy Sheriff Casstevens left Monday for Burnett to attend court. City Marshal Wolfe went last week. They have been called there as witnesses in connection with the two strangers Miester and Reeves whom they arrested in Snyder some weeks ago as suspects. The men have been indicted in Burnett county in connection with a bank robbery and murder case at Marble Falls.

Rebekahs Install Officers.

Snyder Rebekah Lodge, No. 26, installed their elective officers Monday night.

Miss Maggie Lee Hull, N. G.,
Miss Eulalia Smith, V. G.,
Mrs. Isadora Baker, Secretary,
Mrs. Willie Farmer, treasurer,
Appointive offices will be installed later.

Married in Snyder.

Mr. C. E. Northcutt of Post City and Miss Oma Rives of Oklahoma were married in Snyder Tuesday evening by Rev. R. A. Stewart at the Methodist parsonage.

Married at Fluvanna.

Mr. C. E. Ainsworth of Fluvanna and Miss Jewel Pruitt, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. A. A. Pruitt of Dermott were married Tuesday at Fluvanna by Rev. J. H. Tate. The Signal extends congratulations to this splendid young couple.

FOURTH MONTH SCHOOL REPORT

SUPT. WATSON MAKES REPORT OF SCHOOL WORK FOR THE MONTH.

ATTENDANCE INTERFERED WITH

Sickness and Holiday Activities Combine to Interfere with the Usual Attendance.

The month closing last Friday was withal a good month but on account of the holidays coming in between the halves of it several pupils excited by the Christmas festivities did not make as good grades as they are in the habit of making. Another serious disadvantage was the epidemic of "grippe" which kept almost half of the school out for a few days. On these accounts the attendance has not been as good as usual.

The school has been taught for twenty full days this month. All teachers have been present except two who were out a few days on account of illness. The enrollment for the year up to the end of the month was 380 boys and 444 girls, making a grand total of 824. Of this number the average attendance for the month per day was 258 boys and 304 girls, making a total daily average attendance of 562. This in the face of the facts above stated is a credible showing. There has been considerable falling off in the per cent of tardies. Only a few pupils are now coming to the school late. This total number of tardies was 52 boys and 45 girls making a total of 97. This is entirely too many and we hope the people will help us to remedy this most pernicious evil.

There have been 16 cases of corporal punishment this month. This seems all out of proportion for the size of our school. I feel sure that some people are not fully aware of the seriousness of this condition. It is true that most of this punishment is from one or two rooms. But it is sad indeed that such has to be done in a civilized land. There are children in our schools whose parents seem to think it is creditable to their children to get punishment at school. Their conduct when told about shows it. Then there are others who are struck dumb with terror when such is the case. If your child comes home and reports that it has been punished it is then high time that you take an inventory of your surroundings and see if there is not something wrong. I tell you now that corporal punishments should not be necessary. We as teachers do not care to do it yet if it is the only remedy then we must act. We plead with you to help us save your child without this character of punishment at school. Some parents tell about how much trouble they used to give their teachers. Some are bad because they hear other men on the streets jesting about how they used to get by the teachers. Some boys are bad because their parents pass lightly the fact that they have been punished at school. Some children are bad because their parents always criticize the teacher for every act of correction and teach their children that the teacher is the child's enemy. Some children are bad because their parents never take any interest in their daily habits of living and permit them to run at large on the streets both by day and by night. If your boy has been punished please look about and see if some of these conditions do not exist. Certainly the teacher would not purposefully do something to make them bad and then have to punish them for it. Let us hope that next month's record will be better.

The work for the month has been good in the main. Several pupils have decidedly lower grades than they are accustomed to making on account of having been ill and out of school for several days. The fact that a child gets a low grade for the month does not mean that he has not done excellent work for the time he was present. If he was absent

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...plus cash crop.

Mr. Nathan Adams, a prominent banker of Dallas, who is on the program to discuss the "1916 Cotton Crop," said recently that if the South, including Texas, should produce the food and feed stuffs necessary to feed itself there would be neither land nor labor enough left to produce a surplus cotton crop.

Among other speakers who will address the convention are the Hon. Fred W. Davis, State Commissioner of Agriculture; Dr. L. J. Allen of the United States Bureau of Animal Industry; Wm. G. Breg, Chairman of the Agricultural Committee of the Texas Bankers' Association, and D. A. Sanders, Secretary of the Texas Field Crop Association.

Herman Pickle of Tennessee spent the day here Sunday with friends. He was on his way to Snyder, where he expects to reside with his brother, J. B. Pickle.—Roscoe Times.

EXPLOSION IN DUPONT POWDER PLANT

Cause Assigned to External Influence and Two Men Are Reported Now Under Arrest.

Philadelphia, Pa., Jan. 10.—Thirteen persons at least reported to have been killed and seven others severely burned in an explosion at the Boscher plant of the Du Pont Powder company at Carneys Point early today. The steamer Long Beach which was just leaving its dock, was blown partly out of the water. None of the passengers was hurt, according to reports here. The force of the explosion was so great that it was heard in this city, twenty-five miles distant.

Later reports said that the blast was caused by outside influence and that two men had been arrested. As all wire communications to Carneys Point was cut off by the explosion, none of these reports could be confirmed.

The explosion occurred in the Boscher plant mill, where the first grades of smokeless powder are prepared for shipment. It happened shortly after the force of workers had changed at midnight.

The Signal and Dallas News \$1.75.

MONUMENTS.

Direct from Factory, High Grade Material and Workmanship.

FRED WALTER,
Snyder, Texas.

TEXAS INDUSTRIAL CONGRESS.

Dallas, Texas, Jan. 3, 1916.—Safe and sane farming for 1916, will be emphasized in the program of the Texas Industrial Congress at its annual convention in Dallas, January 15. In addition to awarding prizes to the successful contestants in the field crop, livestock, and garden classes for 1915 and announcing its plans for 1916, the Congress will devote considerable time to the discussion of ways and means for the encouragement of the farmers in producing a "living at home" by diversifying their crops and making

REAL ESTATE TRANSFERS.

P. C. Steen and wife to Chas. Brown, east half of section 2, block 3, H. & G. N. \$2260.

First National Bank of Snyder to A. S. Berry, southeast fourth of section 25, in block 3, H. & T. C., \$1800.

P. M. Bolin and wife to W. L. Shaw, lots 5 and 6 in block 43, Wilmett addition to Snyder, \$700.

W. J. Hull to Mrs. Josie Hull, lots 2, 3, & 4, in Cody Heights addition, \$10.

H. E. ... to D. Nation part of lot 3 in block No. 3 Snyder \$3600.

Fredonia H. Taylor to M. E. Rosser, block No. 19 in Grayum & Nelson addition to Snyder, \$100.

F. E. Facker and wife to P. E. Davenport, lots 2 & 3, in block 63, lots 1 & 4 and part of lots 2 & 3, in block 50, Grayum & Nelson Heights addition to Snyder, \$1750.

There is more Catarrh in this section of the country than all other diseases put together, and until the last few years was supposed to be incurable. For a great many years doctors pronounced it a local disease and prescribed local remedies, and by constantly failing to cure with local treatment, pronounced it incurable. Science has proven Catarrh to be a constitutional disease, and therefore requires constitutional treatment. Hall's Catarrh Cure, manufactured by P. J. Cheney & Co., Toledo, Ohio, is the only Constitutional cure on the market. It is taken internally. It acts directly on the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. They offer one hundred dollars for any case it fails to cure. Send for circulars and testimonials.

Address: F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, etc. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

HOPES U. S. WILL MAKE JAPAN TAKE FILIPINOS

Washington, Jan. 9.—Representative Martin Dies, "the feller from Texas," took a sharp issue with Senator Chamberlain on the preparedness question and declared that if Japan did take the Philippines he hoped the United States would declare war on Japan and make her keep them.

S. H. Morton was shot and instantly killed at Knox City Monday morning by J. J. Mitchell and ex-sheriff of King County. Domestic trouble is said to be the cause.

You've hit the right tobacco

when you fire-up some Prince Albert in your old jimmy pipe or in a makin's cigarette. *And you know it!* Can't get in wrong with P. A. for it is made *right*; made to spread-smoke-sunshine among men who have suffered with scorched tongues and parched throats! The patented process fixes that—and *cuts out* bite and parch. All day long you'll sing how glad you are you're pals with

PRINCE ALBERT
the national joy smoke

You take this testimony straight from the shoulder, men. You can smoke a barrel of P. A. without a kick! It hands out all the tobacco happiness any man ever dreamed about, it's so smooth and friendly. It's a mighty cheerful thing to be on talking-terms with your pipe and your tongue *at the same time*—but that's what's coming to you sure as you pin your faith to Prince Albert!

R. J. REYNOLDS TOBACCO CO., Winston-Salem, N. C.

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It's an easy job to change the shape and color of unaltable brands to imitate the Prince Albert tidy red tin, but it is impossible to imitate the flavor of Prince Albert tobacco! The patented process protects that!

Everywhere tobacco is sold you'll find Prince Albert awaiting your cheerful visit. Buy it in toppy red bags, 5c; tidy red tins, 10c; handsome pound and half-pound humidors—and in that classy pound crystal-glass humidor with sponge-moistener top that keeps the tobacco so fit!

Prof. and Mrs. John W. Leftwich of Hermleigh spent Sunday in Snyder.

Mr. C. N. McGaffey of Dallas is here representing the Praetorians.

Born Jan. 7 to Mr and Mrs. Oscar Davis, four miles southeast of Snyder, a boy.

We have some extra good second hand Buggies that we will sell at a bargain or trade for young horses and mules.

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Is Your Farm Equipment Complete

Figure With Us on Your Implements and Furniture

WE undoubtedly have the biggest and best stock of Furniture, Shelf and Heavy Hardware, Wagons, Buggies and farm implements in West Texas.

AS the season of the year has arrived when we must begin another crop, it is to your interest, both financially and physically to have the best farming tools manufactured. We handle the best implements we can buy and can furnish you with anything needed on the farm from a threshing machine to a hoe handle. Come in at your earliest convenience and get our figures.

WE have a magnificent showing of the latest designs and patterns in Furniture Suits and odd pieces. Look through our sales room before you buy.

BLACKARD BROS.

SNYDER NATIONAL BANK

At Snyder, in the state of Texas, at the close of business on December 31st, 1915.

Resources. Loans and discounts... \$351 482 07... Total... \$679 867 34

Liabilities. Capital stock paid in... \$100 000 00... Total... \$679 867 34

Subscribed and sworn to before this 10th day of January, 1916. E. J. Anderson, Notary Public in and for Scurry county, Texas.

Correct—Attest: W. A. FULLER, P. L. FULLER, M. A. FULLER, Directors.

Died at Post City. A little son of J. K. Keller, 11 years old, residing in the north part of Snyder was taken to Post City a few days ago, and was operated upon for appendicitis and died there Monday night. The body was brought back to Snyder Tuesday for burial in Snyder Cemetery.

We have plenty of Lump Stock Salt. See that "Rox-Alt Block." Denson & Smith.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK

At Snyder, in the State of Texas, at the close of business on December 31st, 1915.

Resources. Loans and discounts... \$277 903 12... Total... \$372 465 15

Liabilities. Capital stock paid in... \$60 000 00... Total... \$372 465 15

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 11th day of Jan., 1916. H. E. Watkins, Notary Public.

Correct—Attest: W. A. JOHNSON, W. D. SIMS, J. WRIGHT MOOR, Directors.

For Trade. We have some extra good buggies to trade for young horses and mules. Townsend-Oldham & Co.

FIRST STATE BANK & TRUST CO.

At Snyder, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1915, published in the Snyder Signal, a newspaper printed and published at Snyder, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1916.

Resources. Loans and discounts... \$156 651 69... Total... \$242 812 86

STATE OF TEXAS, County of Scurry. We, P. Brady, as president, and C. L. Ezell as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear, that each of us, do solemnly swear, that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: H. P. Wellborn, P. M. Bolin, Dixie Smith, Directors.

An Eastern firm handling country butter has resorted to the telegraph to advise a large Texas shipper of this product that there is "a great prejudice against Texas country butter among the buyers of the Eastern centers on account of its inferior quality." Carelessness goes right along costing Texas a great deal of money in a great many ways.

Correct—Attest: W. A. JOHNSON, W. D. SIMS, J. WRIGHT MOOR, Directors.

For Trade. We have some extra good buggies to trade for young horses and mules. Townsend-Oldham & Co.

FIRST STATE BANK

At Fluvanna, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 31st day of December, 1915, published in the Snyder Signal, a newspaper printed and published at Snyder, State of Texas, on the 14th day of January, 1916.

Resources. Loans and Discounts... \$56 486 10... Total... \$94 650 37

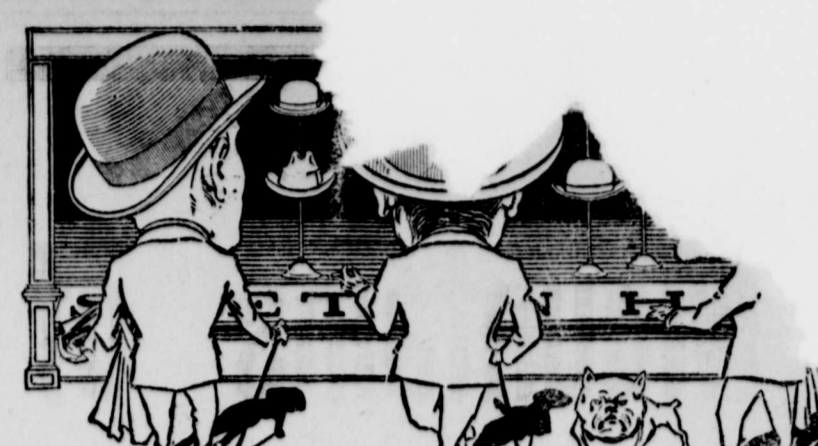
STATE OF TEXAS, County of Scurry. We, John A. Stavelly as president, and S. P. Smith as cashier of said bank each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

Correct—Attest: D. A. JONES, J. E. JONES, Directors.

Here For the School. Mr. W. A. Bertrand who has resided for a long time in the north part of the county has moved to Snyder this week to send his children to school.

Correct—Attest: D. A. JONES, J. E. JONES, Directors.

