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10 FELONY, 6 MISDEMEANOR BILLS ARE RETURNED

Grand Jury Finishes Labors.--Judge- ment for Plaintiffs in C. B. & C. I. Co. Cases.

The Grand Jury for the February Term, 1916, of Floyd County, which finished its labors Tuesday afternoon, returned bills in sixteen cases, ten of which were on felony charges, and six misdemeanors. Arrests in five of the cases were made Saturday and this week. Two had been made previously. Three parties charged with felonies have not been arrested, but arrests are expected soon. Assault with the intent to murder is the charge in each of the cases returned since last Thursday which are against J. F. Connor, Carl Koenig, A. Seigler, W. C. Lee, Lewis Higgins. Bond of \$750 was required in each case which was made.

Fifteen several cases in which Floyd County parties were suing the Commonwealth Bonding & Casualty Insurance Co., of Fort Worth were tried last Thursday and Friday. In each instance plaintiffs were given judgment for cancellation of note and subscription contract, and where deed of trust had been given on land, cancellation of deed of trust and removal of cloud from title. The fifteen separate plaintiffs were: W. D. Long, F. P. Henry, Will I. Allen, S. B. McCleskey, A. L. Bishop, L. H. Lewis, R. E. L. Montague, F. M. Price, H. L. Puryear, E. Thornton, Tom H. Buster, Mrs. Lenora Newell, J. S. Pool, J. W. Blair, W. B. Crabtree.

In the suit of Mrs. Mattie McCollum vs. J. F. Dollar, trespass to try title, plaintiff was given a jury verdict Monday.

The trial of the case of Mrs. A. E. Johnson vs. Lockney Coal & Grain Co., et al has been in progress since Tuesday. Testimony was finished Wednesday afternoon, the judge's charge given at the opening of the session this morning and the attorney's arguments finished at noon. In this suit Mrs. Johnson is asking damages alleged arising from operating by the defendants of threshing machines near her home and charging that the dust from the machines and smoke from burning pummies caused bodily injury and mental anguish. In a chambers session of the court at Lockney in November Judge Joiner granted a temporary injunction restraining the defendants from burning the

Five More Country Schools Will Get Appropriations.

Lakeview, Allmon, Irick, Harmony and Starkey School Districts in Floyd County are to benefit by the Million Dollar Appropriation passed by the last legislature. Notice that applications by these districts had been favorably received by the State Board was received by County Superintendent E. P. Thompson this week, in a letter from State Superintendent Doughty, from which we quote below.

The amount granted each district is as follows: Lakeview, No. 11, \$300; Allmon, No. 23, \$250; Irick No. 1, \$350; Harmony No. 10, \$250. Starkey No. 6, \$250.

The excerpt from Superintendent Doughty's letter follows.

"On the seventeenth instant the State Board of Education, upon the recommendation of the State Superintendent, granted aid to country schools under your supervision as listed herein. "Certain conditions prescribed by law have not been met in some instances where appropriations were made. In notifying these districts of the amount of aid conditionally granted a printed list of minimum requirements has been sent to the secretary of the board in each district.

"In order that there may be no inconvenience to the districts in receiving the proper warrants for the amounts granted, I am asking that you do everything within your power to assist the communities promised aid under your supervision in meeting the conditions of the law at once, so that each school will be ready for final inspection at the earliest moment possible."

Four of the schools above have already complied with all the requirements of the law in order to secure their portion of the funds, and are in position for early inspection.

\$2550 is the total of the funds to be received by schools in Floyd County, from this fund. The other schools to benefit from it are Sandhill, Meteor, Lone Star and Weathers.

pummies. The trial now before the jury is on the main issue of the case for damages and asking to have the injunction made permanent as to burning the pummies and also as to operating the machines when the wind is in such direction as will cause the plaintiff injury from dust.

Attorneys A. P. McKinnon and P. R. Underwood are representing the plaintiff and Mathis & Williams the defendants.

Trial of the case of W. T. Cooper vs. R. L. Underwood et al began this afternoon at 1:30.

Texas U. Alumni Will Banquet in Plainview Tonight.

Mr. and Mrs. P. R. Underwood and E. C. Nelson, Jr., ex-students of the Texas University will attend the Alumnae Banquet at Plainview tonight.

Mr. Nelson is to be one of the principal speakers at this get-together feed of former Texas students.

Similar meetings are being held all over the state, the date, March second, being chosen as significant, being the anniversary day of the Texas Declaration of Independence.

"32 Club" Organized.

All members are requested to attend a meeting at R. O. Field's office at 5 o'clock p. m. sharp, Saturday, March 4, to elect a secretary.

March 7 is clean-up day.

March 7th Proclaimed Clean-Up Day

Mayor and City Council Call on Citizens to aid in Making Town a Cleaner Place to Live.--City will Haul Imperishables Tuesday.

The Proclamation.

It is fittingly true that cleanliness is a necessity to the best advancement of the health of a community, as cleanliness is one of the surest safeguards to the citizen personally against sickness and death. It is likewise true that to foster the best ideals among the citizenship both old and young, cleanly homes, streets and alleys are needed:

It is therefore deemed wise by the Mayor and Council of the City of Floydada that a day should be proclaimed by the City and set apart as such by the citizens of Floydada for the purpose of a general Clean-Up; And therefore acting in concert with civic organizations of the city and with progressive citizens;

It is officially proclaimed by the Council and Mayor of Floydada that Tuesday, March 7th, be set apart as general Clean-Up Day when all should join in ridding the town of accumulated trash and rubbish.

All imperishable rubbish which is piled in available places will be hauled by the city free of charge to the dumping grounds on that day; perishable trash and rubbish should be burned by the owners of the individual premises.

W. T. Montgomery, Mayor.
By order of the Council.

If no plans go wrong Floydada will be a much cleaner town next Tuesday night than it is at this writing. The Mothers' Club, the City Council, and the progressive citizens in general are in the movement to make it a really worth-while effort to rid the town of accumulations which are in great measure detrimental to the health and appearances of the town.

While special attention is called to the fact that Tuesday is the day set for the general Clean-Up, every property owner should

not procrastinate in making his own premises and those adjacent clean, piling imperishables and burning perishable rubbish before the day set apart. On that particular day the city is to haul all rubbish which is piled, to the dumping grounds free of charge. This action was determined on last Friday afternoon by the council at a called meeting, when a number of citizens, including a representation from the Mothers' Club, were received by the council and plans for the Day made.

Members of Carnation Club Entertain Husbands.

On Friday evening, February 25th, the ladies of the Carnation Club royally entertained their husbands at the home of Mr. and Mrs. R. H. Buckingham. About twenty couples were present and enjoyed a very pleasant evening playing rook. During the games delicious divinity candy was served at the tables and at eleven o'clock a nice lunch of ice cream cake and hot coffee was served, after which all departed for their respective homes, the husbands voting a royal good time, and hoping the ladies will entertain again soon.—A Guest.

Mrs. Cooley Died Saturday.

Mrs. Fannie Cooley died last Saturday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Frank Ross in West Floydada, following a prolonged illness. Her condition had been critical for a week before her demise.

The funeral services were held Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, and burial made in Floydada cemetery. Elder M. V. Showalter, of Lockney, conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Cooley was a native Texan, 61 years of age. She was born in Leon County, but moved with her parents when a child, to Lee County, living on the frontier the greater part of her life.

She was the mother of six children, four of whom survive. They were with her at the time of her death. The out-of-town children are Mrs. Frank Dunn, Chicago; Mrs. Mattie Pruitt, Chillicothe; J. D. Cooley, Fort Worth.

Mineola Man Locates.

The family of M. A. Moore, of Mineola, joined him here Wednesday. Mr. Moore has been here several weeks, having purchased the J. A. Noland half section recently. Mr. Moore and his family will move to the place at an early date.

School Needs of Floydada Suggested by State Superintendent.

Floydada Public School, in all departments, stands well up to the front among schools of its size in the state, and is what we please to term a good school. However, there is room for improvement, and constructive criticism is to be desired any time. The State Department of Education sets a high standard for the schools of the State; but Floydada Public School may as well attain this standard.

In a recent letter from the State Superintendent to Superintendent Savage, this official calls attention to the report of Prof. McDonald, whose recent inspection visit will be recalled, and suggests some improvements needed, aside from the imperative demand for more room before another school year. Mr. Doughty's letter says in part:

"I am pleased to learn from the high school supervisor who recently visited your school of its progress, excellent corps of teachers, and splendid library; also that plans are being considered for providing more room, teachers and equipment. In this connection, permit me to recommend some improvements as suggested by data submitted by the high school supervisor relative to this school:

"1. Laboratory equipment should be provided for physiology and physical geography.

"2. Chemistry and physics should be offered in alternate years.

"3. History charts should be provided for American history.

"4. Maps should be provided for each room.

"5. Floors should be oiled and approaches to building should be covered with cinders, sand, gravel, brick, or cement so as to protect floors from mud brought in by children.

"6. Toilets should be kept sanitary.

"7. Written work of high school pupils should be held to a high standard."

Lakeview School Trustees Let Contract to Sam Dane

The trustees of Lakeview School District No. 11 let the contract last Friday in Floydada for the building of their new model brick school building. Several bids were made for the work.

The trustees at Lakeview are Chas. Trowbridge, F. P. Donathan and J. W. Wright.

The bonds for the building are now on the market, having been voted last year.

Join the Clean-Up gang Tuesday March 7th.

CITY COUNCIL RECEIVES WATERWORKS SYSTEM

Final Tests Are Made and City Officially Takes Charge--Volunteer Fire Fighters now Needed.

N. S. Sherman, of the Sherman Construction Company, made the final tests and officially turned over the waterworks system to the City of Floydada last Saturday afternoon. At the required pressure a demonstration was made on the plugs on both the north and south side of the square when with a one and one-half inch nozzle water was thrown to the center of the 325-foot row from both sides across the one hundred foot street. With a three-fourths inch nozzle at the pressure attained Saturday the stream can be thrown one-third farther before it breaks and the shingles can be torn from a frame building with the pressure, according to Mr. Sherman.

The City Council met in two called sessions the later part of the week. After receiving the water works they have the problem of determining the price for making the connections for individuals with the system and also the rate to be charged per thousand gallons. It is possible that for a time a flat rate may be charged.

The council are also anxious that a fire department be organized at an early date; the Chamber of Commerce is co-operating with the council to the end that an efficient organization may be effected. Many details are to be worked out, but early developments are certain. When the department is organized and apparatus put in working order, application can be made for a reduction in the fire insurance key rates which is expected to save within a year approximately \$1500 in insurance premiums.

Cedar Hill Couple Married.

Mr. H. E. Rogers and Miss E. M. Foster, who live in the north part of the county, were married at the Baptist parsonage in Floydada yesterday by Dr. W. C. Carver, pastor of the Baptist Church.

The couple were accompanied to Floydada by Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Randolph, who were witnesses of the ceremony.

A. L. Williams Buys Interest in Floydada Drug Company.

A. L. Williams has purchased an interest in the Floydada Drug Company, and will hereafter be associated with Dr. J. H. Massie in the conduct of the business. The deal was effected this week.

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The Diamond From the Sky

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CHAPTER XXII. To Seek Her Lover!

WHEN Blair returned to Richmond his mother received him with remarkable cordiality, considering the conditions under which he had left both Fairfax and Richmond. Abe Bloom, the gambling house keeper, and his brother, Ike Bloom, the pawnbroker, received him with a cold, businesslike indifference, which was rather strange when it was remembered what both these gentlemen had endured at the hands of Blair.

But both the Blooms were so obsessed with the desire to secure the diamond for their own at any cost that they had casually remarked they were glad to see him and to "let bygones be bygones."

Blair's mother had only shown one touch of bitterness in her conversation with him alone upon his return. This was when she had informed him that the price of the silence of the two Blooms and the detective, Tom Blake, had been her written agreement, which Blair must sign also, that the diamond from the sky must be relinquished to the Blooms if it ever came into the possession, legally or otherwise, of Blair Stanley or his mother.

As for Tom Blake, the detective, he seemed to have no scruples one way or the other, but kept his own counsel and worked diligently and silently for his clients, and them alone.

It did not seem to occur to the detective—at least, he gave no sign that it did—that he was compounding a felony in suppressing the evidence he had secured, which undoubtedly fastened the guilt of Dr. Lee's murder on Blair. Mrs. Stanley had dismissed Vivian Marston from the matter by simply stating to Blair that Abe Bloom had informed her that the vivacious individual in question had one, if not several, previous husbands prior to her marriage to Blair.

"The minister who married you to that creature has moved away from Richmond," said Blair's mother. "There are reasons not necessary to intrust to you that make it desirable that you should marry Esther Harding." Mrs. Stanley had added.

And Blair looked upon Esther and saw that she was fair, and, while his infatuation for Vivian was still strong, his unscrupulous mind dwelt with pleasure upon the thought that if he married Esther the fact might arouse the jealousy of Vivian.

If Vivian was a married woman, married other than to him, what would it matter if he married Esther? So Blair paid court to Esther.

Such were the threads in the web of destiny that were being woven around Esther in Richmond.

Abe Bloom wore for the diamond from the sky. In far Los Angeles his agent, the luxurious Vivian Marston, wore also for the diamond, but for herself. Perhaps Mr. Bloom surmised this, but if so he deemed he had the means that held her at his mercy.

Mrs. Stanley wove her web for some deep purpose of her own, deeper now than it ever had been. If she suspected Arthur's claims to the Stan-



Luke Lovell Was Thrown From the Train.

ley heritages the earldom in England and the great diamond, so strangely missing, in America, were null and void, she said no word.

Blair thought only of his own desires, and so he wove also.

