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On Judges Are pointed for the Next Two Years

Following election judges were recently by the Commission for the next two years. Precinct No. 1. Amb. Presiding Judge; F. L. J. U. Fields and R. C. Precinct No. 2. Amb. Presiding Judge, J. C. B. Cox and W. D. Kemp. Precinct No. 3. Fitzgerald, Presiding Judge, Mrs. H. M. Rike and Will Edges. Precinct No. 4. Amb. Presiding Judge, R. H. S. Post and M. H. Guinn. Precinct No. 5. Amb. Presiding Judge, J. S. Lindsey and Joe Jones. Precinct No. 6. Amb. Presiding Judge, R. L. Huddlestone and J. D. Amb. Presiding Judge, T. W. E. Speck and T. E. Amb. Presiding Judge, A. Amb. Presiding Judge, U. Amb. Presiding Judge, S. L. Amb. Presiding Judge, R. C. Amb. Presiding Judge, J. D. Amb. Presiding Judge, M. B. Amb. Presiding Judge, W. E. Amb. Presiding Judge, W. E. Amb. Presiding Judge, J. W. Amb. Presiding Judge, Jesse Amb. Presiding Judge, H. G. Amb. Presiding Judge, J. F.

High School Box Supper Last Friday Proves A Success

The Box Supper at the High School auditorium Friday evening proved a success. The buying public had a very small representation, however, most of those who ought to have supported the project heartily were conspicuous by their absence. A few grown-ups, a sprinkling of high school boys and girls and an enthusiastic grade crowd bore the brunt of the buying. More than eighty beautifully decorated boxes were donated by girls and ladies. Every one was sold, though many brought ridiculously small sums. But youngsters and grown ups alike had bushels of fun in the bargain. As Mr. Magers and Mr. Kuhn, auctioneers, gave and received faithful thrusts, two separate auctions were carried on—one for the grown-ups and one for the little folks. The two auctions netted the Parent-Teachers Association ninety-three dollars. Twenty per cent goes to the high school and the balance to the playground equipment fund. Besides the boxes, several cakes were donated. Mrs. John A. Couch, Mrs. R. V. Robertson, Rev. Walthall and others gave beautifully decorated specimens. Rev. Walthall's cake was voted to Mr. Magers as the ugliest man. It attracted much attention with its unique decorations. On top was arranged a picture of our proposed new high school building, with an elegant teacherage nearby, under it was the inscription: "I am only a cake, but I have a message for you. \$4,000 raised in Haskell in 15 minutes for a good thing but uncertain. \$50,000 to be raised in Haskell in 20 years for our boys and girls—who represent both a good thing and a certainty."

Champ Clark Dies at Washington Wednesday Evening

Congressman Champ Clark of Missouri, veteran Democratic leader, died at 2 o'clock Wednesday afternoon at Washington, D. C. He was in his seventy-seventh year and from the House of Representatives after a continual service of 23 years. This grand old leader fought the battle of death as he had the battle of life, but over a week ago he was stricken with pleurisy which hastened the end. In the death of Champ Clark the nation loses a wonderful man, one who was ever interested in the welfare of the people; this spirit was manifested during his last moments when realizing the end was near he requested that the leaders of the House and Senate take no adjournment, as he knew they had a great deal of work before them. His last thoughts being for Congress, the business which had been a part of his daily life for a quarter of a century. The House and Senate did not take an adjournment as is customary, in deference to the wishes of the dead man. Representative Mondell, Republican leader, immediately moved that the House take a recess for thirty minutes "out of respect for our friend and sincere sympathy for his family and in honor to his memory." His wife, and son Bennett Clark, and daughter, Mrs. James Thompson of New Orleans, were at his bedside when the end came.

Large Attendance at Spring Style Show Last Thursday Night

The Spring Style Show under the auspices of the ladies of the First Christian Church, given at Dick's Theatre Thursday afternoon and night proved a great success. The weather was ideal for both performances and the ladies cleared over \$50. However, the attendance was not as large as the Fall Show but the display was even more beautiful. Beautiful living models displayed the latest styles in dresses, coat suits, shoes and millinery from the J. E. Grissom & Co., and Grissom's Store. These stores are to be congratulated on their showing of the season's beautiful creations, also their selection of beautiful models.

BUFFALO HERD ON COLBERT RANCH RAPIDLY INCREASING

According to the latest reports, the buffalo herd on the R. V. Colbert ranch, in Shackelford County, is gradually increasing and in a few more years he will have a herd of buffalo that will rival the famous Goodnight ranch in Armstrong County. There has never been a buffalo killed by Mr. Colbert on this ranch and one is seldom sold, and only then with the agreement that it will not be killed. This ranch of Mr. Colbert's is located on the river 20 miles east of Stamford, and consists of about 12,000 acres. A high wire fence around the place is set upon iron posts imbedded in concrete. The buffalo are free to browse all over the ranch without interference. Their only companions are deer and wild turkey, which Mr. Colbert placed on this ranch.

24 SECTIONS IN HALE COUNTY PLANTED IN WHEAT

The C. C. Slaughtor Land & Cattle Company, of Plainview, are preparing to plant 24 sections of land in wheat within a year. The tract is about 25 miles west of Plainview, near Olton. This will be one of the largest wheat fields in the United States.

The End of A Perfect Day



Road Overseers for County Appointed by Commissioners'

The following road overseers for this year were appointed by the Commissioners' Court at their regular session last week:

- For Commissioners Precinct No. 1:**
Road Precinct No. 1—Arthur Moser; 2. F. A. West; 3. Jim Gamill; 4. Cammel Speck; 5. Not Appointed; 6. Not Appointed; 7. E. S. Lee; 8. J. L. Baugh; 9. Doc Rayborn; 10. Ed Lewis; 11. D. R. Brown; 12. Albert Zahn; 13. Leige Stevens; 14. Ed Davis; 15. Will Chastain; 16. Ed Jno. Dunn; 17. Joe Wolf; 18. Ernest Griffith; 19. Lake Hamilton; 20. Not Appointed; 21. Jim Finley, Jr.; 22. Columbus White; 23. Jno. Doss; 24. Not Appointed; 25. W. K. Whitman; 26. Not Appointed; 27. W. A. Iver; 28. Tom Lee; 29. Not Appointed; 30. Not Appointed; 31. Not Appointed; 32. J. S. Abernathy; 33. Geo. Chandler; 34. Mark Trimmer; 35. C. G. Hudson; 36. Lee Bennett; 37. Not Appointed; 38. Jno. Pennington; 39. Jim Hawkins; 40. Alec Callahan; 41. Geo. Best; 42. W. P. Murphy; 43. Joe Allen; 44. Not Appointed; 45. H. Burleson; 46. Not Appointed; 47. Not Appointed; 48. Homer Powers; 49. Not Appointed; 50. Not Appointed; 51. C. B. Burson; 52. W. R. Allen; 53. Albert Allen; 54. Sam Kitchens; 55. Tom Lee; 56. B. B. Freeman.

- For Commissioners Precinct No. 2:**
Road Precinct No. 1. W. L. Wheeler; 2. Frank Stuhler; 3. Tom Trico; 4. Elbert Smith; 5. Earl Atchison; 6. Pete Moeller; 7. Ed Kruger; 8. O. L. Kruger; 9. Jim Latimer; 10. C. M. Strickland; 11. Not Appointed; 12. Wayne Cyfert; 13. E. W. Marion; 14. W. B. Gregory; 15. F. L. Garrett; 16. Jno. Hallmark; 17. L. L. Chamberlain; 18. Wallington; 19. L. L. Rainey; 20. R. A. Gregory; 21. W. W. Ashley; 22. Henry Floyd; 23. Dud Boone; 24. J. W. Cowan; 25. Martin Arant; 26. Abe Wallace; 27. Jno. Cox; 28. Elbert Smith; 29. E. A. Dunning; 30. W. M. Bledsoe; 31. Aubrey Latimer; 32. Darden; 33. F. G. Wheeler; 34. Alex Branch; 35. Not Appointed; 36. Dell Holcomb; 37. Ed Mape; 38. G. T. Brown; 39. Summie Boone; 40. Jno. Yates; 41. Will Shipman; 42. Albert Stewart, Jr.; 43. J. F. Weaver; 44. Clarence Benton; 45. Jesse Jossellett; 46. Cliff Amos; 47. Lee Jenkins; 48. E. C. Haws; 49. R. A. Dunning; 50. Jno. Cox; 51. C. T. Jones; 52. W. T. Ford.

- For Commissioners Precinct No. 3:**
Road Precinct No. 1. F. M. Branch; 2. Gordon Larned; 3. Tom Wiley; 4. A. L. Cox; 5. Gus Gillespie; 6. Jno. Ivey; 7. W. H. Russell; 8. Fred Ray; 9. Jno. Patterson; 10. J. F. Marchbank; 11. Emmett Howard; 12. Gene Brown; 13. Frank Davis; 14. J. F. Elmora; 15. Not Appointed; 16. Jess Barton; 17. Chon Stark; 18. Jno. McClintock; 19. M. O. Fields; 20. Taylor Hilliard; 21. Flyd Gilliland; 22. G. F. Burleson; 23. Tony Schaefer; 24. Jim Henshaw; 25. Not Appointed; 26. Howard Montgomery; 27. W. W. Johnson; 28. Holly Shaw; 29. Jno. Breigh; 30. Jesse Tyler; 31. W. P. Kennison; 32. Bert Davis; 33. R. L. Foote; 34. Rube Lackey.

- For Commissioners Precinct No. 4:**
Road Precinct No. 1. Roy Overton; 2. Rudolph Colbert; 3. W. C. Pratt; 4. W. E. Fowler; 5. Henry Martin; 6. Clarence Martin; 7. W. P. Sinclair; 8. J. E. Mulkey; 9. Walter Hobbs; 10. Anderson; 11. J. A. Peyton; 12. Claude Clark; 13. G. W. Wilson; 14. Frank Davis; 15. J. F. Boedeker; 16. W. W. Newton; 17. F. Woody Calpepper; 18. Emmett Matweys; 19. Jno. Iry; 20. E. G. Bossie; 21. Alex Moore; 22. J. D. McMillan; 23. T. A. Pinkerton; 24. Henry Cloud; 25. Emil Kainer; 26. S. A. Roach; 27. D. D. Pitman; 28. H. D. Bland; 29. Jim Darden; 30. Not Appointed; 31. "Heavy" Jones; 32. Chas. King; 33. Jno. Moore; 34. W. T. Sinclair; 35. B. F. Kay; 36. Lowell Fullbright; 37. David Ulmer; 38. Not Appointed; 39. Jno. Herron; 40. Jesse Weatherley; 41. Ernest Brandenberger; 42. Charlie Gosham; 43. D. H. Terrell; 44. Alfred Rinn.

