

# THE SLATON SLATONITE

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## Slaton School District Will Build a Second Brick School House

One of the truest indications of the growth of the city of Slaton is the ever increasing enrollment in our public schools. When the present handsome brick building was erected four years ago the attendance in it the first year was so light that the pupils were lonesome in the building. Now that building is entirely occupied and the enrollment has grown to the extent that another school house almost as large will be ready for the 1917-18 term, and the new building will be dedicated with a large enrollment.

Not very much interest was manifested in the election Saturday by the Slaton Independent School District for voting bonds to the amount of \$10,000 for the erection of an additional school building, but the bonds carried almost unanimously. There were only three votes against the issue. The present building is not large enough to accommodate the pupils this term, and the new building will be filled by next winter. It is estimated that the new building will almost



Slaton's Splendid School Building Erected Only Four Years Ago. Is Now too Small and Growth of City Calls for Another Structure of Equal Seating Capacity for the 1917-18 Term.

double the school room capacity. Truly they are coming to Slaton.

### PRAIRIE DOGS MUST GO

The county Judge has issued a statement to the effect that the provisions of the prairie dog extermination law will be enforced in Lubbock county, and that after Sept. 3, 1917, the sheriff will be instructed by the county commissioners to exterminate the dogs on any land inhabited by them, the costs to be charged against the land. So if you want to save yourself considerable money you had better kill the dogs off of your land yourself.

## The Engineers and Fireman Stationed on Slaton Division

The seniority list of engineers for the Slaton Division was posted last week, and it will be of interest to our readers to read the list and see who is working for the Santa Fe in Slaton and estimate the amount of business that this division handles.

At the head of the list of engineers is Arthur Anderson of Amarillo, whose seniority dates from 1888.

Next is Jasper N. McCarty of Amarillo, who has been working since 1890.

Milton D. Carlton of Carlsbad. Geo. W. Hilton of Amarillo. Henry Prince of Carlsbad. Robert W. Maupin of Carlsbad. Orville E. Plumlee.

Sid B. Harmon from Amarillo. Wallace W. Atwood from Amarillo.

Joe H. Smith. John A. Burke from Amarillo. Paul O'Brien from Canadian. Cyrus W. Campbell of Floydada.

Harry A. F. Finnister. Fred Batson. Harrison T. Shelby. Robert L. Harris from Amarillo.

Jamer D. Butler. Robert L. Smith. William B. McAlester from Canadian.

William D. Eads from Amarillo. Earl Prosser. Lee Watkins.

Louis W. Smith. Chas. L. Pack from Amarillo. Edward M. Lott from Amarillo. Horace J. Gentry from Amarillo.

James E. George. John A. Molyneaux. William G. Reese from Amarillo.

Perry L. Yeager from Canadian. Geo. W. McKenzie from Amarillo.

Switch engineers: Albert J. Tucker. Barth H. Bollinger. Lee H. Pickett.

The seniority list of firemen for the Slaton Division as it started in February was posted as follows:

Lawrence M. Smith. Emette E. Frost from Amarillo. Varner P. Williams from Amarillo.

James F. Smith. Ben A. Dodgen. William R. Dixon. James E. Rucker. Raymond Johnson from Amarillo.

William M. Rust from Amarillo. Leslie W. Stitt from Amarillo. Harless O. Puett.

Edmond Manire from Amarillo. Paul Langdon. Timothy Cronin. Willie L. Collinsworth.

Cled L. Evans. Henry H. Austin. Clifford M. Simmons from Amarillo.

Joseph Bickerstaff. Fred W. Backel. Julian S. Lisk. Roy A. Black from Canadian. Wiley F. Martin from Amarillo. Benjamin F. Breedlove. Floyd Zollars from Amarillo. Carl J. Wilson from Amarillo. Arthur E. Wise from Amarillo. William F. White. Markus C. McAlester from Canadian. Raymond H. Todd from Amarillo. Timothy C. Mitchell. William M. Montgomery. Jesse W. Kirby. Thomas W. Hitt from Amarillo. Switch fireman: Marlin L. Cannon.

The Yeomen Homestead of Slaton had a big time at the McRea Hall last Friday night, and the members entertained several visitors from Tahoka. A large class of candidates was initiated into the mysteries of Yeomanry. The attendance was said to have been one of the largest crowds that ever gathered in the hall.

## Much Building Activity by Slaton Churches

At the meeting of the board of stewards and the pastor, T. C. Willett, and Presiding Elder W. E. Lyons of the Methodist Church at the quarterly conference Saturday night it was decided to appoint a committee for the erection of a new church building in Slaton. The committee named consisted of A. B. Robertson, S. H. Adams, J. H. Brewer, S. S. Forrest and M. B. Johnson, and they met at Mr. Robertson's office Monday and discussed building plans.

The committee favored adopting plans for retaining and enlarging the present building so as to double its seating capacity and to remodel it into a modern building, also to seat it with modern pews. The improvements will call for an expenditure of about \$2,000.

The First Baptist church is making preparations for the building of a modern pastor's home on the east part of the block now occupied by the church property, and the officials expect to start work in a few days.

The Catholic Church is figuring on erecting a new building this summer, as the size of their congregations has outgrown their present building.

The Christian Church of Slaton is also endeavoring to finance the erection of a church building this summer.

## Municipal Ownership Discussed at Citizens Meeting last Friday

A large number of citizens attended the meeting called last Friday afternoon to ascertain the sentiment of the city on municipal electric lights and waterworks, but the attendance was only one third as large as it should have been. The proposition was discussed at some length and the sentiment seems to be that the council obtain estimates on the cost of these proposed improvements and submit the figures to another meeting. It is quite probable that the council will grant an electric light franchise to private individuals and that an election will be called for the purpose of voting bonds for the building of a waterworks plant.

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## Federal Court Bill for Texas is Passed

Washington, Feb. 21.—Senators Culberson and Sheppard today accepted the house bill creating a new judge for West Texas when it became certain that republicans in the house would not give the unanimous consent necessary for a new district to be formed.

Minority Leader Mann of the republicans assured Senator Culberson he would allow the district next year. Both Senators endorsed retiring Representative W. R. Smith of El Paso for the judgeship. The bill went to President Wilson for his signature this afternoon.

It is understood that court will be held by the new judge at El Paso, Del Rio, Amarillo and Wichita Falls. The judge will reside in El Paso, thereby requiring attorneys to go there for hearings in many cases in this district, instead of to Dallas, as heretofore. Judge W. H. Kimbrough of Amarillo, when asked for a statement last night, said this new arrangement would not be pleasing to the Amarillo bar inasmuch as it would require them to travel much farther for such cases as will be considered at the home city of the judge than they have had to do under the present arrangement, when they went from here to Dallas. He said

local attorneys would be benefited and the district probably helped some by getting some relief in the crowded docket of the court, but they would prefer the situation to remain as it has been until a new district can be formed with headquarters in the northwestern section of the State.—Amarillo News.

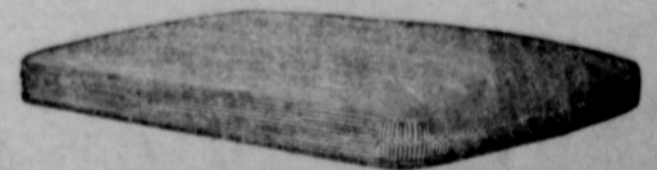
## Borers are Destroying Black Locust Trees in Amarillo

In a recent issue of the Amarillo Daily News was an extensive article by J. L. Pope stating that the borers were infecting the black locust trees in that city and that the worms threatened the entire destruction of the trees.

