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## Paying More Brisk This Year

Receipts Issued to January 1st.—430 Poll Taxes Have Been Paid

Almost three times as many persons paid their state and county taxes in Floyd County January first, 1917, than at the corresponding date for 1915, 312 receipts had been issued last year on the first day of the year. The 864th receipt for this year's taxes was issued January first.

To Wednesday afternoon 430 resident tax-payers had been issued receipts for property and poll taxes, Lockney Precinct leading with a total of 130 paid.

## T. F. Anderson, of Irick Community, Died Last Night

T. F. Anderson, of the Irick Community, five miles southwest of Lockney, died last night at home at the age of 86 years. Friends of the family in Floydada were notified this morning of the death and funeral arrangements. He will be buried tomorrow afternoon at 2 o'clock at Irick school house.

Mr. Anderson had lived in this county 26 years. He is the father of Henry Anderson and Miss Lillie Anderson, who live at Irick, and of Jim Anderson, of Alpine, and John Anderson, of Portales.

The Anderson family is one of the best known in the county, being among the earlier settlers in this section.

They are not related to T. F. Anderson, who resides southeast of Floydada, recently moved here from Red River County.

## Dr. Carl T Steen Married at Corsicana December 31.

Dr. Carl T Steen was married Sunday, December 31, 1916 at Corsicana, Texas, to Miss Georgia Allen.

Cards bearing this announcement were received by friends at Floydada this week.

Dr. Steen is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Tom P. Steen, of this city.

He is engaged in the practice of medicine at Dawson, where they will make their home.

## Carey-Davis

A. J. Davis and Miss Lola Carey were married Monday afternoon of this week at the residence of Rev. W. M. Lane, at 5:30 o'clock.

The couple are not known here. They plan to make their home at Matador.

Try an ad in the Hesperian.

## LUBBOCK IS TO BUILD MUNICIPAL LIGHT PLANT

Claim Made that \$30,000 Plant Will Pay for Itself in 28 months Furnishing 10c Current

Lubbock, Texas, Dec. 29.—The City Council last night unanimously voted to erect a municipal electric light plant to be operated in connection with its present owned waterworks and sewerage disposal plant; estimates and bids had already been prepared and submitted contracts have been signed material to be shipped in immediately. Construction is to start at once. The plant will be soon completed and service in operation by July 1, 1917. The cost will be approximately thirty thousand dollars. The first price of electricity will be ten cents per kilowatt and as organization is perfected the rate will be lowered so that the income will cover only cost of operation and maintenance. The industrial rate will be sufficiently low to induce new enterprises. The plant will completely pay for itself in twenty-eight months. Electricity is now supplied by a public utilities company on the basis of seventeen cents per kilowatt.

## New Dry Goods Firm

The Price-Goen Dry Goods Company is a new dry goods establishment in Floydada, which is to open for business in February.

Partners in the new firm are J. D. Price and A. C. Goen, who have bought the L. M. Flanary Grocery Company stock on the south side of the square and obtained a lease on the A. D. White building which it occupies. The grocery stock will be disposed of at the earliest possible date.

Formal announcement of their opening date will be made by the firm at a later date, but it will be approximately Feb. 15.

## Operated on for Appendicitis

Guy Stuart, of Wake, was operated on at the Childers Sanitarium December 28 for appendicitis.

He is resting well at this time.

Miss Pauline Ramsey, of Tahoka, was here during the latter part of the holiday season visiting with her sister, Mrs. O. P. Rutledge. She returned home Monday.

Louis W. Phelps returned to Floydada Tuesday after spending the holiday season at Nocona, Texas, with friends.

## IN FLOYDADA

By the Hesperian Staff Poet

It would be very nice to see a long, long row  
In Floydada,  
Of Buicks and Fords, every kind of auto  
In Floydada,  
In and out, through the town, coming and going,  
The town to the tourists a great country showing;  
The tourists on it rich profits bestowing  
In Floydada.  
Then to each loyal worker we cry all hail!  
May the tribe be increased, may their efforts not fail  
Until we secure the "Old Indian Trail."  
In Floydada.

## Miller-Owen.

A. G. Owen and Miss Maggie Miller, both of Lakeview, were married last Friday by County Judge E. P. Thompson.

Miss Miller is the daughter of G. H. Miller, one of the prominent citizens of that community. Mr. Owen recently moved there from another part of the state.

## Leo Phillips Sells Interest in Grocery to Maddox

Saturday Leo Phillips sold his interest in the Phillips-Sands Grocery to R. S. Maddox, city, and invoicing the stock for the transfer was begun Monday.

The firm is now composed of J. N. Sands and R. S. Maddox.

## McMillan Returns to Shattuck

C. C. McMillan and wife left this week for Shattuck, Okla., where they will take up their residence after some two years' residence in Floydada.

Mr. McMillan was a member of the City Council and prominent in forward movements for the betterment of the town. His influence will be missed.

However, it is possible that Mr. and Mrs. McMillan will return to this place at a later date, if he disposes of realty held at Shattuck.

## COAL SCARCITY MARKED

## Two Cars Received Here Monday Loaded Out in Two Hours Tuesday Morning

The scarcity of coal is no less marked in this section than in others probably, though no cases of actual suffering have been reported to this date. Mild weather the past several days following the severe weather immediately preceding and during Christmas, has reduced the consumption of coal to a large extent. The supply among people who did not buy early in the year is very limited, however. This was indicated Tuesday morning when a local dealer sold two carloads before unloading it from the cars within a period of two hours, the coal having been just received the evening before.

## Baptist Church Calls Rev. Geo. A. Curlee of Comanche.

The First Baptist Church of Floydada called Rev. Geo. A. Curlee, of Comanche, to the pastorate of this church last Sunday.

The call indicates February 1st for the date for Rev. Curlee to take up the work here.

He has been notified, but has not had time to answer as yet. Rev. Curlee will be remembered as having assisted Rev. Carver in holding a revival meeting here last summer.

## Birth Reports

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Dah Fox, of Lakeview, January 3rd, a daughter.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. Love, six miles northeast of Floydada, January first, a son.

BORN.—To Mr. and Mrs. Roy K. Bruner, city, Tuesday, January 2, a daughter.

## Sprinkle Streets in Arizona With Beer and Whiskey.

Phoenix, Ariz., Dec. 29—Five hundred gallons of whiskey, wines and beer were poured into a city water wagon here today and the streets of the business section were sprinkled with liquor. Two hundred automobiles and several floats formed a parade that followed the water wagon. A brass band played a dirge. The sprinkler, with its cargo valued at \$2,000, was driven by "dry" advocates. The liquor was confiscated in raids by the Sheriff under the new Arizona prohibition law.

## Ada, Oklahoma, Newspaperman Visited Floydada Last Week

Miles A. Grigsby, of Ada, Okla., business manager of the Ada Evening News, was a visitor in Floydada Friday of last week. He was here in company with S. W. Meharg, who is his brother-in-law.

Mr. Grigsby first visited the South Plains in 1908. He considers the developments made in the eight years intervening between his visits nothing short of wonderful.

## Congressional Vote

Austin, Texas, Dec. 27.—Tabulation of the votes cast in the last general election for congressman at large has been completed by the state election board. This is the result:

Jeff McLemore (democrat) 300,303; Daniel E. Garrett (democrat) 298,966; Charles A. Warnken (republican), 46,916; M. A. Taylor (republican), 46,506; Arch Langan (socialist), 18,583; W. B. Simpson (socialist), 18,202; I. E. Teague (prohibitionist), 1514; E. G. Cook (prohibitionist), 1457.

## Call for Meeting of Fire Boys

Fire Chief J. D. Sparks has issued a call for a meeting of the members of the Floydada Fire Department on Friday (tomorrow) evening.

The meeting is called for 8 o'clock at the First National Bank. Matters of importance come up for the consideration of the membership.

## LLOYD DUNN, 12, KILLED IN COLLISION WITH AUTO

Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunn Suffers Hemorrhage of Brain in Accident

Lloyd Dunn, 12 years of age, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Dunn, of Lakeview Community, was fatally injured Wednesday afternoon west of Lakeview school house at 4:30, in a collision with an automobile driven by Ernest Mince. The boy was taken to the home of W. C. Wright nearby and a short time later brought to the Childers Sanitarium in Floydada, where he died at 7 o'clock, a few minutes after reaching town.

The parents returned home with the remains of their son the same evening and burial services are to be held this afternoon at 4 o'clock at the Lakeview Cemetery.