As for Detective Tom Blake, he help-

ed the weaving, too, but whether he wove for Bloom or for Blair or for Blair's mother or for himself only Tom Blake knew.

In the far west a sheep herder who called himself John Powell had found an outlaw's stolen plunder under the skeleton of a horse in the desert. Few who knew Arthur Stanley, the light and reckless young master of Stanley hall, near Fairfax, Va., would have recognized in this bronzed and shabby sheep herder the dashing scapegrace who had been suspected of murder.

But John Powell no longer thought of himself as Arthur Stanley. His cheeks burned with shame at the recollection of all the years he had squandered a heritage not his. He was a gypsy changeling and impostor.

Back in Fairfax, let them think him a fugitive murderer, if they chose. He would bide his time and return a rich man, stand his trial, and, without implicating Blair, be cleared. He felt an added shame as he thought of Blair Bad as Blair was, he, John Powell, Arthur Stanley that had been, had usurped his place. Blair was the rightful heir of Stanley. He, as John Powell, would make a name and fortune for himself, and Blair all in good time might have the Stanley earldom and the diamond from the sky.

And then John Powell's thoughts would turn to Esther. Was she his sister, or was she, too, a changeling? He thought of Hagar and his heart hardened. She was his mother, but she had wrought bitterness and woe.

John Powell carefully laid out his plans. He hid the outlaw treasure beneath some sheltering rocks in the desert. He took but a few hundred dollars of the money. He bided his time in patience until the hue and cry after such of the train robbers as had escaped with their lives had died down. It was thought the survivors had gotten away with the plunder. Only the finder knew this plunder had fallen under a dying horse in the desert.

John Powell resolved he would relinquish his employment as an ill paid

back from the jaws of death.

It is a strange fate, the gypsy thinks, when he can think coherently, that it has been his destiny to meet the real and the usurping heir of Stanley and to clutch again the priceless Stanley heirloom, the diamond from the sky. He laughs sardonically and then tells Arthur, whom he now recognizes as he recognized Blair Stanley, that just a few days since he has met up with the latter in Los Angeles.

"I don't know what he had run away for," growled Luke. "but whatever it was it had been squared, for I found out he was going back to Richmond. But now that you have saved my life in this God forsaken desert I'll do you a favor—a big favor. I know something that the other Stanleys would give all they have to know. What will you give me if I don't tell them what I know? You didn't kill that old doctor, and I know that some day you are going back. What will you give me to keep my mouth shut?"

John Powell regarded with cold scorn the wretch who thus requites him. He knows what Luke would tell him. Just at this time John Powell desires to buy the silence of the treacherous and ungrateful gypsy.

"I have \$500 that I have saved," is John Powell's reply. "I never desire to be known again as Arthur Stanley. But I have reasons why I do not wish the secret you possess to be spread broadcast for the present. You are all right now. Take this money and go to the devil with it! But whether I killed Dr. Lee or not, I will kill you if you ever say one word of what you know. One thing more. Who told you?"

"Hagar Harding," lied Luke Lovell glibly. Then, seeing an incredulous look in the other's eyes, he added surlily: "Hagar's gone daffy; that's why she told me. But she don't talk to anybody now, and I know she didn't tell anybody else. They would only think she was raving if she did. Mrs. Stanley has taken her to Richmond to an asylum. Mrs. Stanley has the girl Esther with her. They are at Mrs. Randolph's, where the ball was," adds Luke.

John Powell breathed a sigh of relief. Then all is well with Esther at least. He does not question Lovell further, realizing if Lovell knew aught concerning Esther the gypsy would have blurted it out.

And so Luke Lovell, gypsy black-maller, and John Powell, sheep herder, part. But as the gypsy goes across the desert to the nearest desert town and railroad station he searches, ever searches, for the diamond from the sky. He has not told John Powell of the diamond. Even now he half believes that it was but a fragment of his heat crazed brain.

Some miles across the desert travels a desert Indian family. They have two horses. One the buck rides at his ease, and the other drags a travois—the two rude poles fastened to the horse, the ends of which drag across the desert, and lashed to the poles are the Indian's goods and chattels.

Beside the travois trudges the squaw. On her back her papoose sleeps, strapped to its board, in the sun.

Across the desert the travois scratches its way. The eyes of the squaw fall upon the fresh tracks that it makes. A little spray of sand sprinkles over something that glistens brightly in the sun. The squaw stoops down and gathers up the diamond from the sky and wakes her papoose to shake the new found gleaming trinket playfully before its beady eyes.

So the days pass in Virginia and California alike. John Powell ceases to be a sheep herder, and, taking with him nearly \$100,000 cash in his battered old valise, unknown to any man, he bids goodby to his friends at the sheep ranch, and pausing only in Los Angeles to buy a becoming outfit of business clothes, he goes to the adjacent oil fields to, as he says to himself grimly, buy himself rich!

He writes to Esther, guardedly and without signature, from Los Angeles. The letter reaches Esther in the nick of time. Mrs. Randolph's maid gives it to her, informing her that Mrs. Stanley has issued orders that if any letter should come to Esther that it be delivered to Mrs. Stanley first.

The persecutions of Blair Stanley have become intolerable, and when Esther has gone defiantly to Blair's mother Mrs. Stanley has taunted her with the cruel retort that she (Esther) is a beggar on the bounty of the mother of the man who honors her with an offer of marriage.

Further, Mrs. Stanley icily reminds Esther that since Hagar has lost her reason no trace of the supposed wealth of Hagar can be found. The operation necessary to restore Hagar's mind will cost \$1,000. If Esther accepts Blair, Mrs. Stanley informs her, this money will be forthcoming, and the operation will be performed.

It is on the point of Esther's tongue to speak and declare herself for what she is, the legitimate daughter of the late Colonel Stanley and the heir at least of the depleted estate of Stanley hall. But she counsels herself to the wisdom of silence, for Arthur Stanley's sake. She bows coldly to Blair's mother and walks away with head erect.

Safe in her room, she impulsively resolves to seek out Arthur and tell him all. She takes the vase of roses and places it on the window sill. That night Quabba waits, shaded from the moon by the wistaria vine, at the side of the Randolph mansion.

That night a girlish figure clambers resolutely from the window and down the vines, and Esther Stanley, dressed once more in her gypsy costume, is gone with a hunchback organ grinder, seeking the one she loves with all her devoted heart—over the hills and far away!

Lovell is able to moan his plight. Fortunately his rescuer has a flask of whisky and a canteen of water. He doses the half-conscious Luke, and whether the whisky or whether the sturdy constitution of the gypsy is to be credited Luke Lovell is brought

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The Squaw Wakes Her Papoose to Play With the Diamond From the Sky.

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 and tries later to put the blame on Arthur, who takes the diamond from him. Blair, escaping, infers that he has left Esther's room. Arthur forces him to fight a duel in which Blair is only stunned. 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. At a ball, at which a supposed New York belle, Vivian Marston, is the guest of honor, Arthur and Blair find the diamond on the visitor. She is an adventuress who has borrowed it.

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 and goes to the west. The diamond passes into a mail bag, picked up by Quabba, organ grinder. Quabba's monkey steals the diamond. Hagar takes Esther to live at Stanley hall.

Tom Blake, a detective of Richmond, who is hired by Hagar, produces finger prints connecting Blair. Hagar proposes silence to a Stanley as the price of Hagar's and Esther's being received in Fairfax society. Blair strikes down Hagar and steals the finger prints, leaving the gypsy demented. 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 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 (or the west. Their train is robbed, Vivian losing the diamond, which a slain train robber drops in the desert. The \$40,000 he stole is found by Arthur, now known as John Powell, sheep herder. Vivian deserts Blair, telling him he must regain the diamond for her. Luke Lovell, driven from the camp after learning Hagar's secret, leaves to seek Blair. Hagar is under treatment, and Esther is in Richmond society, protégée of Mrs. Stanley, who suspects her real name, and of Mrs. Randolph. Abe Bloom, gambler, who knows Blair's guilt, covets the diamond and calls it the price of his secrecy. Blair will not listen to Lovell, and Arthur also insists on his silence. Blair returns to Richmond and, instigated by his mother, pays unwelcome court to Esther. Mrs. Stanley asserting Vivian had been married before. The diamond is picked up by an Indian woman. Esther, resolving to find Arthur, leaves Richmond with Quabba as attendant.

CHAPTER XXIII.
 "To the Highest Bidder."

THE impulses of youth are generous. Not for himself alone did he who had been known as Arthur Stanley of Stanley hall,

Virginia, dream his dreams of wealth and power, as John Powell, California millionaire to be. True, the factor of vanity, especially strong when life is young, actuated him in part. He had left the proud, old countryside of Fairfax, where, as master of Stanley hall, he had been an aristocrat of aristocrats, a fugitive accused of murder. He had felt no shame at this, for he knew his own innocence and knew it could be proved.

But the deeper shame that had driven him to this desperate course was the shame at the thought that his life had been a living lie. He was not a Stanley of Stanley hall, proud heir of an English earldom and the diamond from the sky.

He was a gypsy changeling, an impostor! This had been through no fault of his, but it was his fault that he had wasted the fair heritage of Stanley hall, a heritage not his, and had left it bankrupt. He had stood and he still stood usurping Blair's heirship to all these things.

It was perhaps vanity, and a natural one, that inspired Arthur's resolve to return to Virginia rich in his own right, tell the truth, the whole truth, sparing Blair from the consequences of being responsible for the sudden death of Dr. Lee.

For Blair had assured him this had been the effect of sudden excitement on an old man's weakened heart, when the kind but frangible doctor, alone with Blair in his study, had quarreled with the younger man over the diamond from the sky.

The impulses of youth are generous. Laying aside even his plans for his future realization of power and justification, Arthur's first thought was to employ the means he had at hand in the finding of the train robbers' stolen plunder, to aid Esther and his gypsy mother, bitter and cruel as the latter had been to him.

Then he would save Stanley hall, the proud old place his prodigality had imperiled, from the hands of greedy strangers.

Whom should he employ as his trusted agent in these matters? He thought of the taciturn and inscrutable Tom Blake, the Richmond detective. Arthur remembered vividly how, at a look from Hagar, Blake had deftly aided him in escaping from the sheriff of Fairfax and the police of Richmond in the exciting encounter at Mrs. Randolph's ball.

Arthur resolved to trust Blake. Reaching Los Angeles with the outlaw loot, the first thing Arthur did was to wire the Richmond detective in a guarded message. He received a reply in a few hours, which read:

"Know you are all right. Will act for you in confidence. Trust me fully." Then it was that Arthur wired ample funds and instructed Blake to secretly guarantee all expenses for Hagar's treatment at the sanitarium, irrespective of what Mrs. Stanley might do, for Arthur had all particulars in brief by wire from Blake.

From Blake he also learned that Esther was seemingly in good hands with Mrs. Stanley at Mrs. Randolph's mansion in Richmond, and from the same source he learned that Stanley hall, in the due course of the bankruptcy proceedings against the missing Arthur Stanley, was to be sold to the highest bidder.

Of the money, some hundred thousand dollars, he had found under the skeleton of the horse in the desert. Arthur placed \$20,000 by wire at the disposal of Blake in Richmond with instructions to bid in Stanley hall at all hazards, and if more money were necessary more would be forthcoming.

He could save Stanley hall from strangers and aid Esther and his gypsy mother, both penniless and on the bounty of strangers, since Hagar, in her mental infirmity from the blow that none knew Blair had dealt her, had no means of telling where her supposed wealth was hidden.

But it was a bitter thought to Arthur that even in this he was using means not rightfully his. As the spendthrift heir of Stanley hall he had unwittingly been an impostor and a cheat. And now, even in secretly coming to the rescue to save Stanley hall from strangers or to aid Esther and Hagar, he was using stolen money. An awakening to higher ideals had come to Arthur, and these reflections were bitter ones. He hoped good might come out of evil and resolved to make every effort to found his own fortune and refund with interest.

With Esther the impulses of her fair young womanhood, were more than generous; they were loving and self-sacrificing. She knew she was right-

now alone surrounded by cold hearted schemers, save perhaps the light brained and frivolous society leader, Mrs. Randolph. So when the persecutions of the returned ne'er do well, Blair Stanley, had become unbearable, and when his austere mother dropped the mask of kindness and held over Esther's head the threat regarding Hagar, Esther had fled. She fled with Quabba, seeking Arthur, hoping, trusting, believing Arthur would be her help.

For his sake she kept silent, though she had proofs hidden at Stanley hall of who and what she was—Esther Stanley, not Harding. No daughter of a maddened, dependent gypsy woman was she.

So Esther's impulses, loving and self-sacrificing, led her first to where Hagar

was. It was late on the night of her flight when Esther arrived at the private sanitarium. A long cloak concealed the plain attire in which she had clambered down the vines in the moonlight from her room in the Randolph mansion and joined the faithful Quabba waiting below.

Outside the sanitarium she handed to Quabba the gypsy headdress she had donned for her flight, and, while Quabba lurked at a distance, she rang the bell at the door of the sanitarium and was admitted. She had doffed the cloak, for the night was warm, but donned it again.

In her cloak with her curls about her pretty head she seemed to the superintendent simply the Miss Harding he knew as visiting the well known society leader of Richmond, Mrs. Randolph, and whose mother was under treatment for mental trouble here.

"I am called suddenly from Richmond," Esther explained to the house surgeon. "You will pardon the lateness of my call, but I want to see my mother ere I leave the city."

At first the head of the institution made polite efforts to deny her request. But he was not proof against the agitated Esther's pathetic appeals.

