

## Changes in Santa Fe Schedule

**Local Train Leaves 7 a. m., Returns 3.30 p. m., Schedule Effective February 7th**

The new schedule card for the Santa Fe lines is out and becomes effective Sunday, February 7th. There are many changes of schedule and time.

The local train leaves at 7 a. m., connecting with the north and south trains to Amarillo and Sweetwater. The Sweetwater train passes through Plainview at 9:33, the Amarillo train at 9 a. m., making connections at the latter points for points east or west. An added feature to the trains 901-904-932 and 921-903-902 are Pullman drawing room sleepers to and from Fort Worth connecting with T. & P. trains at Sweetwater. Under this arrangement sleeper accommodations may be secured at any point between Amarillo and Sweetwater. Chair cars only are now operated on the trains between these points.

The new schedule on the Floydada Branch is as follows:  
 Lv 7 a. m. Floydada Ar 3:30 p. m.  
 Lv 7:35 a. m. Lockney Lv 2:55 p. m.  
 Ar 8:30 a. m. Plainview Lv 2 p. m.

## Gin Runs Steadily Through Pretty Weather

Good weather has made it possible for the local gin to run steady time through the greater part of this month. The past ten days the gin has run more than twelve hours a day, and the waiting list of cotton wagons remains steady.

Tuesday the gin had finished the 2000th bale.

Very few bollies have been ginned to date and not a great many holly bales have been on the market here.

Cotton prices have been better since the latter part of last week. Quotations on spots have been the highest this week they've been since the earlier part of fall, following the beginning of the marketing season.

## Births Reported.

**BORN.**—To Mr. and Mrs. F. P. Donathan, January 3rd, a daughter.

Come to the Farmer Exchange for meat salt and ribbon cane syrup in 5 and 10 gallon cans.

## 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:—

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| Switzerland | 554 |
| France      | 346 |
| Germany     | 317 |
| England     | 302 |
| Italy       | 220 |

In contrast with these figures:—  
 The United States.....199

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.

## Miss Wiggins Now Mrs. Earl Snapp

Miss Beatrice Wiggins, niece of C. S. Jones, who for some time till the latter part of the holiday season, lived in Floydada and was saleslady with Price-Foster Dry Goods Co., was married in Amarillo on January 4th to Mr. Earl Snapp, of Tulia.

The Tulia Enterprise of January 15th says: "Earl Snapp returned Wednesday a benedict, having been united in marriage with Miss Beatrice Wiggins at Amarillo on January 4th.

"No one had suspected Earl's intentions when he left here on the 4th for Amarillo where he met the bride by appointment and assumed the marriage vow and not until he returned Wednesday did his friends here know about the happy event.

"After the marriage in Amarillo Mr. and Mrs. Snapp went to the home of the bride's parents in Petrolia where they visited a week before coming here, and the happy couple are now receiving congratulations of the groom's many friends here and the Enterprise joins in with the best wishes for a happy and useful married life, and on behalf of our citizenship extends to the bride a hearty welcome among her new acquaintances.

"Mr. and Mrs. Snapp will be at home to their friends on the Snapp ranch ten miles southeast of town."

## To The People of Lakeview

We are proud to say that our school is moving with a steady click. 'Tis true that some are absent now and then, trying to gather the remainder of the cotton. This, of course, hurts the ones who are kept out of school, as it is impossible to keep a girl or boy interested in school work who does not attend regularly.

At present we have enrolled sixty four pupils into our school and the prospects are that we will have up in seventy by the last of the week. This is a goodly number for a Western rural school.

These boys and girls need good books to read other than the text books. These can best be had by means of a school library. If we undertake to buy all the books our boys and girls need and should read, we would find it very expensive. On the other hand if we buy these books, put them in a school library, each boy and girl will have access to them all with very little expense.

The teachers of Lakeview have on move a scheme to put a library in our school. We are first to ask for a box supper, the proceeds of which are to be spent for the best suitable literature for the third, fourth, fifth and sixth grades, that our ability will permit us to select.

We intended to ask for this supper last Saturday evening January 16th but the threatening weather and the lack of interest prevented it.

We are asking for this supper Saturday evening, January 30th. Will you join us in our educational rally? Come, have a jolly evening with us at the school house. Show your boy and girl, your brother or sister and your friends that you are ready to help us in this movement.

Besides having a good evening with us, a good book to read may be of some benefit to you. This we will let you have, provided you promise to return it to the book case at the school house.

If the editor of THE HESPERIAN will permit, I shall say in

## Week's Live Stock Market in Kansas City.

Kansas City Stock Yards, Jan. 18, 1915. The feature in the cattle market here last week was the fact that 20,000 cattle, 60 per cent of the supply went into the hands of stocker and feeder buyers. The bulk of these cattle went out at prices 15 to 25 cents below Monday. The comparatively small number of killing cattle sold 10 to 15 lower first part of the week, but after Wednesday there were signs of returning strength. Receipts today at all points are light, and the market is strong to 15 higher here on killing cattle, run here 14,000 head. Stockers and feeders again make up a large proportion of the run, and sales are steady on the best, others unevenly lower. It required powerful influence to keep cattle back today in Chicago territory, where many feeders are almost forced to sell. Much of the beef produced in the last few weeks has come from low priced cattle, a class that finds the best outlet. Choice steers sold here last week at \$9, but high class steers are selling at \$8.25 to \$8.75, good short feed steers \$7.50 to \$8, and plain steers \$7.25 to \$7.60. Butcher cattle are strong to 10 higher today, following weakness since the first of the year. Cows sell at \$5.50 to \$6.50, a few prime cows up to \$7.25, bulls \$5.75 to \$6.50, veal calves \$8.50 to \$10.50. Quarantined cattle in small supply, mostly medium steers at \$6.25 to \$6.90. Stockers sell at \$6.25 to \$7.40, feeders \$7.25 to \$7.75.

Hog receipts were lighter last week, but the market closed 10 to 15 cents below Monday. As a general rule each days market closed strong, for the day, indicating that killers have a place for hogs at the present range. Receipts today were 6000 head, market to 15 higher, top \$7, bulk of sales \$6.75 to \$6.95. Order buyers paid the top and some hogs were locked up because salesmen declined to sell to packers under \$7. Light weights brought within a nickle of the top. The supply here today is less than one half as heavy as on either of the two preceding Mondays and other markets are also with moderate receipts today, so that higher prices later in the week may result.

Sheep buyers had bearish orders late last week and their best bids on lambs Friday were around \$8 which was 65 cents lower for the week. Ewes and wethers were quoted 25 to 40 cents lower, but very few sheep and lambs were sold at this reduction, salesmen either forwarding the stuff or holding over. Receipts today were held down to 2400 head and nothing very good was included. Lambs from Ft Collins and from Monte Vista brought \$8.15 today, but strictly choice lambs would reach \$8.25. Ewes sold at \$5.35, only medium quality. Sales today were 15 to 25 higher than Thursday or Friday. Declines this year are not taken seriously, because the market can be nursed back to stentgh with ease, as numbers bearing on the market, especially at Kansas City are the smallest in several years at this time.

J. A. RICKART,  
 Market Correspondent.

Mrs. Jno. Smith and little son spent Tuesday and Wednesday in Plainview with Mrs. Smith's parents; Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Edwards.

Racket goods on our 5 and 10c counter. C. Surginer & Son. 2tc

## 18 Cars Broom-Corn to Market

**Shipping to New York for Export Trade. Average Price \$50 is Received**

By the close of this week there will have been 18 cars of broom-corn shipped from this territory to the market since two weeks ago. This is practically the entire crop for the year.

A. L. Gurley, of the Gurley Broomcorn Co., of Clovis, New Mexico, is the buyer. He has been here receiving the corn for the past ten days. Wednesday the growers began hauling the last ten cars of the eighteen. Five of these went out this morning, all consigned to New York City.

Mr. Gurley stated Wednesday that the grade of the broom-corn in this section is from common to Choice, bulk medium choice. The best price paid was \$65 per ton, the lowest \$30, most of it bringing around \$50. Broomcorn fluctuates greatly in price. Often as high as \$115 is paid for corn delivered on the cars.

The eighteen cars being marketed represent approximately \$11,000 in value to the producers.

## Cheyne-Cone License Issued

Miss Lola Walling, deputy county clerk, issued her first marriage license since she had been in the clerk's office Monday afternoon. The contracting parties are Mr. Henry Cone and Miss Arrie Cheyne, of Cone, Crosby County, both of prominent families of the community.

Williams Brothers, eastside coal and grain men have added groceries to their line, a new stock having been added the latter part of last week.

## TWO NEW MEN ON FIRST STATE DIRECTORATE

The stockholders of the First State Bank held their annual meeting on Monday night and selected officers for the ensuing year.

The officers and directors of the bank are as follows: Directors; Will I. Allen, H. L. Puryear, Jas. K. Green, J. D. Starks, W. A. Robbins, S. L. Rushing, P. M. Felton. Officers: W. A. Robbins, president, P. M. Felton, vice president, James K. Green, cashier, N. W. McCleskey, assistant cashier.

L. H. Newell, who has been president of the bank since its organization in 1909, requested to be relieved of the responsibility of the presidency on account of his health. H. L. Puryear and Will I. Allen are the new men on the directorate.

W. A. Robbins, who becomes president, will retire from the active management of the bank within 30 days. This was his statement Tuesday. He will engage in other lines of business. Jas. K. Green, as cashier, will assume the duties heretofore devolving on Mr. Robbins.

N. W. McCleskey, who becomes assistant cashier has been bookkeeper for the bank during the past year. He has had a number of years experience in the banking business, and should prove a valuable addition to the personell of the officials of the institution.

The bank begins the new year in good condition and the officials are looking forward to a year of good business.

## Grainmen Say Much Feed Yet to Sell

The grainmen of Floydada declare that the 1914 crop of feed to be put on the market is something enormous, and with the prices varying from \$1.05 to \$1.07 per hundred for the threshed stuff and \$14 to \$15 50 per ton for heads, the unmarketed crop will make the farmers no little amount of additional money.

There are approximately 450 tons of heads now on the grain yards waiting for the thrasher. This has been purchased through the past two or three weeks. And there is about this same amount contracted for delivery here within in the next three weeks.

Estimates by the dealers give the amount of heads to be delivered in February around 400 tons, but no approximate figures are available on the threshed grain to be marketed. This will exceed in value the headed grain yet to market.

Miss Elnora Dunn returned to Spur this week from New Mexico where she spent some time visiting her brother, W. L. Dunn. We understand that she filed on 320 acres of land adjoining the Dunn Ranch and will return at a later date to live on the land as required by the law of that state.—Texas Spur.

## Neil Shipped Hogs Monday

C. E. Neil, who lives east of town, shipped a car of 77 hogs Monday to the Fort Worth Market.

The three-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Tucker southeast of town, is sick of pneumonia. The doctor did not consider her condition serious Tuesday.

When you need cotton seed meal or cake, see Williams Bros. 2tc

W. T. Hopper, who for the past two years has resided north of town some ten miles, has bought a quarter section near Lakeview, and is improving the place with granaries, well, etc.

He will build a residence in the summer.

Mr. Hopper is a relative of J. T. Hopper. He formerly resided near Liberal, Kansas, recently disposing of his holdings there to make the purchase mentioned above.

Try a load of that good coal, lean back and warm your feet. Sold by Williams Bros. 2tc

## Edward Elliot's Crowd Not Large Saturday Night

The cold weather prevented many from hearing Edward Elliot Saturday night at the Auditorium in his monologue portrayal of "The Fortune Hunter," under the auspices of the local lyceum committee. Those who were fortunate enough to be there say it was one of the best numbers of the season's program to date.

## Mother's Club

The Mother's Club met at the school building Friday afternoon at 4 p. m. January 15th 1915.

Seven members present. Roll call, members answered by giving some current event.

Committee on settees reported that they had ordered two iron settees for the cemetery.

Miss Ivy reported for the committee to purchase picture for auditorium that no picture had been secured as yet.

Mrs. McKinnon, chairman of Committee to purchase curtain, reported curtain had been ordered. A motion was adopted that president appoint committee to secure the plowing of ground at Campus preparatory to planting trees. Mrs. Price was appointed on said committee.

Miss Ivy was appointed to see that school grounds were cleaned. Mrs. Childers suggested that the school children have a fire drill.

This was discussed by members without any action taken. Adjourned until Friday Jan., 29th 1915. Mrs. McKinnon Reporter

## Brother of Irwin Young Dead

Earnest Young, of Crosbyton, a brother of Irwin Young, of Floydada, died last Friday at 1 o'clock, from complications following operation for appendicitis and pneumonia.