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THIS is the store that gets the new things first. We are now showing many new and stylish STETSON HATS—a Hat for every face—for every taste

Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Snyder Texas

- THE GLAD HAND. New subscriptions and renewals received and recorded this week. Miss Ina Davis, Seminole, W. L. Henry, Hamlin, Jeff D. Robison, Route 3, C. R. Burk, Route 5, W. A. Chapman, Snyder, Rev. A. B. Ingram, Corpus Christi, J. R. Willis, Fluvanna, F. M. Brownfield, Route 4, D. I. Rhoades, Route 2, L. Leach, Snyder, A. D. Leach, Westbrook, Geo. Cornett, Ira, Dr. E. J. King, Snyder, J. O. Guinn, Camp Springs, J. C. Mayo, Snyder, H. C. Hayter for W. H. Head, Bay City, J. H. Huey, Route 5, M. F. Huey, Marlow, Okla., T. C. Griggs, Snyder, Dick Henderson, Commerce, Miss Lena Green, Jacksboro, Dr. D. B. Crowley, Rankin, Miss, W. H. Huckabee, Route 1, Clyde Jones, Route 5, G. K. Elkins, Polar, Mrs. A. Fredeek, Abilene, W. D. Roberts, Route 1, H. A. Cannon, Arah, Mrs. C. A. Williams, Route 4, D. M. Corley, Route 5, Mrs. Annie Hutcheson, Route 4, W. B. Fenton, Tahoka, W. F. Dalley, Harris, W. O. Sanders, Route 2, M. M. Cox, Ira, V. D. Sumruld, Route 5, Mrs. Lottie Sturdivant, Snyder, Dr. C. L. Simmons, Liberty Hill, W. C. Davidson, Camp Springs, L. E. Howell, Route 5, Mrs. J. C. Page, Route 2, J. C. Harless, Route 5, T. B. Burrough, Dermott, J. J. Harris, Snyder, A. W. Leinert, Terrell, S. M. Hull, Snyder, W. E. Callis, Route 2, D. E. Banks, Snyder, S. A. Duckett, Snyder, W. A. Bertrand, Snyder, Miss Grace Wagner, Denton, W. E. Bass, Arah Route, G. E. Jack, Snyder, J. W. Russell, Snyder.

FOURTH MONTH SCHOOL REPORT

(Continued From Page 1) it lowers his grade for the month yet his daily grades may be perfect. The grades on the cards are the monthly grades and not the daily grades. The honor roll for the month is as follows. Central Building—Miss Ball's room: Fredda Claire Thornton 90, J. C. Westberry 90, Edna Glenn 90, J. Wright Ligon 91, Leemoyne Howell 90, Rubinell Johnson 90. Miss Clark's room: Hattie Glenn 93, Maurine Cunningham 95, Errol Taylor 92, Noble Curry 95. Miss Hull's room: Ernest Beck 96, Merrel Blakely 96, Mary Strayhorn 94, Margarite Riley 92, Mattie Ross Cunningham 95, Maudie Carpenter 96, Ruby Burditt 90, Clyde Fowler 91. Miss Maxwell's room: Era McDonald 93, Isabelle Messinger 90, Herbert Lee 94, Mattie Jones 92, Marshal Higgins 91, Jewell Fowler 92. Miss Heath's room: Ethel Watts 96, Virgie Thompson 92, Nell Higgins 92, Sibyl Ingram 92, Willie Grace McDonald 95, Inez Baze 95, Morris Watson 97, Raymond Cole 91, Loree Stokes 95. North Ward School. Miss Heath's room: Nancy Brown 91, Tommie Jenkins 90, Franklin Motley 90, Denton Hull 93, Ben Honeycutt 90. Miss Porter's room: Nannie Wilson 91, Janie Davis 92, Ralph Wolfe 93, Edward Warren 90. Colonial Hill School. Miss Kelley's room: Morris Cox 93, Jaenette Pickle 95, Eddyth Darby 95, Mable Lee 91, Imogene Waggon 94, Travis Banister 95, Aubrey Stokes 93, Herbert Bannister 91. Miss Maxwell's room: Janice Pickle 94, Ruby Stokes 93, Herman Darby 93, Wilmeth Tinker 91, Lillian Caddell 96, James Galyon 91, Willie Fern Curry 93. The honor roll for this month is short on account of so much illness. To be on the honor roll one must not be absent or tardy and must average as much as 90 in both department and work. Thanking the good people of Snyder for their sincere co-operation and trusting that we may have a larger co-operation in the future, I am, Respectfully, E. A. WATSON, Supt.

AL. JENNINGS HIMSELF IN "Beating Back" TONIGHT Opera House TONIGHT 6 REELS Admission 10c

Mountains of White Goods

This Showing of White will demonstrate its real greatness by coming forth with the most complete line ever offered.

This showing and price Demonstrate the greatness of this store in Value-Giving in Desirable Merchandise.

Our showing of Linen for 1916 is of greater importance than any of its predecessors---solely because of existing conditions in Europe, not only of today, but for the past twelve months. America has not yet learned the art of Linen making so we must turn to Europe for our Linens.

In the fore part of February 1915, our linen buyer landed in Ireland, with "cash in hand" he was able to purchase liberally and at normal prices. Since then linens have so greatly increased in price that our present prices are of untold value to the home needing NEW Linens. There are three important reasons for the great advance in price of Linens:

1st.—The Shortage of flax, as 90 per cent of the world's production comes from Russia and Belgium.

2nd.—The cost of transportation of raw flax from Russia to Ireland.

3rd.—The unsatisfactory labor and manufacturing conditions in Europe, making productions uncertain and costly.

But the thing you are interested in is that TODAY, NOW, here in Snyder, you can buy your linens at exceptionally low prices. We can make no prediction as to the price after this supply runs out, so the crafty housewife, will buy now and buy liberally for today, tomorrow and for a year.

This is decidedly the time to buy linens---and we invite your inspection of our assortments, our qualities, and our prices, for we secured advantages such as few stores have been able to do.

Watch Our Show Windows
The New Shown Here First

TOWNSEND-OLDHAM & CO

"Everything" and Linens

Mail Your Order

Phone Your Order

The Store They all Try to Imitate

FLUVANNA.

Mrs. W. O. Robertson, was called to the death bed of her father last Monday at Comanche, Texas.

There are many cases of la grippe in and around town.

S. P. Smith and S. C. Hay made a business trip to Fort Worth last week.

F. W. Park is visiting Fort Worth and Dallas this week.

Mrs. J. W. Clawson returned Monday from a week's visit with her parents at Snyder.

Henry Crumley left Monday for his home at High, Texas.

Mr. A. A. Freeman west of town is reported very sick with pneumonia at this writing.

Doris Snellings and Wallace Jones returned back to Austin and Waxahachie where they are attending school.

D. A. Jones and J. G. Whatley shipped three cars of hogs to Fort Worth Market last week.

Mrs. A. A. Freeman was called home Saturday from Kaufman, where she was visiting, account of the serious illness of her husband.

Mrs. C. A. Rice returned Monday from Kaufman, where she has been visiting.

J. A. Stavelly, Jr., and Wilbur Sewalt left last week for New Mexico. Wilbur having been down on a few days visit, John returned with him expecting to locate out there. Mrs. Sewalt will remain here another month.

Mrs. Houston Junius of Clairemont, is visiting her Uncle and family Mr. J. A. Weems this week.

Mr. Thell Browning of Dermott was in town last week driving his new Dodge.

Geon Ainsworth bought the Chas. Hardin residence, near the school house from J. D. Letcher last week. Consideration not known. Mr. Ainsworth moved his family to town Monday.

T. O. Edwards from near Gail was in town Saturday and informed us that they are to soon have a new post office in his neighborhood, the route will go out of here.

Miss Ruby Letcher left Wednesday of last week where she will again enter school at Simmons College, at Abilene.

B. C. Taylor of the Arah neighborhood transacted business in town Saturday.

Mr. J. J. Belew will start the work on his new residence in the west part of town this week.

T. V. Hood hauled in 75 bales of cotton Monday, his last year's crop.

Judge Fritz R. Smith of Snyder was here Saturday.

Mr. O. J. Jones and family late of Haskell came in Monday and will live on the James brothers farm west of town.

Commissioners F. F. Dargits is attending on Commissioners' Court this week.

Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Dane visited on the plains Saturday.

Mr. J. E. Jones is making the trips between town and his home in a new Oakland.

Mr. Johnson of Roby returned home last week after a week's visit with his daughter and family, Mrs. J. B. Bley.

Mr. T. E. Campbell has moved his family to town for the benefit of the school.

R. N. Miller was in town Saturday enroute to Colorado to attend court this week.

Mr. J. V. Ainsworth and Miss Jewell Pruitt surprised their many friends by uniting in the holy bonds of wedlock. Mr. Ainsworth, better known as Ira, is one of our most popular and highly respected young men of our town having been principally raised in this part of this country, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. F. C. Ainsworth of the Arah neighborhood. Miss Jewell needs no introduction, is the daughter of one of the oldest settlers

and is held in the highest esteem one and all. The very best wishes extended by one and all of the many friends for success and happiness through life.

Death visited the home of Mr. and Mrs. Martin who live on J. L. Hugle place south of town and took the six year old son. May the love of our Heavenly Father be their comfort during these sad hours.

The Signal and The Semi-Weekly News \$1.75.

D. E. BANKS FOR TREASURER

Readers of the Signal will note the candidate column this week the announcement of Emmett Banks a candidate for the office of County Treasurer of Scurry county subject to the July primaries. Mr. Banks is a good citizen, an honest man, and amply capable to discharge the duties of county treasurer, absolutely right. He is a gentleman of pleasing personality and has an extensive favorable acquaintance throughout the county. Consider his claims when you go to elect a man to handle the county's money.

Preserve your meats with "Figs Preservative," the liquid smoke that smokes.

Townsend-Oldham & Co.

SNYDER BANKS ELECT OFFICERS

Statements Published this Week Make Good Showing.

The First National Bank of Snyder elected directors and officers Tuesday as follows:

Directors: W. A. Johnson, W. Sim, Robt. H. Curnutte, E. E. Grim, John A. Stavelly and H. H. Roge. Officers: W. A. Johnson, president, W. D. Sims, Vice President, R. H. Curnutte, Vice President, E. Grimes, Cashier, W. W. Echols, As Cashier.

The promotion of Mr. Curnutte to the position of Vice President a Mr. Grimes as cashier is a mark of recognition well deserved. The young men are good reliable businessmen and by their courtesy and correct business habits they hold the confidence of the bank folks and the business public.

The Snyder National Bank elected directors and officers Tuesday as follows:

Directors: W. A. Fuller, P. Fuller, O. P. Thrane, W. P. Ralston, M. A. Fuller and J. J. Korman.

Officers: W. A. Fuller, President, P. L. Fuller, Vice President, O. P. Thrane, Cashier; W. P. Ralston, Assistant Cashier.

The Snyder National is a solid and popular institution under a courteous and correct management and has the confidence of a large patronage.

HIGH GRADE COAL AT THE ICE PLANT. ONLY \$8.00 CASH PER TON.

Preserve your meats with "Figs Preservative," the liquid smoke that smokes.

Mrs. T. J. Broxson has been quite sick for several days.



If I were a customer ordering Canon City coal they would have to show me.

Chandler Coal

Nothing "just as good" appeals to me, because I know what Chandler is.

All coal-no soot-less ash Most heat

Let Ed Darby do your h... shoeing.

Baze & Son PHONE 262

I Have Opened For Business

In the Westbrook building on Bridge Street with a full line of

Moline Implements

Sweet William and Dutchess Planters, and Tango Cultivators

COME TO SEE ME

Joe Strayhorn

SNYDER, TEXAS

Holidays are Over

Come right on and have that Tank made.

Stock Troughs, Well Casing or anything you may call for in the tin line. Stoves, Piping, Gal. Piping, wind mills and Plumbing Supplies.

I can stop that leaky radiator

WADE'S TIN SHOP

\$63.75 IS WHAT YOU WILL HAVE NEXT CHRISTMAS IF YOU JOIN OUR Christmas Banking Club NOW Costs Nothing to Join



DEPOSIT ONLY 5 CENTS FOR THE FIRST WEEK AND INCREASE 5 CENTS EACH WEEK AND NEXT CHRISTMAS YOU WILL HAVE \$63.75. THIS IS A GOOD THING FOR BOYS AND GIRLS: FOR EVERYBODY.

IN 50 WEEKS:
1-CENT CLUB PAYS \$ 12.75
2-CENT CLUB PAYS 25.50
5-CENT CLUB PAYS 63.75
10-CENT CLUB PAYS 127.50

YOU CAN DEPOSIT 25 OR 50 CENTS, OR \$1.00 OR MORE EACH WEEK. COME IN—WE WILL TELL YOU ALL ABOUT IT. COME IN AND GET A CHRISTMAS BANKING CLUB BOOK FREE.

FIRST NATIONAL BANK (SNYDER, TEXAS)

We Help Those Who Try to Help Themselves

C. W. Post Home Farms

We are building up a community of actual home owners and are anxious to interest good, dependable men in our undertaking. We will sell raw land on which we will place improvements and charge against the land. In other words should you buy 160 acres, we will improve the same with a 4 or 5 room dwelling (with water piped into the kitchen), well and windmill, sheds for chickens, hogs and stock, and a silo if wanted. These improvements will cost from \$1500 to \$1700. We will not sell land unless it is to be farmed—no speculation.

One can buy 160 acres 10 to 15 miles from Post City, but near a school, at \$20 to \$22 an acre, plus the improvements mentioned above. We will sell you the land and improvements for a payment of \$2 per acre (\$320) down and \$1.75 an acre (280) per year at the unusually low rate of four per cent interest. Notes on or before. Payments cover both land and improvements.

Farms on the plains will be sold during 1915, to be occupied early in 1916, for \$2.00 an acre down and terms as above. Interest does not start until you go on the land. Next payment Jan. 1, 1917.

Also have just classified and put on the market the breaks, or grazing land. These lands will sell from \$6.00 to \$12.00 per acre. \$1.00 per acre cash, 50c per acre per year until paid out at 6 per cent interest. This goes in tracts of 640 acres and up.

Write or Phone

J. S. CASH

Exclusive agent this district

Post, Texas

JOE MERRITT FOR RE-ELECTION AS TAX ASSESSOR

Mr. J. A. (Joe) Merritt takes his place in the Signal's announcement column this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of Tax Assessor of Scurry county, subject to the July primaries.

He comes before the voters of the county relying upon his record and his qualifications and his thorough knowledge of the work to be done. He is now at the middle of his second term as Tax Assessor and in these three years he has made an official record of which any man might justly feel gratified.