"Under ordinary circumstances, Miss Harding," said the house surgeon, "I could not let you see a patient at this hour. But I have good news for you. Your mother shows signs of improvement, and if you do not excite her it may do no harm to let you see her. I can also let out a hope—mind, I do not promise this—that in time, with rest and quiet, she will completely recover, and an operation will not be needed."

So kind was his manner that Esther could no longer restrain herself. She briefly told the surgeon that conditions were such she was compelled to remove herself from being under further obligations to Mrs. Stanley and the latter's relative, the more kindly Mrs. Randolph.

"I am going to seek a friend," said Esther, "a friend who has every reason to assume all responsibilities for all charges the treatment of my mother incurs. I also pledge myself personally to this."

"Will you see that even if Mrs. Stanley withdraws her aid that my mother is not taken from here, that she will continue to receive the benefit of the treatment which will, as you believe and I truly hope, restore her reason?"

The head surgeon regarded Esther with a look of earnest sympathy.

"Set your mind at ease, Miss Harding," he said quietly. "An unknown friend, and I am not at liberty to give even the name of the agent of this unknown friend, has guaranteed all financial responsibility for your mother's expenses and treatment here. I am authorized to return to Mrs. Stanley what she has paid out for your mother. Besides this, were it otherwise, the case is so interesting and has responded so well to treatment without operation that we would be inclined to consider it worthy of our attention without recompense."

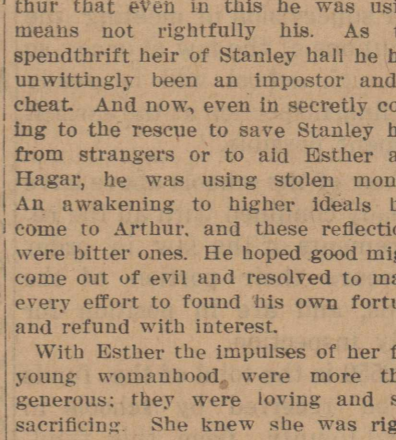
It was with a glad heart that Esther received this cheering information, and it was with an even gladder one she beheld Hagar and noted a gleam of recognition in those eyes so long vacant and inexpressive.

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During the same year the State produced a good many other crops, corn, wheat, oats, barley, rye, hay, potatoes, tobacco, grass silage, timothy seed, fruit and miscellaneous crops, but no two crops put together would equal the dairy products of the state.

The best part of the story is that Wisconsin's dairy cows furnished the market and paid a high price for many of the other crops. The dairy cows in Wisconsin paid over five million dollars for silage. They paid fifty million dollars for the grass

grown on Wisconsin hills and paid good prices for the grain and hay produced on Wisconsin farms. In Wisconsin there are on an average nine cows to every farm, and they are kept on 160,567 farms.

A banker in Fort Atkinson made the remark not long ago that in thirty years experience in that community, he has never known a failure to occur among those sturdy farmers who had started out with the dairy cow and kept close to the business of dairying.

It isn't any wonder that Wisconsin ranks first in all the states of the Union in the percentage of farms owned and operated by the owners, because men have not failed in their farm practice, and their profits have been such to induce them to remain on the farm.

Statistics do not tell us directly and accurately how rapidly the soil fertility is being depleted and lost in those sections where wheat or cotton is king, but information convinces us that no state can rank ahead of Wisconsin in the manner of maintaining soil fertility and making agriculture as profitable for the son as for the father.

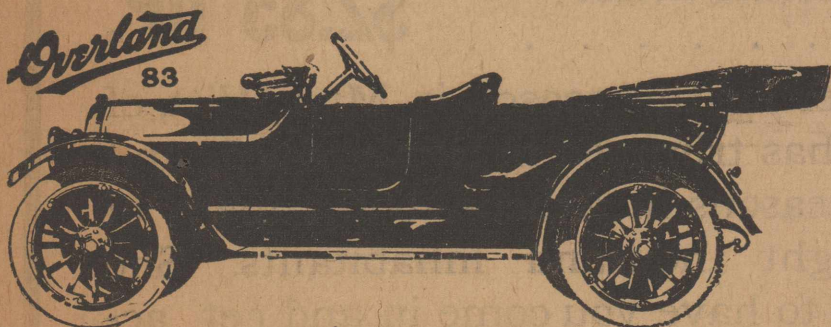
Right here in Texas, we are better situated to profit from dairying than Wisconsin. We do not have the hard winters, and also produce a greater variety of feeds and at less cost. We should have more good cows in Texas and produce a greater amount of dairy products to bring more ready money.

NOT ENOUGH CHILDREN

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Lo, The Poor Printer.

Everybody has his troubles, and the publisher and printer is not without his. This remark is occasioned by two recent heavy advances in materials and supplies which go into the manufacture of printed stuffs. Perhaps some people's troubles are more imaginary than real, but in this instance the trouble is not only apparent but real, and presents a problem that has partially no solution.

Many of the things which go into the makeup of newspapers and printed materials are more heavily in demand across the waters where, if one will believe reports, the exchange of these commodities is more brisk than in our land.

As an instance of the stringency of the present conditions in newspaper fields, wholesale houses refuse to quote a price on white newsprint except at a heavy increase in price and subject to change without notice. It is said that the mills of the United States do not manufacture sufficient paper to supply the home demand, and it is known that this country has been a large buyer of Canadian and Swedish supplies. The Canadian supply is being taken to England and the Swedish exports are largely hampered by the British blockade. Mills and wholesale houses also have the common complaint of the scarcity of dyestuffs which enter largely into the manufacture of papers. Double-priced paper and materials are not an improbability by any means.

The difficulty that presents itself to the printer is how he may maintain himself at his regular advertising and subscription schedule in the face of the advance of supplies. Being a combination manufacturer and retailer it is much more difficult for him to "pass the buck" to the consumer than for the dealer whose profit, though modest, is added to the wholesale price and borne more readily by the buying public.

Seed Oats for Sale

Pure Red Rust Proof seed. Clean last Year's crop, heavy yield. See H. E. Cannaday, or on phone 144. tf.

Childress County Officers and Forger Have All Night Chase.

Childress Post: Tuesday morning a young man by the name of Ben Miller was thrown in the local jail on a charge of forgery. The facts as reported by officers are as follows:

About 4 o'clock Monday afternoon the man appeared at the City National Bank and presented a check for \$59, made out in favor of J. S. Seagel and bearing the name of C. R. Fogg for a signature. The check did not look good to the cashier and he refused payment, whereupon Miller made an effort to get it back, but failed. Officers were at once notified and got after the man. Deputy sheriff C. W. Felton, City Marshal Crane, and Constable Mel Dwight scoured the city for him, but in some way he eluded them. Making his way out near the section house east of town, he secured a horse, changed his clothes and left bareback, going out by the Plainview school house several miles to the south.

Learning this, the three officers mentioned got an auto and drove in search, going to the Buckle L Ranch. There they used the telephone quite freely and found that the fellow had crossed Pease River and had gone toward Paducah. Constable Dwight got the ranch manager, Leonard Fox to go with him and the two left on horseback after the fugitive. After calling at nearly all the homes in that part of the country, they made up their minds that the wanted man must be at a certain home where an old man lived, who is nearly deaf.

On approaching this house at one o'clock Tuesday morning, Mr. Dwight went to the rear of the home while Mr. Fox called at the front to awaken the sleepers. After much yelling the deaf old man decided that something unusual was taking place and came to the front door. Mr. Fox asked if a man had stopped there who was riding bareback, but the old fellow could not understand. The fugitive, Miller, who was in the back room understood, however, and stuck his head out the window answering, "No, there has been no one here." By this time the old man had gotten near enough to understand Mr. Fox and told him that such a man as he wanted was in the house. About this time Dwight had broken into a back room and arrested Miller. He was then taken back to the ranch, and from there brought to Childress where he was landed safely in jail to await legal proceedings.

An Error.

In a recent edition of The Hesperian reference was made to the candidacy of T. F. Casey for the office of Tax Assessor of Floyd County in a signed statement by Mr. Casey. In the proof of the article and the subsequent publication Mr. Casey's statement was made to read that he is asking for the office of Tax Collector, though this is not the case, and Mr. Casey is running for assessor. Mutual friends of The Hesperian and Mr. Casey called our attention to the error, correction of which we are pleased to make in justice to the voters as well as Mr. Casey himself.

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by local applications, as they cannot reach the diseased portion of the ear. There is only one way to cure deafness, and that is by constitutional remedies. Deafness is caused by an inflamed condition of the mucous lining of the Eustachian Tube. When this tube is inflamed you have a rumbling sound or imperfect hearing, and when it is entirely closed Deafness is the result, and unless the inflammation can be taken out of this tube restored to its normal condition, hearing will be destroyed forever; nine cases out of ten are caused by Catarrh, which is nothing but an inflamed condition of the mucous surfaces. We will give One Hundred Dollars for any case of Deafness (caused by catarrh) that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure. Send for circulars, free. F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O. Sold by Druggists, 75c. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

Amarillo May get Chance To See "Golden Chasis"

Amarillo may get a chance to see the "Golden Chasis" which is now being exhibited by the Studebaker Corporation at various cities throughout the country. Sam Vaughn, local Studebaker dealer, has received word from the Studebaker headquarters that it may be possible to have the "Golden Chasis" come to Amarillo, at the close of the Stock Show in Fort Worth next month. The wonderful exhibit cost the Studebaker people some \$25,000.00 and it is stated that over three hundred fifty ounces of pure gold was used in the construction of the chasis.—Amarillo News.

Healthy young Locust trees for sale at my place two miles southeast of Floydada, 35 cents each. See V. M. Massie at the old Rice place. 3tp.

Abernathy and Mickey Play Basket Ball at Petersburg.

Abernathy and Mickey Basketball teams played a very interesting game at Petersburg on Tuesday of last week, on the occasion of the School Celebration of Washington's Birthday, at which time other appropriate exercises were held. The Mickey team was winner of the basketball game, the final score being 17 to 14.

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New Overland Owners.

J. D. Starks reports the sale of two Model 83 Overlands during the past week. These were made to L. M. Flanary and S. D. Irwin.

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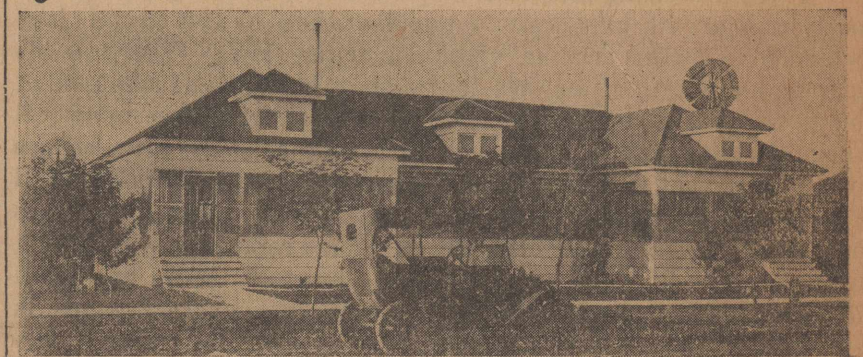
The old residence on the farm which has been known as the Burrus Place for the past several years, has been torn down and another is taking its place. V. F. Hodge owns the quarter on which it is located and he will soon move to it.

The old residence was built in the spring of 1891.

R. H. Ashton owns another quarter of the section and has recently built a dwelling on his land and otherwise well improved it.

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PUBLIC SENTIMENT AND PETTY CRIME.

Plainview Herald:

The thirty-five bills returned by the grand jury in the District Court shows that that body means business. That thirty-five bills were returned, mostly on two offenses, gaming and speeding on public highways, would indicate that violations of anti-gaming and anti-speeding laws have been many.

Petty gambling in Plainview has been in a measure condoned by public sentiment, which has not been strong enough against the evil to stamp it out. It is surprising to note the attitude some well-meaning people have assumed in this regard. A friendly slap on the back, light jest, wink of the eye or open, light conversation, making light of court action to those who have been convicted or who have pled guilty, has deluded many of Plainview's boys and young men into believing their offense is light and that public sentiment subtly commends them, or at least that to a majority of their friends an indictment by a grand jury means little.

It is a serious thing to be arraigned before court for violation of law, and the effect of a grand jury indictment are not to be turned off just as so much water from a duck's back. The debonaire hail-fellow-well-met youth feels a certain pride in appearing to his fellows to be of a strong spirit. In their company he makes light of his aggressions and uses them as a capital, but deep in his soul he feels that remorse of conscience which every man feels on wrong-doing; he knows there will always be on his name a stigma, a mark of disgrace. He may "come back" and overcome the evil effects and live off to a certain extent the shadow, but it remains with him and in after life someone is always ready to resurrect the skeleton. Many a man has found himself at some critical period of his life confronted with some sin of his earlier life. Sometimes an action which in itself is nothing more than indiscreet and unwise will confront him to his hurt.

There are young men in Plainview now under indictment for petty crimes with bills presented against them by the grand jury which investigates criminal violations of the law. There is no man so indifferent to his own future usefulness and so careless of his good name that he can absolutely dismiss from his mind all thought of his offense. In his petty gaming or other petty crimes it is seldom that criminal intent impels him to act; indiscretion and carelessness lay down the bars and he steps over. But that does not lessen the stigma on his character. A grand jury is simply a body of men—just men like other men—but that body has been delegated certain powers, and they determine whether there is evidence of guilt sufficient to arraign men before the courts. It's a serious thing to be indicted by a grand jury, and every right thinking American will tell you the same thing.