MUNDAY MAN ROBBED IN ABILENE SUNDAY NIGHT

The following is taken from the Abilene Daily Reporter of Tuesday, and gives an account of the robbing of W. F. Ford of Munday, Texas, by highwaymen Sunday night in Abilene:

Struck over the head from behind by an unknown assailant and knocked into unconsciousness, W. F. Ford, of Munday, Texas, was badly injured and robbed near the corner of North Fifth and Victoria streets Sunday night at 10:30 o'clock. The highwayman, or highwaymen took fifty dollars in cash, several checks and a traveling bag containing three silk shirts, a blue serge suit, and other clothing, besides the overcoat which Mr. Ford was wearing. According to his story told officers at the Alexander Sanitarium where he was taken later, he had arrived in Abilene from Munday over the Wichita Valley Railroad and had started to the Alexander Sanitarium on foot. Near the corner of North Fifth on Victoria he was struck over the head from behind and when he recovered consciousness he was lying on the ground, his coat and traveling bag gone and his pockets turned inside out. From the bruise marks it appears that Mr. Ford was struck twice with a heavy padded club. He was unable to say how many men were engaged in the assault, never having gotten a glimpse of his assailant.

Believe Efforts Successful in Casing Off Salt Water

The casing has been set again in Kouri No. 1—this time a double packer was used and it is believed by Mr. Kouri that the water has been successfully shut off. The two packers were set about three feet apart and the intervening space filled with concrete which will be allowed to set for 10 or 15 days before an attempt will be made to drill the well in. Mr. Kouri left Wednesday for Duncan, Okla., where he has other interests. Mr. Kouri stated to the Free Press just before leaving that he believed that his troubles have been overcome. He also stated that the packer has been set far enough above the oil sand to shoot the well if it should be found necessary.

Fire Insurance Rate Lowered, Result of Good Fire Record

A reduction of 15 per cent in fire insurance premiums, caused by the low fire loss of only 13 per cent in the last three years, approximately \$3,500 will be deducted from the premiums payable January 1st, 1921, to February 28, 1922. Sam A. Roberts, Mayor, announced Wednesday. This announcement was made following the receipt of the notice from the Fire Insurance Commissioner at Austin, that the reduction should be made. Total losses during the last three years aggregated the sum of about \$6,541.00. The loss last year amounted to about \$4,336.00, or more than twice the amount of the other two years. The above is in addition to a saving of about \$400 which will be deducted for the teaching of Fire Prevention in the Public Schools which was allowed a few weeks ago by the Fire Insurance Commission.

SENATOR RUSSELL SUED BY EASTLAND COUNTY

Suit has been filed in the District Court at Eastland against Senator, Jno. A. Russell, state senator from this district, and his bondsmen while he was District Clerk at Eastland, for \$8,184.25, claimed to be due the County in excess fees from Russell's term as District Clerk. The suit, which brought in the name of Pat M. Neff, as Governor of Texas, by the County Attorney of Eastland County, also names as defendants in addition to Senator Russell, H. B. Brelsford, M. Hill, Earl Conner, S. W. Bishop, J. D. Barton, G. F. Carter and Allen R. Dabney. Russell was appointed District Clerk to fill an unexpired in April 1917. In November 1918, he was elected to the office. In November 1920, was elected State Senator from this district, defeating Jesse R. Smith of Breckenridge. He took his seat in the State Senate at the present session.

4,000 BALES OF COTTON BURNS AT WICHITA FALLS

Four thousand bales of cotton were destroyed by fire at Wichita Falls last Saturday afternoon at 3 o'clock, along with office and the west sheds of the Neil F. Anderson company. Several freight cars standing near by were damaged by the flames. The estimated damages is \$70,000. The origin of the fire is not known.

J. O. Cowart returned Saturday from Ada, Okla., where he transacted legal business during the last week.

\$10,315.00 State Aid Granted to the Schools of County

A total of \$10,315.00 of State Aid has been received by the schools of Haskell County as follows:

Dennis Chapel	\$500.00
Powell	450.00
Poster	300.00
Pleasant View	450.00
Tanner Point	400.00
Pleasant Valley	300.00
Hutto	290.00
Mitchell	335.00
Ericsdale	300.00
Sagerton	300.00
Rose	450.00
Rochester	500.00
Cliff	500.00
Lone Star	750.00
Post	350.00
Bayles	500.00
Plainview	750.00
Center Point	300.00
Myers	210.00
Roberts	500.00
Corinth	275.00
Brushy	905.00
Total	\$10,315.00

Other application have been made and are being considered and several other schools may receive State aid. Mrs. Ed Robertson, County Superintendent, states that all schools in the county which did not receive State aid are doing nicely and ample funds to have the desired length of term. All of the schools are in fine shape and have good equipment, many having fountains, play ground equipment and good libraries.

Election Called for School Trustees to Be Held April 2nd

An election will be held at all voting boxes in the county on Saturday April 2nd, for the purpose of electing trustees for all the common school districts. All school patrons should take an interest in the selection of their trustees for the coming year. Remember the date and make the election mean something to your district.

BRECKENRIDGE IS NOW REBUILDING

Reconstruction of the district destroyed by fire at Breckenridge last week was under way Friday. Property owners having arranged to replace the flimsy building with modern brick structures. Hundreds of workmen with teams were employed in the members clearing the ground for new construction. Estimates of the fire loss were conflicting, ranging from \$250,000 to \$500,000. Twenty-seven business houses were destroyed including five hotels—the Colonial, the Stevens, the American, the California and the Grand.

The fire started in the Bass building due, it is reported, to the fact that the gas, with which the building is heated, was turned off at the meter without warning. Later it is said that the gas was turned on and the building was soon filled with the fumes. An explosion followed, starting the fire which raged five hours in the business section.

Small Fire Tuesday Night

A servant house at the home of J. K. Simmons was destroyed by fire Tuesday night. The fire originated from an oil stove that was used to keep the room warm for growing plants. David Crockett of Rule was in the city Wednesday.

Officers Find Four Barrels of Mash Near Stamford Monday

Sheriff Al Cousins and Deputy Bert M. Davenport made a trip to Stamford Monday in answer to a telephone call to the effect that a still had been found on the Mrs. W. C. Cannon place about two miles northwest of Stamford. Mr. Cousins was accompanied to the scene by Mr. Keen, who manages this farm, and the Marshal of Stamford, where they discovered four barrels of mash and other evidence to show that whiskey had been made there recently. The still had been removed and could not be located. Mr. Keen discovered the still Sunday while riding across the pasture. It was located in a lonely spot on the creek. A hole had been dug out in the bank of the creek and the four barrels of "neak whiskey" was hid beneath the bank, which was emptied into the creek by the officers. No arrests were made.

Co. Supt. Reports Schools of County In Fine Condition

The County Superintendent, Mrs. Ed Robertson, has been a very busy person during the past several days—this being the time for visiting the schools. Mrs. Robertson states that she has found all the schools in fine condition and declares this is one of the best terms the county has ever had. Nearly every school is out of debt and many have good balances. All schools are paying good salaries and demanding good teachers. Very few complaints can be heard from any source and both teachers and pupils are doing some excellent work. State Aid was granted wherever needed, but as a whole the schools are not dependent upon aid entirely for a six months term. Mrs. Robertson states that there will probably be a great deal of progress made in the rural schools in the building line next year. Many will vote bonds for new buildings—some have already voted them and will build during the summer. Haskell County has just cause to be proud of her rural schools. The report of the inspector, Mr. Bowman, was very flattering. He found all schools running smoothly and all in good financial condition. He said that Haskell county had more money than he had expected to find in any county and aid was needed less than he thought for. This is indeed a good recommendation for our rural schools.

SEVERAL FIRMS MADE CHANGES IN LOCATION

This week seems to have been "moving day" on the east side of the square, three firms changing locations. E. S. Kelley, the tailor, together with J. T. Finley, one of our progressive barbers, have moved into the J. F. Jones Building, formerly occupied by the Chevrolet Motor Company. A partition has been built in the building and the interior has been completely overhauled and renovated, and with some new fixtures to be installed, will give both Mr. Kelley and Finley ample facilities to handle their increasing business. The Progressive Shoe Shop, formerly located in the wooden building north of the Farmers State Bank, will occupy the building vacated by Kelley's Tailor Shop.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Posey had as their guest last week the former's uncle, J. F. Finney of Willis Point.

Reduce Now:

Plant plenty of pigs, peas, poultry and potatoes and you will push poverty over the precipice and bring peace, plenty and prosperity "poco pronto."

Diversify Now

To The Farmer:

It is essential to your and our prosperity that the cotton acreage be reduced 50 per cent from normal—and we invite your careful attention and consideration of the statistics appearing herein. We cannot urge upon you too strongly the necessity of your reducing the cotton acreage for 1921.

South Must Know Truth

There is too much unspun cotton in the world today—millions of bales too much. If you produce more than half a crop of

COTTON

You will not be able to sell it at any price.

YOU MUST REDUCE ACREAGE

We cannot promise you, even if you do reduce the acreage, that you will get more money for your cotton than you are getting now. We do promise you that if you grow cotton without growing food for men and feed for animals, we will all be worse off than bankrupt.

"GET IT OUT OF YOUR HEAD THAT ANYTHING BUT THE SUPPLY AND THE WORLD'S ABILITY TO BUY FIXES THE PRICE OF COTTON"—Dr. Bradford Knapp.

There is Now Enough Cotton in the World to Last About Two Years.

If you want to plant more cotton after having read the following figures then we must confess we have no more to say. **It Is Up To You!**

The ten-year average amount of American cotton on hand unspun at the beginning of each fiscal year—prewar, about	1,200,000 Bales
At Aug. 1 1920, beginning present fiscal year, according to Hester, unspun American cotton	6,086,000 Bales
Probable amount of American cotton unspun July 31, 1921, now indicated, more than	9,000,000 Bales
Or 3,000,000 bales larger than any amount ever carried over before.	
The greatest consumption of cotton ever known in a single year less than	21,000,000 Bales
The greatest consumption American cotton any one year ever known, less than	15,000,000 Bales
Ten-year average consumption American cotton prior to the great war	13,000,000 Bales
Ten-year average consumption of all kinds of cotton, including American, prior to great war	17,500,000 Bales
Consumption of all kinds of cotton, 1919-1920, U. S. Census figures	18,181,000 Bales
American crop of 13,000,000 this year indicates a world supply of all kinds of cotton, including American, of	29,000,000 Bales
The world carry-over may reach a total of, or may exceed	13,000,000 Bales
The world during the present fiscal year is not likely to consume more than	15,000,000 Bales

P. L. Downs of the First National Bank of Temple, Chairman of the agricultural committee of the Texas Bankers Association, points out some facts which ought to be burned into the consciousness of every man in Texas who is genuinely interested in the future of the state. Among other things, Mr. Downs said:

"Texas today has approximately 500,000 farms. Of these, 110,000 have not a cow on them, 127,000 have not a sow, 100,000 never heard the cackle of a hen or the crow of a rooster, 315,000 do not grow sweet potatoes, 330,000 are without kitchen gardens, 380,000 do not grow hay or forage.

