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## To Our Correspondents

The News wants a correspondent at each postoffice in the county and as an inducement to you we are willing to pay you for your efforts. Instead of putting on a contest, as we did last year, we are going to pay you a straight cash payment, so that each one will be compensated for his or her services. Here is our proposition. You will receive on the first of each month a check of \$1 for your budget of news items of each week for the previous month. We will also furnish each correspondent stationery and stamps and send you the paper during the time you act as our correspondent.

This is a plain, simple proposition and can not be misunderstood, and while the compensation is nothing big, we think it is reasonable. And you are rendering your community a service in the publicity you are giving it, which is worth a great deal. Some of the correspondents who were in the contest have kindly consented to continue their weekly letters, others have manifested a high degree of community pride by volunteering their services. They want their communities represented in the county paper. Such a degree of community interest is praiseworthy.

As to who shall be our correspondents, we might say that we could not expect to find a better list than we had last year, and these are each invited to continue their weekly letters. However, if there are those who can furnish us more newsy letters they are not barred. We will accept but one from each postoffice community, and that one, in our judgment, will be the best available one.

We are anxious to get the news from all over the county and make the Foard County News a real county newspaper. Therefore we are soliciting your co-operation, and hope that we may have this in a hearty measure.

## Crowell Grocery Co. Sells

The Crowell Grocery Company of this city caused quite a surprise among our people last week when it was announced that the company had sold their stock to Messrs. Vernon and Call. Mr. Vernon states that he will reduce the stock price to his stand point of the square.

The Crowell Grocery Company as one of the live, wide-awake business establishments of Crowell and had built up a strong trade. Their friends regret very much to see them go out of grocery business. But it is safe to say that the members of this firm, C. B. Williams, T. L. Hughton and Frank Flesher, will not remain out of business.

## Home Talent Play

The home talent play, "Escaped From the Law," presented by the Epworth League at the Opera House in Crowell on Tuesday evening, December 26, was received very favorably by a crowded house. Everybody seemed to enjoy the play very much and the order was exceptionally good. Every one of these young people acted their roles well considering their experience and deserve much credit for the hard work required to put on such a play. They took in \$115 and the following night went to Truscott where they made \$44.60, all of which, clear of expenses, will be used for the benefit of the league.

Frank J. ...

## Ring Contest Closed

As announced, the News diamond ring contest closed Saturday night at 9:00 o'clock, the winners of the pretty diamond rings being Mrs. Ray Pyle and Miss Mina Walling. Mrs. Pyle was the correspondent from Ayersville and Miss Walling the correspondent of Vivian. The vote was very light, only a small per cent of the readers of the News having voted. The vote stood as follows: Mrs. Pyle, 90; Miss Walling, 84; Mrs. Beazley 82; Mrs. Thomas Cherry, 64; Will Coffman 20. A great many of the readers were indifferent in the matter and did not vote, even though they were entitled to a vote, others were paid in advance from 3 to 8 months and did not care to renew just in order to get to vote. So many of them said they could not decide as to who should have the prizes, since they were all the best lot of correspondents they ever saw. A big per cent of those who did cast ballots were new readers, who had subscribed for the News within the last month or two.

We were gratified to see the manifestation of a good feeling among the contestants and their friends throughout the contest, and to know also that several of them have promised to continue their weekly letters from the various localities in which they live. We also feel very grateful to each of the correspondents for their faithful and untiring services during the year. By reason of their services the Foard County News was made better, and at the same time their several localities were brought into prominence as they could have been in no other way.

The primary aim of this little contest was to get the news from all over the county, and how well we succeeded we refer you to the columns of the News during the last year. Our secondary aim was to extend the circulation of the News. In this particular we succeeded well. We have the best list in the county that we have ever had. In some of the communities the list has been thinned, and at all the postoffices our list was greatly increased.

The News, therefore, is today a better advertising medium than it was before the contest. It has cost us quite a sum to make it so, but we are not satisfied to offer our advertisers a paper that does not cover the field well.

It is our hope that we may have the news from the localities as we did last year, and are therefore making an offer, not of a contest nature, but one of straight compensation for services, and we hope that each community may be represented. You will find this in another column.

## Class No. 10

Class No. 10 of the Methodist Sunday School had its regular study meeting last Saturday afternoon from 3 to 5 with Mrs. John Roberts as hostess for a review of the Bible study. Seven members were present.

Refreshments of coffee and sandwiches were served.

J. L. Martin, who has been conducting the Foard County News for about four years, has sold his interest to Kimsey & Klepper, who formerly ran the paper. Mr. Martin built up a good paper at Crowell and his retirement is to be regretted, but the people of Crowell can rest assured that Messrs. Kimsey & Klepper will give them a good paper, because they are newspaper men of ability. — Vernon Call.

## Will Build Road

Lubbock, Texas, December 26.—Official announcement has been received that the contract has been let by the Santa Fe to John Scott & Son of St. Louis, contractors, for the building of the new railroad from Lubbock in a southwesterly direction. John Scott & Son have opened an office in Lubbock and all their activities will be conducted from this point.

The road is to be sixty-five miles long, extending twenty-four miles beyond Brownfield. The entire right of way has been secured and actual construction begun.

The contractors estimate that the roadbed will have been advanced sufficiently by March 1, 1917, to begin laying rails.

## Home Burned

On the evening of December 24th at about 5 o'clock the home of George Little, six miles south of town, was totally burned. It is reported that Mrs. Little had lighted the oil stove and had gone to the door to call one of the children who were out playing, when the noise of an explosion was heard. It seems that the oil tank in some way exploded. The flames spread so rapidly that it was impossible to extinguish them and save the building or any of its contents. So the house with all its contents was a total loss. Mr. Little carried some insurance.

## Tried to Wreck Orient Train

Monday night as engineer C. G. Martin was proceeding 3 miles east from Sagerton with the passenger train he saw an object on the track ahead. He got the train to a standstill just before hitting a railroad tie. It had been placed over one rail and under the other, just in a manner to turn the engine over. From indications it was thought the purpose was to merely cause a wreck. We congratulate engineer Martin for his look-out for danger on this occasion. — Hamlin Herald.

## Crippled By Horse Falling

On Friday before Christmas John Coffey received a painful hurt when the horse which he was riding slipped on the frozen ground and fell on Mr. Coffey's right leg. The ligaments of the ankle were wrenched from their places and John has been going on crutches ever since. He will soon be alright again, whoever, if he takes the proper care of himself.

## Suffers Fire Loss

The friends of R. L. Hightower regret to learn that he had a burnout a few days ago in Bailey county to which place he had recently moved. It was not known just how the home caught. Only a few of the household goods were saved.

Burnice Moncus of Ima, N. M., has been here for several days visiting her brother, Joe Moncus and other relatives and friends in the county. Burnice has been away for a great many years and notes with pleasure the great improvement that has taken place in this county since his boyhood days.

J. T. Whitley and wife of Kingsville was here last week visiting her brother, Joe Moncus and family of this place. Mrs. Whitley was formerly Miss Maude Moncus and lived here some years ago.

Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Cope and daughter, Miss Lourena, of Seymour have been visiting the families of Gordon Witherspoon, W. F. George and J. H. Cope for the past two weeks. They left for their home Wednesday.

Miss Maye Klepper spent last week in Vivian with her sister, Mrs. Allen Fish.

## "98"

Ye bashful rubes and timid maids Shine your shoes and curl your braids.

On New Year's night please notice take; Just once again for old time's sake.

Around at the home of Dr. Hill, Whose chief delight is to roll the pill.

The simpleton class of '98' Will promptly meet at half past eight.

All who were so fortunate as to receive the invitation busied themselves for a week in gathering up and piecing out wedding garments, for this was to be a reunion of the old set of girls and boys—"sweethearts" of '98 and '99.

At the appointed hour every "rube" and "maid" had arrived. The guests were received by Mesdames Hill, Roberts and Self attired in their wedding frocks representing the styles of 1904-'06-'07.

The house was beautifully decorated with holly and other. The first hour was spent around the library table which was banked with a collection of old time albums, the pictures recalling many happy experiences of younger days.

The baby pictures of fourteen guests present were used in a "why's who" contest causing much merriment.

A very interesting feature was a "quiz" in which each husband was asked to state the year, month and day of the week he was married and in almost every case the wife had to make corrections.

Other diversions was furnished by the Edison.

Delicious punch and fruits were served.

Christmas strappings. After voting to make these gatherings an annual affair and to meet next New Years night with Mr. and Mrs. Jack Roberts, the guests departed at a late hour declaring Dr. and Mrs. Hill royal entertainers.

Those present: J. E. Bell and wife, T. N. Bell and wife, W. R. Womack and wife, Ben Henderson and wife, Chas. Thompson and wife, W. F. George and wife, Gordon Witherspoon and wife, Dr. Hines Clark and wife, J. R. Allee and wife, N. J. Roberts and wife, Mrs. Pearl Carter, Bert Self and wife, A. G. Bell and wife, Mrs. Fannie Thacker and Miss Essie Thacker.

## Sidewalk Improvements

The stretch of unpaved sidewalk north of B. F. Ringgold's store has recently undergone the improvement of a new layer of cement under the supervision of George Graham. This is another bit of improvement that will add greatly to the convenience of pedestrian travel and give that portion of the business part of town a look of up-to-dateness. The News commends the spirit of enterprise behind this improvement, and hopes that the good work may not lag whenever it is needed.

Jim Gafford while, building a fence one day last week received a bad cut on his foot when a wire he was handling broke. After the wound was dressed it improved rapidly, however Jim was compelled to use a cane for several days.

Mr. and Mrs. Leo Spencer took their baby to Dallas last week for an operation to restore its hearing. The operation was successful and good hopes are entertained that the child will not be deprived of its hearing as was thought.

Corbett Ledbetter and wife of Knox City was here last week visiting Mr. Ledbetter's father, W. E. Ledbetter.

## Six O'clock Dinner

Mr. and Mrs. John S. Ray as is their custom during the Christmas holidays entertained a number of their friends with a six o'clock two-course dinner on the evening of Christmas Day. The out-of-town guests were Mrs. Chas. Hunt of Ochelata, Okla., and Miss Lourena Cope of Seymour.

Music was furnished during the evening by Misses Lois Taggart, Essie Thacker and T. B. Klepper.

Those present declare this one of the best dinners and one of the most enjoyable occasions of the season.

## Orient's Commercial Agent Here

W. H. Hargrove, commercial agent of the Orient railroad, was here last week from Seymour in the interest of the road. Mr. Hargrove stated to a News correspondent that the road regretted very much that they had been forced to confiscate consignments of coal to Crowell, but that they felt that this was the lesser of the two evils that was inevitable.

They either had to do this or else shut down entirely. Mr. Hargrove says the road is doing the very best that can be done under the circumstances to serve the people and thinks conditions will ease up in the very near future.

## Forty-Two Club Entertained

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Ferguson in celebration of their first Wedding Anniversary entertained the Forty-Two Club last Friday evening. A good representation of the Club was present and a number of guests. The out of town guests were Mrs. Chas. Hunt of Ochelata, Okla., and Miss Lourena Cope of Seymour.

The game was very interesting the high score being made by Miss Lourena Cope, after which a very delicious luncheon was served.

## An Old Time Party

The home of Mrs. S. O. Woods was for several days last week the scene of one continuous round of fun. Miss Lottie had as guests Misses Ennis Johnson and Emma Carter of Wichita Falls and Miss Stovall of Chico. On last Friday Miss Lottie decided to entertain these young ladies in "The Good Old Fashioned Way." Accordingly several couples were invited for Friday evening and all kinds of games of years past were entered into and greatly enjoyed by all present. Just to give you an idea of what we really did, "clap in and clap out" was played, that is sufficient; you may imagine the rest. The hostess at intervals during the evening, severed oranges with a large red striped stick of candy inserted which the boys especially enjoyed. At a late hour sandwiches, olives and candy were served and the guests departed feeling as if they had called back a few years of their childhood.

Those present were: Misses Waldrop, Self, Thacker, Smith, Hunter, Bomar, Johnson, Carter, Stovall and Woods. Messrs. Beverly, Brian, Brashier, Self, Ray, Dodson, Stovall, Long and Houghton.

Charlie Bryson, who has been attending a business school, was at home during the holidays. He finished his course and has gone to Dallas to accept a position.

Harry Adams and family of Hollis, Okla., spent last week here visiting his father, W. H. Adams and mother, Mrs. Adams.

## Cupid's Busy Work

All people have their busy seasons, and Cupid is no exception. During the holidays he seems to have been busy in all parts of the land, and his visits to Crowell was fruitful of results. The News has the pleasure of recording the marriages of the following: Mr. R. W. Bell to Miss Cleo Burk on Thursday, December 21. The bride is the daughter of County Judge G. L. Burk and wife of this city, and the groom is the son of T. J. Bell and wife, old time residents of this county. The young couple will make their home on their farm near Thalia.

On Christmas day Mr. Edgar Kimsey to Miss Ruth McLaughlin. Miss McLaughlin is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. S. P. McLaughlin of this place, and Mr. Kimsey is the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Kimsey, who reside 8 miles southeast of town. They will make their home on their farm southeast of Crowell.

On Christmas day Mr. I. T. Norris and Miss Grace Rucker, the former of Lockney, the latter of this place, were married. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Rucker. The groom was formerly a resident of Crowell but for the past year has resided at Lockney. They left the same day for Lockney where they will reside in the future.

Mr. John J. Tyson and Mrs. May Pierce of Foard City were married at the home of the bride, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Geo. A. Eubank.

Marriage license were issued Tuesday, January 2nd to Mr. Chas. H. Gillespie and Miss Irene Moody of Truscott. Miss Moody is the niece of Pete Moody of this place.

Mr. Harden Talmage Brashier formerly of this place but now at Girvin, Texas, was married December 24th to Miss Camille Car of Fort Stockton.

Mr. Amos Lilly and Miss Johnnie Trawick of Foard City were married Tuesday, January 2nd.

The News joins the many friends of each of these young couples in wishing for them the fullest measure of happiness throughout life's voyage.

## Two-course Dinner

A few of the friends of Mr. and Mrs. M. F. Crowell and Miss Leona Young had the pleasant privilege of attending a most delightful two-course dinner at the Crowell home last Thursday evening. Those present were Misses Lourena Cope and Essie Thacker, Mr. and Mrs. Garland Burns and Messrs. Riley Self and T. B. Klepper.

After dinner a very interesting game of progressive forty two was enjoyed.

Those who returned to school after spending the holidays at home were: Misses Christine Ricks, Marie and Bessie Harris, Jodie Brian, Bess Hays and Edna Hunter to Chickasha, Okla., Herbert Edwards, and Misses Una Self and Pauline Smith to Baylor University, Waco; Miss Ora Bell to C. I. A., Denton; Jack Brian, San Antonio; George Self, College Station; Everett Bell to T. C. U., Fort Worth; Miss Lora Thacker to S. M. U., Dallas.

M. S. Henry returned from Chillicothe the first of the week where he had been to invoice the stock of hardware he and his brother, Cliff Henry of Quanah recently bought. Mrs. Henry visited in Quanah while he was there.

Eugene ... Dallas week R.

THE FOARD COUNTY NEWS

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NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC—Any erroneous reflection upon the character, standing or reputation of any person, firm or corporation which may appear in the columns of The News will be gladly corrected upon its being brought to the attention of the publishers.

With The News Paragapher

FACING A NEW YEAR

As we face the new year every right thinking man should and does want to make it count for the most he possibly can. Reviewing the past year with its successes and failures, we should be able to improve the new one, and that is the task that confronts us.

There are two forces that contribute to the well-being of our people, external and internal, and the internal are they about which every one should be concerned. These are the forces that make for prosperity and happiness independent of outside agencies. The sum total of it is that what we are as a town, a country, is just what we want to be.

The old year has passed into history, and it has been a great one for this country. This declaration is on every tongue. Have we made a study of the causes? How much have we done to make for the development of our country and the happiness and prosperity of our people? A common sense and logical consideration of these questions individually, and then a candid and unselfish consideration of future needs might help us to make the new year one of greater achievements. It would be folly to stand with faces towards the old year and our backs towards the new one. The year 1916 is already a matter of history, and however great the pleasure of reviewing its splendid achievements, our highest and best interests demand that we face the duties and responsibilities of the year that now confronts us. We are already writing its history, and that history shall be just about what we choose to make it.

The News wants to see 1917 the greatest year this country has ever seen, and to that end is willing to join hands with every one. It wants to see Foard county more thoroughly developed. It wants to see more industrious farmers, more happy home owners. And then it wants to see Crowell a better town, and a better town means a happier town.

As we begin the new year it is hoped that we may all begin together and pull together, having one common aim, the improvement of every condition that will help every worthy enterprise or calling.

Referring to the advertising columns the reader will observe that our business men have continued advertising talks. Some of them are greeting you with best wishes for the New Year and all of them are asking for your business, with the aim of stimulating co-operative effort in the matter of developing the country's possibilities. The advertiser wants to see you prosper and you will nearly always see his name to every petition for help in any community looking to the improvement of conditions of a public nature. Many of the petitions have as their purpose improvements confined to communities, yet the advertiser's name is there. This is because he believes in the doctrine of co-operation, one which he practices as well as preaches. He therefore deserves your patronage in a business way. You can not make a big mistake by lining up with such men. The News is pleased to present the business men of Crowell practically as a body of regular advertisers, and we hope that our people will give them the patronage they deserve for this year, and that it will be a great and prosperous one for us all.

No burglar need ever come into our house to get our money. He might stumble over a chair and disturb our slumbers. We don't like to be disturbed, and as a matter of precaution for us and convenience for a burglar we will always hang our trousers with their pockets of money on the outside knob of the front door when retiring at night.

A Fort Worth man has brought out an invention by which automobiles may be locked when left standing on the street so that they can not be stolen and driven away. Another door of opportunity closed in the face of the average newspaper man who had hoped that he might one day proudly handle the steering wheel.