The real idea of courts and their excuse for existance is that they shall tend to correct crime. That fines and jail and penitentiary sentences are given by the courts as punishment for crime, and for that alone is erroneous. A fine does not license a crime; it is retribution to society, which has been injured by the criminal. Our courts are becoming more and more corrective in their nature every day. The stern judge or harsh officer of law is coming to be a man of the past. It is much to the credit of the sheriff of Hale County that, in handling the cases of the thirty five against whom bills were returned by the grand jury, his attitude toward the boys was that of an elder brother. The sound advice he gave many of those young men was the same that he would have given his own boy under the same condition. Men are sympathetic, but not necessarily relenting. The vigilance and persistency of the officers of Hale County does not mean that these men are hostile to those whom they have arraigned, but it does show that they did just what they said they would do when they took their oaths, and the people of Hale County in general should expect no more of their officers and jurymen than they are willing to do themselves.

You can't shift the burden on those who have been indicted but some blame rests on the people of Plainview for not asserting themselves more often and more forcibly and for not "standing hitched."

Peculiarly enough, none of us are greatly touched by grave situations even of vital importance to ourselves, unless the situations lie close to our own door. In Washington is being enacted the most momentous history of the nation in five decades, and the men whom we have selected as our representatives there are the men who are playing the parts. There is no way of determining at this time just how the actions of the Congress and the President within the next four weeks may effect the lives of millions of the people of the nation in a most grave way. The attitude which the United States must or may assume toward other nations of

the world, especially the belligerent nations of Europe is overwhelming every other consideration in the capitol at this time.

But how much thought are you giving to this matter to day? None, we venture. The casual things had sway.

Perhaps, the only time we really become aroused on public matters is on election day, when we sometimes travel twenty miles to connect a good friend with a \$2000 job. We grasp that easily. It is at our own door. Conversation relative to a two hundred million dollar Congressional Appropriation or a National Highway for Defense Act at the same time would be dispirited; the crowd would dwindle down to one in two minutes, amid loud and prolonged yawns from the by standers.

The Railroads Set a Good Example.

If there is one thing in which the railroads excel the patrons whom they serve to the most marked extent, this one thing would probably be called civic cleanliness, and a regard for the appearances.

It must be noted that the local station is a bright, cleanly place, though railroads could beg the manner of their business as a justification for uncleanliness as well as any industry, or resident in the town. The yards are cleaned regularly, too.

Perhaps we might follow the example thus set forth to good advantage; a town should be as proud of its appearance as is the railroad company which serves it

One can hardly blame the month of February for the variety of weather furnished. It must be recalled that Groundhog Day was partially cloudy, and while we may have expected Mr. Groundhog to come out from his burrow for his annual forecast in the warm afternoon, still he may have and evidently did choose the few cloudy hours. It is painful to chronicle this fact concerning an animal, which usually follows precedent and does as he is expected to do. However, there are those who "told us so."

Are you for cleanliness, an attractive town and good health? Perhaps, you say, this question is unnecessary. This is merely a reminder that the remainder of this week and Monday is a good time to prepare for the general clean-up in Floydada, which is scheduled for Tuesday.

In view of the general interest in Clean-Up day set for Tuesday of next week, it is a safe venture to say that a Cut-Cost Sale on Rakes would have good patronage.

When you have cleaned up your premises, why would it not be a good idea to figure with the paint man on two or more coats of paints? That dwelling would receive the paint gratefully. Paint helps appearances wonderfully.

Lack of civic pride has been the beginning of the downfall of many a town, otherwise soundly and sanely located and fitted out to make a city. Pride in your town's appearances as well as in your own premises are evidence of the builders of cities.

Transportation of Live Stock.

A. M. Hove

The marketing problem is a serious one to the producer and not least to the live stock grower. It is a question of reaching a good market with reasonable speed. In early days the cowman trailed his cattle long distances. Was the season favorable he might reach market without a serious loss on the way or excessive shrinkage.

In time the railroad built into the cattle country and carried the stock to market. But even then the losses were great from overloaded cars, weak cattle, delayed trains, and bad weather conditions. The claim agent was a busy man.

But the carrying of live stock has been wholly revolutionized. The Santa Fe Railway, a great live stock road, for instance is today giving very careful attention to stock shipments. Additional service like the weekly live stock special out of Slaton, is provided as the country developments. This special by way of Plainview to Amarillo makes the run to Kansas City in about thirty hours.

"The Live stock trains are so scheduled," says F. S. Brooks the General Live Stock Agent of the Santa Fe, "as to arrive at market centers in ample time for the benefit of the early morning market. In order to operate our trains on schedule, the shipper must co-operate."

"In our campaign looking to the improvement of the service, we did not overlook overhauling our transit feed yards by the installation of modern feeding and

watering facilities. The Santa Fe handles annually about 115,000 cars of live stock of all kinds and ages. It is no small task to surround the movement with such supervision as will insure proper care and expedite handling." Mr. Brooks continued.

Taken all in all the transportation of live stock is revolutionized.

Mrs. E. C. Henry Hostess for the Mission Society.

We are always glad when Mrs. Henry opens her doors of hospitality and says come to my home, for a few hours of recreation and pleasure. Twenty-five of us met there the second Monday. Each brought their crochet and we spent the time from 2:30 to 4 in conversation and reporting the sick. We had as visitors Mrs. Fain, of Lubbock; Mrs. McDonald, Mrs. Stallings, Mrs. Gule Snodgrass.

Mrs. Henry was assisted by Mrs. Edd Thompson and Miss Myrtle in serving us with hot light bread, butter, potato chips, hot chocolate and whipped cream. We enjoyed the evening as we used to when Mrs. Henry served us in her dug out kitchen. We want every member to be present at Mrs. Adams' as Miss Ona's guests the 13th of March.

A Guest.

Teacher Entertains Class at Martha Washington Party.

On February twenty-second the ladies of the Epworth Sunday School Class gathered at the home of Mrs. McDonald dressed in Martha Washington costumes. At eight in the evening the gentlemen came and all drew hatchets for partners, and were afterwards motored to the home of Mrs. P. H. Flynn, where a very pleasant evening was spent playing games. Dainty refreshments were served to the following guests: Misses Steen, Ethie and Sabre Thagard, Armstrong, Felton, Moore, Bessie Thompson, Colville, Hughes, Maxwell, Young, Miller, Slaughter, Brown, Williams, Myrtle Thompson; Messrs. Arthur and Birdsley Barker, Martin, Allen, McGuire, Bishop, Thompson, Snodgrass, Yearwood, Henry, Maxwell, Hall, Daniel, Armstrong, Raymond and Earl French.

Mission Notes.

We had a good number out Monday, the 28th. Four visitors, will say, come again, we are always glad to have you. We want to make a payment on our church lots April the first, so let every circle get busy. We can save interest by making fifty

dollars or more.

We have our books, "Home Missions in Action." Will have first chapter Monday Sister Lane will hear the class. Come, bring some one with you. Press Reporter.

Hats Cleaned and Blocked.

Let me have your hat to send to the Panhandle Steam Laundry to have it cleaned and blocked for \$1.50. Leave it at Palace Barber Shop next door to Post Office. or phone 159. D. E. Pitts, Agent.

H. S. Haines has moved to the Pool residence across the block south from the Reagan Garage.

Binder for Sale.

Cheap, six-foot McCormack. See R. L. Hinkson. ltp

Announcements

Subject to the action of the Democratic Primary, 1916.

For District Attorney, 64th Judicial District:

AUSTIN C. HATCHELL.
GEO. L. MAYFIELD.

For Co. and Dist. Dierk.
TOM W. DEEN.

For County Judge:
E. P. THOMPSON

For County Attorney:
C. K. HOLLOWAY.

For Treasurer Floyd County:
MRS. ADDIE THAGARD.

For Tax Assessor:
FRED A. GRIFFITH.

A. A. WHYTE.
ROBT. E. JONES.

T. F. CASEY.
B. C. WILLIS.

For Sheriff & Tax Collector:
J. B. JENKINS.

J. A. GRIGSBY.
SAM I. FARNSWORTH.

R. M. (BUD) BROYLEL.

For Commissioner Pre. No. 1:
W. E. SMITH.

For Commissioner Pre No. 4:
W. F. WEATHERBEE.

For Justice of Peace, Pre. No. 1:
T. J. MCNEELY.
J. C. GAITHER.

Buy Your Spring Hats Early.

I have just returned from market and have bought all the latest in Millinery. I have trimmed hats in all the latest styles from **\$2.85 UP.**

My trimmer for this season is Miss Witt, of Dallas. She has trimmed in Brownwood, and trimmed six seasons in Athens,—both town of seven and eight thousand inhabitants. She would be glad to have you come in and get acquainted, and let her show you the hats.

O. B. OLSON

Phone No. 10

Floydada, Texas.

MILLINERY

FAIR STORE

Here you will see new and striking ideas in Small Hats, Medium Hats, Large Hats and of the between sizes--no two being alike. ¶ You may read in them the true story of the new hat modes, not merely as they are, but as they will be.---The ideas of the Millinery Masters that not merely show but really are the trend. ¶ And the trend is colors.--Bright new colors, harmonies and contrasts, then colors of that mysterious softness that defies analysis, and that lends dignity as well as charm.

FLOWERS! 🌸 FLOWERS!! 🌸 FLOWERS!!!

Miss Kathleen Henry a true Millinery Artist is here for the season, and will be much pleased to meet our friends and customers.

NEWELL-LISTON COMPANY

Lower Rates Ordered on Crosbyton-South Plains Railway

Shippers on the Crosbyton-South Plains Railway Company have been granted their petition to the Railroad Commission of Texas requesting an order declaring the Crosbyton-South Plains Railway and the Panhandle & Santa Fe Railway as under one management and control so that single line rates will apply on rates between points thereon. Formerly a differential existed.

AT THE CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

Bible School 9:45 a. m.
Preaching, and Communion, 11 a. m.
Preaching 7:30 p. m.
If you are a member of the Christian Church it is your duty to come, if you are not, come and we will try to make it pleasant for you.
J. F. Mathews, Pastor.

Hillsboro Tailor Moves Here.

W. A. Smith, of Hillsboro, Texas, has moved to Floydada and has entered the tailoring business, leasing the Glad Snodgrass tailoring plant. He will occupy the rear of Glad's store, as the shop has under previous management. Mr. Smith's family joins him here this week.

J. S. King, who has had charge of the tailoring business during the past two months, is employed in the gent's furnishing department of the store beginning with this week.

LOST--Bonnet, ruffled all round, white with small blue figure. Trimmed in braid. If found please return to Mrs. W. A. Parks. 1tc

James Brown wants \$60,000 of Vendors Lien Notes this month. 1tc

Much interest has been taken in the report contained in last week's Hesperian to the effect that the report of the financial condition of the city of Floydada would be made in July, following the close of the fiscal year June 30th.

To satisfy the insistent demand of so many of the tax-payers the Hesperian believes that the council would be justified in making the report at an early date. While the law prescribes the close of the fiscal year as the time for the report, we presume there is no law prohibiting the men responsible for the funds making a report whenever they may deem it for the good of the town.

If the mayor and council feel

justified in going to the expense of formulating a report The Hesperian makes the offer in good faith to publish it at this time without charge to the city. This offer does not apply, of course, to the regular annual report which is part of the routine of the city's business.

Buy your Sunday dinner at Slaughter's Saturday. Dressed chickens, pies, cakes, etc Methodist Circles 5 and 6. 1tc

Advance showings of spring and summer merchandise have been the features of the window displays at the various dry goods houses over Floydada during the past two weeks.

Program for The Cumberland Presbyterian Children's Band.

For Sunday, March 5th, 1916.
Song No. 93.
Leader--Lela Barton.
Prayer--Anna King.
Scripture reading--Thelma Williams.
Reading--Oris King.
Story of Mary--Inez Morris.
Sentence prayer--By Band.
Song No. 139.
Lord's Prayer--Bertha Chamlee.

For Sale.

35 Acres, one mile Southwest on Route 1 at a bargain and on easy terms; also 40 acres old land and 15 sod to rent.
1tc R. C. Scott.

The steps leading in to the Wild Onion School House were stolen a few nights ago. The Deputy Constable was put on the case and has several of our good citizens under suspicion, as he passed a house where a mass meeting on the road question was being held on the night of the crime, and over heard one of the speakers say that steps would be taken at once to repair the bridge.--Childress Index.

Miss Witt, who is milliner for the Olson Store millinery Department this season, arrived the latter part of last week and has assumed her duties at that store. Next Tuesday is clean-up day.

OUR PUBLIC FORUM

H. N. Pope

ON OUR EDUCATIONAL SYSTEM.

Our educational system is more in need of intelligent consideration than any other public institution supported by the people. There has been much said and done about our penitentiary system and making good citizens out of criminals is a laudable undertaking, but children are more important and more numerous than convicts, and we should all go to school a part of the time and keep out of the penitentiary all the time. Our educational system has defects both natural and acquired which should be remedied. I will mention a few of them:



We have in Texas a half million children of scholastic age that do not attend school. The census enumerators found that 42 per cent of our children of school age were not enrolled in any kind of a school. The average annual attendance of those who do enter is 56 days, and we rank 42nd with other States in this respect. Seven per cent of our white and 25 per cent of our colored population that is ten years of age and over is unable to read and write, and if we do not overcome illiteracy more rapidly in the future than we have in the past decade, it will require three generations for all our people to become able to read and write. A comparison of our percentage of illiteracy with other states shows that we rank 38th and we have remained stationary in relative position during the past decade. This defect could, it seems, be best remedied by a compulsory educational law, and the Farmers' Union has always stood for such legislation. Texas is one of the six remaining states that has never adopted a compulsory educational law, and these states are at the bottom of the list in illiteracy.