Lloyd Dunn was returning home from school at Lakeview, riding a burro, when the accident occurred. In the collision he suffered a fractured skull and hemorrhage of the brain, from which he never rallied.

## John H. Watson Collar Bone Broken in Auto Wreck

John H. Watson narrowly escaped death Monday afternoon about 4 o'clock when a Jackson in which he was driving alone overturned about eleven miles out of Plainview. He was enroute to Floydada.

His car turned completely over endwise when he struck a narrow dump between two ditches and lost control of the machine. His only serious injury was a broken collar bone. He was picked up and brought to Floydada for medical treatment.

A broken wheel was the worst damage done the car. It was the fourth car overturned at that point on the road, within the past month.

Mrs. J. C. Thomas and children spent Christmas in the north end of the county where they visited with Mrs. Thomas' daughter, Mrs. Albert King.

Wilson Kimble, wife and child returned Monday from Aledo, where they had been during the holidays on a vacation and visit with homefolks.

Richard Crie, of Tahoka, is making his home in Floydada, having come to take a place in the mechanical department of The Hesperian.

## Auto Licenses Outnumber Licenses to Marry

76 Couples Get Licenses to Marry; 312 Autos Registered During 1916

Indicating nothing in particular, but presenting at the same time rather a strong contrast, the aggregate number of automobile numbers licensed by County Clerk Tom W. Deen during the year 1916 far exceeded the aggregate number of marriage licenses granted. Figures for the automobiles registered in the county in 1916 total 312, two less than each working day of the year. Only 76 couples were granted license to marry during the same period in this county.

For 1917 auto numbers registered up to January third were six. One marriage license was issued in the three day period, giving the auto numbers a 6 to 1 handicap to begin the year.

## Census Bureau Issues Estimate on Population Texas Cities

The Census Bureau has just issued an estimate of the population of Texas cities having a population of 10,000 or more. This is how the cities rank according to this estimate.

City—	1916	1910	Gain
Dallas	124,527	92,104	32,423
San Antonio	123,831	96,614	27,217
Houston	112,307	78,800	33,507
Fort Worth	104,562	73,312	31,250
El Paso	63,705	39,279	24,426
Galveston	41,863	39,981	4,882
Austin	34,814	29,860	4,954
Waco	33,385	26,525	6,860
Beaumont	27,711	20,640	7,071
Amarillo	19,124	9,957	9,167
Texarkana	18,760	15,445	3,315
Laredo	15,749	14,855	894
Denison	14,777	13,632	1,147
Abilene	14,238	9,204	5,034
Marshall	13,712	11,452	2,260
Sherman	13,667	12,412	1,255
Temple	13,504	10,993	2,511
Brownsville	13,163	10,517	2,646
Paris	12,469	11,269	1,200
Cleburne	12,259	10,364	1,895
Wichita Falls	12,124	8,200	3,924
Tyler	11,865	10,400	1,465
Palestine	11,854	10,482	1,372
Corpus Christi	10,432	8,222	2,210
Greenville	10,099	8,850	1,249
Corsicana	10,022	6,740	273

Mrs. Ruby Rentfro, of Ralls, is spending this week in Floydada the guest of her brother, E. E. Brown and wife. Miss Sallie Brown also spent a short time during the holiday season with the Brown's here.

G. D. French and family have moved to town from southwest five miles. Mr. French has bought the residence property formerly owned by C. Surginger, which he now occupies.

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Besides, a checking account will give your wife a business education. The number of ordinarily bright women who know absolutely nothing of banking is surprising. If you are a husband, father, brother, you cannot tell when death may overtake you, and it is well that your wife, daughter and sister know something of banking.

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### EUBANKS CAFE

#### McCoy News Notes

McCoy, December 27. — Another Christmas is gone and we are all awaiting the coming of the new year to begin our new resolutions.

A good crowd attended Sunday school here last Sunday, also a good crowd at singing at Mr. Joe Day's.

C. F. Lincoln resigned his office of superintendent of the Union Sunday school on account of moving. Mr. Ed Hammit was elected to take his place.

Mr. and Mrs. Weaver Howard and little son, of Plainview, are visiting homefolks this week. Miss Genia Caldwell is visi-

ng Miss Nora Smith during the holidays.

Mrs. W. E. Smith left Tuesday for Oklahoma to visit relatives.

Last Thursday evening Miss Roxie Howard and Mr. Murphy Chatman, Miss Mattie Chatman and Mr. Charlie Smith were united in marriage. We wish for these four young people happiness and success through life.

Several parties have been given in the community and everyone seems to be enjoying the holidays.

The McCoy visitors to town this week are too numerous to mention as most everyone was doing their Christmas shopping.

Mrs. Cox has been right sick, but is reported better.

A letter from Charlie Berry, who recently went to Amarillo, states that he is much interested in his school work and that he recently won a prize for writing the best composition of the school.

Last Tuesday evening a car belonging to Mr. Jackson was overturned, breaking Mrs. Jackson's arm. Several others were slightly injured, but we have not learned just how much damage was done.

Following a brief illness of less than two weeks' duration, the little son of Mr. and Mrs. R. N. Hamilton passed into the Great Beyond Wednesday night, Dec. 20, and the little body was laid to rest in the Cone Cemetery. We know that these loving parents are under a great shadow and that their hearts

are bleeding from the loss of their darling little son, but we say to them that "We sorrow not, as those who have no hope." Let us remember the words of our Savior who said: "Suffer little children to come unto me and forbid them not, for such is the kingdom of Heaven." The entire community wishes to express their sympathy in the loss of this little child.

Correspondent.

#### Heavy Fog in London Stops Traffic on the Streets

London, Dec. 17, 9:06 p. m. — One of the thickest fogs of recent years enveloped London today, disorganizing traffic and causing great inconvenience. Owing to the restrictions with regard to the lighting of the city, the somber pall at nightfall brought surface traffic to a complete standstill. The omnibuses stopped running, taxicabs disappeared from the streets and the people moved about with the aid of torchlights and electric flashlights.

The underground railways were the only means of transportation. They, however, were soon choked by the enormous crowds, with the result that numerous stations had to be closed until the crush was relieved in order to prevent accidents. Steam railway traffic to and from London was halted from points as far away as Birmingham, which was also enveloped by the fog. The fog here at frequent intervals was dull gray, murky yellow and black.

#### TEXAS ONE DISTRICT

#### Farm Loan Bank is Established at Houston by Locating Board

Texas was made a Federal Farm Loan District by itself and Houston was given the location of the bank for the state by the locating board, according to the announcement made Wednesday of last week.

The cities chosen for the twelve banks are: Springfield, Mass.; Baltimore, Md.; Columbus, S. C.; Louisville, Ky.; New Orleans, La.; St. Louis, Mo.; St. Paul, Minn.; Omaha, Neb.; Wichita, Kan.; Houston, Texas; Berkeley, Cal., and Spokane, Wash.

The twelve districts into which the country is divided were given as follows:

District No. 1—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island, Connecticut, New York and New Jersey.

District No. 2—Pennsylvania, Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia and the District of Columbia.

District No. 3—North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

District No. 4—Ohio, Indiana, Kentucky and Tennessee.

District No. 5—Alabama, Mississippi and Louisiana.

District No. 6—Illinois, Missouri and Arkansas.

District No. 7—Michigan, Wisconsin, Minnesota and North Dakota.

District No. 8—Iowa, Nebraska, South Dakota and Wyoming.

District No. 9—Oklahoma, Kansas, Colorado and New Mexico.

District No. 10—Texas.

District No. 11—California, Nevada, Utah and Arizona.

District No. 12—Washington, Oregon, Montana and Idaho.

#### Income Tax Officers to Seek

#### Out Delinquents and Dodgers

Two per cent instead of one per cent is the sum which Uncle Sam will collect from those with incomes of \$3,000 or over this year. After January 1 persons liable for income taxes have just sixty days in which to file their statements with A. S. Walker, collector of internal revenue for Texas at Austin.

Under the system of investigation which the Texas revenue

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men have recently put into effect, backed by Washington; they have obtained access to all sources of information referring to incomes. The delinquent and dodger, therefore, will be pursued this year as he never has before.

Harve Musick, deputy collector for Fort Worth has just been given additional instructions regarding enforcement of the inheritance or state tax. This levies a tax on the transfer of net estates of persons who have died since Sept. 8, 1916, providing such estates have a net value of \$50,000 exclusive of all incumbrances. Statements of values of such estates must be filed within sixty days after the death, or the trustees or executors in charge will be subject to a heavy penalty.—Star Telegram.