The Dallas News Snap Shot thinks that if his dairyman could get control of the Milky Way he would probably adulterate it with sky juice. Ours would make it sparkle with "moonshine."

As it now appears, the possessor of a poll will have to become the post-trade some junk for it.

What's the Use?

A cavalry recruit was suffering his first field day. He managed to control himself and his horse fairly well until the guns went off. Then the beast jibed and capered, and the rider dismounted rather hurriedly, but he was quickly back in his seat again. Again the guns sounded, and again the raw rider was thrown. This time he calmly went round to his horse's head and stood there holding the reins and patting it soothingly. "Why don't you mount again, man?" roared the sergeant furiously. "Wot's the good?" replied the recruit disconsolately. "Those blooming guns will go off again in a minute."—London Globe.

Could Not Be Disturbed.

Although Jed Hoover was the laziest man in town he always had strength to hold a book or a magazine in his hand. It was only in emergencies that the neighbors called upon him for help. One hot day in July, when the clouds threatened rain, a farmer hurried to his shack and asked him to "make after" the last load of hay.

Jed hesitated a minute, and then his eye fell upon a pile of old magazines that were stacked in a corner of the sacking mizza.

"Well, now, I'd like to help out," was the reply, "but I'll have to refuse ye this time. I'm a little behind with my reading."—Youth's Companion.

He Didn't Know.

One June day in 1862 near Fredericksburg, Va., General Stonewall Jackson saw one of General Hood's Texans climbing a fence to get into a cherry tree. "Where are you going?" shouted Jackson. "I don't know," replied the soldier. "To what command do you belong?" "I don't know," the Texan replied. "Well, what state are you from?" "I don't know," Jackson gave the man up, but he asked a comrade what it all meant. "Well," was the reply, "Old Stonewall and General Hood gave orders yesterday that we were not to know anything until after the next fight." The soldier was left to his cherries.

Hot Rocks Waste Away.

Erosion proceeds with considerable rapidity in the desert region of the southwest, notwithstanding the scarcity of continuously running water, for rock disintegration is accelerated by the great daily variations in temperature. The rocks are heated to 125 degrees F. or higher on the hot summer days and cool off rapidly at night to 70 degrees or less, a difference of 50 degrees or more, and in spring or autumn, when the sun's heat is less, the night temperatures are relatively lower.—Geological Survey Bulletin.

Mr. and Mrs. A. E. Propps of Benjamin had Christmas dinner with Mrs. Propps' mother, Mrs. Fannie Thacker. Mr. Propps returned home the following day while Mrs. Propps remained here most of the week.

\$15.00 reward. Lost—One mouse-colored mare mule about 15 hands high, 10-years old, with collar marks and one white spot at root of tail, no brand. Last seen going toward Good Creek or Crowell.—C. T. Bowers, Truscott, Texas.

D. P. Yoder and wife of Vanaalstynne and Mr. Yoder's brother, C. J. Yoder, of Gunter, were here from Saturday until Monday prospecting. They were all well pleased with the country and may locate here.

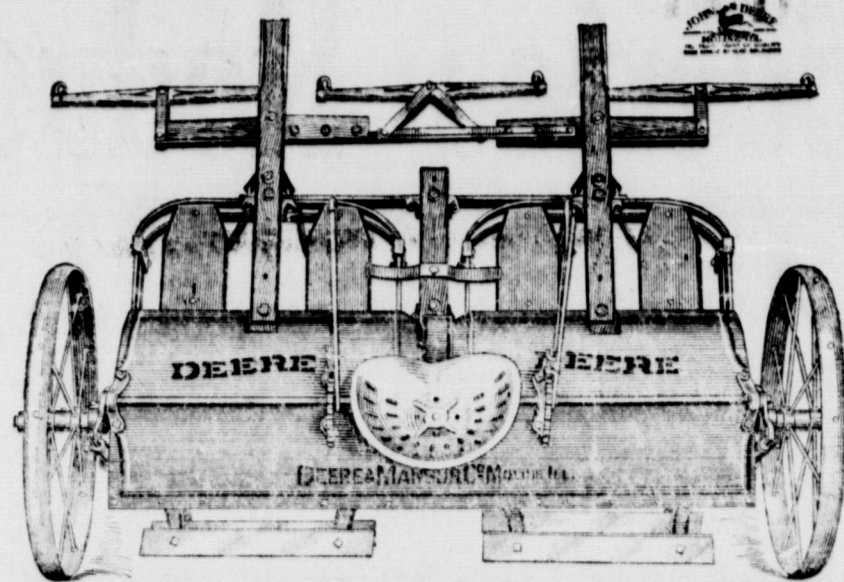
One four-cylinder Dodge car, run about six months, for sale or trade for stock. See Roy Todd. 35.

Now Well

"Thedford's Black-Draught is the best all-round medicine I ever used," writes J. A. Steelman, of Pattonville, Texas. "I suffered terribly with liver troubles, and could get no relief. The doctors said I had consumption. I could not work at all. Finally I tried

THEDFORD'S BLACK-DRAUGHT

and to my surprise, I got better, and am to-day as well as any man." Thedford's Black-Draught is a general, cathartic, vegetable liver medicine, that has been regulating irregularities of the liver, stomach and bowels, for over 70 years. Get a package today. Insist on the genuine—Thedford's E-70



JOHN DEERE STEEL FRAME STALK CUTTERS

Mechanical Construction Simple but Superior

- 1 Amount of weight placed on the knife head absolutely under control of driver by means of powerful spring pressure. Forward end hinged to upper frame so that there is free vibration up and down and assuring a rapid blow.
- 2 Springs lessen jar to machine, discomfort to driver, and adds to blow of knife, giving a chopping instead of crushing effect.
- 3 Special spring hitch prevents jerking and saves horses' necks and shoulders.
- 4 Knives oil-tempered, double-edged and reversible; are fastened to head with 5/8 bolts, giving great solidity and strength.
- 5 Deere heads are the heaviest used on stalk cutters and can be furnished with five, six, seven or nine knives.
- 6 Open or closed heads may be used as desired.
- 7 Stalk hooks controlled by springs and automatic in action.
- 8 Lever that raises head also raises stalk hooks automatically, leaving one of driver's hands always free to manage team.
- 9 Top of machine entirely covered, avoiding danger to driver and to stock running at large.
- 10 Wheels equipped with dust-proof boxings. Outer cap forms receptacle for hard oil which enables oiling without removing wheels. Open head cutters equipped with hard maple, oil-soaked bearings, which can be renewed when desired.

Allee-Henry & Company

Facing Another Year

R. B. Edwards Co. closes one of the most prosperous years of its history, but we are not unmindful of the fact that your splendid patronage has made it possible, for which we feel very grateful to you. We feel that your patronage is the strongest recommendation for us as a business firm, and with the coming in of a new year we offer you the same goods and service that have won your favor in the past and made the growth of our business possible. We gladly join hands with you in an onward and upward march, always remembering that co-operative work is the only means of reaching the highest community development. So thanking you and soliciting your future business, we are,

Yours for further service,

R. B. Edwards Company

"The Store with the Goods"

## Corporations Firms Individuals

At the beginning of 1917 when new business plans are being formulated and put into execution, we invite a thorough investigation of the many advantages of an association with the Bank of Crowell.

Safety, courtesy, and efficiency are effectively combined in a banking service which is individualized to meet the specific requirements of each and every patron.

Our officers welcome consultation.

"Let Our Bank Be Your Bank"

## The Bank of Crowell

(UNINCORPORATED)

County Depository. Let Our Bank Be Your Bank. Crowell, Texas

### LOCAL and PERSONAL

Jno. S. Ray went to Vernon Monday.

Hides, wanted.—Gabe Produce Compad.

Gabe Produce Company wants your produce.

Miss Essie Thacker was in Vernon Monday.

Buying produce is our business.—Gabe Produce Co.

Just what you are looking for at Ferguson Bros.

W. S. Ledbetter went to Knox City Tuesday on business.

Good assortment of toys at Ringgold's variety store.

Watch chains guaranteed 20 years at Ferguson Bros.

For sale some nice Plymouth Rock cockerels.—Mrs. Lee Ribble. 34p

R. C. Thornton left Monday for Fort Worth on a business trip.

Harry Beidleman left Monday for Shafter after a visit here with homefolks.

T. R. Pierce and family of Floydada was here last week visiting S. W. Gentry and family.

Will Bost and family spent the Christmas holidays with Mrs. Bost's relatives in Colorado City.

Gordie Gafford is here from Duncan, Okla., to visit his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gafford.

Mrs. John French of Collinsville, Okla., has been visiting her brother, T. H. French of Crowell.

Riley Self had the misfortune of sticking a nail in his foot one day last week but the result was not serious.

If you need money at 8 per cent call and see us. No delay about inspecting your land.—Beverly & Beverly.

E. P. Gentry and family of Quannah spent Christmas week with his brother, S. W. Gentry of the Black community.

Miss Maybel Eaves left Sunday for Denton where she will enter the State Normal to secure her permanent certificate.

Mrs. Chas. Hunt and little son, Charles Ray, returned home Monday after a months visit with relatives and friends.

W. B. Carter and wife and little daughter of San Angelo spent a few days with relatives here the first of the week.

Will grind corn into meal and will chop corn without shuck and maize in the head at my grist mill every Saturday one-half mile south of Rayland, Texas.—W. A. Colson. 35p

## New Year's Bells



ring out the praises of our Drugs. You will live to see many a New Year if you keep yourself in fine, healthy condition. The best way to keep well is to take only pure, reliable drugs when you are out of sorts.

At this Pharmacy you can always be sure of obtaining the freshest, purest Drugs that the market affords.

## Owl Drug Store

We are pleased to meet you at the  
**Crowell Barber Shop**

First Door South of Postoffice

Ball & Wallace, Proprietors

### Don't Forget

To bring in your Stoves and Drum Ovens for repair. I have a lot of second hand stoves and Bicycles for sale. Let me figure on your tin, pipe and windmill work. I have a good stock of crestring, ridge roll, hip shingles, finials, etc.

**T. L. HAYES, Tinner and Plumber**

## Another Year of Success



We will soon enter into another year, which we confidently believe will mark notable advancement in every line of business over the year just closing. We expect to reflect the prosperity of this section by carrying a larger and more complete stock of merchandise this year than we did last. We expect to constantly add to our long list of customers and friends, and we believe that if first-class merchandise, good service and rock-bottom prices will get business we will grow as the year advances. Your business will be welcomed. It will be given the careful attention which has made us so many friends and patrons in the past.



## Hinds & Magee

Miss Portia Brindley who has been teaching music at Avoca, Texas, this winter spent Christmas with her father and mother here.

Miss Emma Carter of Wichita Falls, daughter of E. W. Carter, who formerly lived in Crowell was here last week visiting old friends.

Bill Gafford of Duncan, Okla., was here a few days this week visiting his father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Gafford and other relatives.

Lee Coffman and wife and Mrs. Penn of Crandall were here from Knox county Christmas eve shopping and visiting Mrs. J. R. Beverly.

Jim Eubanks and wife of Lubbock was at Foard City last week visiting Mr. Eubanks' father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. G. M. Eubanks.

Mrs. T. A. Taggart went to Wichita Falls last week to meet Mr. Taggart's sister, Mrs. Hiram Friend from Springfield, Mo., who will visit them for a few days.

Mrs. Aron Hart and son, Jim Allee, returned to their home in Santa Anna the first of last week after spending a few days with relatives and friends of this place.

"Uncle Bill" Wheeler and wife and son Willie and family spent the day Christmas with the family of M. L. Gee near Margaret. They report a very pleasant visit.

Dr. and Mrs. Kincaid and children and Mrs. Kincaid's sisters, Misses Ada and Margurite Stephens, went to Vernon Christmas day to have dinner with relatives there.


J. A. Smith and wife and Mrs. Nancy Ham of Munday spent a few days last week visiting the family of W. E. Ledbetter. Mrs. Ham is the mother of Mrs. Ledbetter and Mrs. Smith.

On Christmas Day the entire Crews relation had dinner at the Sam Crews home in Crowell, each family bringing some part of the dinner. It was a very pleasant day for all present.

Sid Bowman and family of Lamesa, Texas, spent the holidays with relatives here. Mr. Bowman recently moved from Miles, Texas, to Lamesa. He is well pleased with his new location.

Mr. and Mrs. Major Johnson and daughter, Ennis, were here last week visiting their many friends. Mr. Johnson before leaving ordered the News to be sent to their home at Wichita Falls.

J. L. Martin left December 26th for Washington in the interest of his new invention for automobiles. We believe that Mr. Martin has a winner and will no doubt make good with it. He does not know just how long he will be away, but intends to stay until he gets what he went after.



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Misses Edith and Mollie of Wichita Falls spent days Christmas with

Wayne Eaves of San Angelo spent Christmas day here with relatives and friends.



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**Margaret Musings**  
B. N. Schelukin of Vernon was here Tuesday.  
Prof. A. E. Caldwell made a trip to Vernon Friday.  
Jim Gimmel and wife of Thalia were here Tuesday.  
Miss Winnie Kinard was visiting in Crowell Wednesday.  
David C. Smith of the Jameson community was here Thursday.  
Claude Rister of O'Brian visited here Sunday with friends.  
Roy Ayers and W. B. Taylor shipped 112 rabbits to Chicago Friday.  
R. D. Anderson and wife of the Rayland community were here Tuesday.  
Rob Parker of Monkey Run was a business visitor here Wednesday.  
H. T. Kenner and wife and Mrs. Green Sikes were in Crowell Thursday.  
Mrs. J. O. Bagley spent the holidays with relatives at Stephenville.

Chas. Knox of Acme spent Christmas visiting with relatives and friends here.  
Jim Gilliam and family spent Christmas day visiting with relatives in Crowell.  
Tom and John Hendricks went to Chillicothe to spend the holidays with relatives.  
Tom Jameson and son, Jimmie of Matador came in Tuesday for a visit with relatives.  
Little Alma Wesley got the prize doll given away Christmas day by Mrs. C. R. Perry.  
R. T. Williamson went to Olney last week to spend the holidays with his sister.  
Miss Elgie Bagley entertained a number of her friends Saturday evening with a social.  
Dr. and Mrs. Cherry made a business trip to Haskell December 27th and returned 28th.  
Ernest Loudermilk returned Wednesday after several days visit with his mother at Colorado City.  
We are informed that next

Friday will be the last day the gig at Margaret will run this season.  
Mr. Abb Smallwood visited Sunday in Foard City with O. L. Graham returning home Monday.  
Mrs. J. O. Bagley and little daughter, Lucile, left Friday for Erath county to visit with her parents.  
J. L. Short, D. M. Davis, C. E. Blevins, J. B. R. Fox and wife of Ayersville were here Tuesday.  
Ed Dunn, J. W. Spotts, J. L. Hunter, Roy Ayers and S. B. Middlebrook were in Crowell Thursday.  
Mrs. J. W. Evans left Wednesday for Belton to spend the holiday with her parents and other relatives.  
Mrs. Shaffer returned to her home in Eakley, Oklahoma, after several days visit with her brother, W. N. Garner.  
D. M. Davis and wife and son, Olen, C. E. Blevins and family and Frank Hembree of Ayersville were here Saturday.  
W. B. Taylor left Wednesday for Chillicothe where he has accepted a position with the K. C. M. & O. railway of Texas.  
Misses Zeffie and Veada Campsey of Crowell came out Friday for a visit with their sister, Mrs. Abb Smallwood.  
Mrs. Payne left Friday for her home at Olney, Texas, after an extended visit with her daughter, Mrs. A. E. Caldwell.  
The trustees of Margaret school district No. 6 have agreed that the compulsory Attendance law shall go into effect January 15.  
Mr. McGuire and wife of Alabama came in Thursday. He is now with his son E. L., west of town until he can get located.  
W. H. Minyard and son, Estrus, R. P. Hembree and son, Frank, Dick Smith and W. N. Warren were here from Ayersville Friday.  
T. P. Hunter went to Vernon Friday to meet his daughter, Miss Jimmie, who was coming in from Denton to spend Christmas with home folks.

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Miss Wrenna Garner left Wednesday for her home in Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, after an extended visit with her brother, W. N. Garner.  
W. F. Marlow and wife and Miss Cory Minyard, J. H. Ayers and wife and daughter, Miss Metta, and D. M. Davis all of Ayersville were here Thursday.  
Miss Delia Short left Monday for Corsicana to spend the holidays with friends and relatives. H. E. Wooden accompanied her as far as Chillicothe returning home Wednesday.  
D. M. Wiggins of Canadian, Texas, who is attending Simmons college at Abilene stopped off for a visit with friends here Wednesday as he was on his way to spend the holidays with home folks.  
John L. Hunter, wife and daughter, Emma Belle, left Friday the 22nd for Ft. Worth to spend Christmas with Mrs. Hunters' parents and other relatives and friends returning December 30th.  
D. P. Beaty and family ate dinner Sunday before Christmas with Mr. Beaty's sister, Mrs. Roberts. They then returned to Crowell and spent the night and ate dinner with Mrs. Beaty's sister, Mrs. Hines Clark.  
Rev. Gattis moved into the parsonage Saturday, T. F. Goodman moved into the house vacated by Rev. Gattis and Elmer Smallwood moved into the house vacated by Mr. Goodman.

A SUBSCRIBER.

A Card of Thanks

I wish to thank my many friends for their loyal support in the ring contest. Although I did not get the ring I want each of you to know that I appreciate your friendship and assistance more than I have words to express.

Yours very sincerely,  
MRS. THOS. CHERRY.

Vivian News

Tom Patton and wife spent Monday in Crowell.  
W. Y. Grimlin and wife are visiting in Lampasas.  
Mrs. G. J. Benham was shopping in Crowell Saturday.  
Miss Mattie King spent the holidays at Quitman, Texas.  
Ben Bryson of Good Creek was in our community Sunday.  
Grandpa Marr left Tuesday for Hollis, Okla., to visit relatives.  
Mrs. Allen Fish visited her parent at Crowell the first of the week.  
Miss Molly Turner is visiting Miss Josie Hill of Swearingen this week.  
Miss Dulla Bowley from Crowell spent a few days with friends last week.  
R. N. Buckley from Ogden was transacting business in our community Monday.

