

## Prominent Citizen Died Monday Night

**Albert A. Newell Succumbs to Aggravated Case of Tonsillitis.-- Prominent in Business Circles**

Albert A. Newell, for some years prominently associated in business and social circles in Floydada, and for the past nine months senior member of the Newell-Liston Company, died Monday night at his home in East Floydada after an illness of ten days. The immediate cause of his death was tonsillitis, from which he suffered intensely.

The announcement of his serious illness Monday afternoon, however, was a surprise to the larger part of his friends, whom though aware of his illness, had no idea of its seriousness. Arrangements were made for the burial Tuesday afternoon and the funeral services were held at the Methodist Church, of which he was a member, being a steward at the time of his death. Rev. G. W. Shearer, pastor of the church, conducted the services.

Mr. Newell was 44 years old at the time of his death,—born February 21, 1871. He had lived in the county for several years, the greater part of which were spent in Floydada. During some years up to a short time ago, he was prominently known over the south plains as coal and grain dealer. During the past several months he had been a member of the Newell-Liston Co., owners of the Fair Store.

His wife and three small children survive him. His father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Newell, Sr., also survive him, living south of town. Besides these he has two brothers, L. H. Jr., and J. F. Newell, the latter of Hereford, and five sisters, living in various parts of the state, among these Mrs. L. H. Liston of this city.

Mr. Newell was a clean progressive citizen. He had many friends who mourn with his relatives the untimely death of a good citizen, who was a positive force in the development of Floydada and Floyd County. May he rest in Peace.

Mrs. Ruby Oxford, who was quite ill for several days at her father's home in Petersburg is reported to be almost recovered.

Carbon paper Hesperian office.

## STATISTICS ARE DRY, BUT INTERESTING

In Europe, the number of persons out of every thousand population who have bank accounts is, in the various countries, as follows:-

Switzerland	554
France	346
Germany	317
England	302
Italy	220

In contrast with these figures:-

The United States.....99

We invite you to be one to help raise this average, and join the ranks of Bank Depositors by opening an account with us NOW.

... The ...  
**First National Bank**  
 Floydada, Texas.

## Olton Farmer Dies; Kicked by Mule.

Clarence Coughitt, who lived near Olton, in Lamb County, was killed by the kick of a mule Wednesday, while enroute from Plainview with a load of cotton seed meal. He had, from reports, gotten down from his wagon to fix some of the harness, when the mule kicked him above the heart, causing instant death.

Later passers-by found him dead. The accident occurred about 14 miles out from Plainview.

## Celebrating His 56th Birthday

At the Slaughter home in east Floydada, on November 25th, Mrs. G. V. Slaughter gave a dinner to intimate friends of the family, in honor of Mr. Slaughter's 56 birthday. The dinner was an entire surprise to Mr. Slaughter, who on coming home at noon was quite surprised to find a number of his closest friends, and a thanksgiving and birthday dinner awaiting him.

In the afternoon an hour was spent in social chat, and all returned home wishing him many more such birthdays and that we might enjoy them with him.

Present were: Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Price, Dr. and Mrs. Norris, A. N. Gamble and Miss Edith Edwards, Mmes. C. Surginer, W. R. Ivey, J. A. Altman, P. M. Felton and Grandpa Felton. A Guest

Two Messrs. Warren and Mr. Gray, of Hunt County, the latter a brother of C. J. Gray of Lyman, are moving to this county this week, and have rented land for the ensuing year.

One of the Warren brothers is said to have told a friend here he had never raised as large a crop as he could gather. He has a large family. It would be interesting to have a report from this Mr. Warren at the end of a year in Floyd County provided he works this land as hard as he does Hunt County soil.

## Baptist Revival Creates Interest

**Will Probably Continue through next week.--Rev. Hawkins Preaches.**

The Baptist Revival, which was begun at 11 o'clock Sunday morning last will continue through this week and the next. The services, held morning and evening, have been well-attended especially at the evening hour. Evangelist J. L. Hawkins is preaching. Several conversions have already resulted from the services.

## Fatal Flashes

Thin ice.  
 Scorned advice.  
 Paradise,  
 —Cincinnati Enquirer.

Eool afloat,  
 Rocked boat,  
 Wooden coat.  
 —Houston Post

Ignored bells,  
 Flagman's yells,  
 Immortelles,  
 —Waco News.

Silly kid,  
 Car skid,  
 Glass lid.  
 —St. Louis Post-Dispatch:

Unloaded gun,  
 Foolish fun;  
 Admit one.  
 —Estelline News

## Ben F. Smith Gets Appointment

**Prominent Supporter of Ferguson Appointed Rate Clerk in Insurance Department.**

Ben F. Smith, editor of The Lockney Beacon, who was a very prominent supporter of Governor-elect Ferguson in the Primary, returned Wednesday from Temple, and the announcement was made that he had been appointed to a place as rate clerk in the Insurance Department. He will draw \$1800 a year in this capacity.

## Livestock Market in Detail

Kansas City Stock Yards, Nov. 30, 1914. The cattle market closed last week firm, and with good promise for the coming week. Receipts today were 19000 head, but the market is slow and steady to weak on cows and medium on common killers, steady to strong on stockers and feeders, 15 to 25 lower on good to choice killing steers. There are a large number of pretty good fed steers here today, and the market has a limited capacity for that kind. Medium and common cattle are needed to fill contracts for foreign shipments of meat, but sales of dressed beef are cut down more than usual this year by poultry, which is retailing at reasonable prices. Prime quality beef steers will have an outlet for the Christmas trade, but the middle class steer may be a disappointment till after the holidays. However, the weakness today should not be taken as evidence of the collapse of the fat steer market, but rather merely that buyers are taking advantage of a chance to gain concessions. The fat cattle market is more a question of the relations between supply and demand for the moment, as nobody is fortified with a large stock of beef. Some fed natives brought \$9.80 today, indicating lack of prime quality. Prime natives brought \$11.05 here last week. Some fed quarantine steers brought \$7 today, but the 33 cars that arrived from below the quarantine line were mainly common stuff, canner cows at \$4.60 to \$5.25, and low priced steers, \$5.25 to \$6.25. Kansas and Missouri are proving themselves able to hold up the market on stockers and feeders, sales steady to strong today, largely at \$6.50 to \$7.50, a few cattle both above and below these figures. Colorado has some cattle here this week, but few will come from the mountain section after this week. Hogs arrived to the number of 19000 head today, market 20 to 25 lower. Order buyers paid the top \$7.45, but packers stopped at \$7.35 and their droves cost around \$7.20 bulk of sales \$7.20 to \$7.35. Chicago is expecting to be able to ship hogs east by tonight, but there is a hitch in the program and unless permission is secured from Washington by tomorrow, large orders will be filled here, and prices may jump up. Quarantines are about to be lifted from the various states, and when Iowa is turned loose there will be a flood of hogs marketed from that state. Hence hog prices for the immediate future are a big gamble. Sheep and lambs sold steady today, top lambs \$9.10, lacking 10 cents of being first rate quality. The Chicago market closed 25 lower today, with best lambs selling at \$9.25. Lamb values are about as high as shippers can reasonably expect them to go at this

## Will Enforce The Sunday Closing Law

**County Attorney Wishes To Give Fair Warning Before Filing Indictments**

The Sunday Closing Law will be enforced in Floyd County hereafter, to the letter. Heretofore officials have been lenient with dealers in this county in this respect, the convenience to many making the closing law rather irksome and at the times working a hardship. However, there have come to the attention of the county attorney abuses of the leniency of the officials heretofore exercised and Mr. Bartley considers that it will be best hereafter that the letter of the law be enforced.

In a signed statement given out Wednesday Mr. Bartley says:

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: "Notice is hereby given that after this date, I will to the best of my ability, enforce what is known as the "Sunday Closing Law."

"I wish to impress on the minds of all merchants, barbers and others conducting business establishments that, legally speaking, Sunday means from 12 o'clock Saturday night to 12 o'clock Sunday night; Please take notice therefore and govern yourselves accordingly." Respectfully

J. B. Bartley  
 Mr. Bartley states that the law is too long to indicate specifically the provisions of the law and just the circumstances under which shop-keepers may open their doors, under this law, or what to sell, but that if in doubt dealers should see an attorney before risking a violation of the law.

## Monologist Will Give Next Lyceum Program

Edward Elliot, Monologist, in his portrayal of modern plays, will furnish the next entertainment to be given under the auspices of the local Lyceum Bureau. The program will be given about the 15 of January.

Mr. Elliot is in his 25th season on the Lyceum Platform. He has made this work his profession, his life work during all this time, and at this time probably no man stands out more as the exemplification of the best in lyceum work as Mr. Elliot. His has been a lasting success, where Mr. Elliot has been heard is sufficient evidence of his standing and attainments. Such prominent lyceums as Elkhart, Birmingham, Lansing, Duluth, Richmond and many universities, colleges and Y. M. C. A's. have included him on their lists, and to many of these he has returned as high as five and ten times.

From these facts, it may be deduced that the program which he will give will be not at all commonplace and in fact, of the really superior order.

## Unlawful to Record Instruments Without Revenue Tax Stamps

Under the new Federal Tax law it is unlawful for the county clerk to record any instruments in which there is a consideration without the necessary Federal Tax Stamps are affixed and properly cancelled, on the instrument.

Yearlings sell up to \$7.75, fed ewes \$5 to \$5.25, feeding lambs \$6.75 to \$7.50.

J. A. RICKART,  
 Market Correspondent.

## Gamble Land Co. Have Dallas Office

Ira D. Gamble, senior member of the Gamble Land & Cattle Co. returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to Dallas, where he completed the arrangements for the establishment of a branch office for his firm in the city.

Their Dallas offices are at 1014-15 Southwestern Life Bldg., and are in charge of L. P. Gamble, of the L. P. Gamble Loan & Investment Co.

This eastern connection will give the Gambles better opportunity to handle their business and a wider scope for transactions.

## Word of Farewell from Rev. Davis.

Meridian, Tex., Dec. 1, 1914.  
 Mr. Editor will you give me a little space for a farewell to our friends?

We were very much surprised when, on the night of the 24 ult, our friends began to come in until quite a company had gathered and brought us a goodly number of things, by which we will often be reminded of our friends in Floydada.

It was with many regrets we left there. Did not know we had so many friends until we had to leave. May God's richest blessings rest on every one.

We are in our new home and last night quite a good number came in and brought a fine supply of good things.

Yours as ever,  
 Lewis H. Davis.

## Promissory Notes Must Have Revenue Stamps

Promissory notes come under heading of documents and legal papers which are to help bear the Federal Internal Revenue Tax, effective beginning the first of this month. The tax on notes is 2 cents for each hundred dollars consideration or fraction thereof.

The stamps must be marked on their face with the date of their cancellation and the initials of the man who thus cancels them.

There is a penalty for the execution or transfer of notes executed after December 1st.

## Infant Died Sunday.

The infant child of Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gound, born on Thursday of last week, died Sunday morning, and was buried late Sunday afternoon in the local cemetery.

The bereaved parents have the sympathy of the community in their loss.

## Federal Tax Stamps in Demand

**Dearth of these little Pieces of Paper Makes them much Sought for Transaction of Business.**

A dearth of Federal War Tax Stamps, which must be used on every instrument almost of the nature of a legal transaction representing a consideration, has been felt in the panhandle during the first days of December. It has been practically impossible to get information as to what extent this law covered, and now that many have the necessary information they are having poor luck at securing the stamps.

The office of Internal Revenue Collector A. S. Walker, at Austin from which the stamps are issued in this district, has been besieged the past two weeks by letter, wire, and every other means, for information and for stamps, and the office force employed has been unable to keep up with the demand, so the report goes.

None of the stamps have been received here as yet except by the insurance agents and the Santa Fe offices. Stamps aplenty will be in by the latter part of the week, however, if prompt shipment is made on orders now out.

## Tye--Haines.

Mr. Fletcher Haines and Miss Lillie Tye were quietly married Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock p. m., at the residence of Rev. Jno. F. Elder, the latter performing the marriage ceremony.

A few friends were present to witness the ceremony.

The couple are splendid young people and are quite popular among their circle of associates. The bride is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. G. Tye, the groom the son of O. J. Haines.

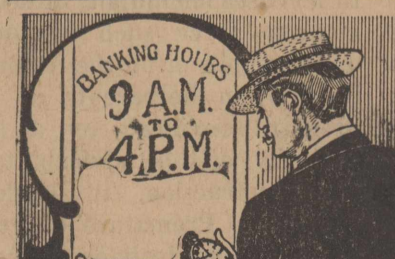
The Hesperian joins with a host of friends in wishing them much happiness and prosperity.

## Thanksgiving Generally Observed Here

Thanksgiving Day was generally observed in Floydada. Numerous home dinners were given and most everybody not off on a hunt was either dining at home with friends or away from home with friends.

At 11 a. m. Thanksgiving services were held at the Baptist Church. Rev. Jno. F. Elder preached the sermon and special songs were also a part of the services. The meeting was largely attended.

