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SHOOTING AT CLYDE

Clyde, Texas, June 19.—Mr. and Mrs. C. F. Skelton were shot but not seriously injured at this place Monday about 6 o'clock p. m. Early Cooke was arrested and is being held on \$1,500 bond, charged with having fired the shot from which the injuries were inflicted. Mrs. Skelton received wounds in both arms and Mr. Skelton in the left arm from a load of No. 2 shot fired from a shot gun.

It is said that dispute occurred between Skelton and Cook over the boundary of some lots used for garden purposes in an addition to Clyde. It is also alleged that Cook drew a shot gun on Skelton and that he and his wife ran to their home and as they entered the door the shot was fired from which they were wounded. Bond was fixed by Justice of Peace, Thomas H. Floyd, of Baird.—Abilene Reporter.

YOUNG DRAFT WORK MARES

I have just gotten in with a few gentle work mares, Percheron and Belgian, which I will sell or trade for good mules E. H. Leache, 28-2t Phone 222, Baird.

SPECIAL NOTICE

In this issue will be found the names of all men registered in the county for military service.

We also begin in this issue a series of articles for instruction of prospective soldiers on duties they are expected to perform when they enter the army. A careful study of these rules is earnestly recommended to every man registered, because no one knows who will have to go, possibly every able bodied man, married or single, will have to enter the service before the war ends. Read these instructions to soldiers, it may save you much trouble if you do become a soldier.

BEN HUR'S ENTERTAIN.

Baird Court Tribe of Ben Hur held a special meeting in K. of P. Hall, Wednesday, June 20th, in honor of State Manager, Dr. H. V. Beardsley of San Antonio. Refreshments were served by the ladies. This court decided to inaugurate a symposium to be held once a month at which time current topics of the day will be discussed.

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SUNDAY SCHOOL REPORT

Sunday, June 17, 1917.

Baptist Sunday School.

Number present 180
Collection \$4.35

Methodist Sunday School.

Number present 173
Collection \$4.93

Presbyterian Sunday School

Number present 108
Collection \$3.17

Total Attendance 461
Total Collection \$12.45

No report received from the Christian Church again this week, and had a hard time getting the Baptist report. If the secretaries of the Sunday Schools do not send in reports promptly we will be compelled to discontinue publishing the reports, as we have no time to see or phone half a dozen persons to get them. Every report must be sent in promptly next Monday morning. These reports are read by hundreds of people each week. They help your school and help your town.

METHODIST SERVICES.

Rev. Armstrong will preach at the Methodist Church next Sunday at 11 a. m. Sunday School at 10 a. m. Everybody invited to attend all services.

Methodist Sunday School picnic, July 4th. Don't forget it.

PROTRACTED MEETING

Bro. John T. Hinds, of Fayetteville, Ark. will begin a protracted meeting at the Christian Church on the first Sunday in July, to continue indefinitely.

MRS. OTTO BURIED

Mrs. Henrietta Otto, aged 83 years, mother of Mrs. J. H. Hill and Emil Lowe, died in Oklahoma and the body accompanied by Mr. and Mrs. Hill arrived on No. 3 Wednesday and was carried to Belle Plaine and buried beside her husband. Mr. and Mrs. Otto were old settlers near Belle Plaine, and many of the old friends of the family at Baird attended the funeral.

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A LETTER FROM A FORMER RESIDENT OF CALLAHAN CO.

Tulia, Texas, June 17, 1917
Editor Star:—Will you let me speak a word of sympathy to "Juan" and Mr. and Mrs. Jack Aiken in their great bereavement? Mrs. Jno. W. Aiken was a noble woman, one of the best I ever knew. She was true blue in everything, and my heart was filled with sorrow when I saw the notice of her sudden death. One by one my friends are crossing the river of death. Soon I too, shall go. May the dear Lord comfort the bereaved ones.

We are glad to hear of good crops and plenty of rain in dear old Callahan, which we yet speak of affectionately as "back home." It is very dry with us and we are having cool, almost cold weather.

"Uncle Jimmie" we wish you would write oftener. We are always glad to see the Cottonwood letters. Also the Eula locals, we have been reading after "Patsie" so long.