A. L. Walling returned from Dublin Saturday after a weeks visit with relatives.  
Egbert Fish and J. M. Marr made a business trip to Wellington Friday returning Saturday.  
John and Miss Mave Klepper of Crowell spent the holidays with their sister, Mrs. Allen Fish.  
Oscar Nelson and sister, Miss Jewel, and Miss Lena Johnson are visiting friends in Chickasha, Okla.  
Allen Fish and wife entertained a few of their friends Tuesday night with progressive "42". All enjoyed themselves very much.  
Leonard Evans and wife returned to their home near Shamrock Friday after several days visit with his brother, E. T. Evans.  
Mrs. Willie Carr and children from near Crowell and Mrs. Laura Patterson of Burk Burnett spent the latter part of last week with their sister, Mrs. Lucy Fish.

A READER.

Card of Thanks

I want to thank those who voted for me in the contest. I received the second prize and each vote was appreciated.

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Take calomel today and tomorrow you will feel weak and sick and nauseated. Don't lose a day's work. Take a spoonful of harmless, vegetable Dodson's Liver Tone tonight and wake up feeling great. It's perfectly harmless, so give it to your children any time. It can't salivate, so let them eat anything afterwards.

**Miss Una Self Entertains**

Miss Una Self entertained Tuesday evening of last week with a four course dinner honoring a number of her school friends home for the holidays. The Christmas idea was carried out in the artistic table and the charming decorations of the home. Music from the Victrola added much to the occasions which was declared by all to be one of the most delightful of the season. Covers were laid for, Misses Inez Bomar, Ennis Johnson, Ora Bell, Edna Hunter, Vera Waldrop, Lottie Woods, Lora Thacker, Leona Young and Maude Self, Messrs. John Long, Jack Brian, John Newsome, A. Y. Beverly, George and Riley Self.

**Held Up Coal Cars**

Being reduced to the point of freezing the Rochester people assembled at the Orient station on December 21, and held up a freight train that had some eight or ten cars of coal. It was said they were in strong force and were well armed. Engineer Prather was pulling the train, but from what he said he had no inclination to hurry from the old long barrel guns. About 7 cars were partly unloaded. - Hamlin Herald.

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## What to Eat

Some people never think about what they should eat. They care nothing about the essentiality of the leading food elements. The body needs these in order that it may be healthful and active. You find the most essential food elements in meats. Therefore you should eat meats. You will always feel more like taking up your day's work after having eaten a juicy steak for breakfast because your body is provided with the right kind of fuel.

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### Adelphian Club

One of the most enjoyable social affairs of the holiday season was the Christmas meeting of the Adelphian Club, at the home of Mrs. C. B. Williams on December 29, from three to five.

Promptly at the appointed time the Adelphians were in their appointed places full of anticipation for they knew Mrs. Williams to be an ideal hostess, and that an enjoyable afternoon was in store for them.

The Christmas spirit was carried out in every detail from the beautiful decorations to the unique star souvenirs. The first hour of the afternoon was given to progressive forty-two. Mrs. John Cope won high score and was presented with a beautiful picture. Following this was an interesting star contest in which Mrs. John Roberts excelled in "Star knowledge." The hostess had prepared a dainty guest towel for the winner of this contest.

At the conclusion of this contest the hostess served a delicious four course luncheon.

The guests for the afternoon were: Mesdames Hughston, Hunt, Ringgold, Burks and Misses Carter and Cope.

As the evening shades were gathering the Adelphians returned to their homes with memories of a pleasant Christmas meeting.

AN ADELPHIAN.

### Stock Law Election Notice

Notice is hereby given that in accordance with an order of the Commissioners Court of Foard County, Texas, made on the 11th day of December, 1916, acting upon the petition of more than fifty freeholders of the hereinafter mentioned subdivision, a special election will be held on Saturday, the 3rd day of February, A. D. 1917, at Foard City and Good Creek, for the purpose of determining whether horses, mules, jacks, jennets and cattle shall be permitted to run at large within the boundaries of Commissioners Precinct No. Three, of Foard County, Texas. 36

Look out for the old Texas watch maker. He has had 38 years experience in watch repairing and adjusting. If you have a watch that will not keep time bring it to me and if I do not make it keep time it will not cost you anything. All work guaranteed for 12 months. I am here to stay. On North side.—S. B. Johnson. tf

### Wood for Sale

Six miles south of Thalia, at Dixie School House at \$2.00 a load in pile, for common two-horse load. No frames or large wagon.—R. W. Bell, J. W. Cook in charge. 35p.

All persons are hereby warned not to hunt or trespass on my ranch premises under the penalty of being prosecuted for violating this order.—W. F. Minnick. 34p.

### Ayeraville Airings

School reopened Monday with a good attendance.

Claude Fox and Doc Washburn went to Davidson last week on business.

Greek Davis and family have moved to their farm they purchased from S. M. Tole.

George Pyle of Clayton, N. M., visited his cousin, R. M. Pyle and family last week.

E. W. Burrow and family have moved into the house vacated by H. M. Johnson.

Mesdames W. H. Minyard, W. E. Rector and D. M. Shultz were on the sick list last week.

Sim, Will and Mack Gamble moved a house from Crowell Monday out to the Rufus Gamble farm near Margaret.

Mrs. V. A. McGinnis went to Vernon Sunday to be at the bedside of her father and mother, Ladd who are quite ill.

Herman and Luther Greening and Escrage Kenner of Beaver attended the party at Johnie Gamble's Friday night.

S. M. Tole and family moved Monday to their new home which they purchased sometime time ago from T. F. Lambert.

J. H. Ayers took R. P. Hembree and wife and Mrs. H. Newth to Floydada Friday to visit Will Hembree and family.

D. M. Davis and wife and C. E. Blevins and family visited relatives near Wichita Falls and Devol, Okla., during the holidays.

Miss Blaine Reaves, assistant teacher in the Doanes school visited in the D. M. Shultz and Ray Pyle home during Christmas.

We have had a fine Christmas in this part of the county. There have been parties, dinners and other social gatherings too numerous to mention separately.

Misses Nobie and Birtie McGinnis and Velma Meadors, Messrs. Emmitt Pyle, Ernest Flowers and Alphas McGinnis made a trip to Vernon Sunday afternoon.

H. M. Johnson and family left Monday for their new home at Elmer, Okla. Mr. Johnson and wife have made many friends here who regret to have them leave us, but wish them success on their new farm.

Mrs. Luke Johnson and son, Walter, Miss Maude Gamble, Mrs. J. G. Thompson, Johnie and Miss Sue, accompanied Profs. Ed and Luke Johnson to Oklaunium Sunday where Ed took the train for Austin and Luke for Denton.

REPORTER.

### Card of Thanks

I take this means of thanking each and everyone who supported me in the diamond ring contest offered by the Foard County News, and hope I may be of service to each of you sometime.

MRS. CLARA PYLE.

No. 551.

Official statement of the financial condition of  
**THE FIRST STATE BANK**  
at Crowell, State of Texas, at the close of business on the 27th day of December, 1916, published in the Foard County News, a newspaper printed and published at Crowell, State of Texas, on the 5th day of January, 1917.

RESOURCES	
Loans and Discounts	\$165,074.51
Loans, Real Estate	400.00
Warrants (School)	2,535.25
Real Estate Banking House	10,000.00
Assessment Depositor's Guaranty Fund	148.68
Furniture and Fixtures	2,000.00
Due from Approved Reserve Agents, net	\$7,278.51
Due from other Banks and Bankers, subject to check, net of discounts	5,012.29
Cash Items	962.71
Currents	17,286.00
Specie	3,165.20
Interest on Depositors Guaranty Fund	1,972.19
Other Resources as follows: Bills of Exchange, advances on cotton, cotton seed	35,741.68
Total	\$331,977.12

LIABILITIES	
Capital Stock paid in	20,000.00
Surplus Fund	8,000.00
Undivided Profits, net	12,051.76
Due to Banks and Bankers subject to check, net	5,000.00
Individual Deposits, subject to check	208,768.29
Time Certificates of Deposit	5,000.00
Cashier's Checks	3,157.07
Total	\$331,977.12

State of Texas, County of Foard, ss: We, R. R. Waldrop, as president, and R. E. Gibson, as cashier of said bank, each of us, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of our knowledge and belief.

R. R. WALDRUP, President  
R. E. GIBSON, Cashier  
Subscribed and sworn to, before me this 3rd day of Jan., 1917. VERA WALDRUP,  
Notary Public Foard County, Texas.  
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Why have a shabby house when it will cost you so little to make it attractive with Devoe? Stop in to-day and let us give you a color card and show you several harmonious combinations.

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### B. Y. P. U. Meeting

Sunday evening at seven o'clock the B. Y. P. U. of the Baptist church had an open meeting, the subject being Foreign Missions. The meeting was conducted by E. J. Smith.

Interesting were the talks by Robert Watson and W. E. Stovall and the papers read by Miss Mamie Allen and Mrs. Arthur Bell on China and the missionaries who have gone there.

Miss Aurora Carter gave a good vocal rendition of the "The Holy City." Miss Carter has a very sweet voice with plenty of volume and with good training in time will make a singer that Crowell will be justly proud.

### J. L. Martin, President, Poet and Philosopher of the Northwest Texas Press Association

has sold his interest in the Foard County News to Kimsey and Klepper, and will devote his time to another line of work for the present. The News is a good newspaper, well patronized, in a good town. Here's hoping that the new management will enjoy the same liberal patronage received by friend Martin, and no doubt but what they will, as they are both experienced newspaper men and will give Crowell a good live newspaper.—Haskell Free Press.

J. L. Martin, the versatile and witty editor of the Foard County News, has sold his interest in same to T. B. Klepper of Crowell. Mr. Martin is president of the Northwest Texas Press Association, and his editorial style of writing will be missed by all the members of the Association if he doesn't get back in harness somewhere.—Hedley Informer.

Johnie Newsome of Amarillo was here last week visiting friends.

### Trespass Notice

A reward of \$50 will be offered for the conviction of any one caught trespassing in my pasture known as the Thacker pasture.—J. E. Bell. tf

### Fat Cattle Wanted.

I will buy your fat cattle at the best market price. Call, phone or write me if you have any to sell. J. W. Bell. 8-tf

W. E. Stovall spent a few days with home folks at Chico last week going through in his car. His sister, Miss Gena, accompanied him back to Crowell.

Can you think of a more appropriate gift or one more certain of appreciation than a vacuum bottle or a lunch set.—J. H. Self and Sons.

Mrs. Willie Belle McGee of Wilbur, Washington, is here to spend some time visiting her aunt, Mrs. R. P. Brindley.

Cream, 34c at Ringgold. tf

## H. A. HUNTER

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First-class Rigs and Reliable Drivers. See me when you have any baggage to be hauled. I will appreciate your patronage.

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I am prepared to handle all of your fat hogs and Cattle, and will pay the highest market prices  
Phone, see me or person, or write

**Zeke Bell**

Wood for Sale  
At my place nine miles south of town. \$1.50 per load; two-horse load.—H. J. Crosnoe. 36p

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One bay mare, 4 years old. See Tom Barnett, Bell Grain Co. 35p



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Don't waste your time and tax your temper trying to figure out your building problems. If you are thinking of building—whether it's a house, barn, garage or poultry house—come in and see us.

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We can show you building plans for all kinds of buildings for both farm and town purposes. And we can give you ideas and suggestions that may save you considerable money.

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\$25.00 an acre buys 391-acre farm on Good Creek and Crowell road, Baker or Collins farm. All of fractional section No. 26, block No. 44, H. & T. C. Railway lands. Write owner, J. R. Irion, Dallas, Texas. 34p.

Farmers, we want your wheat in exchange for flour. Our system of exchanging flour for wheat is convenient and safe, and our flour is first-class.—Bell Mill and Elevator Co.

If you haven't tried "Cream of wheat flour, why not? Not only as good, but better than any other, besides it is a home product. Get a sack from your merchant or at the mill.

Come early and let us have time for our best efforts on your Christmas portraits.—Cross & Cross.

Meet me at Ferguson Bros.

### Resolutions

The following resolutions were adopted at the teachers institute held in Crowell December 18 to 23, 1916.

1. That Foard county in recent years has experienced with much pleasure and not with regret a great increase in population. And that Foard county has ceased to be a frontier county and holds a prominent place among the many counties of Texas as promoters of education; and as a democratic body of teachers who know the need of expert supervision, and having discussed the great necessity of such county supervision with many of the trustees and patrons of the county, therefore we believe in order to obtain the greatest good, to get the smaller schools closer in touch with the higher schools of the county and to get the proper administration of the many duties connected with this work, it now becomes necessary to have a county superintendent. Therefore we teachers of the Foard County Institute ask that petitions be circulated securing the proper signatures and presented to the Commissioners Court asking that they hereby create the office of County Superintendent of Foard County.
2. Be it resolved, the teachers of Foard county assembled in institute, in view of the enormous cost to the people of Texas involved in a change of text books, and in view of the extreme improbability of getting a better series of books, all things considered, we therefore favor a continuation of the use of the present adopted series.
3. We recommend that our Ex-Officio County Supt. Hon. Judge Burk use his influence in calling the 1917 institute some time in which it may be held before the schools of the county begin.
4. In view of the fact that it has been demonstrated in many

# NOTICE!

We wish to announce that we have sold our entire stock of Groceries to Massie-Vernon Grocery Company and we want to thank our many customers and friends for their liberal patronage through the past years of our business in Crowell, and we will be glad to see our friends at any time. We wish to say that all accounts due the Crowell Grocery Company is still owned by them, and would thank each and every one to call at the old stand and settle same.

Wishing you, one and all, a very prosperous 1917, we are,

Yours very truly,

## Crowell Grocery Company

C. B. Williams, T. L. Hughston, F. B. Flesher

instances over the state wherein the county superintendent has been selected the people have been burdened by unqualified and cheap politicians. We therefore as a body of teachers hereby endorse and request our Hon. Representative Steve Bell to support the bill should this measure of selecting the county superintendent come up in the Thirty Fifth Legislature, to empower the County Board of Trustees with the authority to appoint the county superintendent of public schools of the various counties. Believing that this method will help to remove this office from politics and more and better services can be rendered the public schools of the counties having county supervision.

5. Resolutions of respect: Adopted unanimously, that we as teachers assembled, extend thanks to our worthy Chairman Prof. Taggart for his impartial and efficient way in which he presided during the meetings of the institute.

We further extend unanimous thanks to our worthy Ex-Officio County Superintendent Judge Burk for his able assistance in promoting the good work of the institute.

We also thank the members of the board of trustees of the Crowell High School for the use of the well equipped and heated school building in which the teachers institute was held.

We heartily thank the committee on critics for their able and efficient service and believe every teacher is indebted to a great extent very much for the service rendered.

We believe that the institute of Foard county has increased in interest and we heartily commend the teachers of Foard county for the service rendered and the earnest endeavor to make this institute one of the best ever held in the county. Therefore we believe that every teacher has been benefited and

believe that the pupils of the various districts will be repaid by the inspiration and learning that each teacher received in the study and discussions of the work during the institute.

J. L. YARBROUGH,  
LENA RASOR,  
I. J. DUFF.

Committee on resolutions.

### To Whom it May Concern

We, the undersigned farmers of Caldwell county, all living in and near Lockhart, Texas, grew Mebane cotton seed this year especially for the Jones-Ghormly Seed Co., for planting purposes, and wish to say to the public that these seed are of the genuine Mebane Triumph variety, and that generally we got a 500-pound bale of lint from 1250 pounds of seed cotton; sometimes it took a little more, sometimes a little less.

We are ginning our cotton at the Harrell Gin Company's Gin, principally owned by the parties who make up the Jones-Ghormly Seed Co. We do not hesitate to recommend these seed to any farmers who want good seed for next year.

F. M. Davis, J. V. Morris, R. L. Davis, A. B. Kewitz, W. D. Shelton, J. E. Harris, Ed Jolley, Wiley Kelly, R. E. Brown, L. S. Pogue, J. T. Teas, J. E. Kelly, T. B. Woodland, P. Schuenemann, A. C. Crippen, H. Lippe, A. P. Laws, D. G. Jones, R. M. Medlin and Wm. Voges.

These seed are handled by me at Crowell, Texas.—J. H. Olds. tf

Rev. R. E. Watson left last week for Beeville, Texas, in answer to a message that his aged mother was seriously ill and not expected to live. Since Bro. Watson arrived at the home of his mother word has been received here that she died before Bro. Watson arrived.

Herman White of Edna, Texas, spent a few days last week with his sister, Mrs. Sam Crews.

### Farm for Sale

My farm 195 acres adjoins the Crowell town section, south of the Depot. Improved farm with plenty of water, and hard to school, elevator, gins and town conveniences. Price \$9000.00, one fourth or more cash, balance to suit purchaser at eight per cent. Phone write me at Benjamin, Texas. 36p D. J. BROOKRESON

### Mules for Sale

I have sold my farm and am moving to town and have 2 head of coming 3 and 4 year old mules will sell for cash on time with good note.—J. D. Johnson. tf

### Fruit Cakes

We have some very choice Fruit Cakes. Those wanting cakes, make arrangements before they are all sold.—Crowell Bakery. tf

### For Sale

Team of good mares, wagon and harness, cow and calf. Also good Singer Sewing Machine, good as new, cheap.—W. E. Hallmark. 34p

### Horse for Sale

My fine registered Percheon Stallion for sale. Cheap for cash or will take good trade.—E. D. Shaw, Thalia, Texas. 38p

### Dr. Abernathy Coming

Dr. Abernathy, eye, ear, nose and throat specialist, of Altus, announces that he will be at Crowell Saturday, Jan. 6th, in his professional work.