In his first year he was the 4th Assessor in the state to get his rolls completed and sent to Austin, the second year he was 24th and the third year 38th. In the last he would have been close up toward the first to get in but for the fact that his report was held up for ten days because of a school tax election in one district which had to be reckoned with. It should be said further, that in these three years he has made but one error of \$1.68. This is a good record and so favorably impressed the Comptroller that that official wrote him a highly complimentary letter on his promptness, neatness and accuracy, Joe says he doesn't know how to be more honest than he has been, but will continue his course of absolute honesty, but he knows he is more capable because he has learned the duties more perfectly and knows more about the people's property and its values.

He is of a friendly sociable nature and courteous toward everybody. If re-elected he will continue to make a good assessor and will appreciate your vote and influence. Consider his claims.

EVER SALIVATED BY CALOMEL? HORRIBLE!

Calomel is Quicksilver and Acts Like Dynamite on Your Liver

Calomel loses you a day! You know what calomel is. It's mercury; quicksilver. Calomel is dangerous. It crashes into your bile like dynamite, cramping and sickening you. Calomel attacks the bone and should never be put into your system.

When you feel bilious, sluggish, constipated and all knocked out and believe you need a dose of dangerous calomel just remember that your druggist sells for 50 cents a large bottle of Dodson's Liver Tonic, which is entirely vegetable and pleasant to take and is a perfect substitute for Calomel. It is guaranteed to start your liver without stirring you up inside and cannot salivate.

Don't take calomel! It makes you sick the next day; it loses you a day's work. Dodson's Liver Tonic straightens you right up and you feel great. Give it to the children because it is perfectly harmless and doesn't gripe. No. 10

PAYING THE PENALTY.

One crop, no matter what it may be, grown successfully season after season upon the same land, will "run out" as the farmer expresses it. Besides, if it is profitable for awhile, the acreage is usually increased until the supply exceeds the demand, when it becomes unprofitable.

The cotton grower has suffered from both these troubles and I was recently told in a black land section where the wild grass has been cut for hay for many years, that the yield is falling, and that there has even been a change in the variety of grass produced namely: From flat to round blades, this change by no means for the better.

For some years alfalfa growing has been highly profitable on the irrigated lands of Western Texas, with the result that the growers are suffering the penalty which sooner or later invariably overtakes the one-crop system, and there is a lot of talk about "cutting out" alfalfa. There is no more reason for this than the talk in 1914 about cutting out cotton. I said to them recently:

"If you have been shipping 2,000 cars of alfalfa feed 1,000 cars to cattle, hogs and poultry in the form of hay and pasture. This besides improving the physical condition of your drowned out soil, will bring in more money than you have been receiving for the same quantity sold off the land. It will also relieve the strain on the outside market to the extent of the quantity kept at home."

R. R. CLARIDGE, Agricultural Agent T. & P. Ry., Fort Worth, Texas.

There are a few 5 gallon jacks and 1 gallon buckets of my home made syrup at the Farmers Union store. Get one before they are gone. E. A. McMATH 31

A depot safe at Kennedale, near Fort Worth was blown open and robbed of a few dollars Sunday morning. A bank vault was wrecked also but the robbers failed to get the money, and the officers have failed to get the robbers.

Mr. W. C. Dickson of Denton is the guest this week of Mr. W. A. Pitts and family.

Leroy Johnson came up from Snyder this week. He reports that he has recently visited the entire plains country west of Garza and Scurry counties and conditions are the best that have existed for several years.—Post City Post.

Notice!

Would like to buy some good planting Cotton Seed, about 1500 lbs. Write Anton Lapour, Snyder, Texas, Route 5. 31 p.

Mr. and Mrs. R. M. White visited at Hermleigh.

CITATION.

THE STATE OF TEXAS,

To the Sheriff or any constable of Scurry county—Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to summon H. C. Jordan by making publication of this citation once in each week for four successive weeks previous to the return day hereof, in some newspaper published in your county if there be a newspaper published therein, but if not, then in any newspaper published in the Thirty Ninth Judicial District; but if there be no newspaper published in said Judicial District, then in a newspaper published in the nearest District to said Thirty Ninth Judicial District; to appear at the next regular term of the District Court of Scurry county, to be holden at the Court House thereof, in Snyder, Texas, on the 3rd Monday in March, A. D., 1916, the same being the 20th day of March, A. D. 1916, then and there to answer a petition filed in said Court on the 31st day of December A. D., 1915 in a suit, numbered on the docket of said Court No. 1821, wherein Ethel (Hall) Jordan is defendant, and said petition alleging that plaintiff is a bona fide inhabitant of Scurry county, Texas, and has been for more than twelve months next preceeding the filing of this suit.

That defendant is a transient person whose residence is unknown;

That plaintiff and defendant were married together on or about the 8th day of December, 1907, and lived together as husband and wife until on or about the 7th day of October, 1912 when defendant, without cause or provocation permanently abandoned the plaintiff and has continued to reside away and apart from her for more than three years next preceeding the filing of this suit, with intention of permanent abandonment and without contributing to plaintiff's support, or that of her children.

That there was born to plaintiff and defendant two girls and one boy each of whom reside in Scurry county Texas, to-wit: Ruth, Clara, and William Jordan.

That plaintiff has the keeping, care, maintenance and control of said children and asks for their permanent custody.

That plaintiff and defendant were possessed of a homestead subject to the liens upon it, as follows:

All of the South East 1-4 of Section No. 800, Certificate No. 120, block B, Yeakum County, Texas, containing 160 acres; and the south 1-4 of the N. E. 1-4 of the same section, containing 40 acres, lying in a parallelogram extending across the entire quarter;

That in addition thereto the plaintiff and defendant were and are possessed of a town lot in the city of Plains, Yeakum county, Texas, and described as lot No. 5, Block No. 103, original town of Plains, Texas.

Plaintiff alleges that these properties should be awarded to her for the maintenance and education of said three children, and that the value thereof should be awarded to her.

Plaintiff prays for judgment for divorce, restoration of her maiden name, Ethel Hall, that the minors be cited and their names changed to Hall instead of Jordan, and that she have title to the lands and premises described and general and equitable relief.

Herein Fail Not, but have before said Court, at its aforesaid next regular term, this writ with your return thereon, showing how you have executed the same.

Given under my hand and the seal of said Court, at office in Snyder, Texas, this 31st day of December, A. D., 1915. W. S. ADAMSON Clerk, District Court Scurry County.

PELLAGRA AND PERMANENTLY

For eight years Dr. W. J. McCrary, a graduate has had the most remarkable success in curing the entire South. Cures have been effected in the very worst stages of Pellagra and Hook Worm by Dr. McCrary's Remedies, and the cure is permanent—not a temporary relief. Patients bed-ridden and out of mind treated seven and eight years ago for Pellagra were cured in a few weeks, and are in fine health today. Hundreds of testimonials are gladly given by these patients of Dr. McCrary. TREATMENT FREE OF CHARGE IF WE DO NOT CURE YOU. WE ALSO DIAGNOSE YOUR CASE AND ADVISE YOU FREE. WRITE FOR BOOK AND FULL PARTICULARS TODAY. Dr. W. J. McCrary Pellagra and Hook Worm Remedies, Incorporated.

Box 108, Carbon Hill, Alabama 451f

THE LOS ANGELES TIMES' MIDWINTER NUMBER

There is no more noted newspaper annual than the Midwinter Number of the Los Angeles Times, whose joyous issue for 1916, is just at hand. Southern California has so many unique fascinations that a newspaper which reflects them is in a class by itself, and the "Midwinter" is so classified by everyone who sees it. It is made up of five beautiful magazines in addition to the usual news sheets. Five magazines of thirty-two pages each. With art covers, all printed on fine book paper in bright colors. The art work is surpassingly fine and the text is illuminating. One can visualize the charms of the South west by looking through this pleasing publication. It tells one everything he wants to know about the resources, prosperity and delights of the Southland—the climate, the crops, the industries, the habits of life and cost of living, the peculiarities of each town and county, the financial conditions and business prospects, tourist accommodations and openings for settlers. It is truthful and sincere as well as dressed in beautiful garb. Gen. Otis does his State great service in issuing such a noble annual.

THE VOICE OF NOW!

It is the present, the today, the NOW in which we are interested. Shakespeare wisely says:

"Tomorrow never yet"

"On any living mortal rose or set."

It is the printed page which deals most intimately and with the greatest detail in the movements of the present. It is THE VOICE OF NOW proclaiming to the world the things that are happening today. The government of the United States is NOW gravely concerned in certain aspects of the war in Europe and has had thrust on it several serious international problems which are NOW in process of solution. The American farmer is NOW interested in this titanic struggle, for his interests are being affected by it today and will be tomorrow, and he wants to keep its close touch with it NOW.

EVERYBODY is interested in its cotton crop from the time of its planting to the days of its harvesting and marketing. They want to know "the NOW" in all that pertains to the great Southern staple; they want to know "the NOW" of all other agricultural markets, the latest in modern farming, the facts of the warehousing problem, and all else that

pertains to the progress of the time in every theater of life.

The tens of thousands of men and women who know the Semi-Weekly Farm News know it is "THE VOICE OF NOW," telling in direct and positive tones of what is going on at home and abroad.

"Now is the time Now is the hour."

THE SEMI-WEEKLY FARM NEWS A. H. Belo & Co., Publishers Dallas, Texas

DR. HARLE OF ABILENE.

Villa's Surgeon General Returns To Texas Home.

Dr. C. S. Harle, who was surgeon general in Villa's army almost the entire time of the war in Mexico has returned to his home in Abilene. He told the Abilene Reporter that Villa has quit the fight and will go to Havana. Furthermore Doctor Harle says:

"General Villa is the 'boy' the United States should have recognized. He has fought a great fight and has done so with honor. He has his faults, but he ranks first as a Mexican and a general. He fought with the sincere object of establishing a stable government for the people in Mexico. He spent all the money he could get hold of on his men, buying his men clothing, fine guns, food, medicines and ammunition. In the saddle he has no equal. He is a general with singular foresight and undoubted ability. He has been my friend for years and I have the utmost confidence in him.

"General Villa is so made that he would rather die than humble himself before an enemy. He cannot forgive nor forget an enemy. The only way he knows to get rid of them is to kill them and he does it with all sincerity. He knows no compromise.

"Villa has always kept his word down to the last detail. He kept faith with the United States, with his men and with me.

"I believe peace has come to Mexico, but as to its lasting qualities I cannot say. General Rodriguez will not surrender, but he will go with General Villa when ever the latter goes."

Coy Watkins of Ennis creek and his cousin, L. J. Yow of Personville, visited the Signal last Saturday. Mr. Yow is visiting and prospecting here and appears to like the general outlook.

We thank you for your patronage, and wish you a HAPPY NEW YEAR Smiths' Confectionery

Manhattan Hotel Corner

STUDEBAKER

"The Car Ahead"

Forty H. P. \$950. Delivered

Four Fifty H. P. \$1125. Delivered

W. C. FULLILOVE, Dealer, Snyder - Texas

vern. ... the people, it
be hard ... Britain to rally an
ay of loyal fighters.

Congressman Smith has unloaded
enough garden seed here this week
to put D. M. Ferry out of business. A
Congressman is mistaken in supposing
that every voter wants to plant
a garden. Some of them will but
others wouldn't know better than
to sow Irish potatoes broadcast and
plant turnips in hills.

Bell county farmers are happy.
Buyers are paying a few points above
12 cents per pound for cotton. This
holding movement of southern farmers
is a winner. Cotton should be
worth 20 cents per pound and if it
were not for British orders in council
and a combination of American
manufacturers and speculators it
would go to 20 cents. President Pope
of the Texas Farmers' Union may
be able to force the price away above
present quotations if his ships escape
British cruisers and British orders
in council.—Fort Worth Record.

NOT A FRIEND ON EARTH.

Senator Chamberlain chairman of
the Committee on Military Affairs
looks for trouble for the United
States. In a speech in Committee a
few days ago, he said:
"After the war we will not have
a friend on the face of the earth. We
have offended Germany and Austria
and even if we do our duty we will
offend Great Britain. The only
friends America has today or is likely
to have in days to come are the
Atlantic and Pacific oceans.
"England has made treaties of alliance
with her hereditary foes. She has
even a treaty of offense and defense
with Japan, whose people are now
permitted to land in her colonial
possessions. These are treaties of
commercial aggression, not treaties
of love.

"What is the purpose of this alliance
with Japan if not to intimidate
the people of the United States.
We ought to be prepared to meet
this contingency.
"Let us get behind a measure if
not compulsory, as compulsory as it
can be, for military training. Then
and not till then will this country be
safe or able to preserve peace."

HUERTA'S BIG SCHEME UNFOLDS

Just about two weeks ago the
news dispensers at San Antonio reported
Gen Huerta in a dying condition
in jail in San Antonio and later
Judge Maxey granted him liberty on
his own recognizance. Now, comes
another chapter in the history of that
sly old fox. The papers last Sunday
said he has about regained his
health and is going about the city
greeting friends with nothing but
his own honor to take him back to
jail or court.

Now, also comes the information
that while Huerta was in New York
he was in close conference with
Baron von Rentlin, a German agent
who has since come in bad odor. He
came direct to the Mexican border
and met one of his chief field men,
and their arrest broke up what is
believed to be a plot to invade Mexico
and make more trouble.

The subsequent death of Orezo
and the serious illness of Huerta has
given grounds for hope that the
revolutions over there were over
for awhile, but now since Huerta has
been set free and is about to get well,
the information comes that he has
all the while been in possession of
a big sum of German money furnished
by von Rentlin to finance a revolution
against Carranza and that he has
recently turned this money over
to Gen. Blanquet, his old time
Commander-in-Chief who is accused of
planning the assassination of Madero
and Suarez, and it is expected that
Huerta is in the plot to yet promote
a revolution for the overthrow of the
Carranza government.

BRYAN ENCOURAGES PARTY RUPTURE

Col. Bryan is on the way toward
a disruption of the Democratic party
and if Mr. Wilson is not elected
president again, the peerless Nebraskan
can take credit to himself for the
defeat. He is constantly throwing
bombs into the party ranks and is
doing his best to defeat the Wilson
policy of preparedness. Bryan still
has a strong following and men who
are working in Congress with an ear
to the ground are afraid to take
issue with Bryan, lest the voters at
home may resent it. The fact that
a good many republicans and a big
contingent of democrats are lined up
with the administration puts the
question above partisan politics. The
proposition is purely a question of
American defense and ought to appeal
to every American citizen, regardless
of party, as a means of pro-

tection of American rights on land
and sea. The time will come when
our national life will depend on our
degree of readiness in arms and
training to withstand encroachments
of nations.