The black locust is a tree that seems to harbor insects and its history in every country is that it eventually is destroyed by borers. The locust makes a quick growth for a few years, and then is subject to disease and borers. This is the history of the tree in at least three states, as the editor knows, and people should set out trees that are more permanent. The nurseries make lots of money selling locust trees in newly developed countries, and we suppose that this is what propagates them so universally.

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**Negro is Found Dead  
in a Bale of Cotton**

A negro, known around Jayton as Waco, was found dead in a bale of cotton at the oil mill Sunday.

Two boys by the name of Lane were playing around the bales of cotton at the oil mill when they discovered the negro's hand protruding from the bale of cotton. They gave the alarm and a crowd soon gathered on the scene, the bale of cotton was opened and the negro's body was found imbedded about the middle of the bale.

Foul play was suspected in connection with the negro's death, and two white boys and a negro were arrested, but no evidence was obtained which would tend to convict them of the crime.

The negro was working in the lint room of the oil mill, and it is possible that he might have been intoxicated and fell in the press and was thus killed.

It is said that the negro complained of being sick about mid night, and as he had been in the habit of laying down in the press it is possible that he might have done so on this occasion, and the man who was filling the press with cotton did so without knowing that he was there; hence, when the bale of cotton was

pressed he was crushed to death.

Further investigation of particulars leading to the negro's death, we think, leaves little doubt that it was due to accident or carelessness. It is said that he was drinking, and was no doubt intoxicated, and it is pretty certain that he laid down in the press and went to sleep. As a bale of cotton is pressed every four or five hours it is quite likely the negro was in the press asleep when the man who took his place came to work, and as he immediately began filling the press with cotton the negro was covered up.

The remains were interred in the Jayton cemetery Tuesday.—Jayton Herald.

**Judge Lancaster Estate \$40,000**

The will of the late Judge Joe E. Lancaster who died following an operation in Battle Creek, Mich., has been presented for probate in the county court of Hale County. He wrote the will the night before the operation was performed and it nominates L. A. Knight and Roy Pearson of Plainview as executors without bond and asks that the court pass upon the will and that no other action be taken.

He leaves, according to the appraisers, an estate of a little more than \$40,000, in lands, Third National Bank stock, stock in a life insurance company in Dallas, in a cotton factory in Waxahachie, and a corporation in Dallas, and notes and accounts.

He leaves nearly \$5,000 in special bequests, \$600 being to the First Christian Church of Plainview, and the rest, about \$35,000, is left in five equal shares to his two brothers and one sister, who are living, and to the children of two sisters who are dead. One sister lives in New Mexico, a brother in Coleman County, a brother in Ennis, and the nephews and nieces live in Waxahachie and Dallas.—Plainview News.

**Notice to Hunters**

The open season for hunting is now over, and I want all persons to refrain from hunting and camping in my pastures, the V Ranch. I have given you the freedom of my pasture during the open season, and I now ask the courtesy of you that you do not camp nor hunt there any more.

Respectfully,  
A. B. Robertson.

**Enormous Apple Crop is  
Expected at Roswell**

Roswell, N. M., Feb. 17.—Orchard men in the Roswell district are already planning for an enormous apple crop during the coming season. The trees were never as heavily loaded with buds as now, and the effort is now being made to insure good crops thru spraying.

About six hundred acres of apples will come into bearing this year, making the bearing acreage about 2,000. The bulk of the orchards which will bear for the first time are on the Berrendo. The Berrendo association, composed of farmers in this community, have already adopted a stringent resolution requiring every tree bearing fruit to be sprayed thoroughly this year.

Although Roswell does not count peaches as a sure crop, because of early blooming and danger from frost, the nights have been unusually cold this winter and so far the buds have been held back. The season for all fruit is now two weeks behind last year, and the owners of peach trees are hoping for a crop. There is a rather large acreage of peaches, and the trees are literally loaded with buds.

**Historic Pear Trees Must Go Down**

One of El Paso's greatest attractions for tourists, the old pear orchard at Ysleta, is being lost, having to bow down to the commands of scientists, the United States agriculture experts, who say the orchard is a breeding place for pests. Axes are being laid to the roots of the rows of old trees, planted hundreds of years ago, presumably by Franciscan fathers accompanying the first conquistadors, who reached this section in the sixteenth century.

Orchardists in the lower valleys have been complaining for some time of insect pests and tree diseases and R. R. Rosa, deputy state inspector of orchards and nurseries of the department of agriculture, has been here with a view toward doing away with the pests and eradicating the diseases complained of.

The old and giant trees, famed in song and story and which could be found from a point about two miles this side of Ysleta to the vicinity of San Elizaria, fell under his eye and were soon condemned as breeders of the codling moth, San Hose scale and other bugs which make the lives of pear growers burdens.

Mr. Rosa immediately ordered the owners of the land upon which the old pear trees were growing to either spray them and otherwise treat the trees or destroy them. As the trees had little value except that based on sentiment, many of the land owners, rather than go to the expense of spraying trees 75 feet in height and with a spread of 60 to 70 feet, destroyed them. Within the last few weeks nearly two thousand members of this old orchard, only living relics of an ancient civilization, have been cut down and converted into fire wood.

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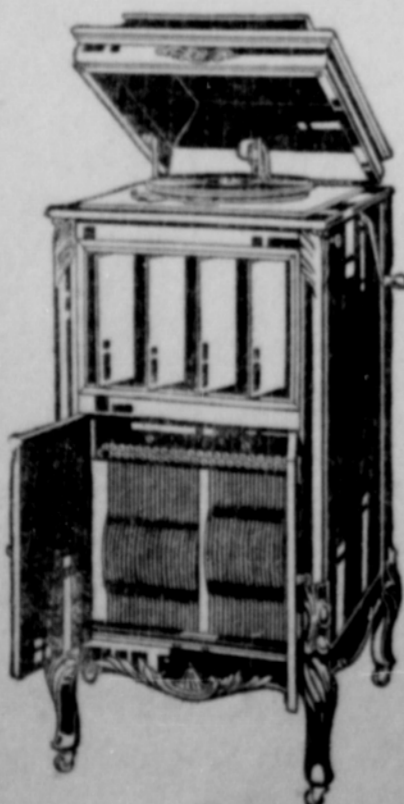
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**A. F. AND A. M.**

Slaton Lodge A. F. and A. M. meets every Thursday night on or before each full moon, at 7.30 o'clock. A. E. Howerton, W. M.; J. W. Richey, Secy.

**O. E. S.**

Slaton Chapter No. 585 O. E. S. meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month, in the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Lula Butler, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Janet B. Lee, Secretary.

**WOODMEN.**

Slaton Camp No. 2871 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in the month at the MacRea Hall. W. E. Olive, C. C. B. C. Morgan, Clerk.

**WOODMEN CIRCLE.**

Slaton Grove Woodmen Circle No. 1320 meets every other Thursday at 2.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. Visitors cordially welcomed. Mrs. Almira Hannan, Guardian. Mrs. Nellie Wade, Clerk.



The Brotherhood of American Yeomen meets every second and fourth Fridays at 8.00 p. m., at the hall. J. C. Stewart, Correspondent.