#### Texas Metal Mining in 1916

The output of Texas mines for eleven months of 1916 with the estimated output for December, as shown by preliminary figures reported by Charles W. Henderson, of the United States Geological Survey, Department of the Interior, amounted to \$600 in gold, 680,000 ounces of silver, 50,000 pounds of lead, and 100,000 pounds of copper, as compared with \$1,503 in gold, 675,473 ounces of silver, 219,298 pounds of lead, and 42,491 pounds of copper in 1915. The greater part of the output of the silver came from the Presidio silver mine and cyanidation mill, in the Shafter district, Presidio County. Some silver and copper were produced in the Allamoore-Van Horn district, El Paso County.

Miss Eunice Mann spent the holidays at Wichita Falls visiting relatives, returning Monday by Roaring Springs.

# PUBLIC SALE

Beginning Promptly at 10 O'clock  
Tuesday, January 9th

I will sell at Public Sale at my place 3 miles north east of Petersburg the following described property:

### 9 Head of Horses

- 1 Roan mare, 7 years old, weight 1550 lbs.
- 1 Grey mare, 4 years old, weight 1300 lbs.
- 1 Bay horse, 7 years old, weight 1500 lbs.
- 1 Bay horse, 4 years old, weight 1250 lbs.
- 1 Bay horse, 3 years old, weight 1600 lbs.
- 1 Bay horse, 3 years old, weight 1280 lbs.
- 1 Driving horse, 5 years old, 15 hands high.
- 2 Gentle ponies, smooth mouth.

- 4 Milch cows.
- 2 Sheep.
- 25 Head of hogs.
- 100 Brown Leghorn chickens.

1915 Model Ford, equipped with demountable rims, Bosch Magneto, up in good condition.

### Implements and Household Goods

- 1 Ten-hole Dempster drill.
- 1 John Deere disc harrow.
- 1 John Deere two row Go-devil.
- 1 John Deere one-row Go-devil.
- 1 two-knife sled Go-devil.
- 2 Drag harrows.
- 1 Three and a quarter wagon.
- 1 Spring wagon.
- 1 Good Spalding buggy.
- 1 Set tug harness.
- 2 Sets chaid harness.
- 1 \$45 range stove.
- 1 Hot-blast heater.
- 3 Bedsteads.
- 1 Sanitary Couch.
- 1 Sewing machine.
- 6 Dining chairs.
- 2 Rockers.
- 1 Dining table.
- 1 Chiffonier
- 150 Bushels Mebane cotton seed sacked.
- Maize heads, corn in bundle, kaffir corn, etc.

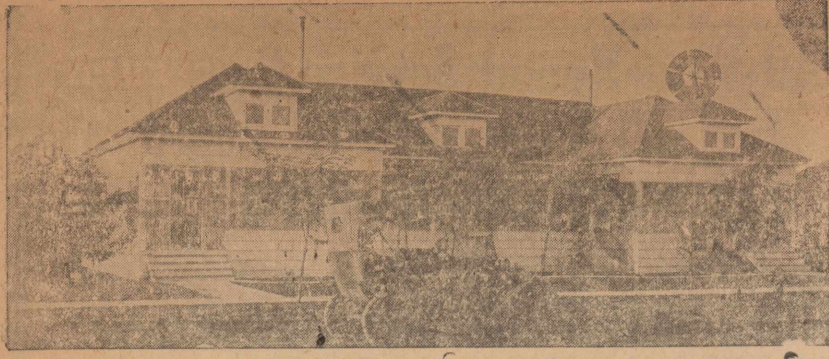
**TERMS:** All sums under \$10 cash. On sums over \$10 twelve months time will be given the purchaser, at 8 per cent interest, with good bankable note. 5 per cent discount for cash. No property to be removed from premises until settled for.

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## REVIEW OF EUROPEAN WAR AND OTHER IMPORTANT EVENTS OF THE YEAR 1916

Great Conflict Rages With Increased Intensity—Roumania, Fifteenth Nation to Enter Struggle, Overrun by Central Powers—Teutonic Allies Make First Peace Proposals—United States Faces Several Crises.

### THE EUROPEAN WAR

Those who are engaged in or are viewing at close range the titanic conflict in which all Europe is involved can with difficulty appreciate the magnitude of the events which have transpired during the past 12 months. Generations to come, however, looking back upon this period with a clearer vision, will recognize the year 1916 as one of the most tremendous, from a history-making standpoint, since the world began.

Europe continued its blood-letting throughout the year with even greater ferocity than marked the first 18 months following the breaking of the storm. The great war, rounded out its second and entered upon its third year, with little promise of an early conclusion of peace. During the year new nations entered into the war, one of them, Roumania, to become the scene of some of the most ferocious fighting of the year, one new nation was created, another tottered to its fall, while on a dozen fronts millions of men were fed as human sacrifices to the insatiate war monster.

There were seven outstanding phases of the great war during the year 1916. These comprised the great offensive of the Russians in Galicia, which was finally checked by the Teutonic allies; the superhuman efforts of the Germans to capture Verdun, which were thwarted by the equally superhuman defense offered by the French; the long-awaited grand offensive of the British and the French on the western front, resulting in the recovery of considerable area in the Somme region, but not definitely breaking the deadlock in northern France; the checking of an Austrian offensive by the Italians and the launching of a counter-offensive by which the Italians made big strides in their campaign against Trieste; the conquest of Roumania by the Teutonic allies; the drive of the Serbs, aided by French, Italian and British troops, in an effort to regain their lost kingdom, and the final abandonment by the entente allies of their disastrous Gallipoli campaign.

The Russians launched their offensive in Galicia on the first day of the year. On January 9, the effort of the entente allies to force the Dardanelles was definitely abandoned, and the forces of the allies entirely evacuated the Gallipoli peninsula.

**Verdun Attack Launched.**  
 Early in February, the Russians, after a lull in the fighting, resumed their offensive in Galicia and on February 10 they crossed the Dniester and threatened Czernowitz. The Russians, under Grand Duke Nicholas, also continued their drive in the Caucasus and on February 14 they captured the important town of Erzerum. February 21, the Germans, led by the crown prince, launched their attack on Verdun, and during the next few days they smashed their way through the outer defenses until they came within big-gun range of the French stronghold. The French, taken by surprise, were forced to give ground, but by the last of the month they had strengthened their shattered lines and had checked the German drive. In the Verdun sector, for the next few months, occurred some of the most sanguinary fighting of the entire war. The Austrians had considerable success on the Italian front during the month, entering Durazzo on February 26 and driving the Italians before them. Portugal signalized its entry into the great conflict February 29 by seizing 34 German steamers interned in Portuguese ports. Germany demanded the release of the ships and on March 9 declared war on Portugal, the thirteenth nation to enter the conflict.

The month of March was marked chiefly by the continued determined attacks of the Germans upon Verdun. The assault entered its third stage in this month with repeated attacks on Vaux, Douaumont and other outlying towns, most of which were repulsed with terrific losses. During the month the Italians finally checked the Austrian drive and launched a big offensive along the entire Austrian front. The Russians continued their victorious drive against the Turks in Armenia, capturing Bitlis on March 3, and other important towns later in the month.

The early days of April saw a slowing up of the Russian offensive in Galicia. The Germans launched a counter offensive all along the Russian front but gained little headway. The following months saw terrific fighting along this front. April 23, the British admitted a defeat at the hands of the Turks in Mesopotamia and on April 29, General Townshend and 10,000 British soldiers, who had been besieged by the Turks at Kut-el-Amara, were forced to surrender after repeated efforts to relieve them had failed.

**Great Sea Battle Fought.**  
 The first great naval battle of the war was fought by the German and British high seas fleets off the coast of Jutland, Denmark, May 31. The British admit the loss of six large cruisers and eight destroyers, the Germans one battleship, one battle cruiser and a

number of night cruisers and destroyers. More than 9,000 lives were lost. Both sides claim the victory. Five days later Great Britain received a staggering blow when the British cruiser Hampshire was blown up in the North sea by a mine and Earl Kitchener, British secretary of war, and his entire staff, were lost. During the early part of June the Russians broadened their offensive in Galicia and along the lines further north and on June 7 they announced the recapture of the fortress of Lutsk in Volhynia and the crossing of the Ikwa and Styr rivers at several points.