All you Callahan county people come to see us and enjoy our delightful summers awhile. We like the

great plains country in spite of the drought. Grain crops are short this year, almost a failure in some places. Come to see us "Uncle Billie." Mrs. W. F. Griffin (Calls)

BIG BASKET PICNIC JULY 4TH

There will be a big basket picnic in the Bell pasture about four miles East of Baird on July 4th. Everybody will be invited to take part. Further particulars in next week's paper. Under auspices Methodist Sunday School.

J. W. Turner Supt.

WILL SERVE ICE CREAM

The Ladies Aid Society of the Presbyterian Church will serve ice cream at the Hall building on West side Market street, Tuesday, June 26th, evening and night. A cordial invitation is extended to all to attend.

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The war is playing havoc with Kings and thrones in Europe. The Kings of Serbia and Montenegro have lost their kingdoms. The King of Belgium only holds 300 square miles of his kingdom. The Czar of Russia has lost his throne. The King of Roumania only holds a very small portion of his kingdom. The King of Greece has just been forced to abdicate in favor of his second son. Emperor Francis Joseph, of Austria has died since the war began and his nephew now reigns. Thus six kings have lost their thrones and one has died as a result of the war.

German soldiers recently captured on the western front seemed to be astonished at the rising anger of the world against Germany. They expected the world to applaud them for their bravery. They have fought well, but do not seem to understand that Germany's mode of warfare has turned the civilized world against her. Germany is responsible for the inhuman warfare on land and sea that spares neither age nor sex, that a mad Kaiser may dominate the world. The idea of such a ruler boasting that God is helping him is enough to disgust the whole human race, the Germans included.

The German Kaiser wired Constantine, King of Greece, who's wife is a sister of the Kaiser, as follows: 'I have heard with wrath of your dethronement, etc.' The mailed fist of Germany, with the further aid from Almighty God, will restore you to your throne. It looks just now that the 'mailed fist' of the Kaiser has about all it can do to protect his own throne without bothering about his brother-in-law's slippery throne. Such arrogance as is here manifested by the Kaiser has turned the world against Germany and unless Almighty does help he is a goner.

Persons charged with treason are being arrested in different parts of the country. That was to be expected, but no man who either as a natural born citizen or a naturalized citizen who plays the traitor now should be shown any mercy. War is a fearful thing, and we hate it with all our soul, but when a nation is forced into a war by a haughty arrogant ruler, the German Kaiser, as we have been we must do our part and in this war. All those who prove disloyal, at least should never again be permitted the rights of citizenship in this country. American citizenship is held too cheaply by many people. This war will draw the line and show who are the worthy and the unworthy.

If the war will result in the permanent destruction of the following dynasties it will be some compensation to the world for the trouble they have caused mankind. The Hohenzollerns, of Germany; Hapsburgs, of Austria; Romanoffs, of Russia and Turkish Sultan. The world ought to see that the Hohenzollern and Hapsburg dynasties, especially, are destroyed root and branch. They have caused more wars, blood shed and ruin than any two dynasties in all history. They are now and have for centuries been nothing but disturbers of the peace of Europe, and they are responsible for the war.

Russia's demands for peace without annexation or indemnities suits the Germans who believe Germany cannot win, but does not please those who want the earth. Peace without indemnities would relieve Germany of all responsibility for destroying Belgium and the invasion of France without justification.

The German and Austrian governments must be forced to restore Belgium and Serbia, and pay for all losses to them, as well as to the damage done to France. Peace that does not require this will be a victory for the war-mad Kaiser, and will be no peace at all, but merely a truce until he can recuperate his army and country for another assault upon the peace of the world. If the world has to submit to such a man as the German Kaiser, better know it now than after this war. The allies should refuse to make any peace that does not require the dethronement of the one man responsible more than all others for this outrageous war, the German Kaiser. It is now certain that no permanent peace can come in Europe until the Hohenzollern and Hapsburg dynasties are destroyed.