## There's No Time Like The Present



**TIME TO BEGIN-NOW!**

Don't wait until you have a large deposit. We want your business, be it large or small. We are here to receive deposits and loan money.

## SMALL DEPOSITORS SAME AS LARGE

You will receive the same courteous treatment if your account is small as tho' you carried a large account at

**FIRST STATE BANK**  
 FLOYDADA TEXAS



# TOYS CHRISTMAS COMES BUT ONCE A YEAR

Let the kiddies have a good time. Buy them toys, dolls, doll buggies, picture books, airguns---Anything you like that they want. You'll find it here at my store now on display. Whatever you do, don't wait till the last minute. Shop early. Give their pleasures your first and early consideration.

Presents for Father, Mother, Husband, Wife, Sister, Brother, Sweetheart, too. Beautiful, useful presents in jewelry, toilet sets, manicuring sets, jewel boxes, military sets, traveling cases, cut glass, pictures, silverware-1847 Rogers Bros.- in pretty designs and varied assortments

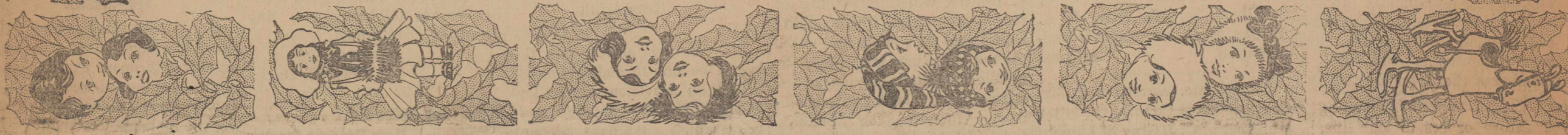
Are you bothered about what you should give? We can help you. In fact, a visit to our store will help you. There are hundreds of suggestions on every hand. We help you choose the one thing that would most appropriately express your feelings  
In other words, this is OLD SANTA'S HEADQUARTERS.

FIREWORK AT TOM'S STGRE

## TOM B. TRIPLETT, DRUGGIST

FIREWORKS AT TOM'S STORE

I Got ahead of the War -- Are you going to get ahead of the other fellow



**Teaching Sex Hygiene in Schools.**  
There has been considerable discussion on the question of teaching sex hygiene in the public schools. The advantage of increased knowledge for children as well as the practical difficulties of presenting this subject properly, have been commented on from various points of view. There has been little effort, however to secure an expression of opinion from those vitally interested, namely, the parents and the children themselves. For this reason the report of the Bureau of Reserch of Upper Peninsula (Michigan) Educational Association, recently issued, is of interest. This bureau was organized to make a direct study of the schools of Upper Peninsula of Michigan, their equipment and their methods and material for study. It is at present endeavoring to discover the points of strength and weakness of the schools, as judged by the parents or others interested in them. The report just issued is divided into four sections: moral education, physical education, industrial education and general. The basis for the report is the industrial opinions of 317 representative citizens. Under the first head, among many other subjects discussed, the question was asked of parents, "Do you believe that sex hygiene should be taught in the schools?" To this question, ninety-two replied "yes," while 175 opposed such instruction; six made qualified replies. Commenting on these answers, the report says that the replies indicate that patrons of schools are not ready as yet to have sex hygiene taught in the schools. "Doubtless but few teachers are qualified to teach the subject well," says the report, "and to teach it poorly would be much worse than not teach it at all." The bureau also endeavored to get the point of view of the pupil. At Houghton,

two lectures on sex hygiene were given to boys and two to girls. Some time after the lectures, the boys and girls were segregated and were asked: "Did you learn anything of value at the last lecture on sex hygiene?" Ninety boys stated that they had learned something of value and eight that they had not, while fifty-four girls regard the lecture as of value and twenty did not. When asked: "Do you favor another lecture?" eighty-five boys were in favor of further instruction and thirteen were opposed to it, while forty-four girls were in favor and thirty were opposed to the proposition. This report, says Journal of the American Medical Association, emphasizes the points which have been previously brought out: until we know what should be taught pupils at different ages until we have formulated a definite graded course of instruction and have trained teachers to give this instruction, the proposition for teaching sex hygiene in the public schools should be approached with the utmost caution. In no cases should an effort be made to force such instruction on the pupils or on the community. When the parents of children are convinced, by a large majority, of the advisability of such instruction, it should be provided. Premature efforts to place such subjects on the school curriculum in advance of public opinion can only cause misunderstanding and trouble.  
Miss Hattie Triplett, who is teaching this year in Hale County was in Floydada visiting with her brother, T. B. Triplett and wife the latter part of last week.

**Dickens Has A Disastrous Fire**  
Sunday afternoon fire broke out in the Masonic Temple at Dickens and almost completely wiped out the business section of town. The fire apparently caught, from a defective flue as church services had been held in the hall in the morning and a fire builded in the stove. Several of the fire sufferers had no insurance and the loss is especially hard on them. The following establishments were total losses: Jackson Hardware Company, Post office, Barber Shop, Blacksmith Shop Bank building and Drug Store, The bank building was occupied by a family—Motlely Co., News.  
**Sheriff's Sale.**  
The State of Texas, }  
County of Floyd, } By Virtue of a certain Order of Sale issued out of the Honorable District Court of Floyd County on the 28th day of November 1914, by Tom W. Deen, Clerk of said Court against J. E. Hockaday for the sum of sixteen hundred and twenty five dollars and six cents (\$1625.06) and costs of suit, in cause No. 903 in said court styled, J. H. Leach versus J. E. Hockaday and placed in my hands for service I, A. C. Goen, as Sheriff of Floyd County, Texas, did on the 28th day of November, 1914, levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Floyd County described as follows, to wit, All of lots No's 1-2-3-4-5-14-15 and 16 in block 36 in the town of Lockney, Floyd County, Texas, as shown by the map of said town of record in the Deed records of said Floyd County, Vol. 6F, page 591. Also a part of the J. D. Bursleson Homestead Survey, described by metes and bounds as follows: Beginning 96 feet north and 68 feet east of a wagon thimble set in the ground in the south line of said Bursleson Survey, for the Northwest Cor-

ner of the N. B. Davis Survey, said wagon thimble being in the Town of Lockney, where Main and Locust Streets cross each other. Thence North 60 feet. Thence East 100 feet, Thence South 60 feet. Thence West 100 feet to the place of beginning, Situated in Floyd County Texas. Also Lots' No. 5 in Block No. 38 in said Town of Lockney, Floyd County Texas, described as beginning at a point 70 feet East, 150 feet North, of the North West Corner of the Ira E. Davis 80 acre Survey. Thence East 140 feet. Thence North 30 feet. Thence West 140 feet. Thence South 30 feet to the place of Beginning. Also the following described personal property to-wit: All of the Black Smith Tools. Engineer Machinery and appurtenances belonging to said Defendant, J. E. Hockaday and contained in or used about or belonging to or connected with the said Defendant's Blacksmith shop situated in said Town of Lockney including 2 forges, 1 trip hammer, 2 Vices, 1 drill 1 Tire Shrinker, 1 Gasoline Engine, 1 Disc Rcller, 1 Rubber Tiring Machine 1 Set Stock and Dies, 1 Blow Torch and all hand Tools used in or about said Black Smith Shop and levied upon as the property of said J. E. Hockaday. And on Tuesday, the 5th day of January, 1915, at the Court House door of Floyd County, in the Town of Floydada, Texas between the hours of ten A. M. and 4 P. M., I will sell said Real Estate and personal property at public vendue for cash, to the highest bidder as the property of said J. E. Hockaday by virtue of said levy and said Order of Sale.  
And in compliance with law, I give this notice by publication, in the English language, once a week for three consecutive weeks immediately preceding said day of sale, in the Floyd

County Hesperian a newspaper published in Floyd County. Witness my hand, this 28th day of November 1914.  
A. C. Goen, Sheriff, Floyd County, Texas.  
**Henry Witte Loses Residence By Fire**  
Last Saturday morning Henry Witte had the misfortune to lose his residence by fire. His place is situated north of town a few miles. The property was a total loss.  
The house was vacant, the former occupant moving out the day before. Mr. Witte was in the house at the time scouring and preparing to move into it the following day. He had put up a stove in the front room and was at work in the back room when the fire caught. The building was completely enveloped in flames before he discovered the fire. The building caught from a flue.  
There was \$300 insurance carried on the house which will partly pay the loss.—Beacon.  
**Thompson Marries His First Couple**  
**New Judge was not Caught Napping Had the Ceremony in His Hip Pocket.**  
Judge E. P. Thompson proved his fitness to cope with the unexpected last Monday night, when he was disturbed in the quietness of his home by a call from Mr. J. W. Martin, of Afton about 8 o'clock, with a request that he be married. Miss Mandy Martin, of Motley County was the other party to the contract. The swain expressed a desire to be married seated in his buggy. "No, just come in," said the judge, "And be married here in the house."  
Meanwhile, Judge Thompson

went down in his pocket for the prescribed ceremony which he had with him, fortified against surprises just such as this; also, other witnesses than his family had come on the scene, who declare that the judge did the contract up brown without a hitch.  
Following the ceremony, the newly-wedsdrove to the City Hotel where they were registered for the night.  
The judge explained to friends Tuesday that he was not in the least "flustered", and he claims likewise that he has the shortest, simplest ceremony yet devised. However, be it known, this ceremony is quite as binding as any, with the added advantage of being a time saver. Any man who has gone through the ordeal of being married once will recall how panicky he felt, and how glad he should have been had the ceremony been a half hour shorter, and not so many people sitting around grinning at you.  
Typewriter and Carbon paper at Hesperian office.  
**Excursions**  
To.....  
Sweetwater, Texas  
Account  
Annual Convention of Northwest Tex. Methodist Conference, Dec. 9-14.  
Date of sale: Dec. 8, 9, 10  
Final limit for return December 16th.  
Round trip fare \$7.80  
J. T. J. DAWSON  
ART. P. & N. T. RY. Co.

## Woman Ran. er To Import Belgians

Childress, Nov. 24.—Mrs. Adair, owner of "J. A." ranch in Donley county, Texas, is reported to have perfected plans to bring 1,000 Belgian women and children to the Texas Panhandle and give them homes. Mrs. Adair is said to have chartered a steamship to bring the families to Galveston. She lives in England, but spends a portion of each year on her vast Texas ranch where she is at present.

## Teacher's Examinations Friday and Saturday

The regular examination for teachers will be held on Friday and Saturday of this week, the examination being for both state and county certificates.

The examination is also being conducted today. Following is the schedule which is followed in all regular examinations with the exception of the two summer normal examinations held in the summer.

### Thursday Forenoon

History of Education, physics, Solid Geometry, English Literature.

### Thursday Afternoon

Psychology, Chemistry, Book-keeping, Plane Trigonometry.

### Friday Forenoon

Physical Geography, Physiology, Composition, Arithmetic.

### Friday Afternoon

Texas History, Grammar, Descriptive Geography, Plane Geometry.

### Saturday Forenoon

Spelling, Writing, Methods and Management, Reading.

### Saturday Afternoon

United States History, General History, Agriculture, Algebra.

## Help! Help!

We need money now, and since we have waited on you patiently we hope you will kindly drop in and give us a check for your account. Thanking you again for all past favors and soliciting your future orders in our line, we remain,

Yours truly,  
A. G. McAdams Lbr. Co.

## Swinebreeders Association To Meet

The Panhandle Swinebreeders Association will meet in Childress, December 11 and 12th.

Regular Convention rates have been secured for all points in the panhandle railroads for this meeting. Major W. J. Duffel of Claude, is president of the association.

Robbers near Estelline have successfully pilfered cars of moving trains on the Fort Worth & Denver. As the train slows on a long hill pull the pilferers board the train, pitch out what they need in the cars, load their loot in a wagon and make away. The latest bunch to attempt this have the officers after them.

## United States Will Not Sell Discarded Rifles

Pittsburg, Nov. 24.—The United States, if it decides to build its own armor plate plant may use the Harvey or any other process of manufacture without fear of prosecution for infringement of patent, according to testimony today before the congressional committee appointed to investigate the feasibility of the government erecting its own armor plate mills.

"I know of no patents on armor plate that have not expired" the president of the Carnegie Steel company testified.

President Wilson has commended the Red Cross Seal Sale and will use seals on all his mail, to aid the anti-tubercular campaign. The seals cost a cent each and may be used on the back of envelopes and parcels.

# Christmas Derelict

By Viola Justin

AS THE boat pointed its nose toward the city, the solitary man at the prow turned his back on freedom and gazed longingly at the graystone penitentiary, which seemed to be slipping away from him and growing smaller and cozier as distance lent the enchantment of perspective to his loneliness.

For Mulcahy, dazzled by liberty, was very lonely indeed. Every moment that the water widened between him and the prison it lessened the distance from the city, and in two minutes more the man knew that the metropolis, bristling with antagonism, cold and strange and busy with its holiday season, would be upon him, and it filled his heart with a nameless dread.