Turning to the other extreme we will examine the finished product of our educational system regarding the State University as a basis. In looking over a recent bulletin issued by the University listing the occupations of nearly a thousand graduates after leaving the University we find that 53 per cent have been elected to office, and probably half the remainder were beaten in the race for office, making a total of 75 per cent politicians with, of course, an occasional statesman. Many of these boys soon after they graduate get into the legislature and sow their wild oats on the statute books. Thirty-five per cent of the University's male graduates are lawyers, and many times they take good plow hands and make poor lawyers out of them. Every time the University turns out a lawyer it thrusts upon society an expense of thousands of dollars, and it costs the people approximately \$900.00 to educate one, for the tax payer supports the University. It must be said to the credit of the University, however, that it has among its graduates some of the most capable citizens of Texas.

The farmers of this state want the University and favor higher education, and we must have lawyers in reasonable quantities and statesmen are a necessity in government, but the educational system of Texas needs a general overhauling, and the farmers want to hear the subject discussed.

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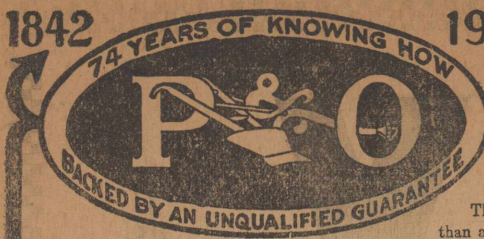
It has stood the Test. It will do as much if you Try it. Make your next sack White Billows.

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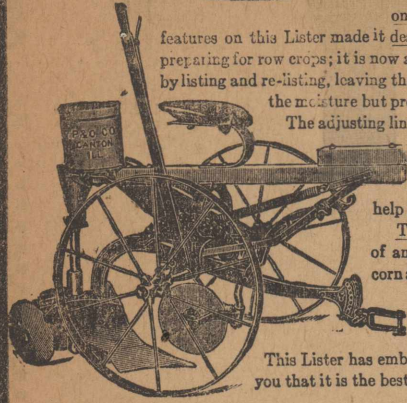


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The P. & O. No. 111 Lister

This Lister is known by farmers wherever sold as P. & O. No. 111, but the improved type is called No. 111 on account of important improvements.

There are more of them in the hands of farmers than all other makes combined—over 2,000 sold by one dealer in one county in West Texas. The special features on this Lister made it deserving of its immense sale. Its use is not confined to preparing for row crops; it is now almost universally used for plowing for small grain crops by listing and re-listing, leaving the ground in oval waves, which not only catches and holds the moisture but prevents the loose soils of the West from blowing away.



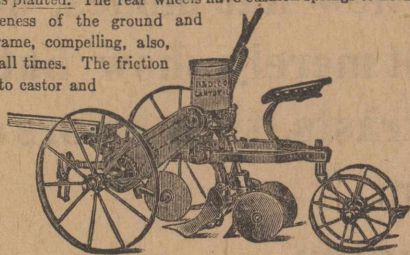
The adjusting link on front end of beam is an important exclusive feature on the No. 111, absolutely preventing the point from running below the desired depth. The wheels are provided with dust-proof boxes, an immense help in the sandy loam lands of the West.

The feeding device absolutely deposits one seed at a time of any of the row crops, besides can be equipped for both corn and cotton. You will have to see this wonderful improvement to appreciate it. The tilting hoppers allow change of plates without emptying them. Furnished with either disc or shovel covers.

This Lister has embodied many other important features that will convince you that it is the best on the market.

The P. & O. No. 123 4-Wheel Lister

This Lister has all the advantages of the No. 111 and in addition has rear wheels. This is desired in many localities as it enables the operator to see the seed as planted. The rear wheels have cushion springs to hold them in line with the row and following the unevenness of the ground and conform to the ridge without straining the rear frame, compelling, also, the Lister to remain in proper working position at all times. The friction lock disengages automatically, allowing the wheels to castor and turn round in a very small space.



We manufacture the most complete line of Two Row Implements on the market. Ask your dealer and if you cannot be supplied through him, write us for circular and special introductory offer.

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The Place to Get your Money's Worth.

We have Flour both soft and hard, wheat Brand, Cotton Seed Meal and Cake, Seed Oats, Feed Oats, Hay, Maize Heads and the best Coal you ever burnt.

We are in the market for different kinds of grain and feed stuff. Will make you prices right. It will pay you to see us before you buy or sell.

J. S. DICKEY,
Manager.

Another Snake Story.

The News man is in receipt of a letter from T. E. Womack of Moran, enclosing a beautiful check for subscription renewal to the 'Great Family Journal,' for which he will please accept our thanks. In addition to this, Mr. Womack tells us a snake

story that "has something" on most every anecdote of the kind we know of. A bunch of men and boys pulled one hundred and ten snakes from one den in the vicinity of Moran—six coach whips and 104 rattlers. From another den near by, they got two coach whips and 54 rattlers. Making a total from the two dens of 166 snakes. A picture taken of the snakes strung along on a barb wire fence, confirms the story, so if any one is disposed to doubt the accuracy of this report, he may come and look at the picture and count them. As Mr. Womack suggests, if any one is "from Missouri" we can sight him. The News man can testify that it's "some snakey picture."—Clarendon News.

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Leave Floydada 8:00 A. M. Arrive Matador 2:10 P. M.
Arrive Roaring Springs 11:30 A. M. Arrive Floydada 6:00 P. M.

RATES: Floydada to Roaring Springs or Matador, \$3.50.
Round Trip \$6

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FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Greek Athletics and Modern.

A recent guess of a college girl that the Greek verb gymnazein, "to exercise," meant "to do tricks," is a striking illustration of the slight effect that the real purpose of the gymnasium has as yet on our view of physical education. We still have much to learn from the ancients. In this connection the following paragraph from Mr. Norman Gardner's book on Greek Sports and Festivals is of general interest.

"The practical value of these exercises explains their importance in Greek education. They constituted what the Greeks described as 'gymnastic,' the term 'athletic' being properly confined to competition. Gymnastics trained the body as music trained the mind. There was no artificial separation, no antagonism between the two such as disfigures much of our modern education. The one was a complement of the other: together they comprised the whole of Greek education. An ill trained body was as much a sign of an ill-educated man as ignorance of letters, and the training of the body by athletic exercises distinguished the Greek from the barbarian. The training began often as early as seven, but it did not end at the age when the boys leave school. The Greek did not consider his education finished at the age of sixteen, and he continued the training of body and mind till middle age or later, daily resorting to the gymnasium for exercise and recreation."

The Remedy.

Diner—Waiter, this knife is dull and this steak is like leather. Waiter—How would it do to strop the knife on the steak, sir?

See E. P. Parrish for pianos and piano benches, also, expert Piano Tuning. Phone 13. 2tc

CALVES IN DEMAND.

Young Beef Animals, Swenson Manager Says, Have Supplanted Aged Steers in Popularity.

"In former years aged steers were in best demand, but a great change has come and today the calf is the most popular in the cattle line." Frank Hastings, manager of the four large cattle ranches of Swenson Brothers, covering a large part of 10 counties in the lower Panhandle territory of Texas, with headquarters at Stamford, made this statement. On the four Swenson ranches there are being wintered 16,000 head of cows, probably the largest number of cows owned by one ranch outfit in the southwest. Calves are being dropped now, and calving will go on until late in May. For 14 years Mr. Hastings has been manager of these ranches.

"Cattle feeders seem to prefer young animals now," Mr. Hastings added. "According to market reports, the well finished baby beef sells more readily than steers weighing 1,500 pounds. The farmers who feed young cattle of good quality have a help in the growth of the animal, while those who feed aged steers must simply put on fat and receive no weight through growth. As the cost of feed in recent years has become a great factor, it is not to be wondered at that so many feeders are turning to young animals for feeding purposes. Butchers inform us that the light carcass cuts up to a better advantage than the carcass of steers of heavy weight."—Fort Worth Livestock Reporter.

75 acres sod for rent, 3 miles of town, \$1 per acre. Earl French. 2tp.

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Terrific Brain Storms.

There is a time when South Plains folks want to take the effervescent associated press reporter by the neck and shake him until his addled brains are either jarred into some sensible thinking condition or scrambled so that he will not be able to draw on his imagination when writing in dispatches to the daily papers. Almost every time that there is a real winter storm sweeping the northern states this unthinking reporter gets busy. He is usually located in Fort Worth or Dallas and always closes his telegram of storm conditions by adding that "A terrific blizzard is sweeping the Plains." He is several hundred miles from the Plains and doesn't know whether there is a storm here or not, but he sticks that thrilling clause on his report anyway.

As a matter of fact the real blizzards that come to the South Plains in one generation can be counted on the thumbs of one hand. A blizzard is a snow storm that destroys life and carries devastation in its path. In the northern states the thermometer drops to about 40 degrees below and people and livestock never go outside of shelter until the storm, which oftentimes lasts several days, has abated.

Zero weather on the South Plains is always record winter weather, and the thermometer seldom stays at freezing for twenty-four hours continuously. Thousands of high grade cattle live on the South Plains out of doors the year round without shelter, and there is never fatalities among the stock from severe weather. This keeping of stock the year round without shelter and without loss from severe weather is sufficient to discredit such "terrific blizzard" reports; but the public which reads the associated press dispatches doesn't know the real conditions here.

Oh, for a way to squelch the nincompoop that never saw the Plains and yet sends climatic and crop reports on this section to the daily papers! His terrific blizzards are only terrific brain storms.—Slatonite.

Two unfurnished rooms to rent to someone without children. Call at the Hesperian office. 2tp.

Notice of Limited Partnership.

We, the subscribers, have this day entered into a limited partnership agreeably to the provisions of the Revised Statutes, Title 102 relating to limited partnership, and do hereby certify that the name of the firm under which said partnership is to be conducted is Jones & Mitchell; that the general nature of the business to be transacted is the buying and selling of all kinds of hardware and furniture, and the same will be transacted in the city of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas; that the names of the general partners of the said firm are C. S. Jones and C. W. Mitchell both of the city of Floydada, Floyd County, Texas; and the special partner is R. B. Mitchell, who resides in the country about 14 miles from Plainview, Hale County, Texas, that the capital contributed by the said special partner is \$2000.00 in cash; that the period at which said partnership is to commence is the 8 day of February A. D. 1916 and that it will terminate on the 1st day of February A. D. 1921.
C. S. JONES
C. W. MITCHELL
General Partners.
R. B. MITCHELL
Special Partner.
6tc-224.

Mules For Sale

21 head of good young mules, coming four years old, 15 to 15½ hands high, all well built and in good flesh, ready to go to work. Tops out of 51 head.

Terms: Cash or good note. Mules located in the old Newell yard, just across the street from the Farmers' Exchange. Phone 170, or call on Robbins at his office rear First State Bank Building, Floydada, Texas.
Robbins & Gamble, tf.

Full Blood Fawn and White Indian Runner drakes, also Silver Laced Wyandott cockerels, \$1.00 each. Mrs. W. H. Baker, Floydada.

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Be Careful

Don't tinker with your electric starting and lighting system. Storage batteries and such things are our specialty. We banish battery ills.

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Editor "Swaps Horses" with The Boys to Get Subscriptions

Different folks credit different newspapermen with having different kinds of attributes, usually the needless kind, but West Texas folks ought to appreciate the editor of the Texas Spur at Spur thoroughly. These comments are suggested by the following article in The Spur of last week's issue.

"W. H. Taylor of the Steel Hill country, was in Spur the latter part of last week and while here traded us a horse for subscriptions to the Texas Spur. We are always ready and willing to accommodate our friends to the end that the Texas Spur subscription list will be increased and accounts settled. In past years we have indulged in the "horse trading" business to a limited extent and claim to be somewhat of a "judge of good horse flesh" and in making trades we invariably depended upon our own judgment and rarely asked any questions concerning the age, peculiarities or disposition of an animal submitted to our inspection. The animal acquired in this instance was peculiarly adapted to trading purposes and in every respect would meet the requirements of an expert horse "swapper," and in view of such circumstances the animal remained in our possession only a very short time, he being disposed of at a fair margin of profit and satisfaction in the diversion of horse swapping."

We suggest that Editor McClure is entitled to honorary membership in The Panhandle Press Association, the Hoss-Traders' Association of America, and an honorary degree from the Department of Applied Economics of The State University of Texas. He should also be made to pay a Federal Income Tax, for being a "good manager."

Harness and Shoe Shop.

Located North side of Square. Open each work day of the week. We use the best of material in our work. We carry a line of material for curtain work. Bring your work and give us a trial. We think we can please you.
O. R. Eastwood. tf.

C. C. Hammonds was up during the week from Southland, Texas, where the Hammonds' have recently moved.

Good Texas rust proof oats for sale at 50 cents per bu., 4 miles southwest of Floydada.
2tp. G. D. French.

The Anthony Drain Valve.

Perfect drainage for hydrants and pipes; absolutely prevents freezing and bursting pipes. A great convenience and moderately priced. Demonstrations at any time. Guaranteed. Sold exclusively in Floyd County by
G. R. T. MASSIE
Floydada, Texas.

Another Testimonial

for
CALUMET BAKING POWDER
The President's Wedding Cake

was prepared by Mrs. Marian Cole Fisher and Miss Pansy Bowen, both of whom are known throughout the United States as experts in Domestic Science work. This Wilson-Galt Wedding Cake was worthy of the occasion in every respect. Calumet Baking Powder was used in its preparation and both the above named ladies heartily recommended Calumet Baking Powder for its purity, wholesomeness, economy and never-failing results. These ladies use Calumet exclusively in all their work.

Received Highest Award World's Pure Food Exposition, Chicago; Paris Exoosition, France, March 1912.

Farming Tools for Sale.

Including one 14 in. riding turning plow, disc harrow, 1-row riding planter, and other tools. All in fair condition, and some as good as new. V. M. Massie. 3tp.