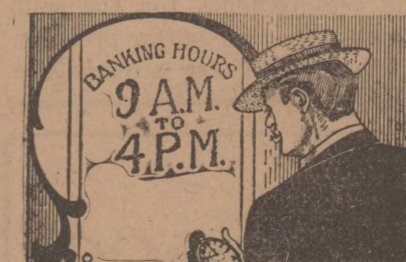
Mr. and Mrs. T. F. Young, of Lockney, mother and father of the deceased, and Irwin, were with the son and brother at the time of his death.

The burial was at Crosbyton. Friends of the family will regret to learn of the death, and the surviving relatives have the sympathy of their many friends.

Good Jno. Deere breaking plow for sale, good as new. Cheap for cash. See Louie Moore. 2tc.

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## There's No Time Like The Present



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**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

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# OUR CLEAN-UP CLEARANCE SALE MUST MAKE ROOM FOR NEW GOODS MANY THINGS ONE-HALF PRICE

OUR Entire stock of Men's clothing at ONE-HALF PRICE. For EIGHT DAYS ONLY will we make these prices, Beginning on Friday, January 22nd, and closing Saturday, January 30th. Only a few prices will be quoted in this advertisement. EVERYTHING goes in this sale.

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| Men's Suits 1-2 price<br>Men's O'coats 1-2 "<br>Men's Dress pants 1-4 off<br>Men's work pants 1-4 off<br>Men's \$1 Overalls 75c | 7½c Domestic now ..... 6c<br>10c " " ..... 8 1-3c<br>12½ " " ..... 10 1-2c<br>10c hose 4 pr for ..... 25c<br>15c hose 3 pr for ..... 25c<br>20c hose ..... 15c<br>25c hose ..... 22½<br>50c hose ..... 40c<br>\$1 hose ..... 80c | \$ 4.00 Blankets ..... \$2 25<br>5.00 " ..... 3 85<br>6.50 " ..... 4.95<br>7.00 " ..... 5.45<br>7.50 " ..... 5.45<br>8.00 " ..... 5.95<br>9.00 " ..... 5.95<br>12.50 " ..... 7.25<br>14.00 " ..... 8 45<br>One big lot of ribbon, well as-<br>sorted colors size up to 16 .5c | Ladies & Misses Coats 1-2 price<br>Ladies Skirts - - 1-2 price<br>Ladies Kimonas - - 1-3 off<br>Infants and children's<br>Coats 1-2 price<br>All Sweaters - - 1-2 price<br>All wool goods in all colors and<br>all weights - - - 1-4 off | Men's Soft Dress<br>shirts with collars--<br>Regular \$1 now 75c<br>Boy's Suits 1-3 off<br>Boys knickerbockers<br>1-4 off<br>Boys 2-pce fleece un'wear 17 1-2 |
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In connection with our Clean-Up Clearance Sale of winter goods, we will put on a White Goods, embroidery and Lace sale. Prices are astonishing. These goods will soon be wanted. Take advantage of these prices.

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| 5c lace & embr'd's... 2½c<br>8½c " " ..... 5c<br>10c " " ..... 6c<br>12½ & 15c " ..... 7½<br>17½ & 20c " ..... 11c<br>25 & 30c " ..... 17½<br>35 & 40c " ..... 22½<br>50c lace & " ..... 32½<br>75c " & " ..... 55c<br>\$1 " & " ..... 75c<br>\$1 50" & " ..... 99c | Brass pins, 3 p'ps for 10c<br>25c Barrettes for 20c<br>50c Barrettes for 35c<br>1 lot rubber combs worth<br>25c now 2 for 25c<br>10c Fancy buttons 7½<br>20c " " ..... 12½<br>25c " " ..... 15c<br>All 25c canvass gloves<br>leather palm, heavy fleece<br>lined per pair now 20c |
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**DO NOT FORGET THE DATE**  
Remember the Place. These prices only last  
For Eight Days.

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The Store with the Goods.

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| 25c piques ..... 19c  | 20c Flaxon ..... 14½  |
| 50c " ..... 37½       | 25c " ..... 19c       |
| 15c madrass ..... 11½ | 35c " ..... 24c       |
| 25c " ..... 19c       | 50c Linen Damask 37½  |
| 20c lawn ..... 14½    | 75c " " ..... 60c     |
| 25c " ..... 19c       | \$1 " " ..... 80c     |
| 20c dimity ..... 14½  | \$1.25 " " ..... 95c  |
| 25c " ..... 19c       | \$2.00 " " ..... 1.45 |
| 25c Fatiste ..... 19c |                       |
| 50c " ..... 37½       |                       |

**Sheriffs 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 6th day of January, 1915, by Tom W. Deen Clerk of said Court against J. M. Garrison and W. L. Jones for the sum of Five Thousand and Two Hundred and Six and 33-100 (\$5206.33) Dollars and costs of suit, in cause no 893 in said Court, styled Paul Howes versus J. M. Garrison and W. L. Jones and placed in my hands for service, I, A. C. Goen as Sheriff of Floyd County, Texas, did on the 6th day of January 1915 levy on certain Real Estate, situated in Floyd County, described as follows, to wit; 320 acres of land, being the east 1-2 of section No. 4, in Block No. 1 Certificate No. 280, issued to Adams, Beatty & Moulton, located about 15 miles northeast from Floydada in Floyd County, Texas and known as the Paul Howes place, and levied upon as the property of said J. M. Garrison and W. L. Jones; And on Tuesday, the 2nd day of February, 1915, at the Court House door of Floyd County, in the Town of Floydada Texas, between the hours of ten A. M. and four P. M. I will sell said Real Estate at public vendue, for cash, to the highest bidder, as the property

of said J. M. Garrison and W. L. Jones 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 6th day of January 1915.

A. C. Goen,  
Sheriff Floyd County Texas.  
1-7-4tc

**Poor Quality Butter Caused by Lack of Cooling**

One of the most common causes of poor-quality butter is the lack of immediate thorough cooling of the cream after separation. The Dairy Division of the department has made a careful investigation of conditions on a large number of dairv farms, and the data obtained show that, if properly cooled, cream of the best grade can be produced with but little extra labor or expense. The principles involved are very simple and are easily understood.

A liberal use of ice which has been stored in winter, to be used the following summer is one of the requirements for the solution of the poor-butter problem. Farmers who are already suc-

cessfully delivering good products to the creamery have usually provided for themselves a convenient source of supply for the ice, suitable houses for storing the ice, and ice-water tanks for the immediate cooling of the milk and cream. In parts of New England, although the dairymen often hold cream on the farm four days in the summer and seven days in the winter, they deliver practically all their product while sweet. After it reaches the creamery it is pasteurized and shipped a distance of from 50 to 300 miles, and maybe sold in these remote localities in the form of sweet cream.

The expense connected with the liberal use of ice in connection is so small and the result so satisfactory that details have been compiled for the consideration of those in dairying and are now issued in the form of a new Farmers' Bulletin, No. 623, entitled: "Ice Houses and the use of Ice on the Dairy Farm." The bulletin should be useful in diary sections where natural ice is obtainable. Plans and specifications for ice houses are given.

**Fishermen Busy Monday on the North Lake**

Monday, with the water going down on North Lake and some two inches of ice on the water, sufficient to hold the weight of a man, fishermen found the big fish in the lake easy catch.

Using improvised gigs the fisherman would stand over the spot where he saw the fin and with a jab of the gig pin the fish through the head. The rest was simply a matter of chopping the ice away with a hatchet and flipping the finny one out on the ice to be picked up later.

Likely as many as 50 persons visited the lake and caught large quantities in this manner. Some of the carp were as long as 18 inches.

**County Court in Session**

The January term of county court was called in session Monday with Judge Thompson presiding.

Several cases of minor importance were disposed of on the first and second days.

The jury for the week is: T. J. Campbell, G. L. Snodgrass, H. E. Cannaday, F. L. Hargis, A. N. Gamble, D. T. Scott, S. S. Alcorn, W. L. Niles, H. L. Puryear, Earl Rainer, D. F. Payne, Jas. K. Green.

W. A. Donaldson, of the Third National Bank, of Plainview, was in Floydada Monday transacting business and visiting with his son, J. H. Donaldson.

Mrs. J. C. Thomas left Monday for Abilene where she will undergo treatment for appendicitis.

**Rooms for Rent.**

Two rooms, furnished or unfurnished. Call at Hesperian office for information. tf.

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Bill Adkins who was seriously hurt by a runaway team at C. L. Camden's place east of town January 5th, is recovering and will get well.

His right leg was broken and he received several cuts about the head while attempting to stop the team. He was unconscious three days following the accident.

**For Cash Rent**

Well improved 20 acres 1 mile Floydada school building. Apply to L. G. Pool. 2tp


**Window Guards on Clerk's Office Windows**

Window guards have been placed over the windows at the county clerk's office at the court house.

The courts' idea is to protect the records of the county from prowlers or maliciousness.

Hesperian Advertising Pays.

Typewriter and Carbon paper at Hesperian office.

  
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careful and prompt attention.

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## Thinks Railways, Breweries, Big Business Behind Nat. Farmer's Union

The American Press, a news-  
paper trade journal of New  
York, in a recent issue, con-  
tained the following item re-  
lative to the organization known  
as the National Farmers' Union,  
of which Peter Radford is  
National Lecturer:

Plates are being shipped to  
publishers throughout the United  
States, free of charge and  
without order, on behalf of an  
organization called the National  
Farmers' Union. This is the  
organization that has been  
connected with the Texas Busi-  
ness Men's Association that is  
being investigated by the attor-  
ney general of Texas, and dur-  
ing the course of the trial it has  
been clearly established that  
railroad interests, liquor interests  
and other Big Business interests  
are heavy contributors.

The American Press Associa-  
tion has reason to believe that  
the same interests are back of  
the organization now that were  
interested in it in Texas. There-  
fore before publishers make use  
of these plates we urge them to  
satisfy themselves as to  
the general character of the  
matter, harmless as it may ap-  
pear at first place, and make  
an investigation as to what in-  
terests are back of the move-  
ment. By applying to the  
attorney general of Texas,

Austin, Texas, information can  
be obtained as the activities of  
National Farmers' Union in  
Texas.

## Tax Payments \$2000 a Day Now

For the past two weeks  
the tax payments have  
picked up very much, and an  
average of \$1000 and upward has  
been paid a day. This week an  
average of approximately \$2000  
is being paid per day.

Monday about \$4000 was paid.  
The total tax, county, school and  
state, for the year is around  
\$85,000, of which about \$32,000  
is State tax and about \$21,000  
school tax. The total last year  
was around \$89,000.

## Mrs. Joe Taylor Dead

Mrs. Joe Taylor who lived  
Southeast of town, some sixteen  
miles, died on the 10th of this  
month, abcess of the liver being  
the cause.

She was buried at the Lake-  
view cemetery.

## Mrs. Muncy's Trial

Set For February 8th

The trial of Mrs. Birdie Muncy,  
which was to have been called  
on January 18th, has been  
postponed to February 8th. It  
will be held in district court in  
Plainview.

There are many, possibly a  
hundred, witnesses in this  
county, who are summoned to  
appear at the trial.

Official Statement Of The Financial Con-  
dition Of the

## FIRST STATE BANK

at Floydada State of Texas, at the close  
of business on the 31st day of Dec. 1914  
published in the Floyd Co. Hesperian, a  
newspaper printed and published at  
Floydada, State of Texas, on the 21st  
day of Jan. 1915.

### RESOURCES

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| Loans and Discounts, personal<br>or collateral             | \$78,889.61       |
| Loans, real estate   | 4,622.70          |
| Overdrafts   | 125.70            |
| Bills of Exchange  | 1,199.05          |
| Real Estate, banking house                                 | 8,792.99          |
| Other Real Estate  | 3,000.00          |
| Furniture and Fixtures                                     | 2,287.65          |
| Due from Approved<br>Reserve Agent, net                    | 12,729.22         |
| Due from other Banks,<br>Bankers, subject to<br>check, net | 2,943.58          |
| Cash Items   | 3,071.01          |
| Currency   | 4,610.00          |
| Specie   | 1,344.07          |
| Interest in Depositors<br>Guaranty Fund                    | 1,309.07          |
| Other Resources as follow:<br>Asst. G. Fund                | 113.57            |
| Cash Collection  | 50.00             |
| <b>Total</b>   | <b>133,088.22</b> |

### LIABILITIES

|  |                   |
|--|-------------------|
| Capital Stock paid in                              | 30,000.00         |
| Surplus Fund                                       | 3,240.00          |
| Undivided Profits, net                             | 71.61             |
| Due to BK's and Bankers,<br>subject to checks, net | None              |
| Individual Deposits<br>subject to check            | 73,859.20         |
| Time Certificates of Deposit                       | 22,347.96         |
| Cashier's Checks                                   | 3,569.45          |
| <b>Total</b>                                       | <b>133,088.22</b> |

State Of Texas County of Floyd. We,  
W. A. Robbins as V. President, and Jas.  
K. Green as cashier of said bank, each  
of us do solemnly swear that the above  
statement is true to the best of our  
knowledge and belief.