Baird will be bothered with a shortage of water all summer unless the City Council puts the meters back as we had them once. The idea of one person using 10 times, even 50 times as much water as some other person, while both pay the same, is neither right nor ordinary common sense. If all were put on the meter system fewer cane patches would be irrigated on the low ground in town while people on high ground are unable to get water to drink as has been the case to our certain knowledge. Few people will pay 50c per thousand gallons to water even their gardens, but if they can get six or eight thousand gallons or more for \$1.00 why some gardens in low ground will get a barrel of water to where the fellow on the hill gets a tin dipper full for a drink. Put the meters to work and the city will either distribute the water more evenly or the people who are getting the water will have to pay for it and get more water rent. The main thing is to stop waste and irrigation so the people can have water for domestic use. Many who have not the latter while others have enough to irrigate all they want. As a matter of fact we do not spy on our neighbors or others to see what they are doing, but we do know that a good part of the time the water will not run at our shanty. We always had plenty of water except for irrigation, and if we are to have water for domestic use irrigation with city water must stop. The meters have always done this and will do it now if put back in use.

It is said that the Parisians went wild over Gen. Pershing, but what would they have done had it been Col. Roosevelt in his place? Pershing is not much for display, but has a record as a soldier that leads Americans to believe that under his command the American army in France will uphold the best traditions of the great Republic he represents. This is not a war of grand stand plays, but hard scientific work. Some how we wish Teddy could have gone along to work up the red fire pyrotechnics to hearten the French, but never mind, when Gen. Pershing gets his half million or more, likely one million men ready for next spring with all the equipment that Yankee ingenuity can suggest, the German Kaiser will see a display of fireworks of a kind that he will not like, much as he likes fireworks and grand stand play himself. There will be no foolishness about Gen. Pershing's fire works. It will be war of the 20th century model, such as American soldiers never dreamed of. Yet in our hearts we hope the war will end before our soldiers have to dive into that hell of war on the French front. That with the assistance of the American army the German Kaiser will go down in defeat we do not doubt, but we have a hope that he will meet a disastrous defeat before our boys have to enter the battle line. We have little hope for this, but no one knows what may happen and the British are pounding the Hindenburg line in a way to make his teeth rattle. It would be worth a great deal more to Europe to defeat the mad Kaiser alone than with America's help. Peace would be more lasting, but the fate of the world is bound up in the mystery of the future. Who can foresee what the end will be?

KAISER WILHELM TO THE ALMIGHTY

'Mine Gott vill you be mine partner
You don't know who I am;
I am the German Kaiser,
The Emperor Will-am.
You know I whipped dem Belgians;
Und mit bullets filled Russia full;
Und I whipped France und Italy;
Und blowed up Johnny Bull.
Now for dem odder Nations;
I don't give a d—
If you shust be mine pardner;
Und whip dot Uncle Sam.
You know I got de submarine;
All Europe knows dot well;
But dot Edison got a patent now;
Vot blows dem all to H—
Now Gott if you will do dis;
Den you I vill always love;
Und I vill be Emperor of Earth;
Und you vill be Emperor of above.
But Gott if you refuse me dis;
Tomorrow at Eleven;
I vill call mine Zeppelin's out;
Und declare war on Heaven.
I would not ask dis of you Gott;
But it can be plainly seen;
Dot ven Edison pushes dot button in
Den I got no submarine.'

DEEP CREEK NOTES.

We now are all smiles for we've had plenty of rain
And it makes us smile right for we will all make some grain
Our feedstuff and cotton and our big patch of beans
For a good crop of these we know what it must mean
Capt. J. W. Jones of down on Clear Creek
Came to visit his friend Boatwright, the latter part of last week
He is a lively old fellow and can dance like a coon
He can sure knock the heels of a lively old tune
Incidents of the past from his jolly heart will pour
When he tells you of the happenings in the days as of yore
Mrs. Jones and Miss Gilliland came along for company and care
And to get a good breath of our pure country air
Each of you must come back when its dry on our grain
For you know that your coming was the cause of the rain
Uncle Bill we all know that you have time to look
For country letters that come in and are lodged on the hook
Guess they would make a fine nest for a big old wood rat
Or make a fat meal for your big office cat
But you will print all our letters as you love the boys of the farm
For you have a spot in your heart that is warm.
—Star Staff Poet.