RECIPE FOR GRAY HAIR.

To half pint of water add 1 oz. Bay Rum, a small box of Barbo Compound, and ¼ oz. of glycerine. Apply to the hair twice a week until it becomes the desired shade. Any druggist can put this up or you can mix it at home at very little cost. Full directions for making and use come in each box of Barbo Compound. It will gradually darken streaked, faded gray hair, and removes dandruff. It is excellent for falling hair and will make harsh hair soft and glossy. It will not color the scalp, is not sticky or greasy, and does not rub off.

\$100,000.00

To Loan on Plains Land. Interest Rate reasonable.

Abstracts on short notice to all Floyd County Land or Town Lots.

Land for sale to Homeseekers with small Cash payment. Balance Easy.

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For Men,
Women and
Children**

Our store is brimful of good merchandise. We made a very careful selection while in the market; we feel absolutely sure we can take care of your needs for the Spring and Summer Season.

Our Gents' Furnishing Department is more complete than ever before; Schloss Bros. Suits for men and Young men are worthy of your consideration if you are at all in the market for a new Spring Suit. Priced from \$15 to \$30. They have the Quality and Style.

See our line of Hats; they are quite unique in their Appearance. Sport Shirts the very latest. Come to Price-Foster's and see the many new things we take pleasure in showing you through.

"The Store of High Quality and Low Price."



**DIXIE
Underwear
for Men,
Women and
Children**



Dresses for the Little folks, Sizes 2 to 14; priced 50c to \$1.25.

PRICE-FOSTER

FLOYDADA,

TEXAS.

Caution.

Under the above heading the Bankers of the Southern States are sending out the following statement, which is signed by the Conference of Cotton States Bankers:

"With a shortage of ships to move our cotton to foreign shores; with no indication of the end of war; with the Nation stirred over preparedness for eventualities; with the buying power of the entire world gradually lessening day by day, it becomes our duty to issue this formal warning as the time of cotton planting is at hand.

"Let every one encourage the farmer to be on the safe side, by raising plenty of feed and food for the community, as well as for himself, his family and his livestock. (A calf, a pig, chickens and a garden often mean the difference between want and money ahead.) Economical and safe living for all as well as "safe farming" must be the rule if prosperity is to abide with us.

"Six cent cotton this fall would spell disaster in the cotton states. Low price follows over-supply as certainly as the night the day. High prices and prosperity over the South this year prove what voluntary reduction of cotton acreage does. Any marked increase in acreage over last year is going to result in a great loss to Southern cotton producers,

merchants and bankers, and will similarly affect all allied business and professions."

Cumberland Church.

The Willing Workers Band will be entertained at the home of Rev. B. L. Baits south west of town Saturday afternoon from 3:30 P. M. to 6 P. M. We are hoping that the members may attend.

Services at the Cumberland Presbyterian Church. 1st and 3rd Sundays. Sunday School at 10. Preaching at 11 A. M. and at 4:30 P. M.

Willing workers Bands Meets at 3. P. M.

Rev. B. L. Baits. Pastor.

Last Friday afternoon the Junior basketball teams of the Floydada and Hillcrest schools played basketball on the Hillcrest grounds, in which game the team from Floydada were winners by a score of 34 to 31.

The line-up of the two teams was:

H'crest Po. F'da.
Hal Bruner RF, Vern Nelson.
Will Allcorn LF, E. Thompson.
Keith Bruner C, Flynn Thagard.
Ouf Miller, RG Hollis Moore.
Charlie Lewis, LG, J. B. Bartley

White Orphington eggs \$1.50 per setting delivered at Floydada. Mrs. Ola Raley, Floydada, Route 2. 2tp.

Eubanks Cafe for Good Eats and good service. South Side Square. tfc.

Mrs. E. F. Lewis, of Wellington, Texas, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. S. McCoy, is visiting this week with her parents, having arrived Tuesday afternoon.

Two 5-year-old work horses for sale. See L. A. Morris, at White Grocery Co. 2tp.

Carbon paper at Hesperian.

If You Are a Gentleman

(Record)

You will be kind.
You will not use slang.
You will try to make others happy.

You will never indulge in ill-natured gossip.

You will never forget the respect due to age.

You will not measure your civility by people's bank accounts.

You will be scrupulous in your regard for the rights of others.

You will not forget engagements, promises, or obligations of any kind.

You will never make fun of the peculiarities or idiosyncrasies of others.

You will never under any circumstances cause another pain if you can help it.

You will not think that good intentions compensate for rude or gruff manners.

You will be as agreeable to your social inferiors as to your equals and superiors.

You will not have two sets of manners, one for "company" and one for home use.

You will never remind a cripple of his deformity, or probe the sore spots of a sensitive soul.

The place to find good eats on short order is at the Eubanks Cafe. South Side Square. tfc.

Miss Kathleen Henry, of Dallas, Texas, is here for the season to work with the Newell-Liston Co., as trimmer in the millinery department. She reached Floydada Monday afternoon.

Cow and Calf For Sale.

Also two young mares four and five years old. See Scott King. 2tc.

E. Vandeventer, of Plainview, was transacting business in Floydada Tuesday.

McCoy Dots.

"Everything is lovely and the goose hangs high," may be applied to this community for the present. The cold snap was a means of causing colds, but none are severe so far.

There is little sickness in this neighborhood now. There is a complaint already for the swimming hole" but some are forbidden so far as we know.

The farmers are still busy and if nothing hinders will soon be ready for a nice rain. The ground is in a fine state for listing, but discing is of little use as the surface of the ground is very hard. Those who have early wheat are realizing a great benefit off of the pasture.

Several farmers are waiting on a rain for breaking sod. There will probably be a good acreage of sod this year.

A large crowd was out here for the evening services Sunday. Both preaching and the Union Sunday School were receivers of the crowd.

Rev. Mathews, of Floydada, was motored to this place Sunday evening to fill his regular appointment, by Dr. Andrews of the same place.

Frank H. McSpadden has moved into his new residence near this place. He and his wife expect to make this neighborhood their home.

Mr. McCoy, an old time resident, has sold out and left for western states. Mr. Comer has bought his farm and resides at the same place.

The school has had a very good attendance of late. The Literary will meet next Saturday night, the 4th, and render a program.

A crowd of youngsters from Floydada, including J. B. Bartley, Jim Shurbet, and the Misses Shurbet, Moore, and Manning attended evening services at

McCoy Sunday. It is hoped that more will attend.

Mesdames Block, Newell and Hilburn, of Floydada, visited Mrs. C. Lincoln last week.

A. L. Hurst went to Floydada last Friday.

W. J. Berry spent last Friday and Saturday in Floydada.

R. N. Hamilton took poultry to town last Friday.

G. W. Phipps was in Floydada Friday on business.

W. W. Smith went to town last week.

A party was given at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Frank McSpadden last week.

Prof. Whyte, of this school went to Lockney Friday evening and remained over until Sunday night.

K. G. Elliot went to town last Saturday on business.

W. H. Furrow and family went to Floydada last Saturday.

Joe Pelphey and wife came out from Floydada last Saturday and stayed over until Sunday

with home folks.

Charlie Payne was in town Saturday and traded for a Ford car.

Edd Cox and M. W. Whitlow were in town last Saturday.

W. E. Smith motored to town last Saturday on business.

Mr. Caldwell took a load of maize to market Monday.

W. E. Smith went to Floydada Monday.

Joe McSpadden left for Altus, Okla., Sunday, where he may make his home.

Charles Payne went to Canyon City Sunday, where he rented a home and will move to that place and run a service car.

R. B. Caldwell went to Floydada Tuesday with maize.

Mrs. W. W. Smith is on the sick list this week.

F. P. McDermitt went to town this week.

STUPID.

Clean up next Tuesday 7th.

Moon Bros Buggies

We are glad to announce that we have just received another car of MOON BUGGIES. Our shipment includes steel and rubber tired buggies in the latest patterns to suit every taste. To say they are Moon Buggies means they are the best. Ask anyone who owns a Moon Buggy. Then let us show you these.

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ANNOUNCEMENT

Practically the entire stock of the Willis Hardware & Furniture Company will have been disposed of this week. On March 15th we will open at the same location, with an entirely new stock of Shelf and Builders Hardware, Undertakers Supplies, Furniture, Implements, Harness, Rugs and Linoleums, Buggies, Windmills, Pipe and--

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The business will be under a new management and a new policy of selling will be pursued.

When in the market for anything in our line, call and see us and we will show our appreciation by taking the best care of you possible.

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Wanted.

A place to board two orphan children, girl eleven, boy three, or a home for same. Call or write Mrs. E. Thornton.

Star Route, box 71, Floydada, 3tp.

Next Tuesday is clean up day.

Have your pictures, paintings and diplomas framed to order at Wilson's Studio. tf.

Thoroughbred Buff Orpington eggs for sale, \$1 per setting. Mrs. E. P. Thompson.

Don't forget the Main Garage gas and service station tf.

Candies, cigars, and Drug Sundries. Buy them at Floydada Drug Company. Itc.

N. S. and Clyde Frost, prominent ranchmen of Lamesa, Dawson County, were in Floydada transacting business the earlier part of the week.

White Grocery Company Poultry Shipment is 8864 Pounds.

Last Thursday and Friday A. D. White Grocery Company loaded out a half car of poultry, their total shipment being 8864 pounds consisting for the greater part of hens. Some few hundred pounds each of turkeys and fryers were included in the lot, also a few guineas and geese, but these were of negligible quantity compared with the main shipment. The price paid for hens was 10 1/2 cents.

A large number of new home builders are in this section, which has made the home market unusually good to date during the late winter. Several hundred head of poultry have been sold in quantities of a dozen to four dozen to these people.

Notice.

Notice is hereby given that original Letters of Administration upon the Estate of F. and L. J. Pelphrey, Decd. were granted to me, the undersigned, on the 15 day of February, 1916, by the County Court of of Floyd County Tex. All persons having claims against said Estate are hereby required to present the same to me within the time required by law. My residence is Abernathy, Hale County, Texas. V. Stambaugh.

Executor of the Estate of F. and L. J. Pelphrey, Decd. 4tc.

J. M. and Robert Cox, of Plains, Yoakum County, in company, with Plemon Cox, were in Floydada Monday on a visit with their brother T. M. Cox and wife while enroute home from Merit, Hunt County. Plemon Cox will remain here several days visiting with his brother.

Visit the Eubanks Cafe when you're hungry and in a hurry. South Side. tfc.

ARMY OF PROGRESS WILL PITCH TENTS ON SHOW GROUNDS

BABY BEEF AND PIG CLUB MEMBERS WILL COME TO FORT WORTH MARCH 13-18.

TO BRING EXHIBITS

Competition of Youngsters Will Be Among the Keenest of Great Stock Show—Many Special Events.

A militant army of progress, imbued with the enthusiasm of higher ideals, will pitch its tents on the grounds near the Coliseum at Fort Worth during the twentieth annual National Feeders and Breeders show, March 13-18.

No bearded men, armed with the latest rapid fire rifles and hand grenades, prepared to wreak death and destruction upon an enemy, will be found in this army. On the contrary, it will consist of bright-faced boys armed only with a desire to better the interests of their state and nation through the upbuild of the livestock industry.

Yes, the baby beef and pig club members are coming to Fort Worth in number for the big stock show and they will camp in the shadow of the Coliseum. Practically every one of these youngsters will have exhibits of baby beef or pigs in the stock show and they are just as good boosters for the event as men who have followed its fortunes for twenty years.

The baby beef and pig club movement is little more than three years old but there are hundreds of clubs and thousands of members in this state today. The movement has spread to other states and proved popular. It is generally considered one of the most helpful innovations that the livestock industry has ever known because it is rearing a race of scientific and progressive stockmen in the Southwest. Soon after its inception, the National Feeders and Breeders show recognized the value of the movement and offered liberal premiums in the various classes in which the youngsters could give competition.

However, the baby beef show, large as it is in importance to the state and the exposition as well, will be but one of a host of features that will go far towards making the coming spring event the greatest that has ever been held at Fort Worth, the cowman's capital. Exceptionally liberal awards will be made in all the classes of the stock show and the night Horse Show. The latter event promises to be the most brilliant yet held. Practically all of the old-time exhibitors of fine horses will be on hand once more and many new ones will bring their animals here to compete for the magnificent prizes.

One of the comparatively new features of the stock show will be a great exhibit of Jersey cattle. The Jersey exhibitors have decided to make an exceptionally good showing this year and, inasmuch as Texas has been in the forefront of Jersey production within the past few years, the exhibit is sure to be one of the finest held in the United States for a number of years. An auction sale of Jersey cattle will be held one day during the show.

Any number of special features will be worked up for the show. The management desires to make the event alluring for those who haven't the slightest interest in livestock. Carnival attractions will be more elaborate than in the past and the Coliseum arena will be the scene of a host of thrilling and attractive special features.

The fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association, which will be held in connection with the stock show, promises to be better than in previous years. A display of about 5,000 blooded birds, the best in the Southwest, is promised.

EVERYTHING NOW READY TO START BIG STOCK SHOW

GREATEST ARRAY OF FINE LIVESTOCK AND HORSES IS ASSURED FOR EVENT.

OPENS ON MARCH 13

Diversity of Entertainment is Provided for Crowds That Are Expected—Mystery For the Scribes.

Preparations are practically complete for the twentieth annual National Feeders and Breeders show, which will be held at Fort Worth, March 13-18. During the past few weeks, entries in great number have been received from all over Texas and adjoining states for the events of the day show and the management is confident that the greatest exhibition in the history of the event will be staged. Reports from all over Texas indicate also that vast hosts of people are preparing to visit Fort Worth during its great annual gala event.