W. A. Robbins, V-President,  
Jas. K. Green, Cashier.  
Sworn and subscribed to before me this  
11th day of Jan. A. D. nineteen hundred  
and fifteen. Witness my hand and nota-  
rial seal on the date last aforesaid.

T. F. Houghton Notary Public.  
CORRECT-ATTEST:  
P. M. Felton  
L. H. Nowell  
J. D. STARKS.  
DIRECTORS

in McLENNAN COUNTY

## Interesting Department Report Gives Comparisons of Costs in Various States

Washington D. C., A survey of  
44 farms occupied by white fami-  
lies in McLennan County, Tex-  
as, where corn, oats and cotton  
are grown, has recently been  
completed by the U. S. Depart-  
ment of Agriculture, in order to  
ascertain how much the average  
farm contributed to the family's  
living in the form of products  
grown and consumed directly on  
the farm. There are two ways  
of obtaining the necessities of  
life—raising them one's self  
and raising something else to  
sell for money to buy them with.  
Successful farming, say experts,  
depends upon the proper combi-  
nation of the two methods.

The investigators found that  
in area studied in Texas the  
cost of board and lodging on the  
farm for each individual was  
\$158 a year. This sum includ-  
ed food, fuel, oil, house rent,  
and house labor, the items being  
as follows:

|                          |                 |
|--------------------------|-----------------|
| Food . . . . .           | \$92.30         |
| Fuel . . . . .           | 6.81            |
| Oil . . . . .            | 1.43            |
| House Rent . . . . .     | 16.00           |
| House labor . . . . .    | 41.00           |
| <b>Making a total of</b> | <b>\$157.54</b> |

Compared with the figures ob-

# 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 custo-  
mers appreciate year-round SERVICE. We are ad-  
ding 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. TRIPLET, Druggist

Phone 51

home-raised pork was used than  
any other areas except Penn-  
sylvania, New York and Ver-  
mont. A far greater percent-  
age, 88.7 of the fuel was also

than comfort. This is particu-  
larly noticeable if we consider  
two items frequently forgotten  
in estimating the farmers' in-  
come, because they are taken

ily. Had they done this work  
for somebody else, however,  
they would have been paid for it,  
and if it had been performed  
by somebody else they would  
have had it to pay. In other  
words, this labor has a cash  
value, and since it adds to the  
comfort of the family, must be  
included in the revenue from  
the farm. In Texas this item  
was comparatively small for  
each person.

The charge for rent must be  
considered much in the same  
way. The value of the farm  
house is usually included in the  
value of the land, and the whole  
regarded as the capital which  
the farmer has invested in his  
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# STILL WHITE SELLS For LESS

tained by similiar surveys made  
in the course of investigation of  
areas in New York, Ohio, Wis-  
consin, Kansas, Iowa, North  
Carolina, Georgia, and Penn-  
sylvania, this is somewhat low,  
the general average for all the  
areas studied being \$176. In  
the Texas area was lower than  
in any other areas except North  
Carolina. On the other hand,  
more actual money was spent  
in buying food than anywhere  
else, although the individual did  
not get the most to eat.

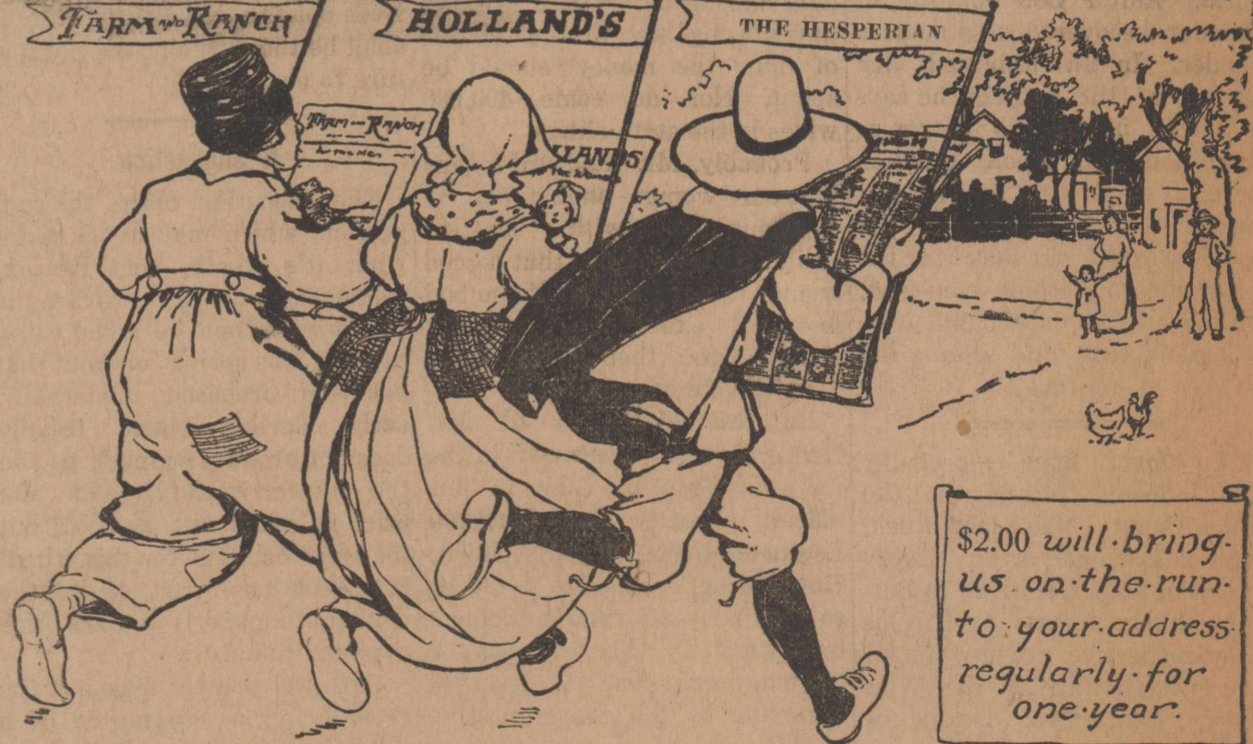
The aveage family in the  
Texas area consumed annually  
\$489.09 worth of food, \$213.47  
of which was purchased and  
\$275.62 furnished by the farm.  
In other words, only 56.4 per  
cent of the food-supply was  
home-grown, as compared with  
the general average of 63 per  
cent for all areas studied, or 82.3  
per cent for the North Carolina  
area. In North Carolina, the  
average family spent only  
\$71.28 a year, and yet each  
individual had within \$3 as  
much to eat, the consumption  
per person being \$79.32 in North  
Carolina, and \$82.30 in Texas.  
Had the Texas farms been as  
self-sustaining as in North Car-  
olina, each family could have  
saved \$127.02 in cash outlay  
without diminishing the food  
supply in the least. They would  
also have better food to eat.

The most striking difference  
is in the matter of fruits and  
vegetables. Taken together  
these, in point of money value,  
formed 24 per cent of the North  
Carolina diet; 15.2 per cent of  
the Texas diet. In North Car-  
olina they were practically all  
furnished by the farm; in Texas,  
two-thirds of the vegetables  
and all but a minute fraction of  
the fruits were bought. Of the  
articles classed as groceries,  
Texas bought 98.7 per cent,  
North Carolina 76. Only 2.7 per  
cent of the animal products used  
in North Carolina were pur-  
chased; 14.2 of those in Texas.  
No beef at all was raised in  
the Texas area for home con-  
sumption, and the average in-  
dividual had only 11 gallons of  
fresh milk a year, as compared  
with 33.4 gallons in North  
Carolina. A smaller quantity of

bought than in any other area.  
In short, compared with a  
number of other areas included  
in the investigation, the Texas  
farms produced money rather

for granted. These are the  
house rent and house. In Texas  
about 7 per cent of the labor  
was hired the rest being per-  
formed by members of the fam-

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they do. We find the  
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vice a wonderful conven-  
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Carbon Paper at Hesperian office

### SANTA FE TIME TABLE.

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

Matador is now a post-office of the third class, notice having been received there last week.

A deaf and dumb man presented a letter recently to a man in Fort Worth asking for alms. The man asked him how long he had been in that condition. "Ten years," was the prompt reply. It cost the would-be mute \$25 in the police court.

Quitaque, in the brakes, has the only combination blacksmith shop and tonsorial parlor in the world. Editor Bob Johnson, of Matador discovered this modern wonder. In an unbiased discussion of the subject he says he never intends to patronize that shop and upon reflection there is good logic in his conclusion, too, for he says: "It would be just our luck for the proprietor to become confused, and spread the lather all over the mule's hoof, and slap a red hot shoe in our face."

"A smart man,"—probably Bob Johnson himself—in the Motley County News last week, made a grievous error. Every dear dead poet from Dan to Bersheba likely turned over in his or her respective grave when he gave Dick Collins of the Wise County Messenger, credit for following lines:  
"Full many a gem of purest ray serene,  
The Dark unfathomed caves of ocean bear;  
Full many a flower blooms to blush unseen,  
And waste its sweetness on the desert air."

And one can just imagine how delightfully tittery it made the lady school teachers of Matador

feel to see an editor commit such a blunder.

Watch out Bob, when you go dealing in this high brow stuff. You'll get caught with guards down.

Roland D. Browne, prominent attorney of Paducah, was killed January 12th by R. M. Haverty, a cow-boy employe of the Matadors. The shooting occurred on the streets of Paducah and was the sequel to a previous misunderstanding at which time they came to blows. Brown had hunted on the grounds of the Matador Company.

When they met at Paducah, Brown struck Haverty with his pistol, they clenched and fell to the ground. Haverty pulled his gun and shot three times before his adversary could use his gun and after the fatal wounds had been inflicted Browne shot once at Haverty inflicting a slight wound on the chin.

Brown was a very high tempered man and figured once before in a very sensational killing, in which his father and Congressman Pinckney and brother were killed at a prohibition rally. Ordinarily Browne was a most pleasant gentleman and was considered a fine lawyer.

Farmer Peter Radford fired the first broadside last week against equal suffrage for women of Texas. His article says the chivalrous men of Texas should not allow the women to be burdened with the cares of state. So they shouldn't. But there are some ten thousand widows helping to pay the state's taxes each year just the same however chivalrous our men should be. These widows haven't any say in the matter of how the money should be spent. Nor do some 400,000 wives in the state either.

Probably, Mr. Radford means that our women should not be contaminated with matters politic. He is reminded that a good woman is good and a bad one bad and will exert an influence similar to their respective natures vote or no vote.

But this statement of Mr. Radford's was sent out in the form of plate by him in his official capacity as National Lecturer of the Farmer's Union. How woman's suffrage could be so peculiarly a farmer's problem in contrast to that of, say, a city lawyer, that it deserves featuring by the representative of the Union, is beyond our comprehension. Mr. Radford should not take advantage of his official capacity to air his personal opinions. He should stick to the text. Radford is not paying the freight.

The investigation of the National Farmers' Union, which, it is said, will not only be conducted by the Attorney Gener-

al of Texas, but as well by the Post Master General, should be welcomed by every right thinking man in Texas. The proposed activities of this agency during 1915 will certainly have a wide spread influence in Texas, and if this influence is backed by the wrong crowd they should be exposed. If it is a good cause that Peter Radford is fighting for then no one should be more glad than he that the organization be rightly solved from the odium which many papers of the state have cast upon it.

### No Full Moon in February

Here is a bit of lore about the moon that is given out in plenty of time for everybody to keep tab on it. February 1915 will not have a full moon, a thing that has not happened since 1865, and that will not happen again until 2 500,000 years from February. The moon in January will be full on the 1st and 30th. In March it will be full on the 1st and 30th again, and that cuts off any possibility of February having a full moon. It is an odd combination of circumstances. If there is any thing in signs, 1866 was a peace year after a big war.—Exchange.

Ninety one bills and 8 joint resolutions were introduced in House of Representatives at Austin between the completion of that body's organization Thursday morning and Saturday morning.

99 brave patriots are trying to get the pets of their pipe dreams enacted into law, and why not? Must not our country be saved? Does not the constitution say it shall be the duty of the legislature to pass laws?