President Wilson was fortunate in securing Senator Elihu Root to head the Russian Commission. Mr. Root is an exceptionally able man. He is a great American and no better man could have been chosen for this important mission. The commission arrived in Russia at an opportune time as German agents are doing everything possible to lure Russia into a separate peace, which would no doubt prolong the war, and in the end prove the ruin of Russia should Germany win. Mr. Root made a speech on his arrival at the Russian capital that seems to have had a good effect in again lining up the new Russian government with the entente powers. Russia is an unknown quantity and may yet go off into anarchy and ruin for herself and to the great injury of her allies in the war. If Mr. Root can realign them and start the fighting on the Eastern front the war will likely end the coming year. That the German Kaiser is desperate and will fight so long as he can muster a man is generally believed. Defeat for Germany means the utter ruin for the Hohenzollern dynasty and no one knows this better than the Kaiser, the one man responsible for the war. He sees a hope in Russian anarchy and the German government is bending every energy to prevent Russia again becoming active in the war. If the socialist and anarchist in Russia do not listen to reason and line up against Germany, the new Republic will die before it starts to grow.

German success in this war means the restoration of the Czar with all the old order of oppression that has kept Russia behind every government on earth. The great unwieldy giant may come out alright and no man is better qualified to show them the right way, the only way to safety and independence, which is to assist the world in smashing Kaiserism in Germany, the foe of every free government on earth than Senator Root.

Many explanations are given why we are at war with Germany. Some of them are good, some not good, and some of them positively absurd. We are at war with Germany because of the outrages committed by the German U boats against our commerce and the murder of Americans on the sea. We are sending an army to France to fight Germany because our government believes it more advantageous to fight her there than to wait and fight her on our own soil and without the aid of France and England. The high sounding flub-dub claim that we enter the war to free the democracies of the world from autocracy is doing great injury to our cause, as it gives our boys who have to go to France, a wrong idea of what they are fighting for. Let them understand that in going to France that they go to fight in defense of American rights, that have been insultingly trampled upon by the German government, that war being inevitable it is better for us to aid England and France to crush the Kaiser on the battle line in France than to risk having to fight Germany alone on our own shores. This is why this government is sending our soldiers to France. If in crushing the Kaiser, we help France, who helped America long ago, so much the better. If in helping to crush the Kaiser's military clique we aid in freeing the democracies of the world, well and good, but we did not declare war on Germany for any such high fakuten purposes, worthy though the object might be. We go to war to fight for American rights on the sea and land the wide world over, and we want our boys to get this idea. They are not going out like Don Quixote to right the wrongs of oppressed peoples of other lands, and without a just, personal cause for war with Germany.

No doubt, in helping to defeat the mad German Kaiser, America will aid the people of many small nations, but that is not the reason we entered the war. We entered the war primarily to defend our own rights. Get this and remember it. Had we entered the war for any other purpose the world would consider us a lot of cranks, unless it should have been to save France from destruction. Under all the circumstances we believe America had good grounds to go to the aid of France to save her from German savagery, even if we had no special grievance against Germany, but no one is green enough to believe that America would have done so.

Let us not get our reasons for war with Germany confused to such an extent that the average American soldier will not know what he is to fight for after he arrives in France. Let him know the truth, that he will fight against a power that plotted our ruin while pretending to be our friend. We hope the war will end before our boys, in great numbers, have to go France, but those who go from this section, we want them to know exactly why they are sent to France, four thousand miles away. We want them to know that it is better to meet a merciless, heartless foe four thousand miles away from our home, than to meet them here at home. That is why, boys, your country calls you to France. You go there to fight for God, Home and Native Land just as much as if we waited until the ruthless invader and despoilers of other nations came to our own shores, as he will come if we do not meet him in Europe.

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COTTONWOOD LOCALS.

June 19th.—A little wearied from our experience at Trades day yesterday at Cross Plains and our mode of transportation, to wit: a portion of the way in a wagon and part way on foot, and we must inform the readers that we are not expert pedestrians, and a short way on the latter end of our trip we had the pleasure of a ride in a car, and this morning we feel a little sore and out of repair the result of our little tramp, how be it though our mental faculties are in their usual trim though not exceedingly bright, but we will lend our best efforts to this our communication to the Star.

It was our good fortune to spend a short season with our esteemed colleague, "Juan," yesterday. Our old friend seems very despondent the result we presume of his recent bereavement, the death of his wife.