But, after all, he had only himself to blame for his liberty. "Good behavior"—that was the thing that had turned him loose from a comfortable home, three square meals a day, and his companions of the quarry.

If he had only transgressed a few laws, broken a simple rule or two, all might have been well. He might have eaten Christmas dinner with Jerry the Spike, Hank and the whole happy crew who had contrived to spend another Christmas in the "pen" through trifling indiscretions committed in defiance of the keepers.

These reflections were interrupted by the sharp teeth of the wind snapping at his legs through the thin trousers and the threadbare coat.

He shivered as the boat docked, and then took a long breath as he walked up the gangplank and out into—was this freedom striking terror to his soul? Why was he trembling? He was free at last, but free to do what? Free to kill himself before he starved to death, free to wander the uncompanionable streets and gaze upon the happiness that showed itself in the faces of fugitive passers-by.

He was only free to go anywhere; but these people had their homes to go to, each his separate "penitentiary," where there were warmth and food and human things to talk to.

He shut his eyes for an instant and started bravely up the hilly street that led to First avenue. Then suddenly a strange thing happened. He forgot his misery and his wretched homesickness. At first he couldn't realize what the influence was, then he recognized the soothing and thirst-inspiring smell of hops that poured over him like a hot breath from the brewery on the next street. This prompted a thought which was immediately followed by a sharp movement.

Mulcahy minded him of the faded five-dollar bill he had in his pocket, the last bounty of the good home across the river. He pulled it out and looked at it.

It represented two weeks and a half of life; that is, he calculated that while he was looking for a job it would provide food and shelter for him. If he couldn't find a job—but that thought ended with a look toward the river; and again he saw the "pen," and another thought occurred to him.

If he didn't find anything to do, he could go back to the "pen" and beg them to take him in. No, he couldn't do that. He squared his ragged shoulders as if trying to rise superior to the thought, for there was a remnant of pride in Mulcahy, albeit time and a desperate struggle to keep his feet on the globe had frayed its edges.

No, he determined to go back there honorably, as he had left. He might get a job shoveling snow—but alas! it was one of those cheerless Christmases, and nature had not even supplied the people out of work with snow to shovel.

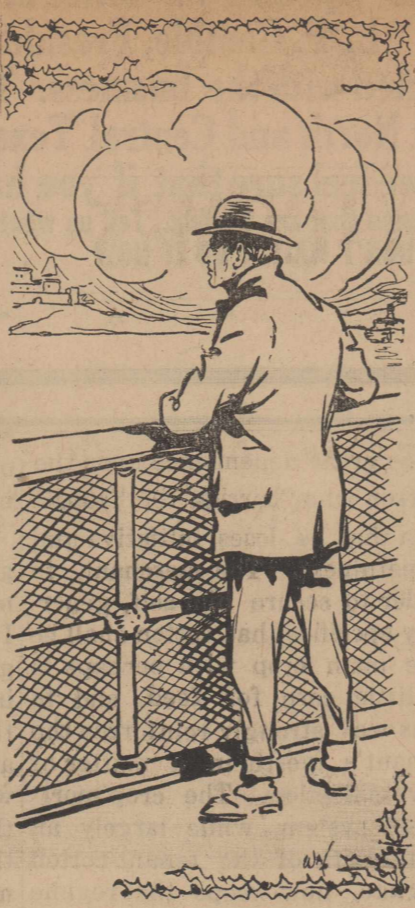
Mulcahy had worked all his life. He was fifty now, and, as he unrolled the long catalogue of calamity which other people might have called his career, he found that the only year of his life that had been a happy one was his last in jail. It had started merrily even, for, after his outraged pride had revolted at the idea of being arrested for his slight connection with the robbery, comfort came swiftly with the thought that he was being punished for omission rather than commission.

These thoughts and the haunting smell of hops brought Mulcahy to Fourth avenue and a saloon. It was twelve o'clock, and corned beef and cabbage-leaf being slated for lunch on a blackboard under a Satyrish-looking bock and a life-sized "schooner," determined the man, and he stepped inside.

The story will move much more rapidly if we do not follow Mulcahy and wait for him to eat his corned beef and phlander with a sprit more of his ilk than any he has met for the last year, a sprit that seemed almost fabulous when dreamed of in the "pen"—to wit, the bartender.

But look where Mulcahy emerges half an hour later, the inner man jelled by the succulent cabbage and beef, but a melancholy gnawing at the outer man, whose clothes are slight protection against the increasing wind.

As the day drew her portals slowly together he fell to trembling again. How was he going to face the night?



Gazed Longingly at the Graystone Pen.

All alone in one of those ten-cents beds which promise so much to a weary body that soon discovers the egg-shell substance of the promise?

He shuddered and hurried down a side street of American-basement houses, with their dainty Boston ferns and yews, pretty windows with costly curtains that sealed happy homes from the profane eyes of the public. And this atmosphere gave Mulcahy hope. The inspiration born of despair took root.

He intended to abandon all thoughts

of getting work until warm weather. It was worse than hopeless to think he could get work now—why, the weather, his age, all were against it. He would go back to the "pen" if he had literally to "steal" his way back.

The thing to do now was to conjure up some reasonable offense, some trifling transgression that would open the iron gates of the prison, as difficult of entrance as it was of exit, and tide him over the winter months.

But what could he do? Not a single misdemeanor suggested itself to his overwrought brain. If he could only steal something long enough to get arrested and sent to the island! But how? When, and above all where?

Broadway and Thirty-third street, with its triangle of shops, answered that question. It was very late, but he knew that a week before Christmas the shops would be open until late. In the hope that his clothes would contribute their help toward arousing the suspicions of the store detectives, he quickened his steps feverishly.

Inside the shop was warm, brilliant, and jammed with people. The incoming and outgoing crowds jostled and pushed Mulcahy as if he were a rubber ball.



"Have You Seen My Mama?"

ber-washer between the hub of a wheel and the linch-pin.

Presently he found himself at the notion counter, swept there by the tide of customers. He wondered at the confidence of the storekeepers, who took no trouble to protect their wares set forth in little compartments.

Now he was backed into a little case of tooth-brishes. He felt his fingers close on something; mechanically he placed the thing in his pocket, and then let himself drift along with the crowd.

He had stolen something! Was it a cake of soap—perhaps; but with a sickening sensation of impotence he remembered that one cake of soap might not unlock the iron gate of the "pen."

Mulcahy sighed. Now he was in the jewelry department. It yielded

vast possibilities as far as valuables were concerned, but these were carefully protected by glass cases. True, there were some little trays of gold-filled pins and bracelets scarcely worth the effort of attainment. And yet a handful of these trifles, flagrantly abstracted, might attract the attention of a detective.

Perhaps there were no detectives, after all. This thought smote to him in the act of reaching out a trembling hand toward a delicate gold-filled bangle. Then he paused, and in that moment of hesitation he felt a twitch at his coat, and, turning to face what he felt must be authority either in plain or blue clothes, he perceived at his side a very pretty little girl.

She was well dressed; and after the first shock he felt on looking into her clear blue eyes, Mulcahy saw a beautiful locket and chain clasped around her neck.

In the mean time she has possessed herself of his coat-pocket as if it were his hand, and clung to him as she asked:

"Have you seen my mama?" Her voice was smothered by the crowd that pressed around her, and Mulcahy had to lift her up in his arms to make himself heard.

"No," he replied, his face close to her pretty neck and ear. "Shall we go and look for her?" he added, touched by the sudden moisture that blurred her eyes.

As he spoke he carried her to the revolving-door. Once out in the street, she told him that she had been shopping with her mother and had got lost. She lived, she said on Fiftieth street, between Madison and Fifth

avenue. She didn't know the number, but there were green trees at the door, and it was a white house.

The man assured her that they would find it together.

You mustn't think that this escape diverted Mulcahy from his original scheme. Only he wanted to be of use to the child, and he also saw a much better way of obtaining his arrest and entrance to prison.

The locket and chain he knew would serve his purpose, for he intended stealing them as soon as he had found her home. There were four dollars and ninety cents left from the "pen's" munificence, but he spent enough of it in a candy-store to have provided for himself for two days.

Over a congenial glass of ice cream soda the little girl gave him her name—Violet Van Twiller. The telephone book did the rest in the matter of locating the Van Twiller mansion, whither Violet was escorted by her ragged friend.

Afterward, when Mulcahy left her standing at the door of her home waving at him and smiling in her sweet, frank way, he wondered how he had found it in his heart to steal the necklace; but there it was in his hand, still warm from contact with her throat.

Then he darted away from the street, and, clasping the locket tightly, flew to the first police station and gave himself up.

The judge did not conceal his disgust when he learned that Mulcahy had robbed a child; and when he uttered sternly, "Six months on the island for him," he marveled at the brutality of a man who could smile at the sentence.

Meantime, Violet Van Twiller had been received with the tears and rejoicings of a hysterical and loving family and diligently interrogated concerning the events of the evening.

Over and over again she repeated the story of the "kind, ragged gentleman" who had bought her candy and soda and had found her home for her.

Later, Mr. Van Twiller discovered that Violet had mysteriously lost her locket; but, though he suspected her strange friend, he was so grateful to the "ragged gentleman" that the next day he advertised in all the papers that he wished to reward the person who had restored his daughter to her family.

But Mulcahy never learned of this golden opportunity which might have given him a new start in life, though he gave the officer who accompanied him to the island the name and address of the little owner of the necklace, and it was sent to her.

The next day saw Mulcahy safely aboard the Fidelity and headed for the "pen."

At the end of the week he was sitting at the Christmas dinner which had seemed a phantom on that dreadful day he was set at liberty.

Between mouthfuls of fat turkey and cranberry sauce he boasted to Jerry the Spike, Hank, and Bottles of how he had hoodwinked justice.

When he reported for work, a few days later, the keeper who presided

boasted to Jerry, the Spike.

over the men engaged in breaking stone remarked casually to a fellow keeper:

"I see Mulcahy is back on the job." "Yes," the other replied; "he was liberated a week ago, and now he's back again. I tell you this place is a cinch for those fellows. They're doing life on the installment plan. If you dumped the whole caboodle into the East river and told them to swim to New York, they'd all turn like a lot of rats and squeak to come back to the 'pen.'"

(Copyright.)

Mrs. A. Richardson and son, Herman, of Glasgow Ky., are spending the winter with the family of L. B. Maxey. Mrs. Richardson is a sister of Mr. Maxey's.

At the present rate of increase in cotton exports the port supplies will be exhausted in a short time. Then the onslaught on interior points will begin. Then the strength of the holding movement will be shown. When port supplies are depleted and interior supplies fail to move at present prices, buyers must advance their bids or go without cotton—unless holders get panicky.—Record.

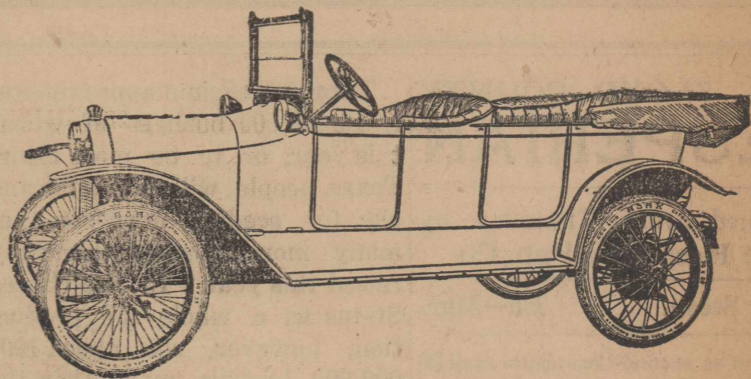
G. V. Slaughter spent Monday in Plainview on business.

T. A. Morrison returned the latter part of last week from a business trip to Fort Worth and Oklahoma City.

N. E. Waller, of Lockney, was in Floydada a short time Sunday enroute to the brakes country.

Clay Dunlap, of Petersburg, shipped a car of fat hogs to Fort Worth, the hogs reaching that market Tuesday.

Carbon paper at Hesperian office



## Floydada-Roaring Springs Auto Line

U. S. MAIL DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY

Connecting Q. A. & P. Ry. at Roaring Springs with Santa Fe at Floydada. The shortest, quickest, and cheapest route between East Texas and South Plains points. A delightful trip for tourists.

Leave Floydada	Leave Roaring Springs
8:00 A. M.	1:30 P. M.
Arrive Roaring Springs	Arrive Floydada
11:30 A. M.	5:00 P. M.

Rates: \$3.50 One Way,  
\$6.00 Round Trip.

W. R. COPE, Prop.  
FLOYDADA, TEXAS

## Buy Your SOUDAN GRASS SEED NOW

Don't Wait till spring and the rise in price. Not much left now. I am filling orders every day. You are sure of getting absolutely pure seed if you buy from me.