"Just think of the immense loss in wealth represented by these figures. Placing a sow on every farm with a consequent annual litter of pigs would add \$25,000,000 to our wealth. If every farmer would market 10 dozen eggs a week it would mean an addition of \$75,000,000. A proper garden would not only feed a family, but cut its meat bill in half and permit the sale of from \$300 to \$500 worth of truck annually.

The Haskell National Bank, Haskell.
The Farmers State Bank, Haskell.
The Farmers State Bank, Rule.
The First National Bank, Rule

First State Bank, Rochester
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Continental State Bank, Sagerton
First State Bank, O'Brien

First National Bank, Knox City
First National Bank, Munday
First State Bank, Munday
First National Bank, Goree
First Guaranty State Bank, Knox City



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Haskell Produce Company

F. L. Caldwell, Mgr.

Mrs. F. O. Alexander spent the week end with her son Fred and wife of Seymour.

Mr. and Mrs. W. F. Ford and son of the Pleasant View community were city shoppers last Friday.

THE RAT—A WORLD MENACE.

(By W. B. Bell, Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture.)

The necessity of a campaign of unvarying efficiency against the common brown rat is an outstanding one. No other animal or insect is so dangerous and persistent an enemy, and no other enemy succeed in inflicting the damage that the rat annually imposes upon humanity. The rat population of the United States is at least equal to the human population, and the same ratio holds true for practically every country under the sun. The Bureau of Biological Survey, United States Department of Agriculture, places the value of the food and property destroyed annually by the individual at \$2. Keeping well within the boundaries of conservatism this means that each year, in this country alone, we produce \$200,000,000 worth of food to no other purpose than to feed our rats. In another way, 200,000 men in the United States are devoting all their labor to the maintenance of 100,000,000 rats.

But the points of enmity is far from being satisfied by this huge economic injury. A frequenter of all the places that are vile and loathsome, the rat is a most efficient germ carrier. The germs of the dreaded "black death" have killed more human beings than all the wars of the world's history, and these germs are introduced into the human system by the bite of a rat flea. In India, no longer ago than 1896, the bubonic plague killed 9,000,000 persons. In Europe, during the 14th century, it is believed to have brought death to 25,000,000 human beings. Other diseases almost as dreadful, are traced to the common rat. Thus, from the standpoint of public health, as well as from the necessity of controlling the drain upon the public purse, it is essential that the rat be exterminated. Once the extermination is complete, or as nearly so as modern methods will permit, every precaution must be taken to prevent the rat from multiplying and regaining ground.

Trapping should be done continuously and systematically at all rat infested places. Rat poisons, especially barium carbonate preparations as recently developed by the Biological Survey, should be employed. In furthering the destruction of the rat, community or civic organization is of the greatest importance. It does no good to drive the rat from one cellar into the next if they are allowed to breed unmolested in their new quarters. When the campaign is made general the pest is allowed no rest and no opportunity to intrench in a new position. If one pair of rats is left they can reproduce the original number in a little while, as rats breed five or six times a year with an average of ten to the litter.

In connection with the extermination campaigns, preventive measures should be employed against the rodent. First among these is the protection of all food supplies. This is of prime importance. The removal and destruction of all refuse is the next step in prevention, as abandoned dumps and piles of waste material furnish excellent shelter and food for the rats

that have been driven from the house and cellar.

All buildings should be rat proofed by the liberal use of cement and tin. Rat proofing should be a prominent specification in all new construction and it should be applied to older buildings in the form of repairs. All drain outlets should be sealed with wire cages, or similar protective devices, and at the seaports, where the rat finds entrance to the country, the port authorities should see that all ships are fumigated and every precaution taken by means of hawser guards or otherwise to keep the rats from leaving the ship for the shore, or passing from one ship to another. These things should be required by State Law and city ordinance.

With the food supply locked away from him, and his shelter gone, starvation and exposure will add to the effectiveness of the work with traps and poisons, and the menace of the rat will cease to be a hazard against American lives and property.

A Croquet Game.

Mrs. Ed Robertson, County Superintendent of schools, was a visitor at the Whitts Chapel school last week and found a challenge issued by the pupils to any two visitors for a game of croquet. She immediately accepted the challenge and with a picked partner from the visitors played the school.

They soon realized that they were to lose, not being able to play such champions. The school won both games, the County Superintendent seeing no use in the third to prove their superiority.

The Whitt school is a wide awake school in every particular. Miss Welch is a fine teacher and the children are all working hard to make this year the most successful one for the Whitt school.

"If you want to meet defeat, go and play croquet with the Whitt school."

Arthur Edwards Opens Barber Shop.

Arthur Edwards of this city has opened a first class barber shop in the Cowart Hotel. Mr. Edwards was formerly proprietor of the West Side Barber shop, but of late has been engaged in the watchmaking and optical business here. His many friends will be glad to learn of his entering the barber trade again and he invites them to call and see him in his new location.

Fred Mauldin, Virgil Everheart and Henry King were in Stamford Friday night in attendance at a large class initiation of candidates in the Knights of Pythias lodge at that place.

Habitual Constipation Cured in 14 to 21 Days

"LAX-FOS WITH PEPSIN" is a specially-prepared Syrup Tonic-Laxative for Habitual Constipation. It relieves promptly but should be taken regularly for 14 to 21 days to induce regular action. It Stimulates and Regulates. Very Pleasant to Take. 60c per bottle.

Miss Se'me Haygood has accepted a position as bookkeeper with the Texas Garage and Filling Station.

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Expert Watch and Jewelry Repairing
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Go Without Glasses

as long as you possibly can, you are advised. Might as well go without food as long as you possibly can.

If You Need Glasses

It is wrong and almost, if not criminal, to do either. If your eyes tire when reading, type blurs, head aches, light bothers or if you are forced to hold reading too close or too far away. Eyes deviate in, up, down or out or have neuralgia, Glasses are needed.

OPTICAL PARLOR SOUTHWEST CORNER SQUARE

A. F. Woods OPTICAL SPECIALIST and GRADUATE OPTOMETRIST

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The Sheriff or any Constable of
County, greeting:
are hereby commanded to cause
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newspaper of general circulation
has been continuously and reg-

STATE OF TEXAS:
all persons interested in the
of Fay Deaver, Florine Dea-
and Elizabeth Deaver, Minors,
Couch, guardian of their per-

under my hand and seal of
the Court, February 7, 1921.
EMORY MENEFFEE, Clerk,
County Court, Haskell County.

Notice to Paving Contractors
proposals will be received by
H. Post, City Secretary of the
Haskell, Texas, until 2:30 p. m.

Notice of Election
OF HASKELL.
is hereby given that an elec-

Persons who are legally qualified
of this state, and county and
resident property tax payers
Independent School District
entitled to vote at said elec-

O. E. PATTERSON,
of the Board of Trustees of
Haskell Independent School Dist.

Robertson,
School Board Haskell Inde-
pendent School District.

To Stop a Cough Quick
HAYES' HEALING HONEY, a
medicine which stops the cough by

Order of Sale
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the sheriff or any Constable of
Haskell County, Greeting:
Whereas, on the 10th day of Novem-

Therefore you are hereby commanded
that you proceed to seize and sell
the above described property as under
execution, and make good and sufficient

One-fourth to J. I. Clark as Admin-
istrator as aforesaid, and the other
three-fourths to J. L. Linville.

Herein Fall Not, but due return
make hereof within 60 days, showing
how you have executed the same.

Citation on Application for Letters of
Guardianship.
THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Haskell County, Greeting:

EMORY MENEFFEE, Clerk,
County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

No. 475.
Citation on Application for Letters of
Guardianship.

EMORY MENEFFEE, Clerk,
County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

In Appreciation
To the Theatre management, the
merchants who so kindly let us have
a part in the Style Show, to those who

Ladies Aid Society, Christian Church.

DIDN'T THINK HE
COULD PLANT CROP
After Taking Tanlac, Sampson Says
He Can Do As Big Days Work
As Ever.

"My health was so poor it looked like
I wouldn't be able to plant a crop, but
since taking Tanlac, I can do as big
a day's work as I ever could," says A.

"I was just about layed out alto-
gether, and I had tried all sorts of
medicine, but nothing helped me. My
stomach was in an awful fix, I never

Tanlac is sold in Haskell at Reid's
Drug Store.

Citation on Application for Letters of
Administration.

THE STATE OF TEXAS
To the Sheriff or any Constable of
Haskell County, Greeting:

You are hereby commanded to cause
to be published once each week for
a period of ten days before the return

THE STATE OF TEXAS:
To all persons interested in the
estate of Ellen Balliff, Deceased, Joe

EMORY MENEFFEE, Clerk,
County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

Notice of Estray

EMORY MENEFFEE, Clerk,
County Court, Haskell County, Texas.

THE SOCIETY
The Society met at the church Mon-

Christian Woman's Missionary Society.

Reporter.

To Correct a Slander.

Reporter.

To Correct a Slander.

Reporter.

Reporter.

ON GUARD AGAINST FORGERS
Men of Money Devise Secret Signs
Which Inform Bank Cashiers That
Checks Are Genuine.

So clever is the modern forger that
the man who relies on a signature
which is hard to copy is liable at any
moment to find himself victimized and

Another man has hit upon the idea
of apparently making a mistake in
the date in the right-hand top cor-

A Frenchman with whom this
subject was discussed stated that his own
method is an almost infallible one.

Johnson's Tour of 1866.

Johnson's "Swing round the Circle"
was an expression frequently to be met

Tasmania's Artesian Water.

Soldiers Make Money on Rats.

Students Compete With Profiteers.

Dominant Policy.

No Women in U. S. Mines.

BABY'S COMFORT
OUR CHIEF AIM
We have all of the pure, proven foods and remedies
that go to build up and keep well the babies of today.
Reid's Drug Store
HASKELL, TEXAS

Attention!
There are three factors to keep in
mind in the purchase of
GROCERIES
QUALITY! PRICE! SERVICE!
HASKELL SPOT CASH GROCERY
HONEA & VISE TELEPHONE 109

EVER BILIOUS?
Charleston, Miss.—Mrs. R. V. Heins, of this place,
says: "I have never had to use very much medicine,
because if I felt headache, dizziness, or colds, bad taste
in the mouth, which comes from torpid liver, I would
take a dose or more of Black-Draught, and it would
straighten me out and make me feel as good as new.
We have used in our family for years
THEDFORD'S
BLACK-DRAUGHT
and it certainly is the best liver medicine I ever saw.
It has not only saved me money, it has helped keep my
system in shape, and has never weakened me as so
many physics do. I recommend it to my friends and am
glad to do so." Black-Draught is the old, reliable liver
medicine which you have doubtless heard much about.
When you feel badly all over, stomach not right, bad
taste in your mouth, bilious, or have a headache, try
Thedford's Black-Draught. At all Druggists.
Always Insist on the Genuine!