On July 1, the British and French launched their great drive on the west front. A concerted attack was made on a 25-mile front north and south of the Somme river. July 11, after ten days and nights of continuous fighting, the British claimed the capture of the whole of the enemy's first lines of defense on a front of 14,000 yards. During the remainder of the month the British and French continued their advance, the British occupying the entire village of Pozieres July 26 and the French advancing close to Peronne, an important railroad center.

During the month of August the Russians, after terrific fighting, pierced the Teuton lines on the Lemberg and Kovel fronts and advanced in the Carpathians. The Italians continued their drive on Trieste. August 9, after days of terrific fighting, they captured Goritz and pushed forward, pursuing the retreating Austrians.

### Roumania Enters War.

Roumania, after months of wavering, entered the war on the side of the entente allies with a declaration of war on Austria-Hungary. Roumania was the fifteenth nation to enter the war. On the same day Italy declared war on Germany and the following day Germany declared war on Roumania. With the declaration of war fighting began between the Roumanians and Austrians on the Transylvanian frontier. August 30, the Roumanians occupied Kronstadt and Hermannstadt, the two chief cities of Transylvania. Field Marshal von Hindenburg, whose successes had made him the idol of the German people, succeeded General von Falkenhayn as chief of the general staff of the German army August 29.

During the month of September, the Roumanians, co-operating with the Russians, advanced in northern Transylvania and Bukovina, but suffered severe reverses at the hands of the Bulgarians and Austrians in Dobrudja. The allied troops made decided gains in the Somme sector, occupying Comblès and other important towns on September 26.

Early in October the tide turned against the Roumanians and Russians in Transylvania and the latter were forced to retire before a strong Austro-German force under command of General von Falkenhayn. On October 11, the Teutons began an invasion of Roumania. On the Verdun front, the French smashed the German lines October 24, retaking Douaumont fort and village.

The struggle between the Roumanian and Russian forces on the one side and the Teuton and Bulgarian armies on the other held the center of attention in November. Taking advantage of the plight in which the Roumanians on the Transylvanian front found themselves Von Mackensen held his lines in Dobrudja and, attacking the Danube line, forced the river barrier at several points. Effecting a juncture of their forces, the Teuton commanders drove the Roumanians back upon Bucharest. The Roumanians retreated rapidly toward the capital, burning villages and all stores of grain and munitions in the district through which they passed. November 28, the seat of the Roumanian government was moved from Bucharest to Jassy, near the Russian frontier. The Roumanians evacuated Bucharest December 6 in order to save their army.

The Serbians, aided by French and Italian troops, made a start toward winning back their country during November. Their big drive resulted in the capture of Monastir on November 19. On the Somme front the battle of the Ancre opened November 13 with the capture by the British of five miles of the German positions, together with three strong towns.

An announcement of far-reaching significance was made in the Russian duma December 2 by Premier Trepoff, who read a proclamation announcing officially that an agreement concluded by Russia, France and Great Britain in 1915, and later approved by Italy, "establishes in definite manner the rights of Russia to the straits and Constantinople."

The fall of the British cabinet early in December furnished one of the most sensational features of the year's war developments. Demands of David Lloyd-George for the formation of a smaller war council to obtain greater efficiency forced the resignation of Premier Asquith. Lloyd-George was made premier and selected a new cabinet, the prosecution of the war being placed in the hands of five men, including the premier.

The first direct overtures for peace came on December 13, when Germany, Austria-Hungary, Bulgaria and Turkey

lies through the United States, Spain and Switzerland, proposing that the belligerents arrange a conference for the discussion of peace terms. The notes were transmitted to the allied governments by President Wilson without comment. The peace proposals were received coldly. Premier Briand, in the French house of deputies, issued a warning against a premature peace, and the Russian duma, according to announcement made December 16, passed a resolution favoring a refusal on the part of the allied governments to enter into any peace negotiations whatever under present conditions.

As if in answer to the peace proposals, the French in the Verdun sector delivered a crushing attack on the German forces December 15, winning 12 square miles of territory north of Verdun and driving the Germans back close to the line from which they started their great offensive against Verdun in February. General Nivelle, who directed this attack, had been a few days before placed in supreme command of the French armies in the west, succeeding General Joffre, who was made commander in chief of the French armies, but with little more than advisory powers.

### WAR AND THE UNITED STATES

Diplomatic difficulties growing out of the war in Europe continued to confront the United States government throughout the past year. The submarine controversy with Germany, which had been more or less acute since the sinking of the Lusitania, was intensified March 2, when the British Channel steamer Sussex and the British steamer Englishman, both of which carried Americans, were torpedoed and sunk without warning. This occurred about two weeks after congress, at the urging of the president, had refused to adopt a resolution warning Americans to remain off armed merchant ships of the belligerents. The German government at first denied any responsibility for the attack on the Sussex, and on April 18 President Wilson addressed a note which amounted practically to an ultimatum to the German government. In this note the president declared that unless Germany immediately declared and effected an abandonment of its methods of submarine warfare against passenger and freight-carrying vessels, the United States could "have no choice but to sever diplomatic relations with the German empire altogether." Germany's reply to this note, received in Washington May 5, promised compliance in the future with the laws of warfare in its submarine operations. A supplementary note from Berlin, received May 10, admitted that the Sussex was torpedoed, expressed regret, offered indemnity and declared that the submarine commander had been punished. No further serious controversy occurred with Germany until after the sinking of the Marina, with Americans aboard, October 28. It was charged that the vessel was torpedoed without warning. After an investigation Germany assumed responsibility for the sinking of the boat, declaring that the captain of the submarine thought the Marina an armed transport.

An interchange of notes between the United States and the entente governments, regarding the seizure and examination of American mails, was productive of little result. In several communications Great Britain and France insisted upon their rights to examine neutral mails, but on October 12 they made some slight concessions, promising to improve the mail service between America and neutral countries. A blacklist against American firms and individuals, charged with dealing with Germany, which was published by Great Britain July 18, and by France August 6, brought emphatic protests from the United States government, but on November 14 Great Britain formally rejected the American protests, declaring that the blacklist was not aimed at neutrals.

### MEXICO AND UNITED STATES

The relations of the United States with Mexico became more strained during 1916 than at any previous time during the years of civil war that followed the retirement of President Porfirio Diaz. They approached a crisis early in the year when, on January 19, nineteen men, nearly all of them Americans, were taken from a train near Chihuahua and killed by a band of bandits. Conditions became still more tense when, on March 9, several hundred bandits led by Villa raided and burned the town of Columbus, N. M., killing nine American civilians and eight United States soldiers. March 10, President Wilson ordered 5,000 United States troops into Mexico to catch Villa.

General Carranza, head of the de facto government in Mexico, began soon to display antagonism toward the American expedition and on March 17 he issued orders forbidding American troops from entering Mexican towns. He also refused to grant permission for the American forces to use the Mexican railroads for the transportation of supplies.

April 12, a detachment of United States troops was attacked by Carranza troops and citizens of Parral. Two Americans and 40 Mexicans were killed in the encounter. The following day Carranza demanded the withdrawal of the American troops from Mexico, but his demand was ignored. The pursuit of Villa came to a standstill, however, because of the hostility of Carranza.

May 31, General Carranza again demanded the withdrawal of the United States troops from Mexico on peril of

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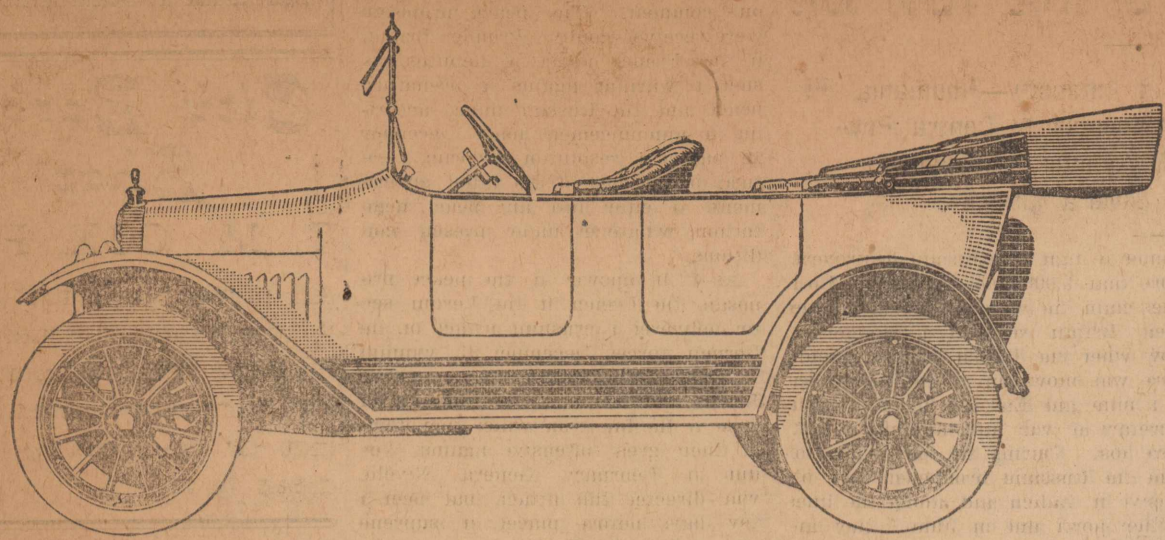
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#### Where Remedy Lies

It is indicated that Governor Ferguson's message to the Thirty-Fifth Legislature will be "brief and to the point," and that among other recommendations he may urge the enactment of a law making pistol-toting a felony. If the record of manslaughter is ever to be reduced in Texas, more drastic deterrents than any that have yet been provided will be necessary.