**RAILWAY TIME TABLE.**

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Entered as second class mail matter at the post office at Slaton, Texas, on Sept. 15, 1911 under the act of March 3, 1879.

What has become of the ground hog follower?

The Slatonite editor takes great pleasure in the honor that has fallen to a friend, Washington E. Lindsey, of Portales, N. M., who last week became governor of the state of New Mexico. Mr. Lindsey, a republican, was elected lieutenant governor, and on the death of De Baca, a democrat of Castilian descent, he became governor. He is an able lawyer, a popular public man, a prohibitionist, and a good, clean, upright citizen, and he will introduce a new kind of administration at Santa Fe. He will conduct an administration of clean politics and will do his utmost to have enacted righteous and just laws. The old ring politicians who have been ruling the administrations at Santa Fe from the time since the memory of man runneth not to the contrary will now have to step down and bow to an administration for the people.

**Lubbock Loses Case Against Hale County**

Saturday the court of civil appeals in Fort Worth reversed and rendered the Hale Lubbock county line case. This is a victory for Hale county, and means that the boundary line will remain as it was located more than twenty years ago.

Two years ago Lubbock County sued Hale County for a strip of territory along the line about a mile wide, including the town of Abernathy. In the district court at Sweetwater Lubbock County won, but now the higher court gives Hale County the decision.

Lubbock will have to pay about \$6,000 in court costs and what Hale has spent.

The present line between the counties was surveyed about twenty five years ago, and for all this time has been recognized as such by the school precinct, county, state and Federal departments.—Plainview News.

**Old Indian Fighter Died at Dermott Saturday**

"Uncle Jep" Brown, pioneer stockman and farmer, who died at his home at Dermott, Scurry county, Saturday night, was one of the few whose earliest connection with this section was lived with hunts after buffalo and other big game and occasional battles with Indians on the warpath or engaged in thieving raids.

In 1870 "Uncle Jep" was one of the party which trailed a band of Indian horse thieves through four West Texas counties, and after a fight forced them to abandon the horses. The trail led thru Taylor, Nolan, Fisher and Scurry counties, and ended in the northern corner of Scurry county, where the battle took place in the brakes along Rough creek. The chase after the Indians resulted in the discovery of a considerable village, which had been the starting point of many raids, and which was afterward destroyed by Federal troops under General McKinsey.—Avalanche.

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**Baseball Boosters Begin Plans for 1917**

The warm days last week brought baseball fandom out of winter quarters and Slaton devotees of the national game began to hunt up their gloves, bats and balls and to cast their glances around for a baseball ground. Baseball fever is in the air, and Alex DeLong and Dutch Eckert took the initiative and began plans for a champion team in this city this year. They decided that the old park that has served for several seasons is now inadequate and that a new diamond will be built on the city park ground and a covered grand stand erected.

The ground will be enclosed and a baseball park constructed that will be a credit to the new city of Slaton and which will be run on a business basis. They have received much encouragement and considerable finances have been promised them. The ground selected would make one of the smoothest and best diamonds in the country, and the Slatonite trusts that the plans will be carried forward. The material for a strong team is very promising this year, and the numerous applicants for a position on the team will give a big bunch of players to choose from. The Slatonite is boosting for the baseball enthusiasts to go forward with the work and build us a real city ball park.

A young gentleman from a neighboring town was seemingly testing out the speed limit of his new automobile in Slaton Tuesday and he ran over "Johnny," the valuable hunting dog belonging to J. D. Butler. This dog had been with Mr. and Mrs. Butler for several years, and he was considered almost one of the household.

**To Those Who Unload Trash in Pastures**

Complaint is being made to the city officials that persons in Slaton are taking loads of tin cans and refuse out to pastures and farm lands near the city. If the ones who do this should be prosecuted it may be a dear lesson to them; the practice should be discontinued immediately. The city will designate a dump ground and perhaps pass an ordinance prohibiting the placing of refuse at any other place. The tin cans dumped in a pasture are a serious menace to the stock. A steer will lick the cans and quite often gets one fastened on his mouth, and then starves to death unless he is roped and tied and the can removed. S. I. Johnson has lost several steers in the O Six pastures from this trouble. Don't dump any more cans on land unless you have the owner's consent to use his land.

**Keep Sidewalks Clear**

The business men will all take notice of the requirements of the city council that the sidewalks and streets in front of their places of business must be kept clear and not used for storage purposes of any kind.

Dry goods boxes, merchandise, kindling, display wares, etc., must be kept off the sidewalk. There is a fine attached to violating this provision, and this is a fair warning to all to avoid paying a fine. The next warning will be made more impressive with a fine attached to it.

The citizens should kindly keep in mind the sanitary ordinance and refrain from dumping dead animals out on the commons. Dead animals should be either buried or burned.

Ladies will do well to examine the nice line of dress silks at Mrs. Graves'.

**OLD FAVORITES TURNED DOWN**

**Boys No Longer Make Heroes of Cowboys, and Girls Are Abandoning Their Paper Dolls.**

In his love of romance Prof. Thomas Stockton Baker finds the American boy has discarded his old heroes and turned away from his favorite pirates and Indian fighters. The kingdom of boyhood is ruled by the adventurers who navigate the sea in submarines and sweep through the clouds in airplanes. Under the influence of the war in Europe the workings of the juvenile imagination have undergone a swift and dangerous change.

After all, it is not surprising that the healthy, alert youngster should invest with fancy events that he hears his elders daily discuss and should live them over in his hours of play. If the ideals of piracy are essential to the moral training of the young, some day another popular play may help to safeguard the future welfare of the race.

It is not yet time to despair because high power motors and undersea boats and flying machines occupy the attention of the normal boy in his idle hours. It would be really painful if he were devoting his time to unraveling the tangled skein of old world diplomacy and determining the exact terms of peace on which the belligerents shall agree.

As for the American girl, have any of our eminent psychologists experienced a sinking of the heart at the thought that she may abandon her paper dolls and amuse herself by playing at Red Cross nursing and munition making? If she does, will she recover or head straight for eternal perdition, like her little brother whose mind runs to the mechanics of war?—New York World.

**BRIDE OF AN AUSTRIAN PRINCE**

Popular Washington Belle Is the Latest to Figure in an International Romance.

The latest international romance at Washington, which culminated recently by the marriage of Miss Catherine Britton of that city to Prince Alfred zu Hohenlohe-Schillingfuerst of the Austro-Hungarian embassy, has had a sufficient element of mystery to delight capital gossips. From no less a source than the august imperial head of the united kingdoms, it appears, came the opposition to the marriage of the young prince, bearer of one of the proudest names of the Viennese court, to the American girl who was "not born." The recent death of Francis Joseph, and the accession to the throne of the young archduke, who had not so very long ago made a love match himself, changed the tide of fortune for the young pair in America. The prince is twenty-seven and his bride is twenty-four. Immediately upon his arrival in Washington a year or two ago he began to pay her attention. There were rumors of a marriage, then the young prince was suddenly detached from the embassy at Washington and assigned to San Francisco for the compilation of a consular report there. There was a reason, and this was said to be imperial displeasure at Vienna. The new American princess shortly after the outbreak of the war went to Paris as a war nurse with Miss Nona McAdoo, daughter of the secretary of the treasury. She has been a very popular belle in Washington society.

"Lo." One of the prominent merchants of this place has a two-year-old grandson who is quite popular with everyone who knows him, and among his admirers is a minister of the locality.

Recently the minister met the little boy in the street and accosted him by: "Hello, Old Sport!" The child said "Lo" and passed on.