Eyes
TESTED AND FITTED WITH THE
LATEST STYLE
Gold Filled, any style.....\$5.50
Shell Rim, any style.....\$6.50
AWALT
the
OPTICIAN
Glasses
Phone 77. From March 7 to 14. Haskell, Texas.
Haskell Hotel P. O. Box 487

Moved!
I have moved my barber shop to the east side of the square,
where I will be pleased to have my friends call.
I am prepared to give you better service.
J. T. Finley

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Haskell, Texas, March 5, 1921

In this issue will be found an article from Prof. C. C. Minatra, Superintendent of Schools of the Haskell Independent School District...

In this issue of the Free Press appears an advertisement signed by all the banks in Haskell and Knox counties...

CIVIC PRIDE

We are fully convinced now that civic pride is contagious in Haskell. As we go to press we can see one block...

Let each of us pledge ourselves to beautify our homes, our places of business, our churches and school grounds...

FACT and FICTION

A lot of that so-called golden silence is merely gilded.
After March 4th the Republican party will have to do the explaining.
Young men, like clocks, when they get too fast they ought to be set back.

Germany should remember that she herself set the indemnity style about a half a century ago.
The chief ingredients of success is bunk, although it sometimes means plunking the other fellow.

The farmer always has plenty of free advice as to how to solve his problems, but what he needs most is help, not advice.
There is a lot of people who have the reputation of being optimists when really they haven't sense enough to worry about anything.

EXPRESS COMPANY HELPS EUROPEAN RELIEF

Among the numerous agencies throughout the country co-operating with Herbert Hoover, Chairman of the European Relief Council, in his effort to raise \$23,000,000 by means of a national collection for the relief of incipient starvation among 3,500,000 children in the war stricken countries...

"LION" AT LITERARY FEAST

How Great Historian of Civilization Squeezed the Jackals Who Had Imagined Him Disembodied.
Lynph Stanley was an Englishman of whom Lowell said that he "knew three times as many facts as any young man whatever had any business to know."

Professional Directory

- Smith & Grissom Attorneys-at-Law
Office in Pierson Building Haskell, Texas
Sanders & Wilson Land Lawyers
Loans, Abstracts, Real Estate and Insurance, Notary Public in Office, Phone 81, Sherrill Bldg, Haskell, Texas
Clyde F. Elkins Attorney at Law
Rooms 5, 6, 7 and 8, Sherrill Bldg, Haskell, Texas
J. G. Foster Attorney at Law Land Law a Specialty Rule, Texas
Jas. P. Kinnard Attorney-at Law
McConnell Building Haskell, Texas
Haskell Lodge No. 523 I. O. O. F.
Meets Every Thursday Night W. E. Dickinson, N. G. W. E. Sherrill, Clerk.

BRAZELTON LUMBER CO.

HASKELL, TEXAS
February, 25, 1921.
Dear Friend;
Did you know that lumber had dropped in price from 40% to 50% during the last few months? Well it has and you would be surprised at how reasonable a building can be erected from material purchased at our yard.
'A little peaceful home bounds all my wants and wishes' sang the Bard of old. Even in those days of long ago, the ultimate aim of every human was a home he could call his own, no matter how humble. We have plan books of a number of humble homes; 'humble' in the matter of price. In everything else they have all the elements of comfort, protection, beauty and happiness that may be desired. These plans are drawn to make just such a place that anyone will desire for a real home.

We will appreciate showing you these plans and estimating the cost for you.
Yours very truly,
BRAZELTON LUMBER COMPANY.

Piles Cured in 5 to 14 Days

Druggists refund money if FAZO OINTMENT fails to cure itching, burning, bleeding or protruding Piles. Instantly relieves itching Piles, and you feel rested after the first application. Price...

Noises Made by Elephants.

The elephant uses both his trunk and his lungs in calling, and he has a large variety of sounds and combinations of sound with which to express himself, writes Charles Mayer in Asia Magazine. When rushing an enemy he trumpets shrilly, when enraged by wounds he grumbles hoarsely from his throat; he expresses fear by a shrill, brassy trumpet and a roar; and pleasure by a continued low squeaking through his trunk.

Beetle Murks Pulp Industry.

A gray-green beetle has much to do with the present shortage of paper. The beetle is the adult form of the aspen borer, a grub which often destroys whole plantations of the trees that are so essential to the pulp industry. The beetle gnaws a slot in the bark and deposits one or two eggs therein. From these eggs come the trouble making grubs that gnaw into the heart and sapwood and so riddle the tree that the first strong wind snaps the weakened timber.

Supply of Ostrich Feathers.

In 1914 there were 1,500,000 ostriches in South Africa. These are now reduced to 300,000. Germany and Austria are still out of the market for feathers. England is taking a few and they are too costly for France. The ostrich feather business of the world is now in the hands of about six men, with headquarters in London. They hold with them \$9,600,000 to \$10,000,000 worth of ostrich feathers, in normal times the world's supply for a year. The United States being practically the only market for the feathers, this country has the say as to the price, and is giving from \$60 to \$100 a pound, when in an active market they should bring from \$160 to \$200.

B. W. M. W.

Nineteen members of the B. W. M. W. met at the church at the usual time on Monday afternoon, February 22nd. After a few minutes devoted to business, the meeting was turned over to Mrs. W. E. Kirkpatrick, who was leader of the Missionary program for the afternoon. This proved to be one of the most inspiring meetings we have had in some time, as each one responded readily with her part, and all present showed an intense interest in the subjects for discussion. Following is the program as given:

- Song, "Make Me A Channel of Blessing."
Prayer, "Gratitude for Citizenship in a Christian Country."
Introductory Remarks—Mrs. Kirkpatrick.
Our Work Among the Foreigners—Mrs. B. M. Whiteker.
Our Work Among the Negroes—Mrs. S. A. Roberts.
Song, "Help Somebody Today."
Our Work Among the Mountaineers—Mrs. Chas. Conner.
Special Music—Mrs. W. M. Reid.
Our work among the Indians—Mrs. Clinton Johnson.
Evangelism and Enlistment, Cuba and Panama—Mrs. Jim Gilstrap.
Song, "Somebody."
Sentence Prayer for Each Phase of Our Home Mission Work.
On next Monday we will have the 5th chapter in our study on "What Baptists Believe" with Bro. Seale as teacher. Come and be with us—you will surely enjoy the lesson.

Card of Thanks

We take this method of thanking our friends and neighbors for their assistance and kindness in the illness and death of our wife, daughter, and sister Mrs. Lillie Green, which occurred Feb. 29.

H. H. Green.
Mr. and Mrs. W. B. Roberts.
J. H. Roberts.
Mrs. J. R. Densmore.

Mrs. R. N. Hathcock, and Miss Lula Shriver visited in Rusk Monday.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Sutherland are the proud parents of a daughter born February 24.

Want Ads

No ad taken for less than 25c. All ads over twenty-five words, one cent per word for each insertion. Unless time is specified, all advertising run until ordered out.

Good second hand cars for sale or will trade for cattle. Lynn...

CANCERS CURED in Guaranty. No cure, no pay. Take them out roots. Write or come see me if you have a cancer. H. M. DeGruyter, P. O. Box 174, Seymour, Texas.

FOR SALE—Genuine work boots and a registered Poland Gilt, weight 200 pounds. See L. Alvis.

FOR SALE—My residence, one block north and two block east of the J. F. Posey, etc.

WE WILL PAY the highest price for clean cotton rags. See Free Press Office.

A BAILE of clean rags is worth more than a bale of cotton this week at Free Press Office.

FOR SALE—Full blooded Buff born eggs, \$1.50 per 15 or \$2.25 per 30, or \$8.50 per hundred. Horace J. Barton.

FOR SALE—1920 Ford car, new. Registered Herford built, three years old, good one. Least bid.

FOR SALE—A few registered pigs, 4 months old. R. E. Malone, Billy Meyer's Ranch.

FOR SALE—Mountain Cedar direct to consumer, six to ten inch length, two to six inch top. Write prices F. O. B. San Saba. T. Aylor Cedar Co.

BARBER SHOP for sale or for land. Price \$1,000.00. Half in other in two notes, one in March, other one year from March. Mrs. A. Draper, O'Brien, Texas.

FOR SALE—S. C. Rhode Island eggs for setting, 1st pen headed cockerel from A. M. Poultry, ment, \$2.00 for 15, 2nd pen, \$1.50 for 15. All good laying strain. Mrs. Baker, Phone 277.

LOST—Probably on north side square, brooch with large coral center, very old piece of jewelry. Reward as high as \$5.00. Return to Postoffice for liberal reward.

FAIRM WANTED—Wanted by owner of farm for good sale, worth the price asked. L. M. Box 551, Otney, Ill.

FOR SALE—One horse and some farm implements, J. E. W. Haskell, Texas.

FOR SALE—Fresh cow on the J. F. Pinkerton.

FOR SALE OR TRADE—One and hand Maxwell car in good condition. See J. F. Kennedy.

A TONIC

Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic Energy and Vitality by Purifying, Enriching the Blood. When you are strengthening, invigorating effect, it brings color to the cheeks and improves the appetite, you appreciate its true tonic value. Grove's Tasteless Chilli Tonic is iron and Quinine suspended in pleasant even children like it. It needs QUININE to Purify it and Enrich it. Destroys Malarial and Grip germs by its strengthening effect. 9c.

Frenzied Finance.

Roberts - What's the matter? Finances bothering you? Richards - Yes, I owe Rogers \$5, and today I've got it, and he knows I've got it, and he knows I know he knows I've got it. - American Legion Weekly.

Necessity Thus.

"And Jones, you tell me you believe in love?" "Of course; certainly." "At first sight?" "Naturally. Why think anything like that'd follow a second look?"

ESTING ATHLETIC CONTESTS AT POST SCHOOL

Last Friday in February will be remembered by the friends of basketball in southern Haskell county...

WICHITA FALLS PLANS BIG CELEBRATION MARCH 11th.

The city of Wichita Falls is planning a big celebration on March 11th. The program will be opened at 2 p. m. with a big automobile parade...

Hear Famous Victor Artists.

The following Haskell people went to Abilene Saturday to hear the eight famous Victor Artists in Concert...

DOES ANY ONE WANT A BISON? UNCLE SAM GIVES THEM AWAY

The Forest Service of the United States Department of Agriculture has more than twenty male buffalo of varying size and age...

Helpful Hints

- Peach Tapioca. Drain one can of peaches. In a double boiler put one cup of the peach juice and one cup of water...

Cocoa Rice

Bring one pint of milk to a boil in a double boiler. Add a pinch of salt and half a cup of brown rice...