No hunting nor trapping in Wishon's pasture. All steel traps found will be destroyed, because I don't want my dogs caught in traps.—J. W. Wishon. 34.

Your friends can buy anything you can give them except your photograph.—Cross & Cross.

Highest prices for turkey's.—Gabe Produce Company.

Money to loan on land at 8 per cent.—Perry & Greer. tf

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**Massie-Vernon Grocery Company**  
Crowell, Texas

played "On the Holy Mount."

The sun was gone and the last streak of red had faded out in the west, the stars have come out like so many millions of lights, the shepherd has closed his eyes in slumber. As the "Shepherd's Dream" was played by Edna Shaw we were under the spell of the music and heard the shepherd's call to his sheep and then one star shown brighter than the rest. Aurora Carter sang "The Star of Bethlehem." It was Christmas Day. We were making the rounds to the most interesting places in this quaint little village where Aunt Mary lived. Just around the corner of a big building we saw a sign Santa's Work Shop. We were so anxious to see what Santa had for all the boys and girls that we could hardly keep still until Caroline Shawver told us just how Santa manages to find out which boys and girls have been good. In Santa's shop Tom Burks was playing the "Dancing Bear," Mildred Cogdell had a "Jack in the Box" while Jewel League almost put us to sleep watching the "Sleepy Doll," but Marie Bell woke us up when she played the "Musical Clock." Marion Brindley had a Dancing Doll and Geneva Wishon a "Tin Soldier." A "Musical Box" and "The Butterfly" by Louise Garret and Vivian Huffaker completed the music of Santa's work shop.

Then we went back to Aunt Mary's and it was growing late, we heard the "Bells at Christmas" played by Lottie Cole as we journeyed along. We gathered around the fire, everything was very still and we were thinking over the joys of the day when Beulah Patton went to the piano and played softly "The Sleepy Song." Gretchel League was "Hanging the Stockings" and May Andrews gave the "Evening Prayer." "Now the birds had sought their nests" and Lucretia Bost played the "Child's Goodnight."

We had retired for the night when we heard the "Christmas Serenade." Then "Sweetest Memories" of a happy day and Auld Lang Syne, Winnie Self playing Nevin's "Good Night." The mothers of the music pupils were the guests. Delicious refreshments were served. We went to our homes feeling in our hearts a deep gratitude to Miss Essie for her painstaking and conscientious work with our children we place in her care.

ONE OF THE MOTHERS.

### Northwest Texas News

The clerk of Wilbarger county issued marriage license to sixteen couples during the holidays.

On Friday morning the Mutual Creamery of Stamford was burned almost to the ground. The cause of the fire was unknown. The loss was about \$2500.

T. E. Williams who is operating the Zena Theatre at Paducah is planning to build a modern opera house 75x120, to cost \$10,000. It is to be thoroughly modern in every particular.

Fire destroyed the business section of the negro quarters of Vernon last week. A grocery store, barber shops, restaurant, rooming house and confectionery were destroyed.

While O. O. Gillis and wife were out auto riding near Stamford, Mr. Gillis lost control of his auto and it ran into a deep ditch near the road. Both parties were painfully hurt, and the car was considerably smashed.

Ad Roark, aged 15, son of Page Roark, a farmer residing north of Vernon, was killed Christmas day by a collision with Burgess Roberts, aged 17, in a baseball game. The two were running to catch a fly ball and did not see each other.

In a spirit of mischief a small boy at Childress stopped in the middle of the road in front of an approaching auto near the railroad track. As the auto was crossing the track the driver slowed up and killed the engine. The auto was struck by a switch engine and shoved along the track for about fifty feet, being considerably wrecked. The occupants were not seriously injured.

## The New Year

It should be the aim of every one to make each succeeding year a better one than any that has gone before. How you succeed in that will depend very much on how you begin. You must begin right if you wish to come out right in the end. In making your year's outlays the two main objects to be kept in mind are quality and price. In anything in our line you will always find us "there with the goods" both in quality and price. Therefore we feel justified in soliciting your trade for 1917.

**C. T. Herring Lumber Co.**

## Cash Grocery Store

Wishes to extend their heart-felt thanks and appreciation to the public for their past patronage. We ask each and every one to visit our store and get our prices before buying elsewhere. We will sure make it to your interest to do so.

Same Price to One and All

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**Jas. H. Olds**

Crowell - - Texas

Dr. Baxter and wife of Stamford passed through Crowell last week enroute to Guthrie, stopping over here to visit the Whitfield families. They were accompanied to Guthrie by Ben Whitfield where they visited Judge J. F. Witherspoon and wife. They report hunting good in that section.

You can solve twelve Christmas problems with a dozen photographs.—Cross & Cross.

### Trespass Notice

No hunting or trespassing allowed on my premises. That means you.—P. E. Todd. 34p.

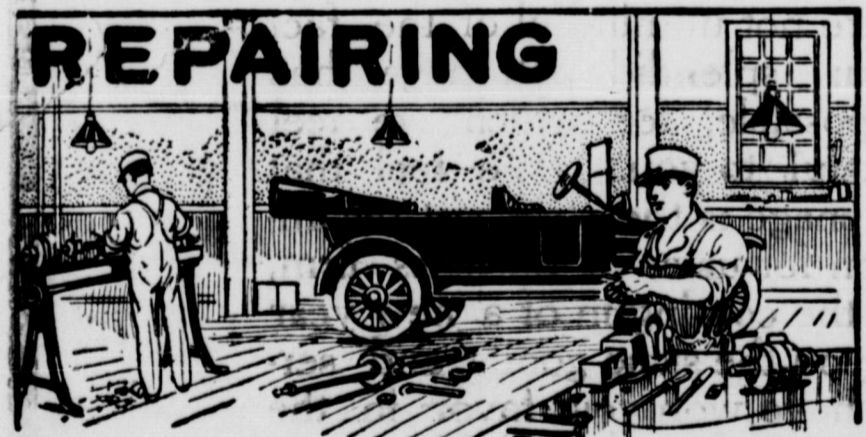
No hunting or trespassing allowed on the Halsel ranch. All violators will be prosecuted.—Furd Halsel. tf.

Style and Comfort are twins in every pair of gloves we sell, let us show you.—J. H. Self and Sons.

### A Christmas Musicale

The Christmas story will ever lend itself to the development of many forms of entertainment, but perhaps the most unique as well as entertaining Christmas story ever told in Crowell was given by the music pupils of Miss Essie Thacker at her home on the afternoon of December 22.

The music room was tastefully decorated with Christmas bells and mistletoe. Promptly at 2:30 we were told to put ourselves in the mood for a journey and draw on our imagination for the lesser details of the route. We were a child once more on our way to Aunt Mary's to spend Christmas eve. The snow was oh, so deep, but we were snugly packed in the sleigh and as the snow fell thick and fast our joy reached its height. As we drew near the village where Aunt Mary lived we heard the "Christmas Chimes" as Francis Clark played that ever clever arrangement by Greenwald. We love mystery and what time of the year lends itself to secrets more than Christmas. We had planned a present for mother, a surprise for father and even little baby brother was not to know our secret, but after all who can keep joyous "Christmas Day Secrets." The composer, Dutton, in arranging this little piece had in mind a little girl with blue eyes and chubby fingers about the size of Jewel Ricks so it was appropriate that she play "Christmas Day Secrets." Then came the "Twilight Lydl," 'twas evening. Ella Edgin played "The Evening Song" as we imagine it was played long ago. Then as we were out on the Holy Mount we listened to those awe inspiring tones which carried our minds back to the early days of the New Testament story. Aurora Carter, showing careful training and an appreciation of the composer's idea,



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### ENJOY THE PRESENT.

Get all the happiness you can out of the present. There can be no use in thinking of painful past things. They ought always to be forgotten as quickly as possible, for they have a trick of turning the present sour, the one thing we really have in hand. I like to make it as cheerful as possible, like to get, by industrious squeezing, every drop of honey out of it.—Betina von Arnim.

### Time For Bed.

Mr. Dumley was making an evening call, and Bobby, who was allowed to sit up a little later than usual, put to him the following question: "Mr. Dumley, do you want to make 5 shillings in ten minutes?" "Do I want to make 5 shillings in ten minutes?" laughed the young man. "Certainly I do. But how can I make 5 shillings in ten minutes, Bobby?" "Mamma will give it to you," told papa that she would give things to see you hold your ten minutes."—London Tel.

### Sufferers from Backache, Rheumatism, Lumbago and Kidney Trouble.

Before an Insurance Company will take a risk on your life the examining physician will test the urine and report whether you are a good risk. When your kidneys get sluggish and clog, you suffer from backache, sick-headache, dizzy spells, or the twinges and pains of lumbago, rheumatism and gout. The urine is often cloudy, full of sediment; channels often get sore and sleep is disturbed two or three times a night. This is the time when you should consult some physician of wide experience—such as Dr. Pierce, of the Invalids' Hotel and Surgical Institute, Buffalo, N. Y. Send for a free trial package of "Anuric." Write him and send a sample of your urine. Experience has taught "Anuric" is the most powerful solvent of uric acid, at 50c. at druggists.

# APPRECIATION AND GOOD WISHES

With the close of the old year we want to send you our best wishes for the New Year, and much prosperity for many years to come. The year 1916 has been a very unusual one in many ways, and we have all had to carry on our work under most extraordinary conditions. That 1917 will see the situation back on a normal basis, we believe is the earnest wish of all of us. But under any circumstances you may be sure of our best efforts to serve you at all times so as to make our line profitable to you. We appreciate your patronage and hope you will give us a continuance of it. You all have our best wishes for 1917 and for all time to come.



## Cecil & Company, Inc.

**Moving to Foard County**  
J. W. Boaz who has been living for some years in the Harold and Elliott communities, moved Saturday of last week to Foard County, eight miles north-east from Crowell. Mr. Boaz regretted to leave Wilbarger County but said he could do nothing else for he could not find a place to rent.—Vernon Record.

When a man heads in the direction of Foard county he just as well come on, for he always kills time when he stops along the way and tries to find a country as good as this.

**For Sale**  
Two pair work mules. Will sell on time for good notes.—John Coffey. 34p

If you want land in small tracks, on long time and 8 per cent interest, see B. J. Smith. 34.

Frank Shirley and wife of Dallas spent the holidays with Mr. Shirley's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. M. R. Shirley, of this place. Frank is in the photographic business in Dallas and is another one of Foard county's boys who is making good.

Verna Brown, through in his car to Sallis, Okla. the latter part of last week. He was accompanied by his brother-in-law and sister, Mr. and Mrs. Kelly of that place who had been here on a visit to Mrs. Kelley's parents, J. D. Brown and wife.

Grover Cole was in town Monday. Grover has rented a farm from Jack Roberts near Foard City and is now taking up his work for the year. Grover is one of the most industrious young men in this country and will do well anywhere.

**Candies**  
Come see our line of candies. We have the quality and prices on Xmas candies.—Crowell Bakery. tf

**Custom in Spain.**  
One thing specially is vital in Spain: "Costumbre," they say ("It is the custom"). It explains commercial honor tersely for the Spanish business man to keep his word and pay his bills; exactly as it is equally customary for him to lack what we call "honor" in some other departments of life. It is customary to do or not to do, to like or not to like a thousand things. Why? "Custombre" is the only reply. It is customary, moreover, not to yield readily to an improvement or a luxury, even as it is again equally customary, once the Spaniard has yielded to a given thing, to hold to it like adamant.—Exchange.

**Lengthy and Monotonous.**  
One of the most curious contracts entered into by an operatic artist was that agreed to by Farinelli. When he visited Spain, Philip V. was suffering from mental depression, from which nothing aroused him until the arrival of Farinelli. The queen was so delighted to see her royal spouse once more interested that she engaged Farinelli at a salary of \$10,000 to remain in Madrid. This he did, singing the same four songs to the king every night for ten years.

**Cautious.**  
"I've discovered a system by which my employer could get all the work in his office done with half the force he employs now."  
"Why don't you tell him about it and earn his undying gratitude?"  
"I don't dare to. He might decide that I am one of the men he could do without."—St. Louis Post-Dispatch.

**Losing Hope.**  
"Hope springs eternal in the human breast."  
"I don't know about that. Sometimes I think I am never going to get a real good cook."—Kansas City Journal.

**And No Kick.**  
First Idiot—Terrible accident in the phonograph factory.  
Party of the Second Part—How's that?  
First Idiot—This year's sales broke all the records.—Harvard Lampoon.

**Erskine's Retort.**  
Erskine, appointed lord chancellor, was offered at a low price the official robes of the retiring lord, but said: "No. It should not be said that I had adopted the abandoned habits of my predecessor."

**Thalia Items**

T. L. Ward was in Vernon on business Sunday.  
Mr. Shaw is threshing his peanuts this week.

Winnie Beidleman of Crowell visited the Misses Pigg the past week.

Frank Williams of Vernon visited at J. B. Grays several days last week.

John Adkins took his Oakland car to the shops at Chillicothe Saturday to have it rewired.

Cordelia Coffman who has been visiting relatives in East Texas returned home Sunday.

The party at H. Presley's Thursday evening was well attended and all report a nice time.

Miss Vivian Coffman has accepted the place of assistant teacher of the Gambleville school.

W. A. Walker has moved to his place at Rayland. J. C. Davis moved into the house vacated by Mr. Walker.

T. W. Washburn's daughter of Wichita Falls came in this week for a few days visit with her parents.

Luther Westerman, who attended school here last year, has been visiting in this vicinity this week.

Mrs. Ervin Teague and sister, Ora Scales, of the Black community spent Christmas with J. R. Coffman and family.

Owing to the fact that we have been celebrating Christmas we ask our readers to excuse us this week and we will certainly do better hereafter.

AYTCH.

G. W. Johnson left last week for Floyd county where he has purchased land and where he and his family will make their future home. Mr. Johnson is one of the old timers of Foard county and we regret to see him and his excellent family leave. But George does not say that he will not come back, and he is to be commended in exercising the wisdom of not selling his farm in this county.

**To Our Customers**

We wish to thank you for your patronage the past year. Illness during December caused a great delay in getting out some of our work. With the holiday rush past we are able to meet your demands.

Respectfully,  
CROSS & CROSS,  
Photographers. 34

**Ford for Sale**

I have a second-hand Ford car for sale. It is in good running condition and I will sell cheap.—T. J. Barnett. 34.



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Crowell, Tex.**

Oscar Bowman spent several days here this week from Lamesa, to which place he recently removed from this county. Oscar is one of Foard county's most industrious young men, and we are confident that he will make good in the South Plains country.

The sale of J. D. Johnson's farm to W. B. Matthews a couple of weeks ago by Beverly & Beverly was duly closed this week. Mr. Matthews returning home and will move his family here in a short time. We gladly welcome him and his family into our midst.

Tom Baker of El Centro, Cal., was here several days last week leaving Monday morning for Olustee, Okla., for a short visit before returning to California. Mrs. Baker and baby will remain in this part of the country this winter on account of the baby's health.

Clarence Self and wife, Herbert Edwards and Mrs. R. B. Gibson went to Chillicothe Sunday morning. Herbert took the train there for Waco and Mrs. Gibson will visit her mother a few days.

## Are You On the Fence



**AS TO WHERE YOU SHALL BUY YOUR LUMBER? Before deciding, perhaps you had better take a look through our yards. We keep in stock all kinds of Dressed and Undressed Lumber for all purposes. Cut from thoroughly seasoned timber and free from warpings and other blemishes. Builders and contractors will find it to their advantage to buy Lumber here.**

