

Our Roads are an Anachronism.

Henry B. Joy in the New York Independent.

It took years to unfetter the locomotive and free it to the service of the public by providing suitable rails, to carry the burden.

Can you draw any parallel with motor vehicle conditions today? Is it not true that we have the dreams of a hundred centuries realized in the modern motor vehicle? And is it not also true that our roads—the Nation over—are impossible and impassible and inappropriate to the era?

Are not our highways today to the motor vehicle as the soft iron rails of the 60's were to the locomotives of that day?

Did iron rails at \$73 per ton, and later steel rails at \$125 per ton, repay those who bought them?

What did good railroads mean to the public then, when our population was 23,191,876?

What do good highways mean today with a population of 100 million to be served?

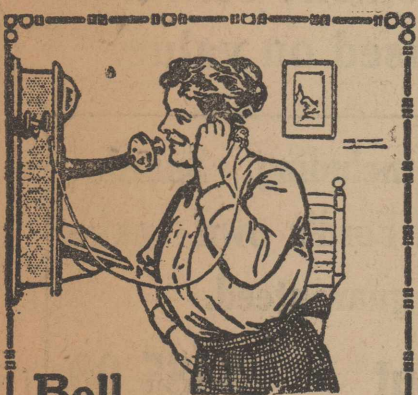
It cost the public for rails only, in those days, from \$8,000 per mile for iron to \$15,000 per mile for steel, and yet I venture to say the railroads at that day would not carry in traffic volume per mile what our main arterial highways would carry today were they traversible in an economical manner.

Is the value of good roads measurable alone in dollars? Is not the social welfare of a nation valuable beyond measure? But consider if you will only the broad proposition that by far the greater part of the freight which the railroads carry has first to be moved to the railroads over the highways at an average expense which is estimated, is greater than the entire railroad charges to its destination.

It is conceivable that such a condition should continue to burden us as a nation, while the good roads of every other civilized country give their people so great an advantage over us?—Amarillo News.

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Bell Connection
Adds to Farm Cheer

It was a blustery March evening, but inside the cozy sitting-room of the Browns' all was cheery and bright.

Mrs. Brown stepped to the telephone. Her husband smiled—for he knew the pleasant custom for years had been to call the daughter, in the distant village, each week.

Have you a Telephone connected to the Bell System?

The Southwestern
Telegraph &
Telephone Co.



Lockney School Board Adopts Plan for Building.

The Lockney school board have adopted plans for a new building to be constructed on the site where their former building was burned down shortly before the holidays.

With reference to the matters the Lockney Beacon of date Jan. 8th, says:

"Monday night the Lockney School Board held a prolonged session which lasted until 3:30 the next morning, and among other business transacted was the adoption of plans and specifications for Lockney's new school building.

"Messrs. J. C. Berry and W. R. Kauffman, architects of Amarillo, were present and were successful competitors in having their plans and specifications adopted.

"The estimated cost of the building completed, outside of furnishings, was \$16,000. The building will be two stories, with a basement of sufficient capacity to house the heating apparatus.

The lower story will be used entirely for an auditorium which will be 78 by 47 feet, including stage and dressing rooms. There will be ten large class rooms and four offices.

"The architects furnished the Board with a large drawing of the building as it will appear when completed.

"It will be one of the most handsome buildings on the Plains when completed. The contract for construction will be let at an early date."

Bigger's Views on Mending Allison Law.

Senator H. B. Terrell, soon-to-be-comptroller of the state; and an anti of some reputation, has been busy since the Allison Law was knocked out, framing a bill that would so amend the law as to make it valid again. His hope was that sufficient strength could be given the movement to pass the law within the first eight days of the legislative session which began Tuesday, so that the bill could have the signature of Governor Colquitt before the expiration of his term on the 19th. Governor-elect Ferguson's avowed intention of vetoing all liquor legislation will prevent him from being of service even in case he considered it best to do so.

With these ideas, and considering the value of the law to precincts and counties which are "dry," Senator Terrell while framing the law, issued a circular letter to all representatives and senators as follows:

"In view of the recent opinions of the Court of Criminal Appeals in construing the Allison law, in which it is held that liquor may be transported by any means of transportation, and in any quantity, into prohibited territory in the State, it has occurred to me that in order to render effective our local option laws, it will be necessary for the 34th Legislature to pass a bill that will meet the objections set forth in the opinion by Judge Harper in the Longmire case from Hamilton County.