Fruit and Nut Pudding

Put two tablespoons of sugar into a saucepan and set it on the back of the stove where it will slowly melt...

Ginger Snaps

One cup of molasses and one-half cup of brown sugar heated until the sugar is melted...

Smothered Onions

Take enough vegetable or beef fat to lightly brown the onions. Do not use butter...

To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE...

THE PROPOSAL

By LYDIA S. MOWER.

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"Beth, dear," in a very dreamy voice, "what do they do in this town when it rains?"

I looked up. Whenever Jane has any news to break she begins by saying absolutely senseless things...

"I wish I had a million dollars—or an angora kitten, or something."

Silence.

"Beth, do you suppose that man out there knows that his neck has lost its collar?"

I gave up. She couldn't say anything much sillier and I might as well listen then as any time...

"Bill Wentworth's crazy over me, isn't he? Funny how all the men fall for me..."

"Jane, I broke in, 'why do you always laugh at Bill? He's marvelous, and every other girl in town is fishing for him but you.'"

"We-ell—he does send me wonderful chocolate almonds and fresh violets."

I was about to sigh again, but the telephone's ringing interrupted me...

Bill Wentworth! Yes, sir, he would make an ideal husband for Jane.

"Oh—er—nobody—just Bill."

"What did he want?"

"Oh, nothing. I thought I might see him over to the clubhouse tonight, that's all."

Jane tripped off to the club before my husband and I were ready...

All the younger set was there ahead of us, and I saw Dorothy Walker and Bill away in a corner of the piazza.

I worried through two horribly long dances before I saw Jane. I pulled her by force away from young Henderson...

She didn't give me much encouragement, but I hunted up Bill and told him that Jane had been asking for him and had started for the pines.

Bill gave me a queer stare and my heart sank. Perhaps I was only making a bad matter worse...

I listened with all my ears. Not a sound. Hadn't Jane... a shriek! Next a gasp and a deep masculine rumble.

"No—yes—oh—no, oh dear, oh dear," feminine words.

"Don't"—again the feeble little feminine voice.

Bill's voice interrupted; it was very earnest, and low—so low that we couldn't distinguish a word.

"Oh Bill, please—you're hurting me!"

"No—no—Bill—I can't."

"Jane—dear!"

"No—I can't—I can't."

She was refusing! The little fool! Just wait until—

"Go away—please, Bill."

And he did.

I woke up the next morning scowling. Oh, yes—Jane, the little wretch! He was the catch of the season...

"My dear, I had to take my whole shirt off. Bill couldn't lift me down I was in such a position."

My eyes opened wider and wider. "I don't quite—"

Jane gurgled and explained what I mistook for a passionate proposal. The little idiot had climbed into a tree (goodness knows why) and on seeing Bill had, in her excitement, slipped, caught her skirt in an old stump of a branch and hung dangling...

"Don't be shocked, Beth. When I'm a young matron"—(she gurgled again, but I am a matron now)—"I won't climb any more trees. Er—Beth—er—what have we for breakfast? Wait, listen, Beth—I had something to tell you yesterday, but Bill and I—er—last Thursday—that is—oh, Beth—I want a platinum ring, don't I, just like yours?"

"It's the way he said it," she apologized to herself.

Polly grew quite reckless after a while and tossed over hook after hook baited deliciously for innocent-eyed fish...

"What are you doing, child?" asked Laura after a while.

"Feeding the fishes," said Polly coolly, and she flung her line far out, turned her back to the grudging sea and proceeded to count the day's catch.

"The first prize goes to Laura," she declared, and then added excitedly, "a bite—a bite!"

She whirled about and tugged at the line, the girls giggled with mirth and Jake uttered a deep guffaw...

Polly laughed and cried and then the two boats came together and Polly unhooked her line and apologized very prettily to her victim...

"Miss Knight is the victor and I am the victim, and I am afraid it will be hard to put me back into the lonely sea again!"

But it turned out that he, and Polly as well, tumbled into the sea of matrimony—and that was a good day's fishing for everybody concerned!

MONEY OF SILK AND PIGSKIN

Hungary Government is Planning to Have the Most Beautiful Currency in Europe.

The democratic equality of material and execution heretofore maintained for currency of all denominations by the least liberal nations has at last been cast aside...

Small Hungarian notes, accordingly, money of the proletariat, will be printed on tanned pigskin...

The answer, carefully considered by the government, manifestly is that every man should keep his wife supplied with those refined and ladylike notes to be impressed upon genuine silk for sums of \$5 and upwards...

WISDOM OF "BOB" BURDETTE

Great Humorist's Dissertation on Work Proves He Was a Good Deal of a Philosopher.

"Remember, my son, you have to work. Whether you handle a pick or a pen, a wheelbarrow or a set of books, digging ditches or editing a paper, ringing an auction bell or writing funny things, you must work..."

"There are young men who do not work, but the world is not proud of them. It does not know their names, even; it simply speaks of them as 'old So-and-so's boy.' Nobody likes them; the great busy world doesn't know that they are there..."

"Thought. Thought takes man out of servitude into freedom.—Emerson.

Dr. and Mrs. L. F. Taylor and daughters spent Sunday in Stamford with Miss Gladys Taylor...

Rev. F. W. Walthall left Sunday night for Temple, where Mrs. Walthall has been under treatment in the Temple Sanitarium...

LUBBOCK STATION AGENT KILLED BY BANDITS

J. Edgar Craft, night operator at the Santa Fe station in Lubbock, was shot and killed by two masked bandits Friday morning at 4 o'clock...

PLAY GIVEN BY STAMFORD HOME TALENT A SUCCESS

The play, "An Old Bachelor," drew an immense crowd to the high school auditorium Tuesday evening...

T. A. Teague of Rule, was in the city Monday.

T. W. Johnson and son R. C. made a business trip to Graham Monday.

Oscar Oates of South Bend, spent a few days in the city the first of the week.

Miss Mollie Williams of Breckenridge is visiting Mrs. Mamie Barron for a few days.

A. F. Rutherford and family of Anson, visited his daughter, Mrs. H. G. Vise and family Sunday.

Jimmie Williams of Fort Worth is visiting his parents Mr. and Mrs. T. A. Williams, this week.

T. E. Robbins of the First State Bank of O'Brien was a city visitor Wednesday.

B. A. Glascock returned Saturday morning from Breckenridge, where he visited several days last week.

Mr. and Mrs. A. W. Woods and Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Barnard of O'Brien were city visitors Wednesday.

Jno. R. Manidin has been suffering from tonsillitis the last few days, but was able to be up town Monday.

Born to Mr. and Mrs. A. F. Holt, Thursday February 24, a girl. Mother and babe are doing nicely.

Mrs. Earl Anderson, nee Miss Grace Lyles, of Altus, Okla., is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. M. O. Lyles.

R. B. and W. P. Kennison and Roy Oliphant made a business trip to Crystal Falls, Saturday returning Monday.

Miss Eunice Huckabee left Tuesday evening for an extended visit with her sister, Mrs. Harlan Baker of Meridian, Miss.

Mrs. E. C. Cass and little son E. C. jr. have returned from Bell County where they visited friends and relatives.

Miss Eileen Therwanger of Simmons College, spent the week end with her parents Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Therwanger.

Miss Eileen Therwanger attended the Strine Formal dance in Wichita Falls last week. She was the guest of Mrs. M. V. Lively.

Mr. and Mrs. John Mansell, Mrs. C. H. Mansell, Mrs. Dirk Mullins, and Mrs. R. L. Rutherford, all of Rochester were shopping in the city Friday.

Mrs. R. L. McNulty and daughter returned Saturday night to their home in Breckenridge, after visiting Mr. and Mrs. A. P. Kennison for several days.

Dr. J. D. Smith is in Dallas this week attending the dental association and while there he will take a post graduate course.

Mrs. George Morrison returned Thursday morning from a three months visit with her son and wife, Mr. and Mrs. Farris Morrison of Mountainair, N. M.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Brooks, who were recently married in Breckenridge, arrived Saturday to make their future home in Haskell. Their many friends welcome them to a home among us.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Therwanger visited their daughter Mrs. Charles Young yesterday who is in the Stamford Sanitarium. She is reported doing nicely.

REX STUDIO

Abilene, Texas. Send your Kodak Films to the Rex Studio for quick service.

No Worms in a Healthy Child

All children troubled with worms have an unhealthy color, which indicates poor blood, and as a rule, there is more or less stomach disturbance...

REVISED POLL TAX LIST BY PRECINCTS ISSUED

Table with columns: Precinct, Name, No. Polls, Ex. 1. Haskell, 284, 4. 2. Haskell, 150, 3. 3. Haskell, 124, 2. 4. Haskell, 130, 2. 5. Rule, 404, 4. 6. Rochester, 232, 4. 7. O'Brien, 124, 6. 8. Jno. 53, 1. 9. Cliff, 55, 1. 10. Welnert, 197, 2. 11. Brinsley, 76, 0. 12. Cottonwood, 53, 1. 13. Jim Hogg, 74, 0. 14. Howard, 78, 0. 15. Cobb, 23, 0. 16. McDonnell, 44, 2. 17. Sargent, 121, 1. 18. Joe Bailey, 51, 0. 19. Tamer Point, 30, 2. 20. Bunker Hill, 21, 0. 21. Post, 39, 0. Totals, 2,290, 25.

PLAYGROUND EQUIPMENT PRACTICALLY PAID FOR

Thanks to hard working members of the Parent-Teachers Association, the playground equipment recently installed on the various school grounds will soon be paid for...

God has placed the beautiful within our reach, why not express our appreciation by making Haskell the most beautiful city in all West Texas?

F. C. Culp, State Bank Examiner, was in Haskell Saturday.

FEDERAL AID ROAD BUILDING REACHES HIGH MARK IN 1920

Federal-aid highways constructed last year cost more than double the average amount spent annually for 10 years in building the Panama Canal...

The construction of the canal is regarded the world over as a record-breaking achievement in respect to the dispatch with which it was carried out...

Comparing the magnitude of the Federal-aid program with the entire highway program of the United States, the significance of Federal-aid is readily seen...

Friday—pa sent me to the dentist after school tonite to get a tooth fixed up with was aching terrible...

Saturday—was out in the ford with pa & he made a mistake & run in a iron telephone post & busted up the front end and unloaded us on the St. pa looked up at the post & seen a sine on it which sed Cars stop Here...

Sunday—had a good dinner acct. company was here. I eat a lot of beef loaf & pie & frute & then I ast for cake please, ma sed my gracious if you neart any more you will bust. I sed Well pass the cake & shut yure eyes and stop yure ours up.

Monday—I gess this is blew Monday for I seen ma was in a bad yumor wen she slapped me for pulling wiskers out of the cats chin. She sed for there only thing sum men sed for there wifes is to keep them frim being old maids.

Tuesday—pa sed he thinks he made a big discovery of how to run a otto-mobee without gasolene, he says a gas meter will do it becuss it runs all the time, he just got his gas bill today.