There is no doubt now but that a finer and larger array of stock will be on hand in the vast exhibit hall in the rear of the Coliseum building. The breeders of the Southwest have been co-operating with the management of the show more heartily than ever before. The Big Round-Up, a western pageant under the direction of Miller Bros., of Bliss, Okla., promises to be an entertainment thrilling and attractive and one that will draw larger crowds than ever attended the night events of the show in the past. It supplants in a large measure the night Horse Show.

Local and foreign merchants have been busy for several days preparing their splendid exhibits in the industrial halls on either side of the Coliseum building and it is expected that this display will be the best ever held, both in number and quality of exhibits. Vast displays of silos and farm implements will be made on the show grounds.

Arrangements are complete for the round of amusements that serve as a sauce to the exhibition of livestock and the competition of fine horses. The big carnival company, signed weeks ago, will be ready to greet the crowds Saturday morning, March 11. Entries have been received for the sporting carnival, which will be held in the arena of the Coliseum, and this now bids fair to draw thousands of devotees of basket ball and kindred games. A number of pleasing events will be held in the Coliseum during lulls between the judging of the fine stock.

The Fort Worth committee of newspaper men announce that their plans for the Press Day entertainment of March 13 are now complete but they will not divulge them now, preferring to surprise their brothers of the craft.

The native division of the stock show will overflow, according to all of the information received by the management. However, ample provisions will be made to handle all entries by opening day. There is no doubt but that visitors to the show will see a much larger number of cattle from clean territory than in the past. This is due to the big tick eradication campaign that has been conducted in Texas during the past year and a half.

With the largest entry list of history, the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon association is prepared to open its fourth annual exhibition at the same time of the stock show. This exhibition is held in the poultry hall, adjoining the Coliseum, and it is anticipated that 5,000 birds will be on hand by the opening day.

Content in the realization that it has done all that can be done, the management now confidently looks forward to the greatest attendance that the stock show has ever known.

SPORT LOVERS TO BE GIVEN INNING AT THE BIG SHOW

BASKET BALL CARNIVAL WILL BE MADE FEATURE AT FORT WORTH. MARCH 13-18.

BIG AUCTION SALES

Every Class of People Will Find Pleasure in Visit to National Feeders and Breeders Show.

A great sporting carnival, which will include a basket ball tournament between many high-class teams, will be one of the side amusement features of the big National Feeders and Breeders show, to be held at Fort Worth, March 13-18.

In an effort to provide a greater variety of amusement than in previous years, the management of the show struck upon the sporting feature and has secured the co-operation of the newspapers and dozens of Fort Worth people with whom athletics is a hobby. This carnival will be staged in the big arena of the Coliseum and it is expected to draw hundreds—perhaps thousands—of people who have never yet attended a stock show and might perhaps have little interest in the central feature—the exhibits of fine livestock.

The sporting carnival is but one of the many amusement features that the show is providing for the delectation of the crowds during the big spring event. A splendid carnival company has been secured and will have numerous attractions on the Coliseum grounds. A wide variety of special attractions will be staged in the arena of the Coliseum between the judging in the different livestock events. There will be something doing every minute during the day and night shows.

In providing side features of amusement, however, the management of the show has not neglected for a minute the stock show and its sister exhibition, the Horse Show. Around \$18,000 in prizes has been provided for the day show alone. Every class and type of livestock in which the breeders of the Southwest are interested has been granted in the premium list, which was distributed several weeks ago to the producers of this section of the country. Entries already are arriving and there is every indication that the exhibit space will be more crowded than ever before in history. The date of the show was changed back to spring at the earnest solicitation of a host of the most prominent breeders and the show, therefore, will receive their heartiest co-operation.

Three big auction sales for Hereford, Shorthorn and Jersey cattle will prove of exceptional interest to the visitors interested in fine cattle. A larger array of cattle for sale is sure to be on hand and buyers are expected to flock here during the show from every section of the Southwest.

It is already assured that the Big Round-Up, a splendid wild west exhibition, under the direction of Miller Bros., of 101 Ranch Show fame, will attract larger crowds to the show by night than have been enjoyed in the past.

For the lovers of fine poultry, a more attractive offering than ever before will be provided at the fourth annual exhibition of the Fort Worth Poultry and Pigeon show, recognized as the greatest exhibit of the kind in the Southwest, which will be held in connection with the stock show. Indications are that at least 5,000 blooded birds will be on hand for the exhibition.

Table with columns: V. Reported Sold or Del., OWNER, City or Town, Addition or Division, Lot No., STATE TAXES (Block No., Ad Valorem, State School, Conf. Pension, Poll, Penalty), COUNTY TAXES (Ad Valorem, Special, Poll, District, No. District, Penalty), Total State & County Taxes.

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STATE OF TEXAS, County of Floyd. I, Tom W. Deen, County Clerk of Floyd County, Texas, do hereby certify that the foregoing 88 pages is the Delinquent Tax Record of Floyd County, Texas, and contains a correct and complete list of all lands, lots, or parts of lots which have been reported delinquent or reported as sold to the State of Texas for the years 1885 to 1914, inclusive, which have not been redeemed and upon which taxes are due or reported sold to the State of Texas, the name of the owner, if known at the time of such delinquency or sale, and the number of acres now delinquent and the amount of the taxes now due and unpaid. Said record having been filed in my office and I hereby certify same to the Commissioners' Court of said County for examination and corrections. Witness my hand and seal of office this 12th day of July, A. D. 1915. TOM W. DEEN, County Clerk of Floyd County, Texas. (SEAL) Florida, Texas, July 1915. Attest: TOM W. DEEN, County Clerk. Examined and approved this day of July, 1915. A. C. GOEN, Collector of Floyd County, Texas, do hereby going eighty-eight (88) pages, containing all of the delinquent taxes on lands and town lots in Floyd County, for all years from 1885 to 1914, both inclusive. Respectedly Submitted, A. C. GOEN, Collector. STATE OF TEXAS, County of Floyd,) ss. We, the Commissioners' Court of Floyd County, in regular session, on this 12th day of July, 1915, have examined and found correct the foregoing record of delinquent taxes on lands and town lots of Floyd County, and do hereby approve the same. E. P. THOMPSON, County Judge. I. W. HOWARD, J. F. DOLLAR, R. L. ORMON, CHAS. TROWBRIDGE, Commissioners.

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The Delinquent Tax List.

In this issue of The Hesperian appears for the third time the delinquent tax list of Floyd County from 1885 to the present time, including some 1500 delinquencies. This list is published in pursuance of a law passed by the last legislature designed to clean up old records and keep them cleaned up, as well as to make the delinquents pay their proportionate taxes. The Floyd County list is probably the smallest—at least one of the smallest in all the Panhandle, having in all about 1500 delinquent renditions. However there were approximately 3850 delinquencies on the list when compiled, more than half the delinquents having paid before the list was given to the publisher. It will thus be seen that Floyd is one county that has profited well by the delinquent law.

A hardship to some was occasioned by the passing of the law this due to the fact that while lands or lots were the property of other owners than the present one the taxes were neglected. Correction of these delinquencies however, were much better made at this date than at a later one, when the delinquencies might present a more embarrassing aspect.

L. Y. Woolsey, of Odell, Wilbarger County, is prospecting in Floyd County this week.

Thoroughbred Poland China males for sale, also some fine fall pigs. See H. E. Cannaday, or phone 144.

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Mr. Jones had gone to a distant city on business to be away for several days, and had left his wife on the farm with no companion, except a small child.

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Farming for Profit.

The ten thousand dollar prize offer of the Texas Industrial Congress for the best field crop, best livestock and best gardens during 1916, not only provides opportunity and encouragement to learn and use the best possible methods of production, but it also emphasizes a phase of work that is overlooked by probably ninety-nine out of every hundred of our rural population, the question of net profit. The best field crop, meat animal, or garden is not that which makes the largest gross yield, but the one that yields its producer the largest amount of clear money after the cost of producing it has been deducted.

In stating the conditions of its prize offer the Congress says:

"The cost of production of the crop is as important as the yield and will be considered in determining the successful contestants. This rule applies also to the cost of feeding the livestock classes.

"The rent of the land, cost of breaking the ground, preparing the seed bed, seed, planting, fertilizers, cultivation, gathering and weighing, feeding, and every other item of expense must be reported.

A careful record, by hours, must be kept of the amount of the amount of labor of every person and of every animal used in making the prize crops

"A daily record must also be kept of kind and quantity of feed and of every other item of expense incurred in the livestock classes."

Requiring contestants to keep books on their work gives them an understanding of the meaning of the net profit and enables them to visualize in a concrete way the fact that the purpose of growing crops and livestock, is not just to live, but to make clear money; and making clear money, and understanding that fact is an argument for doing these things that is more powerful, and will have more effect in preventing the flight of the farm boys and girls to the city than any other that might be made. Those interested should write to Congress at Dallas for its prize offer and application blanks to enter the contests.

Good Mules for Sale.

3 coming five-year-old mules, 16 hands high, broke; also two spans coming 4-year-old mules, unbroke, 14 hands high. Cash or good note. L. B. Maxey, tf.

See J. A. Lowry & Son for blacksmithing, horse shoeing and wood work.

Ford Sales.

Barker Bros. report the following sales during the week:

B. M. Carter, Petersburg; L. E. Williams, Petersburg; J. A. Noland, Lockney; B. F. Yearwood, city. All touring cars.

J. R. Brown and C. D. Hughes, business men of Petersburg, were in Floydada the earlier part of the week on business.

FOUND—At E. Thornton's gate east of town, on Matador road, ladies gold bracelet, upper half flower design. Owner may have same by paying for this advertisement. 1tc

Shelley Scott begins this week the improvement of land recently acquired in the Antelope Community southeast of Floydada.

Cash, paid for poultry, eggs, and hides. Rucker Produce Co., at Williams Bros. tf.

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W. E. Pack has bought the interest of G. L. Roy of the firm of Roy & Pack in the Movie Cafe, and will appreciate your continued patronage. Best of Service assured. 1tc.

Miss Mollie Crum Spirella Corsetiere and dress maker. West side town. Phone 141. 4tp.

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We are in position to make farm loans at 9 per cent ANNUAL INTEREST net, with no commission charged.

Gamble Land & Cattle Co., Floydada, Texas

Stokie Bishop, who is attending Seth Ward College, was home over Sunday and Monday with his father, A. L. Bishop, and family.

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"The Old Reliable Tailor."

New Residence.

Joe Landrum is beginning the erection of a residence on South Main. Foundation work was completed this midweek.

Mrs. N. F. Shepard, of Eulogy. Bosque County, continues very ill. Her daughter, Mrs. J. A. Huckabay, is there with her. Attending physicians do not expect Mrs. Shepard's recovery.

"BROWN'S"

Bargains for cash at the new store.

I will sell all I have of any article except sugar. I reserve the right to sell each customer only one Dollars worth of sugar. Free Delivery. Phone 179. These prices good only Saturday the 4th and Monday the 6th.

Your pennies are good at my store. "A penny saved is a friend indeed."

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| Seed Irish potatoes, per lb. 3/4c | 35c select plain olives | 22c |
| Potatoes, small quantities lb. 2 1/2c | Arm & Hammer Soda 4 pkgs. | 25c |
| Potatoes per sack \$2.20 | Harvest Home grated or | |
| Plain Flour per sack 1.75 | sliced pineapple per can | 11c |
| Marechal Neil Flour sack 1.80 | Mountain View Corn per case | 1.75 |
| Sugar 15 lbs. 1.00 | Mountain View corn per can | .8c |
| Swift Jewell 1.14 | Justice Corn per can | .9c |
| Cottolene 1.39 | Ideal sliced yellow cling | |
| King Komas 52c | peaches per can | 12c |
| Country made sorghum 59c | Altona peas per can | .9c |
| No. 3 tomatoes per can 11c | "Daddy" Sweet spuds | |
| No. 2 tomatoes per can .8c | per can | 10c |
| Pink Salmon pe can .9c | Logan Berries per can | |
| Choice red alaska per can 16c | large size | 16c |
| Vienna Sausage per can .8c | Black berries per can | |
| Potted meat per can .4c | large size | 15c |
| 7 cans American sardines 25c | C. F. C. A. Lemon Cling | |
| Mustard sardines per can .7c | peaches per can | 11c |
| Armours Chile .8c | Van Camps Hominy per can | .8c |
| Small size Pork & Beans .8c | Van Camps Kraut per can | .9c |
| Veal Loaf per can 12c | Harvest Home pitted | |
| Fancy Norwegian sardines 12c | cherries per can | .19 |
| Chipped Beef .8c | 10c garret or honest snuff | .8c |
| Spring clothes pins per doz. 7c | A good light broom | 31c |
| Search Light matches 3 boxes 10c | Small size strawberries | |
| Calumet Baking powder 25c size 19c | (packed in water) | 9c |
| K. C. Baking powder 25c size 19c | Small size black berries | |
| Artuckles coffee per pkg. 19c | Victory | 9c |
| P Berry per lb. 19c | Little cook currants per box | .8c |
| Flat grain coffee per lb. 15c | Seeded Raisins per box | .8c |
| Vanilla or Lemon extract | Stringless beans per can | .9c |
| per bottle .8c | Whole grain rice per lb. | .7c |
| All 10c spices .8c | Pink beans per lb. | .7c |
| 1 lb Jettwood pure ground | Shinola 2 boxes | 15c |
| black pepper | Gallon peaches | 32c |
| Libby's 5c milk .4c | Pure cider apple or grape | |
| Libby's 10c milk .8c | per gallon | 98c |
| Trily soap 2 bars .15c | Lima beans per lb. | .8c |
| Wild Rose soaps 2 bars .15c | Grape nuts | .12c |
| All 10c toilet soaps except | Post Toasties | .11c |
| Wild Rose per cake .7c | 25 lbs extra dry salt | .21c |
| Clean easy soap 7 bars .25c | 50 lbs " " " | .38c |
| Crystal White 7 bars .25c | 100 lbs " " " | .65c |
| Ivory soap .4c | Pepper sauce per bottle | .18c |
| Fairy Soap .4c | Bran per sack | 1.30 |
| Raven tar soap 4 bars .15c | Good lemons per doz. | .20c |
| 15c seller peanut butter .8c | Mincemeat per pkg. | .7c |
| 25c seller peanut butter .14c | English Walnuts per lb. | .18c |
| 35c seller peanut butter .19c | Crackerjack popcorn 3 for | .11c |
| Gallon Bottle pickles .79c | Brass King Wash boards | .34c |
| 35c jar pickles .19c | Puritan grape juice | .19c |
| 15c sweet spiced pickles .11c | 1 lb Panther coffee high | |
| 25c sweet chop pickles .19c | grade | .29 |
| 35c select stuffed | 3 1/2 lb Panther Coffee high | |
| olives | grade | .85c |
| 35 lbs. Pearl Meal .78c | 3 lbs White Swan Coffee | \$1.05 |
| 17 1/2 lbs Pearl Meal .43c | 1 lb White Swan coffee | .36c |

I have many more bargains too numerous to mention. Next week if my hardware gets here, I'll quote you some prices on hardware etc. Please keep your eye on my advertisements. I'll be in line--and then some.