"With this end in view I am now engaged in the preparation of a bill in which I hope to meet the objections pointed out by the court, and I would be glad to have your ideas on this subject and any suggestions that you can offer that will aid me in the preparation of the bill or in its passage through the Legislature, will be deeply appreciated.

"I recognize full well the difficulties surrounding the passage of such an important measure during the first eight days of the session, but if an agreed bill can be offered on the first day of the session there is no reason why it cannot be passed in time for the approval of Governor O. B. Colquitt.

"Trusting that I may have your most earnest co-operation and an early reply to this letter,

I beg to remain,

Very truly yours,
H. B. TERRELL."

Don H. Biggers, of Lubbock, who is representing this district, received the circular letter and addressed the Senator directly in an open letter as follows.

"Your circular letter just received. You say you would appreciate suggestions from me on the subject: I can only suggest that you go ahead with your bill. If it appeals to me as meritorious I'll vote for it. If it doesn't I will not. I will not be a party to making any political capital for O. B. Colquitt nor anybody else. I will gladly vote for a good wholesome, sane prohibition law, and let the supreme court or the court of appeals do as they will with it. Why not call in the Czar of Russia? He seems to have settled the booze business over in his neck of the woods. But I forgot. He didn't have any court of appeals to overthrow his cause. If you can settle this booze business, and give the legislature a chance to attend to some unfinished business may the Lord be with you. I know the people well."

COST OF STATE GOVERNMENT

A. L. Love, Tax Commissioner, in Comparisons Says Costs in Texas Relatively Small

A. L. Love, State Tax Commissioner, says that the cost of the Texas State Government last year was relatively small. He calculates that the cost of all the operations of the state including deficiencies created, make an average per capita cost of practically \$1.75. In comparison with other states, in a recent statement issued he avers that Texas has a low average and has maintained an economical government. He says:

Without going into detail as to the various items, the total disbursement from the general revenue of the State for the fiscal year ending August 31, 1913 and August 31, 1914, was approximately, \$6,000,000 and \$7,000,000 respectively, which amounts included the deficiency appropriation for the penitentiary system and all other deficiencies.

"The cost of our State Government is very low in comparison with that of other States. The North Dakota 1913 has compiled a list of representative State Governments exclusive of the aid given to public schools. The list is as follows:

"North Dakota \$3.80, South Dakota \$3.40, Arizona, \$7.08, California \$5.66, Connecticut \$4.88, Idaho \$5.60, Maine \$4.82, Massachusetts \$4.17, Michigan \$4.42, Minnesota \$6.42, Montana \$5.40, Nevada \$8.92, New York \$7.44, Oregon \$7.04, Washington \$4.02, Wisconsin \$4.43.

"The population of Texas at this time is in excess of 4,000,000, and even if the disbursements for the past year included no deficiencies, the per capita cost of our State for said time would not exceed \$1.75, which is very little more than 50 per cent of the expenditures of the State in the above list having the lowest per capita cost.

Biggers to Austin

Don H. Biggers, State Representative from this district, left Wednesday for Austin, in order to be in readiness to take up his official duties when the Legislature convenes next Tuesday. His family will remain in Lubbock.—Lubbock Avalanche.

Lockney Locals

From the Beacon

A Christmas wedding took place at Lubbock, in which Mr. Frank Gruver and Mrs. Zeffie Bell were united in marriage. Mr. Gruver is connected with his brother here in the mercantile business. His bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Matthews, and was reared in

BEGINNING THE NEW YEAR

RIGHT

At our store we are beginning the New Year Right, with a full and complete stock of Pure Drugs and the Best Drug Sundries, Believing that our customers appreciate year-round SERVICE. We are adding new lines as the good business you are giving us will justify.

Our rule is to have everything in stock that should be found in a good drug store.

Our latest addition: Eastman kodaks and supplies. You find them only at our store in Floydada.

TOM B. TRIPLETT, Druggist

Phone 51

Lockney. Both have numerous friends.

Chas. Wilson has installed a new Calcium light in the Happy Hour, Theater, and re-opened for business.

The show was discontinued some time ago on account of insufficient lights, but now a first class Mutual program can be seen each night.

'Squire Gaither, of Floydada, was here Tuesday attending justice court.

Attorney Crs. H. Veale, of Floydada, was in attendance on justice court here Tuesday.