WITH OUR EXCHANGES

This will certainly be a year of
smiles, courtesies and compliments.
It is both leap year and political
campaign year. The ladies and the
candidates, bless them, will have
full sway.—Grapevine News.

In the meantime cynics and skeptics
will feel safe to make light talk
about them.
A Texan lost \$20,000 in a fake
horse race in Chicago last week. Why
don't these Texans keep Texas money
in Texas? They could fit out a peace
ship.—Stamford Leader.

Even Mr. Baer thinks that way
now, but when a Texan gets on a
trail to get rich quick he has just
about as little sense as anybody else.

When soap was first invented
probably there were lots of old-
timers who said it was a fake.—Dallas
News.

Some of them seem yet to consider
it a mere extravagance.

While welcoming the new year
with joy, let us give the old year
full credit for all the good things
it has brought, and avoid all complaints.
We are prone to lose sight
of the important matter of "counting
our blessings," while never failing
to remember all the bad luck
of the past year.—Granbury Graphic.

When a fellow puts his hand to
the plow let him not look back. Mrs.
Lot looked back on the scenes of
her high life and her mistake was
fatal.

They say death evens up all scores
but it will require a whopping big
mantle to cover the sins of 1915.—
Roby Banner.

The fellow who kicks off his
earthy entanglement still owing his
county paper for a year's subscrip-
tion is apt to have to use all his soft
talk to convince St. Peter that his
record is clear.

The Austin American is going to
build a sky scraper, but don't get
the idea that the funds are the pro-
duct of the paper.

Representative George Burges
drops out of the race for the United
States Senator and ex-Gov. Tom
Campbell drops in.

Bee County voted dry last Saturday
by 21 votes.

An El Paso dispatch states that
Huerta is now out of danger. We
are glad the old man is better but
we don't think he is out of danger.
There are many thousands of Mexi-
cans who would enjoy sending a
bullet through the very heart of the
old murderer.—Abilene Reporter.

Huerta is a danger within himself
if given opportunity.

The Lubbock Avalanche has recently
installed a new folding machine
and a big job press. The Avalanche
is prospering. It has a liberal
clientele and is itself a progressive
institution.

The practice of selecting personal
envoys or special agents of the Pres-
ident in addition to the diplomatic
officers provided by law appears to
be growing in popularity with ex-
ecutives in this country. The fact that
the law has made ample provisions
for appointment of all kinds of diplo-
mats and envoys necessary would
seem to obviate any kind of necessity
for the practice of Presidents of adding
personal agents or representatives
who have no official status or
rating to the list of diplomatic
attaches.—Austin American.

For instance, note the private
envoys and attaches which Germany
has had over here spying on American
conditions and planning strikes
and explosions and bribing American
Congressmen to embarrass their
own nation.

LITTLE SIGNALS

Show your colors by attending the
meeting of the Chamber of Com-
merce this afternoon at 5 o'clock at
the court house.
Let the city officials consider the
construction of a bridge across Deep
Creek on south Clairmont street.
If you can't be a booster, for good-
ness sake do not turn the hose on

those who have the up building
spirit.
Encourage the plan for a County
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walk building—we'll need 'em when
it rains.

Be ready at all times to do your
individual duty toward your town
and community.

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and mules. 27tf
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undertaking than is generally presumed
by the public. For instance, poor
pictures are expensive to produce on
any kind of a plan, and good pictures
are extremely expensive, so much so,
that it requires considerable ingenu-
ity to break even on handling them.
Take for an example the recent un-
dertaking of the Lyric Theatre in
giving the people of Snyder an op-
portunity of seeing Theda Bara in
the well-planned story of "Lady Aud-
ley's Secret." This is a high-class
presentation which should have been
appreciated by a large audience, yet
considering the 10 and 20c admis-
sion charged, the volume of cash re-
ceived does not cover the cost of the
picture rentals. This is discouraging
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class of "movies" in this section.

Moving pictures, that is, the high-
class shows, are educational and
should meet the approval of the peo-
ple to the extent that the very best
productions could be shown in Snyder.
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red people who should watch the
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START CAMPAIGN OF DESTRUCTION AGAINST PESTS

(Continued from Page 1.)

Preparations for Poisoning Jack Rabbits.

Poisoned Afaifa Hay:
Dissolve 1 ounce of strychnine in
2 gallons of hot water and sprinkle
ever 16 pounds of good leafy hay,
chopped into 1 or 2 inch lengths.
The poisoned hay may be scattered
in very small quantities along rab-
bit trails or exposed in small heaps
in locations from which stock is ex-
cluded.

Poisoned Oats:

Mix 1 tablespoonful of starch in ½
teacup of cold water and stir into
1 pint of boiling water to make a
thin, clear paste. Mix 1 ounce of pow-
dered bicarbonate of soda, and stir
with the starch to a smooth, creamy
mass. Stir in 1-10 of an ounce of
saccharine. Apply to 12 quarts of
good clean oats and mix thoroughly
to coat each kernel.

Scatter sparingly along rabbit
trails, about a tablespoonful at each
place, or expose more liberally where
stock is not endangered.
(Milo maize or feterita will prob-
ably be found about as effective as
oats.)

Directions for Poisoning Prairie Dogs.

Dissolve one ounce of Strychnine
Sulphate in 1½ pints of boiling wa-
ter. Thicken this solution to the con-
sistency of mucilage by stirring in a
small quantity of gloss starch previ-
ously mixed with a little cold water.
Add one ounce of baking soda, 1-8
ounce saccharine and 1-4 pint of corn
syrup or heavy molasses and mix
thoroughly. Pour over 13 quarts of
milo maize or feterita and work
thoroughly until every grain is coated
and there are no lumps. Prepare
about 24 hours before using and stir
occasionally until dry.

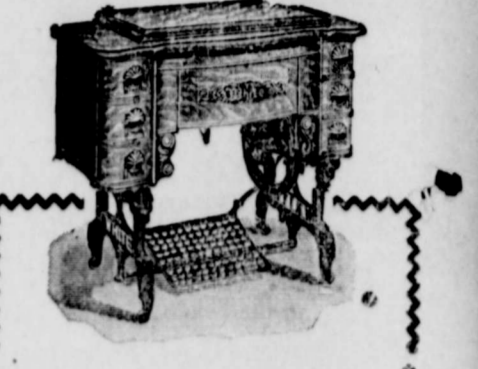
To dissolve strychnine alkald in
above poison add 1-4 pint of vinegar
for every ounce of strychnine used.
For mixing small quantities an ordi-
nary galvanized wash tub is con-
venient. Larger quantities, as 208
quarts of grain, may be prepared at
one time in a tight, smooth box by
mixing with a spade.

The best results come from distri-
buting the poisoned grain at the
time food for prairie dogs is scarce.
Each quart of prepared grain is suf-
ficient to treat about 40 holes and if
thinly scattered on clean, hard places
about the dog mounds, this quantity
will not endanger stock.

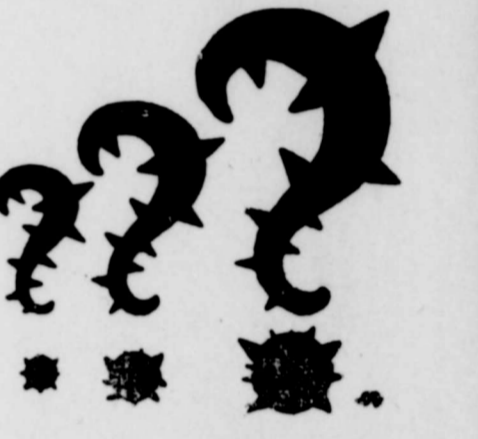
Law Providing for the Extermination of Prairie Dogs.

One of the difficulties confronting
the farmer and land owner is the
lack of co-operation. Many have been
indolent and have thought there was
no way of compelling him to kill his
dogs. The law passed last year does
not become operative so far as its
penalty is concerned until September
of next year, but there is a subse-
quent law which is in operation now
and which should be sufficient to
compel the one who will not volun-
tarily act. This law was passed in 1913
and in its penal clause reads:
Article 6327: "Any land owner or

lessee owning land in said county
who shall wilfully fail or refuse to
kill the prairie dogs inhabiting his
land shall be liable for damages to
the owner of contiguous land who
have complied with the law, and
the measure of damage is hereby
fixed at two dollars and fifty cents
per month for each and every month
that he permits the prairie dogs run-
ning on his land to run at large."
We feel sure that Scurry county
men will act without being compell-
ed, but it is well that all should
know that there is a law that is in
operation now.



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needles and repair parts for
any make of machine, or a
fine machine at a reasonable
price.
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portunity that will make
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swer to these and many
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A REAL BARGAIN—A good Racine Surry with rubber tires, a good sorrel mare, harness to sell at a sacrifice price. See me at once. Fred A. Crayum. 1t.

On account of leaving town I will sell my home at a bargain or will trade for team and wagon. 1tp J. L. STIMSON.

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PIGS FOR SALE—Com Ezell, Ennis community. 26tf

THOROUGHbred DUROC GILT pigs for sale. W. R. Bell.

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MULES OR SALE—One third cash, balance on time. Ed Thompson, 33p Rt. 5, Snyder, Texas.

A new Hercules Surry and two horses for sale. See J. R. Huckabee. 32.



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FOR SALE—One buster and planter, a Case, one harrow, good as new, one cultivator, one Jersey Bull of the Cloverdale strain. I have the papers on him. J. C. Mayo. 32

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Produces 30 per cent more power, reduces cost of gasoline 1-3 eliminating carbon trouble and prolongs the life of the motor. For sale at A. P. Morris, second hand store, East Side of the Square. 31p L. H. COLEMAN, Dist. Mgr.

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WANTED—Employment at plowing, hauling, garden work, fencing, painting or any general work. W. A. Bertrand, Box 682, Snyder. 24p

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SALESMEN WANTED to solicit orders for lubricating oils, greases and paints. Salary or Commission. Address LINCOLN OIL CO., Cleveland, Ohio. 31p.

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FOUND—Bag of laundry on the road between Snyder and Dave Daniels home. Owner can get same by calling on M. L. Claterbough, one mile west of Bethel school house and paying 35c for this notice.

LOST—An open face Elgin watch between Bill Burnett's and Billie Johnson's ranch. Finder return to the Signal and get reward. 31p

LOST—One Navjo Blanket between D. F. Pryor's residence and cemetery. Finder return to this office and receive pay for your trouble. 31

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**Hens 10c per lb.
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This contest is open to any man, woman or child who is not connected, directly or indirectly, with the Film Company or the newspapers publishing the continued story. No literary ability is necessary to qualify as a contestant.

You are advised to see the continued photo play in the theaters where it will be shown—to read the story as it runs every week, and then send in your suggestion. Contestants must confine their contributions for the sequel to 1,000 words or less. It is the idea that is wanted.

SYNOPSIS OF PRECEDING CHAPTERS.

A feud has existed between Colonel Arthur Stanley and his cousin, Judge Lamar Stanley, over an heirloom, the diamond from the sky, found in a fallen meteor by an ancestor. Also, the succession to the Stanley earldom in England may come to an American. When a daughter is born to the colonel and the mother dies, the colonel buys a gypsy boy and substitutes him. Three years later the gypsy mother, having had no part in this bargain, steals the girl, being reared in secret, and leaves her son undetected as the heir. The gypsy has obtained possession of the diamond from the sky, and a document with the Stanley secret. When Esther is grown a beautiful young girl, Hagar, now gypsy queen, returns to Virginia with her, Dr. Lee, the late Colonel Stanley's friend, adopts Esther, but demands that Hagar turn over to him the diamond from the sky. Arthur Stanley, son of Hagar, falls in love with Esther and so does his companion and cousin, Blair Stanley, rightful male heir of Stanley. In stealing the diamond Blair causes the death of the doctor. Outside in Arthur serenading Esther, Blair, escaping, infers that he has left Esther's room. Arthur forces him to fight a duel in which Blair is only stunned. He tries, with the aid of his mother, to place the blame for the murder of Dr. Lee upon Arthur, who now has the diamond. The sheriff attempts to take Arthur, but he eludes his pursuers and joins Hagar, who reveals his identity and upbraids him for his wild life. Needing money, he pawns the diamond in Richmond. Blair is in Richmond, and he, too, is forced to visit the pawnshop. At a ball, at which a supposed New York belle is the guest of honor, they are stunned to find the diamond on the visitor. She is an adventuress who has borrowed the "White Hagar" is telling the "believe" fortune Luke Lovell, Hagar's gypsy guard, steals the diamond and to avoid detection drops it into a mail box. A sheriff tries to arrest Arthur on the murder charge. He escapes from Richmond on a freight train. The diamond passes into a mail bag, picked up by Quabba, organ grinder. Quabba's monkey steals the diamond and leaves it in a nest in a tree. Arthur seeks work at a farm. Hagar takes Esther to live at Stanley hall. An old time tournament is held. Arthur attends in disguise, proves himself the best knight, defeating Blair, but is betrayed by the latter to the sheriff. By using daring horsemanship Arthur escapes. Later he leaves the farm. Tom Blake, a detective hired by Hagar, produces fingerprints proving Blair guilty of the death of Dr. Lee. Hagar proposes silence to Mrs. Stanley as the price of Hagar's and Esther's being received in Fairfax society. Blair strikes down Hagar and steals the fingerprints, and money from his mother. The diamond is found by a negro boy and is taken by a tramp. The latter is murdered by Hung Li. It is stolen just as a slumming party enters Hung Li's den. Hagar, mentally unbalanced by Blair's blow, is again with Esther among the gypsies. Marmaduke Smythe, lawyer, arrives to announce Arthur is heir to the deceased Earl of Stanley. Learning Arthur is a fugitive, he seeks Blair instead. To win Vivian, Blair steals the diamond, later marrying her and leaving for the west. Arthur tries in vain to warn their train of impending robbery. Luke revolts against Hagar and is driven from camp. He leads tramps against the camp, and Quabba, to save Esther and Hagar, loosens an avalanche on the camp.

CHAPTER XIX.

Old Foes With New Faces.

AFFLICTED as he was with his deformity, Quabba, the hunchback—he of the sunny face and happy heart—was as agile and sinewy as the monkey Clarence, his companion on his way through the world. But now the hunchback is neither sunny of face nor happy of heart. A wild tremor of fear, anxiety and remorse shakes him in an ague of terror and confusion.

Sending the rocking stone, pried from the perch where it had swayed for centuries, had only meant death for all below, thought Quabba.

Instead of saving his young and old mistress and his gypsy friends from the raid of desperate tramps led by Luke Lovell, Quabba now deemed that he had destroyed those he had loved, as well as their enemies.