JNO. W. WRIGHT

Floydada - - - Texas

## It Always Helps

says Mrs. Sylvania Woods, of Clifton Mills, Ky., in writing of her experience with Cardui, the woman's tonic. She says further: "Before I began to use Cardui, my back and head would hurt so bad, I thought the pain would kill me. I was hardly able to do any of my housework. After taking three bottles of Cardui, I began to feel like a new woman. I soon gained 35 pounds, and now, I do all my housework, as well as run a big water mill."

I wish every suffering woman would give

# CARDUI

The Woman's Tonic

a trial. I still use Cardui when I feel a little bad, and it always does me good."

Headache, backache, side ache, nervousness, tired, worn-out feelings, etc., are sure signs of womanly trouble. Signs that you need Cardui, the woman's tonic. You cannot make a mistake in trying Cardui for your trouble. It has been helping weak, ailing women for more than fifty years.

Get a Bottle Today!

# WANTED: Land Located in Floyd County And Adjoining Counties to Trade for Black Land Farms

and other property in Central and North Texas. We have succeeded in opening an office in Dallas 1014-15 S. W. Life building, and have competent men to look after the Business at that end of the line. L. P. Gamble, President of Forest Avenue Heights Development Co., will give this his personal attention, he and his brother being connected with the business. They have been in business in Dallas the last seven years, thus giving them a very wide acquaintance throughout North and Central Texas. With the business line up that we already have and with the increase of the working force we have added, we feel sure that if you have real estate of any kind to sell or trade that it will be to your interest to list it with us. The people that are making money are the ones that are trading. Tell us what you have to trade and what you want to exchange it for. WE WILL DO THE REST. DON'T WAIT. DO IT NOW

**GAMBLE LAND & CATTLE COMPANY**

**FLOYDADA, TEXAS**

## THE FLOYD COUNTY HESPERIAN

Published every Thursday by The Hesperian Pub. Co.

Homer Steen, Ed-Mgr.

Entered as second-class matter April 20 1907, at the post office at Floydada, Texas under the act of Congress of March 3 1879.

### Subscription.

One copy one year, in advance \$1.00  
One copy six months, in advance .50

### Advertising Rates.

Display ads 50c per inch, per month. 4 weeks.

Display ads 15c per inch, single issue. Local Readers 10c per line for first insertion, 5c per line for each subsequent insertion.

Front page, double price. When time is not specified all advertising matter will be run until ordered out and charged for accordingly.

### SANTA FE TIME TABLE.

West Bound	East Bound
Train No. 802	Train No. 801
Leaves	Arrives
8:00 a. m.	5: p. m.

We of the southwest have been committing a deed of folly the past several years in opposing a merchant marine, government owned or subsidized, if need be, and we are this year reaping the reward of that folly. We have thought the man who owns the subsidized ships. It seems now to have developed that the subsidy was necessary for the American ship-owner, owing to labor and material condition in America, to have this subsidy to compete with foreign owners. It also appears that producers,—people of the southwest,—are now the greatest losers on account of the need of a merchant marine. Every day dispatches tell the need of American bottoms in which to haul cotton, because cotton or anything else almost, is contraband, when found in the ship of a nation at war. The cotton, the wheat and other stuffs we have raised, are laying in the warehouses at seaports now waiting for American ships to haul them across to our customers over the sea. Otherwise the movement of these stuffs would be practically normal at this writing.

Evidently Congress wanted to raise money when the Emergency War Revenue Tax was imposed, for evidently and without any circumention that tax is certainly raising the money.

Not less than one thousand dollars is the amount of money that will be raised in Floydada by this tax. A city the size of Fort Worth is out approximately \$100,000. And just think of the thousands of towns that will raise from \$500 up.

Newspapers, banks, drug stores, cigar stands,—nearly every industry will pay into this fund. Deeds, releases, mortgages and nearly every ordinary legal instrument will pay its share.

Turkey hash, dry dressin' and light bread without a flavor. "They linger with me still," while Thanksgiving Day is but a memory of days gone by.

Texas is deficient approximately 10,000,000 bushels of wheat this year, or to be more clear, Texas people will consume and use for seeding purposes that many more bushels than they raised this year. In the United States as a whole the production, however, was about 190,000,000 bushels more than the home consumption and seeding demand.

Claude Callan in Star Telegram: "Pay your debts, you old rascal, so it will relieve the pressure against those of us who can't."

Thursday's campaign against Turkey was a short, decisive but hard fought victory. To illustrate the superiority of the American it may be said there were no casualties on our side while the enemy was practically annihilated.

Buy Red Cross Christmas Seals for your letters and parcels from now till Christmas and help stamp out tuberculosis. Every year people of the southwest pay out no little sum of money for the relief of stranded tubercular patients.

The condition of Floyd County roads this week brings to mind the recent apt illustration from the pen of Cracks Callan, of the Ft Worth Star-Telegram: "As an argument for good roads, we need only to point to what Satan has done. He built a lovely highway to his place and he is getting the business."

A news item on another page reporting the message of Governor-elect Ferguson to outside capital is good news. The governor's talk sounds like a full-blown westerner. West Texas wants outside capital. A governor or at the helm at Austin of the same opinion, won't be greatly in the way and may, indeed, be of some help.

A dispatch from Temple states that orders for upward of 7,000 turkeys have been received at that point from New York at fancy prices, and that the scarcity of turkeys in that section have caused some of the orders to be passed up.

Turn the orders this way for a few days, brother. Floyd County farmers are in position to help with a few carloads.

While people of the United States are making up funds for the relief of Belgium the German armies are making these same Belgians continue to pay ransom. Now, how is a donor on this side of the water going to know that a part of his money will not go into the German War Chest? But perhaps, our little mite will help them pay and save their homes.

This is the most unneutral thing we have said as yet, but that Belgian deal sticks in the craw.

News item: Floydada local train left last Wednesday morning at 8 o'clock sharp, lacking only a minute and a half. And, by the way, two or three parties took autos and caught it at stops up the line, which made the mat-

ter a laughable one to everybody save the autoists themselves.

Now, if the Santa Fe would keep that up a little while their patrons would know what to depend upon and could have their tickets on schedule just as easily as they now "mosey" down to the station and buy their tickets later.

### Texas Credit System Hampers Diversification

Lewis H. Haney, Professor of Economics in the University of Texas, and his investigations have lead him to the conclusion that the credit system in vogue in this state hampers diversification of crops in a marked degree. After pointing out that by hook or crook the interest paid by tenant farmers in Texas averages about 20 per cent, and at that rate progress and ownership are all but impossible, Professor Haney continues:

"Bad years submerge such tenants. Borrowers on crop mortgage in Texas generally receive but 50 per cent of estimated value of the crop, so that their borrowing power even at high rates is very limited. Under such circumstances the tenant is forced into a condition

of so great dependence upon the person who "carries" or "runs" him that he loses initiative and hopefulness. The merchant, in order to secure him-self, generally specifies that cotton shall be the main crop with perhaps a little corn for feed, and in this way strongly reinforces the tenant's inertia in a matter of diversification. The crop mortgage system, while largely an outgrowth of the tenant-cotton regime, now keeps that regime fastened upon the South; and the existing credit system is closely bound up with the single crop practice and soil exhaustion. In other ways, too, the credit system makes poor farming. For one thing, the motive for good farming is taken away, when every thing the farmer owns or hopes to own is going to pay debts and capital-eating interest rates. Again the tenant and small owner often have no means to get adequate land capital to utilize labor properly. There is tremendous waste all through the South due to a failure to utilize labor power to its fullest extent. A man and family require a certain minimum number of acres, mules and dollars' worth of machinery in order to make the maximum net return, and the average Texas farmer badly needs more farm animals and machinery.

### Announcement

AT THE  
**Mc And Y**

### Friday Night

Mutual Weekly No. 84, showing world happenings from all parts of the globe.

"Johnny Reagan's Last Raid" A thrilling two Reel Western Drama in Which Johnny gets his.

### Saturday afternoon And Night

2:30 & 7:00 p. m.

"The Idiot" 1 reel Drama of Rural Life.

"The New York Girl" 2-reel Keystone Comedy farce; very laughable. Mabel Normand leads.

OUR MUTUAL GIRL will be shown hereafter on Monday night of each week until further notice. This on account of change of Schedule from Oklahoma City.



**Mc & Y**

Admission Ten Cents

"While more live-stock on the farm is a great need, the one-crop system is opposed to animal husbandry. This is partly due to the lack of time to devote to feed crops, and partly to the specialization by merchants and bankers of the credit system for the cotton industry. While cotton allows annual settlements, the live stock business requires accommodations of at least two years."

### Stock Owners Warned Against Impostors.

Reports are now beginning to come in to the department from several of the States quarantined for the foot-and-mouth disease that persons who have no connection what-so-ever with the department are attempting to pass themselves off as Federal inspectors. There are several possible motives that might account for the existance of these impostors. In the outbreak of 1908 there were instances of men who obtained money from credulous victims who believed that in this way they would escape the inconvenience of quarantine and disinfection. This is of course, a very simple form of extortion. Another motive may be the sale of some quack remedy for the disease.

Stock owners can protect themselves very easily against this fraud, for the foot-and-mouth disease. Since the germ has never been isolated, it has never been possible as yet to find any serum that would act either as a cure or preventative, and the public may be quite certain that anyone who says that he is an employ of the Department of Agriculture, and at the same time attempts to sell or recommend anything of the sort is simply an impostor. For this reason stock owners are warned not to allow strangers to visit their stock or attempt any dem-

onstrations of so-called cures by injections or otherwise.

There is moreover, a very great danger that some people might disseminate the disease. It is a well-known fact that the germs can be carried on clothing. In infected territory, therefore it is quite possible that a man who has come in contact with stricken animals may bring the disease to a perfectly healthy herd. This also accounts for much of the spread of hog cholera.

The department therefore recommends all farmers to keep their animals from contact with all save those who have definite business with them.—Dept. Agriculture Bulletin.

### Turkey Day.

10c per lb. for turkeys, at Marshall's Monday, Dec. 14th.

### Big Deal in Plainview Property

A deal has just been closed whereby Rueben M. Ellerd becomes the owner of the W. J. Black property in the Boswell Heights Addition and the Alabama Addition to the city of Plainview. The deal was made through the Ansley Realty Company.

Mr. Ellerd paid \$40,000 for 196 acres known as the Koerth Tract, adjoining the town of Plainview in the Alabama addition, and 160 acres of platted land in the Boswell Addition adjoining the city limits.

The land has been cleaned and planted to wheat. The old improvements will be torn away.

In the plan of improvements for the property, Mr. Ellerd's father will at some time purchase a small herd of Angus cattle and a buffalo to lead the herd. This cross known in the Panhandle as the Cattalo, has been known since the extensive experience in cross breeding have been concluded by Col. Chas. Goodnight, famous as a pioneer rancher and live stock fancier.—Evening Herald.

Instructions have been received at the local post office as to the expedient handling of Christmas Packages and mail in general during the holiday season.

The annual rush of holiday mails are becoming more and more systemized by the department and congestion of the mail is becoming more easily avoided.

All packages which go to a district or state are bundled in the office where mailed and forwarded, this way avoiding the packages separately until they reach the division on which they must be distributed. The same idea is followed with letters and many other means of saving work and time are devised which tend to lessen the expense of the department.

Exactly eleven minutes after a Pennsylvania train had moved over a 720-foot three-span bridge weighing 7,000,000 pounds, which was in a temporary position, another train passed over the bridge, which had been moved sidewise forty feet to its permanent place. Between the breaking of the rails and reconnecting them, ten

### "Diversification up to The Bankers"—Radford

At a meeting of the representatives of the Texas Bankers' Association and the Farmers' Union in Dallas recently, co-operative plans were adopted whereby the men who grow the cotton and the men who finance it will renew their efforts to hold the present crop for better prices and to diversify the planting next year. Mr. W. D. Lewis, President of the Farmers' Union, who represented that body at the meeting, gave out the following interview: "The Farmers' Union renews its entreaties to all farmers to hold cotton and recommends that the farmers who must have money avail themselves of the co-operation of the banker in securing cotton loans. The Union is sending out a large corps of lecturers to urge holding cotton and diversifying next year's crop.

### Too Much Free Advice.

"The banker in lending money is giving practical co-operation to the farmer in holding his crop after it is harvested and I want to suggest that the banker and the credit merchant extend the same character of co-operation to the farmer in producing the crop and then the problem of diversification is solved. Let the banker and the money lender announce that they will lend as much money on corn, wheat, oats and other crops as they will advance on cotton at the time of planting and we will have an era of diversification that will astonish all of us. In Texas, according to the most reliable data obtainable, at least two-thirds of the crop is mortgaged before it is planted and the farmer must take dictation from the banker and the merchant as to what he plants. There is little use to send lecturers to tell the farmer what to plant when he has no control over the crop. The banker and the merchant need lecturers sent to them as badly as the farmer and we think the lecture force should be divided equally between the city man and the farmer. We suggest it is unfair for the banker to coerce the farmer to diversify by the power of a loan. Let him agree to finance the diversified crop while in process of production. It is co-operation, not dictation, the farmer needs. Agriculture is already bed-ridden with free advice and if the city man will come back to the soil and co-operate direct with the man who plows instead of basing his action upon typewritten reports of book farmers, we will understand each other better and the south will blossom like a rose."