Wednesday—Jake & me was a coasting down the hill in my wagon and they was a man a wanking in front of us & just as we got in back of him he moved over & we glumped into him & nocked him for 2 bases, he agreed he was going to set the officer on us but shux he never put out his hand so how cud we hep ourself.

Thursday—tonite the telephone rung & Mrs. White ast ma to cum over & play 500 with a bunch of lads, ma sed O I have nothing to wear, Mrs. White sed Come on over enny ways, & she did & pa & me red a dectective story & eat apples.

PLENTY OF MONEY TO LOAN

On good farms at 8 per cent interest. If you want a loan come and see us, we will protect your interest.

Senders & Whisen, Haskell, Texas.

The Ointment That Does Not Affect the Stomach

Because of its tonic and laxative effect, LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE is better than ordinary Quinine and does not cause nervousness nor bring on head-aches.

Look for the signature of E. W. GROVE.

AMONDS! Jewelry. Watches, Clocks, Cut Glass, Silverware, etc. F. WOODS. To Cure a Cold in One Day Take LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE...

It Is Always In Order

There is one thing that is always in order, and that is good things to eat. No matter if times are hard, the human body must be properly nourished, and there is but one way this can be done, and that is by eating only pure Groceries. We ask for your trade with the expectation that you will demand always only the freshest, purest of eatables, and we will not allow any other kind to be sent us from our wholesale houses. Pure Groceries are a certain guard of health and the Grocer who sells only these kinds of goods is helping you to keep well and strong, and to keep off the doctor's and the druggist's bills. Give us a part of your trade, and become convinced of the fact that we are your friends.

Industrial Transportation Company

J. F. POSEY Local Mgr.

NO "EASY MONEY"

Term Is Used as a Joke Among Real Financiers.

Great Wealth Seldom Gained Without Actual Hard Work, as Men in High Position Know.

The Ponzi case in Boston affords an excellent example of the need of a better understanding of the principles of thrift in this country. S. W. Straus, president of the American Society for Thrift, says:

It is very rare that great wealth is gained overnight. There have been occasional instances where men have found gold or struck oil or written a successful novel, or brought into being a great and useful invention, with the result that the floodgates of money have been turned loose for them; but such instances are of such rare occurrence that they can be eliminated as not within the range of possibilities for the average man.

The processes of thrift must be fulfilled in the preparation of a successful financial career.

The so-called Napoleons of finance generally meet very early Waterloo. Success in the material things of life means a slow but substantial upbuilding. First of all, the foundation must be right, just as it must be in the case of a great building.

The practice of thrift in the early years of one's life not only gives one money with which to make a start, but it gives what is even more important—business understanding. In practicing thrift, we are demonstrating one of the essential functions of business success. This does not mean that through thrift alone one can build up a great fortune, but it does mean that in gaining whatever success we attain in life in a material way we must first of all learn the principles of true economy.

The fate of Ponzi and the luckless ones who are striving to regain the money they intrusted to him is just another example of the fallacy of easy money.

Something cannot be created from nothing.

New capital alone must come from what is earned and saved.

If you are employed on a salary your profits are what you save, not what you earn. What you have left at the end of the month or at the end of the year constitutes your new capital. If you wish to get ahead, to get out of the rut you now feel you are in, you must build up that capital; you must create new wealth for yourself and put it to work for you.

These are the only processes through all the ages, and the only ones through which one ever will succeed in ages to come.

Historic Tennis Balls.

A historical fact that was impressed upon the minds of children of a past generation was that a certain king was playing tennis when he was told he had to ascend the throne of England. It may bring back to some the remembrance of schoolroom days when they hear that two tennis balls have been found among the dust and cobwebs of the old rafters of Westminster hall. They are said to date back to the time of Henry VIII, who was an ardent player of the "royal game." The balls are made of leather and stuffed with human hair, all balls of an early period being made in that way. The leather has burst in several places and faint traces of white may be seen on the surface. The balls are not both the same size, one being two and a half inches in diameter and the other only an inch and a half. Whom was King Harry playing with, and did he feel impatient when he sent the balls spinning into the rafters? It was not lawn tennis then.—Christian Science Monitor.

Saving European Children.

Work among the starving children of Europe is being participated in by the Young Women's Christian association of the United States through the Polish Gray Samaritans, the Polish-American girls who trained for social service in Poland under the American Y. W. C. A. and are now with the American Relief association in charge of the distribution of food to children in outlying districts of Poland. According to recent letters from them, they are feeding 1,300,000 children a day, through the food kitchens and distributing stations. The Y. W. C. A. is one of the eight organizations in the European relief council formed under the direction of Herbert Hoover for the relief of European children.

Forced to Return to Coal.

The oil-burning engines of the Canadian Pacific railway in the Canadian Rockies are now being converted to the use of coal. It is expected in a short time all the engines running west from Field, British Columbia, to Vancouver will burn coal instead of oil. The Canadian Pacific steamers in the British Columbia coast service also will be converted into coal burners. This is due to a shortage of fuel oil.

Needed Investigation.

An appropriation of \$85,000 has been authorized to the bureau of standards for the investigation of measurements of public utilities, such as gas, electric light, electric power, water, telephone, central station heating and electric railway service and the solution of the problem arising in connection with standards in such service.

WHO SAID HOT BISCUITS?

The call of meal time has an added joy when it is known that there awaits delicious hot biscuits, light and crispy, made from

FLAVO FLOUR

The beloved "Bob" Taylor used to say that the Mason and Dixon line was merely the place where one passed from light bread to hot biscuits, but whether you prefer biscuits or light bread, FLAVO FLOUR will give complete satisfaction.

Think what it means to you to have made here in your own community, a flour that has stood the most critical tests and whose purity and excellence is thus proven. From the time that the seed is sown in the fertile Haskell County soil until it comes back to you a flour as perfect as human ingenuity can make it.

Often Buttered—Never Bettered

If you don't already know this to be true, try it on the table at home and see how they relish its rich nut-like flavor. Price \$2.25 per barrel. See R. J. Reynolds, J. F. Posey, or Haskell Spot Cash Grocery.

Haskell Mill & Grain Co.



PROVED EFFECTIVE BY A FIFTY YEARS TRIAL

The most widely used remedy in the world to overcome the irritating effects of catarrh. Catarrh is silent and insidious in its ravages, invades nearly every household and hovers like a pestilence every where.

It strikes at the root of the catarrhal troubles by stimulating the digestion, enriching the blood, toning up the nervous system, soothing the raw and inflamed membranes. Peru-na acts every organ working properly and gives strength and pep to the whole body. Try it and thousands of others, learn what it means to be well.

BOLD EVERYWHERE TABLETS OR LIQUOR

TEXAS PHYSICIAN SAYS CANCER IS CURABLE

Dr. J. M. Gilbert of Randolph Declares Dr. O. A. Johnson Has Proved His Mastery of Dread Disease

Physicians know that cancer will not yield to ordinary treatment. Therefore, when a bad cancer appeared on his face, Dr. J. M. Gilbert of Randolph, Texas, lost no time in consulting Dr. O. A. Johnson, eminent cancer specialist of Kansas City, Mo. Declaring he is entirely cured, Dr. Gilbert writes: "I recommend that every cancer sufferer consult immediately with the man that I, as a doctor, regard foremost in his line. Dr. Johnson has proved to the world that cancer can be cured." Dr. Johnson has published a remarkable book called "Cancer Truths," a statement of his theories and experi-

ences in treating cancer without the knife. Purely medical measures only are employed; that is, external applications to destroy the cancer and internal medication to purify the blood. This book will be sent free to any cancer sufferer. Or, if you have a friend suffering from cancer, write to Dr. O. A. Johnson, Suite 560, 1324 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo.

MASONS VISIT RULE LAST FRIDAY NIGHT

On Friday night a party of Masons composed of Dr. J. M. Baker, F. L. Daugherty, Rev. J. P. Patterson, O. E. Patterson, C. L. Lewis, C. B. Long, J. F. Posey, Jno. R. Oates, and R. C. Coneh, made a trip to Rule to assist in conferring the third degree work on candidates in the Rule lodge. Lunch was served by the Rule Masons and the visitors report an enjoyable time.

Singing Convention.

The Haskell County Singing Convention will meet at Curry Chapel, eight miles north of Haskell, on the Benjamin road, the fourth Sunday afternoon at 2 p. m.

All singers are invited and those who can't sing, will also be welcome. Everybody be there on time. Lola Meyers, Sec.

TO THE PUBLIC

All persons are hereby notified that trespassing for any purpose upon the 2300 acre tract of land in the Hiram Riggs Survey, known as the Nolen Pasture, located about three and one-half miles northeast of the town of Weinert, in Haskell County, is expressly forbidden, and in the future, failure to observe this warning will result in prosecution of the parties guilty. Leona B. Nolen, Guardian.

New Victor Records For March 1921

A Young Man's Fancy.....Olive Kline	45215	\$1.00
Roses of Memory.....Lambert Murphy		
I Have a Dream.....Merle Aleock	45216	1.00
When I Looked in Your Wonderful Eyes.....Merle Aleock		
Gems from "Jimmie".....Victor Light Opera Company	35705	1.35
Gems from "Honey Girl".....Victor Light Opera Company		
Down by the O-H-I-O.....Billy Murray-Victor Roberts	18723	.85
Marimba (Sweet Marimba Mine).....Billy Murray		
Rose of My Heart.....John Steel	18724	.85
When I Looked in Your Wonderful Eyes.....John Steel		
Beautiful Annabelle Lee.....Charles Hart-Elliott Shaw	18726	.85
Louisiana.....Sterling Trio		
Medley of Irish Jigs (Accordion Solo).....John Kimmel	18727	.85
Medley of Irish Reels (Irish Pipes).....Patrick J. Touhey		
DANCE RECORDS		
Biddy—Fox Trot.....The Benson Orchestra of Chicago	18718	.85
Somebody—Medley One-Step.....The Benson Orchestra of Chicago		
Honeydew—Medley Waltz.....Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra	18719	.85
Honeydew—Medley One-Step.....Joseph C. Smith's Orchestra		
Rosie—Medley Fox Trot.....Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra	18721	.85
Honolulu Eyes—Medley Waltz.....Paul Whiteman and His Orchestra		
Broadway Rose—Medley Fox Trot.....Original Dixieland Jazz Band	18722	.85
Sweet Mamma—Medley Fox Trot.....Original Dixieland Jazz Band		
RED SEAL RECORDS		
Thoughts of You (Gray-Novello).....Frances Alda	64927	1.25
John Peel.....Emilio de Gogorza	64928	1.25
When Chloris Sleeps.....Amelita Galli-Curei	64929	1.25
Lassie o' Mine.....Edward Johnson	64930	1.25
Nina.....Hans Kinder	64932	1.25
The Next Market Day (b) A Ballynue Ballad.....John McCormack	64926	1.25
Colleen o' My Heart.....Reinald Werrenrath	64931	1.25

Payne Drug Company

OUR WARS HAVE COST BILLIONS OF DOLLARS

"It is very interesting to study the cost of various wars in which the United States has been engaged." Representative Marvin Jones of Texas, told congress in a speech on Feb. 2. The estimated loss of the wars of the United States are as follows:

War of 1812.....\$ 120,000,000
War with Mexico.....171,000,000
Civil War.....3,500,000,000
War with Spain.....1,900,000,000
World War.....24,010,000,000

The \$24,000,000,000 cost of the world war does not include loans to the allies and other activities.