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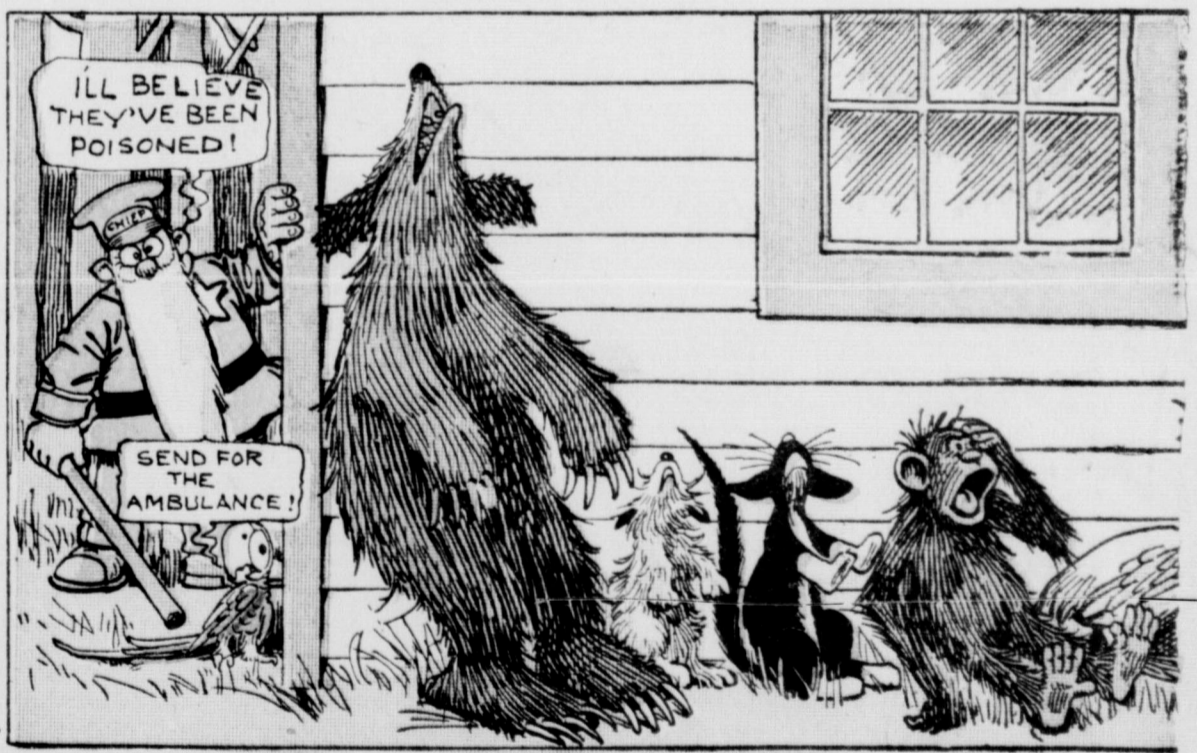
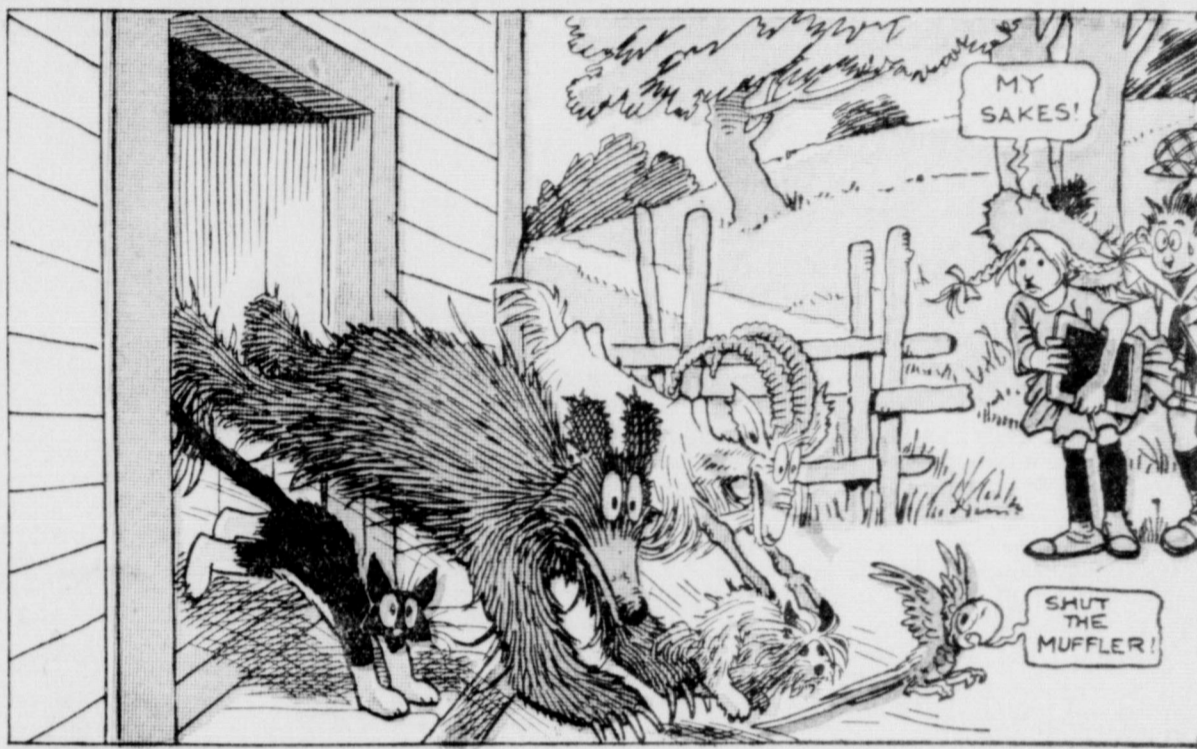
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## HANK: AND HIS ANIMAL FRIENDS By Walt McDougall



# MY FIRST LOVE AFFAIR

By MAZIE ADKINS

IT WAS just the other day that I passed a little cottage, hidden in the hills, embowered in trees, with maples at the front and back door, lilac bushes before the kitchen. It was white, low and a little long; and from it, at the right, ran a grape arbor to the small weather-beaten barn. Before its little hidden porch—for both lilacs and maples tried to bury it—and all the way to the neat stone wall at the road, where, too, the maples stood, there was a tangle of wild garden.

Bewildered with color, I saw violets, larkspur, pink phlox, yellow marigolds, purple and red petunias, and, of course, overrunning all this, old-fashioned roses. There was a golden quiet in the air, a drowsiness of bees and warm attics of musty honey, a cooing of doves in the clear gray twilight and misty shadows of pine tops in the moonlight.

It was to me the end of bitter contentions and wasted endeavor, for there I stood, besieged by memories, half forgotten memories of my childhood days. I saw my own white cottage home with the maples around it, I saw my boyhood friends, and with them I played again; but dearest of all, I saw in her sweet, simple beauty—my first sweetheart.

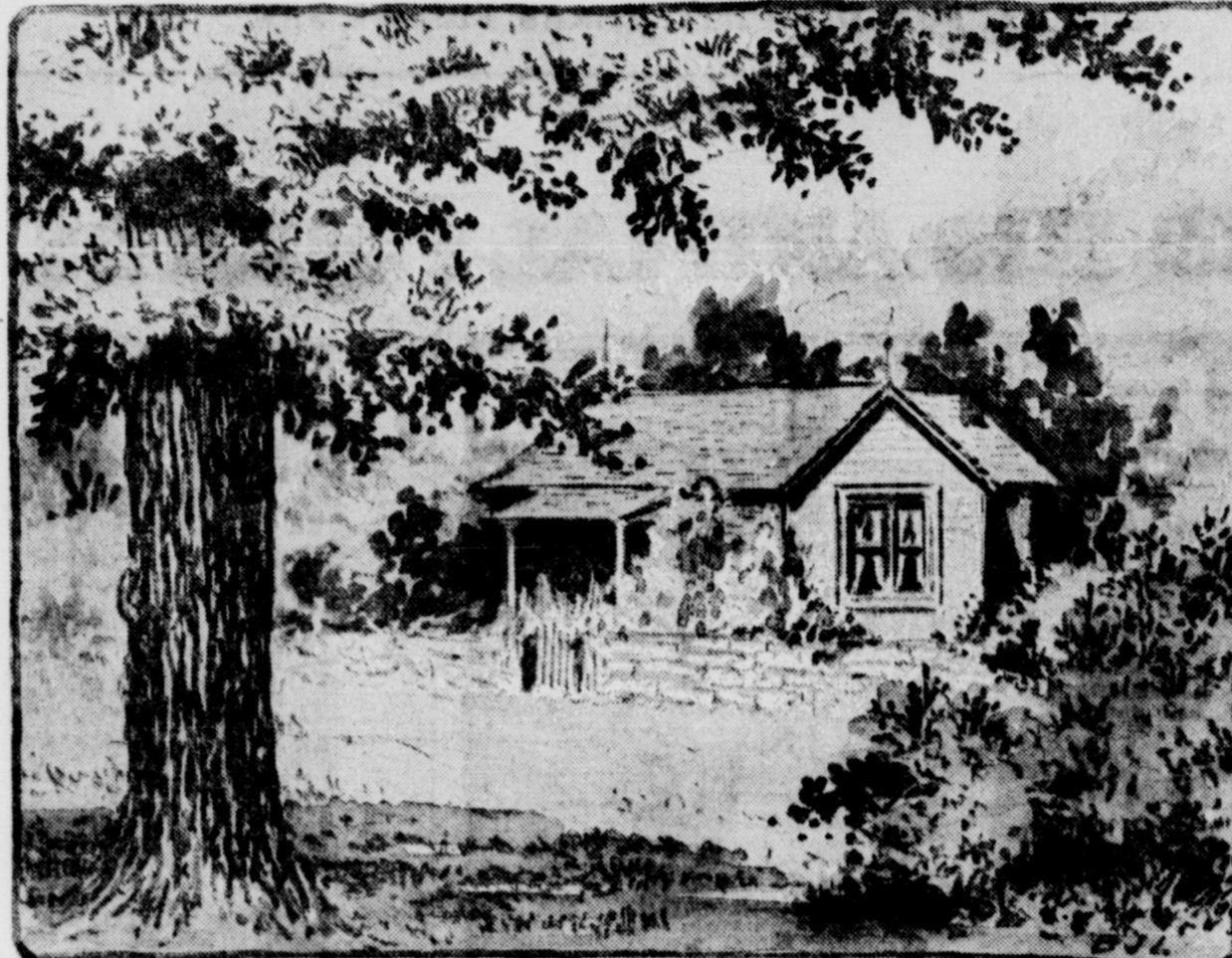
Again I was a freckled-faced, barefooted, ragged youngster, dreaming day dreams of when I, as a chivalrous knight errant, should contend with all, to spread afar the fame and beauty of my lady love and the glory of mine own valor. How many castles and citadels I stormed and won, only to place the honors at her feet and the laurels of success upon her brow; these are all chronicled in the lore of my boyish dreams. However, like Don Quixote, my aspirations, in the light of the experience I had had with poverty and the cruel world, were ridiculous.

Then again, amid these clouds, my sweetheart's smiles returned and were the light of my life. Her laughter was sweeter to me than a melody played by an angel on a golden harp. From being my bosom companion and soul mate when comparative fortune smiled on me, she became in my poverty and sorrow, my tender, ministering angel. Who could not love her, this sweetheart of mine, whose sincerely warm love could not fail to strew one's rockiest pathway with blossoms. It was for her I toiled when others slept or

revealed at the shrine of the pleasure god. It was for her I dreamed the dreams of confident youth and success. For her I planned and worked until the goal was reached. For her I dreamed when I should be, not a knight errant, but of days gone by, avenging his lady love, but a capitalist of more modern times, laying at her feet the more material gifts of money, automobiles, palatial residences, etc., the medium through which the world now gauges success.

no need to ask if her love would always remain true—I read it in every glance of her eyes, every word that fell from her lovely lips savored of it; it showed itself in every one of her sweet and simple though captivating ways.

So the years passed, treading upon one another in their haste, and then one day, opportunity knocked at my door, fortune smiled upon me and success crowned me at last. Then it was to her I hastened, directing my steps with all of the



"A little cottage hidden in the hills."

Yet the prosaic, monotonous routine of everyday life, neither seared the brightness of my dreams nor dimmed the ardor of my love. To her, I was still the Prince Charming of younger days;

enthusiasm of youth and happiness, my chest swelling with the consciousness born of the knowledge of a work well done. To her I first told of my newly acquired wealth, of the happi-

ness in store for both of us, of the fulfillment of all my youthful dreams. In her eyes I first saw the pride that I knew was another form of love.

That, I believe, was the proudest and happiest event of my life. We sat there together; she, the type of sweet, delicate womanhood, for whom man was made only to strive and conquer; I, the type of man to do the striving and conquering; still tingling with the happiness of my newly born success while the firelight flickered, alternately lighting and shading our faces, making her's more gentle and pretty, mine more tender and loving.

In the same sweet spirit we lived together in wealth as in poverty. My money procured for her all that money could buy; as in boyhood days my every movement was guided by thought of her. My every glory inscribed to her.

Yet she was still of the frail, delicate type and the early years of poverty and struggle had served to strengthen naught save her unconquerable spirit. Into my life the shades again began to gather. Notwithstanding my careful guardianship, my flower was beginning to wither. Frankly, I did my best to stay the dread hand of death. Doctors, the best the world could offer, pitted their strength and skill with mine, but all to no avail, for the Angel of Death had overshadowed our home—a home that was now to become a mockery.

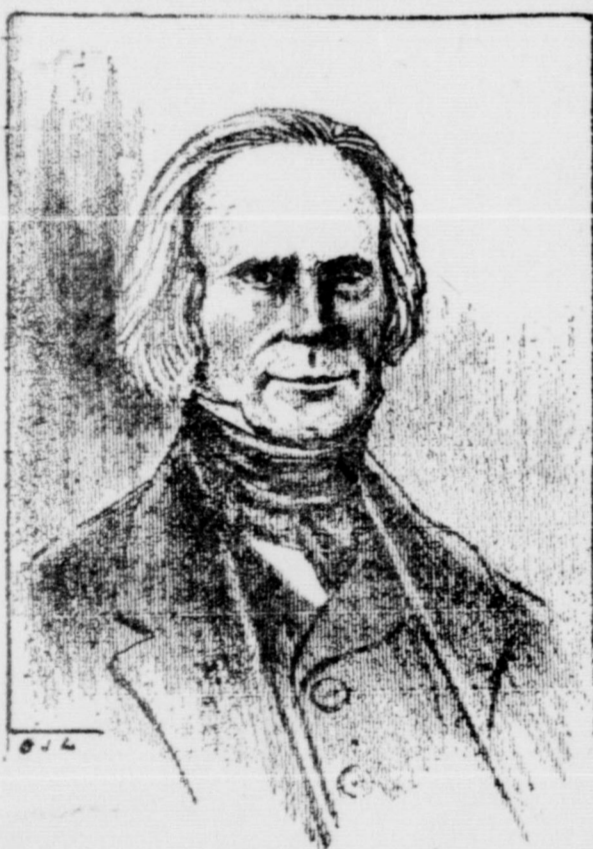
With her hand in mine, her eyes when her lips failed, still speaking to me words of love which to this day I treasure, her sweet spirit passed into the Beautiful Beyond.

All of my worldly success now seemed as nothing. My love was no longer returned, yet more profusely than ever I gave it. She was gone in all save memory and there will she remain, crowned with the sweetness of a pure love. Yet that all might know of the sweetest and best of women, the noblest and truest of sweethearts, there stands to her memory a little gray monument above where all that is mortal of her remains and on it I have written our romance. Passers-by: read these words cut into the gray of the marble:

A MONUMENT  
TO THE  
UNDYING LOVE  
OF A  
SON  
FOR HIS  
MOTHER.

## Defeated Presidential Candidates

SOME WERE BAD  
LOSERS—OTHERS GOOD



HENRY CLAY

Most Defeated Presidential Candidate of History, but Never Lost Hope.

BY JOHN ELFRETH WATKINS.

AMONG our defeated presidential candidates have been all grades of good and bad losers.

Some have never recovered from the disappointment. One died heart-broken within the month of his rival's election. Others, after the last count, have bobbed up in the ring with a renewed "pep" that has assured victory in the next bout. A few who never could come back defeat seems to have made rather than marred.

In the earliest days elections were too much cut and dried to cause any surprise. There was a list of our country's fathers to be honored before they died and few begrudged them the honor. The only storm that disturbed the tranquility of these earliest days resulted from the tie between Jefferson and Burr, in 1800. Each got seventy-three votes and the choice devolved upon the house, which chose Jefferson. Burr proved to be a good loser. Defeat left him less embittered than victory left Jefferson, for the latter was ever afterward imbued with a bitter jealousy of the man who had been his equal before the electoral college.

The cup of defeat became bitter again when John Quincy Adams, losing to Andy Jackson, wrote blundering letters to certain electors, hoping to dictate their choice, and then refused to extend to his rival the hitherto invariable courtesy of attending his inaugural party at the capital.

But John Quincy proved to be a good sport after his temper had cooled. He threw tradition to the wind and got himself elected to the house of representatives, where, after serving seventeen years, he died as every real man hopes to—in harness.

Grandpa Harrison was a good loser. Although he had a foot in the grave he kept pounding away, hammer and tongs, until he finally took the belt from Van Buren. And "Little Van" himself was

made of the same kind of stuff. After his first defeat by Old Tippecanoe he slammed his hat back into the ring and worked for the next nomination. Defeated now by the two-thirds rule, he waited four years more and pulled off a Bull Moose coup—heading a third party, which defeated Cass, the regular Democratic nominee, and thus elected Zachary Taylor.

### Henry Clay Was a Stayer.

Henry Clay was even more of a chronic candidate than Mr. Bryan. In 1832, while in the senate, he got the nomination but was defeated by "Old Hickory." Again, in 1839, he tried to become his party's candidate, but although he had a decided plurality in the convention, he had to see his strength dwindle away to Harrison after a two days' battle. His friends were harder losers than was he. He remained in the senate as the leader of his party. Then, like our modern queens of the drama, he commenced a series of "last appearances." Two years after retiring from the senate into private life he got the coveted Whig nomination, but was defeated by Polk. Four years later he was a prominent candidate before the convention, but Zachary Taylor carried off the nomination. Not a jot daunted by this series of defeats, the Great Commoner returned to the senate forty-three years after he had first entered it and he was serving in that body at the time of his death, four years later.

Cass, after having been whipped by Taylor, returned forthwith to the senate, from which he had resigned to accept the nomination. Four years later he tried to carry his party's convention a second time, but was unsuccessful. He remained in the senate until he became Buchanan's secretary of state, from which office he resigned when Buchanan refused to back up Anderson at Fort Sumter.

Not having taken the usual chance by resigning his public office when accepting the presidential nomination, Major General Winfield Scott, United States Army, did not feel so bad after his defeat by Pierce. He still had his military rank, pay and allowances and after reaching retirement age, nine years later, he toured Europe.

Fremont, after suffering defeat at the hands of Buchanan, became a major general in the civil war, but got into a series of squabbles which led to his resignation. In 1864 he was again nominated for the presidency by a convention of Republicans dissatisfied with President Lincoln, but four months later when asked by a committee of Republicans to withdraw for the success of the party, he complied. Later he became a promoter of a railway from Norfolk to San Francisco, but became involved in complications by agents who while attempting to negotiate a loan in France made the false declaration that the bonds were guaranteed by the United States. The French government, holding him responsible, summoned him for trial, and when he failed to appear in person sentenced him to a fine and imprisonment for default. Later he became territorial governor of Arizona.

### A Graceful Loser.

The very best loser in the whole galaxy of candidates was the "Little Giant"—Stephen A. Douglas. After receiving his trouncing from Lincoln he took it like a man, attending his rival's inauguration and holding the latter's big stovepipe hat while he was making his inaugural address. Then Douglas went home and died, praying that the union would be preserved.

After his defeat by Lincoln, McClellan found himself out of a job, for, unlike General Scott,

he had resigned his army commission upon accepting the nomination. Declining the presidency of both the University of California and Union college, he became chief dock engineer of New York city. Then he served a term as governor of New Jersey. Declining renomination, he traveled abroad and published his observations.