W. J. Thomason of Eula, but a former citizen and merchant of our town, was visiting his son, George, of Cottonwood, and daughter, Mrs. John Hembree of Cross Plains last week and has returned to his home.

Miss Fredda Griffin, daughter of W. F. Griffin of Tulsa, was a pleasant visitor at Cottonwood last week.

Mr. and Mrs. Gus Burkett were visitors at Cottonwood the first of the week the guests of the latter's parents, Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Respass. They were enroute to northern points.

On Saturday evening last we were invited to a seat in Warren Everetts' commodious auto and after perhaps two hours ride we reached the home of Mr. Everett's parents where we spent the night very pleasantly. On Sunday morning we in company with Mr. and Mrs. Warren Everette, Sr., Mr. and Mrs. Warren Everette, Jr., and their only son, Joe Bailey Everette, were driven to driven Tom Jones', about three miles south of May in Brown county where we met quite a number of Sacred Harp singers who engaged in the pleasant pastime of intermingling their voices in melodious song until dinner was announced and we all repaired to the bountifully loaded table, and after trying to eat as much as Warren Everette and old Bro. Bishop we were forced to yield in utter defeat. We then repaired to Pleasant Valley Church where we enjoyed a harvest of those old and pleasant songs of the old Sacred Harp. Bro. Bishop after loosening his belt sang fairly well. Warren Everette, being last on the program had settled his dinner sufficiently to do credit to the occasion. We are not going to try to eat as much as the aforesaid gentlemen any more for fear that we may never be able to "keno" again.

Beautifully yours,
"Uncle Jimmie."

ROWDEN NEWS

Rev. Davis, the Methodist pastor filled his regular appointment here Sunday.

Every body is very busy these days working their crops. Grass and weeds are doing fine.

Mr. and Mrs. J. T. Stewart attended church at Turkey Creek Sunday.

Rev. Frank McNair preached for us Sunday night; subject, "The Devil and others."

Kemmett Taylor and family, of Potosi, visited in Rowden Sunday.

Hobson Sikes, was out Sunday in his new Ford car.

A. G. Hobbs and family visited in Eula Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller delightfully entertained a number of young people at their home Saturday night.

A large number of young people attended the Tacky Party at Mr. Halmarks Friday night. Mr. Boyd Gibbs and Miss Nona Halmark won the prize.

Delina Taylor, of Potosi visited friends here Saturday and Sunday.

Mrs. S. C. Gist, of Eula, spent last week with her daughters, Mrs. J. T. Stewart and Mrs. M. S. Miller.

Mr. Sidney Gordon, of Ft. Worth, spent last week with his sister and family Mrs. G. W. Miller.

Sunday the 17th is Children's Day at Rowden, quite a nice program will be rendered, dinner on the ground. Come and bring someone with you and enjoy a nice time and a good dinner.

Mr. and Mrs. Jess Gibbs visited Mrs. Jim Davidson, near Clyde Sunday.

Mrs. John Bowen was a pleasant caller at Mrs. J. T. Stewart's, Saturday afternoon.

Hobson Sikes and sister, Miss Ada, motored to Coleman Sunday afternoon accompanied by Mrs. Thomas Ayers.

Mr. Joe Jones, and Miss Della Eubanks, of Admiral, were welcome visitors in Rowden Sunday afternoon.

"Correspondent."

GREAT DROUTH WEST.

That a great drouth exists in the counties west of Taylor county is just becoming known. No crops except in a few spots west of Colorado is the report.

The County Judge of Scurry county issued a proclamation calling upon the people of that county to observe Thursday as a day of fasting and prayer for rain. Conditions around Midland is reported serious for the cattlemen. Those hardest hit are the small farmers who have gone west and spent everything they had to secure a home and many of them are abandoning their homes and coming back east to hunt work.

The drouth west is beginning to have its effect upon this county, especially when the wind blows from the west. Notwithstanding the fine rains two weeks ago crops are needing rain in this county.