Attorney T. F. Houghton, of Floydada attended justice court

in the city Tuesday.

Lee Montague, of Motley county was a Lockney visitor Tuesday.

Don Muncy and wife, of Tascosa, are visiting in Lockney.

W. B. Clark was here from Floydada last Friday on business.

Million Dollar Mystery Draws Largest Crowd

The largest crowd that the Mc and Y has entertained, Friday night saw the first two reels of the Million Dollar Mystery, the serial which will run upward of twenty weeks, and which has been such a great

success wherever shown.

The Million Dollar Mystery is a feature which is given in addition to the regular three-reel show and the crowd Friday night gave ample proof of the appreciation of the show management to give their patrons this treat

The serial runs weekly, beginning last week, in the Hesperian. Each installment may be read in The Hesperian on Friday and seen that night on the screen.

Lost in Floydada

Silver-mounted fountain pen Sunday. Finder please return to A. C. Goen. 1tc.

All Three for \$2.00 for One Year

FARM & RANCH HOLLAND'S THE HESPERIAN

\$2.00 will bring us on the run to your address regularly for one year.

Are You a Hollander?

DO YOU know just how much there is in a copy of Holland's Magazine? Have you ever looked over the table of contents? If not, you have a surprise in store for you. Just glance through one. Half a dozen to a dozen choice stories well written and well illustrated; a splendid cooking department, with pages of reliable recipes and household helps; "Late Things in Fashions," a much enjoyed children's department, and so on. This is Holland's, from cover to cover, filled with material of keen interest and value to every member of the family.

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TO complete the home library there remains only one thing—the home newspaper. This paper is one that will interest you in many ways, and give you all the local, and as much of the state and foreign news as we have space for and believe will be of interest. The advertising columns will tell you, quickly and accurately, where you can make your purchases to the best advantage, thereby saving you unnecessary visits to the different stores. This paper is for the entire family, and no home in this community ought to be without 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?

RE-STOCKING with the Highest grade Hardware and Shelfware on the market, including a line of the highest-class granite-ware in town. A good supply of leather goods on hand. Save money by buying now. The price of leather goods is steadily advancing. Every article here worth the money or your money back. "Get the habit" of trading at

C. S. JONES

THE MAN THAT SELLS THE AL-METAL STEAM WASHER
PHONE 91-FLOYDADA, TEXAS

Community Co-Operation

Copyright Farm and Ranch-Holland's Magazine

There is no conflict of interest between the farmer and business man of a community.

Each one has his own particular work and bends his energies in his own way toward carrying it on. But the work of the one will prosper most when the other is meeting with a fair measure of success: Therefore the merchant should have an active interest in the welfare of the farmer and the farmer in the business of the merchant.

But it is in the life of the community that their interests actually merge. Each wants the community to be the best

possible place to live in. Adequate church and school advantages, wholesome social life and entertainment, and good roads are essential. The need of one in this respect is no greater than the need of the other.

How are the essentials of a full, satisfying community life to be had? By all the people of a community working for them. There is no other way, and the moment all of the people in the community get together in a common effort, that moment the lives of all begin to grow richer. The possibilities are without limit.

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SANTA FE TIME TABLE.

West Bound Train No. 802 Leaves 8:00 a. m.	East Bound Train No. 801 Arrives 5: p. m.
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The Roaring Springs Echo says that the legislator that votes against the proposition of Compulsory Education during the present session of the State Legislature, will have trouble explaining to his constituents.

So will he have, too, if he votes for it; so the legislator had as well (so far as having to answer,) throw heads and tails for the difference.

There's a large variety of opinions on this matter of Compulsory Education.

On the first day of January there were \$187,000,000 in New York alone paid out as dividends. During December \$500,000,000 was received from Europe for War supplies, and no telling how much more is on its way now to the United States.

This should certainly have a tendency to loosen money up, especially in New York and that city is the heart of the country's financial market.

Compulsory Education and Woman Suffrage are likely to have considerable attention at the hands of the legislature which convenes this week.

They will in all likelihood, go before the people of the state this year sometime in the form of constitutional amendments to be voted upon.

If this proves to be true there'll be hot times in Texas during the next twelve months.

Seven prominent Texas breweries have had suits brought against them by the state, asking for the forfeiture of their charters and penalties.

The alleged violations by the breweries was undue use of their corporate funds in political affairs in Texas during the past 12 years.