The total cost of the world war to all nations has been conservatively estimated at about \$200,000,000,000. If property and other indirect losses are included the amount reaches the enormous total of \$350,000,000,000.

Dr. Edgar B. Rosa, chief physicist of the bureau of standards, declares that for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1920, 92.8 per cent of our total expenditures were for wars and result of wars.

For the four years, 1914 to 1918, the armament and military expenditures of this country has cost each man, woman and child \$130.32, which does not include the \$24,000,000,000 spent for the world war. I believe this country should reduce its military appropriations to the lowest possible amount consistent with national protection. If any nation on the face of the earth is in a position from an economic point of view, from a military point of view, or from the standpoint of prestige to set an example it is the United States of America.

In 1914, prior to the world war the peace time strength of Germany's standing army was 870,000 men, and she had a reserve force of five million trained men. The standing army of France was 783,000 men; Russia, 1,500,000; Austria, 435,000; Italy, 300,000; Great Britain, 202,000; Turkey, 230,000.

I have always observed that a "pistol toting" man will sooner or later get into a fight. Evidently that applies to nations. The South American republics have practically no peace time military strength, and they have not had any wars to amount to anything for many years. In 1914 Argentina had a peace time army of 18,000; Chile, 19,000; Peru, 6,000; Venezuela, 9,000; Bolivia, 3,000; Columbia, 5,000; while in Europe even little Bulgaria had a peace time army of 65,700.

During the last hundred years Europe has had about 40 wars, and during the same period no wars of any consequence have occurred in South America. Europe has had these vast armies and the South American countries have lived in peace. They have had small armies. Moreover, at the time mentioned the European nations, except Great Britain, had universal military training and service; while none of the South American countries, with the exception of Argentina had military training and even her training did not include universal service. If we are to have military establishments with equipment bristling over the face of the whole earth, we are going to have war.

Is death the end of all this struggle? Is destruction to be the paramount purpose of mankind? Are the engines of desolation to continue to call for the major activities of man? If so, there is no bow on life's dark cloud and no star of hope in the firmament of the future.

There is no royal road to peace

through a lane of bristling bayonets along which great armies march in regal splendor to the times of "tial music."

Mrs. W. W. Fields left standing for a visit with her sons in Antonio and Dallas.



LIKE A VOLCANO

Lion, fire frequently without warning upon community. Only by sound insurance can you be indemnified for the losses it may bring you.

The Hartford Fire Insurance Company has stood between customers and losses for more than a century. It will promptly reimburse you for fire damage if you buy its insurance protection.

The Hartford's Fire Protection Engineers will help you through this agency, to remove perils which cause fire.

MARVIN H. POST, Agent
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IT'S different from others because more care is taken in the making and the materials used are of higher grade

Black Stove Polish

Makes a brilliant, silvery polish that not rubs off or dusts off, and lasts four times as long as ordinary polish. Used on sample stove polished by hardware and grocery dealers. All we ask is a trial. Use it on your stove, and you will see the difference. It's made in Haskell, Texas. Black Stove Polish is sold in Haskell, Texas. Black Stove Polish is sold in Haskell, Texas.

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Great White Way Celebration

AUTOMOBILE EXHIBIT AND SPRING STYLE SHOW

**FRIDAY,
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**BUY
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BUT
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THIS CITY HAS COMPLETED A MODERN STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM WHICH EXTENDS NOT ONLY THROUGHOUT THE ENTIRE BUSINESS DISTRICT BUT INTO THE RESIDENCE SECTION AS WELL. ON THE EVENING OF MARCH 11th, at 7:45 O'CLOCK, OUR MAYOR WILL TURN THE SWITCH WHICH WILL ILLUMINATE EVERY STREET LIGHT IN THE CITY— FROM THAT MOMENT THERE WILL BE VARIED ENTERTAINMENT — MUSIC — VAUDEVILLE, STREET DANCE, BASE BALL GAME, ETC.

Automobile Parade 2 P. M. \$100 Prize Best Decorated Out-of-Town Car.

There will be on display at all the stores the latest creations in Ladies Ready-to-Wear, Millinery, Dry Goods, Clothing, Shoes, Furniture, Jewelry, Automobiles, etc. In this city are to be found as large and complete stocks of dependable merchandise as are carried by the largest stores of Texas. Stores will be open until 9:30 p. m.

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Surely everyone is now convinced that seasonable merchandise is being offered at most reasonable prices. We have some of the largest and most modern stores in Texas, with as complete stocks as are carried in cities of larger population — Wichita Falls stores enjoy a large business which has been brought about by quick sales and small profits.

IF YOU CAN'T FIND IT AT HOME. COME TO WICHITA FALLS AND BUY IT!

See the exhibition game Friday afternoon between Minneapolis Millers of the American Association and the Wichita Falls Spudders.

SEE THE BIG LEAGUERS PERFORM

MINNEAPOLIS vs. WICHITA FALLS

FRIDAY AFTERNOON, 3 P. M., MARCH 11th

Automobile dealers will hold their annual exhibit in conjunction with this event. Practically every standard make will be on display— Come and see.

WICHITA FALLS, TEXAS

INTEREST FROM ROCHESTER COMMUNITY

Father is fine in this vicinity. Farmers are busy finishing their crop. There is not much in it. It is not good policy to...

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INTERESTING ITEMS FROM THE PLEASANT VIEW SECTION

We are having some pretty weather, and the farmers are preparing their land for another crop. Several attended the singing convention at Curry Chapel, and all report a good time. Mr. and Mrs. T. C. Jones are the proud parents of a fine son born March 1st.

Mr. and Mrs. W. T. Ford and son, Hugh, visited Mr. and Mrs. I. V. Marrs of Haskell Friday night. This vicinity is being well represented at the revival which is in progress at Weibert.

Jake Dunaway, who has been picking cotton here for the last four months has returned to his home in Hood county. The infant child of Robert Owens was buried at Routen Tuesday evening. Rev. Duram conducted the funeral services.

Mrs. Ella Price and little daughters spent Saturday night with Mrs. W. T. Ford. Ora and Palmer Watson spent Saturday night with Mrs. Ellen. Reporter.

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SERVICE

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A STORY OF THREE

By **MARTHA M. WILLIAMS.**

Alkretta sat swinging and singing at the top of her young voice:
"I wish I had er ginger cake, I wish I had er dime;
I wish I had er new fi cents ter give dat gal er mine."

"Why so sinfully lavish, Fretty?" Benton called to her from the blanket he lounged on twenty yards away. "Why not offer something possible to mere men and mortals? A red apple, for instance. I might be equal to that."

Fretty was light, lithe, a seventeen-year-old tomboy, filled with the "beauty of the devil" found only at such age. Benton, her father's chum, found her vastly diverting. He was at Tip Top for the hot weather, and glad of anything that made his exile more bearable.

"You thought I was dad's little girl, wearing a finger in her mouth and expecting to be kissed when her face and her frock were clean." Fretty burst out from the height of a wide swoop. "But—I've forgiven you for disappointing me so—being a Christian-minded person," Benton countered. Thereat Fretty giggled. "Want me to tell you something?" she asked.

"I will—whether or no. I bet Babe Acklen a pig against a poppy, before I ever saw you, that you'd fall dead in love with me—in about three days."

"Who won the bet?" Benton interrupted. Fretty stopped the swing dead. "We—have to ask you that," she said, flushing the least bit. "Babe says the poppy's mine—wants to bring it right over to me—but I say not—though I ain't quite ready to let him have the pig—casting down eyelids that showed dark-fringed lashes against the soft color of her cheeks."

"Let me see. Fretty much of a draw, I think," Benton said, musingly. "I hate to say it, but you lose, if anybody does, by being too old. If we had met earlier, say when you were ten or thereabout, I never could have resisted you."

"Yes, you could. I was uglier then than home-made sin—all snaggle-toothed and freckled as a turkey egg and right down stringing in arms and I—well, everywhere, because I ran and played so hard. There's a lot in feeding yourself, let me tell you. I found that out when I swapped green apples and candy for meat and bread and things."

"I have been mercifully spared, that's plain. But tell me how did Babe live through the snaggle-tooth and green-apple epoch?" Benton asked with an air of keen detachment. Fretty shook her fist at him, crying: "Babe! Lawdy me! Why! he's case-hardened—was that sort his own self—I do reckon we were the toughest hookin', raggedest pair of colts that ever romped in any pasture."

"I always let him at any sort of mark," she said. "But not when we're hunting birds or squirrels or rabbits. I always shut my eyes as I pull the trigger."

"I see! You have mercy on live targets of sorts," Benton said reflectively. "But—how about men?" Fretty laughed a laugh of sparkling malice, saying: "Oh! I let them take what's coming to them—if they haven't got gumption enough to step out of range."

"Hm! Anything personal in that?" Benton asked. Instantly Fretty was all wide-eyed innocence. "How could there be?" she asked. "You're same as vaccinated—dad's best friend."

"But—that doesn't make me immune," Benton answered, his voice suddenly strained. He got up jerkily, stretched, ran back of Fretty and sent the swing sailing the full length of its ropes. It was a foolish experiment—he wanted to startle her from her supreme poise. Also hazardous—ropes, like affections, wear through under too great tension. To his horror, he heard a low crackling sound—saw one big strand of the huge hempen cable give, part, and suddenly unwind. The motion was still outward—when it checked for the down-sweep where would be further breaking.

Even if the whole cable did not part a deep list sidewise would mean a fall, a deadly fall, for this girl-child whom he knew suddenly held his heart in her two hands. Dully he spied the blanket—spied also a tall youth running on winged feet.

Benton had already seized the blanket—but he could never have known where to hold it effectually. Babe moved instinctively to the right spot, glancing now and then at the figure in air. Fretty sensed the danger—with both dimpled hands she clung to the sound side of the cable. But the power of weight and mass tore loose her grip—she catapulted forward, downward—to certain death, it seemed. But earth was not to slay her. Babe and Benton held the blanket taut, but it was Babe who sensed it at the exact instant to save Fretty from a dangerous rebound.

Her face was white, but she laughed as she set foot on earth. Benton felt like a murderer—he could not meet her eyes. But Babe after one look walked precipitately away, saying over his shoulder: "Two's company, three a crowd."