The next day the minister came into the grandfather's store where the little fellow was with his grandparent. Seeing the minister he said to him: "Lo, Ole 'Port!" The grandfather heard the boy thus accost the clergyman and reproved him for his seeming disrespect of the cloth, when the little chap defended himself right manfully by replying: "E call me ole 'port."

**Phonograph Station Announcers.**

The invention by which names of stations are to be announced automatically by phonograph on the Liverpool tramways will no doubt have a future if the name can be uttered in such a way as to be intelligible. The defect of the metallic twang which obscured the most familiar words and voices. Was it not a phonograph operator in one of O. Henry's stories who promised to give his "celebrated imitation of a Sousa march being excavated from a tin mine?"—London Observer.

**Travel to Sea to Spawn.**

Eels spawn in sea, according to all old authorities, but moderns have been inclined to doubt it, because no one had seen them on their travels. Scientists have been on the watch in Georgia, and sent the following dispatch recently: "Millions of eels recently passed through Flint river on their annual pilgrimage to the Mexican gulf, where they will spawn during the winter. They travel entirely at night."

**Took the Opposite Course.**

"Have you tried to uplift the drama?" "Yes," replied the manager. "But while I was experimenting in the higher realms of thought the public rushed away to the nearest underworld drama."

**surest Thing You Know.**

The greatest bore upon this earth—the biggest nuisance known—is he who talks about himself and his small affairs alone, when you think he ought to listen while you talk about your own.

**Gulf Fish Killed by Gas.**

Reports received by the United States bureau of fisheries show that there were two recent periods of heavy mortality among the fishes on the west coast of Florida, between Naples and Sarasota for 15 or 20 miles off shore. Outbreaks of this phenomenon, which appears to be due to natural causes, occurred on October 3 and October 18, 1916.

The benches were lined with windrows of dead fish. Persons living in the vicinity were affected with inflammation of the mucous membrane induced by some gas, presumably sulphur dioxide, given off from the waters. There is ground for the belief that the conditions are attributable to subterranean disturbances and the release of poisonous gases which rise and pollute the waters.—All Outdoors.

**Denmark's Exports of Eggs.**

Denmark exports 40,000,000 eggs a year—a number which puts her at the head of egg-exporting nations. The high reputation of the Danish egg is to be maintained by a further development of the wide and close organization which unites the producers. Central collecting depots for eggs have been established in the smallest towns. As each farmer brings in his eggs they are stamped with his number and a letter standing for his particular branch. From there they go to larger stations, where they are candled, graded and sorted for size. Any stale eggs that are detected can be traced to the producer by the letter and number. For a first offense the guilty farmer is fined! for a second one he is liable to expulsion from the association.

**Prairie Dog Poison**


There have been so many demands in the last few days for the Government recipe which has proven so effective for poisoning prairie dogs that we have looked up the recipe and reprint it for your benefit. Cut this out and paste it on the grainary wall:

1 ounce powdered strychnine.  
1 tablespoonful gloss starch.  
1 ounce powdered bicarbonate of soda.

**Just plant the Tape a row at a Time.**

**Better Results—Less Labor**

WITH **PAKRO SLEEPTAPE FOR BETTER GARDENS**



Better results because only finest, selected seeds from prize-winning strains are used. They are properly spaced in thin tissue paper tape which absorbs and holds moisture, giving quicker and better germination, and healthier plant life. Less labor, because you plant a whole row at a time, and no thinning out is necessary on account of proper spacing in the tape. More economical, because absolutely no waste of seeds.

Pakro Seedtape is made by the American Seedtape Co., 71 West 23rd St., New York City. Get it at your dealer. Price 10c per package.

**SOLD AT LEES RACKET STORE**

1 tablespoonful heavy corn syrup.  
1 1/2 8 ounce saccharine.  
13 quarts grain, feterita preferred.  
Will treat 420 prairie dog holes.

**DIRECTIONS:** Mix the ounce of strychnine in three fourths of a pint of water; heat to a boiling point.

If the strychnine does not readily dissolve add a tablespoonful or two of vinegar.

Mix starch in one-eighth pint of cold water.

Add to strychnine water the starch solution and boil until a clear paste is formed, then remove from the fire.

Mix soda with one eighth of a pint of water.

Add to the strychnine starch solution and stir to a creamy mass.

Add syrup and saccharine and stir.

Pour the solution over thirteen quarts of grain and mix thoroughly until the grains are evenly coated. Let stand several hours before distributing.

For small quantities an ordinary galvanized wash tub is convenient and the mixing may be done with a fire shovel.

Scatter a spoonful of the prepared grain on clean HARD ground NEAR the hole. Feterita is the best grain because of its bright color.

The poison does not soak into the grain but coats it like a sugar coated pill. Cyanide does not add to the efficiency of the poison and should not be used.

**Founded and Owned by the Pecos & Northern Texas Ry. Company**

**SLATON LOCATION**

SLATON is in the southeast corner of Lubbock County, in the center of the South Plains of central west Texas. Is on the new main Trans-Continental Line of the Santa Fe. Connects with North Texas Lines of that system at Canyon, Texas; with South Texas lines of the Santa Fe at Coleman, Texas; and with New Mexico and Pacific lines of the same system at Texico, N. M. SLATON is the junction of the Lamesa road, Santa Fe System.



**4-Way Division Santa Fe System**

**Advantages and Improvements**

The Railway Company has Division Terminal Facilities at this point, constructed mostly of reinforced concrete material and including a Round House, a Power House, Machine and Blacksmith Shops, Coal Chute, a Sand House, Water Plant, Ice House, etc. Also have a Fred Harvey Eating House, and a Reading Room for Santa Fe employees. Have extensive yard tracks for handling a heavy trans-continental business, both freight and passenger, between the Gulf and Atlantic Coast and the Pacific Coast territories, and on branch lines to Tahoka, Lamesa and other towns.

**BUSINESS SECTION AND RESIDENCES BUILT**

3000 feet of business streets are graded and macadamized and several residence streets are graded; there are 30 business buildings of brick and reinforced concrete, with others to follow; 700 residences under construction and completed.

**SURROUNDED BY A FINE, PRODUCTIVE LAND**

A fine agricultural country surrounds the town, with soil dark chocolate color, sandy loam, producing Kafir Corn, Milo Maize, Cotton, Wheat, Oats, Indian Corn, garden crops and fruit. An inexhaustible supply of pure free stone water from wells 40 to 80 feet deep.

**P. and N. T. Railway Company, Owners**

THE COMPANY OFFERS for sale a limited number of business lots remaining at original low list prices and residence lots at exceedingly low prices. For further information address either

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**Keiser is Owner of Largest Herd of Registered Hereford Cattle**

Cattle breeders will be interested to know that the largest herd of registered Hereford cattle owned by a single individual in the United States is the property of C. O. Keiser of Canyon, Texas. There are one or two herds in the United States owned by stock companies that are larger in number than Mr. Keiser's, but his without question is the largest owned by a single individual.

The Keiser herd at this time numbers over eight hundred head. In this herd are to be found descendants of some of the most noted show cattle known to Hereford breeders. Many of the animals now in the pasture at Canyon cost over two thousand dollars per head.

In addition to his registered Herefords Mr. Keiser has several thousand high grade animals that are not registered that have been bred and raised on his ranches. He has agents buying Herefords in Minnesota, Iowa and Missouri and during the last sixty days these men have shipped several hundred head to

to the Keiser ranch near Canyon. —Plainview News.