A safeblower in the penitentiary of Missouri won his freedom recently when he unlocked the doors of the vaults at the capitol in Jefferson, locks having become bound. None of the employes of the senate or house could work the combinations.

The convict did not use explosives but depended upon his nimble fingers and keen ears.

A tortionist was arrested on the streets of Fort Worth Saturday being arrested for "vag." Being asked for proof of a visible means of support he scratched his head with his toe. He was turned loose.

The spirit of America's friendly remonstrance with Great Britain seems to have encouraged John Bull to such an extent that he stands pat on the original intention to stop and search all American vessels on high seas.

For three months two British men of war have stood to just out of New York harbor and searched every American vessel that leaves that port. Since the remonstrance, the seizing and searching continues.

Evidently the Methodists have awakened to the fact that their church building is not an edifice calculated to stimulate civic pride.

If their plans do not go awry, however, their new building will be a credit to the town.

Dispatches from Germany state that many of the most noted athletes of that empire, who went to the front among the first troops, have died on the battle field, while those who remain are covering themselves with glory and have been the recipients of medals for their bravery.

For Sale.

A bunch of good, young mares, Weight from 1000 to 1300 lbs; from 3 to 5 years old. Broke ready for work. Cash or credit. See Jess Shurbet.

Try Williams Bros. for coal and feed. They'll treat you right.

Prominent Man on Lyceum Courses

One of the most prominent men on the lyceum courses of the United States is Edward Elliott, who is billed to appear in Floydada on Saturday night the 16th. He has appeared in portrayals of modern plays in almost every prominent college in the east or north, and has been called back as high as six and eight times at some of the places. He is also a favorite with Y. M. C. A. entertainment committees.

Censors Blue Pencil Kings and Ministers.

London, Jan. 12—Kings as well as Prime Ministers, do not escape the vigilant blue pencil of the British censors. Early in the war a public address of Mr. Asquith, the Prime Minister, was deleted before the Associated Press could get on the cable. Now, even when the censors are less rigorous, the remarks of King Albert of Belgium have received similar attention.

In an interview with King Albert at his headquarters in Flanders an Associated Press reporter quoted to his Majesty a prediction published in certain quarters, that he might be back in Brussels in three months. The King replied, "Not so soon. But some day I shall ride into Brussels at the head of my Army."

Boerner-Ross Nuptials at Seven this Morning.

This morning at seven o'clock Miss Mary Boerner was married to Mr. Wister Ross at the home of the brides parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. L. Boerner. A number of intimate friends of the contracting parties and neighbors of the family were present, and Rev. G. W. Shearer conducted the ceremony. Mrs. A. N. Gamble played the wedding march.

Following the ceremony the popular young couple left on the train for Lubbock where they are spending the remainder of the week. Friends followed them to the station, showering them with rice and old shoes. They will return to Floydada to make their home, and will be at home to their friends next week on West Missouri Street.

Both contracting parties are quite popular members of the social life of Floydada. Both have lived here a number of years.

Mr. Ross is the eldest son of Mr. and Mrs. T. R. Ross living just east of town. He is engaged with Mathis-Martin Dry Goods Co., as salesman, and is quite able in his chosen field of work.

The bride, during a long residence in Floydada has endeared herself to a large list of friends and admirers by her graces and beauty. She is the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Boerner.

The couple were the recipients of many pretty and useful wedding gifts, attesting the high esteem in which they are held.

We wish them bon voyage on the Sea of Matrimony.

Week's Live Stock Market in Detail

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan., 11, 1915. Beef steers advanced 10 to 15 cents last week after Wednesday, closing steady for the week. Cows and bulls closed 10 to 15 lower, and stock-

ers and feeders, after losing 10 to 15 cents first of the week, remained steady balance of the week, and everything in the yards was sold before the end of the week. Receipts here today are 15000 cattle, and beef cattle are selling 5 to 15 lower, stock-

ers and feeders are strong. Chicago has 33000 cattle which is 14000 more than was estimated there Saturday for today. That large supply is, of course, the weakening feature of the beef cattle market here, for under present conditions at Chicago means that just that many cattle will have to be sold to killers. On the other hand the receipts here today contain a large share of stockers and feeders, and a comparatively small number of killing cattle, a classification best suited for the condition of the market today, as the demand here for stockers and feeders is the strongest feature of the market. Every authority that assumes any advisory opinions regarding future market deprecates the tendency to rush half fat cattle to market, and predicts a high fat cattle market later in the winter. The best cattle here in the last week sold at \$9, but none that good are here today, most sales of beef steers at \$7.50 to \$8.00, cows \$5.50 to \$6.75, bulls \$5.75 to \$6.50, veals and feeders, \$6.50 to \$7.50. Thirty-one cars of quarantine cattle arrived today, largest supply since last Monday, nothing very good included; some heifers at \$7,

steers at \$6.25 to \$6.75.