Following his defeat by Grant, Seymour retired to his home near Utica, declined both the governorship and senatorship and fell dead from sunstroke.

### Horace Greeley's Grief.

The saddest sequel that ever brightened a presidential campaign left Horace Greeley in the public memory as a pathetic figure. While he was away campaigning against Grant his wife took to her death bed and after his return he spent weeks in devoted attendance at her side. Then came her death and about a week later his defeat, after a bitter campaign in which his old associates had branded him as a turncoat and traitor. Grief and disappointment brought on an attack of pernicious insomnia, resulting in inflammation of the brain, from which he died during November, the month of his rival's election.

Four years later came the closest election of history, followed by a defeat which while not embittering the unsuccessful candidate to the degree that Greeley was embittered, nevertheless enraged the defeated party far more than any other American election. Tilden, although backed by a plurality of 251,000 in the popular vote, received only 184 electoral votes to Hayes' 185, and after a bitter wrangle the electoral commission finally awarded the palm to the Republican. Taking his defeat like a man, Tilden until the end of his life retained first rank in the leadership of his party, but declined to become a candidate in the following battles. Having a fortune of \$5,000,000, retirement did not entail any hardships. During the closing years of his life he arranged for philanthropies which his next of kin contested after his death. He died a bachelor.

General Hancock, who like the hero he was named for—General Winfield Scott—retained his army rank throughout his campaign and thus continued to enjoy it after his defeat by Garfield.

### The Plumed Knight.

Second only to Clay in the persistency of his candidacy was James G. Blaine. For nearly twenty years his name was in everybody's mouth whenever a national convention assembled.

A recent writer on the subject has said that Blaine would have been nominated in 1876 had not the gas been turned off in the convention hall. On the first ballot at that convention he received 285 votes out of a total of 754. On the seventh ballot his vote rose to 351, lacking only twenty-eight of a majority, but at this supreme moment the gas in the convention hall was turned off.

In the convention of 1880 he was again prominent and powerful as a candidate for nomination and on the first ballot received 204 votes.

There is still an unsatisfactory doubt in many minds as to whether the "Plumed Knight" was not actually counted out in 1884, and there can be no two opinions as to the certainty of his nomination in 1888, but for his own declination in favor of Harrison.

The election of 1884 turned upon the vote of the state of New York and, as will be readily recalled, the state was lost to the Republican party by the narrow margin of 1,047 votes. This was the nearest Mr. Blaine ever came to the coveted prize.

The causes which contributed to his defeat have never been arranged in the order of their importance, but probably the most efficient of them was the famous Fifth Avenue hotel speech of Rev. Dr. Samuel D. Burchard, in which he made use of the blasting alliteration, "Rum, Romanism and Rebellion," which characterization of the Democrats was permitted to go unrebuked by Mr. Blaine.

After his defeat for the election in 1884 he wrote the second chapter of his biography and continued to be active in Maine politics. After Harrison's election he became secretary of state, but failing to agree with the man whom he felt that he had made, he resigned from his council board.

### Harrison Took Another Wife.

Cleveland, after his defeat by Harrison, retained his party leadership and after using his influence to defeat the free silver bill threw his hat again into the ring, trouncing the man who had trounced him four years before. Harrison, now turned out of the White House, took unto himself a young wife and made more money than he had made during all the former years of his life put together. As counsel before the Anglo-Venezuelan boundary commission he received a fee that amounted to a handsome fortune, and for a series of magazine articles a Philadelphia woman's journal paid him \$1,000 a page. He was also paid handsomely for a course of lectures at Leland Stanford Jr. university.

Defeat never made much of a dent in the epidermis of Alton B. Parker. Although his campaign cost him an exalted place upon the bench, the publicity that he gained through his candidacy vastly boosted his law practice. Retaining his influence with his party's leaders, he became permanent chairman of the convention that nominated Woodrow Wilson four years ago.

It is believed that after each of his three defeats Mr. Bryan was a richer man than before. The publicity of his first campaign aided the sale of his books and enabled him to command high prices on the lecture platform. After his second defeat he established his paper, a paying enterprise, and was paid a high figure by a syndicate for which he toured the world as a newspaper correspondent. After his third defeat he further enriched himself through agricultural enterprises and retained sufficient power within his party to dictate the nomination of its next candidate. His subsequent career has been a parallel of that of Blaine. After heading the cabinet of his successor as the party's head he failed to agree with the latter's policies and retired from public life.

Since his defeat Mr. Taft has settled down on a modest \$5,000 a year as Kent professor at Yale, has been honored with the presidency of the American Bar association and has written a book on popular government.

If Mr. Roosevelt can be classed as a defeated candidate, his defeat has deprived him of little of his old-time punch. Since he left the White House he is believed to have earned, through his writings, a million dollars. Since his coup which defeated Taft four years ago he has served two years as "contributing editor" of a New York magazine, has successfully prosecuted one man for libel and has successfully defended a libel suit against himself, has explored the wilds of Brazil and the "Roo Teodoro," has lectured in Spain and has been the author of eight published volumes.

### Share Your Joys.

Grief can take care of itself; but to get the full value of a joy you must have somebody to divide it with.—Mark Twain.

# ORGANIZATION AND WORK Of the State Highway Departments

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## PART III.

**I**N the previous articles on this subject the organization and work of state highway departments was discussed in a general way, and in this article the detailed organization of a few typical states will be given.

The most elaborate highway department is probably that of New York. The organization in that state has been changed several times since it was first established so that the present department is the result of many experiments. The head of the department is the state highway commissioner, and immediately under him are three deputy commissioners, a secretary and an auditor. The first deputy has charge of construction, the second deputy has charge of the maintenance of state and county highways, and the third deputy has charge of the improvement and maintenance of township highways. In the main office there are twenty-nine engineers and other executive assistants, besides the draftsmen, clerical force and men in the testing laboratories.

The state is divided into nine districts, the organization in each district consisting of a division engineer, from one to four resident engineers, and a force of engineering assistants, inspectors, foremen and laborers. Each county has a county superintendent of highways.

The maintenance of the state department in 1915 cost about \$1,600,000 and during that year 1,087 miles of state highways were constructed at an average cost of from \$10,000 per mile for macadam to \$25,000 per mile for brick. About 2,300 miles of road were resurfaced, and 728 patrolmen were employed in the work of maintenance and minor repairs.

In the Massachusetts highway department are employed from 60 to 120 engineers, draftsmen, etc., depending upon the amount of work on hand. The state is divided into four districts, each in charge of a division engineer, and each division engineer has one or two assistants in charge of particular work. As many resident engineers as are needed are assigned to the different division engineers from time to time. The Massachusetts department is much smaller than that of New York and did only about one-tenth as much construction work in 1915, but it has always been unusually free from political interference. The department has been conducted upon sound business principles and is very efficient.

One of the best highway systems in the United States is that of Maryland, but if it had had no state highway department, Maryland would probably still be floundering in the mud, with its improved roads unconnected, the same as Texas roads are today. The trunk line system is selected entirely by the state roads commission and every stage of the work is completely under the control of the commission.

The engineering department consists of a chief engineer, assistant engineer, maintenance engineer and eight resident engineers located in the different parts of the state. There are no division engineers, as they seem to be unnecessary in a state as small as Maryland. The other employees consist of a counsel, secretary, purchasing agent, engineer of surveys, fifteen draftsmen, about sixty-five inspectors and various other engineering assistants, clerks, etc. The annual expenditure for all road work is about \$5,000,000, or less than half of what Texas spends for new construction alone.

The Illinois highway commission was established ten years ago. When established its duties were purely advisory and the appropriation for the support of the department the first year was only \$25,000, but its great value to the state was soon recognized and its duties, powers and appropriations have been increased from year to year. As at present constituted, the engineering organization is divided into five bureaus under the chief state highway engineer. These are: 1. Bureau of auditing; 2. bureau of testing; 3. bureau of maintenance; 4. bureau of loads; 5. bureau of bridges.

The bureau of auditing is in charge of the chief clerk, assisted by bookkeepers, stenographers and clerks.

The bureau of testing is in charge of the testing engineers and the work is divided into laboratory testing and field testing. The testing engineer has the necessary laboratory assistants and clerical force.

The bureau of maintenance is in charge of the maintenance engineer and assistant maintenance engineer. There is an engineer in charge of township work, who has charge of state machinery and convict labor, a clerk in charge of the distribution of crushed stone from the state prisons, and a bookkeeper.

The bureau of roads is in charge of the road

engineer and under him are the assistant road engineer, an office engineer, and the chief draftsman. A large force of draftsmen and a few clerks are employed in this bureau.

The bureau of bridges is in charge of the bridge engineer and under him are the assistant bridge engineer and an office engineer. The office engineer directs the bridge draftsmen.

The field work is in direct charge of seven division engineers who report to the road engineer concerning road work and to the bridge engineer concerning bridge work. Each division engineer has a number of resident engineers, survey parties and draftsmen who are employed on the state roads and he also has limited authority over the county highway superintendents and township highway commissioners.

The county highway superintendents are paid by the counties and are nominated by the county officials, but no county highway superintendent can be appointed until he has passed an examination given by the state highway department. Under this arrangement the local officials have the power to choose their superintendent except that the taxpayers are protected from the appointment of an incompetent man for political or other reasons. Virtually the law says to the county officials: "Appoint anyone you wish so long as you choose a competent man." Plans and specifications for county road work are drawn up by the county superintendents, but on work costing over a certain amount the plans and specifications must be approved by the state highway department.

It seems to the writer that the Illinois organization would be well adapted to a state like Texas, except that in some parts of the state the county highway superintendent might have charge of the work in several counties. With such an organization the annual waste of millions of dollars through the misguided efforts of untrained and inexperienced road officials would be stopped, and the cost of the department would be repaid many times over in the savings, to say nothing of the vastly better roads which we would have.

It may be of interest to Texans to know that one of the most efficient highway departments in the country, and therefore one of the finest road systems, is that of a western state, California. When California decided to stop educating innumerable local officials at the expense of the state, and getting little in return in the

way of roads, she decided to go about establishing a highway department in an absolutely business-like way. Instead of saying, "We will give the job of chief highway engineer to a citizen of California whether we have a competent man or not," the commissioners said, "We will get the best man we can find for the job, and if he lives outside of the state we will not only get a first class highway engineer, but we will also make another valuable man a citizen of California." At least they acted on that principle, for they searched the whole country over and finally selected an excellent highway engineer from the far away state of Massachusetts.

The chief engineer, with the advice and consent of the commission, then proceeded to organize the department as if it were a private corporation, engaged in the business of building roads. The engineering corporation consists of an assistant state highway engineer and eight division engineers located in different parts of the state, each having the necessary engineering and clerical assistants. Under the chief engineer there is also a purchasing department, an accounting department, a finance and disbursing department and a legal department. The total number of people employed by the commission was 250 in 1912 and was probably much larger during the greatest rush of construction. Politics apparently played no part whatever in the various appointments, but applicants for positions were required to state their experience, give references, etc., and then were selected on their merits. Under this department California is building a system of roads the equal of which cannot be found within 2,000 miles.

It seems more than a mere coincidence that those states which have the strongest state highway departments also have the best roads, and that no state without a strong state highway department has anything approaching a logical highway system. It is perhaps too much to expect that Texas will immediately install a department like that of New York, Illinois, or California. In fact, it probably would not be advisable to start off too big, but the competent engineering supervision of all road work in the state is the goal toward which we should aim, and we should profit to the utmost by the experiences of other states. These experiences all show the immense value of a strong state highway department.

## CLINGING TO HOMES WOMEN AND CHILDREN BRAVE DEATH RATHER THAN DESERT THEIR HOMES IN WESTERN FRANCE

**W**ILLIAM T. MARTIN, the war correspondent, sends from the battlefield the following narrative of how old men, women and children brave death rather than desert their homes in the shell-swept towns of western France:

"The French town near the base of the hill on which now for more than two years have been the French and German first line trenches has sections that remain standing. They are areas where numbers of houses, some half shot down, overlook heaps of ruins.

"There are streets that still look like streets, where buildings, running down them on both sides intermittently, have in some fashion escaped the scores of bombardments of the Germans.

"During late months the fighting over on the hill has been incessant almost, attack follows attack and in the slaughter the hill runs in blood continually. So far neither side has been able to drive the other off, of such importance are the positions, and the fighting goes on.

"While from the hill the town seems dead in the daytime and in the night there is no light of any sort, here and there in the houses still live civilians—those who have spent their lives here and would rather take chances with death than leave the place. They go about on secluded sides of streets, making little noise, and from the hill are rarely seen.

"The widow who chose to remain in her home when most of the inhabitants left at the beginning of the war and the months following is still here and unhurt. Month after month, always believing and hoping the war would be over in a little while, she stayed on, while her neighbors continued to leave.

"At present, in the quietness of the night, the vivid sketches and photographs of the war and the news of the action along the front which the woman and the boy read from the journal as they sit before the open fire seem more real than a sharp crack of sound and a deep, resonant booming which occasionally rattles the articles in the room. Most of it they hear subconsciously.

"It is a cosy room. The woman has taken pains to make it so, gathering the best from the other parts of the house to make it as homelike as possible. The boy is an orphan. His mother, her lifelong friend and neighbor, lived a few doors down the street. Her house went down some time ago in a bombardment and she was in it. With others caught in the same bombardment they buried her in the cemetery on the other side of the creek in the night time, so the Germans on the hill could not see the procession cross the little bridge.

"So the woman alone, her son and only child fighting, took the boy to her house. Later came the news of the father's death in an attack. The two now live together.

"The journal they are reading is the latest in the town, brought up from Paris by train and automobile four days behind the usual time. It was purchased at a news stand down the street, in the public place where behind great stacks of sand bags some nervy villagers still keep their stores for the benefit of what soldiers and officers are quartered in the town and the civilians left. There are not many troops here. It is too near the fighting. Were it packed with soldiers like the towns in the rear the Germans would probably make it difficult for any life to exist in it.

"The woman and boy sit a long time before the fire, absorbed in the paper. They are ab-

sorbed in the bit of souvenir of the world without until the occasional sharp reports in the night, which they have hardly heard, all at once multiply, hundreds of them beat away at the same time—noises from countless rifles and machine guns—and there is a sudden increase in the number and heaviness of the dull crashes.

"The two as suddenly almost straighten up in their chairs, erect and intent, while they look askance at each other.

"Another attack! the woman says quietly and listlessly. She rises, turns the lamp very low, so low that hardly any flame is left, goes to the door, opens it and disappears while the boy follows. Quickly the door is closed again.

"Outside is the blackness of pitch. There are no stars, for the night is rainy. With the beginning of autumn it rains most of the time. Seen indistinctly are buildings round about—jagged things here and there. A flame from a match or a candle over the shadow of the buildings could be seen for miles.

"The two look up over the tops of the houses in the direction of the sound. It seems the noise has increased. The thousands of reports and explosions blend into a din, like countless giant tick-tacks at work in unison, and the buildings and the ground about them shake. Where they look flashes glare into the night.

"Then where their eyes are fastened in the blackness a single line of fire rises into the sky, reaches a great height and while still rising suddenly breaks into a great ball of greenish light. High in the heavens it stops, floats along and looks like an immense star.

"Beneath it in the ghastly glare is seen the outline of a hill that towers up at the end of town. It is hard to believe that here is one of the hottest places along the lines. In a few seconds the flare goes out. But before it disappears another similar fire streak shoots upward and also bursts into light. It is followed by half a dozen others an instant later. There are other colors now, blue, white and red, but the prevalent color is green. Among them are seen the fireballs of the Germans. Instead of floating along the sky they remain in motion and almost come to earth again before they go out.

"With the added light the town shows up ghostlike and lifeless. The movements of the shadows cast by the buildings do strange things with the eye. It is difficult to think this is really a part of the world.

"The rockets continue to burst high in the air and while the din beats into the town and hurts the ear, suddenly above all comes a sharp, splitting crash. It is in the rear of where the woman and boy stand. So rending it is that the two start suddenly and clutch at each other.

"The sound was from the battery in the sector on the other side of the town. The two have heard the same noise now for over two years, but so sharp is it that it startles.

"It is followed by two more reports in rapid succession. Instantly following each time is another sound, which because of its sharpness penetrates above the din—a peculiar tearing swish, like the ripping of heavy silk, that rends through the sky and in another second is lost. Apart from the noise over on the hill the educated ear of the woman can distinguish an instant later sharp crashes. They are the shells of the battery exploding on the German trenches.

"She has marked this battery for many months. In it is her son. That is why. Every now and then it changes in position, but she has learned to know it by the sound of its shells; they are of

the 90 millimeter caliber, and as they tear through the air they make a sound peculiarly their own. She nervously awaits the sound of shells from German batteries in reply in efforts to silence it. But there is nothing.

"As suddenly as the noise began it stops. There is nothing but several cracks of rifles, the sharper, serried beating of the machine guns, a final single crack or two, and again is silence. A lone rocket ball dies out in the sky, sending down spark strings, another one rises, bursts star-like, goes out also and with the silence comes blackness again.

"The two stand there a while longer, silent and listening. There is only quiet. Then the battery in the other sector suddenly cracks out. This time the swish of the shell through the sky fills all, the explosion of it is distinctly heard on the hill, its flash is seen, then quiet once more.

"It sounded like an attack," the woman says. "After so much fighting lately their nerves are on end," she adds, "and they are quick to respond even when they imagine things."

"They seek the warmth of the cosy room again. When the door is securely closed they turn up the light.

"They sit by the fire a while longer and are ready to go to bed, when there is another noise, a shrill, unearthly shriek, silence for an instant, and a heavy crash that is different from anything they have just heard.

"It shakes the things in the room violently, the house itself and the whole town, while in the first impulse, as they have done many times before, they lower their heads and hold their faces tensely drawn for a spell. It is only for an instant, then the boy grabs the woman's dress, while around them in the night is a rattle and clank of things falling on tiled roofs.