But the remedy does not rest with the Governor and the Legislature. It does rest with the courts, the attorneys, the juries and the people themselves. There has been no lack of restraining laws. There has been a grievous lack of enforcement. It is still safer in Texas to kill a human being than to steal a hog, and this in spite of laws that provide all the remedial means that might be needed.

Making pistol-toting a felony will only half-serve the need. Back-boned judges and juries with the reputation of the state and the protection of society at heart would within a few years' time make murder an unusual thing in Texas, instead of an everyday habit as it is now.—Evening Journal.

Some members of the guarantee committee of the Lyceum course for Floydada are desirous

of seeing the profits for the year's entertainment used to purchase a street sprinkler, the down-town districts having become especially dusty during the past two summers. Others insist that it were better to use the funds obtained from the Lyceum course to purchase lighting fixtures for the court house clock and dome.

Others insist that we'd better be sure the course pays out before we figure on anything else.

At any rate all the committee are expecting a full house at the School Auditorium next Tuesday night to hear Wood Briggs. Some say that only those who prefer that neither a street sprinkler be bought nor light fixtures be put on the court house dome and clock, will be absent.

#### A Littleton Lyric

To the editorial section of the New York World, Martin Littleton has just contributed an arraignment of the food speculators, declaring that many Americans have turned from gambling in bonds to gambling in bread. It is a scathing, sweeping, cutting indictment; but it is characteristically Littletonian, in that it is besprinkled with lyrical interludes that make the free verse artists look

like plugged pennies.

Here's a sample:  
 "The milk is turning to whey in the succulent udder and the grapes are withering in an atrophy of inaccessibility; the fruitful hen robbed of the brooding joys of motherhood by the insensate incubator, divorced from her richly plumed paramour by commercial greed, and reduced to the tasteless diet of bone dust and sea shells, is made to lay in season and out of season, and for the purpose of choking the storage plants with millions of eggs until their shells become as silver and their yellow yolks as gold."

Whoo-ee! The late Emile Verhaeren couldn't have done any better at his best. Let's hand it to this nationally honored son of Texas, Martin Littleton, who can extract poetry from a grindstone.—Evening Journal.

An announcement of The Star-Telegram, appearing in its last issue of 1916, will prove of much interest. This Fort Worth paper announces that, on and after January 1, 1917, it will accept no more liquor ads of any kind from any source. This is all the more surprising since the Star-Telegram was looked upon as one of the rock-ribbed antis of the state, which could hardly be expected to refuse liquor ads. Whether or not the editorial policy of the paper remains as before the change in its advertising columns will make a marked difference in its appearance.

It is human to err, the poet said, shortly after he had fallen from grace or backslid (according to the viewpoint, brethren,) after making his New Year's Resolutions back in the early days. The poet started something. Everybody, even those who never heard the poet's name nor read the rest of it can quote that line. It's mighty handy, too, after the New Year, even as the poet found it.

The chances are you have written it 1916 several times this week already in spite of your New Year's resolution to "cut out" the follies and errors of the old year.

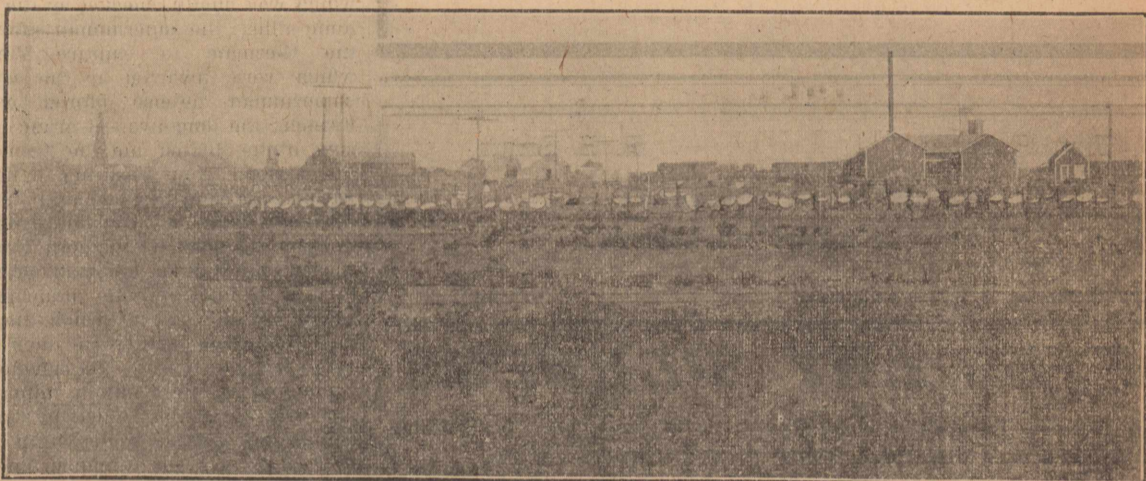
#### Miss Miller Entertains

Miss Ida Lee Miller very delightfully entertained the young people at her beautiful home Thursday evening, December 28.

The home was beautifully decorated in Christmas colors and pot plants.

On their arrival the guests were ushered into the spacious dining room and served to punch by Miss Louise Colville. The

### Floydada Cotton Yard Has Been Busy One This Year



Second only to the feed raising and feeding industry in Floyd County, cotton picking and marketing has made the Floydada Cotton Yard a busy one. Practically five thousand bales of cotton have passed through this yard this year.

To the left in the background is shown the A. V. Haynes Gin, and in the farther background the L. T. Lewis Gin. \$375,000 worth of cotton has been marketed in Floydada this season. Both gins are still running full time ginning bolls.

punch bowl was hidden under a mass of golden petunias.

Thirteen tables were then arranged for the games of rook, forty-two and bunco. At the close of the game it was found that Miss Coral White held high score. She was presented with a box of candy. After this a progressive story telling contest began which caused much excitement.

Delicious refreshments consisting of a salad course were served by the hostess.

Those present were: Misses Henry, Hughes, Thompson, Slaughter, Davis, Collins, Bessie Thompson, Ethie and Sabra Thagard, Yearwood, Oda and Gladys Felton, Green, Rogers, Colville, Beedy, Armstrong, Allen, Childress, White, Walling, Dailey, Moore, Baker; Messrs. Ross, Bishop, Wilson, Wells Henry, Gussing, Martin, Finger, Morris, Allen, Barker, Daniel, McCoy, Snodgrass, McGuire, Seale, Childress, Colville, Childress, Thompson, Flynn, Andrews, Frye, Hicks, Ross Henry, Butler.

Out of town guests were: Messrs. Fish, Whithworth and Gussing. A Guest.

#### McCoy News Notes

At this writing everyone is busy winding up last year's crop and beginning their work for the year.

Sunday school and prayer meeting were held at this place Sunday, good crowds attending. Mr. Phipps will lead our prayer meeting next Sunday evening.

Mrs. C. F. Lincoln and little Louella have been quite sick for the past week, but both are reported as better.

Vige Smith has moved from McCoy and has located about five miles south of here.

Lee McSpadden went to Floydada Sunday where he will at-

tend school the rest of the term.

The box supper held at this place Thursday night was very helpful to the community. Something over \$100 was contributed.

Ed Hammitt, who has been sick for some time, is now able to be up.

We are glad to report that Mrs. J. Jackson is rapidly improving from her accident.

Mr. and Mrs. Lee Howard were visiting at McCoy Sunday evening.

C. F. Lincoln is working on the house on the Newell farm south of town this week, where he is soon to make his home.

Owing to the rush of this community this week we will leave further news for next week's edition. Correspondent.