The hog market is slipping, receipts here moderate at 12000 head, but runs at points east, out of recently quarantined sections, continue very heavy, 55000 at Chicago today. However, today's market opened 10 lower, and closed 5 to 10 lower, exhibiting the same recuperative power that has been evident every day for two or three weeks. Numerous loads sold at \$6.90 today, bulk of sale \$6.70 to \$6.85 one small lot at \$6.95. Until there is some recession of the flood of hogs out of Iowa and Illinois at points tributary to those states, little repair work can be done on the market. At the same time killers are willing buyers, and any construction in the supply will bring strength to the market. Sheep and lambs are off 10 to 15 cents today, ewes more in some cases. Receipts here are moderate at 9000 head, but Omaha and Chicago each have a big run, largely out of the Northern Colorado district. Best lambs in Chicago today are reported as bringing \$8.65, at which price pea fed lambs sold here. Other lambs brought \$8.60 here, including some from Scotts-bluff, Nebraska. Ewes have been scarce heretofore, but are plentiful today, top \$5.75, natives at 5.40 to \$5.60.

J. A. RICKART,
Market Correspondent.

Beef Steak 3 Cents a Pound

One of the changes which the passing years have bought into

America is an account book one hundred years old.

According to the entries, the owner bought veal at four cents the pound. Beefsteak sold for three and four cents the pound. Chickens sold for as low as fifteen cents apiece and you could buy a goose for twenty-five cents. Eggs varied in price from six to ten cents the dozen. Tea was bought by this early American for \$1 a pound and another entry shows that a bushel of salt was purchased for \$16. Candles cost him 37 1-2 to 87 1-2 cents the pound. There was no excess of light in even the best of homes in those days. Muslin for the good wife of the house cost fifty cents a yard and a quantity of calico cost seventy-five cent a yard.

One very significant feature was the numerous entries in which a gallon of whiskey or rum accompanied the order. The spirits cost twenty-five cents the gallon.— Columbus Dispatch.

Roger Jones' Wife Dead

News comes to Floydada of the death of Mrs. Roger Jones, of Wake, which occurred on last Saturday morning at an early hour.

She was formerly Miss Kaleta Wooten, a sister of Riley Wooten and had been married to Mr. Jones about a year.

Roger is well known in Floydada. He is son of W. A. Jones, now deceased.

An Added Attraction
The Ford Car Gets Better Every Day

JUST think a minute what it means to you to have the new Ford you will buy this year equipped with speedometer, Gray & Davis electric starter, head and tail lights. The improvement continues but the price remains the lowest, based on value.

Price including Speedometer, Gray & Davis electric starter and bright head and tail lights.		Price, including Speedometers of Ford's own make and fully guaranteed.	
Runabout	\$570.00	Runabout	\$485.00
Touring Car	\$620.00	Touring Car	\$535.00
Coupelet	\$880.00	Coupelet	\$795.00

The Gray & Davis gives steady bright light service and proves a distinct innovation in the new Ford. Profit sharing with Ford purchasers goes on unabated in its popularity.

BARKER & WINN, Agents
Plainview, Texas

Quick Profits Raising Beef

Way Cattlemen of Panhandle Make Money Told in Santa Fe Advertisements

Amarillo, Texas, Jan., 9th, 1915
 "Quick profits raising beef" is the heading of the advertisement which the Santa Fe Railway is carrying in a dozen leading farm and stock journals in the middle west, having a combined circulation of over a million and reaching a class of farmers growing and feeding stock.

The advertisement tells a Panhandle feeding story, condensed from the "Baby Beef" folder recently issued from the Amarillo office. It says "To mature beef for market in 15 months from birth and have them weigh as much as ordinary cattle of twice that age is the Texas Panhandle cattlemen's way of getting rich quick."