**Is the Sunday School Worth While?**

By F. A. Whiteley.

Are Sunday Schools worth while? To answer this is no hard task. It is said upon good authority that by far the smallest per cent of the people are in the Sunday Schools. Yet we find that out of this small per cent of the people we have 80 per cent of our conversions to Christ, and additions to the church.

Certainly all those who believe in Christ and the work of the church must agree that the Sunday School is worth while.

Again, the same authority tells us that from the Sunday Schools come 95 per cent of our preachers and our missionaries, while we get five per cent of them from the great majority of the people who do not go to Sunday School.

Yes, the Sunday School is worth while for that alone.

Again, the state penitentiary authorities say that about 10 per cent of the convicts of the state prisons ever attended Sunday School.

Thus we see that the Sunday School fills our churches and

our ministry, while the non Sunday School goers fill the penitentiary. Is the Sunday School worth while? Then help to get at least one half of the people to attend Sunday School. Be there yourself.

The ladies of the Home Economic and Civic Improvement Club will hold a story hour at the M. E. Church on the first Saturday in March at 3 o'clock p. m. Children from the ages of six to ten are invited to attend. The story will be conducted by members of the club.

Fireman Roy A. Black arrived in Slaton Tuesday from Canadian and has signed up for the Slaton Division. He is a son of W. C. Black of Canadian who has been doing contracting and carpenter work in Slaton since the first of the year.

Mertroe Hollinger of Portland, Ore., arrived in Slaton Wednesday for a visit with his sister, Mrs. R. A. Baldwin. He may remain in this city for several months.

J. R. Bean returned to work in the West Side Barber Shop Friday after an absence of two weeks spent at home nursing a severe attack of the grippe.

J. F. Wylie left yesterday morning for Sayre, Okla., to be at the bedside of a daughter who is quite seriously ill.

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Robinson were out of town this week on an auto trip to the Lamesa country.

**Ventilation Overdone.**

American people have a very high appreciation of the humor of Englishmen, and have been specially tickled by a story Colonel Cody used to tell. He said that some years ago an Englishman who had never been in the West before was his guest. They were riding through a Rocky mountain canyon one day, when suddenly a tremendous gust of wind came swooping down upon them and actually carried the Englishman clean off the wagon-seat. After he had been picked up he combed the sand and gravel out of his whiskers and said:

"I say! I think you overdo ventilation in this country!"—London "Tit-Bits."

**Exploration of New Guinea.**

A few years ago elaborate plans were laid in Germany to explore the hitherto inaccessible interior of New Guinea by means of balloons, which were expected to drift over the island in the prevailing winds. The project was much discussed in the magazines and subscriptions were solicited in its behalf, but it was never carried out. It is now reported in the newspapers that Dr. Eric Mjorberg, a Swede, is planning to make use of an airplane to explore the interior of New Guinea, and is in the United States investigating the latest improvements in aviation.

**High Cost of Art.**

"Many great composers died poor." "Yet they had their chance to economize. Think of the money they saved by being able to hear their own music without paying!"

**Young Artist.**

Among the paintings displayed last month in a Fifth avenue art gallery were the water colors of a ten-year-old girl artist.

## Your Guide to Better Farming

We are glad to recommend E-B Implements. We know that they are built up to the highest ideals in quality and are sold at fair prices through economy in manufacturing methods.

Each implement in the E-B line was created to fill an actual need—to do farm work better, in less time or at lower cost.

What do you need in new farm machines for your spring work? Come in and let us fill your needs from the E-B line. If our stock does not include the machine you need, we can quickly get it for you.

The E-B line includes the following:

Plows	Hay Tools	Tractors, Kerosene
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**The Emerson Farm Tractor**  
12 h. p. on Draw Bar—25 on Belt; 4-cylinder Engine—3 Speeds. Hyatt Roller Bearings. Light Weight—Economical of Fuel.

**E-B Foot Lift Plow**  
Light draft—easy to handle. Equipped with Quick Detachable Share, removed or replaced in 5 seconds without tools.

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No levers—control it with your feet. Easy control of gauge—stay on the horses' necks. Telescopic axle—broad, concave tires—long distance magazine wheel base.

**E-B Gas Engine**  
1 1/2 to 6 H. P.—magneto equipped—on skids or portable type—for all farm work.

**E-B Low Down Spreader**  
Spreads evenly 6 ins. wider than the wheels. Chain drive—steel construction. Light draft, weight 1800 lbs., 50 bushels capacity.

**E-B Standard Mower**  
Lever and spring transfers cutter bar weight to drive wheels. Increases traction or cutting power.

**Advertising**

Advertising is the education of the public as to who you are, where you are, and what you have to offer in the way of skill, talent or commodity. The only man who should not advertise is the man who has nothing to offer the in way of commodity or service.

—Elbert Hubbard.

**Spring Announcement**



Men who appreciate Sound Values and Style Smartness

are cordially invited to see the exceptional display of International and Lamm Models and Fabrics Especially Designed for Spring and Summer Wear

The selection is superb. You can buy either International or Lamm Made-to-Measure Clothes at varying prices and in every instance you secure unprecedented value.

If \$25.00 Matches Your Idea

we can show some wonders at this price.

**DE LONG TAILOR**  
AND MEN'S FURNISHER

**Women Win in Russia.**

Moscow university, the oldest and most authoritative university in the empire, has ever kept its doors fast against feminine ingress. Now, at last, this barrier has been swept away, and the Russian ministry of education and the faculty council of the university have announced that hereafter women will be admitted in full equality with the men, in all courses.

The faculty council, in providing for this new arrangement, has stipulated that the woman students desiring to matriculate into the university, must do so by examinations held in the boys' gymnasias. The gymnasias, in Russia, cover the curriculums undergone in America by the high school and the freshman and sophomore years of college.

The women's institutes are not as rigid as the gymnasias, and it is for this reason that the university demands that the women be put on absolutely the same standard as the men.

**Heating Water by Electricity.**

Water in a kitchen tank may be heated in the summer time without starting a fire in the range, provided there is electricity in the house. A rod about an inch and a quarter thick and about fifty inches long filled with an insulating, nonoxidizing fluid in which a resistance coil is submerged is connected with electric wires and inserted in the tank. When the current is turned on all the energy supplied to the rod is dissipated in the water in the form of heat.

**To Discover the Deserving.**

The Canadian Pacific railroad has added to its staff a "scout," whose duty it will be to travel over the system and discover those employees who are especially worthy of advancement. Incidentally he will report those found wanting; but it is significant that his function primarily is not to make complaint, but to make doubly sure that the deserving are recognized.

**A Veteran.**

W. Hanley of Barby, near Selby, England, a signalman on the North-eastern railroad, has been forty years in one signal box, and has walked to and from his work a distance of 61,000 miles.

**Surest Thing You Know**

"Surest Thing You Know" is correct English when speaking of the Good Quality Groceries you get when you order from our store. We will be at the same old place, on the Avenue, during 1917 with one of the most up to date, clean and sanitary stocks of Groceries anywhere.

I wish to thank my many customers for their patronage during 1916 and trust that I may serve them in the year 1917 as in the past.

**J. M. Simmons Grocery**

**SLATON PLANING MILL**

R. H. TUDOR, Proprietor

Contracting and Building

Estimates furnished on short notice. All work given careful and prompt attention. Give us a trial.