But as he ran panting down the mountain side Quabba saw that some of the gypsies, warned by the clatter and roar of the landslide the massive, bounding, loosened rocking stone had started, had fled to safety.

He saw some half score of gypsy men and women toiling rapidly up the opposite slope of the valley from the destroyed gypsy camp. Through the dust that was settling in a cloud over the debris and rubble where the camp had stood the straining eyes of Quabba could mark the ragged figures of some of the assuaging tramps limping away from the scene of destruction, as bootless as they had come.

Then as he neared the scene the anguished Quabba could mark that the fleeing gypsies had paused halfway up the opposite slope and had nerved

... their submerg... With an aching... and a great, burning sense of re... reach for his rash deed that had worked such ill when he had meant but good, Quabba could see that Esther and Hagar were not among the hysterical gypsies returning to the scene of destruction.

When Quabba reached the heaps of stone and wreckage that had been the camp site he found the gypsies already gathered in a group to where the van of Hagar lay overturned and half covered by a mass of rocks and earth. Then his heart beat again with joy as he heard the voice of Esther, tremulous, yet brave for all that, issue from beneath the van. "If you are friends, save us," was Esther's cry. Strong and willing hands tore at the heaped up rock and rubble, and strained and lifted at the van.

Soon the van was raised from over the cavity its very overturning had made. There was Esther and Hagar, trembling but unharmed save for a few minor scratches and bruises, but in the bottom of the cavity lay the bulky form of Luke Lovell, stark and still.

Kindly hands drew Hagar and Esther out and Quabba fell at their feet, uttering incoherent self accusations mingled with equally incoherent thanksgivings. A kindly hand threw a coat across the inanimate face and form of the gypsy outlaw.

Then comedy succeeded tragedy. The shrill, chattering cries of Clarence, the monkey, were heard voicing his simian fright and indignation from within the van.

The mercurial gypsies turned from sighs to laughter, and even the wan lips of Esther were wreathed in a smile as Quabba cried excitedly, "I am coming, Clarence, my son!" and so saying he wrenched open the shattered window of the van and the frightened monkey leaped into his master's arms and began chattering his thanks and joy.

The saving of gypsy lives was due to the providential fact that the onslaught of the marauding tramps led by Lovell had driven the gypsies from the danger zone where the avalanche of stones and earth had struck the camp.

How many of the invaders lay buried beneath the settled landslide the philosophical gypsies neither cared nor sought to ascertain. It was later found that Luke Lovell evidently had been only stunned and not killed, as was at first supposed. For when the gypsies returned, after making rude shelter tents away from the rubble of the landslide for Esther, Hagar and their children and women folk, no trace of Lovell could be found.

He had recovered consciousness, it was evident, and had stolen away, fearful of the vengeance of his former Romany associates.

Quabba deemed it best to keep secret the fact that he had been the genius of the landslide. It had been a fatal success. He affected the philosophy of the gypsies in the matter and agreed with them that somehow good had come out of the general destruction, even if it were only their riddance of the unscrupulous Luke Lovell and his ruffian rabble, the tramps.

Acknowledged as their princess and reigning over them as regent for the afflicted Hagar, Esther appointed a head man from the gypsies in the place of the deposed and banished Lovell and returned with Hagar and Quabba to Stanley hall, which was



Hagar and Esther in Their Overturned Van When the Gypsy Camp Is Annihilated.

still held by Hagar on the terms of lease she had taken from the receiver in bankruptcy for the fugitive Arthur Stanley, still fleeing from justice wrongfully under the onus of being the murderer of Dr. Lee.

Luke Lovell, when he recovered consciousness, drew himself from the low beside the now sighted van. He had no intention of endeavoring to reform such of the tramps who had attacked the camp with him and might have escaped unhurt from Quabba's landslide.

Luke stole away unmolested, and his one thought was to make his fortune from his knowledge of the Stanley secret—the knowledge he had gained from a glimpse at the document in the

gar's strong box. Luke Lovell realized at last the source of the dead Matt Harding's gypsy wealth that now was Hagar's, and which since Hagar's sudden affliction no one knew the hiding place of.

One thing Lovell felt sure of was that this wealth had not decreased under Hagar's stewardship while sane. Wherever the treasure was it was not in Hagar's brass bound chest. Only documents were in that chest, but they were treasures of themselves.

For one of these old papers especially had set forth plainly the fact that Hagar's long dead husband, the greedy Matt Harding, had trafficked with the great folks of Fairfax in his own flesh and blood. Here was a fortune to be obtained by himself, as it had been obtained by Matt Harding, Luke Lovell thought. And he limped away unseen from the destroyed gypsy camp and trudged resolutely to Fairfax, some eight or ten miles away.



"If you have any secret to sell take it to some other market!"

There was no one at Stanley hall to pay him for keeping or telling the Stanley secret, but Luke Lovell knew enough of the Stanleys and their funds to realize his best market would be with Blair Stanley's mother. If Arthur Stanley, so called, was Hagar's son, a gypsy chanzeling, then Blair Stanley was the real heir to the Stanley earldom, to which, according to the old family tradition, the heir was commanded to carry the diamond from the sky.

But at the portals of the home of Blair Stanley's mother the proud, cold widow would hold no traffic with the sinister gypsy who clamored at her threshold with a secret to sell. She ordered him to be gone and professed no interest in the ware he hinted he had for sale.

Ellen Stanley was, in her austere way, as unscrupulous in her family ambition as even her husband, the grim, cold Judge Lamar Stanley, had been. But she would have no traffic with such as Luke Lovell. She realized only too well that once such a creature had her in his power, even as a confidant, his dominion would be, as is always the dominion of the ignorant, brutal and intolerable.

So Blair's mother dismissed the chanzeling gypsy in cold disdain. She would be no confederate and yet the victim of the exactions that she instinctively knew would follow any association with any secret with him.

"If you have any secret to sell take it to some other market," said the Widow Stanley with cold hauteur. "Unless you leave my premises this instant I shall have you arrested and committed for attempted blackmail! Shout your secret from the housetops if you please. I am not concerned."

But Luke Lovell, thwarted and discouraged though he was in his first bold bid for the fortune he had believed was within his grasp, had no intention of shouting his secret from the housetops. He realized its only value was in his keeping it and being paid, and heavily, to keep it.

He must find some one who would pay—this some one would be Blair Stanley, he did not doubt.

But if Blair Stanley's mother had refused to traffic with the sinister gypsy she was shrewd enough to surmise the secret that had become a living thing again after lying dormant for eighteen years.

Why had her husband set off alone to meet his death in the mountains the day after Colonel Stanley had died, eighteen years ago? Why had Dr. Lee adopted the gypsy woman's daughter a few months since? Why had this gypsy woman returned after all these years, in the guise of a woman of means, and taken Stanley hall?

Why had she come with proofs of Blair's guilt of the murder of Dr. Lee and proffered her silence in exchange for social recognition by the proud families of Fairfax for this girl?

And now that this gypsy woman was crazed and all fear of her son's guilt being known had vanished for the time being at least, Mrs. Stanley resolved to take advantage of these situations as she suspected them. If this girl was the real heir, the missing heir of Stanley hall, of which there had been vague whispers for years, why not prepare for and fortify against any possible disgrace that might threaten through her son's rash and dreadful deed—the murder of Dr. Lee?

CHAPTER XX.

Wealth From the Desert.

MRS. STANLEY resolved to make friends with Hagar's supposed daughter, If Arthur Stanley, so called, was not the rightful heir, Blair Stanley was. But this left the girl heir to Stanley hall, and all could be conserved and all be well if Blair might return and marry Esther.

Even though Hagar recovered her faculties, she must remain silent as to Blair's guilt were he Esther's husband, thought Mrs. Stanley. As for Arthur Stanley, so called, there was slight fear of his returning.

The shrewd mother of Blair Stanley guessed now the true cause of Arthur's flight and continued absence. It was because he also had learned the Stanley secret.

At Stanley hall Esther, made a woman and resolute by all the tragic occurrences that of late had befallen her, resolved it was her duty to examine further into the documents in Hagar's brass bound box. Esther had endeavored vainly to lift the cloud from Hagar's mind by earnest inquiries and kindly beseechings. But Hagar would only moan, "My son, give me back my son, my little babe."

Then Esther read the documents. The proof was plain. She was in her rightful place at Stanley hall, for she was Esther Stanley. But she resolved, through the love she bore for him she had known as Arthur Stanley, that she would take the secret to the grave. She would spare Arthur the shame she knew his proud spirit would feel.

What to her were place and position here in Fairfax among a proud people who, so far as their women folk were concerned had ignored her?

Yet when we are young we have our hopes and dreams. Esther's hope and dream was the return of Arthur, the sharing of the secret with him, and his love. Then all would be well. So it was that Esther was not wholly surprised when Blair Stanley's mother called at Stanley hall and proffered her friendship and assistance.

There were no confidences exchanged between them. Esther suspected that Blair's mother vaguely knew, but in her loneliness, and having no friend save the humble though devoted Quabba, Esther was glad to accept the proffered friendship of her austere kinswoman, though neither spoke of the tie.

Mrs. Stanley suggested that Hagar be taken to Richmond for treatment for her mental affliction. She also insisted that Esther should go to Richmond and be introduced into the best circles there by Mrs. Burton Randolph.

It may have been that Mrs. Burton Randolph stood in fear of her austere kinswoman, Mrs. Judge Stanley—fear that was augmented by the fact that Blair's mother knew the true character of Vivian Marston.

It also may have been that the sweet nature and beauty of Esther and her gentle breeding appealed to Mrs. Randolph more than her fears of Blair's mother. It always had been Mrs. Randolph's pet diversion to have a protegee.

At any rate, Mrs. Randolph made Esther a welcome guest and protegee and assisted Blair's mother in securing the leading alienist of Richmond to treat Hagar for her mental infirmity.

Quabba had been left behind at Stanley hall, but Quabba suspected that Blair's mother was an old foe with a new face of friendship. As always, he resolved to guard Esther and he followed her to Richmond.

Mrs. Randolph had suggested to Blair's mother, when she found Mrs. Stanley desired her son's return, to consult with that astute private detective, Tom Blake, in settling the claims that were against the reckless Blair in Richmond.

Blake effected a conference between Blair's mother and Abe Bloom the



Hagar and Esther Arrive Again at Stanley Hall With the Brass Bound Box.

gambling house keeper, who held the bad check for \$2,000 he had cashed for Blair, and who was the most pressing claimant against him.

At this conference, although the accusation was not made, Mrs. Stanley soon surmised that Blake and Bloom knew of Blair's guilt of the murder of Dr. Lee. It was from Blake and Bloom, through the agency of the lanky thumb print on the bad check, that

it had been established, his moth

er soon inferred. She also surmised that it was from this source Hagar had obtained her proofs.

In her present condition Hagar was oblivious of such matters now. The only two, then, in all the world who knew were the detective and the gambling house keeper.

It was not necessary to enter into any detailed arrangements. Mr. Bloom was sententious and explicit.

"You make good this bum check of your son's," he said, "and me and Blake won't say nothing or cause your son any trouble. But there's one thing else, I've got to have this big stone which you aristocrats of Fairfax county call the diamond from the sky. My brother



Vivian Stanley Leaves Her Husband.

advanced money on it, and even if he hadn't that's my price for keeping my mouth shut," he added, "and I'll see that Blake here says nothing neither."

"But the diamond has disappeared. We don't know where it is," said Mrs. Stanley coldly, though in her heart she raged at the presumption.

"It'll turn up—them big stones always do. It's one of the finest in the world, but that's my price!" retorted Mr. Abe Bloom. "If it ever turns up you Stanleys can replenish it. No one can dispute your title to it. There ain't another one like it in the world. But when you Stanleys get it it comes to me! That's understood and agreed, eh, Blake?"

There was a strange, imperturbable gleam in the keen eyes of the detective, who had maintained his usual taciturnity during this strange conference, but he nodded his head and answered quietly, "Yes, that's understood and agreed."

Reaching Richmond, it had been no trouble for Quabba, at his old occupation of organ grinder, to find the house of Mrs. Burton Randolph, where he knew Esther was stopping in Richmond. He had just reached the house and had just been ordered to move on by a passing policeman when a taxicab drove up and Blake and Bloom alighted and entered the Randolph residence.

This visitation was such a surprise to the policeman that he readily vouchered the information as to who these individuals were when Quabba inquired "Them?" said the policeman. "Them's two of the wisest gypsies in Richmond—Tom Blake, who runs the Blake detective agency, and Abe Bloom, the biggest gambler in this burg. Maybe they are going into society."

Then, ordering Quabba to move on again, he moved on himself.

Quabba with his monkey and organ moved on, but only to the side of the house. A detective and a gambling house keeper? These were strange visitors indeed, and, suspecting the motives of Mrs. Stanley's sudden patronage of Esther as he did, Quabba squatted close by the low window of the reception room and listened. He overheard enough to realize that Blair Stanley's return was being arranged, and he knew this boded no good to his fair young mistress.

After the detective and gambler had departed, Quabba sent his ambassador and collector of external revenue, Clarence, the monkey, up the wistaria vines to the upper chamber, which he surmised might be Esther's.

He was right in his surmise. Esther, who, like Mrs. Randolph, had withdrawn when visitors on private business had been announced for Mrs. Stanley, was in her room.

The chattering of the monkey on her window sill roused Esther from a reverie of Arthur, and with a glad cry she ran to the window and hugged the affectionate little beast and waved a welcome to the smiling Quabba below. Then Quabba laid his finger to his lips as a sign of secrecy, yanked the string to recall his ambassador and departed.

Beside the track in the glaring California desert, Arthur Stanley, or, as he calls himself, John Powell, lay stunned after being thrown from the Overland limited, which he had boarded from horseback as the train had parted up the grade in the desert.

He had meant to warn the trainmen of the robbers lying in wait for them, but they had imagined him a desperate single handedly attempting a hold up and had thrown him off.

His horse, as all horses he handled loved him, The faithful and affectionate creature roused him by nosing at him. Arthur, half stunned, mounted

Lis affectionate four footed friend and galloped after the train. At the top of the grade the ambushed robbers halted the express with an obstruction on the track too great to be risked by the engineer endeavoring to pass through it.

When Arthur arrived upon the scene two robbers were in the express car and two were going through the Pullmans. Another had compelled the firemen to uncouple the locomotive and, covering the engineer, had made him drive the detached machine up the track some distance from the standing train.

Scarce knowing what he did, Arthur galloped by and, mounting the engine at the end of the tender from his horse's back, grappled with the lone robber covering the engineer.