### A Suggestion

The Hesperian offers the suggestion, which may be taken for what it's worth, that Durum, commonly called Nicaragua wheat would not be a bad thing to plant this spring on land that has been prepared moderately early. Spring wheat usually does not produce so much as the winter variety, and the price is often not so good, but the large demand for this wheat in the southern part of Europe is likely to make it a good price the year round.

With the present season in the ground for a guarantee of a good start for wheat it ought to

### McLennan County Farmers

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business. If this is done, however, it is only fair to credit the farmer with having furnished its occupants with shelter, which as every city worker knows, has a high cash value. In Texas this value was lower than elsewhere, except in North Carolina, being estimated at only \$83 a year for the average family.

From these and similar statistics published in Farmers' Bulletin 635 of the United States Department of Agriculture, "What the Farm contributes Directly to the Farmer's Living," it appears that the standard of living in the Texas area is not as high, in comparison with the other districts included in the investigation, as the amount of money spent would indicate. More attention paid to the production of articles for home consumption would inevitably raise this standard.

produce well and prove a good investment.

An Exchange sings the following lay: "I've licked a dozen stamps today for telegrams I've sent, I licked and stuck one on a bill with which I paid the rent. I licked a stamp to paste upon a note which I renewed, and then I licked another one to make a mortgage good. I've licked these stamps to show that I respect my country's will, and now I'd like to lick the man who introduced the bill."

Editor Smith, of Lockney, fought and bled for his country during the heat of last summer's primary. Bob Johnson of Matador, also cast his lot with the triumphant forces of the Ferguson camp. These two were the only newspaper men in this part of the state who made a fight for "Farmer Jim."

When the pudding was passed Smith pulled out a rich plum; Johnson drew a blank. But Johnson got an invitation to the inaugural ball. Answering it through his paper, the Motley County News, he says:

"The editor acknowledges receipt of an invitation for the Governor's Inaugural Ball to be held in Austin on the evening of January 19th. I am extremely sorry that I will be unable to attend. I would like to dance around with Ben Smith of the Lockney Beacon, the best in the world. Ben and I elected "Farmer Jim" governor and Ben pulled down a good bunch of grapes as a result. I'm going to make some lemonade out of what I got."

### Fire Insurance Rate Reductions

Austin, Texas, Jan. 16.—The Texas Fire Insurance Commission has granted its first rate reductions of 1915 on account of good town fire records. Each of the following places has been granted a full 15 per cent reduction off the final rate on individual risks. McGregor, Lagrange, Rosebud, Taylor, Lockhart and Llano. These reductions are based on the low loss ratios for the past three years, where it was 35 per cent or less as the average for that period.

### Envelope Contract

Let by Government

The contract for the printing of government envelopes has been let by the post office department, effective July 1st, 1915, to the Middle West Supply Company, of Columbus, O., a corporation established expressly for the purpose of bidding on the contract, and a special building and plant will be erected and installed to handle the business.

The price for the term contract was over \$3,000,000 and this bid was more than a million dollars less than the next lowest, the bid of the Mercantile Corporation which now has the contract.

The Company will furnish the government with stamped and return-addressed envelopes and newspaper wrappers. The contract calls for a minimum of not less than 9,000,000,000 envelopes.

### 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.

### To The People of Lakeview.

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the next issue a few words about the benefits to be had from a good library.

— Wm. Cook.

Discussions tending to the betterment of schools, or relating to school work, are always welcome in the columns of the Hesperian, and Mr. Cook's article on the benefits to be had from a good library will be used with pleasure.—Ed.

### First National Stockholders Declare Dividend

The stockholders of The First National Bank in annual session Friday evening, declared a dividend on the bank's earnings during the year just closed of 8 percent, after passing something over \$3000 to the surplus fund.

All the old officers of the bank were re-elected for the ensuing year and the same set of directors were retained.

### Build While Building is Good

The Southern Lumberman, Nashville, Tenn., this week in an editorial on the "Build Now" campaign being launched by the builders' and contractors' exchanges, chambers of commerce, and other commercial organizations in various cities throughout the country, advise builders to go ahead with whatever building they planned while costs are low. The Lumberman says:

The "Build Now" campaign for the South launched at Atlanta appears to be making good progress, and to have already worked up a feeling of optimistic confidence that will find expression in increased local building.

The move ought to be helped along in every way possible all over the South. It ought to be helped as much as possible by a "Do it now" policy on the part of all towns and cities with respect to municipal improvements and extensions, especially street paving.

The idea of the South, with all her immense resources practically untouched, being seriously crippled by a mere failure to market at normal prices an immense yield of one of her

crops, is sheerest absurd

All over the country, where more than in the the war in Europe has been permitted to depress and dampen the spirit the people far more than was ever any sense in or excuse for.

It is time for all of us to wake up, crawl from beneath the structure erected by that pale architect, tear, and vigorously fall on whatever of legitimate undertaking lies before us.

There is not only nothing now to wait for, but every good reason on earth for going ahead with every kind of needed building and improvement. And the sooner the better. The man who puts off building any sort of a house for six months will pay ten per cent more for all his material. If he puts it off for a year he will pay twenty-five per cent more.

There never was a time when the building season ought to open up earlier or be more vigorously prosecuted.

The saving to be effected in lumber should constitute ample incentive to build this year and as soon in the year as possible.

V. LeFevre, an abstractor of Lubbock, formerly of Wichita Falls, has accepted a position with Judge Duncan, beginning work the first of the week

### Arthur B. Duncan

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### A New Years' Thought For the Home-Builder.

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You are depriving yourself of benefits and privileges, which many of our customers value very highly. We are a people that strive to merit the confidence and patronage of our customers, believing being Frank, Square and Fair to be good advertising. We carry the largest and best stock of building material in Floyd County. "Quality remains long after the price is forgotten."

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# Regular Advertising Pays ...Best...

W. HOLT HARRIS, largely successful merchant, of Texas, says:

"The merchant who takes it for granted that every one knows him because he has been established in business for many years and occasionally does a little advertising, is doing himself a grave injustice. We have outgrown the time when it was considered sufficient for a merchant to have his card in the paper now and then, and the successful merchant of today advertises regularly and seeks to BUILD BUSINESS rather than to get business FOR A DAY.

"If a business is not worth advertising regularly, it should be advertised for sale and the merchant who fails to advertise his business will soon have the sheriff doing it for him."

## Lumber

For kindling at A. G. McAdams Lumber Co.

## Hereford Grand Jury Indicts Twelve

Hereford, Tex., Jan. 16—The grand jury sprung a surprise here this week by returning twelve indictments. Practically all of them were for gambling. The general impression was that the grand jury had been discharged weeks ago. It seems, however, that it was held, subject to call, secretly, for the purpose of breaking up some of the unlawful practices that have been carried on here for some time. As an extra precaution two watchmen were sworn in on watch all night, the other during the day. The mere fact of appearing on the streets of Hereford in an intoxicated condition now, subjects the guilty party to arrest and fine, the penalty becoming heavier on each count.

W. L. Sawyer is spending the mid-week in Plainview on business.

## Mrs. V. Andrews Hostess

### To Carnation Club Thursday

The afternoon of Jan. 14th was very pleasantly spent with Mrs. V. Andrews as hostess to the Carnation Club.

Mrs. F. M. Butler won high score at the close of several exciting games.

Mrs. Andrews with the aid of Mrs. Crum and Miss Cleo Andrews served us with very delightful refreshments consisting of chicken sandwiches, fruit salad, pickles, cocoa and perferatoes. Those present were: Mesdames Burrus, Borum, Hughes, Green, Starks, Jenkins, McKinnon, McMillan, Farris, Truitt, Reagan, McClesky, Childers, Butler, Donaldson, Bruner, Hodge, Cox, Cannaday, Stallings, Young, Smith and Miss Beulah Sanderson.

Mrs. McMillan will be hostess Jan. 28th, 1915.

## Notes of College of Industrial Arts

The College of Industrial Arts at Denton is the largest college for young women in Texas. It established by the Twenty-sev-

enth Legislature, and first opened its door for students in September 1903. It has enjoyed a continuous growth and development, but it has been seriously embarrassed because the annual per cent increase in attendance for several years has been more than twice as great as the increase in the financial support of the College.

It is predominantly an industrial college, which develops both cultural and industrial efficiency in the young women of Texas. The unusual patronage the College has won during its short career is evidenced by the fact that during the eleventh year of its history it enrolled 691 students, while the A. & M. College during the eleventh year of its history enrolled only 214 students, and the University only 630 students. The gain in per cent of number of students for each of the past two years has been 32.4 greater than that of any college or university in Texas. It began the fall session of 1914 with a larger matriculation than the total attendance of the preceding session, and by the end of the present college year, at an average rate per cent increase made for the past four years, it will enroll 880 students.

## He Has Only 4000

### Bushels Surplus Maize

D. C. Allmon, of the Allmon community, was in town Tuesday transacting business. When asked by The Hesperian man about matters in his part of the county he said that about all the work around there had been finished except the threshing which is well begun.

"Right around in our neighborhood there has not been a great deal of threshing done yet and all the folks are mighty busy with their maize. Our feed is turning out from 30 to

shells per acre, and very little of the surplus in our neighborhood has marketed yet. My son, Charlie, and I are farming together. We have about 4000 bushels surplus above what we'll use for our work stock, and fifty head of hogs we are feeding. With the maize selling around \$1.05, of course, our people are glad now they were unable to market their stuff in the fall."

With several good men over the county making such statements as these, and with the grain dealers reporting many large delivery contracts for the latter part of this month and February, we are inclined to believe that our estimate of a fourth of the feed crop is yet to be marketed, was small. Either that, or there was enormously more surplus feed in the country at the beginning of the season than anyone had any idea.

Buy the Katy Did,—the only sod plow, at C. Surginer & Son's 2tc

700 bales good millet hay for sale, also some damaged hay at a bargain. G. D. French, 3 1-2 S. W. Floydada. 121-4tp

## For Sale

7 well-bred duroc jersey sows. W. L. Boerner. 2tc

Frank Scott is now salesman for the S. E. Duncan Grocery Company.

Attorney C. K. Holloway, of La Grange, is in Floydada this week, and will locate here to practice his profession. He will have rooms over the First National Bank.

## Cheap Lumber

5000 ft. 1x4 No. 1 Com.  
4000 ft. 1x10 No. 1 Com.  
2000 ft. 1x8 No. 1 Com. One half price. A. G. McAdams Lumber Co. tf

## Lepers Asylums.

Twenty-seven asylums for lepers are maintained by foreign mission boards of the United States.

Buy the Katy Did,—the only sod plow, at C. Surginer & Son's 2tc

G. B. Marshall and wife returned home last week from an extended stay in Sulphur, Okla., and in Clay County.

## Bois' D arc

Fence Posts at A. G. McAdams Lumber Co. tf

## ation Being Made for

### Greatest Naval Display

San Diego, Cal., Jan. 15 Preparations for the Pacific fleet of the United States to welcome President Wilson and the Atlantic fleet when the chief executive armada comes through the Panama Canal in March, are going rapidly forward. The west coast fleet, made up of the flagship San Diego, under Rear Admiral Thomas B. Howard, the cruisers Colorado and South Dakota, nine torpedoboat destroyers, and four submarines, will mobilize at this port to greet war vessels from the Atlantic seaboard. At present the destroyers and the submarines are already stationed here, while the cruisers are on patrol duty off the Mexican coast.

Composing the great fleet which will come through the Panama Canal, will be the famous battleship Oregon, bearing President Wilson, the cruiser Olympia, which won fame at Manila, twenty-one super-dreadnaughts and battleships and a flotilla of destroyers from the American Atlantic fleet, two armored cruisers from Argentina, two battleships from Brazil, and four cruisers from other South American countries.

The Armada will steam up the west coast to this port, where the first stop will be made. Including auxiliaries, there will be more than sixty warships at anchor in the bay here next March when the ships from the Atlantic arrive. This will be the greatest fleet of war vessels ever assembled in the Pacific Ocean.

## Found, Stray Horse

Light bay horse, collar marks, about 12 years old, white faced, strayed to mv place about Dec. 26th. For information call at this office.

## Boy Shooter Makes

### Wonderful Record

Bloice Bowen, of La Junta, Colorado, recently gave a very remarkable exhibition of rifle shooting, in a benefit performance for the Belgian Relief Fund. In all shots attempted he did not make a miss. He opened by shooting a tin can thrown in the air and gradually reducing the size of the objects, and by hitting an empty .22 caliber shell thrown into the air—a feat that many of the crack shots of the country will not attempt. In all, about sixty-

were made. Many times two objects were thrown into the air at one time. The crowd continually applauded as the shots became more difficult and the size of the object shot at became smaller.