### Statement Issued.

The following statement was issued from the joint meeting and signed by Mr. Lewis, Peter Radford and J. A. Kemp, Chairman Bankers' Committee:

"The farmers and bankers of Texas, through their representatives, being united in the determination to work and stand together in the matter of holding this year's crop and reducing the acreage of the 1915 crop at least 50 per cent, urge all who have cotton to sell none for less than 8c a pound and we urge the co-operation of all farmers, bankers and business men in this campaign, with absolute confidence that the price of 10c a pound can and will be reached in the near future."

minutes and seventeen seconds elapsed. The new bridge spans the Muskingum river at Tyn dall, Ohio.—Ex.

Economic.  
"Has Billy a special tutor at college?" "No; his regular chauffeur does all the tooting."



## Locals And Personals

C. C. McMillan left Wednesday morning for Shattuck, Okla., where he will spend a short time on business.

The National Convention of Gingers is to be held at Memphis, Tenn., January 1st and 2nd.

### Turkey Day.

10c per lb. for turkeys, at Marshall's Monday, Dec. 14th.

Stokie Bishop was home from Seth Ward College a short time the latter part of last week.

Dr. W. B. Norris is spending this week on professional business in Lubbock county.

### Carload of Turkeys Wanted.

I will pay 10c per lb for turkeys on Turkey Day, Monday Dec. 14th, delivered at the mill.

L. A. Marshall.

Miss Mary McKinnon returned Monday from a visit with Mrs. McKee in Plainview, where she had spent the time during the Thanksgiving festivities.

John Reagan spent Thursday last in Plainview.

J. D. Griffith, T. S. Thagard and Grady Brewster, of Lockney, were in Floydada the first of the week for a short stay.

F. C. Hendrix, of Austin, representing the International Life Insurance Co., was in Floydada on legal business for his company the first of this week.

W. M. McGhee, of Lockney, was in town Tuesday looking after business affairs.

Carbon paper at Resperian office

Mrs. J. H. Donaldson returned last Saturday from a visit with friends and relatives in Tulsa.

John W. Wright returned Monday from a business trip to Quitaque, where he disposed of Sudan Grass seed. Mr. Wright says the demand for Sudan Seed is quite gratifying.

J. M. Griggs, of Floydada, Texas, is here looking after property interests. He has recently sold his place near Puer to Herman DeOliviera, the price being \$2,000.00. The place consisted of 320 deeded land and a school section lease. —Tucumcari Sun.

### Carnation Club Met

With Mrs. L. A. Burrus

The Carnation Club met with Mrs. J. A. Burrus, Nov. 26.

Those present were: Mmes, Starks, Green, Truitt, McKinnon, Cannaday, Bruner, Steen, Curry, Campbell, Hughes, Dawson, Henry, Surginer, Ivey and Smith. Mrs. R. C. Curry won high score.

The very appropriate score cards of turkeys reminded us to be thankful when we were served with delicious Argyle salad, Pressed turkey salad with cranberry sauce, Pimento sandwiches, olives, Perfettoes and cocoa with whipped cream.

The Club will meet Dec. 10, 1914, with Mrs. W. R. Ivey.

### Rev. Howard Will Preach

Here Next Sunday

Rev. Jewell Howard will fill his regular appointments Sunday morning and evening in Floydada next Sunday.

## EUROPEAN WAR SHATTERS KING COTTON'S THRONE

### FLEECY STAPLE MUST PAY RANSOM INTO THE COFFERS OF WAR.

#### Nation Rings With Cries of Stricken Industry.

By Peter Radford.  
Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

King Cotton has suffered more from the European war than any other agricultural product on the American continent. The shells of the belligerents have burst over his throne, frightening his subjects and shattering his markets, and, panic-stricken, the nation cries out "God save the king."

People from every walk of life have contributed their mite toward rescue work. Society has danced before the king; milady has decreed that the family wardrobe shall contain only cotton goods; the press has plead with the public to "buy a bale"; bankers have been formulating holding plans; congress and legislative bodies have deliberated over relief measures; statesmen and writers have grown eloquent expounding the inalienable rights of "His Majesty" and presenting schemes for preserving the financial integrity of the stricken staple, but the sword of Europe has proved mightier than the pen of America in fixing value upon this product of the sunny south. Prices have been bayoneted, values riddled and markets decimated by the battling hosts of the eastern hemisphere until the American farmer has suffered a war loss of \$400,000,000, and a bale of cotton brave enough to enter an European port must pay a ransom of half its value or go to prison until the war is over.

#### Hope of the Future Lies in Co-operation.

The Farmers' Union, through the columns of the press, wants to thank the American people for the friendship, sympathy and assistance given the cotton farmers in the hour of distress and to direct attention to co-operative methods necessary to permanent-

ly assist the marketing of all farm products.

The present emergency presents as grave a situation as ever confronted the American farmer and from the viewpoint of the producer, would seem to justify extraordinary relief measures, even to the point of bending the constitution and straining business rules in order to lift a portion of the burden off the backs of the farmer, for unless something is done to check the invasion of the war forces upon the cotton fields, the pathway of the European pestilence on this continent will be strewn with mortgaged homes and famine and poverty will stalk over the southland, filling the highways of industry with refugees and the bankruptcy court with prisoners.

All calamities teach us lessons and the present crisis serves to illuminate the frailties of our marketing methods and the weakness of our credit system, and out of the financial anguish and travail of the cotton farmer will come a volume of discussion and a mass of suggestions and finally a solution of this, the biggest problem in the economic life of America, if, indeed, we have not already laid the foundation for at least temporary relief.

### More Pharaohs Needed in Agriculture.

Farm products have no credit and perhaps can never have on a permanent and satisfactory basis unless we build warehouses, cold storage plants, elevators, etc., for without storage and credit facilities, the south is compelled to dump its crop on the market at harvest time. The Farmers' Union in the cotton producing states have for the past ten years persistently advocated the construction of storage facilities. We have built during this period 2,000 warehouses with a capacity of approximately 4,000,000 bales and looking backward the results would seem encouraging, but looking forward, we are able to house less than one-third of the crop and warehouses without a credit system lose 90 per cent of their usefulness. The problem is a gigantic one—too great for the farmer to solve unaided. He must have the assistance of the banker, the merchant and the government.

# CHRISTMAS

Is Only 21 shopping days away, and serious thoughts of Christmas giving present themselves. Dont wait till the last minute to make your selections. Start your list at once and choose from this list of useful articles:

Quality brand Aluminum ware, Oak Leaf enameled ware, Gem Junior \$1.00 safety razor, regular pattern razors, Ingersoll watches and Automatic alarm clock, Oil stoves, Lap robes Linoleum patterns, Wyeth's Guaranteed cutlery, Charter Oak Stoves and Ranges, Rayo lamps, Liberty Lanterns, O' Cedar mops and polish. Boy's Express Wagons and other useful articles.

### HUNTERS: A GOOD STOCK AMMUNITION FOR ALL KINDS OF GAME

## C. S. JONES

The Man That Sells The Al-Metal Steam Washer.

Phone 91

Floydada, Texas

In production we have reached the high water mark of perfection in the world's history, but our marketing methods are most primitive. In the dawn of history we find agriculture plowing with a forked stick but with a system of warehouses under governmental supervision that made the Egyptians the marvel of civilization, for who has not admired the vision of Joseph and applauded the wisdom of Pharaoh for storing the surplus until demanded by the consumer, but in this age we have too many Josephs who dream and not enough Pharaohs who build.

R. C. Reagan, who now lives northwest of Lockney, was in Floydada the latter part of last week on business.

L. L. Honea and family returned from Altus, Okla., Tuesday. They have been in that state since the early summer.

### Report of Mothers' Club.

The Mothers' Club met last Friday afternoon at the school building.

A reading by Miss Armstrong and music by Miss Felton were enjoyed.

Paper read by Mrs. McKinnon: a report from the Federation of Clubs convening at Galveston.

Minutes of previous meeting read. Fourteen members answered roll call with current Continued on Page 8

# THE CHRISTMAS GIFT SUPREME

## Head This Year's List With The



It's the ideal inexpensive car as well as the ideal Christmas remembrance. Wouldn't it be far more sensible to buy the family a Ford than to buy each member of the family a present of doubtful utility? The Ford is a 365 day gift; giving full value service every day of the year.

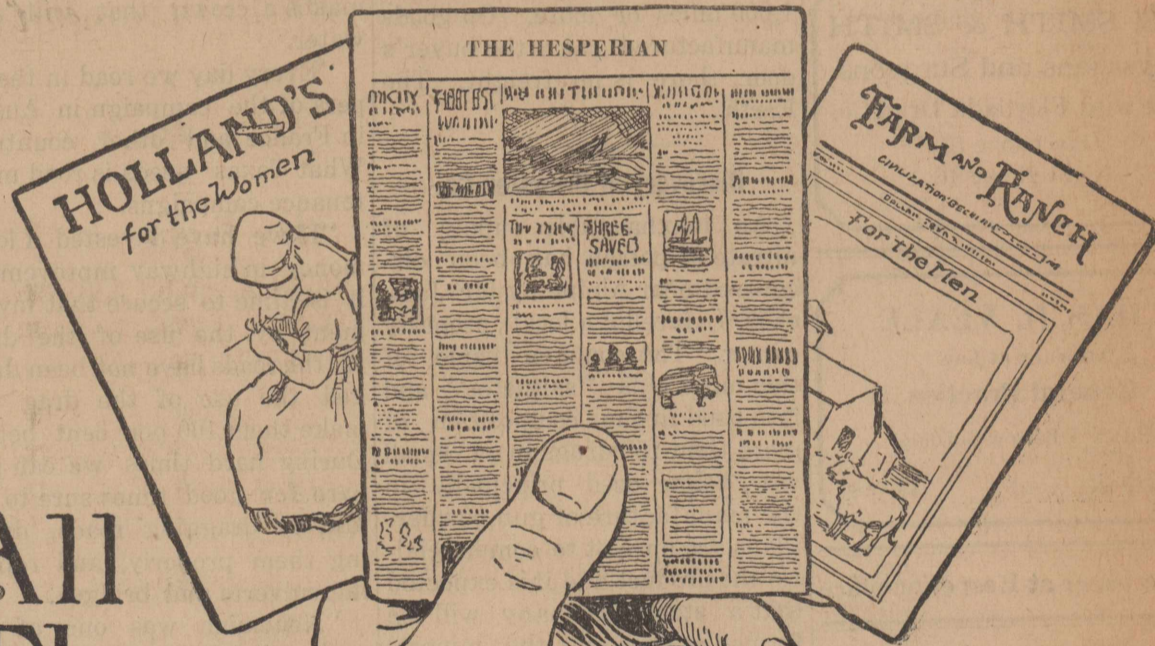
Don't save for five or six years to purchase a more expensive car; buy a Ford now and get the use of it during the period you would otherwise be without a car.

There isn't a member of the family who will not agree that the Ford will make the ideal gift. Have you ever shared in the profits of anything you ever bought?

The Ford profit-sharing plan offers you this opportunity. To date over \$2,000 has accumulated in profits to be paid in cash to those who have purchased Fords from

# BARKER & WINN, AGENTS

Plainview, Texas



## All Three \$2.00 For One Year

## A Worth-While Investment

HOLLAND'S is every woman's chum. With its wholesome, well-illustrated fiction, its household helps, cooking and preserving recipes, fashion and embroidery departments, it is invaluable to the mother; and the department called "The Little Hollanders," especially designed to entertain and benefit the children, is eagerly followed by them in every issue. Elderly readers enjoy that delightful department entitled "Auld Lang Syne."

FARM AND RANCH is the farmer's right-hand man—whether farming is his profession or his hobby. It contains a store of information relating to better crops, improved condition of live stock—deals with and solves many of the vexing problems with which the farmer is confronted. Its splendid articles dealing with the various phases of agriculture—its "Questions and Answers Department," and its department called "Siftings" are edited by experts on the subjects, and the opinions expressed and the advice given may be relied upon as authentic.

THERE are things of interest that you cannot find anywhere except in your local paper, and this paper gathers all the news of the community and brings it together in a manner appealing to every member of the family. Besides this, we endeavor to give as much of the outside news as space will permit, and as we think would be of general interest. Our interest is in this community, and we, at all times, endeavor to do everything in our power to help upbuild and improve it.

If subscribed to singly the subscription price of the above three publications is \$3.00. Order now and we will send all three of them to you regularly one year for only \$2.00. Can you afford to neglect this opportunity?

### Notice, Hunters and Travelers.

Please take notice that my pasture, 11 miles S. W. Floydada is posted, and all parties trespassing or tearing down my fences will be prosecuted to the full extent of the law. 38-3tp  
A. G. Smith.