"You can never forgive me," Benton began. "Never," Fretty echoed. "So I'll have to even things by aggravating you all the rest of your life! What'd you say to it?" "Yes—and thank you!" Benton returned meekly.

PUPILS MUCH INTERESTED IN SCHOOL BOND ISSUE

Keen interest is stirring among both grade and high school pupils over the prospects of a new school building. The grade pupils feel that, as they are yet to take the entire high school course, the building will benefit them in the highest degree.

The grade children have a contest of regarding the new building. The contest is to determine the best poster and the best song explaining the need of a new building. The song must fit familiar music. Below are two of the best yet submitted. These are being sung everywhere in the grades:

HASKELL SCHOOLS
Tune—Yankee Doodle

We want a high school building, sir. A school—we'll all be proud of. For Stamford schools have gone ahead, And we are all ashamed, sir.

Chorus—
Haskell kids are worth the price. No matter what they cost, sir. We've got the best in all the world. No money for them's lost, sir.

Weinert, Rule, and Rochester Are all ahead of us, sir. When auditoriums counted up, For every single school, sir.

Our three ward schools Are much too small. They cannot hold us all, sir. If you don't vote for a better school, We'd better all be dead, sir.

HASKELL LAND
Tune—"Dixie"

Away out West on the great wide plains, There's a town where it always rains. Look away, look away, look away, Haskell Land!

'Tis the town of Haskell, I was born in. Shall it always go a-mourning? Look away, look away, look away, Haskell Land!

Chorus—
We need new schools in Haskell, New schools, new schools. Get right, out west in Haskell. Vote right, out west in Haskell. New Schools! New Schools! We need new schools in Haskell. New Schools! New Schools! We need new schools in Haskell.

EXHIBITS OF WEST TEXAS CHAMBER OF COMMERCE WINS

Not only have the exhibits of the West Texas Chamber of Commerce made in a number of central and southern states the past year resulted in the winning of prizes alone, but many new settlers and home builders have been induced to come into west Texas as well. Only recently, a valuable citizen from Tennessee was induced to come to Hedley and purchase land for a home as a result of seeing Donley's exhibit in his state. From many places in the area covered by the West Texas Chamber of Commerce come similar reports of great good being accomplished by the efforts of the men behind this work of exploiting the natural resources of our great state.

During the coming year, greater efforts will be put forth if present plans are carried out which will result in bringing wealth in the form of well developed country that at present is lying idle waiting for the touch of the plow and the man who has the grit to brave from the embryo west a snug home and a fortune.

HASKELL COUNTY CITIZENS SELL DENTON COUNTY FARM

The following news item appeared in the Dallas News Tuesday morning regarding a land sale made by W. E. and J. S. Stanford and J. W. Hargrave who live in Haskell County. By them selling their Denton County property we presume that they are satisfied with good old Haskell and will no doubt invest further in Haskell county realty. The item is as follows: "Denton, Texas, Feb. 27.—A tract of 122 acres of and that eight years ago was bought for \$6,737.50 has been sold here by W. E. and J. S. Stanford and J. W. Hargrave to J. E. Spencer for \$18,475, three times the amount paid for it eight years ago."

Second Rabbit Drive a Success
The second rabbit drive of the year occurred Wednesday in the Ballew community and was very successful. The drive started at Ballew school house, extending north over a territory covering 4 or 5 sections of land, resulting in the killing of nearly 1,000 rabbits. These drives are taking place in many counties and much interest is being manifested in ridding the country of these destructive animals.

BOX SUPPER GIVEN AT HOWARD THURSDAY NIGHT

The pupils and teachers of the Howard school gave a box supper last Thursday night, which was a wonderful success. A large number of people were present, in fact, the whole district was well represented and bidding was lively from the start.

The neat sum of \$64.00 was realized from the sale of the boxes, and everyone was well pleased over the success of the affair.

Misses Wright and Graham, teachers of the Howard school, are two of our best teachers—giving Howard one of the best schools in the county. The patrons of this school have always manifested an interest in school affairs, and the success of the box supper Thursday night proves that they do not neglect the social side of school life.

COUNTY SCHOOL BOOK DEPOSITORY OPENED

The County Superintendent and assistant have been receiving all surplus school books from the school districts and arranging a County Depository. All teachers who have surplus books are urged to bring or send them to Mrs. Ed Robertson, or if they need books, come or send in for them. This is going away with the surplus books all over the county.

Methodist Missionary Society

Mrs. Gose conducted a very interesting and instructive lesson on "New Orleans." Mrs. Lemons told the "Romantic History of New Orleans." Mrs. Phillips gave some startling facts about the "Old French Quarter." Mrs. Fields told the story of "Margaret of Orleans."

The women decided to make a flower bed on the south side of the church. Next Monday is Bible Lesson, and the women of the church are invited to come and hear this inspiring Bible Study.

Giles Kemp left the last of the week for Wichita Falls where he will report Monday to begin the season's training with the Wichita Falls Spudgers. His many friends here hope that Giles will make good.

E. M. Thornton made a business trip to Cleburne and Fort Worth last week.

A NEW METHOD OF EXTERMINATING RATS

A new way to get rid of rats has been found by the flour mills of Vernon so we are here giving it for the benefit of our readers who may find this a problem. Here is the story as it appeared in the Dallas News of the 22nd: Vernon, Texas, February.—The unusual prevalence of rats in this locality has led certain establishments here to employ every known means to rid themselves of the rodents. A large flour mill here has purchased two ferrets that are proving of unusual effectiveness. Recently a rat was caught and a bell placed about its neck. Since then, say the operators, other rats have been leaving the mill in droves. At night the bell rat tinkles his way about incessantly and gives no peace to his fellow marauders.

MANY VISIT SCHOOLS ON PARENT AND PATRONS DAY

Parent and Patron's Day, March 2nd, realized its object completely. More parents were seen in the school in one day than in the entire two years before. Committees of pupils met visiting patrons and plied them to whatever point they desired to visit. Few were not attended. Such visits are excellent, chiefly for their beneficial reaction on pupils, parents, and teachers.

STAMFORD'S CHAMBER OF COMMERCE SECRETARY RESIGNS

J. Willis Stovall, Secretary of the Stamford Chamber of Commerce, has tendered his resignation to the Board of Directors to take effect in 30 days. Hon. Homer D. Wade, former Secretary and now City Manager and Recorder, will assume the duties, but will also keep up his present work with the city.

LOST—Probably on north side of square, brooch with large coral in center, very old piece of jewelry and valued as keepsake. Return to Free Press office for liberal reward. Itc

Lynn Pace transacted business in Aspermont last Friday.

Colds Cause Grip and Influenza
LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE Tablets remove the cause. There is only one "Bromo Quinine." E. W. GROVE'S signature on box. 25c.

POST SCHOOL PROGRESSING NICELY; GOOD ATTENDANCE

The past month is the best attendance the school has had this year. Some new pupils continue to come. Friday afternoon, Feb. 27th, the schools met at Post to play basketball. Rose and Plainview played, then Post and Rose won by a narrow margin. Post forfeited the game. Then Sayles and Rose played and Rose won by a narrow margin. Post won the girls game.

The house would not hold the people for the program at night. One had a great time and we welcome them back again.

Saturday, March 5th, Dr. O. E. address on "Better Rural Schools." Everyone interested, come and someone with you. The Columbia will furnish the music for the evening. We want the patrons and other visit the school and see what we doing.

Notice of School Trustee Election

Notice is hereby given that an election will be held on the first day of April, 1921, in the school board of all common school districts of county for district trustees. The election for county school trustees will be held in each common school district at the same place and by the same officers appointed to hold the position of trustees in each common district. Three county school trustees are to be elected, one to be elected in Precinct No. 1 and one from Precinct No. 2, to serve on County School Board for the next year.

The polls shall be opened at 8 a. m. and shall be closed at 6 p. m.

C. B. LO County Judge, Haskell County.

BOX SUPPER TO BE GIVEN AT FOSTER FRIDAY

The teachers, pupils and patrons of the Foster school have announced box supper to be given at that Friday night, March 4th. Everyone invited to come and bring a box. A good time is promised all around.

To The Haskell School Public:

This is not an effort to win votes for the building-bond issue but an attempt to clear up some misapprehension concerning it.

1. The bond issue to be voted March 12 DOES NOT CONTEMPLATE THE RAZING OF EITHER EAST OR SOUTH WARD. Personally, I have advocated consolidation from the first and am still an earnest advocate of it. But the Board has not seen fit to adopt this policy. In fact, there has been a clear understanding from the first that this should be guaranteed in advance: **THE BOND ISSUE SHALL BE FOR A SUFFICIENT AMOUNT AS TO RENDER SALVAGING EITHER EAST OR SOUTH WARD UNNECESSARY.**

2. Some people believe that the \$50,000 called for in this issue is in addition to the \$27,000 voted some years ago but never disposed of. This is a serious and clear-cut misunderstanding. **THE STATE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION HAS DECLARED THE PREVIOUS ISSUE OF \$27,000 NULL AND VOID BECAUSE THE ORIGINAL PETITION WAS HOPELESSLY LOST OR MISPLACED** shortly after the time of the election and **HAS NEVER BEEN RECORDED AT AUSTIN** as the law requires it must be. **IT WAS ONLY AFTER EFFORTS TOWARD REVIVING THIS PREVIOUS BOND ISSUE HAD PROVEN HOPELESS THAT THE PRESENT ISSUE WAS PLANNED.** If the issue of March 12 does not carry the district is absolutely without bonds. **If it does carry, \$50,000 WILL BE THE TOTAL AMOUNT AVAILABLE FOR BUILDING PURPOSES.**

3. Some express themselves as dissatisfied with the amount to be expended for buildings. So is the School Board, so am I, so are all friends and patrons of the school. But \$50,000 is the maximum that can be voted on the legal basis of the taxable values of the district. It is this or nothing. We are limited by the restrictions imposed by law and cannot help ourselves. **This amount will not provide the absolutely superior building some of us had planned, perhaps; BUT IT WILL ERECT A HANDSOME, MODERN, COMMODIOUS STRUCTURE THAT WILL PROVIDE FOR PRESENT NEEDS AND THAT CAN BE ADDED TO AS THE FUTURE REQUIRES.**

4. Some affect to believe that if the issue carries and the bonds provide readily funds for building, mistakes will be made in the type of building erected. This is not even a remote possibility. Expert opinion will be consulted and expert direction be given the project from the first dollar spent to the last. **One thing is guaranteed: A COMMODIOUS, WELL-EQUIPPED, CONVENIENTLY LOCATED AUDITORIUM WILL BE PROVIDED FOR THE SCHOOL AND COMMUNITY.** Every detail of the building will be of an excellence to match this auditorium.

The above explanations are not meant as propaganda but as simple truths to which the school public is entitled.

C. C. MINATRA,
Superintendent of Schools.