At night he performed on the stage with the same success, without a miss. Shooting with a .22 caliber rifle in all styles and manners—lying down, standing on his head, with a mirror, at swinging objects, shooting poker chips, sticks of crayon, empty shells held in his father's fingers; shooting an Indian head, on a cardboard the same as an artist would draw it with a crayon.

A wonderful feat when one considers there are no lines on the cardboard to aim at.

D. D. Shipley and wife of Plainview, spent last Friday and Saturday in Floydada, visiting with Mr. Shipley's parents, Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Shipley.

Buck Sams and wife, of Lockney, spent the latter part of last week in Floydada, guests of E. P. Thompson and family. Mrs. Sams is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thompson.

Morris Yearwood returned Monday from Murfreesboro, Tenn., where he spent several weeks visiting with relatives.

FOR SALE. Some fine barred Rock Roosters.

Mrs. F. Pelphrey. 2tp

## J. E. FERGUSON, NEW GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

Inaugural Held on Jan. 19th and Large Crowds Attend the Ceremonies

Austin, Tex., Jan. 19.—An efficient and economical administration conducted on the strictest business lines was promised by James E. Ferguson, the new Governor of Texas, in his inaugural address delivered today. The inauguration took place in the presence of thousands of persons, many of whom had come from distant parts of the State. Following the inauguration of Governor Ferguson, W. P. Hobby, of Beaumont was inducted into the office of Lieutenant Governor. A rather unusual circumstance in connection with installation of the New Governor and Lieutenant Governor is the fact that neither of the men ever held any public office before.

Hesperian Advertising Pays.

# 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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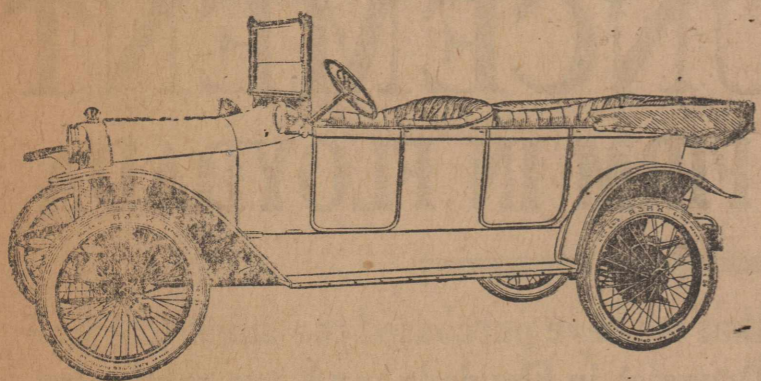
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INEQUALITIES IN TAXATION AND SCHOOL FUND APPORTIONMENTS IN TEXAS

A. L. Love  
State Tax Commissioner  
Austin, Texas  
Judge Arthur B. Duncan,  
Floydada, Texas.

Dear Judge:

I have been endeavoring by correspondence and otherwise, to convince the members of the in-coming Legislature from the western part of Texas that our section of the State is not getting a square deal in taxation, and among others I have written on such subject to Hon. Don Biggers, of Lubbock, the Representative of our district to Hon. J. W. Crudginton, of Amarillo, the Representative from that district, and to Senator W. A. Johnson, of Memphis, who represents our district in the Senate.

In my letter to Mr. Biggers I said: "Bringing the matter immediately home to you I will say that during the past six years Briscoe, Crosby, Garza, Yoakum, Borden, Gaines, Terry, Lynn and Lubbock Counties have paid State taxes for all purposes in the sum of \$484,073, and have received from the school fund for said time \$194,612, making amount of taxes paid by said counties in excess of the school fund apportioned to them \$289,461. This does not include Dawson, Andrews, Hockley and Cochran Counties, and while I have not the exact figures for same I know that the taxes paid by said counties were in excess of the amount received by them, which would make the excess of taxes for your district greater than the above figures"

A like letter was written to Hon. J. W. Crudginton, giving the figures as to his district and in my letter to Senator W. A. Johnson I said:

"I will say that during the past six years your senatorial district paid State taxes for all purposes amounting to \$3,988,575, and received from the school fund during said period \$2,177,314, making the amount of taxes paid in excess of school money apportioned to your district for said time \$1,811,271. In the above figures the taxes paid by Cottle County are omitted."

In my letters to said members of the Legislature I further stated that a number of representatives and senatorial districts had received during said period more money by the way of school fund apportionments to them than they paid state taxes for all purposes during said time and in each of said letters I enclosed a list showing a number of counties that for the past six years had not been

self supporting, i. e., that had withdrawn more money for school purposes from the State treasury than the total amount of State taxes paid by them for general revenue, State school and the Confederate pension tax for 1913 combined.

Two years ago I tried to awaken the members of the Legislature to what seems to me gross injustice in our taxing system, but no action was taken in the Legislature in regard to the matter.

I enclose two "groups" of counties which I have compiled. In Group 1 you will note that for the past six years the twelve counties comprising same have withdrawn from the State treasury more than \$800,000 in excess of the total taxes paid by them. Group 2 has paid approximately \$2 into the State treasury for each \$1 that it has withdrawn. Some of the counties in the last named group contain large cities, which of course should be considered in connection with this matter, but you will note that Floyd, Deaf Smith and Dallam Counties, are in the list of counties that pay largely in excess of the amount they withdraw from the State treasury, and there is not a city in either of said counties. Sparseness of population in them might in a measure account for the seemingly disproportionate amount of State taxes paid in excess of the school fund apportioned to them but surely the difference should not be so great as it is. It is an economic principle that there is a close ratio between population and wealth, as a dense population cannot be supported unless the lands are very fertile or manufacturing enterprises are being maintained.

It has occurred to me that if a number of you representative men would take this matter up with your Representatives in the Legislature something might be done—that is if you agree with me that conditions are not as they should be. I enclose a copy of an article which I have recently sent to some of the papers for publication, among others the Dallas News, but for some reason—perhaps its great length, it does not appear to have been published in any paper that circulates in your part of the State.

You are at perfect liberty to make any use of this that you see fit, as my sole object in writing same is to try to secure some action that will in a measure remedy what to my mind is an injustice. Very Truly,

A. L. Love,  
State Tax Commissioner.

GROUP 1

Net amount State General Revenue and State School Taxes collected for the years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, also Confederate Pension Tax for 1913, from counties named below, and the amount of school fund apportioned thereto for the years ending August 31, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, as compiled from the reports of the Comptroller of Public accounts of the State of Texas.

| County      | State Tax Col. Gen. & School | School Fund Apportioned | Am't. of Apportionment in Excess of Taxes Paid |
|-------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Bowie       | \$ 292,339                   | \$ 392,903              | \$ 100,564                                     |
| Caldwell    | 239,903                      | 245,060                 | 5,157  |
| Collin      | 481,058                      | 512,077                 | 31,019   |
| Coryell     | 168,476                      | 225,715                 | 57,239   |
| Hood        | 77,062                       | 103,882                 | 26,820   |
| Hunt        | 450,745                      | 486,275                 | 55,530   |
| Kaufman     | 348,629                      | 356,109                 | 7,480  |
| Limestone   | 279,972                      | 359,554                 | 79,582   |
| Morris      | 50,434                       | 109,119                 | 58,685   |
| Nacogdoches | 172,726                      | 321,746                 | 148,020  |
| Smith       | 260,892                      | 466,180                 | 205,288  |
| Walker      | 99,352                       | 183,106                 | 83,754   |
| Total       | \$2,923,138                  | \$3,761,726             | \$838,588                                      |

GROUP 11.

Net amount of State General Revenue and State School Taxes collected for the Years 1908, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912 and 1913, also Confederate Pension Tax 1913, from counties named below, and

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We have several Copies of the issue of the Hesperian containing the first installment of "The Million Dollar Mystery," Harold McGrath's new story.

If you like a good story you can't help enjoying this serial which will appear each week for several weeks in

THE HESPERIAN

Locals And Personals

the amount of school fund apportioned thereto for the years ending August 31, 1909, 1910, 1911, 1912, 1913 and 1914, as compiled from the reports of the Comptroller of Public Accounts of the State of Texas.

| County     | State Tax Col. Gen. & School | School Fund Apportioned | Am't. of Taxes in Excess of Apportionment |
|------------|------------------------------|-------------------------|---|
| Bexar      | \$ 2,086,158                 | \$ 975,104              | \$ 1,111,055                              |
| Dallam     | 113,240                      | 28,426                  | 84,814                                    |
| Dallas     | 2,512,243                    | 1,135,970               | 1,376,273                                 |
| Deaf Smith | 107,334                      | 28,780                  | 78,554                                    |
| El Paso    | 919,985                      | 441,474                 | 478,510                                   |
| Floyd      | 95,801                       | 48,605                  | 47,196                                    |
| Grayson    | 825,089                      | 682,035                 | 143,054                                   |
| Harris     | 2,374,542                    | 1,120,076               | 1,254,466                                 |
| Matagorda  | 245,801                      | 127,711                 | 118,090                                   |
| Tarrant    | 2,011,818                    | 834,210                 | 1,177,608                                 |
| Travis     | 832,220                      | 497,870                 | 334,350                                   |
| Williamson | 616,960                      | 393,346                 | 223,614                                   |
| Total      | \$12,741,190                 | \$6,313,607             | \$6,427,583                               |

Program For Local Institute

To be held at Meteor, Feb. 6 1915.

Song  
Invocation, Rev. Weathers  
Business  
The Importance of a Library in a Country School, Rev. G. W. Shearer

Noon  
Quartette  
The School as a Social Center, Rev. Ledlow  
The Benefits to be Derived from a Mother's Club, Mrs. Miller  
The Disadvantages of Irregular Attendance, Mr. Hill  
The Home as a Factor in Education, Miss Jeffus.

Senator Johnson on Eight Committees

Senator W. A. Johnson of this district, is on eight committees of the Senate now in session at Austin. The announcement of the committees were made last Thursday by Senator Nugent, acting for Lieutenant Governor Hobby.

The Senator is chairman of the committee on Public Land and

Land Office, and a member of the following committees. Internal Improvements, Educational affairs, Constitutional Amendments, Military Affairs, Commerce and Manufactures, Public Printing and Stock and Stock Raising.

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

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Dr. T. W. Haymes, wife and little son visited in Swearingen this week.—Paducah Post.

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with LOCAL APPLICATIONS, as they cannot reach the seat of the disease. Catarrh is a blood or constitutional disease, and in order to cure it you must take internal remedies. Hall's Catarrh Cure is taken internally, and acts directly upon the blood and mucous surfaces. Hall's Catarrh Cure is not a quack medicine. It was prescribed by one of the best physicians in this country for years and is a regular prescription. It is composed of the best tonics known, combined with the best blood purifiers, acting directly on the mucous surfaces. The perfect combination of the two ingredients is what produces such wonderful results in curing catarrh. Send for testimonials, free.

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successful all these years, I am grown overconfident. I know there is a desperately somewhere back of all me, I do not believe Hargrave. He is in hiding. It is far by. He may have dropped the balloon before it left land. They picked up may be Orts, but the five thousand might be his fee for rescuing Hargrave. Here is the greatest thing I have ever seen against; and you know with every day methods!"

"The woman, don't let your tongue play with you too far."

"Not the least bit afraid of you, you need me, and it has never more apparent than at this moment."

"All right. I fell by the wayside on this trip. Truthfully, I realized five minutes after the men were gone. The only clever thing I did was to keep the mask on my face. They can't come back at me. But the thing looked so easy; and it would have worked but for Norton's appearance."

"You all but compromised me. That butler worries me a little." Her expression lost its anger and grew thoughtful. "He's always about, somewhere. Do you think Hargrave took him into his confidence?"

"Can't tell. He's been watched straight for 40 hours. He hasn't mailed a letter or telephoned to any place but the grocery. There have been no telegrams. Some one in that house knows where the money is, and it's ten to one that it will be the girl."

"She looks enough like Katrina to be her ghost."

Braine went over to the window and stared up at the stars.

"You have made a good impression on the girl?" with his back still toward her.

"I had her in my arms."