### Arthur B. Duncan

General Land Agent and Abstractor  
Floydada, Texas  
Buys, Sells and Leases Real estate on Commission;  
Renders and Pays Taxes for Non-Resident Land Owners;  
Investigates and Perfects Titles;  
Furnishes Abstracts of Title from Records;  
Owner of Complete Abstract of all Floyd County Lands and Town Lots;  
Have had 25 Years Experience with Floyd County Lands, and Land Titles;  
List your Lands and Town Lots with me if for Sale or Lease;  
And give me your Abstract of Title Work.  
Office in Court House  
Address

ARTHUR B. DUNCAN  
Floydada, Texas

### City Barber Shop

T. M. COX, Prop.  
All barber work first class.  
All treatment courteous.  
Shallow Water Steam Laundry represented.  
Hot or cold baths. Nice clean tubs.

### R. A. CHILDERS Physician & Surgeon

Office Across Street from Post Office.  
Office Phone Res. Phone 36

### DRS. SMITH & SMITH Physicians and Surgeons

Office with Floydada Drug Co.  
Day phone 51  
Night phone 16

### CHAS. H. VEALE Attorney at Law General Practice

Room 5 Barrow Building  
Floydada, Texas

Carbon paper at Hesperian office



### The Telephone "S. O. S." Saved the Farm

"One day last fall my wife and I started for a drive, leaving the house deserted. A short while after we'd passed Jones' place, Mrs. Jones saw smoke coming from our roof.

"She ran to the telephone—Got Mrs. Reed who operates the switchboard located in her home. Mrs. Reed called all the nearby people on the line (two long rings—the emergency signal) and they put the fire out with little damage."

A Telephone on the Farm connected with the Bell System is a protection and safe-guard in all emergencies.

Southwestern Tel. & Tel. Co.  
6-R-14.

### Q. E. S. Members Enjoy Thanksgiving Supper

Thursday eve, the day of Thanksgiving the Eastern Star members enjoyed a very pleasant evening at the Chapter Hall, where after the sessions a supper was served in the dining hall.

Several new members were initiated on the same evening.

### How Freight Eats Us Up!

The most staggering blow a family would be hit, by the proposed five per cent increase of railway freights, would be eighty cents for coal in a year. This would be the outside in the ordinary American home.

On flour, probably the most important article of food, the increase on a barrel, which sells for \$6, would be two and three-fourths cents. The present rate is fifty-five cents, on a haul of 1,400 miles. However, in the West, nearly every family may buy of the mill right at home, and there is no freight to pay.

So on other commodities, if shipped 1,000 miles or more: Bacon, present rate 1-3 of a cent per pound, increase infinitesimal; likewise baking-powder, present rate 2-3 of a cent per pound; bananas, present rate 2 cents and 9 mills per dozen; broom, present rate 2 2/3 cents, butter, present rate 3-4 of a cent per pound, coffee, present rate 1-3 of a cent per pound; can of corn, present rate 3/4 of a cent; eggs, present rate 1 1/7 of a cent per dozen; lemons present rate 1 1/2 of a cent per dozen; potatoes, present rate 21 cents per bushel; starch, present rate, 2 mills per pound; sugar present rate 3 mills per pound; tea, present rate 1 cent per pound.

The several items not including coal, the present rate too infinitesimal for separate calculations of the proposed increase, sum up to 89 1/4 cents, approximately, and the increase, if allowed, would be 4,475 cents. This only if the goods be shipped 1,000 miles or more. On goods manufactured at the buyer's door, there is no freight.—The Earth

### Discovery in Brewster Co.

An inexhaustible supply of nitrate of potash has been discovered near Alpine by Mr. James D. Lafarello; a local property owner. The common name of this mineral is "saltpeter" and it is used in the composition of more than 150 drugs in a small way, being used principally in the manufacture of gun powder. Plans are on foot to commercialize the product and it is expected that a stock company will be formed at once and the mineral placed on the market.—Avalanche.

### For Sale

Good Fresh milk cows. Apply to C. C. West, 18 miles S. E. of Floydada. N266tp.

### 25 cts per Dozen for Eggs

Paid at Bill's Restaurant. Also good price for good butter. Phone 117. 3tc.

### Cotton At 10c

We have a fine high-grade sample piano in Floydada move quickly. Will sell at bargain. Will take two or three bales cotton as part payment.

Address, Adam Schaaf Piano Co., Plainview, Texas. tf.

### How's This?

We offer One Hundred Dollars Reward for any case of Catarrh that cannot be cured by Hall's Catarrh Cure.

F. J. CHENEY & CO., Toledo, O.  
We, the undersigned, have known F. J. Cheney for the last 15 years, and believe him perfectly honorable in all business transactions and financially able to carry out any obligations made by his firm.

NAT. BANK OF COMMERCE, Toledo, Ohio.  
Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, acting directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces of the system. Testimonials sent free. Price 75 cents per bottle. Sold by all Druggists. Take Hall's Family Pills for constipation.

### Improving Wagon Roads For Prosperous Future

That although financial conditions are such as to make all talk of bond issues for roads impractical, Texas should turn her attention to spending wisely the money received from road tax and other funds in the improvement and maintenance of earth roads is the statement of George D. Marshall, road expert in the employ of the United States government and the A. & M. College.

"150,000 miles of highway in Texas. How can they be maintained? Why not turn our attention from depressing business matters to the solution of this problem. While millions of men in Europe are engaged in the destruction of life and property the people of Texas can add millions to property values by construction and maintenance of roads.

"When the war is over the world will be crying for our products. Prices will be high but how can we take advantage of these conditions with impassable roads between farm and market. We have lost thousands of dollars in past years by not getting the best price for our farm products, because mud was our master. Profits depend upon a quick, sure market. Now is the time to cut the distance to shipping point in half by improving our roads. There should not be a road grader or drag idle in the state. Unless your road is rocky or sandy, drag it after every rain, shower or cloudburst. All over Texas there are sections of road that have been built with a smooth hard surface by continuous use of the drag. Don't try to drag sand until clay has been spread and harrowed in with disc and spike tooth harrows. Don't try to drag a rocky road, throw the rocks out and save wear and tear on mules and wagons. Clay, sand-clay, or sand loam will yield to dragging because the drag smears the surface when it is wet, pulls ruts and holes and makes a crown that will shed water.

"Every day we read in the papers of the campaign in Austria in France and other countries. What Texas needs is road maintenance campaigns.

"If we have invested a lot of money in highway improvement, it is time to secure that investment by the use of the drag. If the roads have not been dragged the use of the drag will make them 100 per cent better. During hard times we can prepare for good times sure to follow, by dragging roads, draining them properly, and repairing culverts and bridges.

"Nehemiah was one of the greatest statesmen and generals that ever lived but he could never have rebuilt the walls of Jerusalem if every man had not worked on the section near his own home. A similar campaign of road maintenance in Texas with every man dragging and otherwise improving the sections of highway near his own home would put us in a position to market crops when prices are highest at greatly reduced cost."

A large negro woman followed by a small child was heard to say: "Come on here Egg nog, what do you mean by coming long so slow?" A bystander asked her why she called the child by such a name as Egg nog and she replied; "You know dat nigger Julie Johnson? Well, she done got twins what she calls 'Tom and Jerry, and I ain't g'wine to let no nigger get ahead o' me naming her brats. Come on here Egg nog."—National Monthly.

### CEREMONIOUS

It there is one thing a commercial traveler dislikes more than another it is elaborate ceremony; and if the spirit of his profession is in him he generally

finds some way to let his prejudices be known.

One evening a traveling salesman from Cincinnati happened to sit down at a hotel table in company with half a dozen state legislators, who talked with excessive formality. It was "Will the gentleman from Hardin do this?" and "does the gentleman from Franklin want that?" the ordinary form of direct address being carefully eschewed.

For nearly ten minutes the commercial traveler suffered in silence. Then he turned to the waiter and said in deep, oratorical tones: "Will the gentleman from Ethiopia please pass the butter?" The remedy was effectual.—Philadelphia Public Ledger.

### GRANDPA.

There's no one in this whole world who knows as much as grandpa does.

I sometimes think that he must be the wisest man that ever was.

He can predict the weather better than the regular weather man;

He doesn't always guess it right, but, then, no other feller can.

He always tells us, far ahead, how all elections will come out;

He's seen so many hot campaigns as never has the slightest doubt.

Of course, he often makes mistakes and a very seldom calls the turn,

But there are very few who can, that is so far as I can learn.

He's got a safe, sure remedy for every ill that man can find; There's no disease that he can't cure or none that I can call to mind.

Of course, sometimes they don't get well, but this is just part of the game;

A lot of doctors that I know in this town must admit the same.

His knowledge is as free as air; he always peddles out advice

Without the form of being asked his wisdom is beyond all price. Some fellows who have followed it have made their fortunes; some have not;

For grandpa's human like the rest although he's liked an awful lot.

—Brooklyn Eagle.

### Husky Suit for Damage Judgement Affirmed.

Last week the Court of Appeals affirmed the judgement of the district court of Floyd County giving \$400 as damages in the case of Dalls Husky by his next friend, M. F. Husky, against the P. & N. T. Ry. Co.

The case grew out of an accident last year when Dallas, the young son of Dr. Husky, had an arm broken thrown from his mount when the horse stumbled crossing the company tracks north of town. The contention of the plaintiff was that the horse stepped in a hole at the crossing, caused by the negligence of the defendant railroad company, and this was the basis on which the verdict was rendered for the plaintiff by the jury in district court.

### Married.

We learn that the Observer at Stamford has sold out to the Leader. This is a trade that the Herald wishes to congratulate the Leader and Observer for bringing about. The marriage of two papers in a small town should be the occasion of great jubilee. One good paper well supported by the people is the best thing a town could have. But two papers with inadequate support for them both, is a dead weight for themselves and the advertisers to carry. The Herald wishes the Leader the greatest of success in the Stamford field.—Herald.

Carbon paper Hesperian office.

### Community Co-Operation

Copyright Farm and Ranch-Holland's Magazine

In nearly every community there are men and women who send or go to the larger cities for many of their purchases. They either feel that goods carried by their local merchants are not good enough for them or that they can do better in the city.

These misguided people are not malicious barriers to local welfare and development. Nevertheless they retard the progress of their community just as much as though they intend to.

It is hard to think of a single article in general use that cannot be purchased to as good advantage as elsewhere.

Possibly some of you at times desire certain patterns, designs, styles or models of articles that

are not carried in stock locally, but it is safe to say that if you will make your wants known to your merchants they will get the specific article you want at the same price you would have to pay elsewhere, and save you the trouble and expense of going away.

If you want to be an active factor in the growth and improvement of this community you should spend every dollar possible right here where it will stay in circulation and assist in our general and individual prosperity. Whenever you are in doubt as to your ability to patronize local stores to as good advantage as elsewhere investigate before you decide to buy from a distance.

### BRIDES MIXED AT WEDDING

Honeymooners, Returning, Find That Their Certificates of Marriage Are in Error.

It is really a very annoying situation indeed. Here, Mrs. John F. Barrett, or at least the charming bride who until yesterday thought she was Mrs. John F. Barrett, finds that her marriage certificate reads that she is the wife of Robert D. Savage, whom she has been platonically considering all this time as her brother-in-law. And little Mrs. Robert D. Savage finds she isn't Mrs. Robert D. Savage at all in the stupid marriage certificate, but is there recorded as Mrs. John F. Barrett. It is really very annoying indeed, says the San Francisco Bulletin.

Some months ago Margaret Casey and Elise Casey, daughters of James T. Casey, supervisor of San Mateo, were centers of interest at a big double wedding at Colma. Margaret went to the altar with Robert Savage, a young ranchman of Halfmoon Bay, and Elise dittoed to the ditto and exchanged vows with John Barrett, a contractor of San Francisco.

The Barretts went on a trip East. The Savages proceeded on an automobile tour through Southern California. Now they have returned to find that the marriage certificates, all duly signed and filed, have registered as husband and wife quite the wrong pairs. Margaret's name is where Elise's ought to be and, equally annoying, Elise's name is where Margaret's should appear.

Now, it happens that the time limit for making changes in legally registered marriage certificates has expired. A clerical error, but really quite annoying, you know!

### WAYS OF PRESSING FLOWERS

Visitor to Country May With Little Trouble Secure Some Interesting Specimens.

The visitor to the country who likes to press flowers can find no better pressing agent than sheets of newspapers, put under heavy blocks.

Cut the newspapers into sheets of conveniently small size, and make a pad of half a dozen of them to put under the flowers, and another to put over them. Then pile several heavy books on them.

Change the newspaper pads two, three or four times when the flowers are first pressed, as the paper absorbs the moisture from the flowers and should be changed for dry paper.

As soon as the flowers are thoroughly dried, they can be mounted on sheets of stiff paper or thin cardboard. The best way to mount them is to cut narrow strips of court plaster or passe partout binding and to fasten the flowers securely to the cardboard or paper by pasting the strips over the stems.