"BROWN'S"

OPENING COCOANUTS.

How the Meat is Made Ready For the Candy-maker.

In large candy factories many cocoanuts are used. In removing the shells from these nuts there are employed men who work at this regularly, just as they would at any other trade or calling.

A cocoanut opener works at a bench. Back of him are stacked up on the floor large sacks filled with cocoanuts. At intervals he empties a sack of nuts on the bench in front of him and then he continues opening.

His only tool is a heavy all steel knife, like an all steel oyster knife with a heavy solid handle and with the other end flattened and tapered into a round pointed knife. He holds a nut on the bench in front of him and with one whack of the heavy handle he breaks the shell opening it with irregular fissures, and then with the knife end of the tool he pries off the shell and tosses the shelled nut into a basket at his side. An expert opener can shell a great many cocoanuts in a day.

But the cocoanut opener is not the only person employed at the cocoanut end of the factory. From the opener's bench the baskets of shelled nuts are removed to a table, at which sit girls who remove the brown skin with which the meat of the cocoanut is covered. Knives made specially for this purpose are used, and quickly they cut off the skin and toss the nuts into other baskets, where you see them now, not brown, but milk white.

Then the cocoanuts are dumped into a chute, down which they go to the floor below into the grinders, which break the cocoanuts up into the required degree of coarseness or fineness, and from the grinders they go to the cooking kettles, for the cocoanut for candies must be cooked before it is used. If it were used raw it would soon become sour or rancid from the oil that the cocoanut contains. When the ground up cocoanut has been passed through the cooker it is ready for manufacture into the various confections in which cocoanut meat is used.—Los Angeles Times.

Our First Cocoa.

The first newspaper notice that announced the sale of cocoa and chocolate in America read:

"Amos Trask, at his house, a little below the Bell tavern, in Danvers, makes and sells chocolate which he will warrant to be good and takes cocoa to grind. Those who may please to favor him with their custom may depend upon being well served and at a very cheap rate."

This notice appeared in the Essex Gazette of Massachusetts on the 18th of June, 1771, five years before the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Despite Mr. Trask's assurance that his rate was cheap, chocolate was very expensive and beyond the purse of any but the wealthy folk.

Even-Loss.

At one time Kid Brown, a famous dance hall proprietor and early day character of Alaska, was approached by a gambler and requested to lend him \$10. Without saying a word the Kid punched the cash register, pulled out \$5 and handed it to the gambler.

"What?" said the latter. "Didn't I ask you for a ten spot?"

The kid shifted his chew of tobacco over to the other side of his mouth, kicked his slippers in the corner and drawled in his characteristic fashion:

"We both lose five."—Everybody's.

Names of the Days.

The names of most of the days of the week have their origin in Saxon words and Scandinavian mythology. They are as follows: Monday, the day of the moon; Tuesday, the day devoted to Tiw, the god of war; Wednesday, the day of Odin or Wodin, king of the gods; Thursday, the day of Thor, god of thunder; Friday, the day devoted to Frigg, wife of Wodin; Saturday, the day of Saturn; Sunday, the day of the worship of the sun.

Fractions.

"And have you any brothers and sisters, my little man?" asked the kind old lady.

"Yes'm," replied the little man. "I have one sister and one and a half brothers."

"What?"

"Yes, ma'am. I have two half sisters and three half brothers."—Philadelphia Press.

Boss of a Laundry.

"What is your occupation, Rastus?"

"I se de manager ob a laundry, sah, an I makes a right comfortable livin'."

"What is the name of your laundry?"

"Hannah Maria Johnson, sah."—Boston Transcript.

FOOTBALL SIGNALS.

Story of How the Use of the Number System Was Inaugurated.

According to R. W. Maxwell, the famous Swarthmore player, numerical football signals, now so necessary to playing the gridiron game, first originated in 1888, when Pennsylvania Military college used the system against Princeton and won from the Tigers by a score of 6 to 0. The New Jersey team was bewildered by the novelty, but the advantage of the system was realized and Princeton adopted it, followed by Yale and Harvard. In telling of the birth of the signal system Maxwell says:

"Signals seem to be an absolutely essential part of football, and yet it was not until 1888 that they were invented. From the November day in 1869, when Rutgers and Princeton played the first game of football, until 1888 the colleges got along by using systems which varied with every eleven, letters being frequently used. It was left to Pennsylvania Military college to originate the present system of numbers.

"It was on a chill November afternoon in 1888 that Pennsylvania Military college flashed the number system on the football world and, incidentally, used the signals as the means of a coup whereby Princeton was whipped at Chester by 6 to 0. The numbers not only mystified Princeton, but they so speeded up Penn Military's play that it was able to outrush the Tigers at every stage of the game, which was witnessed by more than 1,000 persons, a great football gathering for those days. From that day the use of numbers for signals spread rapidly.

"In defeating Princeton Pennsylvania Military did not use trick plays, spring some new formations or work the 'shoestring' stunt for the first time. The players outgeneraled their opponents, and the outgeneraling was done by using a system of numbers for signals.

"Football signals now being used by all of the teams were used for the first time in this contest. Princeton was swept off her feet by the speedy play and was outclassed and outplayed. It was the most successful coup d'etat ever sprung by a football team. It made such an impression on Princeton that the coach adopted it for his team, and within a year Yale, Harvard, Pennsylvania and others also took it up. Penn also was defeated in that same year. This revolutionized football."—New York Times.

Evils of Worry.

Worry hurts health. Worry not only aggravates, but in many cases is responsible for certain disorders of the human system.

People who are subject to spells of worrying are found to have an irregular pulse. Respiration often is repressed, the blood circulation impaired, and the extremities become cold.

And just as worry impairs the blood circulation so, too, it interferes with the proper action of the stomach's digestive apparatus.

This interference with the secretions of the stomach is apt to make the worried man or woman a confirmed dyspeptic.

Worry by continuously interfering with sleep often leads to more or less chronic insomnia.—Pittsburgh Press.

Guncotton.

Intense shock or heat explodes guncotton, and its power can be gauged from the fact that it is the force which blows great holes in ships through the agency of mines and torpedoes. The advantages of guncotton for military purposes are that it can stay for any length of time in water without injury, its explosions are unattended by smoke, and it ignites at a temperature half that required to explode gunpowder. A peculiar characteristic of guncotton is that a brick of it, when wet, may be placed on a bed of hot coals, and as the moisture dries out the cotton will flake and burn quietly. If dry originally, however, the guncotton will explode with terrible force at about 320 degrees of heat.

Giving Him Warning.

"If you come home early this afternoon please go around the house and enter by the back door," said Mrs. Dodsworth.

"What's on foot?" asked Mr. Dodsworth.

"Nothing's on foot," thank heaven! I will entertain the Browning club this afternoon and I don't want any object so intensely material as you are to profane the soulful atmosphere we shall have created by several hours of study and recitation."—Birmingham Age-Herald.

Knowledge the Fount of Ferocity.

Slimson—Now, Bobbie, remember that when we sit down to dinner the bishop will say a blessing.

Bobbie—Does he know what we are going to have?

Slimson—Certainly not.

Bobbie—Better let me do it. He won't put half the heart in it that I will.—New York Sun.

EARLY ALMANACS.

The First We Know of Are Those of the Ancient Egyptians.

The first almanacs—that is to say, the first historical—were of Arabian origin and reflected the local genius of the people in a very striking way. They served as models in other countries for hundreds of years. The oldest known copy of such a work is preserved in the British Museum and dates back to the times of Rameses the Great of Egypt, who lived 1,200 years before the birth of Christ. It is written on papyrus in red ink and covers a period of six years.

The entries relate to religious ceremonies, to the fates of children born on given days and to the regulation of business enterprises in accordance with planetary influences. "Do nothing at all this day," is one of the warnings. "If thou seest anything at all this day it will be fortunate," is another entry. "Look not at a rat this day," "Wash not with water this day," "Go out not before daylight this day," are some of the additional cautions.

This almanac was found in an old tomb and is supposed to have been buried with its Egyptian owner when he was converted into a mummy for future explorers to dig up and dissect in the interest of science and literature.

Next after this in point of age among the existing specimens of ancient almanacs are some composed in the fourth century. They are Roman church calendars, giving the names of the saints and other religious information. The Baltic nations, not being versed in papyrus making, had calendars engraved on ax helms, walking sticks and other articles of personal use. The days were notched with a broad mark for Sunday, and the saints' days were symbolized in various devices, such as a harp for St. David's, a gridiron for St. Lawrence's, a lover's knot for St. Valentine's, and so on. The Saxon almanacs are numerous and contain historical as well as ecclesiastical entries.

It is possible to trace in these curious records all the changes of popular belief and taste. They were prepared to meet the current demand and to constitute a systematic story of what took place in successive periods and how knowledge increased with the revolving years. We owe to them most that we know of the people for whom they were made and by whom they were indorsed.—Christian Herald.

Telling Stories to Old People.

There is one development of story telling which seems to have been very little considered—namely, the telling of stories to old people, and that not only in institutions or in quiet country villages, but in the heart of the busy cities and the homes of these old people. How often, when the young people are able to enjoy outside amusements, the old people, necessarily confined to the chimney corner and many of them unable to read much for themselves, might turn to the joy of their childhood by hearing some of the old stories told them in dramatic form. Here is a delightful occupation for those of the leisured class who have the gift and a much more effective way of capturing attention than the more usual form of reading aloud.—From the "Art of the Story Teller," by Marie L. Shedlock.

A Lazy Man.

A worthy old citizen of Newport who had the reputation of being the laziest man alive among "them hilllocks," so lazy, indeed, that he used to weed his garden in a rocking chair by rocking forward to take hold of the weed and backward to uproot it, had a way of fishing peculiarly his own. He used to drive his old white faced mare to the spot where the tautog (blackfish) might be depended on for any weight, from two to twelve pounds, backed his gig down to the water side, put out his line and when the tautog was safely hooked started the old mare and pulled him out.

In Hard Luck.

Appealing to a lady for aid an old darky told her that through the Dayton flood he had lost everything he had in the world, including his wife and six children. "Why," said the lady, "I have seen you before, and I have helped you. Were you not the colored man who told me you had lost your wife and six children by the sinking of the Titanic?" "Yes, ma'am, dat wuz me. Mes' unfort'nit man dat eber wuz. Kaint keep a famly nohow."

How She Earned It.

"Cultivate a little more sunshine in your disposition, my dear," said Mr. Dubbley. "Happiness and success in life depend upon the quantity of rays one emits."

"Very well, John," replied Mrs. Dubbley; "I'll do my best, but I think I'd be happier and more successful into the bargain if you would emit a ten dollar raise in my allowance."—Harper's.

GLAD

Wants more Business.

Funny isn't it?

He is getting more than his share for the amount invested but he says, he is never satisfied.

Glad believes in selling good mdse., instead of playing the policy game. That's why he thinks his business has grown so.

You wont go wrong to invest from

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if you want quality. He wants all you fellers to stop in whenever you want to rest. And you wont go wrong to buy anything at

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Mrs. Will Massie's flock is headed by a \$10 cock from the Rov McDonald Stock B. Plymouth Rock flock o' Dalhart. McDonald has taken first prize at Texas State Fair for the last three years. Mrs. Massie has three cockerels of this strain at \$2.50 each. Phone Mrs. J. L. West. 1tc.

Saturday, March 11th Last Gin Day

Saturday, March 11th will be our last gin day for this season. Bring your cotton in before that date if possible. Plenty of room in the cotton house, 1tc. A. V. Haynes.

Laundry at 7c Per Lb.

Send your washing to Panhandle Steam Laundry at 7c per lb., and your flat work all ironed. Satisfaction guaranteed. All losses made good. Phone 159. 1tc. D. E. Pitts, Agent.

Buy your Sunday dinner at Slaughter's Saturday. Dressed chickens, pies, cakes etc. Methodist Circles 5 and 6. 1tc.

G. R. T. Massey is agent for Floyd County for the Anthony Drain Valve, a device for draining hydrants, pipes, etc., to prevent freezing. Mr. Massey is making demonstrations locally at preset.