"Olga, my hat is off to you," turning now that his face was again in repose. "Your very frankness regarding your relationship will pull the wool over their eyes. Of course they'll make inquiries and they'll find out that you haven't lied. It's perfect. Not even that newspaper weasel will see anything wrong. Toward you they will eventually ease up and you can act without their even dreaming your part in the business. We must not be seen in public any more. This butler may know where I stand even though he cannot prove it. Now, I'm going to tell you something. Perhaps you've long since guessed it. Katrina was mine till Hargrave—never mind what his name was then—till Hargrave came into the fold. So sure of her was I that I used her as a lure to bring him to us. She fell in love with him, but too late to warn him. I had the satisfaction of seeing him cast her aside, curse her, and leave her. In one thing she fooled us all. I never knew of the child till you told me."

He paused to light a cigarette.

"Hargrave was madly in love with her. He cursed her, but he came back to the house to forgive her, to find that she had been seized by the secret police and entombed in the fortress. I had my revenge. It was I who sent in the information, practically bogus. But in Russia they never question; they act and forget. So he had a daughter!"

He began pacing the floor, his hands behind his back; and the woman watched him, oscillating between love and fear. He came to a halt abruptly and looked down at her.

"Don't worry. You have no rival. I'll leave the daughter to your tender mercies."

"The butler," she said, "has full powers of attorney to act for Hargrave while absent, up to the day the girl becomes of legal age."

"I'll keep an eye on our friend Jones. From now on, day and night, there will be a cat at the knothole, and 'ware mouse! Could you make up anything like this girl?" suddenly.

"A fair likeness."

"Do it. Go to the ship which picked up the man at sea and quiz the captain. Either the aviator or Hargrave is alive. It is important to learn which at once. Be very careful; play the game only as you know how to play it. And if Hargrave is alive, we win. Tomorrow morning, early. Tears are easy when a woman weeps. No color, remember; just the yellow wig and the ballet features. Now, by-by!"

"Aren't you going to kiss me, Leo?"

He caught her hands. "There is a species of Delilah about you, Olga. A kiss tonight from your lips would snip my locks; and I need a clear head. Whether we fall or win, when this game is played you shall be my wife." He kissed the hands and strode out into the hall.

The woman gazed down at her small white hands and smiled tenderly. (The tigress has her tender moments!) He meant it!

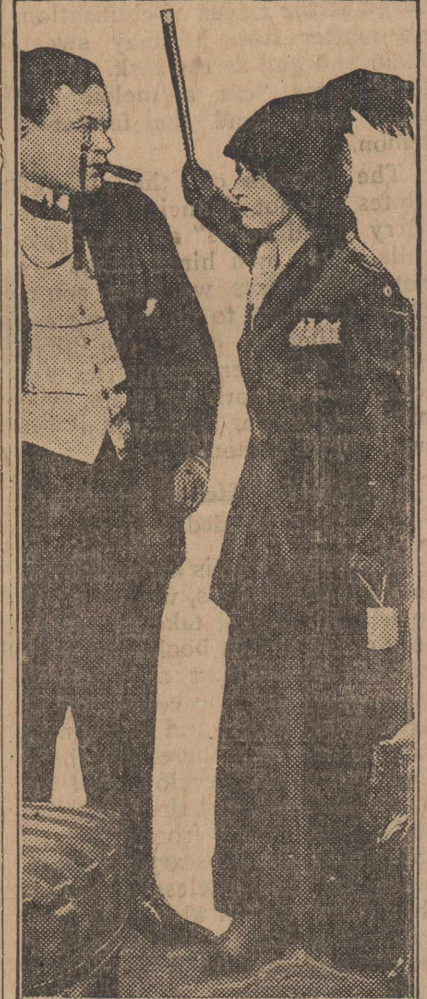
She went into her dressing room and an hour or more worked over her face and hair, till she was certain that if the captain of the ship described her to anyone else he could not fail to give a fair description of Florence Hargrave.

But Norton reached the captain first. Other reporters had besieged him, but they had succeeded in gathering the vaguest kind of information. They had no description of Hargrave, while Norton had. Before going down to the boat, however, he had delved into the past of the Princess Olga Perigoff. It cost him a pocketful of money, but the end justified the means. The princess had no past worth mentioning. By piecing this and that together he became assured that she had told the simple truth regarding the relationship to Florence's mother. A cablegram had given him all the facts in her history; there were no gaps or discre-

pancies. It read clear and frank. Trust a Russian secret agent to know what he was talking about.

So Norton's suspicions—and he had entertained some—were completely lulled to sleep. And he wouldn't have doubted her at all except for the fact that Braine had been with her when he had introduced Hargrave. Hargrave had feared Braine; that much the reporter had elicited from the butler. But there wasn't the slightest evidence. Braine had been in New York for nearly six years. The princess had arrived in the city but a year gone. And Braine was a member of several fashionable clubs, never touched cards, and seldom drank. He was an expert chess player and a wonderful amateur billiardist. Perhaps Jones, the taciturn and inscrutable, had not told him all he knew regarding his master's past. Well, well; he had in his time untangled worse snarls. The office had turned him loose, a free lance, to handle the case as he saw fit, to turn in the story when it was complete.

But what a story it was going to be when he cleared it up! The more mystifying it was, the greater the zest and sport for him. Norton was like a



"I Am Not Afraid of You, Leo."

gambler who played for big stakes, and only big stakes stirred his cravings.

The captain of the tramp steamer Orient told him the same tale he had told the other reporters; he had picked up a man at sea. The man had been brought aboard totally exhausted.

"Was there another body any where?"

"No."

"What became of him?"

"I sent a wireless and that seemed to bother him. It looked so that he did not want anybody to learn that he had been rescued. The moment the boat touched the pier he lost himself in the crowd. Fifty reporters came aboard, but he was gone. And I could not tell them just what I'm telling you."

"He had money?"

"About five thousand."

"Please describe him."

The captain did so. It was the same description he had given to all the reporters. Norton looked over the rail at the big warehouse.

"Was it an ordinary balloon?"

"There you've got me. My Marconi man says the balloon part was like any other balloon; but the passenger car was a new business to him. It could be driven against the wind."

"Driven against the wind. Did you tell this to the other chaps?"

"Don't think I did. Just remembered it. Probably some new invention; and now it's at the bottom of the sea. Two men, as I understand it, went off in this contraption. One is gone for good."

"For good," echoed the reporter gravely. "Gone for good, indeed, poor devil! Norton took out a roll of bills. "There's two hundred in this roll."

"Well," said the captain, vastly astonished.

"It's yours if you will do me a small favor."

"If it doesn't get me mixed up with the police. I'm only captain of a tramp; and some of the harbor police have taken a dislike to me. What do you want me to do?"

"The police will not bother you. This man Hargrave had some enemies; they want either his life or his money; maybe both. It is a peculiar case, with Russia in the background. He might have laid the whole business before the police, but he chose to fight it out himself. And to tell the truth, I don't believe the police would have done any good."

"Heave her over; what do you want me to do for that handsome roll of money?"

"If any man or woman who is not a reporter comes to pump you tell them the man went ashore with a packet under his arm."

"Tie a knot in that."

"Say that the man was gray haired, clean shaven, straight, with a scar high up on his forehead, generally covered up by his hair."

"That's battened down, my lad. Go on."

"Say that you saw him enter yonder

warehouse, and later depart without his packet."

"Easy as dropping my mudhook?"

"That's all." Norton gave the captain the money. "Good-by and many thanks."

"Don't mention it."

Norton left the slip and proceeded to the office of the warehouse. He approached the manager's desk.

"Hello, Grannis, old top!"

The man looked up from his work surlily. Then his face brightened.

"Norton? What's brought you here? O, yes; that balloon business. Sit down."

"What kind of a man is the captain of that old hooker in the slip?"

"Shifty in gun running, but otherwise as square as a die. Looks funny to see an old tub like that fixed up with wireless; but that has saved his neck a dozen times when he was running it into a noose. Not going to interview me, are you?"

"No. I'm going to ask you to do me a little favor."

"They always say that. But spin her out. If it doesn't cost me my job, it's yours."

"Well, there will be a person making inquiries about the mysterious aeronaut. All I want you to say is, that he left a packet with you, that you've put it in that safe till he calls to claim it."

Grannis nibbled the end of his pen. "Suppose some one should come and demand that I open the safe and deliver?"

"All you've got to do is to tell them to show the receipt signed by you."

The warehouse manager laughed. "Got a lot of sense in that ivory dome of yours. All right. But if anything happens you've got to come around and back me up. What's it about?"

"That I dare not tell you. This much, I'm laying a trap and I want some one I don't know to fall into it."

"On your way, James. But if you don't send me some prize fight tickets next week for this, I'll never do you another favor."

In reply Norton took from his pocket two bits of pasteboard and laid them on the desk. "I knew you'd be wanting something like this."

"Ringside!" cried Grannis. "You reporters are lucky devils!"

"I'd go myself if there was any earthly chance of a real scrap. You make me laugh, Gran. You're always going, always hoping the next one will be a real one. But it's all bunk. The pugs are the biggest fakers on top of the sod. They've got us newspaper men done to a frazzle."

"I guess you're right. Well, count on me regarding that mysterious bundle in the safe."

"At three o'clock this afternoon I want you to call me up. If no one has called, why the game is up. But if some one does come around and make inquiries, don't fail to let me know."

"I'll be here till five. I'd better call you up then."

Then Norton returned home and idled about till afternoon. He went over to Riverdale. Five times he walked up and down the front of the Hargrave place, finally plucked up his courage and walked to the door. After all, he was a lucky mortal. He had a good excuse to visit this house every day in the week. And there was something tantalizing in the risk he took. Besides, he wanted to prove to himself whether it was a passing fancy or something deeper. That's the way with humans; we never see a sign "Fresh Paint" that we don't have to prove it.

He chatted with Florence for a while and found that, for all she might be guileless to the world, she was a good linguist, a fine musician, and talked with remarkable keenness about books and arts. But unless he roused her, the sadness of her position always lay written in her face. It was not difficult for him to conjure up her dreams in coming to the city and the blow which, like a bolt of lightning from a clear sky, had shattered them ruthlessly.

"You must come every day and tell me how you have progressed," she said.

"I'll obey that order gladly, whenever I can possibly do it. My visits will always be short."

"That is not necessary."

"No," said Norton in his heart, "but it is wise."

Always he found Jones waiting for him at the door, always in the shadow.

"Well?" the butler whispered.

"I have laid a neat trap. Whether this balloon was the one that left the top of this house I don't know. But if there were two men in it, one of them lies at the bottom of the sea."

"And the man found?" The butler's voice was tense.

"It was not Hargrave. I met Orts but once, and as he wore a beard then, the captain's description did not tally with your recollection."

"Thank God! But what is this trap?"

"I propose to find out by it who is back of all this, who Hargrave's real enemies are."

Norton returned to his rooms, there to await the call from Grannis. He was sorry, but if Jones would not take him into his fullest confidence, he must hold himself to blame for any blunder he (Norton) made. Of course, he could readily understand Jones' angle of vision. He knew nothing of the general run of reporters; he had heard of them by rumor and distrusted them. He was not aware of the fact that the average reporter carries more secrets in his head than a prime minister. It was, then, up to him to set about to allay this distrust and gain the man's complete confidence.

Meanwhile that same morning a pretty young woman boarded the Orient and asked to be led to the captain. Her eyes were red; she had

evidently been weeping. When the captain, susceptible like all sailors, saw her his promises to Norton took wings.

"This is Captain Hagan?" she asked, balling the handkerchief she held in her hand.

"Yes, miss. What can I do for you?"

He put his hands embarrassedly into his pockets—and felt the crisp bills. But for that magic touch he would have forgotten his lines. He squared his shoulders.

"I have every assurance that the man you picked up at sea is my father. I am Florence Hargrave. Tell me everything."

The captain's very blundering deceived her. "And then he hustled down the gang-plank and headed for that warehouse. He had a package which he was as tender of as if it had been dynamite."

"Thank you!" impulsively.

"A man has to do his duty, miss. A sailor's always glad to rescue a man at sea," awkwardly.

When she finally went down the gangplank the sigh the captain heaved was almost as loud as the exhaust from the donkey engines which were working out the crates of lemons from the hold.

"Maybe she is his daughter; but two hundred is two hundred, and I'm a poor sailor man."

Then Grannis came in for his troubles. What was a chap to do when a pretty girl appealed to him?

"I am sorry, miss, but I can't give you that package. I gave the man a receipt and till it is presented to me the package must remain in yonder safe. You understand enough about the business to realize that. I did not solicit the job. It was thrust upon me. I'd give a hundred dollars if the blame thing was out of my safe. You say it is your fortune. That hasn't been proved. It may be gunpowder, dynamite. I'm sorry, but you will have to find your father and bring the receipt."

The young woman left the warehouse, dabbing her eyes with the sodden handkerchief.