Yellow and green are the most persistent colors in flowers. They do not fade to any perceptible degree for many months. White does not fade, of course, but it turns brown, and red fades rapidly. Blue fades, too, and lavender and purple combine the faults of blue and red.

### War Maneuver of 1812.

One hundred years ago a British force landed on the Massachusetts coast and attacked the little village of Wareham. Earlier in the year the British squadron, which for many months had maintained a strick blockade along the New England coast, had commenced active operations by sending an expedition up the Connecticut river. Now the enemy's depredations were extended to the Massachusetts coast. Wareham and the town of Scituate were the first sufferers. A sudden descent made by boats' crews from the frigates Superb and Nimrod so completely surprised the inhabitants that the enemy burned the shipping at the wharves, looted the shops and returned to their vessels before the bewildered villagers had time to take any measures for defense.

Born.—To Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Gound, City, a daughter, Thursday, November 26th.

### Vineyard-Milwee

Last Thursday, November 19, Mr. Wren Vineyard of Texico and Miss Florence Milwee, of Lockney, were united in marriage at Lubbock, Rev. Lane pastor of the Methodist church officiating.

The ceremony was performed at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Jim Jourdon, friends of the contracting parties. Only the mother of the bride and a few friends were present to witness the uniting of the lives of these two splendid young people. Immediately after the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Vineyard left for their home at Texico.—Lockney Beacon.

Miss Akard Britain was a guest of friends in Floydada from Thursday to Monday last. She is attending Wayland College at Plainview.

**BLACK LEG**  
LOSSES SURELY PREVENTED by Cutter's Blackleg Pills. Low price, fresh, reliable; preferred by Western stockmen because they protect where other vaccines fail. Write for booklet and testimonials. 10-dose pkg. Blackleg Pills \$1.00. 50-dose pkg. Blackleg Pills 4.00. Use any injector, but Cutter's best. The superiority of Cutter products is due to over 15 years of specializing in vaccines and serums only. Insist on Cutter's. If unavailable, order direct. THE CUTLER LABORATORY, Berkeley, California.

Have Your Work done right

by

**M. E. STEELE**

Contractor and Builder.

Figure with him. He will save

you money. Call at City Hotel

2-19-15-p

**DR. E. O. NICHOLS**

(OF PLAINVIEW)

Specialist on Diseases of the

Eye, Ear, Nose and Throat

will be in Floydada the

First Saturday in each

month.

**A. P. MCKINNON**

ATTORNEY-AT-LAW

I buy and sell land on com-

mission and negotiate loans

on Real Estate

FLOYDADA, TEXAS

**W. M. Massie & Bro**

General Land Agents

(THE SENIOR LAND & ABSTRACT BUSINESS

FLOYD CO.)

BUY, SELL, LEASE, OR EXCHANGE

**Land**

in any size tracts through Northwest Tex.

as especially through Floyd and other

Counties of the beautiful Plains; Ren-

der and Pay Taxes. Furnish Abstracts

Perfect Titles & Etc.

NON RESIDENT LANDS

A SPECIALTY

Address

**W. M. Massie & Bro.**

Floydada, Texas

**County Seat Election  
in Dickens County**

Petitions are being circulated in Dickens County for a County Seat election to determine whether the county seat shall be removed from Dickens to Spur.

The proposition will be placed before the voters as soon as sufficient names are secured on the petitions and the election can be called by the Commissioners' Court of the County.

**Ellis County Men Locating In  
Lee Co. Neighborhood**

Messrs. Rains, of Midlothian, Ellis County, are preparing to move to this section at an early date, having bought from G. W. Gilley of this city, a 528-acre tract in the Lee County neighborhood. One of the brothers has been out the past week looking over the situation and making preparations for the move.

**The Best Is None Too Good**

If you want a Newspaper that gives the news, especially the news from Texas and the great Southwest, as well as from all over the world, one that gives the most of it and in the best possible way, you can get it by subscribing for The Semi-weekly Farm News along with the Hesperian.

This is a combination of general news and local news that can't be equaled or surpassed. In addition to its great news, The Semi-weekly Farm News has many special features that entertain, amuse and inform. Among these are The Farmer's Forum, The Women's Century, Our Little Men and Women, and the best fullest and latest market reports to be had in any newspaper, hot off the wires. The News spends many thousands of dollars a year for these

telegraph market reports, and they are reliable.

Another splendid feature of the Semi-weekly Farm News is the diversification idea of crops which will be more interesting than ever before for your benefit and the benefit of all the people of Texas and the southwest.

The price of The Semi-weekly Farm News and the Hesperian is only \$1.75 a year. You get the best of everything that is good in reading matter from every standpoint.

Send in your order now and take advantage of the next few weeks posting yourself on matters of deep concern the coming year. The Hesperian.

**Join The Fire Prevention Army Now**

By S. W. Inglish, Austin, State Fire Marshal.

The fire demon is no respecter of persons. The palace of the great and the humble cot or the poor all look alike to him. He is ever on the alert to collect his tolls. And whenever he levies tribute, the wealth of the world contributes, for he is the great destroyer of material things.

Once he lays clutches on property, he clings tenaciously to his food.

He is hard to conquer, but he can be out-generaled and that without strategy.

He can make a long siege, but as long as care and caution is exercised in a common-sense way he cannot batter down the citadel. If you want to feed the fire demon, you must be his ally. As long as you keep your line of defense intact, use prudence and let your hands, as well as your wits, have play, the fire demon is forced to delay his attacks.

Clean up! Don't put off until tomorrow. It may be too late. Waste, trash and litter are fire

promoters.

And they also are first aids in keeping fire insurance rates at the top notch.

**The U-9's Lesson For America**

Germany's success against invasion from the sea has demonstrated that the best defense a nation has, is first, an excellent submarine fleet; second, adequate mine fields off ports or harbors and third, a good line of shore batteries.

England's success in keeping commerce open upholds the advocates of battleship program.

A combination of the two will make our nation invulnerable.

Twenty submarines can be built for the cost of one battleship.

Ten submarines insure our possession of the Philippines.

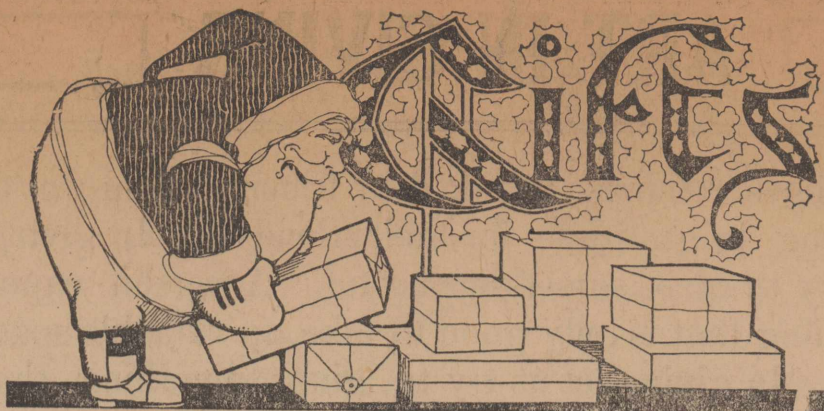
Ten submarines insure our possession of Honolulu.

Five submarines at end of the Panama Canal insure it against attack.

Sixty submarines protect all our ports on both coasts.

The yearly naval appropriation for the construction of vessels, if used for submarines instead of battleships would render the United States immune to attack.

If this assertion is true, if a strong fleet of powerful submarines can protect the United States against hostile invasion under all conditions, the reported intention of the Naval Board to ask Congress for four battleships deserves serious and painstaking consideration. It may be assumed that the United States will never fight an offensive war. The country's purpose will be served by an armament which will protect her from invasion and keep the ocean trade lanes open. If submarines can defend the American coasts, they are the cheapest weapons to build. The sixty million dollars for dreadnaughts



"Olson's War on Prices" should resolve itself into an aid to the Holiday buyer, for who could not find an appropriate gift in this bargain list? And right in the beginning of the Holidays, too. Now what would be more appropriate or more appreciated by your boy than a new suit of clothes, a good all-wool blue serge here for only \$4.50. Or--for your husband a suit of clothes, a hat, a good pair of shoes, or a sweater, or for your wife than a pair of shoes or a skirt. These are things that can be appreciated. They're everyone in our bargain list. Don't discount the fact that you get new goods--No shelfworn goods here. Honest Goods, Honest Advertising, and Low Prices.

Men's Clothing		Boy's Clothing	
SUITS		SUITS	
\$20.00	\$14.00	9.00	6.00
15.00	9.65	7.50	5.00
12.50	7.50	6.50 All wool blue serge	4.50
MENS PANTS		5.00	3.35
3.00 pants now	2.25	4.00	3.00
2.50	2.00	BOYS ODD PANTS	
3.50 & 4.00	3.00	1.75	1.25
2.00	1.50	1.50 & 1.25	1.00
1.50 work pants	1.35	.75	.65
1.00	.85	.50	.40
MEN'S AND BOY'S HATS		SWEATERS	
4.00 hats now	3.25	.75c sweaters for	.50
3.50	2.85	1.25 sweaters for	.90
3.00	2.25	LADIES SKIRTS	
2.50	2.00	Have never before been offered at such a low price.	
2.00	1.50	6.50 skirts now for	3.00
1.00 boys hats	.85	4.00 & 5.00 for	2.00
.75 caps	.50	7.50 skirts for	4.00
.50 caps	.40	9.00 & 10.00	5.00
.35 caps	.25	SHOES	
BOYS BOOTEES		4.00 Ladies Shoes	3.25
2.50 boy's bootees	2.15	3.50 " "	3.00
MEN'S SHOES		3.00 " "	2.50
3.50 men's shoes	2.85	2.50 " "	2.25
4.00 " "	3.25	2.00 children's shoes	1.50
5.00 " "	3.75	1.50 children's shoes	1.25
3.00 " "	2.25	1.25 children's shoes	1.00
3.50 work shoes	2.85	1.00 children's shoes	.75
3.00 " "	2.50		

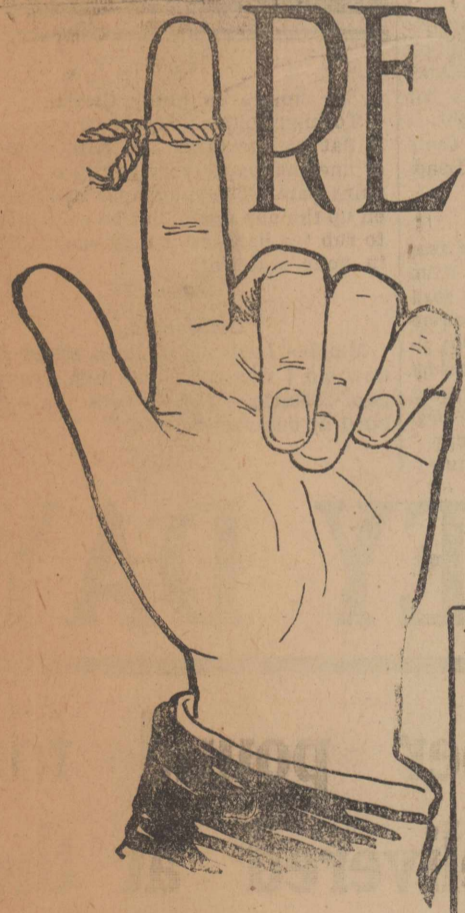
**THESE PRICES FOR CASH ONLY**

**O. B. OLSON**

Store That Sells the Same Goods For Less Money  
FLOYDADA---Phone 10---TEXAS

**REMEMBER!**

**\$2.00 Pays for  
all three for  
one year**



**Is Your Conscience Perfectly Clear?**

Does some little mistake in your life trouble you, and would you be happier if it were possible to confess it to a confidante?

HOLLAND'S MAGAZINE, which needs no introduction to the connoisseur of truly worth-while magazines, contains each month a section called "The Confessional." Each issue contains a number of contributions by various anonymous writers telling of vital experiences and mistakes in their lives which they feel better for confessing, or which may serve as a warning to others. This department is unique, and is watched with intense interest by readers every month.

FARM AND RANCH is devoted to the interests of the home and farm builder, and is designed to meet every need and requirement. It meets these needs adequately through its mediums of correspondence with other farmers and its "Questions and Answers Column," where many of his most perplexing problems are solved. It opens his eyes to new and improved methods in carrying out his work, and proves to be an indispensable helper and right-hand man.

OUR paper is for the entire family. We strive, at all times, to be a help in the upbuilding of this community, and use our influence for the benefit of its people. We give you all the local news, and as much of the state and foreign news as the space will permit. A newspaper is indispensable to your family. This paper will keep you posted on all that is happening in this community, and will tell you of the doings of those friends and neighbors in whom you are most interested.

If subscribed to singly the subscription price of the above three publications is \$3.00. Order now and we will send all three of them to you regularly one year for only \$2.00. Can you afford to neglect this opportunity?