A desperate struggle followed by the furnace door. Seizing a large wrench the engineer aimed a blow at the robber struggling with Arthur, but the blow missed foe and hit friend, and Arthur was stretched senseless on the firing board. The robber, with a curse jumped from the engine and ran, rejoining his companions.

In one of the Pullmans Vivian Marston, who was now Mrs. Blair Stanley—the two traveling as "Mr. and Mrs. Guy Peyton"—were among those held at pistol's point. An envious woman passenger to whom Vivian had shown the diamond from the sky had betrayed the fact she possessed it. Despite her pleadings, cajolements and even curses—curses that were chorused by the chagrined Blair—the chucking robbers bore off the great gem with their other booty. Laden with a sack of valuables, and, taking also \$100,000 in bank notes from the express messenger, the robbers decamped.

Within a few hours the sheriff and his posse of deputies and railroad detectives were hot on the trail, and "John Powell," sheep herder, after being lionized a few brief moments, was back at his lonely occupation.

Vivian, despoiled of the jewel for which she would have risked her soul reproaches herself and her raging bridegroom that they did not die gloriously in defending it. In her bitter rage Vivian taunts Blair by telling him she only married him to gain the diamond, and, now that it is gone, he must go and regain it or see her no more.

In vain he protests. She threatens to give him over to the police and desert him at Los Angeles and wires to Abe Bloom in Richmond telling of the loss of the diamond and asking for funds. The deserted and raging Blair pawns what possessions the train robbers have left him, and under his assumed name of Peyton hides in a mean hotel after writing to his relative, Mrs. Burton Randolph, to intercede for him with his mother.

Far off in the desert fastnesses the pursuit of the posse after the train robbers is hotly on. A shot and the rear-most saddle of the fleeing outlaw is empty. But as the outlaw falls the diamond from the sky that he had clawed out from the sack of valuable fies from his now nerveless hand and lies glittering but unnoticed by a clump of cacti as the posse thunders by.

Another shot goes home, and the foremost outlaw drops from his saddle. Another shot and his riderless



Like Edmond Dantes He Cries, "The World is Mine!"

horse drops dead in its tracks. As this horse falls the treasure sack with the banknotes falls half under the dying animal.

The bulk of its prostrate body masks the treasure sack of banknotes and hides it from view of the posse that gallops almost over the dead horse's hoofs as the pursuit of the three surviving desperadoes goes on.

A month later John Powell, sheet herder, is sent to the desert to find a strayed flock. Beneath the skeleton of a buzzard's feast, a dead horse, he finds the stolen treasure. In a wild frenzy of hysterical delight John Powell remembers "Monte Cristo," which as the wild young master of Stanley hall, he had read with greedy eagerness. And so, like Edmond Dantes he stands erect and cries in the burning desert waste, "The world is mine!"

The diamond is lying near. It gleams in the sun on the desert sand among rattlesnakes and cacti, but John Powell, blinded with the treasure that he grasps from the bones of a moldering horse, sees it not. And there it lies! Who will get it next?

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The endurance run was sanctioned by the American Automobile Association and carried A. A. A. officials every minute of its run.

The total distance covered by this car without a single stop of the motor two miles in 43 days and 22 hours

Kills Johnson Grass.
Mr. E. W. Vannatta of Houston, Texas, will be in Snyder at the Maxwell Hotel on Friday, January 14, and will be here one week. He has a mixture that will kill Johnson grass and blue weeds also Tread Salvias at a reasonable cost. Any one troubled with these pests will do well to see him while he is here. 31

Baptist Ladies Elect Officers
The Ladies Missionary Society of the Baptist Church have recently elected a full corps of department officers, as follows.
Mrs. J. M. Lockhart, president, Mrs. Walter Adamson, first vice president, Mrs. G. B. Clark, second vice president, Mrs. J. M. Denson, recording secretary, Mrs. Fred A. Grayum corresponding secretary, Mrs. Billie Forrester, treasurer, Ms. Emma Bibbee, reporter, Mrs. Fish Parliamentarian, Mrs. Sam Casstevens, Missionary.

The Girl From Tipperary.
Following a very interesting "movie" show at the Opera House Theatre last night, Dorothy Russell Musical Comedy Company presented a most entertaining performance entitled "The Girl From Tipperary." A large and attentive audience enjoyed the show. Many of the characters made special hits. The management announced that the company would play Snyder on a return engagement next season.

thus establishing a new world's record. The previous world's record was twelve thousand and forty-four miles which has stood since 1912.

This new record was made on 1006 gallons of gasoline, 59 gallons of oil and 16 gallons of water. The car averaged about 22 miles to the gallon of gasoline, 383 miles to a gallon of oil, 1380 miles to the gallon of water.

This record will mean more to the auto owners when it is considered that this car ran as far without a single stop as the average automobile is run in seven years.

This record demonstrates to the world the possibilities of a good powered, well balanced automobile, one that it has taken years to bring up to its present high efficiency. The motor that made this record is far beyond the experimental stage; it has been establishing records for the past ten years, and today it has no superior in the field.

This car is well known to the people throughout the United States there being thousands of them doing good service every day. Look out and you will see one go by. The car which made the world's record was a stock model five-passenger 1916, Model Maxwell.

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ANNOUNCEMENT.

To the Voters of Scurry County:

I wish to announce through the columns of the Signal that I have decided to make the race for County Treasurer of Scurry county. I came to this county twenty five years ago and am therefore pretty well acquainted with every one that has been here very long and will say to the new comers that I will try to get around and see you before the primary. I announce subject to the action of the Democratic primaries. I have always voted the Democratic ticket and am therefore opposed to "special privileges" but believe in "equal rights" to all. I realize that this office belongs to the people and not to any individual and if elected I shall respect your rights and privileges accordingly.

I thank every one that has offered me their support and shall feel very grateful to all who shall see fit to help me with their vote and influence and if elected I propose to show you that I appreciate your support by being attentive to the duties of the office. Thanking everyone for whatever support you may see fit to give me in this race I am very truly

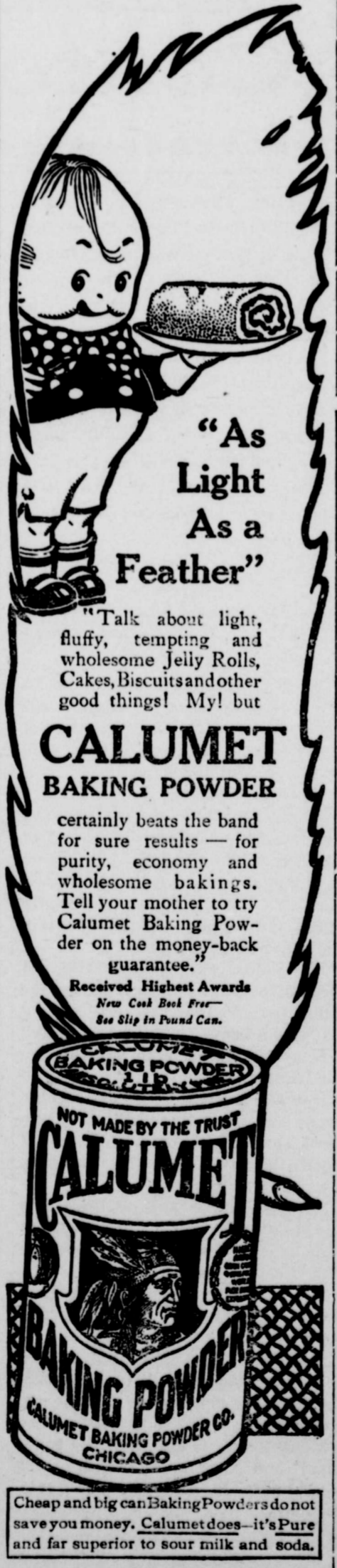
Your friend,
EMMETT BANKS.

Methodist Missionary Matters.
The Missionary Auxiliary of the Methodist church met in regular session Monday Jan. 10. Quite a good crowd greeted the president, notwithstanding the fact that so many have been bothered with gripe. Only those who have felt the throes of this body and mind racking disorder can fully appreciate the force and effects of it. We are hoping however that next Monday will find every member in her place ready and willing to go forward with everything that pertains to the fulfilling of the work for the coming year. It is important that we get off our report.

Come prepared to pay dues, especially for the last quarter.

We are reaching out this year. The demand is greater, hence, we as helpers are reaching for higher things

—Supt. Publicity.



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PROSPEROUS YEAR FOR BANK.

First State Bank and Trust Company
Created Permanent Surplus Account of \$25,000.00

At a meeting one day this week of the Board of Directors of the First State Bank and Trust Company of Snyder, Texas, the affairs of the Bank were found to be in extra good condition and it was ordered to pass to the surplus account \$12,500.00 from the undivided profits of the Bank, thus increasing the surplus account to \$25,000.00, which is 50 percent of the capital and the Bank has certified this fact to the Secretary of State and Commissioner of Banking as directed by law and thereby creating a permanent surplus account.

This institution has just closed one of the best years of business since organization. It is under the management of well trained, conservative bankers who stand ready to extend to the public every courtesy and accommodation possible, consistent with safe and sound banking.

Their business friends are a unit in congratulating the officers and directors on this substantial showing of growth and prosperity.

For Trade

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An Explanation

In justice to the ladies who served the banquet to the Chamber of Commerce get-together crowd on January 6th, the officials desire to announce that this strenuous undertaking was successfully accomplished on a basis of 60¢ per plate with a minimum of 200 plates, making the total amount of the banquet expense \$120, this being the amount of the check issued by Treasurer H. G. Towle and delivered to the ladies on the night of the banquet. It is understood that the ladies cleared a fraction over \$39 after all their expenses were paid. There were 181 tickets sold, and the Snyder Concert Band were given tickets to the banquet in exchange for the splendid music furnished on the occasion which completed the 200 plates. Thus it will be noted that there was a margin of \$61 which was applied on the expense of assistance rendered in disposing of the tickets over the county, necessitating a man's time with an automobile.

Respectfully,
Secretary Chamber of Commerce.

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WILS MERRELL FOR RE-ELECTION AS SHERIFF

Sheriff W. A. Merrell new serving his first term announces this week as a candidate for re-election to the office of Sheriff of Scurry county, subjects to the July primaries.

Mr. Merrell is thoroughly conversant with the duties of a West Texas sheriff and measures up to the position. He is a man of modest bearing, but in the discharge of official duty, he goes about it in a business like way without fear or favor and works impartially and with dispatch and accuracy. He is honest, efficient and capable and pleasant and courteous toward the public in all his business relations.

He has been a citizen of Scurry county for many years and has always been true to the mark in working for the moral and material progress of town and county.

His record as a citizen and officer is an open book and will bear the most critical investigation. He wants the office a second term and if elected will continue to make the county a good sheriff. Consider his claims for re-election.

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A Christmas

By CHRISTINA G. ROSSETT

Lo, newborn Jesus,
Soft and weak and small,
Wrapped in baby's bands
By his mother's hands,
Lord God of all!

Lord God of Mary,
Whom his lips caress
While he rocks to rest
On her milky breast
In helplessness.

Lord God of shepherds
Flocking through the cold,
Flocking through the dark
To the only ark,
The only fold.

Lord God of all things,
Be they near or far,
Be they high or low,
Lord of storm and snow,
Angel and star.

Lord God of all men,
My Lord and my God,
Thou who lovest me,
Keep me close to thee
By staff and rod.

Lo, newborn Jesus,
Loving great and small,
Love's free sacrifice,
Opening arms and eyes
To one and all!

SONG OF THE TREE.

Once out of midnight sweet with mystery
The wonder of all wonders came to be,
So shall the dawn a marvel make of me,
For when in all my beauty I am born
In the first glimmer of the Christmas morn,
Angels of innocence in mortal guise
Shall look upon me with their faithful eyes;
And, looking, see
A greater thing in me
Than the bare figure of a tree.
Behold! in every limb
I thrill with praise of him
For whom I stand in memory.

Kings of the east and wise men three
There were
Who brought to him rare frankincense
and myrrh.
So do my balsamed branches when they stir
In the warm airs that move about this room,
And render forth their homage in perfume.
Lift up your hearts anew, O, careworn men!
Look up with glad, believing eyes again;
And, looking, see
A greater thing in me
Than the bare figure of a tree.
Behold! in every limb
I thrill in praise of him
For whom I stand in memory.

—Tom Daly.

A VEGETARIAN CHRISTMAS MENU.

Cream of Tomato Soup.
Toasted Croutons.
Mock Whitefish, Parsley Sauce.
Creamed Potatoes, Walnut Roast.
Cauliflower au Gratin.
Celery, Olives, Sautéed Nuts.
Currant Jelly.
Pulled Bread, Hot Biscuits.
Salad Unique, Wafers and Cheese.
Plum Pudding, Brandy Sauce.
Fruits, Bonbons, Coffee.

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Program

OF FIFTH SUNDAY MEETING OF SCURRY COUNTY BAPTIST ASSOCIATION TO BE HELD WITH PLEASANT HILL CHURCH 12 MILES WEST OF FLUVANNA.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 27th.

7:30 p. m. Sermon, W. L. Leach.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28th.

9:30 a. m. Devotional, L. N. Periman.

10:00 a. m. How to cultivate a Denominational Spirit, I. D. Hull, R. A. Scranton.

10:30 Benefits of a strong Denominational Spirit, M. T. Tucker, O. J. Hull.

11:00 a. m. Sermon, Y. F. Walker.

2:30 p. m. Devotional, Arthur Eastman.

3:00 p. m. What is meant by "Putting on Christ" in Romans 13:14? J. W. McGaha, Clarence Dick.

7:30 Sermon, M. T. Tucker.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 29th.

9:30 a. m. Devotional, J. J. Hodnet.

10:00 a. m. The Church Organized for Work, A. D. Leach, I. D. Hull.

General Discussion.

11:00 a. m. Sermon, A. J. Leach.

2:30 p. m. Board Meeting.

3:30 In What Teachings are Baptists Peculiar? F. M. Elliot, Mc. Daniel.

7:30 p. m. Lecture on China by Miss Blanche Walker.

SUNDAY, JANUARY 30th.

Services to be arranged by pastor and deacons.

Trains will be met at Fluvanna, Thursday only.

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CO-OPERATION.

Much is being said now about co-operation. At the Chamber of Commerce banquet cooperation was the general theme and the speakers lauded this invisible something as a panacea for the evils of the times and as the luck stone upon which to build a great city at Snyder and develop the unbounded resources of Scurry county. I am sure each went from the banquet board with the word ringing in his soul and resolved that he would be one to act accordingly and hence convert this slowly developing section of Texas into a paradise for all who may come. These beautiful speeches and this increase of fellowship certainly is necessary but I am persuaded that the average man does not fully comprehend what co-operation means in the fullest sense.