#### Schedule for Maize Insurances Issued by Texas Companies

Three Texas companies have filed with the Texas Fire Insurance Commission a schedule of rates applicable to maize in stocks in open yards, which gives this class of property insurance at a rate which will average from 1.75 per cent to 3 per cent, according to the fire protection of the town in which

risks are located, according to information received in Amarillo yesterday.

Fire insurance rates in Texas are controlled by a State Commission, which has promulgated rates on practically every class of property, but there has been no rate heretofore on maize in open yards. Most of the Pan handle maize is concentrated in this form, and insurance agents, bankers, grain men and the maize growers themselves, are interested in the insurance protection of the crop as it moves to market.—Amarillo Daily News.

#### Magazines Raise Prices

New York, Dec. 30.—Owing to the increased cost of white paper and other materials necessary to printing and art work, several magazines of national circulation announced today increases in the prices of subscription. Other periodicals have already given notice of a similar jump in prices several of the smaller magazines in New York have suspended publication and others are planning to merge with publications controlled by the same interests.

Hesperian want ads bring results.

## Bargain No. 1 for 1917

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Mr. A. C. Goen, of the new firm, has had years of experience in the business world; is one of the most popular men in the west, having just finished six years in the office of Sheriff and Tax Collector of Floyd County. In this capacity he has come in contact with all manners of people, proving himself thorough, square, honest, plain spoken and the point. Having decided to undertake the dry goods business in Floydada, he will put the same energy into his efforts to make the new store a successful merchandising establishment that has gone to make his previous efforts eminently successful.

Formal Announcement of the Opening Date will be Made Early in February, When They Very Earnestly Desire to Meet Their Many Friends at the Store and Obtain at Least a Share of Their Business, to Secure Which Every Effort will be put Forth to Please with Good Merchandise and Service out of the Ordinary.

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### Sequel to "Diamond from the Sky" Smashing Action Story of Rare Interest

One of the most sensational and mysterious dramas ever written is "The Sequel to the Diamond from the Sky," a four chapter play following the great "Diamond from the Sky" chapter drama. The first chapter of the new play will be exhibited at the Mc and Y theater on January 10, and thereafter one chapter in two reels will be released each week.

Manager Young has made a contract with the Mutual Film Corporation, which releases "The Sequel" by the terms of which the name of the winner in the great scenario contest following which the plot of "The Sequel to the Diamond from the Sky" was selected from 100,000 manuscripts, will be fully announced on the screen at the time that the fourth chapter is screened. With each release the author of the new piece will be suggested but not revealed. The eyes, nose and mouth of the writer of the scenario will be shown during the three weeks preceding the final chapter release, when the full portrait will be displayed on the screen. The writer of this play will be paid \$10,000 by the American Film Company, Inc., which produced it.

"The Sequel to the Diamond from the Sky" is a smashing melodrama with all the elements of sensational success in its plot and story, aside from the fact that included in the cast are such distinguished performers as William Russell, Charlotte Burton and William Tedmarsh, the world's most convincing gypsy character, who supplies

whatever may be lacking in the atmosphere of mystery that surrounds this troublous jewel.

From all points of view "The Sequel to The Diamond from the Sky" is a striking production. The drama of the diamond, which is a gem of meteoric origin, whence its original title, "The Diamond from the Sky," is imbued from its beginnings with the mysterious elements that might well be expected to characterize it.

In the drama of "The Diamond from the Sky" men fought and loved and died because of the diamond's baleful influence over them, while in "The Sequel" there are train wrecks, fatal encounters, plots, counterplots, leaps over precipices and lightning strokes with amazing photographic effects, to add conviction to the gripping tale. No motion picture ever screened has contained so much of the element of adventure, so many of the convincing details that make for enthusiastic public approval, so wide a general appeal,

### Former Sheriff and Deputy Are Killed at Knox City

Knox City, Texas, Dec. 26.—J. J. (Red) Mitchell, former sheriff of King County, and Joe Reed, deputy sheriff of Knox county, are dead as the result of a shooting here Christmas Eve. Their assailant, whose name is known to the officers, made his escape and has not yet been apprehended. Search is being made for him today. Posses have been seeking him since the tragedy but without success.

Mitchell was standing in front of a drug store in the business district here shortly after dusk Sunday when a Ford car, with the curtains up, drove rapidly up the street and stopped at the curb. A man leaped from the car and fired a Winchester into Mitchell's back. Mitchell fell

and his slayer, drawing a revolver, pumped four bullets into the prostrate body. Death was almost instantaneous.

Reed and another officer heard the shooting and running to the scene before the slayer could get back into the car, demanded his surrender. The answer was a bullet in Reed's breast, followed by another which went thru his shoulder. He died almost instantly.

The other officer had drawn his gun but before he could use the weapon, it was knocked from his hand. The slayer leaped back into the machine and before the shocked and startled crowd could gather its wits, was gone in the darkness.

The drug store was crowded at the time of the shooting, but the events came, one upon another, with such breathless swiftness that several valuable minutes elapsed before any organized pursuit was undertaken. Posses were hastily organized and the search began, but it was without result up to noon today.

Mrs. O. P. Darsey and son, Raymond, returned Monday from Mt. Vernon where they had been spending the holidays.

Misses Bernice Henry, Mabel Yearwood, Wanda Armstrong, and Florence Green left Saturday returning to school at the College of Industrial Arts at Denton, after spending the holidays at home.

**Turning on the Lights.**  
The regulations by which lights were ordered extinguished or dimmed at the Port of St. Johns, Newfoundland, closed a few weeks ago as "precautionary measures taken against the incursions of hostile ships of war," have been suspended by Governor Davidson. The notice gives no indication of the developments responsible for the change. Lighthouses were out of commission, shops were closed early or conducted behind shuttered windows, automobiles showed only faint sidelights and streets were kept dark.

## ALL A TRAFFIC WILL BEAR

Guiding Principle of Business That is Surely Being Carried to Excess Nowadays.

One of the causes of decline in steamboating made a reappearance on the St. Louis levee about dusk Friday. A packet boat loaded with way freight, was ready for departure south. But a crew to unload at points of destination, and to load in more freight to be taken en route, could not be hired. The captain of the vessel which plies between many points not touched by rail, and other points within short distances where rail competition is successfully met, stationed himself on the levee and began bidding for men to go aboard. His first figures were liberal for men of that kind, but the negro roustabouts, having well learned the lesson of taking all that a traffic will bear, stood out for higher and higher figures, until the captain was forced to bull the price until it reached \$90 per month, or \$3 a day, in addition, of course, to subsistence. This captain got a crew and took his boat out. But how often such delays, first in loading at the point of departure, and later in getting a boat's crew, have resulted either in the falling off of shipments or in the wiping out of the boat's profits through excessive cost of handling. Often both of these evils, working together against steamboating, have put fine vessels out of commission, even among packet boats.—St. Louis Globe-Democrat.

## CLUB FOR WOMEN PAST FIFTY

Purpose is to Provide Pleasure and Money for the Elderly and Lonely.

Women who have passed the meridian of life and now are on the "sunset" side are to have a club of their own which is intended to provide them with pleasure and congenial companionship, give them some occupation either for themselves or others and make them independent financially. Men, too, who own to threescore years may organize similar clubs of their own. But just now the idea, which originated with Mrs. C. A. Rugg, 200

West Seventy-third street, does not include joint meetings of the clubs.

Mrs. Rugg, who frankly admits that she belongs to the sunset class in life, has had the idea for some time. She wants to help others to fill their time pleasantly, whether they be poor or wealthy, for she says some of the loneliest women in the world are these who have money but nothing to do.

"When her children marry and leave her or begin to lead their own lives, a mother feels deserted unless she has something to fill her life as her children did," Mrs. Rugg said. "It is for such as these that I want to start my sunset club. I call it sunset because all of us who have reached sixty have had clouds in our lives."—New York Herald.

## NO LOVER OF HIS NEIGHBORS.

"Have you educated your boy Josh to observe the highest standards of honesty in every type of obligation?" "Yes," replied Farmer Cornstossel. "That's why I'm advisin' him to leave home an' try his luck somewhere else. The principles we've taught him are goin' to give him pretty much the worst of any business deal he gets into anywheres in this locality."

## LITTLE COURTESIES OF WAR.

The Young Lady (going on a visit across seas, to nervous aunt)—We're all right, auntie. Don't you worry about us. The voyage is soon over. Besides, I expect we shall have destroyers to look after us. Auntie—That's right. Do, dear. I'm sure it's worth it, even if you do have to pay a little extra.—London Sketch.