**Your Conscience Should Not Be Clear if You Neglect this Opportunity**

would supply a submarine fleet sufficient to keep every enemy at a respectable distance from the harbor.

For the protection of commerce the comparatively slow dreadnaught with its restricted radius of action is not well suited. High speed 28-knot battle cruisers with heavy 16 inch guns of extreme range could perform this task and at the same time successfully repel attacks by dreadnaughts.—Lieut. J. B. Howell, U. S. N., in December number of Sunset, The Pacific Monthly.

**Governor Will Welcome Capital**

The speech of Governor elect Ferguson, delivered at Freeport on the occasion of the visit of E. P. Swenson, of New

York and other prominent financiers interested in Texas, breathes a message of hope to the investor and the builder and is a strong arm of authority against the approach of capital into this State when he shall become Governor of our great commonwealth.

Mr. Ferguson stated that it was the duty of the citizens of Texas to extend a welcome to the man on the outside who has money to invest in the State and that a guarantee should be given for absolute protection to capital invested in the industries of our State.

It augurs well for the industrial future of Texas when the highest office within the gift of the State is conferred on a man possessed with a vision which

can sweep the landscape of the future and point out the possibilities and opportunities which lie dormant within our borders, and in advocating a policy of building, Mr. Ferguson will find a hearty response in the hearts of all really patriotic Texans.

Wednesday of last week M. F. Davenport had the misfortune of breaking an arm when he, in company with his son-in-law, Fred W. Ranft, was starting to work.

They were in a buggy, when their horse shied into a post throwing both to the ground. Mr. Davenport's arm was broken at the elbow. Mr. Ranft was unhurt except for the jolt of the fall.

## ART IN GIVING

Christmas Times reminds us of dear friends whom we feel we owe something in gratitude for their friendship. In giving gifts we should try to give something useful. A person cannot appreciate a thing that is only good to take up valuable space and collect dust. In giving let us try to give something that has value and that is useful. You will find many things at our store that are very valuable and necessary to men and boys, yet comparatively inexpensive.

We have a brand new stock of Men's and boy's Dress and work shirts in both wool and cotton goods. Also a nice new line of collars, Hose, Neckwear, Hose Supporters, Gloves, Sweaters, Rain Coats, Overalls and Jumpers, Underwear and many other things too numerous to mention.

Many of you will need togs for the Holidays. Please remember that we are unexcelled in service, style, fit and quality of men and Boys made to measure clothes. We can get you a genuine made to measure suit, fully guaranteed, in one week but we had rather you would not wait too long as there is nothing so valuable as time.

Our Cleaning, pressing, repairing and alteration departments were never in better shape to serve you. Remember to call at the Southwest Corner of the Square when in town.

We Ship	<b>HAINES KING CO</b> "THE KNOW-HOW TAILORS" <b>HAINES KING CO</b>	Cash is
Laundry		What We Want

We give herewith the articles which must bear the war tax stamps and the amount of tax applies on each one. These are not all the items, by any means, that are taxed. However, they are the items on which the citizens of this county will be most affected:

Bonds debentures, certificates of indebtedness by the associations, company or corporation, new issues, \$100 par value, 5 cents each.

Sales or agreements to sell stock, \$100 par value, 2 cents each.

Agreement of sale of products or merchandise on exchanges, each \$100, 1 cent.

Promissory notes except bank notes for circulation and renewals, each \$100, 2 cents.

Bundles shipped by freight or express, 1 cent.

Telegraph and telephone companies, on each message over 15 cents, 1 cent.

Senders of telephone and telegraph messages, on each over 15 cents, 1 cent.

Certificates of profits of corporations, etc., and transfers thereof, face value each \$100, 2 cents.

Damage certificates, etc, 25cts.

Other certificates required by law, 10 cents.

Bankers note or memorandum of sale, 10 cents.

Deeds or realty transfers, valued between \$100 and \$500, 50 cents.

Deeds not exceeding \$500 value, 50 cents.

Deeds, exceeding \$500 value, \$1.

Entry for withdrawal of goods from custom bonded warehouses 50 cents.

Insurance of property, new or renewed policies, each dollar, 1-2 cent.

Policies of insurance or bond

of indemnity for loss, each dollar, 1 cent.

Passenger tickets by sea to foreign port costing less than ten dollars, \$1.00.

Passenger tickets, not exceeding \$60, \$3.00

Passenger tickets, exceeding \$60, \$5.00.

Perfumeries, cosmetics, etc., vaseline, hair dyes, tooth washes graded in values of five cents up to 15 cents, each 5 cents, 1-8 cent.

Same as above, valued from 15 to 25 cents, 5-8 cent.

Same as above, each addition 25c retail 5-8 cent.

Chewing gum, each addition \$1.00, 4-10 cent.

Voting powers or proxies 10 cents.

Power to convey real estate, protests 25.

Palace or parlor car seat or berth 1 cent.

In this connection the following statement was issued Wednesday from Washington.

The government was not intending to prosecute any one subject to war tax for failing to do so at the proper time through a failure to secure stamps and the officials so notified collectors tonight. Thousands of persons in many cities are much alarmed today through their inability to get the stamps fearing possible prosecution. The Internal Revenue office is swamped with demands it is unable to supply.

**Texas Industrial Notes.**

Beaumont—A tract of land, consisting of 14,315 acres, and which is located near Voht in this County, has been sold by the owner, J. Frank Keith, to a St Louis firm for a consideration of \$171,870. The land was purchased for the express purpose of being cut up into

small farms and colonized. The buyers will make a number of improvements before the property is settled. People from Missouri and other points North will locate on land.

San Benito—Cabbage, beans, eggplant, peppers, tomatoes and other vegetables are being shipped from here daily in large quantities by local growers. The first carload shipment of cabbage left recently and it brought the producers a good price. The season opened a little earlier this year than usual and prospects are bright for a profitable year.

Brownwood—What is considered to be a new record in sweet potatoe production in this part of the State has been estimated by C. B. Heard, a farmer residing near here. Mr. Heard's potato patch yielded 200 bushels of yams per acre, which is considered to be an exceedingly heavy production on unirrigated land. The product is selling for \$1.00 per bushel.

Houston—The Armstrong Packing Company, which is having constructed here a large fertilizer factory, which will bear the distinction of being the first local concern to use the Houston Ship Channel for commercial purposes since deep water has been secured. A cargo of phosphate, which will be used in the manufacture of the plant's product, will arrive here December 5th and discharge its commodity. The arrival of the ship will mark the opening of two new enterprises—the Houston Ship Channel and the Armstrong Packing Company.

Lucky Chaps.  
Life offers some men a bed of roses, and sends it up on approval, too.

**Mother's Club**  
Continued from Page 5

Secretary reported having paid local accounts and Federation dues.

On motion and second the president appointed a committee to see the school board and ascertain if they will furnish shades for the school building. Committee: Mmes. Surginer, Price and Rushing.

The purchase of portiere curtains for the stage in the auditorium, was discussed and on motion and second Mmes. McKinnon, Rushing and Dawson were appointed to purchase these. Misses Ivey and Savage a committee to select picture for the auditorium.

A motion was made by Mrs. McKinnon and was seconded that the president appoint a committee to see the officers of the old Civic Club and ascertain if the money in the treasury may be used in buying iron settees for the cemetery. Committee: Mmes: Surginer, Huskey Childers.

Miss Savage said that the Teachers' Institute would convene in the auditorium on the 17th of this month and wanted to know if the Mothers' Club would co-operate with the school and serve dinner in the school building one day. Mrs. E. C. Henry, the president urges the attendance of all mothers and friends of the school.

Press Reporter

**The Literary Endeavor.**

"The Literary Endeavor" met last Friday night at the home of Rev. G. W. Shearer. The program was well carried out for the number present. The Life of Campbell and "Lochiel's Warning" were studied.

Friday Dec 4th, the league will meet at 7.30 p. m. We are going to study "Servia" and "The Conquest of Canaan" next meeting.

All the young people are invited to come and take part in these lessons.

**MARKETING WORLD'S GREATEST PROBLEM**

We Are Long on Production Short on Distribution.

By Peter Radford, Lecturer National Farmers' Union.

The economic distribution of farm products is today the world's greatest problem and the war, while it has brought its hardships, has clearly emphasized the importance of distribution as a factor in American agriculture and promises to give the farmers the co-operation of the government and the business men the solution of their marketing problem.

This result will, in a measure, compensate us for our war losses, for the business interests and government have been in the main assisting almost exclusively on the production side of agriculture. While the department of agriculture has been dumping tons of literature on the farmer telling him how to produce, the farmer has been dumping tons of products in the nation's garbage can for want of a market.

**The World Will Never Starve.**

At no time since Adam and Eve were driven from the Garden of Eden have the inhabitants of this world suffered from lack of production, but some people have gone hungry from the day of creation to this good hour for the lack of proper distribution. Slight variations in production have forced a change in diet and one locality has felt the pinch of want, while another surfeited, but the world as a whole has ever been a land of plenty.

We now have less than one-tenth of the tillable land of the earth's surface under cultivation, and we not only have this surplus area to draw on but it is safe to estimate that in case of dire necessity one-half of the earth's population could at the present time knock their living out of the trees of the forests, gather it from wild vines and draw it from streams. No one should become alarmed; the world will never starve.

The consumer has always feared that the producer would not supply him and his fright has found expression on the statute books of our states and nations, and the farmer has been urged to produce recklessly and without reference to a market, and regardless of the demands of the consumer.

**Back to the Soil.**

The city people have been urging each other to move back to the farm, but very few of them have moved. We welcome our city cousins back to the soil and this earth's surface contains 16,092,160,000 idle acres of tillable land where they can make a living by tickling the earth with a forked stick, but we do not need them so far as increasing production is concerned; we now have all the producers we can use. The city man has very erroneous ideas of agricultural conditions. The commonly accepted theory that we are short on production is all wrong. Our annual increase in production far exceeds our increase in population.

**The World as a Farm.**

Taking the world as one big farm, we find two billion acres of land in cultivation. Of this amount there is approximately 750,000,000 acres on the western and 1,260,000,000 acres on the eastern hemisphere, in cultivation. This estimate, of course, does not include grazing lands, forests, etc., where large quantities of meat are produced.

The world's annual crop approximates fifteen billion bushels of cereals, thirteen billion pounds of fibre and sixty-five million tons of meat.

The world shows an average increase in cereal production of 13 per cent. during the past decade, compared with the previous five years, while the world's population shows an increase of only 3 per cent.

The gain in production far exceeds that of our increase in population, and it is safe to estimate that the farmer can easily increase production 25 per cent. if a remunerative market can be found for the products.

**It's Human.**

Tell a man that there are 270,169,225,481 stars and he will believe you. But if a sign says "Fresh Paint," he has to make a personal investigation.—Cincinnati Enquirer.

**Use Sea Water in Baking.**

The local papers are complaining about the size of the bread sold by the Iroquois bakers, who, besides charging two and one-half cents for a loaf of bread of 22 grams weight, it is said are using sea water in their bakeries.—From the West Coast Leader, Lima, Peru.

lost a tooth shall lose a friend. says that he who shall dream he has pret dreams. Among other things he elaborates rules telling how to interpret the second century, wrote books of dreams, who lived about the middle of the second century, wrote books of dreams, who lived about the middle of the second century, wrote books of dreams, who lived about the middle of the second century, wrote books of dreams.

Plato, Aristotle and Cicero believed. Ancient's Idea Concerning Dreams.

Discounted.

Maud—"Last night Jack asked me how old I was and I told him twenty-two." Marie—"You were always good at subtraction, dear."

**...Now Let's See...**

What will I give 'em For Xmas? Sure! I want to give something useful.

**GIVE HIM:-** A Xmas box of Holeproof Hosiery--6 pair lisle in neat Xmas Box, guaranteed to wear six months \$1.50. 3 pair Silk guaranteed three months, \$1.50 and \$3.00. A new Leather Handbag, Suitcase, Mackinaw, Gloves, Cuff Links, Tie pin, Clasp, Elgin Watch and Fob.

**GET Her:-** A box of Silk hose, 3 pairs in box, guaranteed to wear three months \$2.25 and \$3.00 in neat Xmas box. Six pair lisle hose, guaranteed six months \$2. A ladies watch, Broach pin, Ring, Ear Screws, and jewelry of any description at GLAD'S.

My suit sales the past month have been beyond all expectations, and when they go beyond my expectations they are going some, but I have more orders in the house now than ever before at one time.

**THERE'S A REASON**  
"One Price" "Quality"  
AT  
**GLAD'S**  
Shop Made Boots — Hand Sewed Gloves. Next to P.O.

**TURKEY DAY**

10 cents per pound for turkeys, delivered at the mill, Monday, Dec. 14th.

**A CARLOAD WANTED**

DON'T FORGET THE DATE: MONDAY DECEMBER 14TH

**MARSHALL**

Grain Company

FLOYDADA - - - TEXAS