"I wonder," mused Grannis, as he watched her from the window, "I wonder what the deuce that chap Norton is up to. The girl might have been the man's daughter. . . . Good Lord, what an ass I am! There wasn't any man!" And so he reached over for the telephone.

Immediately upon receipt of the message the reporter set his machinery in motion. Some time before dawn he would know who the arch-conspirator was. He questioned Grannis thoroughly, and Grannis' description tallied amazingly with that of Florence Hargrave. But a call over the wire proved to him conclusively that Florence had not been out of the house that morning.

On the morrow the newspapers had scare-heads about an attempt to rob the Duffy warehouse. It appeared that the police had been tipped beforehand and were on the grounds in time to gather in several notorious gunmen, who, under pressure of the third degree, vowed that they had been hired and paid by a man in a mask and had not the slightest idea what he wanted them to raid. Nothing further could be gotten out of the gunmen. That they were lying the police had no doubt, but they were up against a stout wall and all



"You Must Come Every Day and Tell Me How You Have Progressed."

they could do was to hold the men for the grand jury.

Norton was in a fine temper. After all his careful planning he had gained nothing—absolutely nothing. But wait; he had gained something—the bitter enmity of a cunning and desperate man, who had been forced to remain hidden under the pier till almost dawn.

CHAPTER IV.

The Flat on the Top Floor.

Braine crawled from his uncomfortable hiding place. His clothes were soiled and damp, his hat gone. By a hair's breadth he had escaped the clever trap laid for him. Hargrave was alive, he had escaped; Braine was as certain of this fact as he was of his own breathing. He now knew how to account for the flickering light in the upper story of the warehouse. His ancient enemy had been watch-

ing him all the time. More than this, Hargrave and the meddling reporter were in collusion. In the flare of lights at the end of the gun-play he had caught the profile of the reporter. Here was a dangerous man, who must be watched with the utmost care.

He, Braine, had been lured to commit an overt act, and by the rarest good luck had escaped with nothing more serious than a cold chill and a galling disappointment.

He crawled along the top of the pier, listening, sending his dark-ecstasy-glimpse higher and thither. The sky in the east was growing paler and paler. In and out among the bales of wool, bags of coffee and lemon crates he slowly and cautiously wormed his way. A watchman patrolled the office side of the warehouse, and Braine found it possible to creep around the other way, thence into the street. After that he straightened up, sought a second-hand shop and purchased a soft hat, which he pulled down over his eyes.

He had half a dozen rooms which he always kept in readiness for such adventures as this. He rented them furnished in small hotels which never asked questions of their patrons. To one of these he went as fast as his weary legs could carry him. He always carried the key. Once in his room he donned fresh wearing apparel, linen, shoes, and shaved. Then he proceeded downstairs, the second-hand hat shading his eyes and the upper part of his face.

At half past twelve Norton entered the Knickerbocker cafe-restaurant, and the first person he noticed was Braine, reading the morning's paper, propped up against the water carafe. Evidently he had just ordered, for there was nothing on his plate. Norton walked over and laid his hand upon Braine's shoulder. The man looked up with mild curiosity.

"Why, Norton, sit down, sit down! Have you had lunch? No? Join me."

"Thanks. Came in for my breakfast," said Norton, drawing out the chair. Braine was sitting with his back to the wall on the lounge seat.

"I wonder if you newspaper men ever eat a real, true enough breakfast. I should think the hours you lead would kill you off. Anything new on the Hargrave story?"

"I'm not handling that," the reporter lied cheerfully. "Didn't want to. I knew him rather intimately. I've a horror of dead people, and don't want to be called upon to identify the body when they find it."

"Then you think they will find it?"

"I don't know. It's a strange mixup. I'm not on the story, mind you; but I was in the locality of Duffy's warehouse late last night and fell into a gunman rumpus."

"Yes, I read about that. What were they after?"

"You've got me there. No one seems to know. Some cock and bull story about there being something valuable. There was."

"What was it? The report in this paper does not say."

"Ten thousand bags of coffee."

Braine lay back in his chair and laughed.

"If you want my opinion," said Norton, "I believe the gunmen were out to shoot up another gang, and the police got wind of it."

"Don't you think it about time the police called a halt in this gunman matter?"

"Oh, so long as they pot each other the police look the other way. It saves a long trial and passage up the river. Besides, whenever they are nabbed some big politician manages to open the door for them. Great is the American voter."

"Take Mr. Norton's order, Luigi," said Braine.

"A German pancake, buttered toast and coffee," ordered the reporter.

"Man, eat something!"

"It's enough for me."

"And you'll go all the rest of the day on tobacco. I know something of you chaps. I don't see how you manage to do it."

"Food is the least of our troubles. By the way, may I ask you a few questions? Nothing for print, unless you've got a new book coming."

"Fire away."

"What do you know about the Princess Perigoff?"

"Let me see. H'm. Met her first about a year ago at a reception given to Nasimova. A very attractive woman. I see quite a lot of her. Why?"

"Well, she claims to be a sort of aunt to Hargrave's daughter."

"She said something to me about that the other night. You never know where you're at in this world, do you?"

The German pancake, the toast, the coffee disappeared, and the reporter passed his cigars.

"The president visits town today and I'm off to watch the show. I suppose I'll have to interview him about the tariff and all that rot. When you start on a new book let me know and I'll be your press agent."

"That's a bargain."

"Thanks for the breakfast."

Braine picked up his newspaper, smoked and read. He smoked, yes, but he only pretended to read. The young fool was clever, but no man is infallible. He had not the least suspicion; he saw only the newspaper story. Still, in some manner he might stumble upon the truth, and it would be just as well to tie the reporter's hands effectually.

The rancor of early morning had been subdued; anger and quick temper never paid in the long run, and no one appreciated this fact better than Braine. To put Norton out of the way temporarily was only a wise precaution; it was not a matter of spite or reprisal.

He paid the reckoning, left the restaurant, and dropped into one of his clubs for a game of billiards. He drew quite a gallery about the table. He won easily, racked his cue and sought the apartments of the princess.

What a piece of luck it was that Olga had really married that old dotard, Perigoff! He had left her a titled widow six months after her marriage. But she had had hardly a kopeck to call her own.

"Olga, Hargrave is alive. He was there last night. But somehow he anticipated the raid and had the police in waiting. The question is, has he fooled us? Did he take that million or did he hide it? There is one thing left—to get that girl. No matter where Hargrave is hidden, the knowledge that she is in my hands will bring him out into the open."

"No more blind alleys."

"What's on your mind?"

"She has never seen her father. She confessed to me that she has not even seen a photograph of him."

There was a long pause.

"Do you understand me?" she asked.

"By the Lord Harry, I do! You've a head on you worth two of mine. The very simplicity of the idea will



Attempt to Rob the Duffy Warehouse.

win out for us. Some one to pose as her father; a message handed to her in secret; dire misfortune if she whispers a word to anyone; that her father's life hangs upon the secrecy; she must confide in no one, least of all Jones; the butler. It all depends upon how the letter gets to her. Bred in the country, she probably sleeps with her window open. A pebble attached to a note, tossed into the window. I'll trust this to no one; I'll do it myself. With the girl in our control the rest will be easy. If she really does not know where the money is Hargrave will tell us. Great head, little woman, great head. She does not know her father's handwriting?"

"She has never seen a scrap of it. All that Miss Farlow ever received was money. The original note left on the doorstep with Florence has been lost. Trust me to make all these inquiries."

"Tomorrow night, then, immediately after dinner, a taxicab will await her just around the corner. Grange is the best man I can think of. He's an artist when it comes to playing the old-man part."

"Not too old, remember. Hargrave isn't over forty-five."

"Another good point. I'm going to stretch out here on the divan and snooze for a while. Had a devil of a time last night."

"When shall I wake you?"

"At six. We'll have an early dinner sent in. I want to keep out of everybody's way. By-by!"

In less than three minutes he was sound asleep. The woman gazed down at him in wonder and envy. If only she could drop to sleep like that. Very softly she pressed her lips to his hair.

At eleven o'clock the following night the hall light in the Hargrave house was turned off and the whole interior became dark. A shadow crept through the lilac bushes without any more sound than a cat would have made. Florence's window was open, as the arch-conspirator had expected it would be. With a small string and stone as a sling he sent the letter whirling skillfully through the air. It sailed into the girl's room. The man below heard no sound of the stone hitting anything and concluded that it had struck the bed.

He waited patiently. Presently a wavering light could be distinguished over the sill of the window. The girl was awake and had lit the candle. This knowledge was sufficient for his need. The tragic letter would do the rest, that is, if the girl came from the same pattern as her father and mother—strong willed and adventurous.

He tiptoed back to the lilacs, when a noise sent him close to the ground. Half a dozen feet away he saw a shadow creeping along toward the front door. Presently the shadow stood up as if listening. He stooped again and ran lightly to the steps, up these to the door, which he hugged.

Who was this? wondered Braine. Patiently he waited, arranging his posture so that he could keep a lookout at the door. By and by the door opened cautiously. A man holding a candle appeared. Braine vaguely recognized Olga's description of the butler. The man on the veranda suddenly blew out the light.

Braine could hear the low murmur of voices, but nothing more. The conversation lasted scarcely a minute. The door closed and the man ran

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## Successfully Farming

### a 40-Acre Tract

A. A. Jones, who lives three and a half miles northwest of Floydada, is making a success farming in Floyd County, though he has only 40 acres of land.

He came there in March, 1913, from Young County, and bought the 40-acre tract at \$21 per acre, paying half down and giving notes for the remainder due January 1st, one and two years. He has paid both of his notes off, has a well, a windmill, 5 room dwelling, good sheds, buggy house, good lots and granary, and has a nice little orchard,—and he's out of debt.

How this was done in two years makes good reading and speaks well for Mr. Jones as well as for the land in which he has chosen to cast his lot.

But it should be said that Mr. Jones had engaged in the carpenter's trade for upward of 22 years, since a boy. His knowledge of farming was limited to experience as a boy on his father's farm. Following his decision that there was no prospect of his having a sufficient income for his old days, when his prime was past, Mr. Jones began to cast about and started in a small way to the desired end.

The first year he planted his small farm to maize except six acres, and gathered 2 bales of cotton off his six-acre plot, raising a four-acre orchard plot for chicken lots, truck and so forth.

"We met our first payment on the place in December, paid all current expenses and evened up for the year from our first year's labor.

"At the beginning at 1914," as Mr. Jones tells the story, "We went in the hole about \$600, and leased a 94 3/4 acre tract close to us, 25 acres of which was in cultivation. This 25 acres I put to maize, and on my 40 acre tract I put 17 acres to cotton and 18 acres in maize, using my truck patch and chicken lots to their limit, too. Well the maize averaged 2 tons per acre, and the 18 acres of cotton produced 17 bales and 200 pounds of lint, all of which we gathered ourselves. We sold \$36 worth fryers, sold 5 dozen eggs per week the year round, from March to November sold 25 pounds of butter per month from the two cows we had [representing a part of the \$600 indebtedness we began the year with.] The truck patch did its part too. During the season we sold from \$1 to \$6 worth of garden stuff a day, which I marketed each morning in town during the dull part of the farming operations.

"Being a carpenter I spent all my idle time in the fall months on the residence which I had started. I built all the house myself with the exception of some three days work which I hired done.

Of course, we have put up much canned tomatoes, kraut, etc., from the truck patch to run us this winter. We have plenty of meat and lard to run us for the year.

"With the beginning of the New Year, we are out of debt, paying for lumber in our house, sheds, etc., paying the last note on the place and all current expenses. We have about \$250 worth of maize heads, \$150 worth of bundled feed and about \$50 worth of cotton seed. We'll soon have four cows and now have over 6 dozen laying hens, from a beginning of 17.

"And that's about all there is to the story. We were saving, all of the family helped in the field,—whenever there was work to do,—and we made every minute count. We have five children in the home, the oldest 13. None of the children lost practically any time from the school."

During the short talk, Mr. Jones stressed the point of making all the edges cut, all the minutes count and co-operation in the family. If the weather was bad, the "ole man" helped clean the house, or did the churning or what-not about the place the same as the children and wife aided when there was work in the fields. It was not all bright all the time; there were the "blue days", and the make shifts, but the Jones family is on its feet and well-started on its way at the beginning of the third year in Floyd County to a modest prosperity, and looking back over the time now it seems brief, the successes overshadowing the hardships which now appear as trifles.

"Yes, I like Floyd County. We couldn't have done the thing we have on 40 acres if we were not in a good country" said Mr. Jones.

### Flower Pots and Crockery.

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### A Baby in the White House

On January 17th a son was born to Mrs. Francis E. Sayre, the second daughter of Pres. Wilson. Mother and child are doing well.