"It is over in the other end of town," the woman comforts the boy. "It fell over there. Listen!"

"As she speaks they hear a low, deep, rumbling noise afar off. There is silence a second, then as they listen, ears strained, faces drawn and motionless, through the fireplace comes a hollow, low, steady sound, half whistle and half roar. An instant later it becomes an undulating swish that grows to a rasp, and then becomes a shriek that because of its blood curdling intensity pierces and grasps everything—holds the two cowering and motionless.

"A second later there is another giant crash and the town and the things in it shake again.

"They are passing over," the woman soothes the child; "no danger."

"Then she remains in silence the better to hear the faint rumble as the far away batteries send along the next shells to tear death and devastation into the town. It is in retaliation, they think, in reply to the shells of the battery in the sector on the other side of the town a short time ago.

"The crashes follow every four minutes. So now they know better when to listen. The shells are crashing into the other end of town. But now it seems one exploded nearer, possibly down the street. The house shakes violently and a large amount of debris can be heard falling over this part of town.

"Quickly the woman pushes the child through an open door and follows. They go down some steps and are in the cellar. She has barricaded this place, has built up stacks of sandbags around the two little windows looking up into the street. She has arranged two beds down here, where they can sleep for the night if they wish.

"It is damp, however, so they stay here until

they think it is over, ten minutes after the last shell has exploded, and come up into the house again. The resonance in the cellar of the shells tearing overhead was not pleasant to hear.

"They wait around a while longer to make sure it is over, then prepare to go to bed. They sleep on the same floor. Recently a shell tore into the top floor of the house. Fortunately for them it failed to explode, but it left the upper part of the house a wreck.

"Now, except for the occasional sharp reports on the hill, growing less frequent as the night advances, the only sound is an incessant rumble passing over the town, that of the endless line of wagons carrying supplies to the trenches under cover of night.

"It goes through the village on the other side and from here the rumble of it sounds more like the distant roar of a mountain torrent. It sends the two to sleep.

"Some of the wagons will branch off at the end of town to the batteries on the other side. Some will go to the battery where is the widow's son. He has passed through more than seems possible after the months of war and yet he still lives. She wonders whether he will be spared.

"Once in the night she suddenly awakes from a restless sleep, as though from long habit, as a shell tears through the sky from somewhere far over on the other side. From the crash as it explodes it must have fallen in the vicinity of his battery. From habit she wonders whether he is still safe.

"The next day, stealing across the creek toward the town are a string of men bearing things between them—bodies of men on stretchers.

"They come from the battery. One of the bodies in which there is yet a little life is that of a young man. They take him to the ambulance in town, the only hospital in the place.

"On the way over he is asking for someone, a woman in the town—his mother. They send for her; she rushes over with a scream, but he is already dead.

"It is evening and quietness reigns—stillness except for the occasional crack of a rifle in the trenches.

"The woman and the boy sit huddled up in their room, the room that has again been spared. The woman comforts the boy, herself to appearances collected. The boy does not know.

"It is a beautiful night, stars shine, and she finds herself wondering again and again stupidly why there should be such beautiful things!

"She has a thought she will leave town the next day. She has thought that many times after bombardments like this. But she knows she will stay on.

"She knows of no reason to go."

### The New "Front Entrance Street Car."

The Northern Texas Traction company is operating a new type of street car on the Summit Avenue line in Fort Worth, called "the front entrance street car." These new cars are faster, lighter and more flexible than their other street cars, are stopped and started quickly by the latest improved air brake equipment, and are intended to greatly lessen the possibility of accidents. The door opens automatically when the car stops, and in order to avoid delays the company has requested that passengers be ready to leave the car immediately when the car stops. Fort Worth was the first Texas city selected in which to try out the new cars.

# United States Army Life

ON THE TRAIL  
Diary of H. H. McConnaughey, Sixth United States Cavalry From 1866 to 1878.

FORGET IT!

(The worry of high priced feed stuff can easily be forgotten by getting next fall's crop in an Indiana State)

## CHAPTER XVI.

**T**HE camps selected by our commander were invariably as distant from both wood and water as it was possible to locate them, unless, as one of the men humorously remarked, "He thought he could get nearer to the water in an opposite direction by going further away from where he was."

However, on this trip I was rapidly nearing the expiration of my term of service, and felt, as some fellow similarly situated once expressed it, "as if I could stand on my head for the few remaining months of service if necessary," and the peculiarities of fellows like our major would worry me no more.

I am glad to state, however, after all these years, that the majority of army officers are, as a rule, kind and considerate enough toward enlisted men, but when you happen to strike one of a naturally brutal temperament, the opportunities afforded by the comparatively irresponsible position of an officer toward a soldier too often tempt them to exercise their very arbitrary power. We were afforded several instances of this on the part of the major who commanded our detachment on this march. But I will not waste any space on him and his peculiarities.

WEDNESDAY, May 10.—The morning broke so very cool after the rainstorm of yesterday that overcoats were comfortable. We passed the south or main fork of the Canadian river today, the characteristics of the stream being similar to all the other large rivers in the Southwest, except that it seemed by far the largest one I had yet seen. The north bank was low and muddy, which made it necessary for the pioneers to do some corduroying of the road.

Speaking again of the "bull-whacker," I was greatly diverted at an expedition resorted to by one of them today to start his team. He had exhausted his resources in plying his whip, his vocabulary of assorted oaths had also run out, the "wheelers" continuing to placidly chew their cud and making no effort to pull the wagon. Whereupon the irate whacker suddenly dropped his whip, seized a twig about an inch in diameter, split it nearly its whole length, and inserting the end of the animal's tail in the split, began to rub the stick vigorously up and down after the manner of a small boy making a chestnut whistle. The effect was instantaneous—the critter pricking up his ears and moving on with wonderful celerity. I was once more a witness to the inevitable triumph of mind over matter.

We were accompanied from Texas by a beef contractor, who started from there with his herd for the supply of the commissariat, numbering about seventy-five or eighty head. A day or two after leaving Jacksboro the herd stampeded, and we never saw them until today, when we were rejoiced to have them come up with us, having lived on bacon so long that we were glad to again get fresh meat. It was noticed from time to time, as the trip continued, our bull team would have a new steer in it that looked suspiciously like some of the beef herd, and that the beef herd on occasions was seen to contain specimens of work oxen that bore a striking resemblance to some that had previously given evidence of playing out, and suffering from galled necks or such ailments. It was a singular coincidence, too, that the beef(?) killed on these days was usually tough and "sorry" and many a joke was passed on the subject. But one of the most curious fea-



"The whole valley was dotted with their tents."

tures connected with this "herd" was that it started from Jacksboro, as stated before, numbering about eighty head, one was killed every day for thirty or forty days, and when we rolled into Fort Harker and the cattle inspector on the Smoky met our command, it contained exactly 100 head. This was partly accounted for from our march being pretty close to the old Chisholm trail, and perhaps some stray cattle, dropped from passing herds, had joined our herd for company.

THURSDAY, May 11.—Crossed the North Fork of the Canadian and passed through the Cheyenne and Arrapaho agency at noon. Some two hundred "lodges" of these Indians were at or near the agency, and the whole valley was dotted with their tents, or "tepees," for miles up and down the river. The wigwams of these tribes are similar in construction to and reminded me more of the traditional and often described wigwams than any I had yet seen, being regularly cone shaped and covered with buffalo robes, skin side out, some of them beautifully painted. It was this style of tent that gave Colonel Sibley the idea from which the famous "Sibley tent" was evolved, and which is today the acknowledged ideal tent.

Two Indian schools were in operation at this reservation, and as we rode by we could hear the voices of the little Indians, led by their lady teacher, joining in a simple gospel hymn, the effect of which was very touching, and if the experiments were failures, too much praise cannot be awarded the devoted men and women who undertook to make the theory successful. No whiskey can be obtained, since the advent of the Quaker Agents, anywhere in the Territory, and thus one of the most mischievous causes of crime is out of reach of both the Indian and his white brother, who share alike the love of fire water. Camped at Caddo Spring, a few miles north of the reservation, a wonderful spring, pouring its waters out of a circular opening about six inches in diameter in the face of a vertical rock, and having a temperature of about forty-five degrees all the year around.

FRIDAY, May 12.—Our route was over a level prairie, and for miles passed over or through a continuous prairie dog village, the cheery little inhabitants affording much amusement to many of the men, who had never seen any of them before. I had often seen small settlements of them in Texas, but today we seemed to pass through one of their cities—their mounds extending miles and miles in every direction. On this and subsequent occasions I was enabled to dispel some

of the illusions I had been under as to the habits of these animals, said illusions having been imbibed from travelers' tales told in regard to them. In the first place, their holes are not laid out with regularity; they are not occupied in common by the owl, the rattlesnake and the prairie dog, and they do not communicate underground. The rattlesnake does occupy their holes at times, but they first kill and eat up the little proprietor, or else take possession of a hole from which the owner has fled or has abandoned. In regard to the prairie owl's companionship with the prairie dog, there does seem to be some bond of sympathy between them, the owl being seen to hover around the entrance to the prairie dog's home as if watching the premises in the dog's absence, and uttering a note of warning and fluttering about at the approach of an enemy, but it is more likely his owlship is watching a chance to steal something himself, for they undoubtedly make their own nests elsewhere on the prairie. The prairie dog is a cheerful and cunning little fellow, however, and I am glad of the opportunity to clear his character from the odium that has rested on it, owing to the unenviable and very disreputable company he has been accused of keeping.

SATURDAY, May 13.—The heat has been excessive for the past day or two, and we miss the refreshing and delightful breeze that serves to temper and render supportable the hottest weather in Texas. Early in the day we crossed the Cimarron, or Red Fork, of the Arkansas river, very low at this time. The north bank was a long, hard, pull, rising gradually for a couple of miles and very sandy. Camped on Meade's Creek, about noon, the best camp we have had for some days, wood and water abundant and fine fishing, some catfish weighing thirteen pounds were caught. Game has been very scarce since crossing Red River, no buffalo have been seen, and only an occasional antelope or turkey.

SUNDAY, May 14.—The march today was long, hot and dusty, the oxen suffering greatly, as we struck no water holes after leaving camp until we halted for the night at Torbett's Spring, twenty-two miles from our last camp. This spring (or springs) forms a literal oasis, welling up from the bottom of a shallow basin, and not a twig or bush big enough for a toothpick in sight, the prairie stretching off into limitless space for miles on each side. Everybody turned out and gathered buffalo chips, which make capital fuel, burning slowly into very white ashes, and during combustion evolving none of the disagreeable odors which might be expected.

MONDAY, May 15.—A heavy thunderstorm during the night having thoroughly saturated our stock of fuel, we were forced to begin the day's march on a slim breakfast—cold water, hard tack and raw bacon. Went into camp, after accomplishing only fourteen miles, on Skelton Creek, a small stream entirely devoid of timber or underbrush. The rain having soaked our fuel, we went to bed on a repetition of the cold "grub" of the morning, our supply train getting in very late, owing to the difficult road, being broken by ravines and gullies.

WEDNESDAY, May 17.—Laid over yesterday to rest the teams and wash our clothes. Then crossed the Salt Fork of the Arkansas and camped on Pond Creek, some two miles north of the main crossing, a beautiful spot and affording the best grazing we have had for some days.

The country through which he had been marching for several days is now (April, 1889) the scene of one of the most extraordinary migrations, so to speak, that our country has ever witnessed, incident to the opening of the new territory in Oklahoma, some two million acres of which was thrown open by act of congress and proclamation of the President, to take effect at noon, April 22. For weeks the prospective settlers ("boomers" they call themselves) had been camped all along the border waiting for the signal when they could enter legally, and only restrained by the presence of all the available soldiers in the department. Nothing in the "fall of '49 or spring of '80" or in the later Pike's Peak excitement, is said to have equalled it. Many amusing scenes were witnessed, and much native wit exhibited by the "boomers," one of whom had displayed on his wagon in bold letters:

"White-capped in Indianay,  
Chintz-bugged in Illinois,  
Cicloned in Nebraska,  
Prohibited in Kansas,  
Oklahoma or bust."

In the vicinity of our camp were several Indian graves, nearly all of them having been opened apparently by persons in search of firearms, which were often buried with the "braves." The graves were each about six feet square and dug some three feet deep in the ground, and built up about the same height above the ground, the sides formed of logs neatly dovetailed together at the corners. The body was placed within the grave in a sitting posture, the hands clasped around the knees, and the whole body in a buffalo robe; while the bow and arrows, a tin cup, spoon, knife and fork and other utensils, supposed to be necessary to the comfort of the deceased on his journey to the happy land, were placed within his reach. Our command completed the work of desecration commenced by parties before us by carrying off the timber for fuel, but no doubt the silent warriors will continue to sleep as soundly as if the sod was still green above them, and their repose had been undisturbed by ruthless hands. We learned from a settler, whose ranch was nearby, that these were the graves of the Osages, who had died of some kind of an epidemic during the previous winter, at which time a large party had camped along the Salt Fork. The ox train was again very late in getting into camp—in fact, an ox train is entirely unsuitable transportation for a cavalry command, and we had learned by this time not to expect our supper until long after we reached camp each day.

(To be continued.)

## Indian Raids in Texas

FIGHT AT LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN  
By E. L. DEATON, a Texas Pioneer.

### KILLING OF BOB CARTER AND FIGHT AT LOOKOUT MOUNTAIN.

**I**N the winter of 1860 or '61, among other auxiliary forces on the frontier under the administration of General Houston, was a company chiefly composed of citizens of Hamilton county, of which F. Cotton was captain and Robert Carter first lieutenant. It was the custom to keep out by alternation a scout composed of ten men, the others remaining at home unless called upon in case of an emergency.

This Hamilton county scout consisted of Captain Cotton, Lieutenant Carter, Corporal John Hurst and Privates John and Adam Witcher, J. R. Townsend, James Mitchell, Felix Grundy Morris, Joseph Manning, a boy, and Simpson Loyd.

They started out for an eight days' trip, intending to scout the west side of the mountain on Brown's creek, a tributary of the Colorado river, in the western portion of Hamilton county and partly in Brown county, but finding no indication of Indians on the west side of the mountain, Captain Cotton, with his scout, recrossed the divide which separated the waters of the Colorado and Lampasas, and camped on Lookout mountain, a noted locality on the headwaters of the Lampasas river and on the north side of the rugged dividing range, which is a succession of high rocky hills or mountains.

They reached the camping place just before sunset. John Witcher was on the flank and had fallen behind the other men. After pitching camp, Grundy Morris went out alone in search of a deer, but soon hastened back and reported Indians nearby, pursuing, as he supposed, a beef. Orders were given to saddle up at once, and the nine men present were soon in their saddles, going in the direction where Morris had seen the Indians, but to their great surprise, when they arrived, they found the Indians chasing John Witcher. The Indians pressed him closely, but he reached the border of a dense thicket, dismounted from his horse and found protection among the undergrowth.

The Indians seized Witcher's horse, and when they galloped into the open valley at the base of the mountain, Captain Cotton charged them and a severe engagement followed at close quarters. Twenty-five Indians were pitted against eight men and a boy, and the shadows of twilight darkened the scene.

The bold and brave Lieutenant Carter fell heroically fighting early in the action, receiving, as was afterward shown, twenty-five wounds from bullets and spears.

After a bitter contest of about fifteen minutes, the men, being unable to distinguish each other in the fading twilight, fell back in irregular order, leaving Grundy Morris wounded, but still on his horse. He called out to Simpson Loyd for

assistance, and Loyd went to his aid and assisted him in keeping up with the retreating scout of white men.

The Indians did not attempt to further prosecute the fight, but retired from the field after scalping and otherwise mutilating Lieutenant Carter's lifeless body.

The Indians suffered severely in the conflict. The white men halted in a thicket a half mile distant from the scene of the battle, but before reaching it Morris fainted and was again assisted by Loyd.

John Hurst had an arrow so deeply imbedded in the muscle of his back and spine that it could not be extricated until a physician was summoned from Lampasas, a distance of about thirty miles.

Mr. Morris was severely wounded in the leg, but afterward recovered and was still in Lampasas county when last heard from. Hurst also recovered and lived for many years, but is now dead.

Early next morning the scouting party returned to the battlefield and recovered the horribly mutilated body of Lieutenant Carter.

Recruits were speedily enlisted and a party organized, including Simpson Loyd and others, who participated in the battle with the Indians the evening before. The trail was easily followed, leading northwest in the direction of the brush covered hills in which Cowhouse creek

takes its rise. The frequent appearance of blood along all the trail all too plainly told that great suffering had been inflicted upon the red men by the whites in the battle of the previous day. Various other evidences proved conclusively that, aside from their loss in killed, they had carried off some of their wounded on litters. For two days the pursuers pressed onward, when a tremendous fall of rain obliterated every vestige of the Indian trail and rendered further pursuit impossible.

The pursuing party then returned home. This is a fair example of many similar incidents on our frontier from 1854 to 1873, many of which have appeared in the chapters contained in this history of "Indian Raids in Texas."