## FINANCIAL PROBLEM.

"How far can you run your car in a day?" "I dunno," replied Mr. Chuggins; "it depends somewhat on the price of gasoline."

## GOLDENROD.

"What could Bifkins see in that old wall flower to attract him?" "Don't you know Bifkins is wall-eyed?"

## SET LOUNGERS TO STARING

Apparition on New York Street Caused a Slight Sensation, for Several Reasons.

She was good looking, all right, but good-looking girls aren't so rare these days that prettiness alone could account for the half-dozen or so of men who trailed behind her, their eyes fixed on her shapely—well, anyhow—they weren't watching the sky for Zeppelins. First, her stockings were white; secondly, they were of silk, and, thirdly, they were very, very transparent. Still, other women wear similar stockings without having to chase away masculine Broadway admirers. But sharply outlined against the sheer silkiness of the young lady's right stocking, just above the ankle, reposed a package of cigarettes of a brand whose qualities were new to grandpa because of their very high price. Paralleling the cigarettes on the horizon of high visibility on the other leg was a roll of green bills, even the figures being discernible. The half-dozen men, transfixed, stood agape as the twin attractions twinkled their way across the threshold of an apartment house and were lost to view.—New York Correspondence Pittsburgh Dispatch.

"Bilkins says his wife is painfully literal."

"She must be if she was that way when he told me she went at him hammer and tongs."

## SOUNDS LIKE IT.

"Pa, what is the science of phonetics?"

"It's—ah—the study of how to use a 'phone, son."

## CAUSE AND EFFECT.

"What a croaker that old major is!"

"The result, maybe, of having so many frogs on his uniform."

## PARADOXICAL RESULT.

"The whole scheme seemed to touch the old man on the raw."

"Yes, because it was so well cooked."



# Player Piano Auctioned to Highest Bidder

Piano on Display at Triplett's Drug Store

To advertise this PLAYER PIANO we are going to display it until Saturday only and sell it to the highest bidder.

Only one Piano sold in this town in this way, as it is done to advertise the WARDE PIANO.

Instead of spending thousands of dollars for printers' ink, and which usually goes unread, we have decided to place a WARDE PLAYER PIANO in a home or community, deeming it better advertising to show what the piano is than to tell of its good qualities.

Come and see the Player Piano--Hear it Play--Play it Yourself and let the Special Representative Explain its Many Good Points and Latest Improvements Over all Other Pianos.

Will be Auctioned off in Floydada, Texas, on the Square at 3 p. m. Saturday January 6, 1917.

Manufactured by WARDE PIANO CO., New York City

school dates from beginning of the illness of the last member so stricken.

Dr. Andrews, secretary of the school board, expresses the hope that all parents will be very careful to observe this regulation of the state law.

### Wood Briggs Next Tuesday Night at School Auditorium

Wood Briggs, story teller, popular on the lyceum and chautauqua platforms, will appear next Tuesday evening here at the High School Auditorium. His programs have been unusually interesting wherever he has appeared during the season.

Mr. Briggs will appear under the auspices of the Civic Improvement Committee, who plan to use proceeds for the year's course for some needed improvement in civic conditions.

### Building Rent House

Carpenters are building a good rent house for W. A. Robbins on lots in the southwest portion of town.

It is rented for occupancy when completed.

G. L. Gillespie, of Cone, was trading in Floydada Saturday.

### Grateful

Gladys—My dressmaker wrote to dad and said she would make no more dresses until her account was settled.

Ruby—And what did he say? Gladys—He just sent in reply a letter of thanks. — Boston Transcript.

### About a Bout

The fighter wished to get a bout; He got a bout one day. The other fellow knocked him out In most impressive way.

Attended now by doctors four. They vow in accents stout, That it will be a week or more Ere he can get about. — Kansas City Journal.

### Educational Column

Edited By

Supt. Thompson and the University Dept. of Extension

### SOME SCHOOLHOUSE ENVIRONS

Last summer I passed a little, ugly schoolhouse — a veritable "ragged beggar sunning" by the roadside. The surroundings were equally ugly, bare and lowly, with not a tree to protect the house from the blazing sun. Only a few hundred yards from this neglected spot there was a beautiful wooded slope. I wondered why the little house was not located on this beauty spot. No one had thought about building the schoolhouse there. The patrons thought still less of moving it there. Yet, it is one of the rights of childhood to be surrounded by beauty and cleanliness.

Near another schoolhouse a switch engine plies back and forth for several hours each day in addition to the daily schedule of regular trains. The loss of nervous energy caused by the loud noise of these trains, the great loss of time while teacher and pupil are waiting for the train to pass, if translated into dollars and cents, would soon pay for a better building in a suitable part of the village.

On inquiry it was discovered that the handsome school building was located by the side of the railroad that it might be seen by passing tourists. Should the environs of the schoolhouse primarily benefit the children or the real estate agents?

We find schoolhouses near pool halls and saloons; we find them close to mosquito-breeding, sewage ponds; we find school yards bordering on the back lots of village homes with their indecent and nauseating toilets facing the playgrounds; we find small, neglected school grounds bordered by filthy stables. And yet with such surroundings we expect the teacher to teach morals within her four walls!

Should we not consider well where we erect the "temple dedicated to the god of childhood." The place where children go to prepare for life and to gain strength for its duties should not be a hotbed of disease and death; it should not be a scene of ugliness and immorality; neither should it be a spot where distracting noises and unsavory odors confuse and annoy. Some states have laws to prevent the location of the schoolhouse amid such environs. Should not the children of Texas have the same protection? Division of School Interests, University of Texas.

### Glen M. Armstrong Married to Missouri Girl Christmas Eve

On Christmas Eve Day Glen M. Armstrong, of this city, was married at Verona, Barry County, Missouri, to Miss Ovel Pennel, a charming young lady of that community. Thursday of last week the groom returned to Floydada accompanied by his bride and they plan to make their home here.

They came by way of Wichita, Kansas, where they spent a day.

Mr. Armstrong is the only son of Mr. and Mrs. N. A. Armstrong, among the most prominent citizens of this county.

The bride comes of an excellent Missouri family and receives a cordial welcome in the social circles of the community.

J. E. Young, manager of the Mc and Y Theatre, spent some three days last week in Dallas and Fort Worth on a booking expedition, and incidentally picking up new ideas for the improvement of his show. He plans some interesting surprises for his patrons in the matter of pictures for the earlier part of this year.

T. G. Waldrip and wife, of Lamesa, have moved to Floydada, and Mr. Waldrip has assumed the duties of salesman at the Foster Bros. dry goods store. Mrs. Waldrip is the daughter of Judge Foster, of Lamesa, and granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Foster, of Floydada.

Begin the new year right by subscribing for the Hesperian.

**BLACK LEG** LOSSES SURELY PREVENTED  
by CUTTER'S BLACKLEG PILLS  
Lower priced, fresh, reliable, prepared by western stock men, because they protect where other vaccines fail.  
Write for booklet and testimonials.  
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Use any insect, but Cutter's simplest and strongest.  
The superiority of Cutter's products is due to over 15 years of specializing in VACCINES AND SERUMS ONLY. INSIST ON CUTTER'S, it is unobtainable, order direct.  
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Hesperian want ads bring results.

## Marshall's Chicken Day

JANUARY 10th

WILL LOAD A CAR OF POULTRY

Price Will be Announced Later

Don't Forget Date

To Those who Owe Notes or Accounts

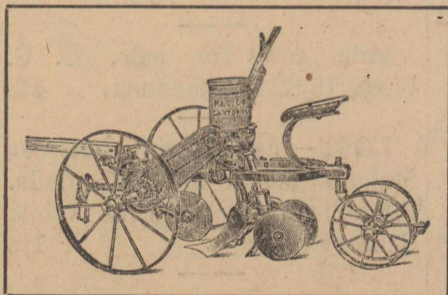
We have been patient but the time has come that we must now call promptly and settle our business.

We will take action if you neglect.

WE WANT MONEY

West Plains  
A. E. Johnson, Mgr.

## P. & O. LISTERS



We have the Lister that is best fitted for work in this country. This is the P. & O., standard for many years. We carry it in both the one and two-row and can fill your order immediately.

Farmers who have just moved into this country will find these Listers invaluable. We would be very glad to have you call in and let us show you the Listers and explain the many features which go to make P. & O. the best that can be bought.