North Side of the Square

The Slatonite wants to do that job of Printing for you. Order it now.

# LOCAL GOSSIP

Ad day is Tuesday.

Slaton grows every day.

Constable C. S. Sipe returned the first of the week from an extended trip into central Texas.

The warm weather last week started the grass and the green sprouts are showing up nicely by this week.

Guy Nix has been transferred to the Slaton Santa Fe shops from Amarillo, and he will move to this city at once.

FOR SALE.—A scholarship in the Tyler Commercial College. We can save you money on a business course.—Slatonite.

## LODGES.

### I. O. O. F.

Slaton Lodge No. 861 I. O. O. F. meets every Tuesday at 7.30 p. m. Visiting brothers cordially welcome. R. H. Tudor, N. G. L. P. Loomis, Secy.

### A. F. AND A. M.

Slaton Lodge A. F. and A. M. meets every Thursday night on or before each full moon, at 7.30 o'clock. A. E. Howerton, W. M.; J. W. Richey, Secy.

### O. E. S.

Slaton Chapter No. 555 O. E. S. meets the second and fourth Tuesday evenings of each month, in the Masonic Hall. Mrs. Lula Butler, Worthy Matron; Mrs. Janet B. Lee, Secretary.

### WOODMEN.

Slaton Camp No. 2871 W. O. W. meets 1st and 3rd Friday nights in the month at the MacRea Hall. W. E. Olive, C. C. B. C. Morgan, Clerk.

### WOODMEN CIRCLE.

Slaton Grove Woodmen Circle No. 1320 meets every other Thursday at 2.30 o'clock in the MacRea hall. Visitors cordially welcomed. Mrs. Almira Hannan, Guardian. Mrs. Nellie Wade, Clerk.

The Brotherhood of American Yeomen meets every second and fourth Fridays at 8.00 p. m., at the hall. J. C. Stewart, Correspondent.

## RAILWAY TIME TABLE.

### SANTA FE.

California and Gulf Coast Trains, Limited, daily.

No. 921 (west bound) from Galveston arrives in Slaton at 4.25 a. m. Departs for all points west to California 4.35 a. m.

No. 922 (south bound) from California arrives in Slaton at 12.10 p. m. Departs for central Texas and Galveston 12.35 p. m.

Slaton-Amarillo Trains, Eastern and Northern Points, daily.

No. 903 leaves Slaton for Amarillo at 6.40 a. m.

No. 904 from Amarillo arrives in Slaton at 11.55 a. m.

### Slaton-Lamesa Local.

Daily Except Sunday.

No. 908 from Lamesa arrives in Slaton at 11.15 a. m.

No. 907 departs from Slaton for Lamesa at 2.00 p. m.

## CHURCHES.

### METHODIST CHURCH.

P. Willett, Pastor.

Worshiping services every Sunday at 1 o'clock a. m., and at 7.30 p. m.

Sunday School every Sunday at 9.45 a. m. L. P. Loomis, Superintendent.

Womans' Missionary Society meets every Monday at 3 p. m.

Union Prayer Meeting every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock at the Methodist church. Everyone welcome.

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH.

F. A. Whiteley, Pastor.

Sunday School every Sunday at 10 a. m. J. G. Maybin, Supt.

Prayer meeting Wednesday nights. Preaching services every Sunday at 11 a. m. and at 7.30 p. m.

Ladies Aid Society meets every Wednesday at 3 p. m.

### CHURCH OF CHRIST.

The Church of Christ meets every Lord's Day at 2.30 o'clock for communion. Preaching every Fourth Lord's day in each month at the Methodist church at 3 o'clock p. m. by Elder Liffanders.

### FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH.

At the Movie Theater. Sunday School at 10 a. m. followed by communion services. S. Boone, Supt.

They are coming to Slaton.

Slatonite want-ads get results.

Cooking oil at Dowell Bros. Cash Grocery.

J. T. Phillips took his wife to the sanitarium at Post City today to undergo an operation.

The frame of a nice new residence for Pat Trammell went up just east of the Square the first of the week.

The annual meeting of the Panhandle Swine Breeders Association is to be held at Plainview on March 30 and 31.

NOTICE—Will the person who borrowed my pipe wrench a month ago kindly return it?—F. M. Vermillion, Blacksmith.

Mortar was mixed Tuesday for brick work to start on the extensions to be built to the First State Bank and Red Cross Pharmacy buildings.

BLACKSMITHING—I have a blacksmith shop at my farm just west of the Santa Fe wells and can do your work. Call and see me.—J. G. Maybin.

DRESSMAKING—I will do any kind of sewing at reasonable prices and will appreciate your patronage.—Mrs. A. R. Hill on Grand Avenue, South Slaton.

The Forest-Hardware recently took the agency for the Saxon Six automobile and last Friday received a car load of the machines, which are now on the display floors of this store.

Arthur N. Bestor, lecturer, will give an entertainment at the Santa Fe Reading Room on March 11th. Supt. S. E. Busse states that Mr. Bestor's lecture will be the greatest entertainment sent to the Santa Fe folks in Slaton this winter.

Mr. and Mrs. J. F. Berry left Slaton last Friday for Greenville, Texas, where they own property and will make their home for the present. Mr. Berry was one of the first citizens of Slaton, and he stated that he is not burning any bridges behind him because he may want to return to this city after living in that part of Texas for a few months.

### To Stockmen

The Slatonite has a very complete line of horse and juck cuts and can print your advertising bills promptly and to your satisfaction. See us about this work and place your order early.

### Card of Thanks

Both Mrs. Ashley and myself appreciate to the fullest extent the assistance and attention of the kind ladies who waited on her during her illness before she was taken to the hospital at Post City. She withstood the operation nicely and will be home after a few days. C. C. Ashley.

### Uncle Eben.

"De man who makes hay while de sun shines," said Uncle Eben, "generally has to take care of a lot o' folks dat put in de time sittin' in de shade, overseenin' de job."

### Feathers.

"A man might succeed in feathering his own nest," remarked the Observer of Events and Things, "if so much of his money did not go towards putting them on his wife's hats."

### Worth While Quotation.

"He who comes up to his own idea of greatness must have always had a very low standard of it in his mind."—Hazlitt.

### One Thing About Luck.

"Sometimes a man is lucky," said Uncle Eben, "same as a fisherman dat catches an eel. His luck makes him so much trouble he 'most wishes he didn't have it."

### Is Old Superstition.

The "knock wood" superstition is said to date back to the days of sylvan gods, when oak, ash and rowan were sacred trees whose deities would come to the assistance of the knocker.

### Attenuated Birthright.

Any American boy may be president of the United States some day, but when convention time rolls around there are mighty few eligible candidates.

## TO CONCEAL FLASH OF GUNS

Efforts of Military Men of All Countries Have Long Been Bent in That Direction.

Both the French and the German armies have been trying for years to discover how to make a gun that shall be not merely noiseless, but that shall emit no flash. For, as Nicolas Flamel says in La Nature, after dark two observers by watching the time can with accurate chronometers having luminous dials discover precisely the position of an enemy battery, or three observers, regardless of time, can do the same by grouping their observations. And this merely by the flash of the guns.

German inventors succeeded by adding a minute quantity of alkaline salts to their powder in diminishing the flash, but they found that in proportion as they suppressed the flash they increased the smoke. Other substances added to the powder for this purpose have been vaseline, alkaline soaps, oxalates and resins of soda, barium and aluminum. None was successful.