The first child born in the White house was in 1806, during the administration of President Jefferson. The only presidents child ever born in the White House was Esther Cleveland, daughter of President and Mrs. Cleveland. It is said that the president was all out of sorts because the child was not a boy.

The child of Mr. and Mrs. Sayre is President Wilson's first grandchild. He was greatly pleased, it is said when the announcement was made the child was a boy. He has no sons of his own.

### Buying High Bred Cattle

E. C. Dodson left Monday for Independence, Missouri, where he will receive the cattle recently bought of Cudgell and Simpson. While there he will purchase more stock for H. C. Randolph, of Floydada. Sickness in his family prevented Mr. Randolph from accompanying Mr. Dodson to Independence.

Carbon paper at Hesperian office

## Tenancy Problems Discussed by Union Official

Want Law Enacted That Will Give Relief to Renters of Texas

Fort Worth, Texas.—The most important problem that confronts the Texas Legislature in its 34th session is relief for the tenant farmer.

Out of the 219,575 tenant farmers the Federal Census Bureau shows that 17,500, or less than 10 per cent, pay cash rent and we estimate that 60 per cent rent on the basis of one-third grain and one-fourth cotton and 30 per cent pay more than a third and a fourth. There are perhaps 65,000 tenant farmers in this State, who, in some form or other, pay a rental of more than a third and a fourth on land. To this number we may add the 17,500 cash tenants, for it is there the worst forms of rental extortion exist, although it might be difficult to prohibit, by law, a willing renter paying a willing landlord an agreed sum for use of property.

### Abuses of Tenancy System.

There are many abuses growing out of our tenancy system which should be corrected and punished by law if they cannot be corrected peaceably. We will mention a few of them. Out of the 65,000 tenant farmers who pay more than a third and a fourth land rental, we estimate that 40 per cent, or 26,000, pay direct to the landlord and the remaining 39,000 pay it to brokers and agents who rent lands on a basis of a third and a fourth and then sub-rent at a profit, charging a cash bonus for the farm of advancing the rents beyond the price they pay. Such practices should be broken up by law for they constitute an illegitimate occupation. The owner of property should look after his business personally or hire some one to do so, paying them a reasonable sum out of his own pocket, and not become a party to an injurious system of speculation. We leave the legislature to deal with the iniquitous tenancy system, according to their wisdom.

### Union Calls Upon Legislature for Building Material.

We believe a rural credit bill, properly drawn, permitting long time loans at a low rate of interest, will place a home within the reach of every tenant farmer and automatically eliminate many of the evils of farm tenancy, as well as help the home owner. We believe that agriculture will receive more substantial benefit from increasing opportunity than in multiplying penalties. We think it a greater legislative achievement to expand the area of opportunity than to increase the zone of crime. It is an important function of government to keep open and enlarge the avenues of choice, but no effort should be made to restrain freedom of judgment and action.

The farmers, like every other class of people, have the weak and incapable. There are some tenant farmers, who, if offered a home in the skies, would prefer to rent so they could move once a year, and no amount of constructive legislation will benefit them. We do not favor restrictive legislation that involves the entire structure of society in order to benefit the incompetent. Give the man who tries a chance and give it abundantly.

We invite the Texas Bankers' Association to appoint a committee to assist in framing a bill that is sound commercially and one they can recommend the securities to their customers. We have too many "still-born" laws on the statute books now and there is no use for the legislature to waste time creating securities which cannot be financed. W. D. Lewis, President, Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of Texas. Peter Radford, National Lecturer Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America.

Ancients' Idea Concerning Dreams. Plato, Aristotle and Cicero believed that dreams foretold future events if rightly interpreted. Artemidorus of Ephesus, who lived about the middle of the second century, wrote books of elaborate rules telling how to interpret dreams. Among other things he says that he who shall dream he has lost a tooth shall lose a friend.

Walter R. Cope, Tom B. Triplett and Glad Snodgrass left this morning in Mr. Cope's Briscoe car for Dallas, where the latter parties will do some buying from wholesale firms and Mr. Cope will also transact business.

## Farmers Foot The Bills

Union Officials Say That Legislature Should Cut "Dead Heads" Off The Pay Roll.

There is no payroll in civilization that does not rest upon the back of the farmer. He must pay the bills—all of them.

When a farmer buys a plow he pays the man who mined the metal, the woodman who felled the tree, the manufacturer who assembled the raw material and shaped it into an article of usefulness, the railroad that transported it and the dealer who sold him the goods. He pays the wages of labor and capital employed in the transaction as well as pays for the tools, machinery, buildings, etc., used in the construction of the commodity and the same applies to all articles of use and diet of himself and those engaged in the subsidiary lines of industry.

The total value of the nation's annual agricultural products is around \$12,000,000,000, and it is safe to estimate that 95 cents on every dollar goes to meet the expenses of subsidiary industries. The farmer does not work more than thirty minutes per day for himself; the remaining thirteen hours of the day's toil he devotes to meeting the payroll of the hired hands of agriculture, such as the manufacturer, railroad, commercial and other servants.

### The Farmer's Payroll and How He Meets It.

The annual payroll of agriculture approximates \$12,000,000,000. A portion of the amount is shifted to foreign countries in exports, but the total payroll of industries working for the farmer divides substantially as follows: Railroads, \$1,252,000,000; manufacturers, \$4,365,000,000; mining, \$655,000,000; banks, \$200,000,000; mercantile, \$3,500,000,000, and a heavy miscellaneous payroll constitutes the remainder.

It takes the corn crop, the most valuable in agriculture, which sold last year for \$1,692,000,000, to pay off the employees of the railroads; the money derived from our annual sales of livestock of approximately \$2,000,000,000, the yearly cotton crop, valued at \$920,000,000; the wheat crop, which is worth \$610,000,000, and the oat crop, that is worth \$440,000,000, are required to meet the annual payroll of the manufacturers. The money derived from the remaining staple crops is used in meeting the payroll of the bankers, merchants, etc. After these obligations are paid, the farmer has only a few bunches of vegetables, some fruit and poultry which he can sell and call the proceeds his own.

When the farmer pays off his help he has very little left and to meet these tremendous payrolls he has been forced to mortgage homes, work women in the field and increase the hours of his labor.

We will devote this article to a discussion of unnecessary expenses and whether required by law or permitted by the managements of the concerns, is wholly immaterial. We want all waste labor and extravagance of whatever character, cut out. We will mention the full crew bill as illustrating the character of unnecessary expenses to which we refer.

### Union Opposes "Full Crew" Bill.

The Texas Farmers' Union registered its opposition to this character of legislation at the last annual meeting held in Fort Worth, August 4, 1914, by resolution, as follows:

"The matter of prime importance to the farmers of this state is an adequate and efficient marketing system; and we recognize that such a system is impossible without adequate railroad facilities, embracing the greatest amount of service at the least possible cost. We further recognize that the farmers and producers in the end pay approximately 95 per cent of the expense of operating the railroads, and it is, therefore, to the interest of the producers that the expenses of the common carriers be as small as is possible, consistent with good service and safety. We, therefore, call upon our lawmakers, courts and juries to bear the foregoing facts in mind when dealing with the common carriers of this state, and we do especially reaffirm the declarations of the last annual convention of our State Union, opposing the passage of the so-called "full crew" bill before the thirty-third legislature of Texas."

The farmers of Missouri in the last election, by an overwhelming majority, swept this law off the

statute book of that state, and it should not be put on the statute book of Texas and no legislature of this nation should pass such a law or similar legislation which requires unnecessary expenditures.

This applies to all regulatory measures which increase the expenses of industry without giving corresponding benefits to the public. There is oftentimes a body of men assembled at legislatures—and they have a right to be there—who, in their zeal for rendering their fellow-associates a service, sometimes favor an increase in the expenses of industry without due regard for the men who bow their backs to the summer's sun to meet the payroll, but these committees, while making a record for themselves, rub the skin off the shoulders of the farmer by urging the legislature to lay another burden upon his heavy load and under the lash of "be it enacted" goad him on to pull and surge at the traces of civilization, no matter how he may sweat, foam and gall at the task. When legislatures "cut a melon" for labor they hand the farmer a lemon.

The farmers of the United States are not financially able to carry "dead heads" on their payrolls. Our own hired hands are not paid unless we have something for them to do and we are not willing to carry the hired help of dependent industries unless there is work for them. We must, therefore, insist upon the most rigid economy.

### Legislative House-Cleaning Needed.

While the war is on and there is a lull in business, we think the legislature should take an inventory of the statute books and wipe off all extravagant and useless laws. A good house-cleaning is needed in Texas and economies can be instituted here and there that will patch the clothes of indigent children, rest tired mothers and lift mortgages from despondent homes. Unnecessary workmen taken off and useless expenses chopped down all along the line will add to the prosperity of the farmer and encourage him in his mighty effort to feed and clothe the world.

If any of these industries have surplus employees we can use them on the farm. We have no regular schedule of wages, but we pay good farm hands on an average of \$1.50 per day of thirteen hours when they board themselves; work usually runs about nine months of the year and during the three months dead time, they can do the chores for their board. If they prefer to farm on their own account, there are more than 14,000,000,000 acres of idle land on the earth's surface awaiting the magic touch of the plow. The compensation is easily obtainable from Federal Agricultural Department statistics. The total average annual sales of a farm in the continental United States amount to \$516.00; the cost of operation is \$340.00; leaving the farmer \$176 per annum to live on and educate his family.

There is no occasion for the legislatures making a position for surplus employees of industry. Let them come "back to the soil" and share with us the prosperity of the farm.

W. D. Lewis, President, Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of Texas. Peter Radford, National Lecturer Farmers' Educational & Co-operative Union of America.

### George Cope and Miss Leonard Married this Morning

George Cope and Miss Mattie Leonard, of Lyman, were married this morning at 11 o'clock by Judge E. P. Thompson at his office in the court house.

Both parties are widely known, Mr. Cope having lived in Floydada a number of years. Miss Leonard is a daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Leonard, and was raised in Floyd and Motley counties, her parents being among the first residents of this portion of the state.

Intimate friends have suspected for some weeks that the happy couple would wed shortly, but their congratulations and best wishes, are none the less hearty. All their acquaintances will join in wishing them the happiness which they richly deserve.

### West Virginian Will Likely Move to Floyd

L. C. McDonald, of Keyser, W. Va., is in Floyd this week with his brother, H. M. Mc-

Donald, and is viewing suits of his brother, H. year's farming efforts land east of town so miles

He is greatly pleased their sod crop of feedstuff has all been gathered and half threshed.

The two brothers imp the place late last winter had the sod broken with s power,—196 acres was the amount, put in cultivation.

This is the elder brother's first visit since that time, and if his present arrangements do not go amiss, he will remain here permanently, and his family join him later.

### Warm Enough?

While coaching a class of children for a little play, the teacher told the boys that in the third act they would have to wear their heavy overcoats, as that would be the snow scene. After a short silence a little fellow about seven years old raised his hand and said: "Teacher, father can't finish my overcoat in time because he works late; but will it be all right if I wear my heavy underwear?"

### Way of the World.

Two little girls were playing "house" with their dolls and having a lovely time. A little seven-year-old boy watched their play laughingly for awhile and then said: "Ain't you kids got no use for a father?"

### Those Good Old Times.

Bobby's grandfather often referred to the good old days when such commodities as meat, vegetables, fruit, etc., were grown and prepared at home. One day at dinner the mince pie was praised. "But I'll bet," declared the five-year-old boy loyally, "it's nothing like the pie that grandma used to make when she raised and picked her own minces; is it, grandma?"

### Our Eyes Tint the World.

We view the world with our own eyes, each of us; and we make from within us the world we see. A weary heart gets no gladness out of sunshine; a selfish man is skeptical about friendship, as a man with no ear doesn't care for music.—William Makepeace Thackeray.

### His Only Wish.

Farmer (to horse dealer)—"No, I don't bear ye no malice; I only hope that when you're chased by a pack of ravening wolves you'll be drivin' that horse you sold me."

### Overnears.

Miss Ouldgirl—"Now, if I should find a man under my bed, I'd simply tell him to marry me or I'd shoot." Miss Petite—"Then you would simply be arrested for murder."—Judge.

### Have Your Credentials Ready.

Well doing is determined, not so much by what we do as by what we do it with. An artist can show with a piece of charcoal that he is one.

### The Way.

"I get my lunch from one of these street waffle wagons." "I see—a la cart."

### Nothing on Him.

Jakes—"Norway has a midnight sun." Rakes—"That's nothing. So have I."

### Says the Old Grouch.

It's the people who have no children who like to write poems about em.

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