"Mr. Charles Keiser, of Canyon, Randall Co., Texas, marketed a herd of 131 head at Kansas City. They were the product of native Panhandle cows and registered Hereford bulls. He got top prices for all. The best 26 animals averaged 965 pounds a piece, the rest 877 pounds."

"In the seven months from weaning to selling the 26 averaged a gain of 565 pounds. Where these Panhandle cattle raisers make their profits is in raising all their own feed at a remarkably low cost. Mr. Keiser's cost averaged \$24.00 per head. The Texas Panhandle is more than a "cattle range." Stockmen thus do the finish-feeding at home.

"The heavy yielding feed crops and the wonderful silo are making Texas Panhandle cattle raising an immensely profitable business. Let me send you the details of Mr. Keiser's performance and our free Panhandle folder telling of cheap land and great opportunities. It is worth money to you. Write today. C. L. Seagraves, Gen. Col., Agent, Chicago."

Short crisp articles about the Panhandle will also be printed in these journals from time to time, this being in line with the development campaign J. Brinker, the general freight and passenger agent is carrying on in his territory.

NEW REGULATIONS AS TO WAR TAX ON DEEDS

All Transfers which Convey Title, except Quitclaims, Must Bear Stamps to be Valid.

Washington, Jan., 6.—Regulations to govern the placing of stamps on conveyances of real property in payment of the war tax were issued tonight by Commissioner of Internal Revenue Osborne. The tax is 50c on deeds that amount to over \$100 and less than \$500, with 50c additional for each \$500 or fraction over \$500.

The regulations make it plain that where the consideration is nominal, or \$1, the tax must be computed upon the actual value of the property conveyed, liens deducted and the executor becomes liable for the penalty if the proper amount of stamps is not affixed.

The Commissioner announced that while a Register of Deeds is not expected to investigate where he suspects violation of the law he should in such cases notify the proper revenue collector. A quit claim deed is not subject to the tax, nor are oil leases and mining leases which convey no title. Deeds to cover gifts in a family or from an individual to a municipality are not taxable.

R. L. Ormon, of Roseland Community, was transacting business in Floydada Monday.

D. E. Pitts and wife returned home Sunday from Stur where Dug has been in the hospital, following an operation for appendicitis. He is practically recovered now and as soon as he regains his strength will be as well as ever.

bottom of the old river bed. Much of the cargo contained therein was found in a fairly good state of preservation much to the surprise of the excavator. Among the articles found were a quantity of brass kettles, blacksmith and shoemakers' outfit, a barrel of pork still in good condition, several small hand grist mills, a quantity of pocket, butcher and hunting knives, table knives, forks and lot of marble, a quantity of English chinaware bolt of broadcloth in a good state of preservation, excepting about two inches on each edge. It was stated by Turbyfield that owing to the rise in the river the excavations have been discontinued temporarily, though there is still a large quantity of merchandise in the boat.—T. & P. Magazine.

W. S. Dunn's Residence Destroyed By Fire

Texas Spur:

Saturday night the residence and all household effects of W. S. Dunn were completely destroyed by fire. A party of or seventy-five young people of the city were entertained at the home that night and after the party had dispersed three or four of the number remained to look for a gold ring which one of the young ladies had dropped on the floor. In looking for the ring a number of matches were struck and it is supposed that one of the matches was carelessly thrown on the floor which later caused the fire. Nothing was saved from the building. The fire alarm was given but the fire department reached the building too late to do any good further than to prevent a further spread of fire to other buildings. The building and household goods were partially covered by insurance.

We understand that Mr. Dunn now contemplates rebuilding just as soon as the insurance and other matters are adjusted. His plans are to build a larger and finer residence than the one which burned.

air and then baked at boiling temperature for four hours.

the briquette and automatically records the strokes on a sheet of paper, so that the record of the number of blows necessary to break the briquette tells the experimenter the cementing value or binding power of the specimen.

For Sale
 An extra good five-year-old horse, safe for women to drive; will take good milk cow as part pay.
 A. D. White 2tc

Santa Fe, has moved his law offices from Plainview to Amarillo, Judge Kimbrough having quit the firm of Madden, Trulove and Kimbrough and moved to Dallas, where he will be a member of the firm now known as Saner & Saner.

Judge Kimbrough's removal to Dallas, necessitates Mr. Trulove's return to Amarillo.

Mr. Trulove has farm interests northeast of Floydada.