It is one thing to get together and another to stick. The history of the world is replete with examples of both the effects of cooperation and the lack of it. The Greeks who faithfully rallied to the banner of Alexander and blindly followed him were able to turn back the tide of Persian invasion and build upon the sunny shores of Hellas the greatest civilization the world had ever seen. The Romans under the superb leadership of her Cicero and her Pliny withstood the scourging fire from the indomitable Hannibal and at the same time saved from the vandal's hands the sacred altars of her founders. Charlemagne organized a new world empire and the implicit confidence of the people in following his leadership converted the barren plains of the north into strong empires. The faith of her people in Alfred established on Britains shores a civilization far above the empires preceding and the patriotic devotion to her purposes have made the British master of the world.

Washington and his compatriots followed by the American soldier in the ranks outwitted and out fought the British regulars and planted upon the rock bound coasts of a new continent the greatest empire of the age. Great questions of state have been before the American people to settle. These questions have been settled in the light of the wisdom of the ages past and with an eye single to the promotion of human justice.

Germany has demonstrated to the world a most superb example of co-operation. She has in her few years of history astounded the world with her advancement in science and art. She rules in the world of music and poetry. She not only has developed along the line of the aesthetic but she has advanced in a material way beyond the conceptions of her admirers. So strong in military power that she is able to hold her own when the world is clutching at her throat.

But there are certain elements in all this co-operation too often unseen in no instance are the leaders self appointed or selfish. When ambition has dominated the leader, failure has resulted as for example in the case of Napoleon. All real leaders are dominated by the spirit of desire to serve their fellows. Behold our immortal Washington who amid the snows of Valley Forge daily communed with his Maker and with his own hands attended the soldiers of his courageous army. While it is true that the leaders of European countries are hereditary yet all of them who have succeeded have been real benefactors to their races. Hence if we are to succeed we must have men chosen by the people and not self appointed. Men who are unselfish and altruistic should be placed at the head of our affairs. In Europe the people can not choose. In America we can and since we may do so let us be careful to choose the best for our leaders. Then it should ever be the purpose of those who lead to serve the masses and not the classes. When proper leaders have been found then cooperation means that the privates in the ranks should follow. Not complaining and criticising but cheerfully and free. The great financial and industrial institutions are best examples of the effects of cooperation and a study of them will uncover the methods by which they succeed. When Standard Oil Company sends out a rate sheet raising or lowering the price of oil or gas the agents never ask any questions why. They proceed to get the price required by the company. Just such co-operation is essential to the building of a city. The leaders in their wisdom propose certain measures and if we are to succeed all the privates who are but agents must act on this suggestion. I think obedience to superiors is an essential to success in city building as in corporation building. Hence I urge that every citizen of Snyder who has an interest in her growth at once put away his little hammer and put on

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20.00 Coats now	10.00
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Wool Drawers, \$2.00 grade now	.98c
Wool Shirts, \$1.75 grade now	.98c
Wool Drawers, \$1.75 grade now	.98c
Men's Shirts and Sweaters	
Heavy fleece Cotton Shirts now	35c
Heavy fleece Cotton Drawers now	35c
Work Shirts, 50c grade now	35c
Wool Over Shirts, \$1.25 grade	.98c
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First organization—then wisdom in laying out policies—then willing obedience on the part of the privates in the ranks. Give us this full co-operation and see Snyder take her place as the great city of the boundless West. Give us cooperation to the fullest extent.

A BANQUETER.

ROB STRAYHORN FOR DISTRICT CLERK

Mr. Rob Strayhorn comes into the Signal's announcement column this week as a candidate for the office of District Clerk of Scurry county, subject to the July primary.

Mr. Strayhorn has been reared in Scurry county and has an extensive and favorable acquaintance. After finishing in the Snyder High School, he completed his educational preparation for life at Trinity University and is a young man of good education and pleasing personality.

He made a good race for District Clerk two years ago and though he failed then to land, he took his defeat like a brave man and has waited for another occasion to ask the people for this same job.

Rob is a straightforward, honorable young man, with a laudable ambition to do something worth while and if elected he will take a pride in doing his official duties right.

Give his claims and qualifications due consideration. He will appreciate your support and will make good.

New Heating Furnaces In Church

The installation of the heating plant at the Methodist church is now almost completed. The big double header located in the basement gives the place the appearance of a factory boiler room and the warmth from this machinery is sent into the sanctuary and renders the auditorium comfortable in any sort of cold weather.

Prisoner Drives Own Car.

A few days ago the Sheriff of Gaines county accompanied by a deputy passed through Snyder on the trail of two young men accused of stealing a Dodge automobile at Seminoles. On Tuesday morning of this week they passed back through Snyder with the stolen car and the men accused of the theft. The officers had

overtaken their man at Hamlin. When they had arrested the men they had one car more on hand than they had experienced drivers and they proceeded to chain one of the prisoners to the steering wheel of one of the cars and have him bring it in. When they passed through Tuesday the fellow was staying with his job and doing fine service.



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TAXES PAID UP TO

JANUARY FIRST

Payments in 1915 More Than Double The Preceding Year.

Through the courtesy of Tax Collector W. M. Curry the Signal finds at the total taxes collected for 1915 up to January 1, 1916, amount \$15,349.04.

Number of poll taxes collected 438.

In 1914 to Jan. 1, 1915, the total collections were \$7862.20 and number of poll taxes paid 182.

Comparison of these two years shows that the collection in 1915, more than double the collections for the same period in 1914.

Of course the big rush in tax paying comes in January and the collector's office is now a very busy one and will be so for the next few weeks. People who fail to pay during this month will be subject to penalty and those who fail to pay all taxes will be disfranchised.

New Cashier at Santa Fe.

Mr. R. G. Peck of Amarillo has recently been installed as cashier at the Santa Fe station in Snyder and will move his family here in a few days to reside. The business of the Santa Fe has increased in volume to such extent as to necessitate an increase in office force and the position of cashier was created separate from the work of the agent and relieving Mr. Rogers of that part of his duties and allowing him more time for his duties as freight and passenger agent.

YONGE & YONGE Attorneys-at-Law Office North Side Square Snyder, Texas.

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In connection with my law practice I have a thoroughly equipped department for the handling of collections and the making of reports. Notary Work Neatly Done.

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The car that climbs the hills and goes through sand where others fail, no better motor made.

Four-35, five passenger touring car, or roadster \$885.00

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See this beautiful high grade, classy car before you buy.

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If its land you want, see us; if a home in town find us. If you have farms, ranches or town property for sale, or exchange, list with us.

Located over Townsend-Oldham & Co., Snyder, Texas.

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Phone 376

Calls Answered day or night within fifty miles.

Snyder, Texas

Vital Statistics Record.

The records of vital statistics for Scurry county show that in 1915 there were 171 births, 71 deaths and 136 marriages

Dr. McGuire

Graduate Optician Coming to Snyder

And will be located at GRAYUM DRUG CO. Remember Dr. McGuire has made a specialty of optics for 15 years, and comes with a long list of testimonials from good, influential people, who have used his glasses with best results. This being the Doctor's first visit to our city, he will for

One Week Only

Commencing Monday, Jan. 17, and ending Saturday, Jan. 22, not only test eyes FREE, but will put into your old frames, one pair of his Perfect Spherical Lenses ABSOLUTELY FREE!

All Special Ground Lenses, Such as Compounds, Torics, Kryptok, etc. at Special Prices.

Those desiring frames will be supplied at greatly reduced prices, but remember that you are not required to buy anything, or pay the Doctor a single cent, as this special sale and reduction has been inaugurated in this city as a means of getting acquainted with the eye-glass wearing public; and you who are in need of a good pair of glasses had better take advantage of this offer.

Special attention is given to the eyes of school children. About seventy-five per cent of all headaches can be relieved with a pair of properly fitted glasses. Our stock comprises all the latest styles and shapes, both in eye glasses and spectacles. Positively no drugs used or given. Remember the time and place. 6 days Jan. 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22

GRAYUM DRUG COMPANY SNYDER, TEXAS

THE LIGHT OF THE HOME

IN countless homes in the United States, in the Philippines, in Africa, Australia, China—the world over, folks of all kinds are reading and working by the clear, pleasing light of TEXACO Familylite.

TEXACO Familylite is an illuminating oil of unusual excellence. Its steady glow, its freedom from smoke and odor, and the absence of wick charring, all combine to make TEXACO Familylite in name and deed, "the light of the home."

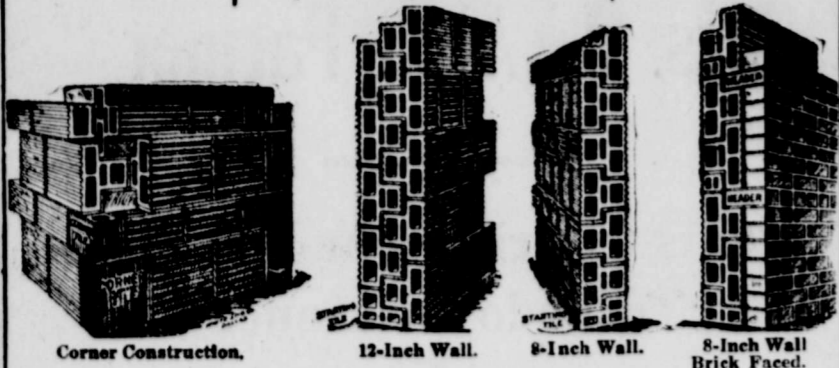
In your home the evening paper, the sewing, the school lessons, all cause less fatigue and eye strain when you use TEXACO Familylite.

You can get Familylite at the TEXACO Agent in your neighborhood. Call on him when you need oil for any purpose whatsoever.

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Better Construction at Lower Cost

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What Interlocking Tile Is

It is a general wall-building material, suitable for use in every character of structure, from the cottage and small store to the mansion and skyscraper.

In it are combined the "cooler in summer, warmer in winter," and lightness of weight features of the hollow wall, with the strength of brick and concrete; in addition, it interlocks in the wall, making the strongest and most rigid wall that can be built. Every unit is a header.

Interlocking Tile is not to be confused with ordinary square tile, which is only designed and intended for partition, and other interior non-load-bearing walls.

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It builds at amazingly low cost (little more than that of good frame) walls that are non-conductive, light in weight, damp proof, comfortable the year around, and more efficient in every way. It increases the buying value of the building dollar.

Write for complete information, Government reports, etc.

FRASER BRICK COMPANY, Sole Manufacturers
DALLAS, TEXAS

L. E. Howell who resides on route 5 near town, lines up this week with the elect and will keep posted in current matters by reading the Signal.

Plenty of Money, quick service on farm and ranch loans. Snyder Abstract Company.

Attention Housekeepers
Mattresses made to order. Old mattresses renovated and made new. Feather beds made into folding feather mattresses.

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Telephone 349

See Mrs. J. Arch Farmer for Fire and Tornado Insurance.

Why Lose

time and drive your team to the Railroad when you can buy goods as cheap at home.

A complete line of Dry Goods Notions, Hardware, Tinware, Staple and Fancy Groceries, no old stuff, new goods arriving daily.

All legitimate Competition met

HORACE HOLLEY
IRA, TEXAS

NOTICE.

I am exclusive agent, of Scurry County, for the Post Home Farms and Ranches now being sold in Garza County, and I would like for all LIVE agents to get in touch with me at once. This land is selling very fast and any GOOD LIVE WIRE can make some nice business very easy. We have sold over 200 of these farms and the people are on them. Come up and let us show you what we have. There never was a proposition in Western Texas like this and probably never will be another. We want good people on this land and to do this we must have good agents. For farther particulars write or phone,

J. S. CASH,
Post, Texas

SNYDER MAN WRITES OF THIS SECTION

Following Item is Clipped from the Cyclone, Which was Written By a Snyder Man.

From the Lower Plains Country.

Of all the winds that blow,
I dearly love the west.—Burns.

I have been thinking for some time that I would regale the columns of the Cyclone with a few thoughts from the west.

The hand of winter is new hard upon the breaks at the foot of the plains, and the grass is brown and bare.

The winter of 1915 descends upon a more prosperous people out in the plains country than has been their fortune for several winters past.

The rains have visited us regularly and at short intervals for the past two years, and this prairie country has responded with the characteristic bloom and vigor of a new soil.

Kaffir, maize, cotton and lastly cattle—everything has done well, and the farmer who has been here sufficiently long to acquaint himself with the vagaries of the climate and the local conditions of the country, discovers himself at the close of this year with a comfortable bank balance, a not uncomfortable condition at any time, and one especially gratifying at the present time of world distemper.

The hardships of pioneer life were accentuated here during a few years by dry weather that was almost without parallel. But the people kept on staying, with that characteristic American ardor that knows no defeat.

They had for inspiration the history of other sections of the state, that had at first been unseasonable, but with increasing population the kindly and beneficent hand of Providence had made more seasonable. "The Lord helps those who help themselves."

And when people occupy a land, found homes, built towns, schools and churches, it becomes an inherent belief upon their part that a corresponding compensation shall come in the natural order to assist their needs.

This belief has been justified here within the past few years. Desire no longer fails—and the harvest season has been opulent with the things necessary for the happiness, prosperity and contentment of a people.

And it is a chastened and reverent people who gather about their hearth stones, out in this country during the closing days of the year, thankful for the reward of their efforts from the Giver of all good; and with a feeling of confidence and trust for the future. F. V. C.

—In Cyclone.
CYCLONE DAVIS IN CONGRESS
Makes Characteristic Display in Speech and Personal Appearance.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 6.—"Cyclone Davis," champion political welter weight of Texas, went three fast rounds in the House today with the Republican party and various National issues. The "Cyclone" was in the pink of condition except for his voice, which had developed a pronounced tremble. He had no difficulty in controlling his windmill swing and his haymaker punch which he used continuously. A large attendance gave a unanimous decision that the bout was a draw.

Clad in his accustomed uniform, including his gray spade whiskers, his collarless shirt and his woolen muffler, the "Cyclone" entered the arena jauntily and confidently for his maiden effort.

The "Cyclone" first tackled the Republicans and with a shower of Biblical quotations, home made poetry Billy Sunday epigrams and alliterative invectives asserted that

in "applying a blister plaster" to the Republicans he was not acting in hate but following Divine example in "chastening those he loved." Whenever a verbal blow went home the Texas champion swung his arms and emitted a sound that was a cross between a laugh, a chuckle, a cluck and a cackle. It sounded sarcastic and it brought a laugh from the spectators every time. Occasionally it was varied by a long drawn out whistle.