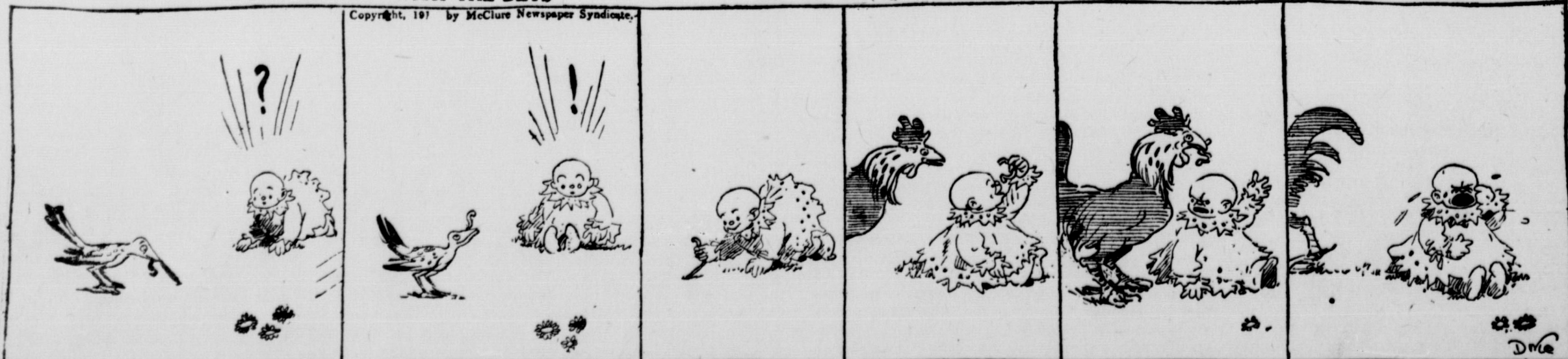
The lamented Robert Carter has three sons living in Hamilton county, whose names are Madison, Dallas and Francis, respectively. To the latter named I am indebted for the facts contained in this chapter.

Simpson Loyd is still alive and lives in Hamilton county. He is the worthy head of an industrious and intelligent family, and has continuously held an important office in the county for a quarter of a century. His son, George, has been county assessor several years.

Of this gallant little band of Indian fighters there are at this writing but three living—Simpson Loyd, Grundy Morris and J. R. Morris, the remainder having passed "over the river."

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According to a Paris mathematician the adoption of Greenwich time as the standard for France increased the lighting expense of every French household about 1 per cent.

## A. & M. College Department

COLLEGE STATION, TEXAS

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**The High Price of Feedstuff.**  
The question is being asked by creamery patrons and farmers generally: "Can I afford to feed \$45 cotton seed meal?"

From the rapid falling off of the cream supply at the creameries over the state, it would seem that many of their patrons are answering this question for themselves in the negative. The writer is also advised that in many sections creamery patrons are selling a part or all of their dairy stock, with the expectation of devoting all of their attention to the production of a large crop of high priced cotton next year.

While it is practically certain that cotton will be a good price next year, it is not certain that the price will be high for any number of years. On the other hand, dairy products are nearly as much above normal in price as cotton, and prospects are that all dairy products are going to remain high for years to come. The latest government report shows that on Nov. 1 there were 13,424,575 pounds less butter in storage than on the same date last year, or in percentage, 14.5 less. Milk dealers in all parts of the country are finding it hard to get the necessary products to fill their dairy orders, even in some cases at an advance of 50 per cent in price to the producer. The general public is being taught that milk, butter, cheese and ice cream are foods and not luxuries. The demand for all of these dairy products is rapidly increasing.

The farmer who has cows and produces some cotton can now sell a ton of cotton seed for \$45 or more, and buy a ton of meal for the same or less money, then sell it through his cows at 33 to 40 cents per pound for butter fat.

Not many months ago a ton of cotton seed was sold for \$15 and \$30 was paid for a ton of meal to make butter fat worth 26 to 30 cents per pound. It costs little or no more to put up a ton of silage or a ton of cowpea, peanut or sorghum hay or have a green winter pasture than it did two years ago.

When it is figured out from the right angle it will be found that there is still some money in dairying. The fertility of the soil will be improved, the herd will be growing in value and will be producing a good profit when the all-cotton farmer finds a time when he is again making no money on his cotton crop. The wise farmer will keep his cows and breed them better.

J. LYNN THOMAS,  
Dairy Manufacturing Specialist, Extension Service, A. & M. College.

**Borers in Peach Trees.**  
Now is the time to rid your peach trees of the borers. They can be found in the trunk near the crown of the trees. Cut them out with a knife or gouge them out with a wire. For further information about peach culture write to the Director of Extension, College Station, Texas, for a copy of Bulletin B-29, on "Peach Production in Texas."

**What About Credit for Next Year?**  
The high price of cotton has enabled many Texas farmers to pay their debts and have a cash surplus sufficient to finance them next year. But many thousands will find it necessary to ask for credit before harvest time. Some will buy their supplies on credit from merchants and others will borrow from banks. A study of the cost of credit, made by the extension service of the A. & M. college, shows that it is very high in Texas—considerably above the usual interest rate on commercial loans.

Through co-operation farmers may obtain credit at about the same price paid by merchants and other business men. Several groups did so last year and the extension service is prepared to advise and aid a limited number of groups to obtain better credit next year. This service cannot help individuals unless they will unite with their neighbors into groups and form local clubs or societies.

Now is the time for farmers to be thinking about their plans for next year. Cotton is high, but no man knows what the price will be a year from now. Meat and meat products also are high, and all authorities agree that they will continue so for several years. The wise farmer should be thinking about buying dairy cows, brood sows, building silos, improving his fences and buying better farm machinery. All these things call for money, and often for credit. As a rule it is cheaper to borrow money and pay cash for stock and improvements, but the farmer cannot afford to pay excessive prices for loans.

The Extension Service of the Agricultural and Mechanical College will send a representative to aid any group of farmers interested in obtaining cheaper credit through co-operation. Address Clarence Ousley, Director, College Station, Texas.

**Peach Production in Texas.**  
This is the title of a new bulletin just off the press and ready for distribution by the Extension Service of the Agricultural and Mechanical College of Texas. It is the joint product of W. B. Lanham, horticulturist, and M. E. Hays, entomologist, of the Extension Service.

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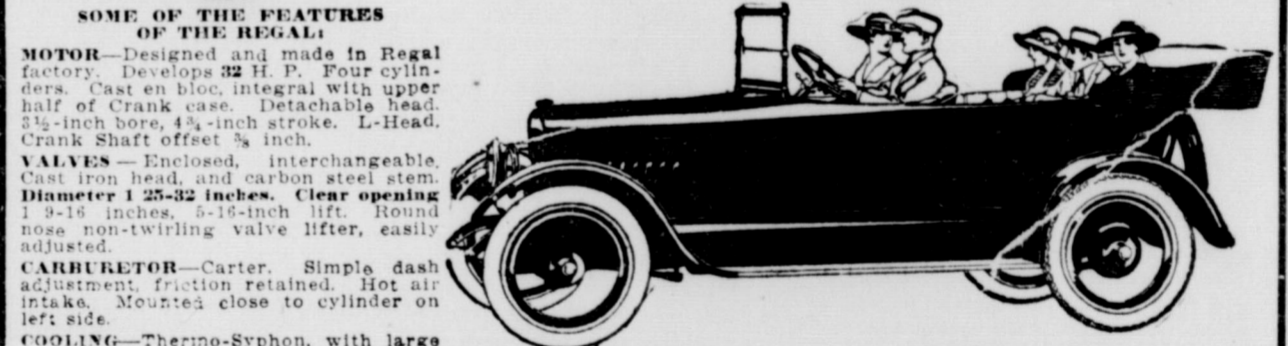
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**Farmers Urged to Raise Better Cotton.**  
A movement has been set on foot by the Galveston and Houston Cotton Exchanges to stress upon the cotton farmers of Texas the importance of planting those varieties of seed that will produce the best spinning cotton, rather than the planting of seed that produces a larger yield of lint to the ton of seed, but at the expense of the staple. The growing of so much short staple in Texas, it is declared, is injuring the reputation of the state as a producer of good cotton for the spinners, and a strong effort is to be made between now and planting time to counteract the tendency which

has grown in the past few years to use inferior grades of seed.

**Toymakers Lose Business Owing to War.**  
Perhaps no single industry in Germany has suffered so much from the war as that of toy-making. In the last peace year Germany's toy trade aggregated 140,000,000 marks, or \$35,000,000, of which more than \$15,000,000 was exports, and the larger part to America. Since the war this figure has dropped nearly two-thirds. What is worse still for the German manufacturers is the fact that other countries have taken up this industry, and the Germans will find it very hard to recover their lost markets.

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**Wonderful Indian Runners.**

The pioneers in this country bear witness to the marvelous running powers of the native Indians. They were not fast runners, rather being celebrated for endurance. Their gait was a "lope," very little faster than a swift walk, but this lope they could maintain for twenty hours without a halt.

Indians were frequently employed as messengers by both parties during the early colonial wars and the Revolution, and some wonderful stories are told of the distances covered by them, sometimes without sleep, and nearly always with a very small allowance of food.

Indians of the present day are poor runners. Like all persistent equestrians, they are weak in the legs and not capable of enduring long marches.

Canadian Indians still preserve some of the running characteristics of the race, and in the Northwest Territory remarkable runners are still to be met with.

Oriental countries have always been famous for runners, and are to this day. The Arab couriers of the Sultan of Morocco are required to make on foot the distance between Tangier and Fez, about 150 miles by tortuous roads, climbing big mountains and swimming bridgeless rivers, in three and one-half days.

Then there are King Khama's postal runners in Bechuanaland. They are short distance pedestrians; but they are rattling travelers over the roughest of roads, and toughened by long experience. They are placed fifteen miles apart between Shoshong, his majesty's capital, and Kimberly, and they get the royal mail over the ground at the rate of 130 miles a day.

But human endurance is seldom tested so severely as among the postal messengers of the Chinese Government between Peking and Lhasa. These messengers are picked and trained men, who in times of great urgency are required to cover 4,500 miles between the two capitals, on horseback, in thirty-six days, or 125 miles a day.

The messenger's letters, inclosed in a yellow bag, are never taken off his back except when he changes his dress, once a week. He changes horses every few miles, eats and sleeps in postal stations, is under the most rigid restrictions as to articles of diet, and is permitted to sleep only four hours a day.

before, or at least one person must be green. Sit in a circle. One player says, "I pinch with a pinch on the left cheek," suiting the action to the word and pinching the player on his left on the left cheek. The player on the left repeats the phrase and pinches the next player on his left, and so the play goes on around the circle.

This in itself seems stupid, but the real joke is produced by having one or several persons with sooty fingers. When they pinch their left-handed neighbor, the unsuspecting victim does not see the result, but the others do. He thinks he is only getting the customary pinch and wonders what the others are laughing about. If several get sooty faces, they will be all the more innocent of their own plight, and every time they laugh at others will be the same cause of more fun for the party.

Once around the circle is not enough. Both cheeks can be pinched, as well as the nose, and the ears if you wish, and so prolong the fun.

**Getting Fire.**

How do you get fire? Of course you think that this is a queer question, because there is always a way for you to get fire. All you have to do is to strike a match, and there you are! It wasn't so easy long ago to get fire, and if you tried to get a spark by rubbing two pieces of dry wood together, you have an idea of your ancestors' troubles. Flint and tinder was the best method up to the time of matches. Even in the revolution, the guns used were flintlocks, that is, the spark needed to ignite the powder was made by striking the piece of flint fixed in the gun.

In farthest east, where the forest people do not have our helpful inventions, they carry with them an instrument for making fire. It consists of a short cylinder of lead, hollowed roughly to cuplike form at one end, which fits a joint of bamboo. They place this cylinder in the palm of the left hand, fill the cup with tinder, adjust the bamboo over it, strike it sharply, removing the covering quickly, and find the tinder alight.

**The Modest Little Hen.**

Once upon a time there was a little hen who lived in a farmyard. Her dress was a modest brown, and she felt shy because all the other fowls wore such lovely white frocks.

The little brown hen was just the color of the foliage, and often, when the others seemed not to notice her, she would creep away and hide among the leaves, because she felt out of place in all that gay throng.

One day when she was sitting by herself and watching the other hens preening their feathers and seeming so proud of their brilliant plumage the cook came out into the yard and gathered all the white chickens together, put them in a crate and gave them to the farmers to take to town.

The little hen sat very still among her bed of leaves, remembering what the old red hen had told her in the moonlight—that it was much better to have a dress of modest brown than all the fine white feathers.

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**A Queer Battle.**

A traveler in South Africa, which may well be called the "land of wonders" tells of a queer battle that he once witnessed.

He was musing, with his eyes on the ground, when he noticed a caterpillar crawling along at a rapid pace, followed by hundreds of small ants. Being quicker in their movements, the ants would catch up with the caterpillar, and one would nudge his back and bite him.

Pausing, the caterpillar would turn his head and bite the ant and kill his tormentor. After slaughtering a dozen or more of his persecutors, the caterpillar showed signs of fatigue. The ants made a combined attack. Betaking himself to a stalk of grass, the caterpillar climbed up tail first, followed by the ants. As one approached, he seized it in his jaws and threw it off the stalk.

The ants, seeing that the caterpillar had too strong a position for them to overcome, resorted to strategy. They began sawing through the grass stalk. In a few moments the stalk fell and hundreds of ants pounced upon the caterpillar. He was killed at once.

**Malicious Fear.**

How many useless torments are ours because of fear! exclaims a writer in the Irish World. Looking back over my own life I can see that most of my sufferings were due to fears, and that they were all, every one of them, both useless and painful. Of all the demons that ride poor mortals, fear is the most malicious.

**Wise and Foolish Debt.**

Don't worry if you are in debt, advises a writer in the American Magazine; that is if it is a wise debt, such as paying for your education or home. Being in debt is a great thing for those who know how to use the method wisely.

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These fault finders betray ignorance rather than superiority. The noble-hearted man is ready always to give credit where credit is due. He knows that to praise another does not detract from his own worth.

Children are better trained by commendation than by constant fault finding. Faults must sometimes be pointed out, but praise should be given whenever it may be given sincerely. To commend something well done seldom spoils a child.

The man who is always finding fault makes himself universally disliked. If you are really superior, it will be found out without effort on your part to make it known.—Milwaukee Journal.

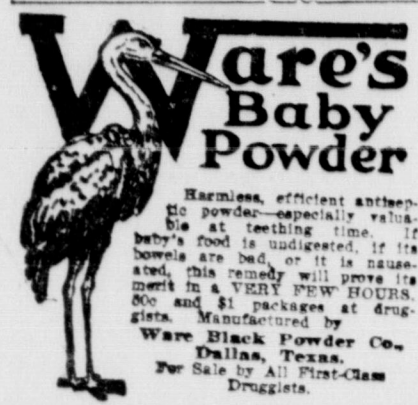
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#### 1903

The pattern is cut in 6 sizes: 34, 36, 38, 40, 42 and 44 inches bust measure. It requires 4 yards of 44-inch material for a 36-inch size. The skirt measures about 4 1/2 yards at the foot.

### A TRIM AND DAINY MODEL.

#### 1889—Child's Dress.

Poplin, pongee, serge, gabardine, gingham, percale, gingham, chambray, crepe, velvet or taffeta could be used for this style. It is made after the child and cashmere. The fulcrum of the dress is a simple sailor collar, which may be of either length, and the belt and pockets may be omitted. The pattern is cut in 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years' sizes. It requires 2 1/2 yards of 36-inch material for a 4-year size.

#### 1887

1889—Child's Dress. This dress has several practical features. It is made of the finest quality of washable material, the shoulders as to almost supply sleeve features. The fulcrum of the dress may be held by the belt or worn loose. The pattern is cut in 2, 4, 6, 8 and 10 years' sizes. It requires 2 1/2 yards of 36-inch material for a 2-year size.

### A GOOD SENSIBLE STYLE.

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#### 1889—Striped wool suiting in brown tones.

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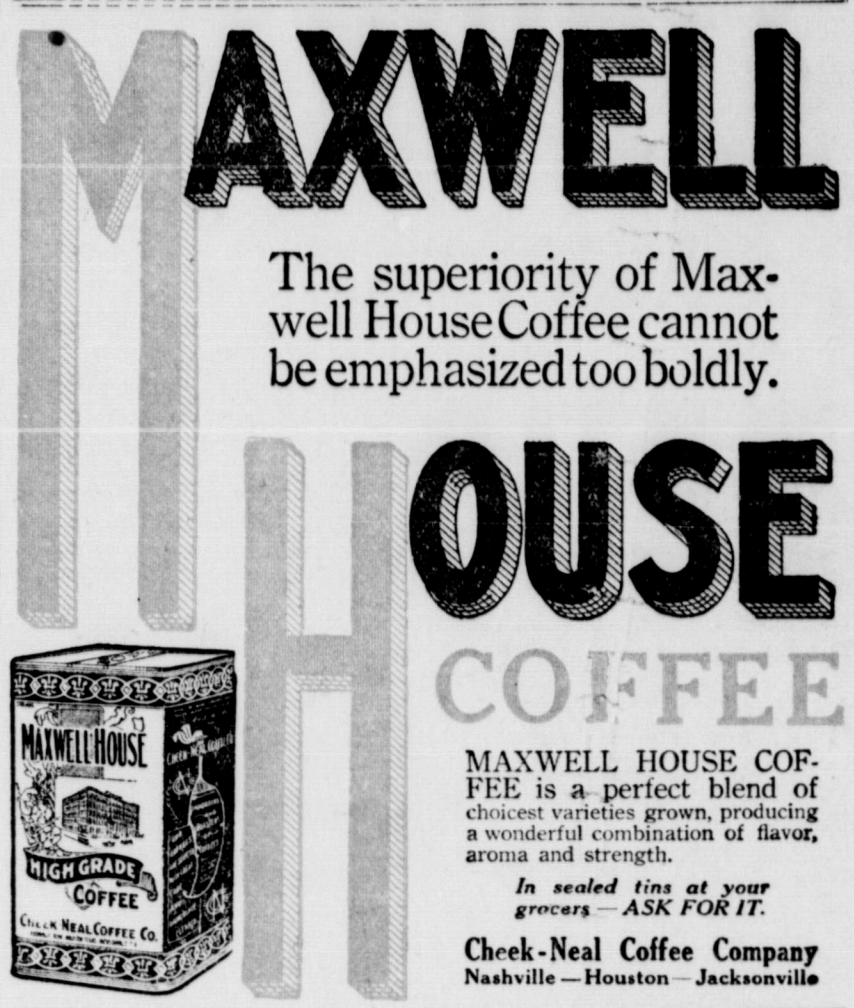
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