The French tackled the problem as a mechanical rather than a chemical one. A gun is really only an explosion motor and it seemed that there ought to be a way of muffling its sounds and its flash as those of other such motors are muffled. It was not until 1909, when Maxim invented his silencer, that the problem seemed on the way to solution. Many other silencers, most of which quench much of the light as well as the sound, have been invented since then, but none is a practical success in warfare, either from the point of view of sound or of light.

## GOLD FROM FLOOR TO CEILING

Wonderful Accumulation of Yellow Metal Stored in the Assay Office at New York.

The New York assay office is now the most important institution of the kind in the world. There is more gold stacked up in boxes and kegs, in bricks and bars, in bins and bags, than ever before in the history of the country. The assay office, says the New York World, is the purchasing agent for the government. Foreign gold, consigned to banks and trust companies, is "cashed in" through the assay office.

British sovereigns, packed in boxes, are piled as high as the ceiling. Dodging that golden bulwark, the visitor is likely to bump into the cases full of French twenty francs that are piled on the other side. Turning to reach the elevator, he skirts a row of gold bars, packed five ten-thousand-dollar bars to the keg, in sawdust, and stretching along the wall twice the height of a man.

All gold, of whatever nature, is melted and refined to a fineness of 999.5, or finer, and cast into bars of standard sizes. The value of each bar is expressed in United States dollars and cents. Every bar and coin has to stand the acid test.

There are 15 big melting pots at work on gold exclusively. It seems almost brutal to see the workmen scoop shovelfuls of gold pieces from metal boxes and dump them, one after another, into a pot until it is full, and then clap on the lid and wait for them to stew!

### Waste Bark Replaces Rags.

A method of using waste hemlock tan bark to replace partially expensive rag stock in the manufacture of felt roofing has been developed at the forest products laboratory at Madison, Wis., and is now being used commercially by co-operating mills, according to an announcement made by the forest service. It is stated that in these mills from 20 to 30 per cent of the rags is being replaced by waste bark and that the quality of the finished product is equal to that manufactured solely from rags. Members of the forest service who have been conducting the experiments say that the utilization of the bark will make it possible to effect a considerable saving in the manufacture of felt roofing.

### Admirer of "Buffalo Bill."

Once I met "Buffalo Bill" on board ship when he was taking a party of Indians and rough riders to Europe. Someone asked the tall, handsome scout who was the finest horseman he had ever seen.

"Gen. George A. Custer," was Cody's reply.

I never saw Custer, but I have seen half-savage Arabs fleeing across the desert sands upon their unshod steeds, and never one of them looked so superb or picturesque to me as "Buffalo Bill" himself upon his famous sorrel horse in the sawdust arena under a circus tent.—"Girard," in Philadelphia Ledger.

### Question of Sentence.

After living happily with his wife for 40 years a man on Long Island began to treat her with cruelty and when he was taken into court was adjudged guilty by the magistrate and sentenced to attend at least one church service every Sunday for the period of one year. Some of the preaching brethren will probably want to know whether or not this sentence is to be regarded as surely punitive or merely reformatory.—Exchange.

### No Wonder.

"I'll say one thing for the apartment house we live in. No one ever has any reason to complain about lack of heat."

"You must have a very unusual sort of landlord."

"Oh, it isn't the landlord's fault. The janitor has a brother in the coal business."

## The Woman Who Knows Our Groceries Always Extends a Hearty Welcome to An Order from This Store



She knows how fresh and clean they come from this grocery and how fine they taste on the table. Why don't you know them, too? They will cost you a little less than you now pay for groceries, and the quality will be unsurpassed.

We have RED RUST PROOF OATS Bran, Corn Chop, Shorts

We will pay you HIGHEST MARKET PRICE for Butter and Eggs

PHONE No. 5

DOWELL BROS. CASH GROCERY

"Well, now did your ticket come out in the primaries?" "Crooked politics beat us," answered the Punkville candidate. "We were fixing to offer two dollars for votes, and the other side came along offering five dollars. It's a heavy blow to reform."

### Accomplished it.

Wife (to much damaged motorist)—"Why, Billy, what have you done?" "Well, the instruction book says you can't go from high gear to reverse without entirely stopping the car, but I did it."—Life.

### Bride's Background.

Aunt—"Your bride, my dear boy, is weathy and all that, but I don't think she'll make much of a beauty show at the altar." Nephew—"You don't, eh? Just wait till you see her with the bridesmaids she has selected."

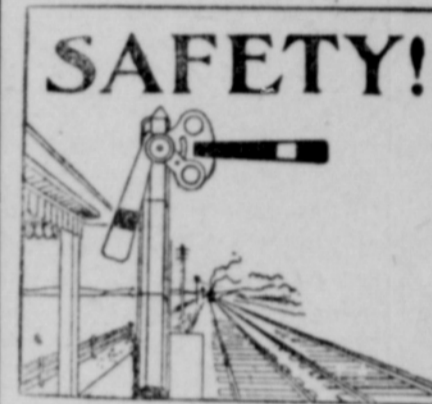
### To Revive the Draggled Fern.

Watering Boston ferns with weak tea instead of water will cause them to thrive wonderfully. When lice appear on ferns stick some sulphur matches head down in soil.

### Railroad Porters' Complaint.

"Mister Porter" must be the form of address used by passengers on the Great Western and the London and Northwestern companies in the Warwick and Leamington district, when they address the railroad porters. The men are of opinion that they are not treated with proper respect by the officials of the company, and consequently have passed a resolution asking the union to agitate that they should be addressed as "Mister," similarly to the clerks, and not merely by their surnames.

## Above Everything In the Principles of Good Banking Is That of SAFETY



It is the one thing of all others that should influence the depositors as to placing a Bank Account. We call attention to the recent sworn statement, as to the condition of this Bank, and know that it will convince you of the safety of your deposit with us.

## THE FIRST STATE BANK of Slaton

J. S. EDWARDS, President

J. H. BREWER, Cashier

ON THE SAFE SIDE the man is who has his insurance policy ready to realize on when his home or property has been laid waste and in ruins. No one knows what importance that little document is to them till misfortune overtakes him, and he knows that it is the insurance company that suffers the loss.



J. H. BREWER AGENCY

## SEINING AND BUILDING A CITY OF SLATON

The man who uses hook and line Pulls in his single fish; Those who join hands and cast a seine, Snare all that heart can wish And each man's share is greater far In size as well as weight— The success to seining and town building Lies in our willingness to CO-OPERATE.

**CLASSIFIED LOCALS**

1917 OVERLAND 85, five passenger, for sale at a sacrifice price. Has been run only 200 miles; is in perfect condition. See W. H. Smith, agent, at Santa Fe depot.

CHEVROLET 490, good as new. Will trade for a roadster or livestock or will sell at a bargain.—Dr. L. W. Kitchen, Post.

BECKWITH ORGAN in good condition for sale at a bargain. Will take \$15.00.—Mrs. J. V. Davis.

FOR SALE—Two sulky plows on Wild Bros. farm three miles southwest of Slaton.—J. S. Boone.

SUDAN HAY for sale at T. Covington's store in Slaton. Have three grades to suit your pocketbook.—Andy Caldwell.

FOR SALE—Good gentle work horse at a bargain. Also a good Spaulding buggy and harness.—G. L. Sledge at Slaton Livery Barn.