Williams Bros. will buy your hides. 1tc

No. 7045

Report of the condition of The First National Bank at Floydada, in the state of Texas, at the close of business, Dec. 31st, 1914.

RESOURCES	
Loans and discounts	\$124,080.84
Overdrafts, secured and unsec.	00.00
U.S. Bonds to secure circulation	12,500.00
Stock in Federal Reserve Bank	650.00
Banking house, furn. and fix.	28,228.20
Other real estate owned	10,097.50
Due from Federal Reserve Bank	2,600.00
Due from Approved Res. Agts. in Central res. cities	10,803.44
In other reserve cities	4,174.24
Due from banks and bankers, other than above	3984.48
Checks and other cash items	2,118.62
Notes of other National Banks	3,349.00
Legal Money Reserve in Bank, viz:	
Specie	8,428.30
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasury, 5 per cent of Circ.	625.00
Due from U. S. Treasurer	00.00
Total	\$211,639.62

LIABILITIES	
Capital stock paid in	\$50,000.00
Surplus fund	15,000.00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	15,668.76
Circulating Notes	12,500.00
Due to Banks and Bankers	3,272.23
Dividends unpaid	4,000.00
DEMAND DEPOSITS:	
Individual Deposits sub. to chk.	\$96,702.58
certificates of deposit due in less than 30 days	1783.44
letters of Credit	248.83
time certificates of deposit due after 30 days or after notice of 30 days or longer	8,914.28
Accounts payable, assumed	3,549.50
Total	\$211,639.62

of Texas, County of Floyd, ss: E. C. Nelson, Cashier of the above-named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

E. C. Nelson, Cashier
 Subscribed and sworn to before me this 13th day of Jan. 1915.

J. B. Bartley
 Notary Public
 Attest:
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STILL WHITE SELLS For LESS

Knife With a History

Engineer J. R. Turbyfield, of the T. S. & N. division has in his possession a pocket knife which bears a history worth repeating. The knife was secured a few weeks ago from a sunken steamboat in the Red River by Mr. Turbyfield. According to his statement, the story is as follows:

In the year 1852 the steamer Monterey was coming up the river from New Orleans laden with a quantity of merchandise of a miscellaneous character for trading purposes with the Indians. The vessel was in command of Captain William Swain. Near Dixie, on the Bossier side of the river not far from Shreveport, an accident happened, causing the boat to sink with its entire cargo, very little if any of which was recovered. Since that time the boat and cargo have been lying at the bottom of Red River, but recently the story of the accident was revived and J. T. Pickett, a planter residing along the river, began making investigations as to the location of the vessel. The matter was taken up by the Shreveport papers, and some of the old river captains, which resulted in the location of the exact spot where the boat went down and the unearthing of the same for since the accident sixty years ago the Red River has changed its course and the boat was found a few feet beneath the

Finding the Value of Road Building Material

Univ. Station, Jan. 14.—The binding or cementing value of a road material is one of great importance. It often means the difference between a good and a bad road, money well spent or ill-spent, between a community enthusiastic for good roads, and one disgusted with its failure.

Devices for testing scientifically the cementing value of road material, in the new Roads Testing Laboratory at the University of Texas are now installed.

The process is as follows: The sample, say of gravel, is received and quartered. One portion is subjected to a mechanical analysis, which consists simply of screening it from a two-inch mesh to a 200 mesh. One sample is labeled properly and placed in the museum. On the remainder of the sample three tests for cementing value are performed, viz:

1. As received;
2. After passing through an 1-8 mesh;
3. On portion that will not pass through an 1-8 mesh.

The first step in the test is to place the two samples in a so-called ball-machine with water and the machine simply churns the samples to a dough. This dough is then taken out and placed in a briquetting machine which under pressure forms a small cylindrical briquette, which is dried 20 hours in the

ANNOUNCEMENT NEW DRUG FIRM IN FLOYDADA

We wish to announce that we have purchased the stock and fixtures of J. W. McCarty, Druggist, in Floydada, and are continuing business at the same place, where we wish to meet and form the acquaintance of the people of this section and serve you when you want drugs or drug sundries.

Our firm, composed of W. J. Lane, of Jayton and B. P. Woody is to be known as The Woody Drug Company. B. P. Woody will be in charge of the business and has taken up his residence in your midst.

We intend to have a bright, clean store, full of bright, clean drugs and sundries, and will greatly appreciate a liberal share of your business.

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