The editor of THE STAR has two daughters living in the dry belt west and from what they write we learn that the drouth is the most serious experienced in that country for many years. One daughter lives in the

South-east corner of New Mexico. They went out there in the winter of 1915, they made no crop last year owing to the drouth, and no rain has fallen since August last year. The other daughter lives at Balmorhea in the irrigated district of Toyah Valley Alfalfa is the main money crop there but very little has been cut as the alfalfa fields are nearly all rented to stockmen to save their cattle. In some instances as much as \$25.00 per acre per month is being paid by stockmen for pasturage. Cattle nearly all over the west are reported in a deplorable condition and some men who have spent a generation in this western country building up herds of fine cattle are in danger of losing the labor of a lifetime.

Ed Lambert, formerly of Baird, but now living at Roscoe is here on a visit to his parents. He says that there is scarcely any vegetation alive around that section. He planted 70 acres of cotton, grain and feed, and what stuff came up all died except about 2 acres of cotton.

Conditions may be exaggerated and in some instances no doubt are, but all the incidents here related we believe to be true and that the same conditions apply to a good portion of Texas immediately west of us. Good rains around San Angelo and Ballenger were reported about ten days ago, but counties northwest of them do not report rain.

Mr. Quicksall of the Agricultural department told us Wednesday that a severe drouth prevailed in Milam county and adjacent territory and corn in places was already ruined.

FORETHOUGHT

People are learning that a little forethought often saves them a big expense. Here is an instance: E. W. Archer, Caldwell, Ohio, writes: "I do not believe that our family has been without Chamberlain's Colic, Cholera and Diarrhoea Remedy since we commenced keeping house years ago. When we go on an extended visit we take it with us." For sale by ALL DEALERS. 4t.

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GUARD COMPANY BE RAISE IN ABILENE

Alan McDavid Authorized to Recruit Company of 150 Men. Office Opens Monday

Alan McDavid, formerly employed at Campbell's has been authorized to recruit a company of 150 men here for the Texas National Guard and will open an office Monday morning.

The men for the company are to be recruited in Taylor, Callahan and Jones counties. They must be single men, 18 to 45, and in good physical condition. The pay for a first sergeant is \$53, mess sergeant \$44-sergeants \$40, musicians, mechanics and corporals \$33, first class privates \$33, privates \$33.

One inducement to join this company is the fact that the recruit will be with his own people and officered by men he knows. Those who enlist will not be subject to the draft law.

There is expected to be a rush of recruits and those who intend to join should come in at the earliest moment.

Alan McDavid has been recommended for a first lieutenantancy by Brigadier General John A. Hulen of the Texas National Guard. He spent a day at Houston in conference with the general this week, returning Saturday. He has served in the regular army and is an experienced officer, receiving very high recommendations for the appointment as first lieutenant of the local company.

The company of 150 men to be recruited here in the next few days will be a part of the new contingent to fill up the division of infantry for the Texas National Guard. The company will be assigned to one of the regiments as a complete company; the men who enlist in it will not be assigned to some other company or organization but will remain with their own neighbors throughout their period of service.—Abilene Reporter.

JUST LIKE ST. JOHN

Few men more patriotic than R. A. St. John, postmaster at Cisco, can be found. When a state of war existing was declared sometime ago the War Department made the postmasters of the country recruiting officers in their respective territories. Postmaster St. John received his commission and went to work and succeeded in securing more recruits to the various branches of the War Department than any man doing similar work in the state, the size of town being considered. It finally developed that the postmasters were to receive five dollars for every recruit sent to headquarters that passed. Recently Mr. St. John received a check for five dollars for settlement of one recruit he had sent in. He made inquiry and found out that this was the rule adopted by the War Department and that other checks would follow to reimburse him for his services in this work. He wrote the Department at Dallas stating that he was already drawing a salary from the government as postmaster and that if it could be done he wanted his checks turned into the Red Cross to aid that organization in its work in carrying relief to the wounded and injured boys at the front. Yesterday he received a letter congratulating him for his true spirit of patriotism manifested in the matter from the department at Dallas. The fees he would have received would have reached into the hundreds of dollars. Local friends are praising Mr. St. John for his patriotic actions in this matter.—Cisco News Notes in Abilene Reporter.

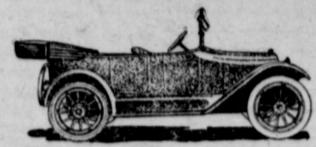
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