FOR SALE—Four room house close in, \$900; \$200 cash, balance \$20 per month. Can give possession.—H. D. Talley.

FOR SALE—Lot and small house, close in. Apply to Zuma Jenkins, City.

SHORT HORN RED DURHAM BULL will make the season at my place in South Slaton. Terms: \$2.00 cash with return privilege.—I. W. Meyer.

IF YOU ARE NOT ashamed of your company phone No. 20—that's the Slatonite—and tell us about it.

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Office at Red Cross Pharmacy  
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Office Phone 3

**Dr. Luther Wall, M. D.**  
Physician and Surgeon  
Office next to City Market  
North Side Square, Slaton  
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Smithers & Westerman purchased seventy-five head of thoroughbred Hereford three and four-year old cows from A. E. Whitehead the first of the week, paying \$125.00 per head for the stock.

Gentlemen will find a select line of sport and service socks, leather palm canvas gloves, 25c per pair, and underwear. Charming line of neckties and collars, work and dress shirts at Mrs. Graves'.

Mrs. J. D. Butler returned home Wednesday from Daingerfield, Texas, after a stay of several days with her father, Ben W. Davis, who was seriously ill. Mr. Davis was on the way to recovery when Mrs. Butler returned home.

Mrs. J. D. Haney and her daughters, Miss Mamie and little Kathleene and Imagene, who were suddenly called to Iuka, Miss., on account of the illness of Mrs. Haney's father, who died, returned home Monday. They stopped enroute with Mrs. Haney's sister at Houston.

Mrs. J. P. Robertson was called to Lamesa Tuesday by the death of Mrs. E. W. Plenniken, a sister of Mr. Robertson. The funeral was held at Colorado City Wednesday and Mr. Robertson drove down there to attend. Briggs Robertson took J. P. to Colorado City, making the trip in his Elgin Six, and returning home yesterday.

O. M. Unger was down from Plainview Tuesday looking after his real estate holdings in this vicinity. Mr. Unger formerly owned something over four sections of land south of this city and he has sold it all except about one thousand acres, which he is improving and will have put under cultivation. J. T. Phillips has rented the land for his dairy herd.

J. T. Pinkston took off his printer's apron and laid aside his stick and rule and rented a farm six miles northwest of Slaton last week and will occupy his time during the next twelve months tilling the soil. He and his family moved to the farm Tuesday, and he pulled the lines over his team just like any old farmer. The Slatonite has a standing invitation to come out his way in watermelon time. Here's hoping for a big year for Pinkston on the farm.

John W. Young of Lubbock has taken a permanent position with DeLong's shop as head tailor and he has moved to this city. He has purchased a residence lot a block south of the Square and is figuring on erecting a home thereon this spring. Mr. Young is an experienced workman and he can handle any kind of tailoring to the entire satisfaction of the patrons. He makes alterations, does cleaning, pressing, and repair work and takes measurements and guarantees the work. DeLong's is fortunate in getting a man like Mr. Young to help take care of the rapidly increasing trade that is drawn to the shop. Mr. DeLong is adding new fixtures this spring and is putting in an increased stock of men's furnishings.

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Elma and Marvin Bounds have entered business at Wilson as proprietors of the Wilson Grain and Coal Company. The Slatonite printed a nice invoice of stationery for the firm this week.

Pete Hazlip of Taylor, Texas, who recently purchased some land near Slaton, sent us the dinero last week to enroll him as a reader of the Slatonite. John F. Schriever made the sale of the land to Mr. Hazlip.

Mr. and Mrs. H. T. Panther of Austin, Texas, were in Slaton last week on a business trip and Mr. Panther has asked for a franchise to build an electric light plant in Slaton. The proposition will come before the council at an early date.

Three hundred twenty acres of the land owned by J. S. Edwards just east of town was sold last week by the South Plains Land Company to Mr. Richardson of Cooper, Texas. Mr. Richardson is putting improvements on the land and will build a house 32x32 feet.

C. M. Wooten of Southland was in Slaton Monday securing some printing for the Southland Comedy Company, which has organized at Southland for the purpose of giving minstrel shows. Mr. Wooten is director of the company, and the troupe plans to make the South Plains towns with their show.

The Rev. W. E. Lyons, presiding elder of the Big Spring district, Northwest Conference, M. E. Church South, held quarterly conference at the Slaton church Saturday and preached both morning and night Sunday. Bro. Lyons stated that the report for this church for the first quarter of the present fiscal year shows that the Slaton Methodists are doing good work and that the church is growing. He is an able speaker and his sermons are a source of spiritual uplift at each of his visits to this city.

**Card of Thanks**

We wish to thank the good people of Slaton who so kindly contributed to our needs in the way of food and fuel during the long siege with measles and pneumonia in which we lost our dear husband and father. Our hearts are bowed in sorrow, but we know that God's way is not to err, so we say, "Thy will be done, not ours."

Mrs. Maud Clem,  
and Children.

**Home Economic Club**

Mrs. Willett was hostess to the Home Economic and Civic Improvement Club on Feb. 22. The home was prettily decorated with Washington Birthday decorations.

A very interesting business meeting and program was carried out. Delicious refreshments were served and Washington Birthday favors given.

The next meeting will be with Mrs. Shankle March 1. The program follows.

- Leader, Mrs. DeLong.
  - Tree Planting: When; Kinds; How; Care—Mrs. Anderson.
  - Shrubs Suitable to Local Climate—Mrs. McGee.
  - Roses: Planting; Cultivation; Care.—Mrs. Proctor.
  - Porch Boxes—Mrs. Brewer.
  - Annuals Most Suited for "Bed Planting"—Mrs. Johnnie Robertson.
- Press Reporter.

**FREIGHT CAR SERVICE**

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Many Suggestions Have Been Made, Among Them That a "Clearing House" Might Help to Smooth Away Difficulties.

The subject of car shortage has for years interested railway officials, but as yet no general policy has been adopted. Every harvest season, and every season for the shipping of great quantities of winter fuel, finds the railroads more or less unprepared because of a scarcity of cars. This condition has led to many investigations and numerous recommendations. The interstate commerce commission, several years ago, endeavored to correct the demurrage rules, but some railroad men felt that thereby the situation was made more difficult.

J. R. Cavanaugh, an Indianapolis railroad man, recommends, in the Traffic World, the pooling of freight cars, that is that a freight car "clearing house" should be formed to take over all the freight cars in the country. Ownership would remain the same, but management would be centralized. The clearing association would operate under the rules of the American Railway association, would receive reports from every part of the country and would be enabled to act nationally instead of locally. The idea is to equalize car interchange. There are many thousands of cars idle in one place when they are needed in another. It would be the new association's purpose to remedy this condition.

The proposal is in line with ideas expressed by other railroad men. It is said that for at least two-thirds of the year 100,000 freight cars stand idle on the sidings. These represent an investment of perhaps \$150,000,000. The average daily journey of a freight car is estimated to be but twenty-five miles. Under the present complicated system of demurrage, it is declared that, out of every nine days, a car is in actual transportation service only two days. The other seven days are taken up in loading, unloading or storage.


One investigator, writing in the Technical World Magazine last year, gave it as his opinion that there are too many freight cars—that is, too much capital is invested in this sort of equipment considering the returns. It is evident that the railroads lose millions of dollars annually, because of the lack of system in car handling. Perhaps this loss has something to do with the "hard times" which the railroads are experiencing.

**Titanium-Steel Rails.**

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