We also have P. & O. Sulkeys and other P. & O. Implements, which are the best in the world.

## C. SURGINER & SON

Phone 24 Floydada, Texas

## Wood Briggs Story Teller

On "Making the World go 'Round'"

Will Appear at the High School Auditorium Tuesday Evening, January 9th

Single Admission 50c and 25c

Auspices Civic Improvement Lyceum Committee

A PROGRAM THAT IS DIFFERENT Don't Miss it

Get the Date January 9th

# WORK STOCK FOR SALE! MARES, MU AND HOR

Broke and Ready to Work. Also a few young unbroke Mules. Cash or Good Note. Located at Farm Exchange. **GAMBLE LAND & CATTLE CO. Telephone 76.**

### The Hesperian's Want Ad Department

#### Good Show Coming

Arrangements have been made with the Great Dayton Show to appear at the Auditorium Saturday, January 6.

The Show comes highly recommended by professors of schools, theatre and opera house managers.

The admission is way down yonder. Only 20c pays the bill, anywhere. Little shavers 10c these prices everybody like a ticket.

Like it ever here be anybody will want to go early and get the house will be

#### Information

About 50 residence lots for sale at from \$40 to \$60, on monthly payments. See Dr. R. Childers.

#### Land Wanted

We want to list more farms for sale. If you want to sell list with us. J. T. Pitts Realty Co.

ters and halves. Have party who would buy a raw section. If you are willing to price your land so it will sell, we have the buyers.

For Sale—A good piano. Marshall & Fairey.

**STRAY CALF**—taken up at my place about two months ago, small, red calf, bald-faced, no mark. Owner can have same by paying for this ad. S. H. McGown, 8 miles southeast of Lakeview.

**JITNEY SERVICE CAR** in connection with Hughes Livery Barn. Goes any place, any time, anywhere. Phone 53 or 20.

Do you like good biscuits? Then try a sack of **WHITE CREST**, soft wheat, highest patent flour and be convinced. Sold at Floydada only by Duncan Grocery.

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**LOST**—Coming 6-year-old Hereford cow, branded 7HA connected on left side and small 7 on left hip. Think has large, unmarked, unbranded calf following her. Will reward anyone locating cow and notifying sheriff. Tom H. Buster.

We make trips every Tuesday to Dimmitt and Hereford. We have some very choice sections with from one to eight sections lease. See us.

#### Notice of Stockholders' Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the stockholders of the First State Bank, of Floydada, Texas, will be held in the office of said bank on January seventeenth, nineteen hundred seventeen, at seven p. m.

**LOST**—Christmas night a bar lace pin with diamond set. Return to Hesperian office and receive reward.

**LOST**—Black felt hat, branded The Model, Edgewood, Texas. Finder please return to Mathis-Martin's.

#### City Property

We have some special bargains in city property. For automobile trailers, see, W. R. Cope.

#### Land

If it's land you want we have it. We have some very choice tracts and good bargains.

Nothing preserves the home atmosphere and home memories like a group picture—with father and mother in the center. One never knows what changes Time may be holding in store, and then how welcome a group picture will be, with its possibilities of a copy for each member of the family and its retention of happy memories, though all be scattered far and wide. We are experts at making group pictures. Also equipped to go out of town to make groups and views. C. M. Wilson.

#### For Sale or Trade

A \$300 Wolworth piano nearly new. Has been used very little. Will give good discount for cash; 1/2 down balance secured note 90 days. Or will exchange for cows or calves. Address P. O. Box 263.

See C. H. Featherston for fire insurance.

List your Land with Tye if you want it sold.

Remember, there'll be lots of cackling at the Auditorium Saturday night. The Dayton Show is a cracker-jack and everybody will be there.

#### "State Licensed Auctioneer"

I am a state licensed auctioneer. Will sell anything anywhere at auction. Make special terms on farm sales. See me for sales. R. O. Fields, Auctioneer, Floydada, Texas.

#### For Sale

Some very nice residences in Floydada for sale; might trade for first-class vendor's lien notes. One place at edge of town about eleven acres, nice house, barn, etc., at reasonable price.

See W. M. Massie & Bro. Floydada, Texas.

**FOR SALE**—640 acres well improved, \$2,000 cash, balance on terms not to exceed 10 years. 160 acres, \$1,000 cash balance on terms not to exceed 10 years. \$30 per acre for each tract. See owner, Frank Ross, Idalou, Texas.

If you have Vendors' Lien notes to sell or if you want to borrow money on real estate see G. G. Tye, manager of the Banana Land & Loan Co.

We have some good shallow water improved farms for sale, also some unimproved land. Prices right. Also two ranches to sell. Buy direct from owners. Part cash, balance long time. Write Shore & Hill, Hereford, Texas.

**FOREMOST** Flour is the economical flour. Foremost is the new name. Better quality and better results or your money back. Farmers' Exchange.

**FOR SALE**—One 10-room house, one 4-room house and one 2-room house, close in, one block southwest of square. Free of all debt. Apply to owner and save commission. B. F. Wagner, Floydada, Texas.

List your land with us. We will be in position to handle your lands this coming year to a much better advantage than heretofore. Fields & Roberts.

Milk cows for sale. C. C. West, 15 S. E. Floydada.

**LOST**—Lister point between Stalcup place and Floydada. Finder please leave at White Grocery Co.

**FOR SALE**—New Runabout body for 1917 Model Ford. See D. E. Pitts.

**NOTICE**—A pair of good work mares and some other young work stock to trade for a 1916 Model Ford. Car must be in good shape. W. J. King, 3 miles east of Lockney.

If you want to buy land see G. G. Tye, Manager Banana Land & Loan Co.

See C. H. Featherston for fire insurance.

List your lands with Steen & Smith.

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere. Phone 141.

See C. H. Featherston for fire insurance.

#### Insurance

For all kinds of insurance see Fields & Roberts.

List your live stock with Steen & Smith.

Notice of intention to apply to the legislature of Texas which convenes in January, 1917, for the passage of an act or acts authorizing Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase or lease the property now owned or hereafter acquired by South Plains and Santa Fe Railway Company and North Texas and Santa Fe Railway Company.

The undersigned will apply to the legislature of Texas, which convenes in January, 1917, for the passage of an act or acts authorizing Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company to purchase or lease the railroads and other property now owned or hereafter acquired by North Texas and Santa Fe Railway Company, such lease and leases, if executed, to include the branches and extensions of such railroads and each of them that may be hereafter constructed.

Panhandle and Santa Fe Railway Company, By E. P. Ripley, President. South Plains and Santa Fe Railway Company, By E. P. Ripley, President. North Texas and Santa Fe Railway Company, By E. P. Ripley, President.

See Dr. Childers for residence lots from \$40 to \$60 Easy monthly payments.

See C. H. Featherston for fire insurance.

If you talk in your sleep, don't forget to mention the Dayton Show at the Auditorium Saturday night.

Residence building sites, from \$40 to \$60 per lot, for sale on monthly installments. Dr. R. A. Childers.

List your city property for quick sale with Fields & Roberts.

Typewriter ribbon. Phone No. 8

#### Troy Brooks, of Happy, Brined to Death Following Auto Explosion

Troy Brooks, John Fletcher, Larry Allen, Shock Montgomery, George Garrison and Eal Gowan, of Happy, were the victims of an auto accident resulting from carrying a lighted lantern in the car. They had been to a chavara at the home of Ir. and Mrs. Beecher Guest and were returning to Happy when the car struck the end of a bridge and turned over. Escaping gasoline was ignited by the lantern causing a violent explosion, fatally burning young Brooks and burning the others more or less seriously with the exception of Earl Gowan, who escaped unhurt.—Southwest Plainsman.

#### Hereford to Pave

Hereford, Texas, Dec. 27.—Judge Wm. M. Knight, mayor of Hereford, is now visiting a number of Central Texas cities, with the view of investigating the different kinds of paving. Later on Commissioners Jas. Cardwell and D. P. Ashbrook intend joining him.

Hereford has decided to pave her streets, and it is the intention of the City Commissioners to select the kind of paving to use and then advertise for bids.

Work is expected to start early in the spring and the job completed at the earliest possible moment.

## Again We Want to Thank You

For your patronage the past year. We have had the most satisfactory business within all our business experience. The last four months our business has almost doubled our previous years.

We want to continue to serve you and we assure you your friendship is highly appreciated. We will continue to sell strictly for cash, which will enable us to continue to sell on the same small margin of profit.

Thank You

## White Sells for Less