After flaying the Republicans the "Cyclone" spent a few quiet moments with the farm credits proposals of the administration, landing several body blows. Then the real bout began as he went after preparedness. The contest was bitter and bloody and ended in a shower of poetry that put the National defense to rout. This deciding blow was a stanza of amateur poetry which sounded like this:

"Shall gun thunders never cease,
And dying millions moan
While we feed the dogs of war
On human flesh and bone?"

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HERMLEIGH ITEMS
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The Enterprise says:
The infant twins of Mr. and Mrs. Harve Strickland, living near Pyron died January 3rd and were buried on the 4th. Rev. C. E. Leslie conducted the funeral service.

The contract was let this week for the building of the two bricks, which are to be built by Walter Gentry. The contract was awarded to Mr. Sid Berry of this county he being the successful bidder. Mr. Berry will begin work at once and rush it to completion as soon as possible.

At a called meeting of Hermleigh Rebekah Lodge held Friday, December 31, the following officers were elected. Mrs. Wilsie Bralley, N. G.; Mrs. Eva Karnes, V. G.; Miss Mae Ely, Secretary; Mrs. J. M. Keffer, Treasurer. These officers will be installed at the regular meeting next Tuesday night. All members are requested to be present.

Mr. M. J. Gallesti has just closed a deal for the lot and business house now occupied by C. J. Murphy, and we learn he will in the near future erect a two story brick building on the lot.

Mr. and Mrs. Ward Gross visited in Colorado last Sunday.

Mr. H. E. Thomas of Hermleigh has made his precinct a good and faithful member of the Commissioners' court, but he says he has had all he wants of it and will not stand for re-election this year.

Once used, always used. "Figaro Preservative."
Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Pure Ribbon cane Syrup, also Maple. Denson & Smith.

You Need a Tonic

There are times in every woman's life she needs a tonic to help her over the hard part. When that time comes to you, you know what to take—Cardui, the woman's tonic. Cardui is composed of purely vegetable ingredients, which act gently, yet surely, on the weakened womanly organs, and helps build them back to strength and health. It has benefited thousands and thousands of weak, ailing women in its past half century of wonderful success, and it will do the same for you. You can't make a mistake in taking

CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

Miss Amelia Wilson, R. F. D. No. 4, Alma, Ark., says: "I think Cardui is the greatest medicine on earth, for women. Before I began to take Cardui, I was so weak and nervous, and had such awful dizzy spells and a poor appetite. Now I feel as well and as strong as I ever did, and can eat most anything." Begin taking Cardui today. Sold by all dealers.

Has Helped Thousands.

SOCIETY PRINTING, MONOGRAM stationery, wedding invitations, club year books and other classes of printing that requires typographical ability. The Signal.

Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Roberts and daughter of Route No. 1, were pleasant visitors at the Signal office Saturday and had their paid up date set forward. They have recently moved from Route 3.

Dr. I. E. Smith left Sunday on a business trip south.

Mrs. Annie Hutcheson and family who have resided on Route 2 have moved to Route 4 and have had the Signal changed to their new address.

If you need a loan on your farm or ranch, call in and see us. Snyder Abstract Co.

Mr. T. J. McEntyre and family and Mr. W. T. Sellman who have resided on Route No. 1 west of Snyder left over the Santa Fe Sunday morning for Miami, Texas, where they will reside.

YOUR LAND TITLES.
THE SCURRY COUNTY ABSTRACT COMPANY.

Will be glad to abstract your land titles and assist in perfecting same. The time to do this is NOW, while the necessary papers may be secured. Charges as low as are consistent with first class work. See us in the Court House Basement.

James Lee Wilson, traveling representative of the Fort Worth Record spent two or three days here this week and paid the Signal a fraternal call.

Dr. Smith, Practice limited to the Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat, and the Scientific Adjustment of Glasses. Office over the Owl Drug Store.

M. E. Rosser H. M. Boyd
ROSSER & BOYD
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Office State Bank Building
Snyder, Texas.

This is the Season of the Year

When a new buggy, new harness and new saddle will be in demand. Maybe your old harness needs to be overhauled. We can do it the Guaranteed Way.

D. P. STRAYHORN
Everything in a First-Class Leather Establishment
NORTH SIDE

To the Farmers of Scurry and adjoining Counties

If you have any rough Trashy Cotton to gin try THE FARMERS UNION GIN.

We have Boll Crusher, 2 Cleaners, Screener Feeders, Huller Brest and air cleaners to take bolls and trash out and will gin and wrap your bollies for 70c per hundred.

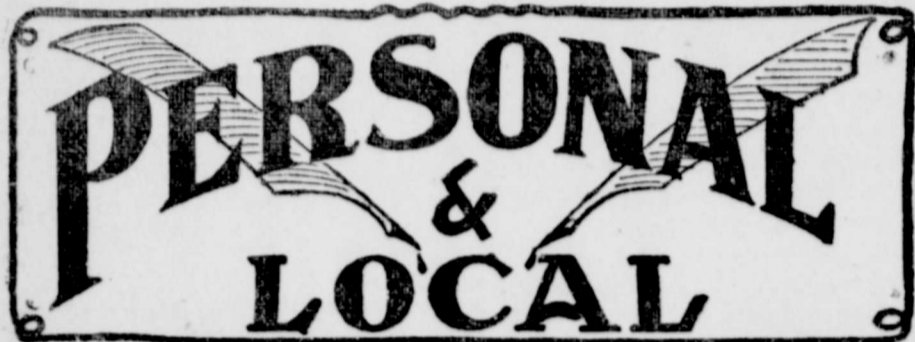
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By J. P. W.

Keep a well assorted drug stock. Everything the best Quality. Our prescription work is neat, prompt, accurate. Our prices are moderate.

We deliver goods promptly to your home—anywhere in town. We fill mail orders promptly—postage paid. We invite you to make our drug store your headquarters. We appreciate your business. Phone 221.

Agency for The Dallas News.

OWL DRUG STORE



Dr. A. N. Harkrider was here this week from Big Springs. We feel just like he is a Snyder man and he looks like he feels that way too.

New stock of wall paper. We will not be beaten on prices. A. P. Morris.

Mr. W. A. Johnson is feeding two cars of beef cattle on maize and he says they are putting on four pounds of flesh a day. There is no better all round feed than maize and West Texas is the home of maize and kindred crops.

Once used, always used. "Figaro Preservative." Townsend-Oldham & Co.

If you have lost a good lap robe you might see the one at the Signal office and find out whether it is yours.

W. E. Callis of Route 2 braved the norther Wednesday and came to town anyhow and while here he called in and renewed for the Signal and Dallas News.

See Mrs. J. Arch Farmer for Fire and Tornado Insurance.

E. W. Clark is here this week from Fort Worth.

Mrs. Fred A. Grayum left yesterday for Abilene to attend the Northwest Texas Baptist Ladies Meeting of Simmons College.

Stewart Brothers shipped out a car load of mules over the R. S. & P. Wednesday to Jefferson, Texas.

LOST—A lineman's belt and safety. Finder will be rewarded by returning same to Bern Baze at Light Plant. 31

Dr. and Mrs. C. L. Simmons of Liberty Hill Williamson county have been in Snyder for a few days looking after their property interests here. They placed their subscription for the Signal before leaving for home and will keep read up on Scurry county affairs.

We have plenty of Lump Stock Salt now. See that "Rox-Ait Block." Denson & Smith.

V. D. Sumrud of Route 5 placed his order this week for the Signal and the Dallas News and W. O. Sanders of Route 2 has done the same way.

I will crate and store your furniture. Reasonable and ship to you any time. You don't have to bother about it. Phone 379. 30tf. F. N. GRAVES.

H. Brown, a dairyman at Amarillo, was shot to death there Monday by Lee Van Sickle.

For Sale or Trade We have some extra good second hand Buggies that we will sell at a bargain or trade for young horses and mules. 27tf. TOWNSEND-OLDHAM & CO.

Mrs. Gladys Sims in quite sick with lagrippe, this week.

PROMINENT CITIZEN TESTIFIES FOR VITONA

The following expression, from a prominent Scurry County man, fully explains itself:

Hermleigh, Tex., Oct. 18, 1915. Eld. M. M. Melton: Dear Sir:

I write this to let you know that I have been greatly benefitted by the use of VITONA and can recommend it as being all that you claim for it. I am 86 years old and feel better than I have felt for several years.

Respectfully, 23-tf. N. M. LESLIE. Vitona can be had at the Signal office or address P. O. Box P., Snyder Texas.

W. C. Davidson was in Tuesday from Camp Springs and had his Signal date shoved up a notch.

Once used, always used. "Figaro Preservative." Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Farmers are hauling out lumber from Snyder almost every day to add some improvements to their premises.

Once used, always used. "Figaro Preservative." Townsend-Oldham & Co.

Look Who's Come Mrs. J. Arch Farmer

wants to write your Fire and Tornado Insurance for You

Office in north-east corner of Court House, first floor. Phone 298

Erma, the little ten year old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Eppl, of South Spring street, is critically ill with pneumonia.

D. P. Lane has been tumbled up in bed with a case of the grip.

Joe Church was here this week from Hud and said nearly everybody over there is sick.

Mrs. J. L. Suits who has been visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Baze left Wednesday night for her home at Lockney.

Mrs. H. G. Towle visited in Colorado.

Will buy, sell or exchange in anything new or second hand. Repairing a specialty. A. P. Morris.

S. S. Huffman left here a short time ago for Roswell, New Mexico. Now he is back in Snyder to stay. He says he couldn't get what he wanted there and was not willing to take just anything.

Eugene Thompson who sells paper to the newspaper folks for the Southwestern Paper Co. of Dallas and carries his sunshine countenance into all the print shops in the Panhandle and Northwest Texas was here Thursday and visited the Signal.

The Sanitary BARBER SHOP

Lockhart & King, Props. HOT AND COLD BATHS IN CONNECTION

Agents for Acme Steam Laundry, Ft. Worth

North Side Square Next door to Rogers & Casteven's

Mr. W. B. Hardin is reported no better. His children are all here with him.

Born in Snyder, Jan 10, to E. C. Delapas and wife, a boy.

See Mrs. J. Arch Farmer for Fire and Tornado Insurance.

The doctors say the grip siege is kinder letting up. Let us hope so.

WANTED—You to bring us your subscription to the Dallas Semi-Weekly Farm News \$1.00 per year.
OWL DRUG STORE

New Year Greetings

We want to thank you for the nice business you have given us during 1915 and ask you to remember us during 1916 when you need anything in the Drug line.

Our aim is to please our customers.

Thompson Drug Company

H. G. Towle CUFF BUTTONS and SCARF PINS H. G. Towle

Maple Syrup is fine, get it at Denson & Smith's.

Born at Pleasant Hill Jan. 9, to Mr. and Mrs. Riley Sanders, a girl.

See Mrs. J. Arch Farmer for Fire and Tornado Insurance.

Self Explanatory

I feel that I should keep my friends and customers advised of the serious conditions that prevail at the present time in regard to getting the right kind of goods for the coming Spring. By placing my orders early I have saved the advance in price as well as getting true shades. You will find that good dye is very hard to get, and a great deal of cheap dye is being used. Below is a clipping from The Dry Goods Reporter which explains the situation:

"Silk manufacturers were advised last week of advances in the cost of dyeing by other large dyeing concerns. The yarn department of Cheney Bros. has sent out a new price list on organzine and spun silk, with important additions in the cost of certain colors, such as all shades of red, scarlet, maroon, garnet, wine, etc., these being 70 cents a pound higher than the list. All blacks are withdrawn by Cheney Bros. Extra fast colors in organzine cost \$1.50 a pound more than similar shades in regular dye and \$1.20 a pound more than spun silk. All regular dye colors not mentioned in the list are advanced 40 cents a pound. Until further notice orders are to be of a minimum of ten pounds a color in single resist, double resist and extra fast dyes."

ATTHEWS "THE QUALITY SHOP"

CALLING MEETING OF CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

All members of the Snyder Chamber of Commerce, the Board of Governors and all other interested citizens of Snyder are requested to assemble at the court house, in the office of the Justice of the Peace this (Friday) afternoon, Jan. 14, at 5 o'clock, for the purpose of discussing some important matters that demand immediate attention, and to transact any other business that may come before the body.

Bear in mind that it is essential that every individual, who has the interest of Snyder and Scurry County at heart, be present and take active part in the discussion of subjects presented.

E. J. ANDERSON, President, J. P. CHAMBLESS, Secretary, Snyder Chamber of Commerce Snyder, Texas, January 12, 1916.

The First National Bank interior has been decorated with an American Eagle which is perched just above the cashier's window. The bird was killed by Mr. W. A. Johnson and it was sent to a Denver taxidermist and mounted especially for the bank. Dr. R. G. Davenport had his seven foot bird done the same way and it overlooks the customers lobby of the First State Bank and Trust Company.

LEARN SHORTHAND

It will pay you well. It is an assured means of good employment. It is more than that. It is an invaluable personal accomplishment—a time and labor saver throughout your life.

BENN PITMAN PHONOGRAPHY is taught in reliable schools everywhere. Let us recommend one to you. Or we will advise you about self-instruction or lessons by mail. Write to The Phonographic Institute. CINCINNATI, OHIO. Benn Pitman, Founder. Jerome B. Howard, President.

Old Winter is Here.

After several days of threatening weather with a very slight sprinkle of moisture Tuesday evening. A cold norther came down on us Tuesday night. Thermometers registered seventeen degrees above zero Wednesday morning and a cold wind prevailed all day. Thursday morning the government thermometer registered seven above and Thursday was a cold raw day.

Dr. A. O. Scarborough went over in Kent county Wednesday night and he states that he came near freezing.

The McCinton-Walker Shoe Shop has moved into one of the new Wilmeth rooms on South Scarborough.

The four globe electric lights were in operation on the square last night for the first time, and the effect was exceptionally pleasing. These lights are furnished by a co-operative plan of the city and county and it is believed this start toward illuminating the city will spread as time goes on. So mote it be.

Mr. I. D. Scoggin is reported improving.

LOST—A bundle of clothes on Clairemont street. Finder phone 274. 31p

For Trade

We have some extra good buggies to trade for young horses and mules. 24tf. Townsend-Oldham & Co.

YOUR NEEDS

CAN BE SUPPLIED FROM OUR

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AT RIGHT PRICES THIS YEAR

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